



# FIELD RECORDS

## AUGUST 1988

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August 1988 was the hottest August in Boston in 118 years of official record keeping. A total of eleven days reached 90 degrees or higher, with 96 degrees on August 15 being the highest. It was also extremely humid, adding to the discomfort. Rainfall totaled 1.11 inches, 2.57 inches less than average, making it the driest August since 1981. Sunshine was 69 percent of possible, although fog was frequent, occurring on fifteen days. Birders headed for the many whalewatch boats to escape the heat, to take advantage of the cool breezes, and to see good numbers of pelagic species most of the month. R.H.S.

### LOONS THROUGH HERONS

Eight Common Loons were noted, including one reported from an inland location. One Pied-billed Grebe was observed in East Boston. Shearwaters, including one or two Cory's, were seen on Stellwagen Bank throughout August. Five Manx Shearwaters were viewed from Plum Island, and one was seen off Martha's Vineyard.

The count of 300 Wilson's Storm-Petrels on Stellwagen was the lowest August count in *Bird Observer* field records since the low count of 25 in 1981. Three Leach's Storm-Petrels were reported.

The total of 8 Great Cormorants was the highest August count in *Bird Observer* field records. Previous August reports consisted of only one or two individuals in 1975, 1981, 1983, 1985, 1986, and 1987.

Four American Bitterns were reported from three locations. The count of 94 Great Egrets at Plum Island on August 16 is noteworthy. The total of 1076 Snowy Egrets coming to roost at Plum Island on August 16 exceeds the previous high *Bird Observer* August count of 985 at Plum Island on August 26, 1978. Up to 6 Little Blue Herons were seen at Plum Island. G. d'E.

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	AUGUST 1988
Common Loon				
7; 7, 21	Marshfield; Winthrop	1; 1, 1	R. Forster; J. Cumming	
20, 21	S. Monomoy, Quab. (G40)	5, 1	B. Nikula#, M. Lynch#	
Pied-billed Grebe				
6, 14; 27	E. Boston; P.I.	1, 1; 1	J. Cumming; M. Lynch#	
28, 29	S. Monomoy, Nantucket	2, 3	W. Harrington#, E. Andrews#	
Cory's Shearwater				
7, 21	Stellwagen Bank	1 or 2, 1	M. Lynch#, R. Stymeist	
Greater Shearwater				
thr	Stellwagen Bank	50+ max 8/7	M. Lynch# + v. o.	
Sooty Shearwater				
thr	Stellwagen Bank	100+ max 8/7	M. Lynch# + v. o.	
Manx Shearwater				
thr	Stellwagen Bank	35 max 8/6	G. d'Entremont + v. o.	
24, 27	P.I., off Martha's Vineyard	5, 1	W. Petersen#, F. Harrington	
Wilson's Storm-Petrel				
thr	Stellwagen Bank	300 max 8/14	R. Forster + v. o.	
Leach's Storm-Petrel				
7, 14	Stellwagen Bank	1, 1	M. Lynch#, R. Forster	
17	Jeffreys Ledge	1	V. Fazio	
Northern Gannet				
6, 7	Stellwagen, off Plymouth	2 imm, 1 imm	G. d'Entremont, M. Litchfield	
27	off Martha's Vineyard	1 imm	F. Harrington	
Great Cormorant				
2, 14	Marshfield, Plymouth	2 (1 imm), 1 imm	R. Forster	
21, 28; 24	Lakeville; M. V.	3 imm; 1	W. Petersen; V. Laux	
27	N. Monomoy	1	BBC (R. Stymeist)	
Double-crested Cormorant				
6	P.I.	100	BBC (C. Floyd)	
7	Boston H., N. Monomoy	100+, 150	M. Lynch#, BBC (H. D'Entremont)	
24	Wayland	3	R. Forster	

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	AUGUST 1988
American Bittern				
13, 26	Wayland, M. V.	1, 1	BBC (B. Howell), T. Chase	
21, 27	P.I.	1, 1	J. Brown#, M. Lynch#	
Great Blue Heron				
thr	P.I.	18 max 8/10	R. McHale# + v. o.	
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	12 max	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
21, 27	Quabbin (G 40), GMNWR	9, 12	M. Lynch#, T. Aversa	
Great Egret				
thr	S. Monomoy, E. Boston	5 max, 1	B. Nikula#, J. Cumming	
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	15 max 8/23	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
8, 16	Hull, P.I.	2, 94	P. Thayer, J. Heywood#	
29	Nantucket	6	E. Andrews	
Snowy Egret				
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	25 max 8/1	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
thr	P.I.	1076 max 8/16	R. Stymeist# + v. o.	
thr	E. Boston	66 max 8/7	J. Cumming	
13, 29	N. Monomoy, Nantucket	30+, 9	M. Lynch#, E. Andrews	
Little Blue Heron				
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	2-4	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
16	P.I.	6	C. Quinlan	
21	Duxbury	1 ad	V. Fazio	
Cattle Egret				
11, 17	Hamilton	8+, 2 or 3	J. Berry	
27	Ipswich	35	R. Abrams	
Green-backed Heron				
8	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	8	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
13, 14	Wayland, P.I.	7+, 12	BBC (B. Howell), M. Lynch#	
Black-crowned Night-Heron				
thr, 7	Yarmouthport, Squantum	88 max 8/12, 20	J. Aylward, R. Abrams	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron				
1-21	P.I.	2 ad + 1 imm (8/3)	J. Brown + v. o.	
6	N. Monomoy	1 imm	B. Nikula#	
7, 17	Squantum	1 ad, 2	R. Abrams#	
Glossy Ibis				
16	P.I.	52	R. Stymeist#	
13-20, 31	S. Monomoy, Natick	8 max, 1	B. Nikula, E. Taylor	

#### WATERFOWL THROUGH GALLIFORMES

Fall waterfowl migration was underway with the first reports of Ring-necked Ducks in Lakeville. A pair of Greater Scaup at Plum Island and a pair of Ruddy Ducks in Southboro were present most of the month.

An immature Bald Eagle spent most of the month at Monomoy and nearby Chatham; an adult was seen over Wachusett on the last day of the month. Twenty-two Turkey Vultures were seen migrating over Allens Pond in South Dartmouth on August 23. An early migrant Merlin was observed on the Vineyard on August 23.

A hen and 6 young Wild Turkeys were seen in East Middleboro, proving some success in the recent transplanting of this species to southeastern Massachusetts. G.d'E. and R.H.S.

Mute Swan				
thr	P.I.	1	v. o.	
Canada Goose				
5	P.I.	78	W. Drew#	
14-21	E. Boston (Belle Isle)	1	J. Cumming	
Green-winged Teal				
thr	P.I.	100 max 8/27	M. Lynch# + v. o.	
13-20	S. Monomoy	10 max	B. Nikula#	
16-30	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	13	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
American Black Duck				
13-20	S. Monomoy	50 max	B. Nikula#	
14, 21	P.I., Quabbin (G40)	100+, 49	M. Lynch#	
Mallard				
13, 20	S. Monomoy	10, 15	B. Nikula#	
5, 30	P.I.	85, 140	W. Drew#	
Northern Pintail				
13, 20	S. Monomoy	8, 5	B. Nikula	
Blue-winged Teal				
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	47 max 8/16	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
thr	P.I.	163 max 8/30	W. Drew# + v. o.	
13, 20	S. Monomoy	80, 80	B. Nikula#	

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Northern Shoveler 21, 20	P.I., S. Monomoy	3, 3	BBC (D. + D. Oliver), B. Nikula#	
Gadwall thr, 13	P.I., S. Monomoy	52 max 8/5, 2	W. Drew# + v. o., B. Nikula#	
American Wigeon 18-28, 13	P.I., S. Monomoy	1 or 2, 1	v. o., B. Nikula#	
27	GMNWR	5	T. Aversa	
Ring-necked Duck 21, 28	Lakeville	5, 12	W. Petersen	
Greater Scaup 5-31	P.I.	pr max 8/21	BBC (D. + D. Oliver) + v. o.	
Common Eider 20	Gloucester Harbor	65+ (all imm)	J. Berry	
Black Scoter 6	P.I.	1 m	T. Aversa	
White-winged Scoter 6	P.I.	1 m	T. Aversa	
Hooded Merganser 19	Topsfield	1 f	J. MacDougall	
Ruddy Duck 7-16	Southboro	pr	C. Quinlan	
Turkey Vulture 16, 23	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	2, 22	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
21-22, 21	N. Middleboro, Ipswich	1 or 2, 2	K. Holmes, R. Forster	
21, 30-31	Quabbin (G40), Wachusett	4, 6-8	M. Lynch#, E. Taylor	
Osprey thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	5 or 6	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
20, 22	Natick, Wachusett Mtn.	1, 1	E. Taylor	
21, 23	Lakeville, Hingham	4, 1	K. Holmes, P. Thayer	
Bald Eagle 12-27	Chatham/Monomoy	1 imm	P. Cavanaugh#	
26, 31	Yarmouth, Wachusett	1 imm, 1 ad	J. Aylward, E. Taylor	
Northern Harrier thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1 or 2	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
14-31, 20	P.I., Middleboro	6 max 8/27, 4	M. Lynch#, W. Petersen	
Sharp-shinned Hawk 24, 28	M. V., E. Middleboro	2, 1 imm	V. Laux, K. Anderson	
Cooper's Hawk 20, 26	Halifax, M. V.	1 imm, 1	W. Petersen, S. Whiting#	
27, 28	Ipswich, E. Middleboro	1, 1 imm	S. Perkins#, K. Anderson	
Northern Goshawk 27	P.I.	1 imm	M. Lynch#	
Red-shouldered Hawk 5-31	E. Middleboro	1-4	K. Anderson	
19, 20	DWWS, Middleboro	1, 1 imm	T. Aversa, W. Petersen	
American Kestrel 9, 10	Hull, W. Roxbury	3, 5	P. Thayer, T. Aversa	
19	DWWS	7	T. Aversa	
Merlin 23	M. V.	1	W. Manter	
Peregrine Falcon 20	Hull	1 imm	P. Thayer	
Ruffed Grouse 1, 28	W. Boxford, Petersham	8, 6	J. MacDougall, M. Lynch#	
Wild Turkey 7	E. Middleboro	1 f + 6 yg	P. Anderson + S. Holmes	
Northern Bobwhite 20	Mansfield	1 f + n w/13 eggs	W. Petersen	

#### RAILS THROUGH OWLS

Only two Common Moorhen reports were submitted, each of a single bird in East Boston. An adult Sandhill Crane was reported from Ipswich near Little Neck on August 31, the second report of this species this year. Reports of Lesser Golden-Plovers came from five locations. Up to 40 Piping Plovers were counted at the Coast Guard Spit in Nauset Marsh, an encouraging number of this threatened species. In the five years, 1983 to 1987, the highest totals of this species were of less than 20 birds. A maximum of 8 Upland Sandpipers was noted at Otis AFB, and 6 were noted in the Plum Island-Newburyport area. A maximum of 586 Whimbrels was counted going to roost at North Monomoy, where a maximum of 150 Hudsonian

Godwits was present throughout the month. The highest August total of Whimbrels going to roost at North Monomoy was 600 in 1987.

The **Bar-tailed Godwit** continued from July 31 until midmonth in the Chatham-North Monomoy area. Previous *Bird Observer* reports of this species were one in 1976, two in 1979, and one each in 1981, 1983, and 1984. Single Marbled Godwits were seen in three locations. Of 330 Laughing Gulls seen in East Boston, half were juvenile birds. August is the month when numbers of Bonaparte's Gulls increase at two north shore locations and the months of August, September, and October are the months for sightings of Sabine's Gull.

A banded Orange-winged Parrot, certainly an escape, was seen on three days in a Watertown backyard. A Black-billed Cuckoo was seen flying in from the ocean at Marshfield at dawn early in the month. G.W.G.

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	AUGUST 1988
Clapper Rail 23	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
Virginia Rail 21	P.I.	1	J. Brown#	
Sora 21, 27	P.I., Millis	1, 1	J. Brown, T. Aversa	
Common Moorhen 6, 14	E. Boston	1, 1	J. Cumming	
American Coot 6, 14 21, 27	E. Boston GMNWR	1, 1 1, 1	J. Cumming D. Chickering	
Sandhill Crane 31	Ipswich	1 ad	R. Dickson	
Black-bellied Plover thr thr 7-23 6-28 19, 26 31	S. Dart. (Allens Pd) E. Boston N. Monomoy P.I. Squantum, Newbury Eastham (Coast Guard Spit)	36 max 117 max 8/14 450 max 8/23 425 max 8/28 282, 500 688	LCES (D. Christiansen) J. Cumming B. Nikula R. McHale# + v. o. R. Abrams, T. Aversa K. Jones	
Lesser Golden-Plover 1-7, 28 24-28 11, 30	N. Monomoy, S. Monomoy W. Newbury Marshfield, M. V.	2 ad, 1 5 max 8/26 1, 8	v.o., B. Nikula T. Aversa + v. o. R. Forster, R. Sargent#	
Semipalmated Plover 6-28 9-21 7-23 28	Newburyport-P.I. Squantum N. Monomoy Scituate	750 max 8/27 425 max 8/21 450 max 8/14 1000	R. Abrams# + v. o. R. Abrams# B. Nikula R. Abrams	
Piping Plover thr thr 4, 22 8	S. Dart. (Allens Pd) N. Monomoy Chatham Eastham (Coast Guard Spit)	5 max 8/16 7 max 11, 4 40	LCES (D. Christiansen) B. Nikula B. Nikula J. Brown	
Killdeer 18-28, 21 26, 27	Ipswich, Quabbin (G40) W. Newbury	10-17, 26 75, 50	J. Berry, M. Lynch# T. Aversa, H. Wiggin#	
American Oystercatcher thr 14, 27; 27 28 29, 30	N. Monomoy Hull; Nauset Marsh (New I.) Cuttyhunk, Chatham Nantucket, M. V.	30 max 2, 4; 6 3, 15 7, 28	B. Nikula P. Thayer; K. Jones P. Trimble, B. Nikula E. Andrews, D. Sargent#	
Greater Yellowlegs thr thr thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd) E. Boston, N. Monomoy P.I.	30 max 8/23 96 max 8/13, 130 200 max 8/6	LCES (D. Christiansen) J. Cumming, B. Nikula BBC (C. Floyd) + v. o.	
Lesser Yellowlegs thr thr thr	Newburyport-P.I. N. Monomoy E. Boston	200 max 8/6 40 max 19 max 8/13	BBC (C. Floyd) + v. o. B. Nikula J. Cumming	
Solitary Sandpiper 14, 24-30 28	Boston, M. V. P.I., Halifax	1, 3 max 8/30 2, 2	T. Aversa, B. Silva + v. o. G. d'Entremont#, W. Petersen	
Willet thr 10, 13 11, 15	N. Monomoy P.I. Scituate, E. Boston	40 max 7, 8 2, 1	B. Nikula R. McHale# R. Abrams, J. Cumming	

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Spotted Sandpiper				
10, 13	P.I.	12, 4	R. McHale#	
14, 19	Boston, Squantum	3, 3	T. Aversa	
6, 28	E. Boston, Cuttyhunk	2, 4	J. Cumming, P. Trimble	
Upland Sandpiper				
thr	Otis AFB	8 max	P. Trimble	
10	W. Roxbury, N. Monomoy	1, 2	T. Aversa, B. Nikula	
11	Scituate, Marshfield	1, 1	R. Forster#	
10, 20	P.I., Plumbush	2, 6	R. McHale#, G. Gove	
Whimbrel				
7; 7, 10	Squantum; N. Monomoy	4; 586, 468	R. Abrams#; B. Nikula#	
8-30	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	10 max 8/16	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
10-28	P.I.	10 max 8/10	R. McHale# + v. o.	
28	Cuttyhunk	6	P. Trimble	
Hudsonian Godwit				
thr	N. Monomoy	150 max 8/13	R. Stymeist# + v. o.	
thr	Newburyport-P.I.	33 max 8/27	D. Chickering + v. o.	
thr	E. Boston	6 max 8/8	J. Cumming	
Bar-tailed Godwit	(from July 31)			
1-13	Chatham-N. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula# + v. o.	
Marbled Godwit				
7, 27-29	E. Boston, Scituate	1, 1	J. Cumming, v. o.	
20	Newburyport	1	H. Wiggin#	
Ruddy Turnstone				
thr	N. Monomoy, P.I.	100 max, 40+ max 8/27	B. Nikula, M. Lynch# + v. o.	
4, 19	Scituate	95, 32	R. Abrams, T. Aversa	
5, 7	S. Dartmouth, Hull	25, 40	T. Aversa, P. Thayer	
21	Quabbin	1	B. Blodgett	
Red Knot				
thr	N. Monomoy	150 max	B. Nikula#	
4, 21	Scituate	1000, 400	R. Abrams, W. Petersen	
27	Nauset Marsh (New I.)	92	K. Jones	
Sanderling				
thr	N. Monomoy	1200 max	B. Nikula	
5, 14	S. Dartmouth, Eastham	55, 500	T. Aversa, K. Jones	
Semipalmated Sandpiper				
thr	N. Monomoy	1400 max	B. Nikula	
1, 4	Squantum, Scituate	2000, 2500	R. Abrams	
6	Newburyport	1000	BBC (C. Floyd)	
6	Eastham (Coast Guard Spit)	3045	J. Brown	
28	Halifax, Newburyport	200, 200	W. Petersen, BBC (D. Dillavou)	
Western Sandpiper				
7, 10, 21	Squantum	1, 3, 5 juv	R. Abrams#	
20, 28	S. Monomoy	4, 10	B. Nikula	
27, 28	P.I., Scituate	16, 7	R. Abrams	
Least Sandpiper				
thr	N. Monomoy	100 max	B. Nikula	
thr	Newburyport-P.I.	200 max 8/28	BBC (D. Dillavou) + v. o.	
4, 28; 21	Scituate; Quabbin	120, 200; 86	R. Abrams#; M. Lynch#	
2-23, 6	Halifax, Nantucket	6, 120	K. Anderson, R. Tate	
White-rumped Sandpiper				
7, 21	Squantum	1, 2	R. Abrams#	
10-28	P.I.	60 max 8/27	R. Abrams# + v. o.	
13-28, 21	S. Monomoy, Quabbin	15 max, 19	B. Nikula, M. Lynch#	
Baird's Sandpiper				
19-28	P.I.	6 max 8/27	M. Lynch# + v. o.	
20, 21	S. Monomoy, Quabbin	1, 4	B. Nikula, M. Lynch#	
Pectoral Sandpiper				
6, 11	P.I., Scituate	4, 3	T. Aversa, R. Forster	
7, 14; 13-28	N. Monomoy; S. Monomoy	15, 6; 30 max	B. Nikula	
21, 26	Quabbin, Newbury	26, 5	M. Lynch, T. Aversa	
Dunlin				
7, 27	N. Monomoy	1, 1	B. Nikula, BBC (R. Stymeist)	
Stilt Sandpiper				
6-28	P.I.	19 max 8/20	M. Lynch# + v. o.	
13-28	S. Monomoy	14 max 8/13	B. Nikula	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper				
20, 28	S. Monomoy	1, 2	B. Nikula	
24, 27	P.I.	1, 1	W. Petersen, M. Lynch	
28, 31	Halifax, Nantucket	2, 3	W. Petersen, R. Tate#	

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Short-billed Dowitcher				
thr	E. Boston, P.I.	68 max 8/4, 150	max 8/27 J. Cumming, M. Lynch#	
19, 21	Squantum, Quabbin	48, 4	R. Abrams, M. Lynch#	
Long-billed Dowitcher				
6-21	P.I.	40+ max 8/21	R. Forster + v. o.	
20-21, 26	S. Monomoy, Newbury	1, 4	B. Nikula, T. Aversa	
Common Snipe				
14, 27	P. I., Newburyport	1, 6	M. Lynch#, R. Stymeist#	
21, 26	Quabbin, Newbury	3, 5	M. Lynch#, T. Aversa	
American Woodcock				
3, 8, 16	Hopkinton, Canton, P.I.	1, 1, 1	G. Gove, T. Aversa, E. Salmela#	
Wilson's Phalarope				
17-28, 27	S. Monomoy, N. Monomoy	1-2, 1	B. Nikula, BBC (R. Stymeist)	
26, 28	P.I.	1, 1	T. Aversa, R. McHale#	
21, 27	E. Boston, Nauset Marsh	1, 1	J. Cumming, K. Jones	
Red-necked Phalarope				
13, 14	S. Monomoy, P.I.	1, 1	B. Nikula, M. Lynch#	
Pomarine Jaeger				
6, 7, 28	Stellwagen Bank	3, 1, 1	G. d'Entremont, M. Lynch#, P. Alden	
Parasitic Jaeger				
6, 7, 28	Stellwagen Bank	2, 3, 2	G. d'Entremont, M. Lynch#, P. Alden	
1, 20	Chatham, N. Monomoy	1, 1	W. Harrington#, J. Brown#	
Laughing Gull				
6, 14	E. Boston	6, 330	J. Cumming	
12, 28	Lynn, Cuttyhunk	200, 150	J. Quigley, P. Trimble	
Little Gull				
21	Winthrop	1 ad	J. Cumming	
Bonaparte's Gull				
16, 20	Swampscott, Newburyport	425, 330	R. Forster, G. Gove	
Ring-billed Gull				
9, 14	Squantum, E. Boston	589, 95	R. Abrams, J. Cumming	
Lesser Black-backed Gull				
26, 27	P.I.	1, 1	T. Aversa, E. Nielsen + v. o.	
Sabine's Gull				
23, 28	M. V., off Gloucester	1, 1 ad	V. Laux, P. Alden	
Caspian Tern				
13	Chatham	2	M. Lynch#	
Royal Tern				
11, 13; 13	Marshfield; N. Monomoy	1, 1; 1	R. Forster#; M. Lynch#	
Roseate Tern				
1-13	Marshfield	21 max 8/10	R. Forster	
7, 9	Scituate, Chatham	16, 800	R. Forster, B. Nikula#	
Common Tern				
9; 10, 28	Chatham; P.I.	1500; 85, 60	B. Nikula; R. McHale#	
21, 30	Stellwagen, Nantucket	1500, 750	C. Floyd#, E. Andrews#	
Arctic Tern				
7	Stellwagen Bank	1	M. Lynch#	
Forster's Tern				
4-31, 13-28	N. Monomoy, S. Monomoy	5 max, 8 max	B. Nikula	
21, 23	Newburyport	2, 2	R. Forster, W. Petersen	
14-30	Nantucket	6 max	E. Andrews + v. o.	
Least Tern				
1-16	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	12 max 8/1	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
5, 7	S. Dartmouth, Duxbury	12 ad + 8 yg, 43	T. Aversa, V. Fazio	
30	Nantucket	15	E. Andrews	
Black Tern				
1-18, 17-28	N. Monomoy, S. Monomoy	4 max, 1 or 2	B. Nikula	
11, 12	Scituate, Marshfield	1 imm, 1 ad	R. Forster#	
13, 30	P.I.	2, 1	R. McHale#, W. Drew#	
28, 30	Naushon I., Nantucket	1, 2	P. Trimble, E. Andrews	
Black Skimmer				
6-16, 27	N. Monomoy, Nauset Marsh	3 ad max, 4	v.o., K. Jones	
Mourning Dove				
21	Ipswich	800	R. Forster	
Orange-winged Parrot				
4-6	Watertown	1 (with band)	R. Stymeist + J. Heywood	
Black-billed Cuckoo				
2, 5	Swampscott, Marshfield	1, 1	J. Quigley, R. Forster	
28, 30	Lakeville, M. V.	1 dead, 4	W. Petersen, A. Knafel	
Reports of 4 individuals from 4 locations.				

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Yellow-billed Cuckoo				
2, 13	Plympton, N. Middleboro	1, 2	K. Anderson, K. Holmes	
21	Ipswich, Middleboro	2, 2	J. Berry, W. Petersen	
30	M. V.	2	V. Laux	
Common Barn-Owl				
30	Nantucket	2 ad	E. Andrews#	
Eastern Screech-Owl				
7-30, 29, 31	Ipswich, Rehoboth, Mt. A.	1, 1, 1	J. Berry, J. Brissette, R. Stymeist#	
Great Horned Owl				
13-31, 18-31	Ipswich, N. Middleboro	1, 1	J. Berry, K. Holmes	
19, 25	Hopkinton, E. Middleboro	1 calling, 2 calling	J. Gordon, K. Anderson	
Short-eared Owl				
17	S. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula	
Northern Saw-whet Owl				
4	Plymouth	1	G. d'Entremont	

#### GOATSUCKERS THROUGH WRENS

Common Nighthawks were migrating, although far fewer birds were reported than in August 1987. The bulk of the nighthawk migration was observed after August 25, and the highest single report was of 107 birds in Arlington on August 26. Two large concentrations of Chimney Swifts were reported. Over 500 were seen over downtown Middleboro, and over 400 were counted as they entered a chimney in Waltham.

An Acadian Flycatcher was banded on August 29 at Manomet Bird Observatory and then was renetted four times after the initial banding; it was last netted on September 6. Another Acadian was calling at Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary (MNWS) on August 31. On the same day 3 Yellow-bellied Flycatchers and a Great Crested Flycatcher were seen at MNWS. Over 20,000 Tree Swallows assembled at Plum Island, and a single leucistic bird almost completely dusty white in color was easily picked out.

On August 16 a pair of Carolina Wrens was building a nest in a window box in Rockport. Nesting reports in Essex County are few, but this pair successfully fledged at least three young on September 16.

On August 26 a *Selasphorus* hummingbird was caught in a mist net at the Mothball Pines on Nantucket. Two *Selasphorus* hummingbirds, Rufous and Allen's, are virtually identical in plumage, and even birds in the hand can baffle experts. The Nantucket bird died shortly after its capture, and the specimen was sent to experts in New Mexico and Colorado. After careful measurements of the wing and tail feather lengths, the Nantucket bird was identified as a young male Allen's Hummingbird, the first in the eastern United States outside of the Gulf Coast.

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Whip-poor-will				
4, 11, 22	Plymouth (M. Standish)	4, 3, 2	G. d'Entremont	
Common Nighthawk				
10	Boston, W. Roxbury	1, 1	M. Murphy#, T. Aversa	
17, 24	Boston (Fenway Park)	8, 40	T. Aversa, F. Bouchard	
19, 20	Millis, Natick	9, 2	R. Forster, E. Taylor	
25	Framingham, Worcester	1, 30	E. Taylor, M. Lynch#	
25, 26	Lawrence	11, 4	J. Hogan	
26	Framingham, Arlington	50, 107	M. Lynch#, D. F. Oliver	
26, 27	Waltham, Cambridge	12, 1	R. Stymeist, D. F. Oliver	
27	Topsfield, P'town	1, 1	J. MacDougall, J. Aylward	
31	Mt. A., Millis, Yarmouthport	27, 43, 2	R. Stymeist#, R. Forster, R. Scott	
Chimney Swift				
25	Middleboro (downtown)	500+	K. Holmes	
26	Waltham (U. Mass. Field Station)	400+	R. Stymeist	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird				
16	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
20	Halifax	1	W. Petersen	
22, 22-31	Essex, N. Middleboro	1, 1 or 2	J. MacDougall, K. Holmes	
Allen's Hummingbird (see summary)				
26	Nantucket	1	E. Andrews + A. Bennett	
Belted Kingfisher				
12	Brookline	1	H. Wiggin	
Olive-sided Flycatcher				
21, 30	Quabbin (G40), Stoneham	1, 1	M. Lynch#, T. Aversa	
Eastern Wood-Pewee				
13, 19	Brookline, MNWS	1, 1	H. Wiggin, R. Forster	
21	Quabbin (G40)	10	M. Lynch#	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher				
16, 19	Nahant, MNWS	1, 1	R. Forster#	
19, 30	Manomet (MBO)	1 b, 1 b	MBO	

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	AUGUST 1988
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (continued)				
21; 23, 25	Ipswich; Nantucket	1; 1 b, 1 b	J. Berry; E. Andrews	
31	MNWS	3	R. Forster#	
Acadian Flycatcher				
29, 31	Manomet, MNWS	1 b, 1 calling	MBO, R. Forster	
"Traill's" Flycatcher				
15-30	Manomet	5 b	MBO	
Least Flycatcher				
23-31; 25, 30	Nantucket; Manomet	3 b; 1 b, 1 b	E. Andrews; MBO	
Eastern Phoebe				
21	Quabbin (G40)	4	M. Lynch#	
Great Crested Flycatcher				
20, 22, 31	P.I., Stoneham, MNWS	1, 2, 1	M. Lynch#, T. Aversa, R. Forster	
Eastern Kingbird				
thr	P.I.	25 max 8/27, 8/28	D. Chickering + v. o.	
Purple Martin				
thr, 27	P.I., Topsfield	30+ max 8/14, 2	M. Lynch# + v. o., J. MacDougall	
Tree Swallow				
2, 3	Halifax	150, 500	K. Anderson	
14-20	P.I.	20,000+ max 8/16	R. Stymeist#	
16	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1400+	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
21	Quabbin (G40)	250+	M. Lynch#	
N. Rough-winged Swallow				
5, 12	Marshfield (Brant Rock)	1, 6	R. Forster	
21	Quabbin (G40)	2	M. Lynch#	
Bank Swallow				
14-28	P.I.	25+ max 8/28	G. d'Entremont#	
21, 24	Quabbin (G40), Wayland	20+, 20	M. Lynch#, R. Forster	
Cliff Swallow				
1-13	Marshfield (Brant Rock)	4 max 8/4	R. Forster	
6, 21	Ipswich, Wayland	14, 1	E. Taylor, R. Forster	
Barn Swallow				
7; 14, 27	Stellwagen Bank; P.I.	2; 50+, 5	M. Lynch#	
24	Wayland (Hearns Pd)	75	R. Forster	
Fish Crow				
20, 31	Middleboro, Hanson	15+, 7	W. Petersen	
Common Raven				
30, 31	Wachusett Mountain	1, 2	E. Taylor	
Red-breasted Nuthatch				
21	Quabbin (G40), Lakeville	12, 4	M. Lynch#, W. Petersen	
White-breasted Nuthatch				
15	Boston (Franklin Park)	9	T. Aversa	
21	Quabbin (G40)	10	M. Lynch#	
Brown Creeper				
21	Quabbin (G40)	3	M. Lynch#	
Carolina Wren				
thr	E. Middleboro, Ipswich	1, 1	K. Anderson, J. Berry	
1, 13	Hopkinton, Rockport (Halibut Pt)	1, 1	J. Gordon, J. Berry	
16	Barre, Rockport	2, pr building n	V. Fazio, J. Taylor	
House Wren				
21, 30	Quabbin (G40), Stoneham	8, 3	M. Lynch#, T. Aversa	
Winter Wren				
1	W. Boxford	1 carrying food	J. MacDougall	

#### KINGLETS THROUGH FINCHES

An adult "Bicknell's" Gray-cheeked Thrush was retrapped at MBO on August 16; this bird had originally been banded at Manomet on July 7, 1988!

Twenty-nine species of warblers were reported during the month, five more than in August 1987. On Nantucket, Edith Andrew's banding station recorded 23 species. Among the warbler highlights were a Golden-winged, a Yellow-throated, a Prothonotary, 2 Mourning, a Hooded, and 116 Common Yellowthroats. At Quabbin 55 Pine Warblers were tallied on August 21, and a carefully identified Louisiana Waterthrush was reported from Chatham on August 10.

Sparrow reports included good numbers of Sharp-tailed and Seaside sparrows, especially at Plum Island where periodic checks of the back marshes beyond the salt pannes by boat gave access to the territory of these elusive sparrows. White-throated Sparrows were reported singing in Brookline and Boxford.

The adult breeding-plumaged Snow Bunting that was first seen in July continued through August 15 at Katama on Martha's Vineyard.

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DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	AUGUST 1988
Golden-crowned Kinglet 28	Lakeville	3+ (breeders)	W. Petersen	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 16, 21	MNWS, Quabbin (G40)	1, 1	R. Forster, M. Lynch#	
28	P.I.	1	G. d'Entremont	
Eastern Bluebird thr, 21	E. Middleboro, Quabbin (G40)	3-10, 10	K. Anderson, M. Lynch#	
Veery 10, 19; 21	Manomet (MBO); Quabbin (G40)	1 b, 1 b; 6	MBO; M. Lynch#	
"Bicknell's" Gray-cheeked Thrush 16	Manomet (MBO)	1 ad (banded 7/7/88)	MBO	
Swainson's Thrush 16, 20	WMWS, P.I.	1, 1	V. Fazio, M. Lynch#	
Hermit Thrush 4	Essex, Plymouth	1, 2	J. MacDougall, G. d'Entremont	
21	Quabbin (G40)	6	M. Lynch#	
Wood Thrush 10, 16	W. Roxbury, Ipswich	1, 1	T. Aversa, J. Berry	
21	Quabbin (G40)	1	M. Lynch#	
American Robin 22	N. Middleboro	50+	K. Holmes	
Gray Catbird 21-31, 27	Nantucket, P.I.	3 b, 47	E. Andrews, M. Lynch#	
Northern Mockingbird 18	Ipswich	9 together	J. Berry	
Brown Thrasher 27	P.I.	18	M. Lynch#	
Cedar Waxwing 21, 27	Quabbin (G40), P.I.	31, 30+	M. Lynch#	
White-eyed Vireo 27	N. Middleboro	nesting pr	K. Holmes#	
Solitary Vireo 16, 22-23	Barre, N. Middleboro	1, 1	V. Fazio, K. Holmes	
Yellow-throated Vireo 13, 24	Wayland	1, 1	BBC (B. Howell), R. Forster	
Warbling Vireo 13, 23	Wayland, N. Middleboro	2, 2	BBC (B. Howell), K. Holmes	
Philadelphia Vireo 28, 31	P.I., MNWS	1, 2	D. Chickering, R. Forster	
Red-eyed Vireo 21, 31	Quabbin (G40), MNWS	11, 8	M. Lynch#, R. Forster#	
Blue-winged Warbler 14, 16	Boston H. (Grape I.), Barre	1, 1	L. Taylor#, V. Fazio	
16; 16, 19	Nahant; MNWS	1; 2, 2	R. Forster	
20	P.I., Hanson	1, 1	M. Lynch##, W. Petersen	
31	IRWS, Nantucket	2, 1 b	J. Brown, E. Andrews	
Golden-winged Warbler 31	Nantucket	1 f b	E. Andrews	
Nashville Warbler 16, 27	WMWS, P.I.	2, 1	V. Fazio, M. Lynch#	
Northern Parula 31	IRWS, MNWS	5, 3	J. Brown, R. Forster#	
Yellow Warbler 21-29	Nantucket	24 b	E. Andrews	
Chestnut-sided Warbler 16	Wachusett, WMWS	4, 7	V. Fazio	
16	Barre, MNWS	3, 1	V. Fazio, M. Martinek#	
31	Nantucket	1 b	E. Andrews	
Magnolia Warbler 16; 22, 31	Barre; Nantucket	2; 1 b, 1 b	V. Fazio; E. Andrews	
27, 31	P.I., MNWS	1, 4	M. Lynch#, R. Forster#	
Cape May Warbler 1, 20	Marshfield, Newbypt	1, 1	R. Forster, H. Wiggin#	
31	Nantucket	7 b	E. Andrews	
Black-throated Blue Warbler 30, 31	Stoneham, Nantucket	3, 2 b	T. Aversa, E. Andrews	
Yellow-rumped Warbler 21, 31	Quabbin (G40), Nantucket	4, 1	M. Lynch#, E. Andrews#	

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	AUGUST 1988
Black-throated Green Warbler				
15, 16	Manomet, Wachusett	1 b, 10	MBO, V. Fazio	
31	Nantucket	1 b	E. Andrews	
Blackburnian Warbler				
22; 22, 31	Manomet; Nantucket	1 b; 1 b, 2 b	MBO; E. Andrews	
Yellow-throated Warbler				
31	Nantucket	1	A. Bennett#	
Pine Warbler				
21	Quabbin (G40)	55	M. Lynch#	
Prairie Warbler				
16, 26	MNWS, W. Newbury	1, 3	R. Forster#, T. Aversa	
26, 31	Nantucket	1 b, 1	E. Andrews	
Bay-breasted Warbler				
21, 31	Quabbin (G40), Nantucket	1, 3 b	M. Lynch#, E. Andrews	
Black-and-white Warbler				
3, 16	Ipswich	1 singing	J. Berry	
14; 16, 19	Boston H. (Grape I.); MNWS	1; 4, 2	L. Taylor#; R. Forster	
16, 21	WMWS, Quabbin (G40)	7, 4	V. Fazio, M. Lynch#	
22, 31	Nantucket	1 b, 1 b	E. Andrews	
28, 31	Cuttyhunk, MNWS	3, 5	P. Trimble, R. Forster#	
American Redstart				
16	Nahant, MNWS	2, 6	R. Forster#	
21-31	Nantucket	25 b	E. Andrews	
27, 28	P.I., Cuttyhunk	4, 2	M. Lynch#, P. Trimble	
30, 31	Stoneham, MNWS	4, 7	T. Aversa, R. Forster	
Worm-eating Warbler				
23	Manomet (MBO)	1 b	MBO	
Prothonotary Warbler				
20, 30	P.I., Nantucket	1 f, 1	M. Lynch#, K. Combs	
Ovenbird				
14	Boston H. (Grape I.)	1	L. Taylor	
Northern Waterthrush				
4, 9	Stoneham, Marshfield	1, 1	T. Aversa, R. Forster	
10, 11	W. Roxbury, Scituate	1, 2	T. Aversa, R. Forster	
12, 14	Marshfield, P.I.	2, 1	R. Forster, M. Lynch#	
16, 19, 31	MNWS	1, 3, 4	R. Forster	
23-31, 24	Nantucket, Wayland	4 b, 1	E. Andrews, R. Forster	
Louisiana Waterthrush				
10	Chatham	1	R. Forster#	
Mourning Warbler				
14	Waltham (Met. State)	1 imm f	L. Taylor	
22, 26	Manomet (MBO)	1 b, 1 b	MBO	
22, 31	Nantucket	1 b, 1 b	E. Andrews	
Common Yellowthroat				
21-31	Nantucket	116 b	E. Andrews	
21, 27	Quabbin (G40), P.I.	17, 16	M. Lynch#	
28	Cuttyhunk	10	P. Trimble	
Hooded Warbler				
19, 29	MNWS, Nantucket	1 m, 1 f b	R. Forster, E. Andrews	
Wilson's Warbler				
19, 31; 31	MNWS; Nantucket	1, 2; 1 b	R. Forster; E. Andrews	
Canada Warbler				
16, 31	MNWS	3, 4	R. Forster	
16	WMWS, Barre	4, 2	V. Fazio	
23, 31	Nantucket	1 b, 3 b	E. Andrews	
Yellow-breasted Chat				
10	Middleboro	1	K. Holmes	
30	Manomet, Gay Head	1 b, 3	MBO, V. Laux	
Scarlet Tanager				
21	Quabbin (G40)	3	M. Lynch#	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak				
16, 27	MNWS, P.I.	2, 3	M. Martinek#, M. Lynch#	
Indigo Bunting				
10	W. Roxbury	6	T. Aversa	
Rufous-sided Towhee				
28	Cuttyhunk	16	P. Trimble	
Chipping Sparrow				
21, 24	Quabbin (G40), N. Middleboro	36, 35+	M. Lynch#, K. Holmes	
Grasshopper Sparrow				
8	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1	LCES (D. Christiansen)	

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	AUGUST 1988
Sharp-tailed Sparrow				
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	28 max 8/1	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
thr	P.I.	15 max 8/13	R. McHale# + v. o.	
13, 27	N. Monomoy	15+, 30+	M. Lynch#, R. Stymeist#	
Seaside Sparrow				
1	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	3	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
10, 13	P.I. (inner marshes by boat)	27, 5	R. McHale#	
Song Sparrow				
21, 27	Quabbin (G40), P.I.	35, 28	M. Lynch#	
22-31	Nantucket (Mothball Pines)	21 b	E. Andrews	
Swamp Sparrow				
20	Bolton Flats	24	V. Fazio	
White-throated Sparrow				
1, 16	W. Boxford, Barre	1 singing, 3	J. MacDougall, V. Fazio	
21, 25	Quabbin (G40), Brookline	1, 1 singing	M. Lynch#, H. Wiggin	
Snow Bunting (from July)				
1-15	M. V. (Katama)	1 ad br pl	S. Whiting + v. o.	
Bobolink				
10, 16	P.I., WMWS	80, 35	R. McHale#, V. Fazio	
21	Ipswich	12	J. Berry	
Red-winged Blackbird				
14	P.I.	75+	M. Lynch#	
Eastern Meadowlark				
6, 26	Newburyport	5, 2	T. Aversa	
Common Grackle				
7, 20, 31	Natick	6800, 2500, 2500	E. Taylor	
16	P.I.	500+	R. Stymeist#	
Northern Oriole				
19, 23	Squantum, N. Middleboro	8, 5	T. Aversa, K. Holmes	
28, 31	Cuttyhunk, MNWS	4, 6	P. Trimble, R. Forster	
Purple Finch				
16	Essex, WMWS	1, 11	J. MacDougall, V. Fazio	
27, 31	P.I., Millis	3, 5	H. Wiggin, R. Forster	
House Sparrow				
31	Millis	146 (roost)	R. Forster	

CORRIGENDUM TO JUNE 1988 FIELD RECORDS (VOL. 16, NO. 5)

Barred Owl (page 290)				
4; 5, 12	Lakeville; Lincoln	1; 1 ad + 1 yg	W. Petersen#; D. Bechar	
should read				
4; 5, 12	Lakeville; Lincoln	1; 1 ad + 1 yg, 1 ad	W. Petersen#; D. Bechar	

## BIRD OBSERVER FIELD RECORDS

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Please send eastern Massachusetts field records of any given month, no later than the 8th of the subsequent month, to Robert H. Stymeist, 98 Boylston Street, Watertown, MA 02172. The basic information that should be submitted is species name, date and place of observation, an accurate count or careful estimate, sex (if determinable), immature or adult plumage, vocalizations (if any), and observers. Species should be arranged in the current A.O.U. (American Ornithologists' Union) checklist order. Reports of species that can be difficult to identify should include details of the diagnostic characteristics observed or heard that led to the identification.

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### LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ad	adult	F.P.	Fresh Pond, Cambridge
b	banded	G37 or 40	Gate 37 or 40, Quabbin
br	breeding	H.	Harbor
dk	dark (phase)	H.P.	Halibut Point, Rockport
f	female	I.	Island
imm	immature	M.V.	Martha's Vineyard
ind	individuals	Mt.A.	Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge
juv	juvenile	Nant.	Nantucket
loc	location	Newbypt	Newburyport
lt	light (phase)	P.I.	Plum Island
m	male	Pd	Pond
max	maximum	P'town	Provincetown
mi	mile	Quab.	Quabbin
migr	migrating	Res.	Reservation
n	nesting	R.P.	Race Point, Provincetown
ph	photographed	S. Dart.	South Dartmouth
pl	plumage	S.N.	Sandy Neck, Barnstable
pr	pair	Stellw.	Stellwagen (Bank)
S	summer (1S = first summer)	BBC	Brookline Bird Club
thr	throughout	BOEM	Bird Observer of Eastern Massachusetts
v.o.	various observers	CBC	Christmas Bird Count
W	winter (2W = second winter)	CCBC	Cape Cod Bird Club
w/	with	DFWS	Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary
yg	young	DWWS	Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary
#	additional observers	EMHW	Eastern Massachusetts Hawk Watch
A.A.	Arnold Arboretum	FCBC	Felix Cutler Bird Club
A.P.	Andrews Point, Rockport	GMNWR	Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge
B.	Beach	IRWS	Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary
B.I.	Belle Isle, E. Boston	LCES	Lloyd Center for Environmental Studies
B.R.	Bass Rocks, Gloucester	MAS	Massachusetts Audubon Society
Buzz.	Buzzards Bay	MBO	Manomet Bird Observatory
C.	cape as in Cape Cod	MNWS	Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary
Cambr.	Cambridge	NEHW	New England Hawk Watch
Corp. B.	Corporation Beach, Dennis	ONWR	Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge
C.P.	Crooked Pond, Boxford	PRNWR	Parker River National Wildlife Refuge
E.P.	Eastern Point, Gloucester	SRV	Sudbury River Valley
F.E.	First Encounter Beach, Eastham	SSBC	South Shore Bird Club
F.H.	Fort Hill, Eastham	WBWS	Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
F.M.	Fowl Meadow	WMWS	Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary