



Lark Bunting
Plum Island
July 23, 1988
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FIELD RECORDS

JULY 1988

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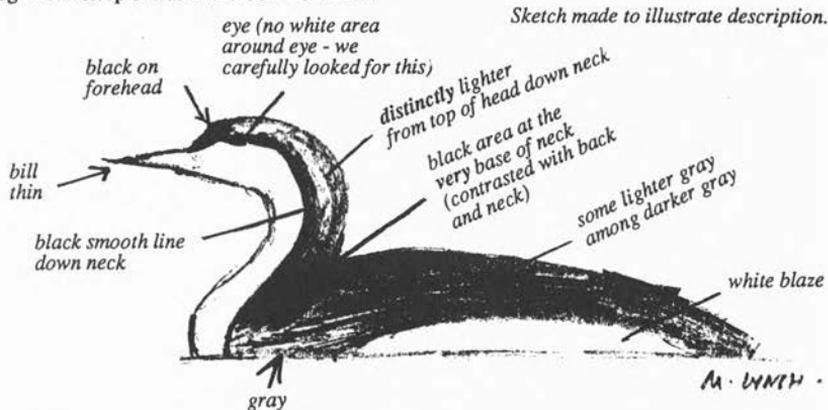
July was very wet and very humid. The temperature averaged 73.7 degrees, only 0.2 degree above normal. A very cold start to the month and a six-day cool spell from July 19 to July 25 were more than offset by several sieges of unbearable heat. A total of eight days reached 90 degrees or higher. The high at Boston was 99 degrees on July 11. Rain totaled 7.62 inches, 4.94 inches more than normal. This was the most rain in July since 8.12 inches in 1959. Measurable amounts fell on seventeen days. Heavier amounts fell in several areas south of Boston; six inches in Milton on July 27 produced severe flooding and tied up the expressway for hours. Thunderstorms were noted on eight days, twice the average for July. At the Blue Hill Observatory in Milton, thunder was heard on fifteen days, setting a new record for any month. Fog was recorded on twenty days, including a consecutive stretch of sixteen days, July 16-31. R.H.S.

LOONS THROUGH WATERFOWL

On July 24, a immature **Arctic/Pacific Loon** was observed at Emerson Rocks off Plum Island. Mark Lynch reported:

On July 24, 1988, Sheila Carroll, Dennis Oliver, Barbara Howell, and I were birding on Plum Island. The weather had been drizzly, misty with a wind coming from the north. A major storm had just passed. At approximately 1:00 P.M., we were looking at the ocean near Emerson Rocks. I noticed a loon, swimming in from the right. It stayed in front of us. Visibility was good. The bird was in view for about fifteen minutes. It never dove but occasionally disappeared behind a wave. On inspection with scopes, the bird appeared unique.

It was a slight bird, appearing thinner necked than a Common Loon. The bill was straight and pointed, but small and not as wide as a Common's. The bill appeared light. The bird was in immature plumage, dark above, light below. The back of the bird's neck was a definite lighter gray than the area of the forehead. Where the line of gray ran down the side of the neck, it was a darker color and ran straight down the neck. Where the back of the neck connected with the body, there was another area of much darker color. The back was a dark gray. There was a very definite area of white at the water line along the rear half of the flanks, although the rear itself was black. The dark of the top of the head came down just to the eye, and there was definitely no trace of white around the eye as there is in immature and basic plumages of Common Loons. There was a slight forehead, though not a steep one as in the Common Loon.



A Red-billed Tropicbird was seen again this year at Gay Head, but sightings were sporadic. For the first time in three years, it was a good month for viewing pelagic birds on Stellwagen Bank. Large numbers of Greater, Sooty, and Manx shearwaters were reported, and the numbers increased throughout the month.

The number of herons roosting at Bill Forward Pool on Plum Island increased substantially by month's end. A July 31 evening count tallied 46 Great and 592 Snowy egrets and 26 Glossy Ibises. Least Bitterns were not easy to find at Hellcat on Plum Island this year. Perhaps construction equipment in the area caused their absence. Yellow-crowned Night-Herons, however, were present all month on Plum island with as many as 3 adults and one immature noted.

About 500 Canada Geese became a traffic hazard and a cause of much concern to Stoneham residents as reported in *The Boston Globe*. A high of 200 Wood Ducks was reported from Great Meadows during the month.

R.H.S.

| DATE | LOCATION | NUMBER | OBSERVERS | JULY 1988 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Red-throated Loon 6 | Winthrop | 1 | T. Aversa | |
| Common Loon 8, 9 | P.I., Gloucester | 1, 1 | T. Aversa | |
| 26, 31; 31 | Winthrop; Cuttyhunk | 1, 2; 1 | J. Cumming; P. Trimble | |
| Arctic/Pacific Loon 24 | (details submitted) P.I. | 1 | M. Lynch# | |
| Pied-billed Grebe 15 | Nantucket | 1 | fide M. Litchfield | |
| Greater Shearwater 2, 17 | off Gloucester | 6, 15+ | J. Brown, J. Berry | |
| 24, 29 | Stellwagen Bank | 200+, 300+ | W. Petersen#, T. Aversa# | |
| 31 | Stellwagen Bank | 900+ | R. Stymeist# | |
| Sooty Shearwater 2, 17 | off Gloucester | 4, 110+ | J. Brown, J. Berry | |
| 24, 29 | Stellwagen Bank | 150, 200+ | W. Petersen#, T. Aversa# | |
| 31 | Stellwagen Bank | 1100+ | R. Stymeist# | |
| Manx Shearwater 17, 24 | Stellwagen Bank | 20+, 100+ | J. Berry, W. Petersen# | |
| 29, 31 | Stellwagen Bank | 10, 65 | T. Aversa, R. Stymeist# | |
| Wilson's Storm-Petrel 2, 17 | off Gloucester | 200, 225 | J. Brown, J. Berry | |
| 31 | Stellwagen Bank | 325 | R. Stymeist# | |
| Northern Gannet 24 | Stellwagen Bank | 2 | W. Petersen# | |
| Red-billed Tropicbird 4 | Gay Head | 1 ad | fide V. Laux | |
| Great Cormorant 3 | Lakeville | 1 imm | W. Petersen | |
| Double-crested Cormorant 4, 17 | Rockport, Gloucester | 85, 105+ | J. Berry | |
| 24 | Provincetown | pr w/nest + yg | W. Petersen# | |
| 31 | Winthrop, Cuttyhunk | 107, 460 | J. Cumming, P. Trimble | |
| Least Bittern 2, 10 | P.I., Salem | 1, 1 | D. Chickering, J. Brown | |
| Great Blue Heron 16 | GMNWR | 32 | BBC (M. Lynch#) | |
| 31 | E. Boston, Rowley | 1, 15 | J. Cumming, R. Stymeist# | |
| Great Egret thr | P.I. | 46 max 7/31 | R. Stymeist# | |
| thr | S. Dart. (Allens Pd) | 19 max 7/26 | LCES (D. Christiansen) | |
| 3, 25 | Lakeville, S. Monomoy | 1, 3 | W. Petersen# | |
| Snowy Egret thr | P.I. | 592 max 7/31 | R. Stymeist# | |
| 21 | E. Boston | 48 | T. Aversa | |
| 26 | S. Dart. (Allens Pd) | 14 | LCES (D. Christiansen) | |
| Little Blue Heron 1 | Nantucket | 1 | fide M. Litchfield | |
| 7, 26 | S. Dart. (Allens Pd) | 2, 1 | LCES (D. Christiansen) | |
| 21, 31 | E. Boston, Essex | 1 imm, 1 ad | T. Aversa, R. Stymeist# | |
| Cattle Egret 9, 13 | Ipswich, Essex | 1, 4 | J. Berry, J. Brown | |
| Green-backed Heron thr | P.I. | 8 max 7/18 | BBC (D. + D. Oliver) | |
| Black-crowned Night-Heron 16, 27 | GMNWR, Yarmouthport | 10, 14 | BBC (M. Lynch#), J. Aylward | |

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|---|--|----------------------------------|---|-----------|
| Yellow-crowned Night-Heron thr 21 | P.I. Squantum | 3 ad + 1 imm max 1 ad | v. o. J. Paputseanos | |
| Glossy Ibis thr | P.I., N. Monomoy | 26 max 7/31, 13 max 7/3 | R. Stymeist#, L. Taylor# | |
| Mute Swan thr thr 22, 24 | P.I. S. Dart. (Allens Pd) Mashpee, Ipswich | 1 or 2 8-12 15, pr w/ 5 yg | v. o. LCES (D. Christiansen) P. Trimble, J. Berry | |
| Canada Goose thr | Stoneham | 500 max 7/2 | T. Aversa | |
| Wood Duck 16 | GMNWR | 200 | BBC (M. Lynch#) | |
| Green-winged Teal 10, 24 | E. Boston, P.I. | 1, 10 | J. Cumming, M. Lynch# | |
| Blue-winged Teal thr | P.I. | 37 max 7/17 | M. Lynch# + v. o. | |
| Gadwall thr | P.I. | 21 max 7/22 | W. Drew# + v. o. | |
| American Wigeon 2 | P.I. | 2 | D. Chickering | |
| Common Eider 17, 31 | Gloucester, Revere | 47, 1 | J. Berry, J. Cumming | |
| White-winged Scoter 4, 17 31 | Rockport, Gloucester Revere | 1, 2 7 | J. Berry J. Cumming | |

RAPTORS THROUGH GALLIFORMES

A well-described **American Swallow-tailed Kite** was reported from the Sankaty Head Golf Course on Nantucket on July 20. This report is the first sighting of this species on Nantucket. There were three reports of swallow-tailed kites in May 1988 from Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard. An immature Bald Eagle was observed in West Boylston, and a nest of Sharp-shinned Hawks with young was present in South Wellfleet. R.H.S.

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|---|---|--|--|--|
| Turkey Vulture 3, 4 4, 18 23 | Bridgewater, Dover Westminster, Ipswich Hardwick, Braintree | 2, 1 1, 2 3, 1 | W. Petersen, E. Taylor M. Lynch#, J. Berry M. Lynch#, E. Taylor | |
| Osprey thr thr 3 17, 22 | S. Dart. (Allens Pd) Nantucket (Coskata) Lakeville E. Orleans, Mashpee | 8 max pr w/ 3 yg nest w/ 3 yg 1, 11 | LCES (D. Christiansen) M. Litchfield W. Petersen A. Williams#, P. Trimble | |
| American Swallow-tailed Kite 20 | Nantucket | 1 | K. Glover | |
| Bald Eagle 15 | W. Boylston | 1 imm | C. Quinlan | |
| Northern Harrier 25 | S. Monomoy | 2 juv (recently fledged) | W. Petersen# | |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk thr | S. Wellfleet | pr w/ yg | J. Green | |
| Cooper's Hawk 6 | W. Bridgewater | 1 | K. Holmes | |
| Red-shouldered Hawk 4 4 | Westminster, Gardner W. Newbury | 1, 1 1 | M. Lynch# D. Chickering | |
| American Kestrel thr 18 23, 30 | Nantucket P.I. Hanscom AFB, Otis AFB | 2 nesting pairs 1 pr + 3 yg 4, 3 | fide M. Litchfield BBC (D. + D. Oliver) G. Gove, P. Trimble | |
| Ruffed Grouse 3 | N. Andover | 1 ad w/ 8 yg | V. Yurkunas | |
| Wild Turkey 7 | along Route 44 | 1 | M. Kasprzyk | |
| Northern Bobwhite 8 | N. Middleboro | 2 | K. Holmes | |

RAILS THROUGH SKIMMERS

A Clapper Rail was noted at South Dartmouth, and Virginia Rail sightings included 5 adults plus 5 young at Great Meadows NWR, where up to 4 Soras were also present. Reports of Common Moorhen were received from four locations, with one adult plus 3 young seen in Salem.

Piping Plover numbers included 25 at Allens Pond in South Dartmouth, 11 at South Beach Island in Chatham, and 10 at North Monomoy. American Oystercatcher reports included 2 adults plus 3 young at one of the Boston Harbor islands. Up to 8 "Western" Willets were present at North Monomoy, where up to 150 Willets of the eastern race were counted. Upland Sandpiper reports included 13 at Otis AFB and 7 adults plus 2 young at Hanscom AFB. The shorebird of the month was the Bar-tailed Godwit seen on July 31 at South Beach Island in Chatham and said to be of the Pacific race, *baueri*. The bird was seen by many in August on sandbars between South Monomoy and North Monomoy. A Marbled Godwit was present with the Hudsonian Godwits at North Monomoy. A female Ruff was reported from Newburyport.

A well-described Franklin's Gull was reported on July 17 from Plum Island and was seen by a number of observers. One or two Little Gulls were present in the Newburyport-Plum Island area. Both Caspian and Royal terns were reported. Up to 15 *portlandica* Arctic Terns were present at North Monomoy, where six Black Terns were also noted. Two adult Black Skimmers with 4 young were reported from New Island in Orleans.

G.W.G.

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| Clapper Rail | | | | |
| 7 | S. Dart. (Allens Pd) | 1 | LCES (D. Christiansen) | |
| Virginia Rail | | | | |
| 3, 10 | Lynnfield, Salem | 3, 3 | J. Berry#, J. Brown | |
| 10, 16 | Quabbin (G42), GMNWR | 5, 5 ad + 2 yg | M. Lynch#, BBC (M. Lynch) | |
| Sora | | | | |
| thr | GMNWR | 4 max | v. o. | |
| 3, 10 | Lynnfield, Salem | 2, 1 | J. Berry#, J. Brown | |
| Common Moorhen | | | | |
| 3, 10 | Lynnfield, Salem | 1 ad, 1 ad + 3 yg | J. Berry#, J. Brown | |
| 16, 23 | P. I., E. Boston | 2, 1 | D. Chickering, J. Cumming | |
| American Coot | | | | |
| 10, 16 | E. Boston, GMNWR | 1, 1 | J. Cumming, BBC (M. Lynch) | |
| Black-bellied Plover | | | | |
| thr | N. Monomoy | 250 max | B. Nikula | |
| 30; 30, 31 | P. I.; Plymouth | 20; 6, 48 | J. Berry#; J. Gear | |
| Lesser Golden-Plover | | | | |
| 3-31 | N. Monomoy | 2 ad (br pl) max | v. o. | |
| 24 | Barnstable | 1 | H. Ferguson | |
| Semipalmated Plover | | | | |
| thr | N. Monomoy, P.I. | 100 max, 35 max | 7/30 B. Nikula, J. Berry# | |
| 15-25 | Duxbury | 74 max 7/25 | M. Kasprzyk | |
| 26-31 | Plymouth | 137 max 7/31 | fide M. Kasprzyk | |
| Piping Plover | | | | |
| thr | N. Monomoy, Duxbury | 10 max, 4 max | B. Nikula + v. o., M. Kasprzyk | |
| 7-26 | S. Dart. (Allens Pd) | 25 max 7/26 | LCES (D. Christiansen) | |
| 24 | P. I., Barnstable | 2, 8 | L. Taylor#, H. Ferguson | |
| 26 | Eastham | 10 | W. Petersen# | |
| 31 | Cuttyhunk, Chatham | 2, 11 | P. Trimble, D. Houghton# | |
| Killdeer | | | | |
| 1 | Marlboro | nest w/4 eggs | R. Graefe | |
| 3; 13, 26 | Lynnfield; P.I. | 2 ad + 2 yg; 12, 14 | J. Brown; W. Drew# | |
| American Oystercatcher | | | | |
| thr | N. Monomoy | 32 max | B. Nikula + v. o. | |
| 4 | Boston Harbor (Sheep I.) | 2 ad + 3 yg | P. Stevens# | |
| 13 | S. Dart. (Allens Pd) | 2 | LCES (D. Christiansen) | |
| 16, 27 | E. Orleans, Orleans | 4, 18 ad | A. Williams#, W. Petersen | |
| 31 | Cuttyhunk | 5 | P. Trimble | |
| Greater Yellowlegs | | | | |
| thr | N. Monomoy, P.I. | 70 max, 76 max | 7/31 B. Nikula#, R. Stymeist# | |
| 17-31 | E. Boston | 30-35 | J. Cumming | |
| 22 | Duxbury, Mashpee | 33, 10 | M. Kasprzyk, P. Trimble | |
| Lesser Yellowlegs | | | | |
| thr | P.I. | 90 max 7/13 | W. Drew# | |
| 9-31, 10-31 | N. Monomoy, E. Boston | 50 max, 21 max | B. Nikula, J. Cumming | |
| Solitary Sandpiper | | | | |
| 22, 26 | Stoughton, P.I. | 1, 1 | R. Titus | |
| 26, 31 | S. Wellfleet, E. Boston | 1, 1 | W. Petersen, J. Cumming | |

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| "Western" Willet thr | N. Monomoy | 8 max | B. Nikula + v.o | |
| Willet thr | N. Monomoy, P.I. | 150 max, 8-10 max | B. Nikula + v. o., v. o. | |
| Spotted Sandpiper 10-27, 10 25 | P.I., Concord S. Monomoy | 4 or 5, 5 1 ad + 3 yg | v. o., L. Taylor# W. Petersen | |
| Upland Sandpiper thr 3 | Otis AFB, Newburyport Hanscom AFB | 13, 4 max 7 ad + 2 yg | P. Trimble, v. o. J. Carter | |
| Whimbrel thr 15, 22; 16 22 30 | N. Monomoy Duxbury; E. Orleans S. Dart. (Allens Pd) P.I. | 410 max 7/27 1, 5; 1 15 15 | B. Nikula + v. o. M. Kasprzyk; A. Williams LCES (D. Christiansen) T. Leverich | |
| Bar-tailed Godwit 31 | (Pacific race <i>baueri</i>) Chatham (South Beach I.) | 1 ph | B. Nikula | |
| Hudsonian Godwit thr 11-31, 17 | N. Monomoy Newbypt-P.I., E. Boston | 42 max 21 max, 7 | B. Nikula + v. o. v. o., J. Cumming | |
| Marbled Godwit 1-9 | N. Monomoy | 1 | v. o. | |
| Ruddy Turnstone thr, 31 | N. Monomoy, Winthrop | 80 max, 57 | B. Nikula + v. o., J. Cumming | |
| Red Knot thr 17, 22 | N. Monomoy Scituate, Duxbury | 250 max 20, 19 | B. Nikula + v. o. R. Abrams#, M. Kasprzyk | |
| Sanderling thr 15-25 | N. Monomoy Duxbury | 500 max 282 max 7/25 | B. Nikula M. Kasprzyk | |
| Semipalmated Sandpiper thr 7-25 17-31 | N. Monomoy, P.I. Duxbury Plymouth | 600 max, 300 max 850 max 7/25 3195 max 7/31 | B. Nikula, v. o. M. Kasprzyk M. Kasprzyk | |
| Western Sandpiper 3 | N. Monomoy | 1 br pl | G. Gove# | |
| Least Sandpiper thr 3, 19-25 10-31 | N. Monomoy Halifax, Duxbury P.I. | 600 max 4, 44 max 7/22 153 max 7/17 | B. Nikula W. Petersen, M. Kasprzyk M. Lynch# + v. o. | |
| White-rumped Sandpiper 25 | S. Monomoy | 1 oiled | W. Petersen# | |
| Pectoral Sandpiper 9-31 17, 24 | N. Monomoy P. I., Barnstable | 15 max 2, 2 | B. Nikula M. Lynch#, H. Ferguson | |
| Dunlin 29 | N. Monomoy | 1 | W. Petersen# | |
| Stilt Sandpiper 10-31 17-30, 25 | P.I. E. Boston, S. Monomoy | 8 max 7/11, 23 1, 9 | v. o. J. Cumming, W. Petersen# | |
| Ruff 24 | Newburyport | 1 f | R. Forster | |
| Short-billed Dowitcher thr 7-26 10-31 19-25 | N. Monomoy, P.I. S. Dart. (Allens Pd) E. Boston Duxbury | 1000 max, 212 max 7/13 106 max 7/7 58 max 150 max 7/22 | B. Nikula + v.o., W. Drew# LCES (D. Christiansen) J. Cumming M. Kasprzyk | |
| Long-billed Dowitcher 23, 29 | P. I., N. Monomoy | 8, 1 | I. Giriunas#, W. Petersen | |
| Common Snipe 4 | W. Newbury | 1 | D. Chickering | |
| American Woodcock 16 | Lawrence | 1 | V. Yurkunas | |
| Wilson's Phalarope 2, 29 | P. I., N. Monomoy | 1, 1 m | D. Chickering, W. Petersen# | |
| Parasitic Jaeger 24, 31 | Stellwagen Bank | 12, 1 | W. Petersen#, L. Taylor# | |
| Laughing Gull 3, 17 17-31 | N. Monomoy, Squantum E. Boston | 100, 200 39 max | M. Lynch, J. Paputseanos J. Cumming | |

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| Laughing Gull (continued) | | | | |
| 26 | S. Dart. (Allens Pd) | 13 | LCES (D. Christiansen) | |
| Franklin's Gull | | | | |
| 17 | P.I. | 1 ad | M. Lynch# | |
| Little Gull | | | | |
| thr | Newburyport-P.I. area | 1 or 2 | v. o. | |
| Bonaparte's Gull | | | | |
| thr | P.I. | 120 max 7/25 | v. o. | |
| 10-31 | Winthrop | 35 max | J. Cumming | |
| Ring-billed Gull | | | | |
| 9, 19 | E. Boston, Stoneham | 150, 50 | T. Aversa | |
| 17-31 | Winthrop | 250 max | J. Cumming | |
| Caspian Tern | | | | |
| 11 | P.I. | 1 | D. F. Oliver | |
| Royal Tern | | | | |
| 26 | S. Dart. (Allens Pd) | 2 | LCES (D. Christiansen) | |
| 31 | Chatham | 2 | W. Harrington | |
| Roseate Tern | | | | |
| 3, 17 | N. Monomoy, Scituate | 25, 2 | M. Lynch#, R. Abrams | |
| 26 | S. Dart. (Allens Pd) | 2 | LCES (D. Christiansen) | |
| Common Tern | | | | |
| 3, 10-31 | N. Monomoy, P.I. | 1000, 60 max | M. Lynch#, v. o. | |
| 7-26 | S. Dart. (Allens Pd) | 26 max 7/13 | LCES (D. Christiansen) | |
| 22, 31 | Mashpee, Cuttyhunk | 20, 80 | P. Trimble | |
| Arctic Tern | | | | |
| thr | N. Monomoy | 25 max (15 <i>portlandica</i>) | B. Nikula + v. o. | |
| Forster's Tern | | | | |
| 11, 12 | N. Monomoy, P.I. | 1 ad, 1 | B. Nikula, V. Yurkunas | |
| Least Tern | | | | |
| thr | P.I. | 4 max 7/24 | v. o. | |
| 3 | N. Monomoy | 4 | M. Lynch# | |
| 7-26 | S. Dart. (Allens Pd) | 15 max 7/26 | LCES (D. Christiansen) | |
| 22, 31 | Mashpee, Cuttyhunk | 30, 30 | P. Trimble | |
| Black Tern | | | | |
| thr | N. Monomoy | 6 max | B. Nikula + v. o. | |
| 25, 27 | S. Monomoy, Nantucket | 4, 5 | W. Petersen#, M. Litchfield | |
| Black Skimmer | | | | |
| thr | Orleans (New I.) | 2 pr + 4 yg | H. Stabins# | |

CUCKOOS THROUGH FINCHES

Only 4 Black-billed and just 2 Yellow-billed cuckoos were reported this July, compared with 12 Black-billed and 8 Yellow-billed cuckoos last July. A Yellow-billed Cuckoo was closely watched as it fed actively in Ipswich. It gave one long rattle call then for about a half hour the bird gave single "cucks" at intervals.

At Myles Standish State Forest in Plymouth, the number of Whip-poor-wills calling dropped from a maximum of 33 individuals on June 28 to 11 birds calling on July 14.

On July 3, the South Shore Bird Club conducted a survey of birds in the Fall River-Freetown Wildlife Management Area. The bird song was less than in June. All breeding confirmations were of fledged birds. The number of Veerys was impressive, given that the woods surveyed were more dry than swampy. The many scrubby clearings in this area provided ideal habitats for the good numbers of towhees, Common Yellowthroats, Chestnut-sided and Prairie warblers.

This July was filled with surprises. Perhaps the most unusual was the discovery of a breeding-plumaged **Snow Bunting** at Katama on Martha's Vineyard. This was the first summer showing in the state of this arctic breeder, and it remained in the same area through August 15, 1988. A **Lark Bunting** in breeding plumage and two adult **Lark Sparrows** were found on July 23. Both these species are usually found in the Great Plains area of the country and the severe drought out West is a possible explanation for their first summer appearance here. The Lark Bunting remained at Plum Island through July 25, but the Lark Sparrows could not be found in Scituate after July 23.

An adult "**Bicknell's**" **Gray-cheeked Thrush** was banded at Manomet Bird Observatory on July 7. To add further puzzlement, this bird was retrapped at MBO on August 16, 1988! A **Worm-eating Warbler** in heavy molt (including flight feathers) was also banded at Manomet on July 7. A **Wood Thrush** was found at North Eastham, another surprise. This species is uncommon on outer Cape Cod.

Other highlights included an out-of-place **White-throated Sparrow** in Ipswich, a roost of about 7000 **Common Grackles** behind the Natick Mall, and reports of **Red Crossbills** in Bolton and at Quabbin. R.H.S.

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| Black-billed Cuckoo | | | | |
| 3, 4 | Whitman, Ipswich | 1, 1 | W. Petersen, J. Berry | |
| 12, 26 | Topsfield, P.I. | 1, 1 | J. Brown, R. Titus | |
| Yellow-billed Cuckoo | | | | |
| 4, 30 | P.I., Ipswich | 1, 1 | G. d'Entremont#, J. Berry | |
| Common Barn-Owl | | | | |
| thr | W. Tisbury | pr w/ 3 yg | v. o. | |
| Eastern Screech-Owl | | | | |
| 8, 13 | Ipswich, Plymouth | 1 dead, 5 | T. Aversa, K. Holmes | |
| Great Horned Owl | | | | |
| 13 | Plymouth, Ipswich | 2, 1 | K. Holmes, J. Berry | |
| Barred Owl | | | | |
| 10 | Quabbin (G42) | 1 | M. Lynch# | |
| Short-eared Owl | | | | |
| 11, 13 | Nant., N. Monomoy | 1, 1 | M. Litchfield, B. Nikula | |
| Whip-poor-will | | | | |
| thr | Plymouth (Myles Standish) | 11 max 7/14 | G. d'Entremont# | |
| 24 | Dover | 1 | E. Taylor | |
| Chimney Swift | | | | |
| thr, 4 | Topsfield, S. Natick | 4-15, 25 | J. Brown, E. Taylor | |
| Ruby-throated Hummingbird | | | | |
| 11, 29 | Nant., Lawrence | 1, 1 | M. Litchfield, V. Yurkunas | |
| Red-headed Woodpecker | | | | |
| 5 | N. Middleboro | 1 imm | K. Holmes | |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker | | | | |
| 9 | W. Tisbury | 4 | R. Stymeist# | |
| Downy Woodpecker | | | | |
| 3 | N. Andover | 10 | V. Yurkunas | |
| Hairy Woodpecker | | | | |
| 3 | Topsfield | 4 | J. Berry | |
| Eastern Wood-Pewee | | | | |
| 2, 10; 2 | Quab. (G42); Barre, Hardwick | 11, 7; 4, 3 | M. Lynch# | |
| 3 | Fall River-Freetown | 13 | SSBC (K. Anderson) | |
| Willow Flycatcher | | | | |
| 2 | Whitman, GMNWR | 2, 2 | W. Petersen, BBC (J. Cary) | |
| 17, 23 | P.I. | 4, 3 | M. Lynch#, R. Stymeist# | |
| Eastern Phoebe | | | | |
| thr | Topsfield | 2 pr + 7 yg | J. Brown | |
| Eastern Kingbird | | | | |
| 11, 18 | Marlboro, P.I. | ad w/ 5 yg, 25 | R. Graefe, BBC (D. + D. Oliver) | |
| Horned Lark | | | | |
| 23-23 | P.I. | 1 | v. o. | |
| Purple Martin | | | | |
| thr | P.I. | 48 max 7/25 | v. o. | |
| Tree Swallow | | | | |
| 31 | Essex, P.I. | 600+, 1200+ | R. Stymeist# | |
| N. Rough-winged Swallow | | | | |
| 24-28 | N. Eastham | pr w/ 4 yg | W. Petersen# | |
| Bank Swallow | | | | |
| 17, 24 | P.I., N. Truro | 40+, 50+ | G. d'Entremont#, J. Aylward | |
| Cliff Swallow | | | | |
| 10 | Gloucester | 2 | G. d'Entremont | |
| 26, 31 | P.I., Newbury | 3, 4 or 5 | R. Titus, J. Berry | |
| American Crow | | | | |
| thr | Natick | 257 max 7/27 | E. Taylor | |
| Fish Crow | | | | |
| 1, 2 | W. Hanover, Hingham | 2, 2 | G. d'Entremont, W. Petersen | |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch | | | | |
| 2, 10 | Quabbin (G42) | 6, 4 | M. Lynch# | |
| 3, 10 | Lakeville, Hamilton | 1, 2 or 3 | W. Petersen, J. Berry | |
| White-breasted Nuthatch | | | | |
| 3 | N. Andover | 9 | V. Yurkunas | |
| 3 | Fall River-Freetown | 14 | SSBC (K. Anderson) | |
| Carolina Wren | | | | |
| 9 | W. Tisbury, Chilmark | 3, 3 | R. Stymeist# | |
| 20 | Yarmouthport | 1 (in bedroom) | J. Aylward | |
| 23; 31 | Freetown, Berkley; Ipswich | 2, 7; 1 | R. Titus; J. Berry | |
| House Wren | | | | |
| 3 | Fall River-Freetown | 8 | SSBC (K. Anderson) | |
| 4, 10 | Gardner, Quabbin (G42) | 12, 15 | M. Lynch# | |

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| Winter Wren | | | | |
| 2 | Milton, Barre | 2, 3 | G. d'Entremont, M. Lynch# | |
| 4, 16-25 | Ashburnham, Dover | 3, 2 | M. Lynch#, C. Quinlan | |
| Marsh Wren | | | | |
| thr | GMNWR, P.I. | 20 max, 26 max | v. o. | |
| 3 | Whitman, Lynnfield | 10+, 3 | W. Petersen, J. Berry | |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet | | | | |
| 3 | Lakeville | 3+ (breeders) | W. Petersen | |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher | | | | |
| 2, 10 | Quabbin (G42) | 2 | M. Lynch# | |
| Eastern Bluebird | | | | |
| 4 | Gardner | 1 | M. Lynch# | |
| Veery | | | | |
| 2 | Barre, Hardwick | 6, 5 | M. Lynch# | |
| 3 | Fall River-Freetown | 25 | SSBC (K. Anderson) | |
| "Bicknell's" Gray-cheeked Thrush | | | | |
| 7 | Manomet | 1 ad | fide M. Kasprzyk | |
| Hermit Thrush | | | | |
| thr | Sherborn, Dover | 6, 4 | E. Taylor | |
| 2, 10 | Quabbin (G42) | 8, 9 | M. Lynch# | |
| 3 | Fall River-Freetown | 14 | SSBC (K. Anderson) | |
| 20 | Sharon | 3 | R. Titus | |
| Wood Thrush | | | | |
| 2 | Ipswich (Willowdale), Quab. (G42) | 7 m, 2 | J. Berry, M. Lynch# | |
| 3 | Essex county | 10+ | J. Berry# | |
| 3 | Fall River-Freetown | 3 | SSBC (K. Anderson) | |
| 29 | N. Eastham | 1 | W. Petersen | |
| Gray Catbird | | | | |
| thr | P.I. | 46 max 7/23 | v. o. | |
| 3 | Fall River-Freetown | 24 | SSBC (K. Anderson) | |
| Brown Thrasher | | | | |
| thr | P.I. | 10 max 7/26 | v. o. | |
| Solitary Vireo | | | | |
| 2, 10; 26 | Quab. (G42); N. Middleboro | 4-6; 1 | M. Lynch#; K. Holmes | |
| Yellow-throated Vireo | | | | |
| 2, 23 | Hardwick, Quabbin (G42) | 1, 1 | M. Lynch# | |
| 30 | Bolton | 2 | C. Quinlan | |
| Warbling Vireo | | | | |
| 3, 29 | Lynnfield, Watertown | 2 m, 1 m | J. Berry#, R. Stymeist | |
| Red-eyed Vireo | | | | |
| 2, 4 | Quabbin (G42), Ashburnham | 16, 19 | M. Lynch# | |
| Blue-winged Warbler | | | | |
| 3, 4; 4 | Topsfield; W. Newbury | pr w/ 2 or 3 yg; 5 | J. Brown; D. Chickering | |
| "Lawrence's" Warbler | | | | |
| 25 | Medfield | 1 (road kill) | H. Robbins | |
| Nashville Warbler | | | | |
| 4 | Ashburnham | 3 | M. Lynch# | |
| Chestnut-sided Warbler | | | | |
| 3 | Essex county | 6+ | J. Berry# | |
| Magnolia Warbler | | | | |
| 4 | Ashburnham | 1 | M. Lynch# | |
| Black-throated Blue Warbler | | | | |
| 4 | Ashburnham | 6 | M. Lynch# | |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler | | | | |
| 2, 10; 3 | Quabbin (G42); Lakeville | 6, 8; 2 m | M. Lynch#; W. Petersen | |
| Black-throated Green Warbler | | | | |
| 2, 10 | Quabbin (G42) | 12 or 13 | M. Lynch# | |
| Blackburnian Warbler | | | | |
| 2, 10 | Quabbin (G42) | 3, 5 | M. Lynch# | |
| Pine Warbler | | | | |
| 2, 10 | Quabbin (G42) | 6, 3 | M. Lynch# | |
| 3 | Fall River-Freetown | 40 | SSBC (K. Anderson) | |
| Prairie Warbler | | | | |
| 3 | Fall River-Freetown | 26 | SSBC (K. Anderson) | |
| American Redstart | | | | |
| 24, 26 | P.I. | 1, 1 | L. Taylor#, R. Titus | |
| Worm-eating Warbler | | | | |
| 7 | Manomet | 1 b | fide M. Kasprzyk | |

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| Ovenbird | | | | |
| 2 | Ipswich (Willowdale) | 6 | J. Berry | |
| 3 | N. Andover | 6 ad + 2 yg | V. Yurkunas | |
| 3 | Fall River-Freetown | 44 | SSBC (K. Anderson) | |
| 4 | Ashburnham | 19 | M. Lynch# | |
| Northern Waterthrush | | | | |
| 26, 30 | P.I., N. Monomoy | 1, 1 | R. Titus, E. Nielsen# | |
| 31 | Cuttyhunk | 1 | P. Trimble | |
| Louisiana Waterthrush | | | | |
| 10, 23 | Quabbin (G42), (G41) | 1, 1 | M. Lynch# | |
| Common Yellowthroat | | | | |
| 2 | Barre, Hardwick | 11, 11 | M. Lynch# | |
| 3 | Fall River-Freetown | 46 | SSBC (K. Anderson) | |
| 3, 31 | Lynnfield, Cuttyhunk | 6, 10 | J. Brown#, P. Trimble | |
| Canada Warbler | | | | |
| 4 | Ashburnham | 3 | M. Lynch# | |
| Scarlet Tanager | | | | |
| 3 | Fall River-Freetown | 44 | SSBC (K. Anderson) | |
| Rufous-sided Towhee | | | | |
| 3 | Fall River-Freetown | 44 | SSBC (K. Anderson) | |
| 3 | N. Andover | 19 | V. Yurkunas | |
| Vesper Sparrow | | | | |
| 20 | Otis AFB | 2 | P. Trimble | |
| Lark Sparrow | | | | |
| 23 | Scituate | 2 ad | R. Abrams# | |
| Lark Bunting | | | | |
| 23-25 | P.I. | 1 ad ph | P. + F. Vale + v. o. | |
| Grasshopper Sparrow | | | | |
| 7 | S. Dart. (Allens Pd) | 1 | LCES (D. Christiansen) | |
| Sharp-tailed Sparrow | | | | |
| thr | S. Dart. (Allens Pd) | 34 max 7/7 | LCES (D. Christiansen) | |
| 27 | Orleans (New I.) | nest w/ 3 yg | W. Petersen# | |
| 30 | P.I. Sound | 20 | J. Berry# | |
| Seaside Sparrow | | | | |
| thr | S. Dart. (Allens Pd) | 7 max 7/26 | LCES (D. Christiansen) | |
| 30 | P.I. Sound | 11 | J. Berry# | |
| Song Sparrow | | | | |
| 16, 25 | Canton (F.M.), P.I. | 25, 30 | T. Aversa, BBC (H. Weissberg) | |
| Swamp Sparrow | | | | |
| 3, 16 | GMNWR | 15, 15 | BBC (J. Cary), BBC (M. Lynch#) | |
| 3, 10 | Lynnfield, Salem | 8+, 3 | J. Berry#, J. Brown | |
| White-throated Sparrow | | | | |
| 4, 23 | Ashburnham, Ipswich | 5, 1 m | M. Lynch#, J. Berry | |
| Snow Bunting | | | | |
| 21-31 | Martha's Vineyard (Katama) | 1 ad br pl ph | S. Whiting + v. o. | |
| Red-winged Blackbird | | | | |
| 25 | P.I. | 350 | BBC (H. Weissberg) | |
| Eastern Meadowlark | | | | |
| 31 | Newburyport | 4 | J. Berry | |
| Common Grackle | | | | |
| thr | Natick (Natick Mall) | 7000+ max | E. Taylor | |
| Orchard Oriole | | | | |
| 3, 4 | Topsfield, Rowley | 1 imm m, 2 | J. Berry#, G. d'Entremont | |
| Northern Oriole | | | | |
| 20, 31 | Watertown | 4 | R. Stymeist# | |
| Purple Finch | | | | |
| 3, 24 | Brookline, P.I. | 1 m, 2 m | H. Wiggin, L. Taylor# | |
| Red Crossbill | | | | |
| 23, 30 | Quabbin (G41), Bolton | 1, 3 | M. Lynch#, C. Quinlan | |