



Purple Gallinule
 East Weymouth, MA
 May 1988
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FIELD RECORDS

MAY 1988

by George W. Gove and Robert H. Stymeist

May 1988 was cool, cloudy, foggy, and had frequent light rain, not birders' weather. The temperature averaged 57.6 degrees, just 0.9 degree below normal. Unfortunately for warbler watchers, cold days predominated, especially during the early part of the month. The low mark was 41 degrees on May 2, 3, and 9; the highest temperature at Boston was 85 degrees on May 23 and again on May 28. Rainfall totaled 2.86 inches with measurable amounts on fourteen days and traces on six days, leaving only eleven days with no rain. Thunderstorms were heard on three days. Some storms dropped heavy rain on localized spots. Some Greater Boston areas, especially communities to the west and north, got above normal amounts of rain. Sunshine was only fifty-two percent of possible, making this the second rather dismal month in a row. In fact from March 24 to May 10, a new record run of forty-five days without clear skies was established! As in April, fog was frequent, noted on eighteen days. Heavy fog was recorded on six days, three times the average. The wind for the eastern Massachusetts birder was for the most part in the wrong direction, and sea breezes were persistent. Southwest winds were recorded on just four days, May 22, 23, 27, and 28. Blah!

R.H.S.

LOONS THROUGH DUCKS

On May 11 after a southeast wind, 400 Red-throated Loons, 2500 Northern Gannets, a Northern Fulmar, and a Manx Shearwater were seen off Nantucket. Least Bitterns were observed at four locations after midmonth, and Great Blue Herons were seen at nests in Quabbin and in Westboro (SUASCO). Reports of Tricolored Heron were few. A Cattle Egret was observed feeding on flies at a deer carcass on Tuckernuck Island, and a Yellow-crowned Night-Heron was observed at Fresh Pond in Cambridge. A single Snow Goose was present in Newburyport for about a week. A drake King Eider and a drake Harlequin Duck were in the Winthrop area for most of the month; last year one each of these two species were present at Plum Island and at Nahant, respectively.

G.W.G.

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	MAY 1988
Red-throated Loon				
5, 6; 7	Winthrop, N. Scituate; P.I.	1, 2; 5	T. Aversa; W. Petersen	
11	Nantucket (Cisco)	400	L. Jodrey + G. Soucy	
21	P.I., Provincetown	4, 1	L. Taylor#, R. Humphrey#	
Common Loon				
1, 13	Quabbin (G37), Truro	2, 53	M. Lynch#, B. Nikula	
21	Lakeville, P.I.	3, 2	W. Petersen#, D. F. Oliver	
Pied-billed Grebe				
5, 13; 7	IRWS; Quabbin (G40)	1, 1; 1	R. Heil; T. Aversa	
Red-necked Grebe				
1, 8; 6	N. Scituate	15, 2; 4	W. Petersen; T. Aversa	
Northern Fulmar				
11	Nantucket (Cisco)	1	L. Jodrey + G. Soucy	
Sooty Shearwater				
23	Cape Cod Bay	1	K. Holmes	
Manx Shearwater				
5	P.I.	1	R. Heil	
11	Nantucket (Cisco)	1	L. Jodrey + G. Soucy	
Northern Gannet				
9	Nantucket (Sconset)	250	M. Litchfield	
11	Nantucket (Cisco)	2500	L. Jodrey + G. Soucy	
17	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
21	P.I.	3	G. Gove#	
Great Cormorant				
8, 30	N. Scituate, Lakeville	4, 2 imm	W. Petersen#	

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Great Cormorant (continued)				
21	Provincetown	3	B. Nikula	
Double-crested Cormorant				
1	E. Middleboro	10	K. Anderson	
21, 28	P.I., Rockport	83, 300	J. Berry	
American Bittern				
5, 15	Hingham, P.I.	1, 2	P. Thayer, V. Yurkunas	
22	Bolton	2	M. Lynch#	
Reports of individuals from 4 locations on 5/14.				
Least Bittern				
13, 21	IRWS, Wayland	1, 1	R. Heil, R. Forster#	
21, 28	Whitman, P.I.	1, 1	W. Petersen, M. Lynch#	
Great Blue Heron				
thr	Quabbin (G37)	4 at 3 nests	M. Lynch#	
7	Westboro (SUASCO)	20	M. Lynch#	
Great Egret				
3	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	9	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
7	Essex	6	J. Berry	
30	Acoaxet	4	M. Lynch#	
Snowy Egret				
5, 7	Hingham, Essex	7, 17	P. Thayer, J. Berry	
Little Blue Heron				
1, 28	Beverly, Ipswich	3, 1	BBC (J. Brown), M. Lynch#	
Tricolored Heron				
3	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1 ad	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
5	Essex	1	R. Heil	
31	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
Cattle Egret				
thr	Ipswich	13 max 5/21	v. o.	
1, 29	Essex, Tuckernuck	1, 1	D. Small, M. Litchfield	
Green-backed Heron				
1, 7	Beverly, Mt. A.	3, 1	J. Brown, C. Floyd#	
10, 13	Hull, N. Middleboro	1, 1	P. Thayer, K. Holmes	
Black-crowned Night-Heron				
8	Gloucester	5	BBC (J. Nove)	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron				
15, 28	Cambridge (F.P.), P.I.	1 imm, 1 ad	J. Barton, R. Abrams	
Glossy Ibis				
1, 5-23	Lynnfield, Ipswich	1, 27 max	J. Brown, v. o.	
7, 15	Essex, P.I.	31, 8	J. Berry, BBC (T. Athearn)	
24	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	5	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
Mute Swan				
30	Acoaxet	81	M. Lynch#	
Snow Goose				
7-15	Newburyport-P.I.	1	v. o.	
Brant				
thr	Newburyport	200 max	v. o.	
25, 26	E. Orleans, Plymouth	20, 116	A. Williams	
Canada Goose				
25	Framingham	1 pr + 21 yg	E. Taylor	
Wood Duck				
3, 5	Boxford (C.P.), IRWS	4, 15	J. Brown, R. Heil	
17, 27	Lynnfield, Auburn	8, 11	BBC (W. van Cor), M. Lynch#	
Green-winged Teal				
1-24, 3	Stoneham, Ipswich	pr, 22	T. Aversa, J. Berry	
Northern Pintail				
21	S. Monomoy	8	B. Nikula#	
Blue-winged Teal				
3-8, 21	Ipswich, S. Monomoy	2 or 3, 5	J. Berry, B. Nikula	
Northern Shoveler				
3, 13-27	Wayland, P.I.	2, 2	R. Forster, v. o.	
21, 31	S. Monomoy, Hull	3, 1	B. Nikula#, P. Thayer	
Gadwall				
3-8, 21-30	Ipswich, P.I.	2 or 3, 2-5	J. Berry, v. o.	
American Wigeon				
3, 21	Ipswich, S. Monomoy	4, 2	J. Berry, B. Nikula#	
Ring-necked Duck				
1	Quabbin (G37)	5	M. Lynch#	
Lesser Scaup				
15	S. Monomoy	2	B. Nikula#	

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Common Eider 6, 14; 20 28, 31	N. Scituate; Marblehead Rockport, Hull	120, 50; 25 10 imm, 125	T. Aversa J. Berry, P. Thayer	
King Eider 1-22	Winthrop	1 m	v. o.	
Harlequin Duck 1-28	Winthrop	1 m	I. Giriunas# + v. o.	
Oldsquaw 1-22	Newburyport	400 max	v. o.	
Black Scoter 21, 28	P.I., Nahant	7, 5	G. Gove#, R. Stymeist#	
Surf Scoter 21, 28	P.I., Nahant	3, 1	A. Williams, I. Giriunas#	
White-winged Scoter thr 8, 27	Nahant, Marblehead Gloucester, P.I.	150 max, 60 max 6, 75	R. Stymeist# BBC (J. Nove), T. Aversa	
Common Goldeneye 14	Nahant	1 m	C. Floyd#	
Bufflehead 14	Newburyport	3	R. Stymeist#	
Hooded Merganser 1, 21	Quabbin (G37), Petersham	2 f, 1 f	M. Lynch#	
Common Merganser 2-9, 5	Stoncham, Mt. A.	25 max, 1	T. Aversa, F. Bouchard	
Red-breasted Merganser 3 14 21-28	S. Dart. (Allens Pd) N. Monomoy P.I.	52 100 4-6	LCES (D. Christiansen) B. Nikula v. o.	

VULTURES THROUGH GALLIFORMES

An unprecedented number of kites was reported this month. Three reports of **American Swallow-tailed Kites** included one from Martha's Vineyard where, two days later, a **Mississippi Kite** was found dead. During the last decade increased sightings of Mississippi Kites in the east in May and June suggest that their breeding range has extended northward. The three reports of swallow-tailed kites may have been the same bird sighted in three locations. The swallow-tail, although of regular occurrence, is the rarer of the two kite species in Massachusetts.

Sharp-shinned Hawks, Cooper's Hawks, American Kestrels, and Merlins were moving northward between May 3 and 5, as evidenced by the numbers of these species in the reports from coastal hawkwatching sites. An adult Golden Eagle was reported from Quabbin. In Westport, a Ruffed Grouse was found on a nest with eleven eggs. G.W.G.

Turkey Vulture 1 13, 20	Provincetown, Quabbin (G37) N. Truro, Quabbin (G40)	2, 15 7, 12	E. Williams#, M. Lynch# B. Nikula, M. Lynch#
Reports of 1-4 individuals from 16 widely scattered locations.			
Osprey thr 1, 4 8, 13 29	S. Dart. (Allens Pd) Mt. Wataatic, P.I. E. Boston, N. Truro Westport	4 10, 5 1, 6 22 active nests	LCES (D. Christiansen) EMHW EMHW BBC (T. Athearn)
American Swallow-tailed Kite (no details) 3 18 26	E. Harwich Yarmouthport M.V.	1 subad 1 subad 1	D. Houghton J. Aylward fide V. Laux
Mississippi Kite (no details) 28 28	Provincetown M.V.	1 subad 1 dead subad	J. Aylward# V. Laux
Bald Eagle 1, 20 5, 13 26, 30	Quabbin (G37, G40) P.I., N. Truro Nauset, Lakeville	2 imm, 1 imm 1, 1 imm 1 imm, 1 imm	M. Lynch# EMHW, B. Nikula H. Stabins, W. Petersen
Northern Harrier 1, 4 8 22, 30	N. Scituate, P.I. Tuckernuck Marshfield, P.I.	1, 18 nest with 2 eggs 2, 1	EMHW M. Litchfield BBC (D.+D. Oliver), W. Petersen
Sharp-shinned Hawk 1	Mt. Wataatic, N. Scituate	7, 4	EMHW

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Sharp-shinned Hawk (continued)				
3, 5, 13	Hull	51 total	P. Thayer	
4, 5	P.I.	103, 45	EMHW	
13	N. Truro	66	B. Nikula	
Cooper's Hawk				
1; 4, 5	N. Scituate; P.I.	1; 2, 1	EMHW	
5; 5, 13	Hull; N. Truro	1; 3 imm, 1 imm	EMHW; B. Nikula	
5, 13	IRWS	1 ad	R. Heil	
Northern Goshawk				
1, 5	Topsfield, N. Truro	1, 1 imm	J. Brown, B. Nikula#	
7, 13	Mt. Watatic, IRWS	1, 1 ad	EMHW, R. Heil	
Red-shouldered Hawk				
thr	E. Middleboro, Boxford (C.P.)	pr, pr	K. Anderson, v. o.	
thr	Quabbin (G37)	4	M. Lynch#	
22, 27	Westport, Hull	3, 5	B. Sorrie, P. Thayer	
Reports of 1 or 2 individuals from 7 locations.				
Broad-winged Hawk				
1, 7; 13	Mt. Watatic, N. Truro	94, 10; 39	EMHW, B. Nikula	
24	Newburyport	13	R. Forster	
Red-tailed Hawk				
14, 27	Sherborn, Weston	5, 4 imm	E. Taylor, J. Berry	
Rough-legged Hawk				
6	Marshfield	1	J. Carter	
Golden Eagle				
1	Quabbin (G40)	1 ad	M. Lynch#	
American Kestrel				
thr	Sherborn	pr nesting	E. Taylor	
4, 5	P.I.	213, 14	EMHW	
Merlin				
4, 12	P.I.	7, 3	EMHW	
24	P.I.	1	R. Forster	
Peregrine Falcon				
thr	Boston	pr + 3 yg	v. o.	
5, 14; 15	N. Monomoy; S. Monomoy	1 ad, 1 subad; 1	B. Nikula#	
Ruffed Grouse				
22	Westport	1 + nest with 11 eggs	B. Sorrie	
5, 30	IRWS, S. Hanson	3 drum, 3	R. Heil, W. Petersen	
8, 30; 22	Ipswich; Hamilton	2 drum; 2 drum	J. Berry	
28	Ipswich	1	R. Stymeist#	
Wild Turkey				
8	Boxford	1 f	D. Chickering	
Northern Bobwhite				
1, 9	Middleboro, Ipswich	2, 1 f	K. Holmes, J. Berry	
13, 14-18	Cambridge, Mt. A.	1, 1	J. Paputseanos, v. o.	

RAILS THROUGH TERNS

A very obliging King Rail was seen by many observers in a small marsh near the ocean in Rockport, and an adult **Purple Gallinule** spent time in a back yard in Weymouth feeding on and being fed worms and bread. There should be many good photos of that bird. A subadult Sandhill Crane was found in the marshes of Newbury and spent three days there before disappearing.

Up to eight Piping Plovers were observed at Allens Pond in South Dartmouth, and a pair was found at a nest with four eggs on Plum Island. A Curlew Sandpiper in breeding plumage was seen in Newburyport, and an adult male Ruff was seen in Ipswich. On Nantucket, 700 to 900 Roseate Terns apparently spent the month.

G.W.G.

Clapper Rail				
22, 24, 31	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1, 2, 3	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
King Rail				
21, 22	Lynnfield	1, 2	R. Stymeist#	
22-29	Rockport	1	M. + R. Barnett + v. o.	
Virginia Rail				
1-17	Lynnfield	12 max 5/17	v. o.	
14	Bolton, Ipswich	4, 2	M. Lynch#, J. Berry	
21	Whitman	3	W. Petersen#	
Sora				
4, 17	Lynnfield	1, 2	J. Berry, BBC (W. Van Cor)	
14; 14, 22	Ipswich; Bolton	1; 3, 2	J. Berry; M. Lynch#	
15, 21; 22	S. Monomoy; Marshfield	1 or 2; 1	B. Nikula; BBC (D. + D. Oliver)	

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Purple Gallinule thr	E. Weymouth	1 ad	v. o.	
Common Moorhen 1, 28	Lynnfield	2, 1	D. Small#, R. Stymeist#	
Sandhill Crane 27-29	Newbury	1 subad	I. Giriunas + v. o.	
Black-bellied Plover thr	N. Monomoy	600 max 5/20	B. Nikula	
10-31	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	87 max 5/24	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
21, 28	Newburyport, E. Boston	600, 300	BBC (W. Drummond), R. Stymeist#	
30	Plymouth	180	R. Stymeist#	
Lesser Golden-Plover 26-28	Newburyport	1	R. Forster + v. o.	
Semipalmated Plover 10-29, 13	N. Monomoy, Nahant	20 max 5/20, 12	B. Nikula, G. Gove	
17, 22	P.I., Squantum	25, 25	D. Chickering, T. Aversa	
Piping Plover thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	8 max 5/24	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
thr	Nant. and Tuckernuck	8 pr	M. Litchfield	
26-30	Plymouth	1-3	v. o.	
28, 30	P.I., Acoaxet	pr + 4 eggs, 2	D. F. Oliver, M. Lynch#	
Killdeer 11-30, 20	Marlboro, Quabbin (G40)	2 ad + 2yg, 13	R. Graefe, M. Lynch#	
American Oystercatcher thr	N. Monomoy, S. Monomoy	10 pr, 3 pr	B. Nikula#, D. Houghton	
thr	Nantucket (Great Pt)	9 pr	M. Litchfield	
17	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
22	M. V.	1	P. Overby	
21-23	Plymouth	1	W. Petersen#	
Greater Yellowlegs 1	E. Middleboro	15	K. Anderson	
7	Newburyport	300	BBC (K. Griffis)	
21	P.I.	40	BBC (W. Drummond)	
Solitary Sandpiper 1, 5	Middleboro, Topsfield	1, 9	K. Holmes, R. Heil	
9, 14	Arlington, Ipswich	1, 6	J. Heywood, J. Berry	
9, 23	Stoneham, Peabody	2, 3	T. Aversa, R. Heil	
Willet thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	11 max	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
thr	N. Monomoy	35 max 5/10	B. Nikula	
15-30	P.I.	4 max 5/21	v. o.	
5, 29	Yarmouth, Plymouth	4, 2	J. Aylward, G. Gove	
Spotted Sandpiper 7	GMNWR, Quabbin (G40)	1, 1	BBC (W. Gette), T. Aversa	
14, 20	Bolton, Quabbin (G40)	7, 7	M. Lynch#	
29	Westport	5	D. Small	
Upland Sandpiper 1, 1-10	Middleboro, N. Monomoy	1, 1	K. Holmes, B. Nikula	
1, 13	Hanscom AFB, N. Truro	2, 2	J. Carter, B. Nikula	
21, 28	Newburyport	1, 1	BBC (W. Drummond), R. Stymeist#	
Ruddy Turnstone 10-31	N. Monomoy	200 max 5/29	B. Nikula	
23-30	Plymouth	125 max 5/30	v. o.	
24, 28	Hull, Winthrop	15, 65	P. Thayer, R. Stymeist#	
Red Knot thr	N. Monomoy	180 max 5/29	B. Nikula	
22, 28; 26	Squantum; Plymouth	4, 2; 7	T. Aversa; A. Williams	
26, 28	Newburyport	2, 2	R. Forster, M. Lynch#	
Sanderling thr	N. Monomoy	2000 max 5/29	B. Nikula	
14, 28	Nahant	100, 150	R. Stymeist#	
Semipalmated Sandpiper 14-31	N. Monomoy	800 max 5/29	B. Nikula	
29, 30	P.I.	100, 60	J. Brown, D. Chickering	
Least Sandpiper 1-29	N. Monomoy	120 max 5/10	B. Nikula	
5	Newburyport	400	v. o.	
White-rumped Sandpiper 23, 29; 29	N. Monomoy; P.I.	1, 1; 15	B. Nikula; v. o.	
30	Plymouth	3	R. Stymeist#	

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Purple Sandpiper				
5, 20	Winthrop, Marblehead	85, 25	T. Aversa	
21	Newburyport, N. Scituate	150, 20	G. Gove#, W. Petersen#	
23, 28	Lynn	125, 12	R. Forster, R. Stymeist#	
Dunlin				
thr	N. Monomoy	700 max 5/20	B. Nikula	
10, 24	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	100, 54	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
Curlew Sandpiper				
24-27	Newburyport	1 breeding plumage	R. Forster + v. o.	
Ruff				
1-7	Ipswich	1 ad m	E. Nielsen + v. o.	
Short-billed Dowitcher				
thr	N. Monomoy	3 max 5/10, 29	B. Nikula	
26	Plymouth	1	A. Williams	
Common Snipe				
1, 5	Halifax, Stoneham	1, 1	K. Holmes, T. Aversa	
7	Ipswich, Newburyport	2, 5	J. Berry, BBC (K. Griffis)	
American Woodcock				
4; 12, 29	Waltham; Ipswich	1; 2, 3-4	L. Taylor; J. Berry	
20, 24	Quabbin (G40), Wellfleet	10, 6	M. Lynch#, A. + E. Williams	
27, 28	P.I.	5, 4	T. Aversa, R. Stymeist#	
Wilson's Phalarope				
14-29	Newburyport-P.I.	6 max	v. o.	
24	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1 f	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
Parasitic Jaeger				
10, 21	N. Monomoy	1, 1	B. Nikula	
Laughing Gull				
27	Newburyport	1 imm	H. Wiggin#	
Little Gull				
thr	Newburyport	1 or 2	v. o.	
Common Black-headed Gull				
1, 7	N. Monomoy, Provincetown	1 ad, 1 imm	B. Nikula#, J. Aylward#	
15	Orleans	1 ad	P. Trull#	
Bonaparte's Gull				
2-27	Newburyport	150 max 5/7	v. o.	
Iceland Gull				
5, 20	Newburyport, Marshfield	5 imm, 1 (2S)	R. Heil, fide D. Ludlow	
Glaucous Gull				
21	Scituate	1	W. Petersen#	
Black-legged Kittiwake				
23	Cape Cod Bay	3	K. Holmes	
Caspian Tern				
5	Squantum	1	fide S. Perkins	
Roseate Tern				
11	Nantucket	900	E. Andrews	
26, 30	Plymouth	2, 12	A. Williams#, K. Griffis#	
28	Nantucket (Smith Pt)	700-800	M. Litchfield	
Common Tern				
11, 15	Nantucket, P.I.	100, 60	E. Andrews, BBC (D. + D. Oliver)	
Arctic Tern				
11, 29	Nantucket, Plymouth	2, 4-6	E. Andrews, G. Gove#	
Least Tern				
10-31	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	15 max 5/10	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
13-27	Newburyport-P.I.	6 max 5/21	v. o.	
11, 22	Nantucket, Squantum	56, 1	E. Andrews, T. Aversa	
Black Tern				
28-29	N. Monomoy	2	B. Nikula#	
Black Skimmer				
12	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
15, 26	Orleans	2, 4	P. Trull, H. Stabins	

DOVES THROUGH CORVIDS

Over 10 reports of Black-billed Cuckoos were received, up from 6 last year. Nesting Great Horned Owls were recorded in several locations, and 3 young Eastern Screech-Owls were banded in Lakeville. A late Snowy Owl continued to be seen on Georges Island in Boston Harbor through May 9, over a month beyond the normal departure date.

Reports of Whip-poor-wills were most encouraging. A total of at least 65 individuals was recorded, compared with just 4 birds in May 1987. At Myles Standish State Forest in Plymouth, 39 birds were heard

calling on May 28. Nighthawks arrived at midmonth, but no reports were received from the traditional breeding areas in the cities.

Five Red-bellied Woodpeckers were noted, but only one Red-headed Woodpecker was found. The only Yellow-bellied Sapsucker reported in May was from Middleboro. Eleven Pileated Woodpeckers were tallied during the month.

Four Olive-sided Flycatchers were reported during May, down from the total of 9 in May 1987. Acadian Flycatchers were found in five locations. It was a good year for Eastern Kingbirds, with 45 birds noted at Plum Island on May 29.

During the month, a maximum of 60 Purple Martins was reported at Plum Island, where 20 Cliff Swallows were also noted. A count of 800 Barn Swallows was made at Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary in Topsfield on May 20.

Blue Jays were migrating all month, with a large flock of 300 reported from Plum Island on May 4. In Hull, a total of 430 Blue Jays was logged in on four days. Fish Crows were breeding at Mt. Auburn Cemetery again this year, and a single individual was found on Plum Island on May 21. R.H.S.

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Mourning Dove				
4	Arlington	1 sitting on nest	J. Heywood	
Black-billed Cuckoo				
14	Bolton Flats, Belmont	1, 1	M. Lynch#, L. Taylor#	
20, 21	Cambridge, S. Natick	1, 1	J. Barton, E. Taylor	
22, 23	Bolton Flats, Worcester	1, 1	M. Lynch#	
23, 23-24	Watertown, Mt. A.	1, 1+	R. Stymeist#, v. o.	
29	Stow, P.I.	1, 1	L. Taylor#, W. Petersen#	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo				
20	Middleboro, Brookline	1, 1	K. Holmes, R. Stymeist	
30	Acoaxet, Taunton	1, 1	M. Lynch#, W. Petersen	
Eastern Screech-Owl				
10-13, 23	Mt. A., N. Middleboro	1, 1	v. o., K. Holmes	
28	Lakeville	3 yg banded	K. Anderson	
Great Horned Owl				
thr	Waltham, Ipswich	pr with 2 yg, 4 max	v. o., J. Berry	
thr	Westboro (SUASCO)	pr with 2 yg	v. o.	
5, 7	IRWS, GMNWR	3 pr, 1	R. Heil, BBC (W. Gette)	
14, 16	Newbypt, Ashland	1 ad + 2 yg, 1	BBC (N. Mueller), G. Gove	
22, 27	Canton, N. Middleboro	1, 1	T. Aversa, K. Holmes	
Snowy Owl				
1-9	Boston (Georges I)	1	fide J. Nove	
Barred Owl				
thr	Boxford, Quabbin (G40)	2+, 1 or 2	v. o.	
4, 5	Ashland, IRWS	2, 1	G. Gove, R. Heil	
Short-eared Owl				
23	Halifax	1	K. Holmes	
Northern Saw-whet Owl				
20, 23	Wellfleet, N. Middleboro	1, 1	R. Prescott#, K. Holmes	
Common Nighthawk				
14; 20, 29	Worcester; Quabbin (G40), (G37)	1; 1, 1	M. Lynch#	
20	Wayland, GMNWR	9, 16	R. Forster, G. Gove	
22	Athol	6	D. Small	
Whip-poor-will				
10, 28	Plymouth (M. Standish SP)	7, 39	G. d'Entremont	
14	Newbury, Clinton	4, 1	R. Stymeist#, M. Lynch#	
16, 20	Plymouth, Quabbin (G40)	9, 1	D. Ludlow#, M. Lynch#	
21	Bridgewater, Plymouth	2, 5	W. Petersen#	
22	Nantucket	12	fide M. Litchfield	
23, 24	Middleboro, Wellfleet	1, 5	K. Holmes, A. + E. Williams	
Chimney Swift				
2-31, thr	Mt. A., Cambridge (F. P.)	25 max, 21 max	5/18 v. o., J. Barton	
1	Taunton	1	D. Emerson	
7	GMNWR, Westboro	15, 15+	BBC (W. Gette), M. Lynch#	
8	Ipswich, Gloucester	10-12, 45	J. Berry, BBC (J. Nove)	
13, 14	IRWS, Ipswich-Rowley	53, 20+	R. Heil, J. Berry	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird				
3, 6	Nahant, Taunton	1, 1	D. Chickering, D. Emerson	
15	MNWS, Nantucket	1, 3	R. Heil, fide M. Litchfield	
Six reports of individuals from 6 locations 5/16 on.				
Red-headed Woodpecker				
4	Nantucket	1 ad	B. Sorrie	

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Red-bellied Woodpecker				
4	S. Dartmouth	1 m	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
21	Milton	1	G. d'Entremont	
21-29	Hamilton (B. Palmer S.P.)	1 m	J. Berry + v. o.	
22, 30	W. Tisbury, Acoaxet	1, 1	P. Overby, M. Lynch#	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				
8	Middleboro	1	K. Holmes	
Hairy Woodpecker				
thr	Arlington	2 ad + 3 yg	J. Heywood	
Northern Flicker				
1	Mt. A.	14	BBC (D. Oliver)	
Pileated Woodpecker				
thr	Boxford (C.P.)	pr at nest	R. Stymeist#	
1, 20	Quabbin (G37), (G40)	1, 3	M. Lynch#	
21, 31; 22	IRWS; Hamilton	1, 1; 1	J. Brown; J. Berry	
21, 28	Milton	1, 2	W. Petersen#, BBC (G. d'Entremont)	
Olive-sided Flycatcher				
17, 23	Brookline, P.I.	1, 1	K. Griffis, N. Mueller	
23, 29	Nahant, Ipswich	1, 1	H. Coolidge#, R. Stymeist#	
Eastern Wood-Pewee				
10	Waltham (Met. State)	1	L. Taylor	
20-31, 20	Mt. A., Quabbin (G40)	1-6, 4	v. o., M. Lynch#	
20, 21	Middleboro, P.I.	1, 6+	K. Holmes, A. Williams#	
23, 26	Nahant, Arlington	1, 1	H. Wiggin#, J. Heywood	
27, 29	Ipswich, Quabbin (G37)	2, 8	M. Argue#, M. Lynch#	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher				
21-22, 28	P.I.	1 or 2, 1	v. o., M. Lynch#	
23	Peabody, Nahant	1, 1	R. Heil, H. Coolidge#	
Acadian Flycatcher				
15, 23-24	P.I., Mt. A.	1, 1	V. Yurkunas, v. o.	
27, 30	P'town, Waltham	1, 1	B. Nikula, L. Taylor	
30	Westminster	1	M. Lynch#	
Alder Flycatcher				
22; 29	Bolton Flats; P.I., Lynnfield	2; 1, 1	M. Lynch#; v. o., I. Giriunas#	
31	IRWS, Lynnfield	1, 1	J. Brown, R. Forster	
Willow Flycatcher				
23, 29	Lynnfield	4, 6	H. Wiggin#, R. Stymeist#	
23, 29	Bolton Flats, P.I.	7, 3	M. Lynch#, W. Petersen	
27, 28	Wayland, Beverly	3 or 4, 1	J. Berry, J. Brown	
Least Flycatcher				
7, 8	Quabbin (G40), ONWR	2, 1	T. Aversa, M. Lynch#	
12, 23, 24	Waltham (Met. State)	1, 1, 1	L. Taylor	
13, 14	Spencer, Mt. A.	4, 1	M. Lynch#, R. Stymeist#	
20, 29	Quabbin (G40), (G37)	11, 11	M. Lynch#	
Eastern Phoebe				
thr	Ipswich-Boxford	4 nests	J. Berry	
8	ONWR	6	M. Lynch#	
Great Crested Flycatcher				
10, 12	Middleboro, Waltham	1, 2	K. Holmes, L. Taylor	
13, 14	Topsfield, ONWR	1, 3	J. Berry, M. Lynch#	
20, 22	Brookline, Hamilton	4, 4	R. Stymeist, J. Berry	
Eastern Kingbird				
7, 8-31	GMNWR, Cambridge	2, 9 max 5/15	BBC (W. Gette), J. Barton	
8-31, 11	Mt. A., Bedford	17 max 5/24, 1	v. o., L. Taylor	
13, 22	Hamilton, Bolton	2, 8	J. Berry, M. Lynch#	
21	P.I.	14	BBC (W. Drummond)	
29	P.I.	45	BBC (J. Center)	
Purple Martin				
thr	P.I.	60 max 5/21	v. o.	
20, 23	Wayland, Peabody	4, 3	R. Forster, R. Heil	
Tree Swallow				
thr	P.I., Cambridge (F. P.)	190 max 5/21, 35	max 5/11 v. o., J. Barton	
1, 2	Danvers, Stoneham	80, 200	J. Brown, T. Aversa	
1, 20	Quabbin (G37), IRWS	200+, 700	M. Lynch#, T. Aversa	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow				
1, 2	Quabbin (G37), Stoneham	4, 10	M. Lynch#, T. Aversa	
20, 24	IRWS, Arlington	5, 5	T. Aversa, J. Heywood	
Reports of 1 or 2 from 12 locations.				

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Bank Swallow				
15	Nantucket (Dionis)	15 pr	M. Litchfield	
21, 23	P.I., Peabody	12, 20+	D. Chickering, R. Heil	
Cliff Swallow				
thr	P.I.	20 max 5/21	D. Chickering+v. o.	
10-11, 12	Cambridge, Auburn	1, 1	J. Barton, M. Lynch#	
20, 23	Wayland, DWWS	3, 1	R. Forster, T. Aversa	
23, 24	Halifax, Rowley	2, 20	K. Holmes, R. Forster	
Barn Swallow				
thr, 1-18	P.I., Cambridge (F. P.)	16 max, 65 max 5/11	D. Chickering, J. Barton	
2, 20	Stoneham, IRWS	300, 800	T. Aversa	
Blue Jay				
4; 5, 13	P.I.; Hull	300; 64, 116	J. Murray; P. Thayer	
13; 16, 27	Truro; Hull	70+; 80, 170	B. Nikula; P. Thayer	
Fish Crow				
thr	Mt. A.	6-8	v. o.	
14-18, 17	Waltham, Stoneham	1, 1	L. Taylor, T. Aversa	
21, 22	P.I., Hanson	1, 2	D. F. Oliver, W. Petersen	
Common Raven				
20	Quabbin (G40)	1	M. Lynch#	

NUTHATCHES THROUGH SHRIKES

Red-breasted Nuthatches were reported from just seven locations, compared with thirteen areas in 1987. It was a good year for Winter Wrens, especially at Crooked Pond, Boxford, where at least three pair were found. They had been absent as breeders from there for many years. A pair of Carolina Wrens were feeding 3 fledged young in Brookline on May 20, confirming for the first time Carolina Wrens breeding in that town.

The last migrant Ruby-crowned Kinglet was noted on May 22. Blue-gray Gnatcatchers continued as breeders in Essex County, with good numbers in Boxford State Forest and along the Ipswich River in Topsfield.

Bluebirds were found nesting in at least nine communities. Thrush reports were down from May 1987 (Veery, 55 in 1988 versus 85 in 1987; Gray-cheeked Thrush, 8 in 1988 versus 15 in 1987; and Swainson's Thrush, 19 in 1988 versus 74 in 1987). The only variation to this drop-off was Wood Thrush, for which there were 44 reports in 1988 versus 27 in 1987. Gray Catbirds were everywhere, with high counts at Plum Island and Martha's Vineyard. A single Water Pipit was noted, and Cedar Waxwings were flocking late in the month. R.H.S.

Red-breasted Nuthatch				
1, 29	Quabbin (G37)	5, 1	M. Lynch#	
7, 8; 8	Mt. A.; Ipswich	2, 2; 2 pr	M. Lynch#; J. Berry	
14, 15	Ipswich, Boxford	1, 1	J. Berry	
21, 22	Middleboro, ONWR	2, 1	W. Petersen, M. Lynch#	
27	P.I.	1	T. Aversa	
White-breasted Nuthatch				
thr	Arlington (Menotomy Rocks))	3 pr (feeding yg 5/9)	J. Heywood	
Brown Creeper				
thr, 1-9	Boxford, Arlington	4 pr, 2	R. Stymeist#, J. Heywood	
1, 29	Quabbin (G37), Stow	8, 1	M. Lynch#, L. Taylor#	
29	Taunton, Sudbury	pr at nest, 1	K. Anderson, L. Taylor#	
Carolina Wren				
6, 8-17	DWWS, Middleboro	2, 1	T. Aversa, K. Anderson	
8	Tuckernuck	1	M. Litchfield	
20, 22	Brookline, W. Tisbury	2 ad + 3 yg, 2	R. Stymeist, P. Overby	
23, 25	Rehoboth, Lynnfield	1, 1	K. Anderson, H. Wiggin#	
29	Taunton, Sudbury	3, 1	K. Anderson#, L. Taylor#	
30	Acoaxet	9	M. Lynch#	
House Wren				
1, 29	Quabbin (G37)	1, 4	M. Lynch#	
6, 7	DWWS, Quabbin (G40)	1, 8	T. Aversa	
7	W. Newbury, Lexington	1, 4	H. Wiggin#, L. Taylor	
Winter Wren				
thr, 21	Boxford, Milton	3 pr, 1	v. o., W. Petersen#	
1, 20	Quabbin (G37), (G40)	1, 1	M. Lynch#	
Marsh Wren				
4, 17	Lynnfield	3, 6	J. Berry, W. van Cor#	
13, 28	IRWS, P.I.	15, 15+	R. Heil, M. Lynch#	
Golden-crowned Kinglet				
20, 21	Quabbin (G40), Lakeville	1, 5	M. Lynch#, W. Petersen#	

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Ruby-crowned Kinglet				
1-14, 1	Mt. A., Quabbin (G37)	10 max 5/1, 20	v. o., M. Lynch#	
12; 20, 22	Waltham; P.I.	1; 1, 1	L. Taylor; T. Aversa, D. Chickering	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				
thr	Boxford, IRWS	7 max, 15 max	v. o.	
5, 24; 6	Mt. A.; Brookline	1, 2; 1	v. o.; B. Hallett	
7, 8	Quabbin (G40), Bridgewater	6, 3	T. Aversa, K. Holmes	
8, 13	ONWR, Ipswich	3 (pr building nest), 2	M. Lynch#, J. Berry	
14, 21; 14	P'town; DWWS	4, 3; 1	B. Nikula; D. Ludlow	
Eastern Bluebird				
thr	Athol, Petersham	3 pr, 6 pr	D. Small	
thr	Groveland, Sherborn	pr, pr	v. o., E. Taylor	
5, 6	IRWS, Brookline	1, 1	R. Heil, B. Hallett	
7	Quabbin (G40), W. Newbury	5, 1	T. Aversa, BBC (K. Griffis)	
8, 14	E. Middleboro, N. Andover	2, 1	K. Anderson, V. Yurkunas	
16, 22	Yarmouthport, M. V.	1, 2	J. Aylward, P. Overby	
23, 29	Peabody, Lancaster	pr, 1	R. Heil, R. Stymeist#	
Veery				
5, 11-26	MBO, Mt. A.	1, 1-4	J. Atwood, R. Campbell# + v. o.	
14	Waltham, Belmont	1, 3	L. Taylor, R. Stymeist#	
14, 15	ONWR, Boxford	4, 3	M. Lynch#, J. Berry	
20, 29	Quabbin (G40), (G37)	9, 13	M. Lynch#	
21	P.I., Hamilton	3, 4	W. Drummond#, J. Berry	
30	Acoaxet	10	M. Lynch#	
Gray-cheeked Thrush				
14, 15, 20	Mt. A.	1, 1, 2	v. o.	
15, 23	Newburyport, Peabody	1, 1	D. Chickering, R. Heil	
24	MBO, MNWS	1 b, 1	T. Lloyd-Evans, M. Martinek	
Swainson's Thrush				
4, 12-29	Mt. A.	1, 8 max	F. Bouchard, v. o.	
14-24, 15	Arlington, Middleboro	2 max, 3	J. Heywood, K. Holmes	
20, 22	Brookline, Nahant	3, 2	R. Stymeist, C. Schubarth	
Hermit Thrush				
thr	Boxford, Sherborn	3 or 4 m, 6	R. Stymeist#, E. Taylor	
2, 5	Boston (Pru Tower), MNWS	5 or 6, 16	N. Stauker, R. Heil	
20, 29	Quabbin (G40), (G37)	8, 8	M. Lynch#	
21, 29	Plymouth, Stow	8+, 3	W. Petersen#, L. Taylor#	
Wood Thrush				
5, 14, 22	Waltham (Met. State)	1, 4, 6	L. Taylor	
6, 9	Ipswich, MBO	2 m, 1 b	J. Berry, J. Atwood	
10, 14	Bridgewater, ONWR	6, 4	K. Holmes, M. Lynch#	
15, 20	W. Newbury, Brookline	8, 8	BBC (D. + D. Oliver), R. Stymeist	
20, 30	Quabbin (G40), Sherborn	6, 3	M. Lynch#, E. Taylor	
Gray Catbird				
2-31	Mt. A.	15 max 5/25	v. o.	
5, 13	Waltham (Met. State)	2, 9	L. Taylor	
8-31	Cambridge (F. P.)	7 max 5/15	J. Barton	
14	Bolton Flats, ONWR	10, 20	M. Lynch#	
21, 22	P.I., M. V.	60, 75	BBC (W. Drummond), P. Overby	
Brown Thrasher				
thr, 1	P.I., Andover	8 max 5/27, 1	T. Aversa + v. o., V. Yurkunas	
Water Pipit				
13	N. Truro	1	B. Nikula	
Cedar Waxwing				
8, 13	Lexington, Brookline	40, 6	L. Taylor, H. Wiggin	
25, 27	Mt. A., IRWS	50, 15	C. Floyd#, T. Aversa	
28, 30	P.I., Lawrence	23, 49	M. Lynch#, V. Yurkunas	
shrike species				
8	Concord	1	J. Carter	

VIREOS THROUGH WARBLERS

General comments on this year's spring migration were on the negative side. No really big waves were detected. The first three weeks were filled with northeasterly and easterly winds that brought in damp ocean air with lots of fog. Presumably the major migration passage was deflected to our west due to the unfavorable conditions along the coast. Rick Heil characterized the month as "in my experience the worst May migration in at least a dozen years." My observations at Mount Auburn indicated a significant drop, compared to last year, which was also a poor year for migration waves. In May 1988, the first really good southwest wind did

not come until late in the month. By that time, most of the migrants had already dribbled through, and the potential for a big wave had fizzled.

Yellow-throated Vireos were well reported with 34 individuals noted, compared with 23 last year and only 10 in 1986. Many of these birds were seen in ideal nesting habitats, and a range expansion seems underway. Eight Philadelphia Vireos were reported during May 13-26. Red-eyed Vireos numbers were down compared to 1987.

Thirty-five warbler species were reported, the same as in 1987. As was the case last year, an unusually high number of warbler species (22) made their first appearance of the year during May. The weather pattern in 1988 was again cold with easterly winds.

It was a poor year for Cape May Warblers with only 6 reports, compared with 36 last year. This observer saw only one Cape May all spring! Numbers were also down considerably for Tennessee, Nashville, Blackburnian, Bay-breasted, Northern Waterthrush, and even Yellow-rumped Warblers.

Warbler species of special note included 10 Golden-winged, 3 Orange-crowned, 1 Yellow-throated, 3 Cerulean, 1 Prothonotary, 2 Kentucky, 2 Hooded, and 1 Yellow-breasted Chat. R.H.S.

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White-eyed Vireo				
2-30, 7	MBO, Westport	1, 2	J. Atwood, R. Stymeist#	
12, 15	Brookline, MNWS	1, 1	H. Wiggin#, R. Heil	
17-30, 29-30	Plymouth, P.I.	1, 1	M. Kasprzyk, J. Brown#	
Solitary Vireo				
1, 29; 4	Quabbin (G37); Mt. A.	4, 3; 5	M. Lynch#; F. Bouchard#	
7, 9	Quabbin (G40), Ipswich	7, 1	T. Aversa, J. Berry	
15, 28	Boxford, P.I.	4 m, 1	J. Berry, W. Petersen	
Yellow-throated Vireo				
5, 20	Wayland (Hearsd Pd)	1, 2 m	G. Gove, R. Forster	
7, 8	Quabbin (G40), Mt. A.	2, 1	T. Aversa, D. Small	
12	Petersham, Waltham	2, 1	M. Lynch#, L. Taylor	
13	IRWS, Spencer	5, 1	R. Heil, M. Lynch#	
13	Nahant	1	D. Chickering	
14	Arlington; ONWR, Bolton	1; 2, 2	J. Heywood; M. Lynch#	
Reports of 13+ individuals from 7 locations on 5/22.				
Warbling Vireo				
1, 12; 7	Middleboro; Westboro	1, 1; 2	K. Holmes; M. Lynch#	
13-31, 14-31	Auburn, Bolton Flats	5 max, 6 max	M. Lynch#	
14	Lincoln, DWWS	2, 2	R. Stymeist#, T. Aversa	
14, 15	Ipswich, Waltham	4, 4	J. Berry, L. Taylor	
27, 28	Wayland, Cambridge (F. P.)	6 m, 10	J. Berry, J. Barton	
Philadelphia Vireo				
13, 15	IRWS, Middleboro	1, 1	T. Aversa, K. Holmes	
17, 20	Brookline, MNWS	1, 1	K. Griffis, T. Aversa	
21	P.I., Newbury	1, 1	H. Rich#, D. F. Oliver	
24, 26	Newburyport, Mt. A.	1, 1	R. Forster, D. Dillavou	
Red-eyed Vireo				
13, 14-31	Worcester, Mt. A.	2, 6 max 5/24	M. Lynch#, v. o.	
14-31, 17-31	Sherborn, Arlington	10 max, 7 max 5/27	E. Taylor, J. Heywood	
20, 29	Quabbin (G40), (G37)	15, 22	M. Lynch#	
Blue-winged Warbler				
5; 6, 14, 22	Sherborn; Canton (F.M.)	3; 2, 6, 6	R. Forster; T. Aversa	
7, 11	Westport, Middleboro	1, 2	R. Stymeist, K. Holmes	
13, 14	IRWS, Waltham	7, 3	R. Heil, L. Taylor	
14	Ipswich, ONWR	3, 12	J. Berry, M. Lynch#	
29	Taunton	16 m	SSBC (K. Anderson)	
Golden-winged Warbler				
8, 8-31	Cambridge (F. P.), Ipswich	1, 1 or 2	J. Barton, J. Berry + v. o.	
12	WBWS, MBO	1, 1 b	D. Reynolds, J. Atwood	
14, 15	ONWR, P'town	1, 1	M. Lynch#, R. Comeau#	
21, 22, 29	Mt. A., Hamilton, Stow	1, 1, 1	H. Wiggin#, J. Berry, L. Taylor	
Tennessee Warbler				
9-28, 12	Mt. A., Bridgewater	15 max 5/15, 1	v. o., K. Holmes	
13, 21	Worcester, P.I.	2, 1	M. Lynch#, D. F. Oliver	
Orange-crowned Warbler				
17	Brookline (Halls Pd)	1	K. Griffis	
22, 23	P.I., Nahant	1, 1	D. Chickering, H. Wiggin	
Nashville Warbler				
6, 10	Canton (F.M.), MBO	1, 1	T. Aversa, J. Atwood	
11, 12	Ipswich, Mt. A.	1, 8	J. Berry, S. Denison#	
14, 20	ONWR, MNWS	4, 4	M. Lynch#, T. Aversa	

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Northern Parula				
4-28	Mt. A.	30 max 5/15	v. o.	
15	Nahant, MNWS	20, 40	M. Lynch#, R. Heil	
15	P.I.	10	D. F. Oliver#	
21, 22	P.I., P'town	25, 25	BBC (W. Drummond), B. Nikula	
Yellow Warbler				
thr	P.I., GMNWR	50+ max 5/21, 12	max 5/7 v. o.	
thr	Cambridge (F. P.)	31 max 5/17	J. Barton	
7	Westport	6	R. Stymeist#	
7, 8	Westboro, ONWR	6, 11	M. Lynch#	
14, 22	Bolton Flats, Saugus	14, 18	M. Lynch#, BBC (C. Schubarth)	
Chestnut-sided Warbler				
7, 13	Westboro, Ipswich	1, 1	M. Lynch#, J. Berry	
14	Bolton Flats, ONWR	2, 8	M. Lynch#	
15	Mt. A., Nahant	5, 3	M. Lynch#	
15, 22	MNWS, P.I.	8, 6	R. Heil, D. Chickering	
Magnolia Warbler				
14-28, 15	Mt. A., MNWS	20 max 5/15, 15	v. o., R. Heil	
15	Nahant, Newbypt	15, 6	M. Lynch#, D. Chickering	
21, 22	P.I., Waltham	14, 6	BBC (W. Drummond), L. Taylor	
23	Arlington	6	J. Heywood	
Cape May Warbler				
10, 12	Middleboro, Auburn	1, 1	K. Holmes, M. Lynch#	
14, 14-15	Mt. A., P.I.	1, 1+	T. Aversa#, D. Chickering + v. o.	
15, 20-21	Nahant, P.I.	1, 1+	M. Lynch#, T. Aversa + v. o.	
Black-throated Blue Warbler				
5, 8	Stoneham, Bridgewater	1, 1	T. Aversa, K. Holmes	
13, 15	P.I., Mt. A.	5, 10	T. Aversa, v. o.	
15	Nahant, MNWS	10, 2	M. Lynch#	
Yellow-rumped Warbler				
1-29	Mt. A.	55 max 5/4	v. o.	
1-15	Cambridge (F. P.)	105 max 5/4	J. Barton	
1, 29	Quabbin (G37)	28, 6	M. Lynch#	
5, 8, 14	P'town	110, 90, 80	B. Nikula	
12, 21	Auburn, Arlington	35, 2	M. Lynch#, J. Heywood	
29, 30	Stow, Ipswich	1 m, 1m	L. Taylor#, J. Berry	
Black-throated Green Warbler				
1, 20	Quabbin (G37), (G40)	3, 21	M. Lynch#	
1, 8, 17	Boxford	6, 8, 25	L. Taylor#, J. Berry, R. Stymeist#	
4, 15	IRWS, Mt. A.	10, 15	v. o.	
Blackburnian Warbler				
9, 13-29	Ipswich, Mt. A.	1, 10 max 5/15	J. Berry, v. o.	
14, 22; 15	Bolton Flats; Middleboro	1, 3; 1	M. Lynch#, K. Holmes	
21	Newburyport	2	J. Berry	
22	Arlington, Hamilton	1, 1	J. Heywood, J. Berry	
29	Quabbin (G37)	8	M. Lynch#	
Yellow-throated Warbler				
12	Petersham	1 m	J. Johnson + v. o.	
Pine Warbler				
1, 29	Quabbin (G37)	16, 11	M. Lynch#	
1, 4	Wenham, Mt. A.	4, 3	BBC (J. Brown), F. Bouchard	
8, 14, 22; 9	ONWR; Arlington	6, 3, 2; 1	M. Lynch#, J. Heywood	
23, 28	Concord, P.I.	2, 1	J. Carter, D. Chickering	
Prairie Warbler				
5, 8	MBO, Middleboro	2, 3	J. Atwood, K. Holmes	
11, 22	Bridgewater, Canton	7, 3	K. Holmes, T. Aversa	
22	Saugus, Hamilton	18, 1	BBC (C. Schubarth), J. Berry	
Palm Warbler				
1-8, 22	Mt. A.	16 max 5/4, 1	v. o., L. Robinson	
4, 10	Arlington, Cambridge (F. P.)	3, 1	J. Heywood, J. Barton	
12	Waltham	1	L. Taylor	
Bay-breasted Warbler				
14-31, 14	Mt. A., Bolton Flats	1-4, 1	v. o., M. Lynch#	
15	Boxford, MNWS	3, 11	J. Berry, M. Lynch#	
19, 23	Arlington, Waltham	2, 7	J. Heywood, L. Taylor	
Blackpoll Warbler				
11, 12-31	MBO, Mt. A.	1 b, 25 max 5/24	J. Atwood, v. o.	
22, 23-31	Saugus, Arlington	6, 6 max 5/23	BBC (C. Schubarth), J. Heywood	
24, 28	N. Middleboro, P.I.	1, 9	K. Holmes, M. Lynch#	

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Cerulean Warbler				
12	WBWS	1	D. Reynolds	
15	MNWS, P'town	1, 1	R. Heil, R. Comeau#	
29-31	Boxford (C.P.)	1 m	B. Drummond# + v. o.	
Black-and-white Warbler				
1-27, 1-23	Mt. A., Arlington	18 max 5/4, 6 max 5/4	v. o., J. Heywood	
1, 29	Quabbin (G37)	8, 8	M. Lynch#	
1, 7	Bridgewater, Newbypt	5, 4	K. Holmes, BBC (K. Griffis)	
8; 15	ONWR; MNWS, Nahant	7; 10, 5	M. Lynch#	
American Redstart				
10, 11-31	Middleboro, Mt. A.	2, 15+ max 5/24	K. Holmes, v. o.	
12, 22; 12-24	Waltham; Arlington	4, 8; 2+	L. Taylor; J. Heywood	
12, 13	MBO, Rutland	1, 1	J. Atwood, M. Lynch#	
15	Nahant, MNWS	5, 5	M. Lynch#	
20, 21	Quabbin (G40), P.I.	22, 30	M. Lynch#, BBC (W. Drummond)	
22	ONWR, Bolton Flats	14, 11	M. Lynch#	
Prothonotary Warbler				
18-19	Nantucket	1	J. vanVorst# + v. o.	
Worm-eating Warbler				
5-9, 5	MBO, Manchester	1 b, 1	J. Atwood, fide S. Perkins	
14, 14-16	WBWS, Nahant	1 b, 1	fide D. Reynolds, J. Quigley + v. o.	
15, 17	Bridgewater, Worcester	1, 1	K. Holmes, M. Lynch#	
21	P.I.	1	J. Berry#	
Ovenbird				
1, 29; 20	Quabbin (G37); (G40)	1, 23; 29	M. Lynch#	
8, 14, 22	ONWR	5, 7, 2	M. Lynch#	
15	Boxford	16 m	J. Berry	
22	Hamilton, Ipswich	8 m, 9 m	J. Berry	
Northern Waterthrush				
4	Middleboro, Mt. A.	2, 1	K. Holmes, F. Bouchard	
24	Dartmouth	1 flushed from nest	B. Sorrie	
Louisiana Waterthrush				
1, 5	Petersham, MNWS	3, 1	M. Lynch#, R. Heil	
21	Boxford, Milton	3 m, 1	R. Stymeist#, W. Petersen	
Kentucky Warbler				
14, 28	Marshfield, Mt. A.	1, 1	D. Ludlow#, v. o.	
Mourning Warbler				
15, 17	MNWS, MBO	1, 1	M. Lynch#, T. Lloyd-Evans	
20, 23	Manomet	1, 1	M. Kasprzyk, J. Atwood	
21, 28	P.I.	1, 1	BBC (W. Drummond), W. Petersen	
22, 31	Mt. A.	1, 2 or 3	L. Taylor, R. Stymeist#	
Common Yellowthroat				
7; 8, 18, 22	Winchester; Waltham	1; 1, 12, 15	L. Taylor	
8, 14, 22	ONWR	2, 21, 14	M. Lynch#	
10; 14, 22	Middleboro; Bolton Flats	5; 15, 19	K. Holmes; M. Lynch#	
21, 22	P.I., Hamilton	18, 20+	BBC (W. Drummond), J. Berry	
22	Saugus	12	BBC (C. Schubarth)	
22	Marshfield	20	BBC (D. + D. Oliver)	
Hooded Warbler				
5	P.I.	1 m	v. o.	
6, 12, 24	MBO	1 f, 1 m, 1 f (all banded)	MBO staff	
8, 15	Weston, MNWS	1 m, 1 m	J. Heywood#, R. Heil#	
18, 18-31	Marshfield, Newton	1 f, 1 m	D. Ludlow#, O. Komar#	
22	Nahant	1	BBC (C. Schubarth)	
Wilson's Warbler				
12, 13-29	Brookline, Mt. A.	1, 5 max 5/15	H. Wiggan#, v. o.	
13, 14	P.I., Rowley	4, 1-2	T. Aversa, J. Berry	
15, 21, 28	P.I.	2, 3, 2	v. o.	
Canada Warbler				
13-27	Mt. A.	5 max 5/15	v. o.	
14, 22	ONWR	2, 1	M. Lynch#	
15	MNWS, Nahant	10, 5	M. Lynch#	
21, 22	P.I., Hamilton area	3, 3	J. Berry	
Yellow-breasted Chat				
23	P.I.	1	N. Mueller#	

TANAGERS THROUGH FINCHES

At least 12 Summer Tanagers were reported during the month, 5 or more from Nantucket alone. The total number was about average for previous years but was four times more than that of last May. Blue Grosbeaks

were noted in three locations on Nantucket. The highlight for many fortunate observers was the discovery in Nahant of a male **Painted Bunting** which remained for two days. A male **Dickcissel**, unusual in the spring, was found at Pond Meadow Park in Braintree. Other noteworthy sightings included 5 Grasshopper Sparrows, a **Yellow-headed Blackbird**, and good counts of Sharp-tailed and Seaside sparrows at Allens Pond in South Dartmouth.

It was a poor migration of Lincoln's Sparrows, with only one individual reported during the entire month. It was the first year this observer failed to see a Lincoln's Sparrow in the spring. White-crowned Sparrows were also hard to find, with only 5 birds reported.

On the plus side, Orchard Orioles must have pleased almost everyone this May. Over 40 individuals were reported, up 7 from 1987 but down 6 from 1986. Reports of lingering winter finches included several flocks of Red Crossbills, Pine Siskins, and Evening Grosbeaks.

R.H.S.

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	MAY 1988
Summer Tanager				
6-12, 15	Duxbury, Mt. A.	1, 1	E. Mallory, v. o.	
15, 16-27	Cambridge (F. P.), Nantucket	1, 5+	J. Barton, J. Van Vorst# + v. o.	
21	WBWS, Arlington	1, 1	D. Reynolds#, C. Floyd	
23, 28	Nahant, M. V.	1, 1 (dead)	R. Forster, V. Laux	
Scarlet Tanager				
11, 12	Middleboro, Ipswich	1, 1	K. Holmes, J. Berry	
14	Marshfield, Sherborn	2, 6	D. Ludlow, E. Taylor	
14-31	Arlington, Mt. A.	2, 8 max 5/24	J. Heywood, v. o.	
14, 15	ONWR, Boxford	7, 10	M. Lynch#, J. Berry	
20, 21	Quabbin (G37), (G40)	13, 9	M. Lynch#, T. Aversa	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak				
5, 12	Waltham	1, 6	L. Taylor	
8, 14	ONWR	4, 8	M. Lynch#	
14, 16	Canton (F.M.), Nantucket	15, 8	T. Aversa, E. Andrews	
20, 21	IRWS, Quabbin (G40)	5, 12	T. Aversa	
Blue Grosbeak				
4, 14	Nantucket	1, 1 dead	E. Andrews#, F. Bouchard	
7, 15	Yarmouthport, Nantucket	1, 1	R. Scott#, M. Litchfield	
12	Braintree (Pond Meadow Park)	1 f	G. d'Entremont	
Indigo Bunting				
1	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1 m	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
8-29	Nantucket	4	E. Andrews#	
14, 18	Mt. A., Waltham	2, 2	T. Aversa, L. Taylor	
Painted Bunting				
13-14	Nahant	1 m	L. Pivacek + v. o.	
Dickcissel				
13	Braintree (Pond Meadow Park)	1 m	G. d'Entremont	
Rufous-sided Towhee				
1, 4	Quabbin (G37), N. Andover	3, 7	M. Lynch#, V. Yurkunas	
7, 21	Lexington, P.I.	5, 20	L. Taylor, BBC (W. Drummond)	
22, 23	Saugus, M. V.	18, 25	BBC (C. Schubarth), P. Overby	
Chipping Sparrow				
thr	Mt. A.	10-13 pr	R. Stymeist + v. o.	
Field Sparrow				
23	Peabody	15	R. Heil	
Vesper Sparrow				
8, 21	Plymouth	6, 3	D. Ludlow#, W. Petersen#	
20	Middleboro	1	K. Holmes	
Savannah Sparrow				
3, 8	Ipswich	7, 6	J. Berry	
15, 21	Rowley, Newburyport	3, 18	J. Berry, BBC (W. Drummond)	
Grasshopper Sparrow				
15	W. Newbury	1	BBC (D. + D. Oliver)	
17	Nantucket	1	L. Jodrey + G. Soucy	
22, 24	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1, 2	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
Sharp-tailed Sparrow				
17, 31	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	10, 23	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
21, 24	P.I., Newbury	2, 2	BBC (W. Drummond), R. Forster	
28	Rockport	1	J. Berry	
Seaside Sparrow				
14, 21	P.I.	5, 4	R. Stymeist#	
17, 24, 31	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	2, 1, 3	LCES (D. Christiansen)	

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	MAY 1988
Song Sparrow				
thr	Cambridge (F. P.)	13 max 5/18	J. Barton	
14	Bolton Flats, ONWR	15, 10	M. Lynch#	
Lincoln's Sparrow				
22	P.I.	1	V. Yurkunas	
Swamp Sparrow				
4, 14	Lynnfield, Sherborn	10+, 5	J. Berry, E. Taylor	
22, 28	Bolton Flats, Canton	6, 6	M. Lynch#, E. Taylor	
White-throated Sparrow				
4	Arlington, Madaket	23, 18	J. Heywood, E. Andrews#	
5	Madaket, Waltham	38, 25	B. Vigneau, L. Taylor	
29	MNWS, Taunton	1, 1	R. Stymeist#, D. Emerson	
White-crowned Sparrow				
5-6, 9	Madaket, Polpis	1, 1	B. Vigneau, J. Papale	
15, 19-20	P.I., Madaket	1, 1	BBC (D. + D. Oliver), E. Andrews#	
22	P.I.	1	D. Chickering	
Dark-eyed Junco				
4, 21	Mt. A., Boxford	6, 1	F. Bouchard#, B. Hallett#	
Bobolink				
6, 14, 22	DWWS	2, 60, 75+	T. Aversa + v. o.	
7, 12	W. Newbury, Mt. A.	3, 1	J. Gordon#, R. Stymeist#	
14	Bolton Flats, Sherborn	25+, 6	M. Lynch#, E. Taylor	
15, 30	Rowley, Framingham	50+, 2	J. Berry, E. Taylor	
Eastern Meadowlark				
6, 21	DWWS, P.I.	10, 12	T. Aversa, W. Drummond#	
Yellow-headed Blackbird				
10	P.I.	1 f ph	R. Martel#	
Rusty Blackbird				
5	Belmont	3	L. Taylor	
Common Grackle				
thr, 29	Arlington, Framingham	50-60, 410	J. Heywood, E. Taylor	
Brown-headed Cowbird				
5-31	Mt. A.	1 f (had band)	R. Stymeist# + v. o.	
8	Gloucester	40	BBC (J. Nove)	
Orchard Oriole				
1	Nantucket, P'town	1 m, pr	E. Andrews#, E. + A. Williams	
5, 6	Nantucket, DWWS	4, 2	E. Andrews#, T. Aversa	
7-31, 7	Mt. A., Lexington	pr, 1	v. o., L. Taylor	
7, 11-18	W. Newbury, Cambridge (F. P.)	pr, 1	H. Wiggin#, J. Barton	
11; 12, 16	Wellesley; Auburn	1 m; 1 m, 1	R. Forster; M. Lynch#	
13, 15	P.I., Lexington	1, 2	T. Aversa, C. Floyd#	
16, 17	Medway, Hull	pr, 1	R. Forster, P. Thayer	
Reports of 17 individuals from 13 locations from 5/20-24.				
Northern Oriole				
1, 6	Halifax, Taunton	1, 1	K. Holmes, D. Emerson	
10-31; 12, 18	Sherborn; Waltham	20; 7, 9	E. Taylor; L. Taylor	
16	Cambridge (F. P.)	19	J. Barton	
Purple Finch				
thr, 1	P.I., Bridgewater	3 or 4, 3	v. o., K. Holmes	
1, 15	P'town, Boxford	1, 1	A. + E. Williams, J. Berry	
House Finch				
thr	Watertown	2 prs nesting	L. Doherty	
thr	Sherborn	pr nesting	E. Taylor	
Red Crossbill				
7, 8, 15	Mt. A.	25+, 8, 1	v. o., D. Small, O. Komar	
8, 13	Quabbin (G40), Worcester	2, 7	J. Gordon#, M. Lynch#	
18, 19	Arlington	35+	J. Heywood	
Pine Siskin				
1, 20	Quabbin (G37), (G40)	6, 2	M. Lynch#	
5	P'town, IRWS	3, 9	B. Nikula, R. Heil	
13, 14	N. Truro, Newburyport	1, 6	B. Nikula, BBC (N. Mueller)	
21	Brookline, Lakeville	3, 4	H. Coolidge#, W. Petersen#	
29	Stow, Lancaster	1, 1	R. Stymeist#, L. Taylor#	
Evening Grosbeak				
4, 5, 12	P'town	1, 2, 2	B. Nikula	
4, 5	Ipswich, IRWS	1, 6	J. Berry, R. Heil	
12, 14	Waltham, Marshfield	2, 1	L. Taylor, D. Ludlow	
22	Ipswich	1	G. d'Entremont	