

FIELD RECORDS

SEPTEMBER 1989



by Glenn d'Entremont, Richard A. Forster, George W. Gove, and Robert H. Stymeist

September's weather averaged about normal on many counts. The temperature averaged 64.9 degrees, just 0.1 degree above normal. The high mark was 86 degrees on September 10; the low was 42 degrees on September 28. No records were broken during the month. Though pleasant fall temperatures predominated, the air associated with Hurricane Hugo at midmonth was very muggy and oppressive. The humidity was high for more than a week beginning September 14 and ending September 23. Rainfall totaled 4.61 inches, 1.2 inches above normal. It rained for ten days in a row during the humid spell from September 14-23 with the most rain in any twenty-four period, 1.89 inches, on September 14-15. Fog was frequent during this period. Hurricane Hugo was of concern to eastern Massachusetts on September 21, but the diminished winds of Hugo passed to the west of our area. Northwest winds favorable to fall migration occurred on September 3, 11, 13, 26, and 27.

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LOONS THROUGH IBISES

Common Loon migration showed a pronounced increase after midmonth. Rather low numbers of Pied-billed Grebes were concentrated in coastal locations, and an early Red-necked Grebe was found. Offshore, pelagics remained scarce, as they were during the summer but for the notable exception of the Great South Channel, where most of the expected species were found in good numbers. Were they there, rather than Stellwagen Bank, all summer? Increased inland reports of Great Cormorants continued the trend established in the last decade or so. By the end of the month few migrating Double-crested Cormorants had been noted; the high count at Monomoy reflects a gathering of summering and local breeders rather than an influx of migrants from farther north.

American Bitterns were scarce, and there were *no* reports of Least Bittern. Good numbers of both Great and Snowy egrets at Plum Island continued into early September. The Little Egret, first seen in August at Plum Island, was last reported on September 10. Single Tricolored Herons were at Monomoy and Plum Island. Typically, a few Cattle Egrets remained to the month's end. Counts of Green-backed Herons were high from a few reporting areas. Only a single Yellow-crowned Night-Heron was reported, and Glossy Ibis was unreported after the beginning of the month.

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| DATE | LOCATION | NUMBER | OBSERVERS | SEPTEMBER 1989 |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|---|----------------|
| Common Loon | | | | |
| 3, 14 | Nahant, Monomoy | 3, 6 | R. Forster, D. Rimmer | |
| 11, 27 | Wachusett Reservoir | 10, 11 | D. Donovan | |
| 19 | Rockport, Gloucester | 12, 30 | T. Aversa | |
| 23, 28; 24 | Salisbury; Eastham | 7, 17; 6 | R. Forster#, R. Walton#; R. Forster# | |
| Pied-billed Grebe | | | | |
| 3, 16, 21 | P.I. | 3, 1, 3 | G. d'Entremont, D. Chickering, W. Drew# | |
| 3, 16 | S. Monomoy | 3, 5 | B. Nikula | |
| 13, 24 | WBWS, Ipswich | 1, 1 | T. Aversa, J. Berry | |
| 24, 29-30 | Quabbin (G40), Nantucket | 2, 2 | M. Lynch#, BBC (D. Davis) | |
| Red-necked Grebe | | | | |
| 19 | Rockport (A.P.) | 1 | T. Aversa | |
| Greater Shearwater | | | | |
| 1, 2 | off P'town, Stellwagen Bank | 5, 1 | D. Small, P. Trimble | |
| 10 | Great S. Channel (41° 34'N 69° 26'W) | 800 | MAS (W. Petersen) | |
| 14 | Great S. Channel | 165 | I. Giriunas | |
| 19, 24 | Rockport (A.P.), Eastham (F.E.) | 2, 3 | T. Aversa, B. Nikula# | |
| Sooty Shearwater | | | | |
| 10 | Great S. Channel (41° 34'N 69° 26'W) | 60 | MAS (W. Petersen) | |
| 14 | Great S. Channel | 3 | I. Giriunas | |

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| Manx Shearwater | | | | |
| 10 | Great S. Channel (41° 34'N 69° 26'W) | 20 | MAS (W. Petersen) | |
| 14 | Great S. Channel | 1 | I. Giriunas | |
| Wilson's Storm-Petrel | | | | |
| 6 | Stellwagen Bank | 30 | R. Titus | |
| 10 | Great S. Channel | 2500+ | MAS (W. Petersen) | |
| 14 | Great S. Channel | 95 | I. Giriunas | |
| Northern Gannet | | | | |
| 1, 19 | off P'town, Rockport (A.P.) | 15-20, 15 imm | D. Small, T. Aversa | |
| 24 | Eastham, P'town | 10+, 15+ | B. Nikula# | |
| Great Cormorant | | | | |
| 3 | Scituate, Lakeville | 1, 3 | W. Petersen | |
| 7; 10, 24 | Eastham; Cuttyhunk | 1 imm; 1, 2 | R. Titus; P. Trimble | |
| 12, 17 | Nahant, Orleans (New Island) | 11 migr, 2 | S. Perkins, W. Petersen# | |
| 16, 24 | Lakeville, Arlington Res. | 6, 1 | W. Petersen, L. Taylor# | |
| 17, 29 | Wachusett Res. | 1, 3 | D. Donovan | |
| 30 | Nantucket | 25 | BBC (D. Davis) | |
| Double-crested Cormorant | | | | |
| 10, 24 | Cuttyhunk Island | 120, 90 | P. Trimble | |
| 13-15, 24 | Monomoy, N. Monomoy | 1000+, 1500+ | D. Rimmer, B. Nikula | |
| 22, 25 | N. Chatham, Wachusett Res. | 2000+, 183 | J. Heywood#, D. Donovan | |
| 30 | Ipswich | 200+ | J. Berry | |
| American Bittern | | | | |
| 3, 17, 24 | P.I. | 1 | v. o. | |
| 12, 21 | S. Dart. (Allens Pd) | 1 | LCES (J. Hill) | |
| 17 | Bolton Flats | 1 | M. Lynch# | |
| Great Blue Heron | | | | |
| 28 | S. Dart. (Allens Pd) | 13 | LCES (J. Hill) | |
| 21, 30 | Eastham, GMNWR | 39, 9 | M. Lynch#, BBC (E. Taylor) | |
| Great Egret | | | | |
| thr | S. Dart. (Allens Pd) | 19 max 9/28 | LCES (J. Hill) | |
| thr, 3 | Norfolk, S. Monomoy | 1, 4+ | B. Cassie, B. Nikula | |
| 2, 6 | P.I. (day) | 100, 52 | E. Taylor, W. Drew# | |
| 9 | E. Boston (B.I.), Westport | 11, 24 | R. Forster, R. Stymeist# | |
| 10-30 | Arlington Reservoir | 1 | L. Taylor# + v. o. | |
| 19, 26; 24 | Quincy; Ipswich | 3, 1; 5 or 6 | K. Ryan; J. Berry | |
| 24 | Scituate (North River) | 2 | G. d'Entremont | |
| Snowy Egret | | | | |
| thr | S. Dart. (Allens Pd) | 19 max 9/6 | LCES (J. Hill) | |
| 4, 6 | P.I. (day) | 303, 195 | D. Chickering, W. Drew# | |
| 24 | N. Scituate, Scituate (North R.) | 10, 10 | G. d'Entremont | |
| Little Egret (from August) | | | | |
| 1-10 | P.I. | 1 | v. o. | |
| Little Blue Heron | | | | |
| 3, 8 | P.I., Barnstable (S.N.) | 1, 1 | BBC (W. Drummond), R. Scott# | |
| 23 | Ipswich, Manchester | 1 imm, 1 | R. Forster, BBC (G. Hotz) | |
| 30 | P.I. | 1 | E. Taylor | |
| Tricolored Heron | | | | |
| 3, 9; 24 | P.I.; N. Monomoy | 1, 1; 1 | BBC (W. Drummond), E. Taylor; B. Nikula | |
| Cattle Egret | | | | |
| 3, 23 | P.I., Essex | 1 imm, 9 (7 ad + 2 imm) | R. Forster | |
| 23, 28 | Ipswich | 7, 2 | G. Gove, R. Forster | |
| Green-backed Heron | | | | |
| 2, 3, 16 | P.I. | 4, 12, 2 | v. o. | |
| 10, 16, 21 | Arlington Reservoir | 7, 11, 5 | C. Black# | |
| 24 | Wellfleet (small marsh by town pier) | 16 | R. Stymeist# | |
| 28 | S. Dart. (Allens Pd) | 1 | LCES (J. Hill) | |
| Black-crowned Night-Heron | | | | |
| 12, 21 | Eastham | 110, 11 | W. Petersen#, M. Lynch# | |
| Glossy Ibis | | | | |
| 3, 9 | P.I. | 16, 3 | BBC (W. Drummond), E. Taylor | |

WATERFOWL

Waterfowl movement during the month could only be termed routine at best, and no unusual ducks were observed. A sizable flock of Snow Geese at Plum Island was a bit early for such numbers. Green-winged Teal was a fairly well-reported species, and the group of Blue-winged Teals on Monomoy was good but fairly typical. Northern Shovelers put in a poor appearance at Plum Island, while Gadwall numbers were good at both Monomoy and Plum Island. Ring-necked Duck numbers built up through the month, but only

the vanguard of the sea duck migration was apparent.

R.A.F.

| DATE | LOCATION | NUMBER | OBSERVERS | SEPTEMBER 1989 |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Mute Swan 9, 14 | Acoaxet, Monomoy | 182, 6 | R. Stymeist#, D. Rimmer | |
| 21, 30 | Arlington (Spy Pd), P.I. | 1, 6 | L. Taylor, E. Taylor | |
| Black Swan (escaped) 1-25 | (from August) P.I. | 1 | v. o. | |
| Snow Goose 29 | P.I. | 45 | B. Cassie | |
| Brant (from August) 13, 21 | Orleans (New Island) | 1 | W. Petersen#, M. Lynch# | |
| Canada Goose thr, 30 | P.I., GMNWR | 200+, 125 | W. Drew#, BBC (E. Taylor) | |
| 28, 30 | Newburyport, Wellesley | 23 migr, 42 migr | R. Forster | |
| Wood Duck 16, 17 | Mt. A., Bolton Flats | 2 m, 23 | R. Stymeist, M. Lynch# | |
| 25, 30 | P'town (Beech F.), GMNWR | 3 m, 30 | R. Stymeist#, BBC (E. Taylor) | |
| Green-winged Teal thr | P.I. | 155 max 9/27 | W. Drew# + v. o. | |
| 3, 16 | S. Monomoy | 200, 300 | B. Nikula | |
| 3; 25, 29 | Scituate; Wachusett Res. | 50+; 36, 16 | W. Petersen; D. Donovan | |
| American Black Duck thr | P.I. | 310 max 9/27 | W. Drew# + v. o. | |
| thr | S. Dart. (Allens Pd) | 62 max 9/28 | LCES (J. Hill) | |
| 3, 16; 25 | S. Monomoy; Wachusett Res. | 50, 80; 38 | B. Nikula; D. Donovan | |
| Mallard 6, 16 | P.I., Mt. A. | 105, 82 | W. Drew#, R. Stymeist | |
| 11 | Wachusett Reservoir | 100+ | D. Donovan | |
| Northern Pintail 3, 6 | P.I. | 11, 21 | R. Forster, BBC (S. Moore) | |
| 3 | Lynnfield, Lakeville | 6, 1 | R. Forster, W. Petersen | |
| 3, 16; 25 | S. Monomoy; Wachusett Res. | 12, 20; 5 | B. Nikula; D. Donovan | |
| Blue-winged Teal 1, 24; 9 | P.I. | 17, 6; 15 | D. Chickering; BBC (S. Moore) | |
| 3, 16 | S. Monomoy | 100, 150 | B. Nikula | |
| Northern Shoveler 3-23 | P.I. | 6 max 9/17 + 9/23 | D. Chickering + v. o. | |
| 3, 16 | S. Monomoy | 20, 15 | B. Nikula | |
| Gadwall thr | P.I. | 130 max 10/6 | W. Drew# + v. o. | |
| 3, 16 | S. Monomoy | 70, 20 | B. Nikula | |
| American Wigeon 1, 15 | GMNWR, Arlington Res. | 5, 6 | S. Perkins#, T. Aversa | |
| 3, 12 | S. Monomoy | 10, 20 | B. Nikula, W. Petersen | |
| Ring-necked Duck 3, 16, 28 | W. Newbury (Cherry Hill Res.) | 2, 7, 55 | R. Forster | |
| 3, 16 | Lakeville | 50, 120 | W. Petersen, BBC (D. Davis) | |
| 16 | S. Monomoy | 2 | B. Nikula | |
| Lesser Scaup 3, 12 | Lakeville, S. Monomoy | 3, 1 | W. Petersen# | |
| scaup species 16 | S. Monomoy | 5 | B. Nikula | |
| Common Eider 9, 28 | Nahant, Annisquam | 2, 30 | R. Forster, H. Wiggin | |
| 10, 24 | Cuttyhunk Island | 10, 12 | P. Trimble | |
| Black Scoter 29 | P'town | 2 | M. Lynch# | |
| Surf Scoter 7, 16 | Eastham, P.I. | 2, 2 | R. Titus, R. Forster | |
| 28, 29 | Salisbury, P'town | 6, 14 | R. Forster, M. Lynch# | |
| White-winged Scoter 19, 29 | Rockport (A.P.), P'town | 89 migr, 24 | T. Aversa, M. Lynch# | |
| Red-breasted Merganser 28, 29 | Salisbury, P'town | 5, 20 | R. Forster, M. Lynch# | |
| Ruddy Duck 3, 12, 16 | S. Monomoy | 8, 15, 8 | B. Nikula, W. Petersen, B. Nikula | |
| 28 | W. Newbury (Cherry Hill Res.) | 2 | R. Forster | |
| 30 | Arlington Res. | 8 | T. Aversa | |

RAPTORS THROUGH CRANES

Turkey Vultures are now so prevalent that they can be expected anywhere albeit in small numbers except in certain favored areas. Hawkwatchers experienced a below average flight with one exception. However, that exception made the season for those present on September 13 at Wachusett Mountain where almost 16,000 Broad-winged Hawks were observed, the fourth largest single-day total on record for eastern Massachusetts. Ashburnham had a good flight that day and again on the fifteenth with nearly 4,000 Broad-wings recorded on both days. Ten Broad-wings at Cuttyhunk Island on September 24 constitutes an excellent, and surprising, count for a remote island locale. Encouraging was the number of Cooper's Hawk reports from numerous widespread locations, but only a few Northern Goshawks were noted. Merlins were very well reported with the great majority recorded after midmonth. About 20 Peregrine Falcons were observed during the month with most seen beginning September 15.

Judging from the reports, the outlook for rails is grim. There were only single reports of Clapper Rail, Sora, and Common Moorhen, and Virginia Rail reports were only slightly better. For the second consecutive September, a Sandhill Crane appeared in the same marsh in Ipswich at about the same time. These sightings coupled with recent sightings from the same general area in spring are strongly suggestive that only one individual is involved. R.A.F.

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|---|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Turkey Vulture | | | | |
| 2-30 | Ashburnham | 58 | EMHW | |
| 9 | S. Dart. (Allens Pd) | 8 | R. Stymeist# | |
| 23 | Hardwick | 8 | M. Lynch# | |
| Individual birds and groups of 2 or 3 reported from 12 locations. | | | | |
| Osprey | | | | |
| 1-25 | Wachusett Mt. | 163 | EMHW | |
| 2-30 | Ashburnham | 137 | EMHW | |
| 9 | Westport | 14 | G. Gove# | |
| 15, 16 | W. Newbury, Bolton Flats | 34, 46 | EMHW | |
| Reports of 1-4 individuals from 11 locations. | | | | |
| Bald Eagle | | | | |
| 1-26 | Wachusett Mt. | 16 | EMHW | |
| 2-30 | Ashburnham | 6 | EMHW | |
| 7, 16 | Eastham, Bolton Flats | 1 imm, 1 imm | R. Titus, EMHW | |
| 16, 24 | P.I., MNWS | 1 imm, 1 imm | R. Forster#, W. Petersen# | |
| Northern Harrier | | | | |
| 3-25 | Wachusett Mt. | 52 | EMHW | |
| 2-30 | Ashburnham | 38 | EMHW | |
| 2 | P.I. | 8 individuals | R. Stymeist# | |
| 3, 16; 16 | S. Monomoy; Bolton Flats | 4+, 4+; 12 | B. Nikula; EMHW | |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk | | | | |
| 3-28 | Wachusett Mt. | 418 | EMHW | |
| 2-30 | Ashburnham | 385 | EMHW | |
| 3, 24, 30 | Quabbin (G40) | 2, 6, 3 | M. Lynch# | |
| 10, 24 | Cuttyhunk | 1, 6 | P. Trimble | |
| 13, 16 | Truro, Bolton Flats | 4 migr, 77 | W. Petersen#, EMHW | |
| 24 | Westport, P'town-Wellfleet | 51, 4 | EMHW, R. Stymeist# | |
| 24 | MNWS, W. Newbury | 5, 5 | W. Petersen#, J. Brown | |
| Reports of 1-4 individuals from 8 locations. | | | | |
| Cooper's Hawk | | | | |
| 2, 16, 24 | Ashburnham | 1, 1, 1 | EMHW | |
| 1, 3 | P.I., Quabbin (G40) | 1, 1 | R. Heil, M. Lynch# | |
| 3, 4 | Middleboro, Easton | 2, 1 | W. Petersen, R. Titus | |
| 11, 13, 16 | Eastham, Truro, Bridgewater | 1, 2, 1 | W. Petersen | |
| 11, 12, 25 | Wachusett Mt. | 3, 1, 1 | EMHW | |
| 15, 17 | Sharon, Bolton Flats | 1, 1 | R. Titus, M. Lynch# | |
| 22, 24 | Orleans, Ipswich | 1, 1 imm | R. Stymeist, J. Berry | |
| 22, 25 | Cuttyhunk, Truro | 2, 1 imm | P. Trimble, R. Forster | |
| 30 | Wachusett Res. | 1 | D. Donovan | |
| Northern Goshawk | | | | |
| 3, 25 | Wachusett Mt. | 1, 1 | EMHW | |
| 12 | S. Dart. (Allens Pd) | 2 | LCES (J. Hill) | |
| 13, 17; 24 | Wachusett Res.; Quabbin (G40) | 1, 1; 1 | D. Donovan; M. Lynch# | |
| Red-shouldered Hawk | | | | |
| 10, 25 | Wachusett Mt. | 1, 1 | EMHW | |
| 3, 16 | Bridgewater, Lakeville | 2, 1 | W. Petersen | |
| 24 | Newbury | 1 | D. Chickering | |

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| Broad-winged Hawk | | | | |
| 2-28 | Wachusett Mt. | 17831 total (15916 max 9/13) | EMHW | |
| 2-30 | Ashburnham | 9177 total (3776 on 9/13 and 3828 on 9/15) | EMHW | |
| 13, 24 | Worcester (airport), Cuttyhunk | 461, 10 | EMHW, P. Trimble | |
| Red-tailed Hawk | | | | |
| 8-28 | Wachusett Mt. | 7 | EMHW | |
| 3-30 | Ashburnham | 31 | EMHW | |
| 3 | S. Monomoy | 1 imm | B. Nikula | |
| American Kestrel | | | | |
| 2-28 | Wachusett Mt. | 124 | EMHW | |
| 2-30 | Ashburnham | 125 | EMHW | |
| Merlin | | | | |
| 3, 12 | Rowley, Wellesley | 2, 1 | R. Forster | |
| 4 | S. Monomoy | 1 | B. Nikula | |
| 3, 16 | Quabbin (G40) | 1, 2 or 3 | M. Lynch# | |
| 5, 6, 20 | P.I., E. Boston, Bolton | 2, 1, 1 | T. Aversa | |
| 10, 24 | Cuttyhunk | 1, 2 | P. Trimble | |
| 11, 12, 13 | Eastham, S. Monomoy, Truro | 1, 1, 1 | W. Petersen | |
| 12, 21, 28 | S. Dart. (Allens Pd) | 1, 2, 1 | LCES (J. Hill) | |
| 16, 17, 24 | P.I. | 3, 1, 3 | R. Forster, J. Berry#, W. Petersen# | |
| 16-24 | Nantucket | 6 | E. Andrews | |
| 20, 29 | Concord (Nine Acre) | 2, 1 | R. Forster | |
| 21; 25 | Wellfleet; P'town, Truro | 2; 2, 2 | R. Stymeist# | |
| 24 | Marblehead-Revere | 4 | BBC (I. Giriunas) | |
| Single birds reported from 7 other locations. | | | | |
| Peregrine Falcon | | | | |
| 2, 18 | Wachusett Mt. | 1, 1 | EMHW | |
| 12, 15 | Nantucket, Monomoy | 2, 1 imm | A. Bennett, D. Rimmer | |
| 16, 19 | P.I., Middleboro | 1, 1 | M. Lynch#, K. Ryan | |
| 24 | Cuttyhunk, N. Monomoy | 2, 2 imm | P. Trimble, B. Nikula | |
| 24 | Wellfleet, Revere | 1 imm, 1 | R. Stymeist#, BBC (I. Giriunas) | |
| 24 | Ipswich, Newbury | 1, 1 imm | D. Chickering, J. Brown | |
| 28 | P.I., Ipswich | 1 ad f, 1 ad m | R. Forster | |
| 29, 30 | Truro, Nantucket | 1 ad, 1 | M. Lynch#, M. Litchfield# | |
| Ring-necked Pheasant | | | | |
| 4, 9 | Ipswich, Canton (F.M.) | 11, 2 | BBC (J. Berry), BBC (D. Brown) | |
| 19 | Squantum | 5 | K. Ryan | |
| Ruffed Grouse | | | | |
| 27 | Quabbin (G40) | 3 | T. Aversa | |
| Northern Bobwhite | | | | |
| 9 | Nantucket | 8 | S. Perkins | |
| 14, 25 | Wellfleet, Truro | 22, 6 | W. Drew#, R. Stymeist | |
| Clapper Rail | | | | |
| 21 | Eastham | 1 | M. Lynch# | |
| Virginia Rail | | | | |
| 10, 24 | Cuttyhunk | 1, 1 | P. Trimble | |
| 17, 24 | Bolton Flats, Quabbin (G40) | 1, 1 | M. Lynch# | |
| Sora | | | | |
| 12 | S. Monomoy | 1 | W. Petersen# | |
| Common Moorhen | | | | |
| 12 | S. Monomoy | 1 | W. Petersen# | |
| Sandhill Crane | | | | |
| 11-30 | Ipswich (Crane Beach) | 1 ad | D. Rimmer + v. o. | |

PLOVERS THROUGH SKIMMERS

There were many reports of Lesser Golden-Plovers, including up to 45 birds in the Middleboro-Halifax area, and a flock of 17 was seen migrating past Wachusett Mountain. In contrast, there were only 2 reports of Upland Sandpipers and only one Marbled Godwit seen for two days on North Monomoy. The usual number of Western Sandpipers was reported for the month. Baird's Sandpipers were reported from six locations, including up to 7 at South Monomoy. Buff-breasted Sandpipers were also fairly common this September.

A detailed report of a Franklin's Gull located at the west end of Little Nahant Beach was received. (See page 32 for a detailed report.) Lesser Black-backed Gulls were reported at three locations, and an immature Sabine's Gull was seen on a pelagic trip to the Great South Channel. Caspian Terns were noted at six locations, and there were many reports of Forster's Terns including one of 30 birds at Allens Pond in South Dartmouth. G.W.G.

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| Black-bellied Plover | | | | |
| thr | P.I. | 368 max 9/1 | D. Chickering + v. o. | |
| thr | Ipswich | 125 max | D. Rimmer | |
| 3, 21 | Provincetown, Eastham | 500, 160 | R. Heil, M. Lynch# | |
| 5-24 | N. Monomoy | 1000 max 9/24 | B. Nikula + v. o. | |
| Lesser Golden-Plover | | | | |
| thr | P. I., Newbury | 10 max, 23 max | v. o. | |
| thr | Middleboro-Halifax | 45 max 9/19 | K. Ryan + v. o. | |
| thr | Ipswich | 10 max 9/28 | R. Forster + v. o. | |
| 2, 16 | Nantucket | 25, 15 | S. Perkins, I. Giriunas# | |
| 5, 12; 14, 24 | S. Monomoy; N. Monomoy | 5, 2; 6, 10 | B. Nikula + v. o. | |
| 12, 24 | Wachusett Mt., Chatham | 17, 14 | R. Forster | |
| 28 | Sharon | 2 | R. Titus | |
| Semipalmated Plover | | | | |
| thr | Ipswich (Crane Beach) | 10-150 | D. Rimmer | |
| 1-16 | P.I. | 500 max 9/9 | BBC (S. Moore) + v. o. | |
| 4 | N. Scituate | 310 | R. Stymeist# | |
| 5, 24 | N. Monomoy | 200, 100 | B. Nikula | |
| Piping Plover | | | | |
| 3, 9 | Provincetown, Acoaxet | 1, 2 | R. Heil, R. Stymeist# | |
| Killdeer | | | | |
| 5, 19 | Ipswich, W. Newbury | 40, 100 | T. Aversa | |
| 9 | Middleboro-Halifax, Acoaxet | 140, 26 | R. Stymeist# | |
| American Oystercatcher | | | | |
| 5-21 | N. Monomoy | 75 max 9/5 | B. Nikula# + v. o. | |
| 9, 12 | S. Dartmouth, Hull | 2, 3 | D. Small#, P. Thayer | |
| 10 | Nashawena, Cuttyhunk | 1, 4 | P. Trimble | |
| 22 | Chatham | 14 | J. Heywood# | |
| Greater Yellowlegs | | | | |
| 3, 5-15 | E. Boston, N. Monomoy | 196, 200 max | R. Stymeist#, B. Nikula + v. o. | |
| 5, 21 | P.I. | 150, 215 | T. Aversa, W. Drew# | |
| 26 | Quincy | 75 | K. Ryan | |
| Lesser Yellowlegs | | | | |
| 3-21 | P.I. | 90 max 9/2 | M. Lynch# + v. o. | |
| 5-24 | N. Monomoy | 50 max 9/24 | B. Nikula + v. o. | |
| Solitary Sandpiper | | | | |
| 3, 12-30 | Belmont, Hudson | 4, 8 max | J. Heywood, D. Donovan | |
| 3-30 | Middleboro-Halifax | 4 max | v. o. | |
| 10, 13 | Arlington, WBWS | 1, 2 | L. Taylor#, T. Aversa | |
| 21 | Wellesley | 3 | R. Forster | |
| Willet | | | | |
| 5, 24 | N. Monomoy | 4, 4 | B. Nikula# | |
| 9, 22 | S. Dartmouth, Chatham | 3, 6 | R. Stymeist# | |
| Spotted Sandpiper | | | | |
| 2, 10 | Wayland, Cuttyhunk | 3, 1 | R. Forster, P. Trimble | |
| 11, 29 | Clinton | 7, 1 | D. Donovan | |
| 14, 24 | Middleboro, N. Scituate | 3, 3 | K. Ryan, G. d'Entremont | |
| Upland Sandpiper | | | | |
| 9, 30 | Newburyport, P.I. | 1, 2 | BBC (S. Moore), E. Taylor | |
| Whimbrel | | | | |
| 1-24 | P.I. | 6 max 9/17 | G. Gove + v. o. | |
| 13-20 | N. Monomoy | 30 max 9/20 | B. Nikula + v. o. | |
| Hudsonian Godwit | | | | |
| 3 | E. Boston | 5 | R. Stymeist# | |
| 3-21 | P. I.-Newburyport | 16 max 9/9 | BBC (S. Moore) + v. o. | |
| 5-24 | N. Monomoy | 25 max 9/5 | B. Nikula + v. o. | |
| Marbled Godwit | | | | |
| 13, 14 | N. Monomoy | 1, 1 | H. Wiggin#, W. Petersen# | |
| Ruddy Turnstone | | | | |
| 5, 24; 6, 12 | N. Monomoy; Winthrop | 50, 30; 63, 15 | B. Nikula; T. Aversa | |
| Red Knot | | | | |
| 1-23 | P.I. | 13 max 9/23 | R. Forster + v. o. | |
| 5-24 | N. Monomoy | 200 max 9/24 | B. Nikula + v. o. | |
| 4, 24 | N. Scituate, Revere | 325, 16 | R. Stymeist#, BBC (I. Giriunas) | |
| Sanderling | | | | |
| thr | Ipswich (Crane Beach) | 6-75 | D. Rimmer | |
| 5-24 | N. Monomoy | 1000 max 9/5 | B. Nikula + v. o. | |
| 9, 24 | S. Dartmouth, Revere | 500, 1200 | R. Stymeist#, BBC (I. Giriunas) | |
| Semipalmated Sandpiper | | | | |
| 3-21 | P.I. | 400 max | v. o. | |

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| Semipalmated Sandpiper (continued) | | | | |
| 3-16 | S. Monomoy | 300 max 9/3 | B. Nikula | |
| 5-24 | N. Monomoy | 250 max 9/5 | B. Nikula | |
| Western Sandpiper | | | | |
| 1-21 | P.I. | 3 max 9/1 | R. Heil + v. o. | |
| 3, 4 | S. Monomoy, N. Scituate | 5, 4 | B. Nikula, R. Stymeist# | |
| 12, 13, 14 | S. Monomoy, Orleans, N. Monomoy | 5, 3, 3 | W. Petersen# | |
| 24 | Revere | 6 | BBC (I. Giriunas) | |
| Least Sandpiper | | | | |
| 2-17 | P.I. | 100 max 9/3 | J. Berry + v. o. | |
| 3, 16; 5-24 | S. Monomoy; N. Monomoy | 100, 50; 50 max | B. Nikula | |
| 4 | Scituate | 75 | K. Griffis# | |
| White-rumped Sandpiper | | | | |
| 1-21 | P.I. | 90 max 9/7 | R. Abrams + v. o. | |
| 3, 16; 14 | S. Monomoy; N. Monomoy | 50, 10; 12 | B. Nikula; D. Rimmer | |
| 8 | Nantucket | 2 banded | E. Andrews | |
| 14, 24 | Middleboro, Revere | 2, 12 | K. Ryan, BBC (I. Giriunas) | |
| Baird's Sandpiper | | | | |
| 2-16, 3-10 | S. Monomoy, Nantucket | 7 max 9/2, 2 | W. Harrington + v.o., S. Perkins | |
| 8, 9 | Halifax | 3 juv, 3 | R. Forster, C. Floyd# | |
| 10, 24 | Cuttyhunk, Scituate | 1, 1 | P. Trimble, G. d'Entremont | |
| 28 | P.I. | 2 | R. Forster | |
| Pectoral Sandpiper | | | | |
| 3, 16; 14 | S. Monomoy; N. Monomoy | 25, 45; 33 | B. Nikula; D. Rimmer | |
| 4; 10, 16 | Arlington | 5; 2, 2 | J. Heywood; C. Black# | |
| 23, 30 | P. I., Middleboro-Halifax | 5, 65 | R. Forster | |
| Dunlin | | | | |
| 5, 24 | N. Monomoy | 2, 400 | B. Nikula | |
| Stilt Sandpiper | | | | |
| 2-19 | P.I. | 5 max 9/2 | M. Lynch# + v. o. | |
| Buff-breasted Sandpiper | | | | |
| 1-24, 2-3 | P. I., Newbury | 1-2, 2 | v. o. | |
| 2-4 | S. Monomoy | 7 max 9/2 | W. W. Harrington + v. o. | |
| 3, 8 | Nantucket | 3-5 | S. Perkins, F. Bouchard | |
| 4, 5 | S. Dart. (Allens Pd) | 1, 1 | M. Boucher, J. Hill | |
| 9-16 | Middleboro-Halifax | 3-5 | v. o. | |
| Short-billed Dowitcher | | | | |
| 5, 24 | N. Monomoy | 30, 50 | B. Nikula | |
| 6, 9 | E. Boston, P.I. | 40 juv, 100 | T. Aversa, BBC (S. Moore) | |
| 24 | Scituate | 1 | G. d'Entremont | |
| Long-billed Dowitcher | | | | |
| 1, 7; 3 | P. I.; Nantucket | 122 ad, 63; 1 ad | R. Heil; S. Perkins | |
| 23 | P.I. | 75 | R. Forster# | |
| Common Snipe | | | | |
| 20, 23 | Concord (Nine Acre), Ipswich | 26, 16 | R. Forster | |
| American Woodcock | | | | |
| 7 | Plymouth | 4 | G. d'Entremont# | |
| Wilson's Phalarope | | | | |
| 2-17 | P.I. | 1-3 | v. o. | |
| 3-4, 10 | S. Monomoy, N. Monomoy | 1, 1 | B. Nikula | |
| 3 | Scituate | 1 | W. Petersen | |
| Red-necked Phalarope | | | | |
| 3, 6 | Provincetown, Stellwagen | 47, 32 | R. Heil, R. Titus | |
| 9, 10 | Gloucester, Nantucket Shoals | 2, 100 | I. Johnson, MAS (W. Petersen) | |
| Red Phalarope | | | | |
| 6 | Stellwagen | 4 | R. Titus | |
| phalarope species | | | | |
| 30 | Gloucester | 1 | fide W. Petersen | |
| Pomarine Jaeger | | | | |
| 10 | Nantucket Shoals | 2 | MAS (W. Petersen) | |
| 23, 24 | Bourne (Wing's Neck), Eastham | 2, 1 | P. Trimble, R. Forster | |
| Parasitic Jaeger | | | | |
| 7, 13 | WBWS, N. Monomoy | 1, 1 | M. Boucher, H. Wiggin# | |
| 10, 14 | Nantucket Shoals | 2, 6 | MAS (W. Petersen), I. Giriunas | |
| 17, 23 | N. Monomoy, Bourne (Wing's Neck) | 4, 2, 2 | B. Nikula, P. Trimble | |
| 24 | Eastham | 2 | R. Forster | |
| jaeger species | | | | |
| 6, 8 | Barnstable | 1, 1 | R. Scott# | |
| 10 | Nantucket Shoals | 5 | MAS (W. Petersen) | |
| 23 | Bourne (Wing's Neck) | 8 | P. Trimble | |

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| Laughing Gull | | | | |
| 6 | Winthrop, S. Dartmouth | 130, 43 | T. Aversa, LCES (J. Hill) | |
| 8, 9 | Lynn, Acoaxet | 100, 105 | J. Quigley, R. Stymeist# | |
| 10, 24 | Cuttyhunk | 130, 200 | P. Trimble | |
| 24, 29 | N. Monomoy, Provincetown | 500, 82 | B. Nikula, M. Lynch# | |
| Franklin's Gull (details submitted) | | | | |
| 3 | Nahant | 1 (1S) | R. Forster# | |
| Common Black-headed Gull | | | | |
| 6, 9 | Winthrop, E. Boston | 3 ad, 1 ad | T. Aversa, R. Forster | |
| Bonaparte's Gull | | | | |
| thr | Newburyport | 650 max 9/23 | R. Forster + v. o. | |
| 12, 23 | Nahant, Lynn | 500, 100 | R. Stymeist#, J. Quigley | |
| 30 | Clinton | 5 | D. Donovan | |
| Ring-billed Gull | | | | |
| 2 | Lynn | 250 | J. Quigley | |
| Lesser Black-backed Gull | | | | |
| 3-21 | Nantucket | 1 2nd yr ph | S. Perkins + v. o. | |
| 14, 21 | N. Monomoy, Chatham | 1 ad + 1 (3S), 1 ad | W. Petersen, M. Lynch# | |
| Black-legged Kittiwake | | | | |
| 10 | Great South Channel | 5 | MAS (W. Petersen) | |
| Sabine's Gull | | | | |
| 10 | Great South Channel | 1 imm | MAS (W. Petersen) | |
| Caspian Tern | | | | |
| 4, 16 | S. Dartmouth, P.I. | 5, 2 | T. Raymond, BBC (W. Van Cor) | |
| 19; 22, 23 | Plymouth; Quincy | 5; 3 | J. Crane; R. Vernon# | |
| 22, 23 | S. Dartmouth, Falmouth | 2, 2 | J. Hill, P. Trimble | |
| Roseate Tern | | | | |
| 3; 3, 9 | P'town; Nantucket | 100; 1200, 2000 | R. Heil; S. Perkins | |
| 22 | Chatham | 5 | R. Stymeist# | |
| Common Tern | | | | |
| 10 | Great South Channel | 1800 | MAS (W. Petersen) | |
| 23 | Buzzards Bay | 200 | P. Trimble | |
| 21, 29 | Chatham, Provincetown | 200, 135 | M. Lynch# | |
| 30 | Nantucket | 1000 | BBC (D. Davis) | |
| Forster's Tern | | | | |
| 1, 24; 4 | P. I.; S. Monomoy | 1, 1; 8 | D. Chickering; B. Nikula | |
| 3, 9; 4 | E. Boston; S. Dartmouth | 5, 11; 18 | C. Floyd, R. Forster; T. Raymond | |
| 15 | WBWS, N. Monomoy | 5, 6 | W. Petersen#, H. Wiggin# | |
| 21 | S. Dart. (Allens Pd) | 30 | LCES (J. Hill) | |
| 24, 30 | Eastham, Nantucket | 6, 25 | R. Forster, BBC (D. Davis) | |
| tern species (mostly Common Tern) | | | | |
| 13 | Monomoy NWR | 3000-5000 | D. Rimmer | |
| Least Tern | | | | |
| 3, 9 | Scituate, S. Dartmouth | 3 + 3 yg, 10 | W. Petersen, R. Stymeist# | |
| 10, 13 | Nantucket, Orleans | 1 imm, 6 | S. Perkins, W. Petersen# | |
| 16, 24 | P. I., Eastham | 2, 1 | BBC (W. Van Cor), R. Forster | |
| Black Tern | | | | |
| 1-3 | P.I. | 1-2 | G. Gove + v. o. | |
| 10 | Great South Channel, Nantucket | 1, 1 imm | MAS (W. Petersen), S. Perkins | |
| 24 | Eastham | 2 | R. Forster | |
| Black Skimmer | | | | |
| 3 | S. Dart. (Allens Pd) | 5 | LCES (J. Hill) | |
| 4, 5 | S. Dartmouth, N. Monomoy | 2 imm, 1 ad + 2 imm | T. Raymond, B. Nikula | |
| 13, 14 | Eastham, N. Monomoy | 1 ad + 2 imm, 2 | W. Petersen | |

CUCKOOS THROUGH WAXWINGS

The Whip-poor-will census in Myles Standish Forest in Plymouth turned up 5 individuals as late as September 21. A cold front pushed through the area shortly thereafter, and on the census the following week no Whip-poor-wills could be found. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker numbers were normal.

Three Eastern Wood-Pewees were singing as late as September 17. Four Western Kingbirds were located, and the high count of Eastern Kingbirds in Norfolk continued from August. The Tree Swallow flock at Plum Island was estimated to reach a million birds on September 3. The observers noted a huge milling mass of swallows, extending from the ground to approximately 1500 feet in the air and estimated to be one half mile wide. Seventy thousand swallows were still present at Naushon Island later in the month. Cliff Swallows lingered with reports coming from September 23-28. A count of 175 Fish Crows in Middleboro is unusual, and 8 Common Ravens were reported from their now usual haunts. The total of 140 Red-breasted Nuthatches tallied is the highest number in these records for September since 1983.

Carolina Wrens continued their spread in eastern Massachusetts although they are still scarce in Worcester County. In Milton a family group of 3 Winter Wrens continued into September from April. American Pipits were scattered over the region with several good-sized flocks reported. G. d'E.

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| Black-billed Cuckoo | | | | |
| 24 | MNWS, Cuttyhunk | 1, 1 | v. o., P. Trimble | |
| 28, 30 | P.I., Nantucket | 1, 1 | R. Walton#, BBC (D. Davis) | |
| Yellow-billed Cuckoo | | | | |
| 3, 22 | N. Scituate, Rockport | 1, 1 | W. Petersen, F. Bouchard | |
| 30 | P.I. | 1 | D. Morimoto | |
| Eastern Screech-Owl | | | | |
| 4, 9 | Ipswich, Acoaxet | 1 gray, 1 | BBC (J. Berry), C. Floyd | |
| 24, 30 | Ipswich, Brookline | 1, 1 | J. Berry, R. Stymeist | |
| Great Horned Owl | | | | |
| thr, 4 | Ipswich, Ipswich (other locale) | 1 pair, 3 | J. Berry# | |
| 17 | Bolton Flats, Hamilton | 1, 1 pair | BBC (M. Lynch), J. Berry | |
| 30 | Ipswich (Castle Hill) | 1 pair | J. Berry | |
| Barred Owl | | | | |
| 3 | Middleboro | 1 | W. Petersen | |
| Short-eared Owl | | | | |
| 13 | Monomoy | 1 | D. Rimmer | |
| Common Nighthawk | | | | |
| 4, 9, 10 | Lawrence | 1, 4, 32 | J. Hogan | |
| 3, 7 | MNWS, Mt. A. | 10, 12 | T. Aversa, C. Floyd# | |
| 7, 10 | Wellesley, N. Monomoy | 6, 1 | L. Mog, B. Nikula# | |
| 11, 27 | Wellesley, Boston | 16, 1 | R. Forster, T. Aversa | |
| Whip-poor-will | | | | |
| 7, 14, 21, 28 | Plymouth (Myles Standish) | 5, 10, 5, 0 | G. d'Entremont + R. Campbell | |
| Chimney Swift | | | | |
| 3; 7, 14 | P.I.; Wachusett Mt. | 1; 20, 7 | G. d'Entremont; v. o. | |
| Ruby-throated Hummingbird | | | | |
| 3, 9, 11; 4 | MNWS; P.I. | 2, 2, 1; 1 | R. Forster#, D. Chickering | |
| 10, 24; 11 | Cuttyhunk; Wachusett Res. | 1, 1; 6 | P. Trimble; D. Donovan | |
| 15-17, 21 | Easton, Watertown | 1, 1 | K. Ryan, R. Stymeist# | |
| Belted Kingfisher | | | | |
| 17, 24 | P.I., P'town-Eastham | 6, 8 | G. Gove, R. Stymeist# | |
| 26 | Quincy | 4 | K. Ryan | |
| Red-headed Woodpecker | | | | |
| 16, 30 | Stoneham, N. Attleboro | 1 imm, 1 | T. Aversa, J. Kricher | |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | | | | |
| 27 | MNWS, Quabbin (G40) | 1, 1 | R. Forster, T. Aversa | |
| 28, 30 | P.I., Quabbin (G40) | 3, 1 | R. Forster, M. Lynch# | |
| 30 | P.I. | 1 | D. Morimoto | |
| Northern Flicker | | | | |
| 9, 17 | Canton (F.M.), Wachusett Res. | 25, 15 | BBC (D. Brown), D. Donovan | |
| 21, 27 | Wellfleet, P.I. | 27, 7 | R. Stymeist#, H. + N. Ober | |
| Pileated Woodpecker | | | | |
| 13-22, 4 | Wachusett Res., Milton | 1, 1 | D. Donovan, G. d'Entremont | |
| 23, 30 | Manchester, Quabbin (G40) | 1, 2 | BBC (G. Hotz), M. Lynch# | |
| Olive-sided Flycatcher | | | | |
| 1-3; 3, 6 | Nantucket; MNWS, Bolton | 1; 1, 1 | E. Andrews; T. Aversa | |
| Eastern Wood-Pewee | | | | |
| 4, 9 | Braintree, Worcester | 1 singing, 3 | G. d'Entremont, M. Lynch# | |
| 17, 24 | Hamilton, Lincoln | 3 singing, 1 | J. Berry, BBC (J. Nove) | |
| 29, 30 | Stoneham, Brookline | 1, 1 | T. Aversa, R. Stymeist | |
| Yellow-bellied Flycatcher | | | | |
| 1-11 | Nantucket | 5 b | E. Andrews | |
| 3, 16, 24 | Scituate, P.I., MNWS | 1, 1, 1 | W. Petersen, R. Forster, v. o. | |
| "Traill's Flycatcher" | | | | |
| 1 | Nantucket | 1 b | E. Andrews | |
| Least Flycatcher | | | | |
| 1-13 | Nantucket | 6 b | E. Andrews | |
| 24 | MNWS | 1 | BBC (I. Giriunas) | |
| <i>Empidonax</i> species | | | | |
| 24, 27 | Cuttyhunk, Quabbin (G40) | 1, 1 | P. Trimble, T. Aversa | |
| Eastern Phoebe | | | | |
| 3, 7 | Weston, Annisquam | 2, 1 | G. d'Entremont#, H. Wiggin | |
| 17 | Bolton Flats, ONWR | 12, 6 | BBC (M. Lynch) | |
| 24 | Lincoln, Quabbin (G40) | 7, 15 | BBC (J. Nove), M. Lynch# | |
| 30 | Quabbin (G40), Boston H. (George's I.) | 13, 3 | M. Lynch#, P. Thayer | |

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| Western Kingbird | | | | |
| 24, 29 | Chatham, P.I. | 1, 1 | J. Kenneally + v. o., B. Cassie | |
| 24, 30 | Plymouth, Nantucket | 1, 1 | S. Higginbotham, BBC (D. Davis) | |
| Eastern Kingbird | | | | |
| 1-17 | P.I. | 16 max 9/2 | v. o. | |
| 2, 4 | Norfolk | 125, 9 | B. Cassie | |
| 4, 23 | Ipswich, Truro | 5, 3 | BBC (J. Berry), R. Stymeist# | |
| Horned Lark | | | | |
| 23 | Ipswich | 1 | R. Forster | |
| Purple Martin | | | | |
| 1, 4 | Annisquam, Ipswich | 1, 150+ juv | H. Wiggin, J. Berry | |
| 12, 16 | Wachusett Mt., P.I. | 20, 3 | R. Forster | |
| Tree Swallow | | | | |
| thr | P.I. | 1,000,000 max 9/3 | K. Forster# + v. o. | |
| 6 | S. Dart. (Allens Pd) | 812 | LCES (J. Hill) | |
| 14 | Monomoy | 400+ | D. Rimmer | |
| 24, 28-29 | Naushon, Nantucket | 70,000+, "1000s" | P. Trimble, E. Andrews | |
| Bank Swallow | | | | |
| 3 | P.I. | 5+ | G. d'Entremont# | |
| Cliff Swallow | | | | |
| 23, 24 | Chatham, DWWS | 4+, 1+ | B. Nikula, G. d'Entremont | |
| 24 | S. Wellfleet | 1 | R. Forster | |
| 28, 28 | Salisbury, P.I. | 3, 2 | R. Forster | |
| Barn Swallow | | | | |
| 4, 16 | Ipswich, P.I. | 10+, 5 | BBC (J. Berry), M. Lynch# | |
| 24 | Cuttyhunk, DWWS | 10, 2 | P. Trimble, G. d'Entremont | |
| 24, 30 | N. Scituate, Sandwich | 4, 6 | G. d'Entremont, P. Stevens# | |
| Blue Jay | | | | |
| 30 | Quabbin (G40) | 102 | M. Lynch# | |
| American Crow | | | | |
| 16 | Mt. A. | 175 | R. Stymeist | |
| Fish Crow | | | | |
| 8, 9 | Halifax, Middleboro | 7, 2 | R. Forster, v. o. | |
| 16, 24 | Middleboro, Scituate | 175, 2 | W. Petersen, G. d'Entremont | |
| Common Raven | | | | |
| 3, 10 | Quabbin (G40), Ashburnham | 4, 2+ | M. Lynch#, L. Taylor# | |
| 12 | Wachusett Mt. | 2 | E. Taylor | |
| Black-capped Chickadee | | | | |
| thr | Quabbin (G40) | 59 max 9/30 | M. Lynch# | |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch | | | | |
| thr | Nantucket | 53 b | E. Andrews | |
| 3, 24 | Quabbin (G40), MNWS | 23, 7 | M. Lynch#, T. Aversa | |
| Reports of 57 individuals from 12 locations. | | | | |
| White-breasted Nuthatch | | | | |
| 3, 30 | Quabbin (G40) | 14, 15 | M. Lynch# | |
| Brown Creeper | | | | |
| 25, 30 | P'town | 4, 2 | J. Heywood#, I. Giriunas# | |
| Carolina Wren | | | | |
| thr, 1 | Ipswich, Wayland | 1, 1 | J. Berry, R. Forster | |
| 4 | Milton, Stoughton | 2, 4 | G. d'Entremont, R. Titus | |
| 3, 9 | Truro, Wellfleet | 6, 11 | R. Heil, R. Stymeist# | |
| 16, 30 | Middleboro, Brookline | 4, 4 | BBC (D. Davis), R. Stymeist# | |
| House Wren | | | | |
| 3, 4 | Quabbin (G40), Ipswich | 8, 3 | M. Lynch#, BBC (J. Berry) | |
| 30 | Brookline, Quabbin (G40) | 2, 2 | R. Stymeist, M. Lynch# | |
| Winter Wren | | | | |
| from April-9/4 | Milton | 3 (family group) | G. d'Entremont | |
| 3, 27 | Quabbin (G40) | 1, 2 | M. Lynch#, T. Aversa | |
| 28-30 | Nantucket | 5 b | E. Andrews | |
| Marsh Wren | | | | |
| 17, 21 | Bolton Flats, Eastham | 4, 1 | BBC (M. Lynch#), M. Lynch# | |
| 30 | GMNWR | 4 | BBC (E. Taylor) | |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet | | | | |
| 15, 28 | Sharon, Annisquam | 1, 4 | R. Titus, H. Wiggin | |
| 28 | Salisbury, P.I. | 7, 27 | R. Forster# | |
| 28-30 | Nantucket | 9 b | E. Andrews | |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet | | | | |
| 12 | Nantucket | 1 | E. Andrews | |
| 17, 24 | P.I., MNWS | 3, 4 | D. Chickering, BBC (I. Giriunas) | |

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| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher | | | | |
| 1, 2 | Wayland, P.I. | 1, 1 | R. Walton#, M. Lynch# | |
| 3, 14 | Bridgewater, Nantucket | 1, 1 b | W. Petersen, E. Andrews | |
| Eastern Bluebird | | | | |
| thr, 16 | Quabbin (G40), Westminster | 20 max 9/27, 5 | v. o., G. Gove# | |
| 19, 30 | Middleboro, Concord | 5, 8 | K. Ryan, R. Walton | |
| Veery | | | | |
| 3, 9 | Newbury, Canton (F.M.) | 1, 1 | D. Chickering, BBC (D. Brown) | |
| Gray-cheeked Thrush | | | | |
| 7, 18 | Chatham (Morris I.), Stoughton | 1, 2 migr (heard) | D. Ludlow#, R. Titus | |
| 24 | Nantucket | 2 b | E. Andrews | |
| 27, 28 | Quabbin (G40), Stoneham | 1, 1 | T. Aversa | |
| Swainson's Thrush | | | | |
| 13-30 | Nantucket | 8 b | E. Andrews | |
| 18, 29 | Stoughton | 9, 2 migr (heard) | R. Titus | |
| Hermit Thrush | | | | |
| thr, 28 | Quabbin (G40), P.I. | 9 max 9/3, 1 | M. Lynch#, R. Walton# | |
| Wood Thrush | | | | |
| 4 | Milton, Ipswich | 1, 1 | G. d'Entremont, BBC (J. Berry) | |
| 11, 17 | Wachusett Res., P.I. | 8, 1 | D. Donovan, D. Chickering | |
| 21, 24 | Stoneham, Nantucket | 1, 1 | T. Aversa, E. Andrews | |
| American Robin | | | | |
| 4, 16 | Braintree, Mt. A. | 45, 110 | G. d'Entremont, R. Stymeist | |
| 17, 24 | Bolton Flats, Mashpee | 230, 100 | BBC (M. Lynch#), P. Trimble | |
| Gray Catbird | | | | |
| thr | Nantucket | 55 b | E. Andrews | |
| 4, 9 | Braintree, Canton (F.M.) | 15, 27 | G. d'Entremont, BBC (D. Brown) | |
| 16, 17 | P.I., Bolton Flats | 64, 46 | M. Lynch#, BBC (M. Lynch) | |
| 21, 25 | Wellfleet, P'town | 36, 30 | R. Stymeist# | |
| Northern Mockingbird | | | | |
| 9 | Canton (F.M.) | 12 | BBC (D. Brown) | |
| Brown Thrasher | | | | |
| 6, 14-17 | Bolton, Marlboro | 4, 1 | T. Aversa, R. Graefe | |
| 17, 30 | Bolton Flats, Bolton | 2, 1 | BBC (M. Lynch), T. Aversa | |
| American Pipit | | | | |
| 9 | Middleboro, P.I. | 1, 1 | G. d'Entremont#, W. Petersen | |
| 23-30, 24 | Ipswich, Newbury | 60+ max 9/28, 80 | v. o., T. Aversa | |
| Cedar Waxwing | | | | |
| 3, 9 | Quabbin (G40), Canton (F.M.) | 63, 30 | M. Lynch#, BBC (D. Brown) | |
| 16 | P.I. | 75+ | M. Lynch# | |

VIREOS THROUGH FINCHES

Both White-eyed and Yellow-throated vireos were still singing early in the month from their breeding locations. Philadelphia Vireos were reported from many locations, and there were 3 banded on Nantucket where 24 Red-eyed Vireos were also tagged at the Mothball Pines banding station.

A total of thirty-one warbler species was reported during the month, one less than last September. The warbler highlight was a male **Black-throated Gray Warbler** found on Morris Island in Chatham, the same location of another (or the same?) Black-throated Gray in September 1987. On a pelagic trip to the Great South Channel on September 10 a Kentucky Warbler nearly landed on board. Other notables included Prothonotary Warblers at Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary and on Nantucket, a Hooded Warbler in Stoneham, and 2 Connecticut. Yellow-breasted Chats were reported from four locations; seven were banded on Nantucket during the first two weeks of the month.

An early Blue Grosbeak was found at Rock Meadow in Belmont; others were found on Cuttyhunk and in Middleboro; and two were seen at the Corn Hill farm in Truro. Dickcissels were noted from three locations. Sparrow highlights included 2 Clay-colored, 2 Lark, and a good flight of Lincoln's and White-crowned sparrows. White-winged Crossbills continued to be seen from this past summer, and Pine Siskins were noted at two locations at month's end.

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| White-eyed Vireo | | | | |
| 3, 24 | N. Scituate (Glades) | 1, 1 | W. Petersen, G. d'Entremont | |
| 9 | Westport | 4 singing | R. Stymeist# | |
| Solitary Vireo | | | | |
| 17; 24, 30 | Bolton Flats; Quabbin (G40) | 1; 5, 4 | M. Lynch# | |
| 24, 25 | MNWS, P'town | 2, 3 | BBC (I. Giriunas), R. Stymeist# | |
| 25, 30; 30 | Nantucket; Stoneham | 1 b, 1 b; 6 | E. Andrews; T. Aversa | |

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| Yellow-throated Vireo | | | | |
| 1, 3 | Wayland, N. Scituate | 1, 1 | R. Forster#, W. Petersen | |
| 3, 4 | Quabbin (G40), ONWR | 4 singing, 3 | M. Lynch# | |
| 9; 15 | P.I.; Easton, Stoneham | 1; 2, 1 | BBC (S. Moore); K. Ryan, T. Aversa | |
| Warbling Vireo | | | | |
| 3 | MNWS, N. Scituate | 2, 1 | R. Forster, W. Petersen | |
| 4, 6 | Ipswich, Bolton | 1, 3 | BBC (J. Berry), T. Aversa | |
| Philadelphia Vireo | | | | |
| 3, 9, 11; 24 | MNWS | 2, 1, 1; 1 | R. Forster; BBC (I. Giriunas) | |
| 3, 4 | N. Scituate, ONWR | 2, 1 | W. Petersen, M. Lynch# | |
| 4 | Westminster, Wachusett Mt. | 2, 1 | G. Gove#, C. Floyd | |
| 5, 16; 17 | P.I. | 1, 2; 1 | R. Forster; D. Chickering | |
| 11, 12, 13 | Nantucket | 3 b | E. Andrews | |
| 16, 17 | Princeton, Bolton | 1, 3 | G. Gove#, BBC (M. Lynch) | |
| 21, 25 | Wellfleet, Truro | 1, 1 | R. Stymeist# | |
| Red-eyed Vireo | | | | |
| 4 | Annisquam, Braintree | 3, 3 | H. Wiggin, G. d'Entremont | |
| 9, 11, 27 | MNWS | 5, 5, 2 | R. Forster | |
| 9-30 | Nantucket | 24 b | E. Andrews | |
| 10, 17 | Cuttyhunk, Bolton Flats | 4, 10 | P. Trimble, BBC (M. Lynch) | |
| Blue-winged Warbler | | | | |
| 4, 9 | ONWR, Canton (F.M.) | 4, 1 | M. Lynch#, G. d'Entremont | |
| 17, 21 | Nahant, Wellfleet | 1, 1 | P. Trimble, J. Heywood | |
| 25, 30 | Truro, Stoneham | 1, 1 | R. Stymeist#, T. Aversa | |
| Tennessee Warbler | | | | |
| 10, 12 | Nantucket | 2 b | E. Andrews | |
| 17, 24 | Bolton, N. Scituate | 2, 1 | BBC (M. Lynch), G. d'Entremont | |
| 25, 30 | Truro, Nantucket | 1, 1 | R. Stymeist#, BBC (D. Davis) | |
| Nashville Warbler | | | | |
| 12, 13, 30 | Nantucket | 2 b, 1 b, 2 b | E. Andrews | |
| 25 | P'town, Truro | 1, 1 | R. Stymeist# | |
| 27, 30 | Belmont, Stoneham | 2, 2 | L. Taylor, T. Aversa | |
| Northern Parula | | | | |
| 3, 25, 28; 24 | Nantucket; Lincoln | 1 b, 2 b, 2 b; 2 | E. Andrews; BBC (J. Nove) | |
| Yellow Warbler | | | | |
| 1-25 | Nantucket | 27 b | E. Andrews | |
| 4; 9, 11 | P.I.; MNWS | 1; 5, 2 | D. Chickering; R. Forster | |
| 10, 28 | Cuttyhunk, S. Dart. | 1, 1 | P. Trimble, LCES (J. Hill) | |
| Chestnut-sided Warbler | | | | |
| 30 | Nantucket | 1 b | E. Andrews | |
| Magnolia Warbler | | | | |
| 3, 24 | Quabbin (G40) | 7, 4 | M. Lynch# | |
| 9-28; 9, 11 | Nantucket; MNWS | 5 b; 3, 3 | E. Andrews; R. Forster, I. Giriunas# | |
| 28, 30 | P.I., Stoneham | 2, 2 | R. Forster#, T. Aversa | |
| Cape May Warbler | | | | |
| 3-28 | Nantucket | 79 b | E. Andrews | |
| 24 | Cuttyhunk, MNWS | 3, 2 | P. Trimble, T. Aversa | |
| Black-throated Blue Warbler | | | | |
| 1, 9-30; 27 | Nantucket; P.I. | 16 b; 1 | E. Andrews; H. + N. Ober | |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler | | | | |
| 5, 12, 25-30 | Nantucket | 1 b, 1 b, 55 b | E. Andrews | |
| 6, 24, 30 | Quabbin (G40) | 6, 35, 49 | M. Lynch# | |
| 6, 21 | Bolton, Wellfleet | 1, 2 | T. Aversa, R. Stymeist# | |
| 30 | Ipswich, Stoneham | 25+, 40 | J. Berry, T. Aversa | |
| Black-throated Gray Warbler | | | | |
| 4-5 | Chatham (Morris I.) | 1 m | J. Talin, M. Tuttle | |
| Black-throated Green Warbler | | | | |
| 9-28 | Nantucket | 10 b | E. Andrews | |
| 3, 24; 28 | Quabbin (G40); P.I. | 13, 5; 3 | M. Lynch#; R. Forster | |
| Blackburnian Warbler | | | | |
| 24 | Quabbin (G40), Lincoln | 1, 2 | M. Lynch#, BBC (J. Nove) | |
| 24, 28 | Cuttyhunk, Nantucket | 1, 1 b | P. Trimble, E. Andrews | |
| Pine Warbler | | | | |
| 1-28 | Nantucket | 21 b | E. Andrews | |
| 3, 24, 30 | Quabbin (G40) | 10, 57, 45 | M. Lynch# | |
| Prairie Warbler | | | | |
| 1-28, 4 | Nantucket, Annisquam | 11 b, 1 | E. Andrews, H. Wiggin | |
| 9, 25 | Canton (F.M.), Truro | 2, 5 | BBC (D. Brown), R. Stymeist# | |
| Palm Warbler | | | | |
| 3-28 | Nantucket | 62 b | E. Andrews | |

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| Palm Warbler (continued) | | | | |
| 16 | Middleboro, P.I. | 1, 1 | R. Stymeist, M. Lynch# | |
| 24, 30 | N. Scituate, Nantucket | 4, 50 | G. d'Entremont, BBC (D. Davis) | |
| Bay-breasted Warbler | | | | |
| 3-30 | Nantucket | 30 b | E. Andrews | |
| 10, 24 | Cuttyhunk, MNWS | 2, 1 | P. Trimble, BBC (I. Giriunas) | |
| Blackpoll Warbler | | | | |
| 3 | Nahant, MNWS | 1, 1 | R. Forster | |
| 9-30 | Nantucket | 35 b | E. Andrews | |
| Black-and-white Warbler | | | | |
| 1-28 | Nantucket | 11 b | E. Andrews | |
| 24, 25 | Lincoln, Truro | 3, 3 | BBC (J. Nove), R. Stymeist# | |
| American Redstart | | | | |
| thr | Nantucket | 35 b | E. Andrews | |
| 24 | N. Scituate, MNWS | 5, 7 | G. d'Entremont, BBC (I. Giriunas) | |
| Prothonotary Warbler | | | | |
| 19-20, 27 | Nantucket, MNWS | 1 b, 1 | E. Andrews#, P. Trimble | |
| Ovenbird | | | | |
| 11, 22-28 | Nantucket | 3 b, 3 b | E. Andrews | |
| Northern Waterthrush | | | | |
| 1-28, 9 | Nantucket, MNWS | 18 b, 3 | E. Andrews, R. Forster | |
| 9, 21 | Canton (F.M.), Wellfleet | 3, 3 | G. d'Entremont, R. Stymeist# | |
| 28, 30 | P.I., Brookline | 2, 1 | R. Forster, R. Stymeist | |
| Kentucky Warbler | | | | |
| 10 | Great South Channel | 1 | MAS (W. Petersen) | |
| Connecticut Warbler | | | | |
| 3, 25 | Quabbin (G40), Sandwich | 1, 1 | M. Lynch#, P. Trimble | |
| Mourning Warbler | | | | |
| 3, 11; 17 | MNWS; Nahant | 2, 1; 1 | R. Forster; P. Trimble | |
| 10-12 | Nantucket | 3 b | E. Andrews | |
| Common Yellowthroat | | | | |
| thr | Nantucket | 62 b | E. Andrews | |
| Hooded Warbler | | | | |
| 4 | Stoneham | 1 m | T. Aversa | |
| Wilson's Warbler | | | | |
| 4, 9 | Braintree, MNWS | 1, 5 | G. d'Entremont, R. Forster | |
| 9-13, 24 | Nantucket, N. Scituate | 12 b, 1 | E. Andrews, G. d'Entremont | |
| 30 | Truro | 2 | I. Giriunas# | |
| Canada Warbler | | | | |
| 9; 12, 19, 25 | Worcester; Nantucket | 1; 4 b | M. Lynch#; E. Andrews | |
| Yellow-breasted Chat | | | | |
| 1-13, 2 | Nantucket, MNWS | 7 b, 1 | E. Andrews, R. Heil | |
| 6, 21 | S. Dartmouth, Eastham | 1, 1 | LCES (J. Hill), M. Lynch# | |
| Scarlet Tanager | | | | |
| 24 | Quabbin (G40), Mashpee | 5, 2 | M. Lynch#, P. Trimble | |
| 27, 30 | MNWS, Nantucket | 1, 1 | P. Trimble, BBC (D. Davis) | |
| Northern Cardinal | | | | |
| 16 | Mt. A. | 14 | R. Stymeist | |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak | | | | |
| 17, 24-28 | ONWR, Nantucket | 5, 3 b | M. Lynch#, E. Andrews | |
| Blue Grosbeak | | | | |
| 4, 10 | Belmont, Cuttyhunk | 1, 1 | J. Heywood, P. Trimble | |
| 23-30, 30 | Truro, Middleboro | 1 or 2, 1 | v. o., R. Forster | |
| Indigo Bunting | | | | |
| 20, 29 | Concord, Sudbury | 5, 6 | R. Forster | |
| 30 | Truro | 4 | I. Giriunas# | |
| Dickcissel | | | | |
| 3, 23 | Nantucket, Manchester | 1, 1 | M. Litchfield, BBC (G. Hotz) | |
| 25-30 | Truro | 1 or 2 | v. o. | |
| Rufous-sided Towhee | | | | |
| 10, 24; 24 | Cuttyhunk; Mashpee | 20, 18; 25 | P. Trimble | |
| 21, 24 | Wellfleet, Truro (High Head) | 30, 42 | R. Stymeist | |
| Chipping Sparrow | | | | |
| 17, 18 | Wachusett Res., Sharon | 100+, 54 | D. Donovan, R. Titus | |
| Clay-colored Sparrow | | | | |
| 26-29, 30 | P.I., Truro | 1, 1 | R. Walton + v. o., I. Giriunas# | |
| Field Sparrow | | | | |
| 25 | Berlin | 40 | D. Donovan | |

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| Vesper Sparrow | | | | |
| 3 | P'town, Eastham | 7, 5 | R. Heil | |
| 10, 11 | Belmont, Wellfleet | 1, 2 | L. Taylor#, W. Petersen# | |
| Lark Sparrow | | | | |
| 10, 15-16 | N. Dartmouth, Middleboro | 1, 1 imm | M. Boucher, R. Forster + v. o. | |
| Savannah Sparrow | | | | |
| 16, 17 | Newbury, Bolton Flats | 45, 18 | R. Forster, BBC (M. Lynch) | |
| 20, 24 | Concord (Nine Acre), Ipswich | 45, 20+ | R. Walton, J. Berry | |
| Grasshopper Sparrow | | | | |
| 24 | Falmouth | 1 | P. Trimble | |
| Sharp-tailed Sparrow | | | | |
| thr | P.I. | 35+ max 9/17 | J. Berry + v. o. | |
| thr | S. Dart. (Allens Pd) | 13 max 9/6 | LCES (J. Hill) | |
| 13-15, 21 | Monomoy, Eastham | 2-7, 6 | D. Rimmer, M. Lynch# | |
| Seaside Sparrow | | | | |
| 6, 12; 23 | S. Dart. (Allens Pd); P.I. | 1, 1; 6 | LCES (J. Hill); R. Forster | |
| Song Sparrow | | | | |
| thr | Nantucket (Mothball Pines) | 36 b | E. Andrews | |
| 17 | Bolton Flats, ONWR | 48, 7 | BBC (M. Lynch) | |
| Lincoln's Sparrow | | | | |
| 15, 17 | Middleboro, Bolton Flats | 2, 3 | R. Forster, BBC (M. Lynch) | |
| 19, 21; 21-30 | Sudbury; Belmont | 1, 1; 5 max 9/27 | R. Forster; L. Taylor | |
| 22, 24 | Rockport, Lincoln | 1, 1 singing | F. Bouchard, BBC (J. Nove) | |
| 25, 29 | Stonham, Wayland | 2, 1 | T. Aversa, R. Forster | |
| 30 | Brookline, Nantucket | 1, 2 b | R. Stymeist, E. Andrews | |
| Swamp Sparrow | | | | |
| 9, 17 | Canton (F.M.), Bolton Flats | 5, 28 | BBC (D. Brown), BBC (M. Lynch) | |
| White-throated Sparrow | | | | |
| 5, 16, 23; 27 | P.I.; MNWS | 1, 1, 8; 8 | R. Forster | |
| 24, 30 | Quabbin (G40) | 10, 38 | M. Lynch# | |
| White-crowned Sparrow | | | | |
| 16, 17 | P.I., Bolton Flats | 1, 1 | BBC (W. Van Cor), BBC (M. Lynch) | |
| 24, 27-30 | Truro, Belmont | 1, 2+ | R. Forster#, L. Taylor | |
| 28 | Salisbury, Annisquam | 1, 2 | R. Forster#, H. Wiggin | |
| 30 | Quabbin (G40), Nantucket | 1, 2 | M. Lynch#, BBC (D. Davis) | |
| Dark-eyed Junco | | | | |
| 23, 27, 28 | P.I. | 1, 5, 10 | R. Forster, N. Ober#, R. Forster | |
| 28, 30 | Nantucket | 3 b, 19 b | E. Andrews | |
| 30 | Belmont, Brookline | 1, 7 | L. Taylor, R. Stymeist# | |
| Lapland Longspur | | | | |
| 24 | P.I. | 1 | W. Petersen# | |
| Bobolink | | | | |
| 3, 4 | Bridgewater, Bolton Flats | 75, 35 | W. Petersen, M. Lynch# | |
| 20, 21 | Concord, Eastham | 4, 23 | R. Forster, M. Lynch# | |
| 23, 29 | Rowley, Nantucket | 6, 4 | R. Forster, BBC (D. Davis) | |
| Rusty Blackbird | | | | |
| 17, 23 | Stoughton, Truro | 1, 2 | R. Titus, J. Heywood# | |
| 29 | Stonham | 8 | T. Aversa | |
| Common Grackle | | | | |
| 5, 13 | Hopkinton | 500+ | G. Gove# | |
| Brown-headed Cowbird | | | | |
| 17 | Stoughton, Newbury | 30, 200+ | R. Titus, J. Berry | |
| Northern Oriole | | | | |
| 2-24 | Nantucket | 6 b | E. Andrews | |
| 25, 30 | Truro, P'town | 4, 2 | R. Stymeist, I. Giriunas# | |
| Purple Finch | | | | |
| 1, 4 | Nantucket, Stoughton | 1, 1 | I. Giriunas, R. Titus | |
| 13, 17 | Wachusett Mt., Bolton Flats | 30+, 7 | S. Perkins, BBC (M. Lynch) | |
| 23 | Truro (High Head) | 8 | R. Stymeist# | |
| House Finch | | | | |
| 6 | Plymouth Beach | 300+ | W. Petersen | |
| 29 | Wayland (Comm. Gardens) | 60 | R. Forster | |
| White-winged Crossbill | | | | |
| 3, 12 | P'town, Wachusett Mt. | 3+, 3 | R. Heil, R. Forster# | |
| Pine Siskin | | | | |
| 3, 28 | Quabbin (G40) | 1, 2 | D. Ludlow, M. Lynch# | |
| 28, 30 | Belmont, Brookline | 2+, 1 | L. Taylor, R. Stymeist | |