



Whimbrels
Field sketch by
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FIELD RECORDS

AUGUST 1990

by Richard A. Forster

August weather was warmer and wetter than usual. The temperature averaged 73.3 degrees, about 1.5 degrees above the month's average. The 6.5 inches of rain was nearly 3.0 inches above normal. However, the bulk of the rain fell in two short stretches—on August 11 and again on August 24 and 25. The latter rainy period was followed by the only significant wave of landbirds during the month. Northwest winds seldom prevailed, and landbird, as well as shorebird, sightings were at a minimum. For the most part clouds were prevalent during the month. R.A.F.

LOONS THROUGH WATERFOWL

Pied-billed Grebes were reported from several locations, possibly indicating a minor comeback for the species. An early Red-necked Grebe was seen at Monomoy, and the Eared Grebe discovered at East Gloucester in June continued into early August. The only tubenose report was of 350 Cory's Shearwaters in the warm waters south of Martha's Vineyard. Good numbers of Leach's Storm-Petrels occurred on Stellwagen Bank, where they are only occasionally seen in summer. Heron numbers were rather typical with no surprises. A summering Snow Goose continued into early August at Plum Island. Waterfowl were primarily reported from the traditional Plum Island and Monomoy Island sites and were augmented by the vanguard of the autumn migrants. Rather surprising was the good count of Blue-winged Teal at Norfolk. A single Lesser Scaup at Lakeville was rather early as was a Bufflehead in East Boston. R.A.F.

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	AUGUST 1990
Red-throated Loon 20	Bourne	1 br pl	V. Laux#	
Common Loon 4, 26	S. Monomoy	4	B. Nikula	
5, 19	P.I., Danvers	1, 2	D. Chickering, I. Lynch	
Pied-billed Grebe 19-26, 19	P.I., Wakefield	1 or 2, 1	A. + B. Delorey, P. + F. Vale	
29	Canton (Ponkapoag Pd)	1	T. Aversa#	
Red-necked Grebe 26	N. Monomoy	1	J. Center, I. Giriunas, D. F. Oliver	
Eared Grebe 1-7	E. Gloucester (Niles Beach)	1	G. Soucy# + v. o.	
Cory's Shearwater 16	30 mi S of Nantucket	350	V. Laux	
Wilson's Storm-Petrel 17	Stellwagen Bank	23	D. Chickering	
Leach's Storm-Petrel 20	Stellwagen Bank	10-12	S. Perkins#	
Great Cormorant 29	Canton (Ponkapoag Pd)	1 imm	T. Aversa#	
Double-crested Cormorant thr	P.I.	236 max 8/21	M. Lynch# + v. o.	
4	S. Monomoy	400	B. Nikula	
American Bittern 5, 11	P.I., WBWS	1, 1	R. Titus, BBC (G. d'Entremont)	
Least Bittern 1	WBWS	1	v. o.	
21, 26	P.I., Newbury (Plumbush)	1, 1	T. Aversa, BBC (W. Drummond)	
Great Blue Heron thr	P.I.	18 max 8/18	M. Lynch#	
5	GMNWR	22	T. Aversa	

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Great Egret				
thr	P.I.	90+ max 8/13	J. Berry	
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	25 max 8/21	LCES (J. Hill)	
thr	S. Monomoy	6 max	v. o.	
5, 25, 29	GMNWR	1, 4, 5	T. Aversa, E. Taylor, T. Aversa	
8	Grafton, Stoughton	2, 1	M. Lynch#, R. Titus	
26	Brighton	1	R. Stymeist#	
Snowy Egret				
thr	P.I.	150+ max 8/13	J. Berry	
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	23 max 8/9	LCES (J. Hill)	
11, 26	WBWS, N. Monomoy	20, 26	BBC (G. d'Entremont), I. Giriunas	
28, 29	S. Monomoy, E. Boston (B.I.)	85, 65	P. Trull, T. Aversa	
Little Blue Heron				
1, 19	S. Dart. (Allens Pd), S. Dart.	3, 3 imm	LCES (J. Hill), M. Boucher	
13, 26, 31	P.I., S. Monomoy, Norfolk	1 ad, 1 ad, 1	J. Berry, B. Nikula, B. Cassie	
Cattle Egret				
21, 22	Ipswich, Hamilton	32, 26	H. Weissberg, J. MacDougall	
Green-backed Heron				
thr	P.I.	4 max 8/26	BBC (W. Drummond)	
5, 11	Wayland, WBWS	3, 6	BBC (B. Howell), BBC (G. d'Entremont)	
25	GMNWR	15	E. Taylor	
Black-crowned Night-Heron				
thr	P.I.	16 max 8/26	M. Lynch#	
thr, 26	S. Monomoy, Ipswich	40+ max, 5	B. Nikula#, J. Berry	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron				
21, 24	P.I., Beverly	1 imm, 1	I. Lynch	
Glossy Ibis				
thr	P.I.	9 max 8/13	J. Berry	
thr	S. Monomoy, N. Monomoy	5+ max, 5+	B. Nikula#	
14	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1	LCES (J. Hill)	
Snow Goose				
1-5	P.I.	1 (from July)	v. o.	
Canada Goose				
thr	P.I.	66 max 8/3	W. Drew#	
Wood Duck				
25, 31	GMNWR, Norfolk	10, 398	E. Taylor, B. Cassie#	
Green-winged Teal				
19, 26, 30	P.I., S. Monomoy, P.I.	4, 30, 160	M. Lynch#, B. Nikula, R. Forster	
American Black Duck				
26	S. Monomoy	120	B. Nikula	
Mallard				
thr	P.I.	105 max 8/3	W. Drew#	
26, 31	Revere, Norfolk	360, 1000	P. + F. Vale, B. Cassie#	
Northern Pintail				
26, 30	S. Monomoy, P.I.	20, 1	B. Nikula, R. Forster	
Blue-winged Teal				
thr	P.I.	21 max 8/21	M. Lynch#	
18	S. Monomoy	75	P. Trull	
26, 30	S. Monomoy, Norfolk	60, 200	B. Nikula, B. Cassie#	
Northern Shoveler				
13, 26	P.I., S. Monomoy	1 f, 30	J. Berry, B. Nikula	
Gadwall				
thr, 26	P.I., S. Monomoy	35 max 8/3, 25	W. Drew#, B. Nikula	
American Wigeon				
19-31	P.I.	4 or 5	A. + B. Delorey + v. o.	
Ring-necked Duck				
25	Lakeville	16	W. Petersen	
Lesser Scaup				
25	Lakeville	1	W. Petersen	
Common Eider				
8	S. Dart. (DLSP)	35	M. Boucher	
Bufflehead				
28	E. Boston (Suffolk Downs)	1	J. Quigley	
Hooded Merganser				
21	P.I.	1	T. Aversa	
Red-breasted Merganser				
thr, 1	P.I., S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1, 1	v. o., LCES (J. Hill)	
4	E. Gloucester	4	J. Berry	
Ruddy Duck				
26	S. Monomoy	3	B. Nikula	

RAPTORS THROUGH CRANES

August is a quiet month for raptors, the calm before the massive movements of September. Two rehabilitated Bald Eagles were released at Lakeville early in the month. An early Merlin was noted in Newburyport, and a migrant Peregrine Falcon landed in the rigging of a boat on Stellwagen Bank in midmonth. The Sandhill Crane was the same individual noted in several nearby places the previous month.

R.A.F.

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	AUGUST 1990
Turkey Vulture				
12, 15	Ware, Sherborn	3, 1	M. Lynch#, E. Taylor	
19, 28	S. Dart., Wachusett Mt.	8, 1	M. Boucher, E. Taylor	
21, 28	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1, 1	LCES (J. Hill)	
Osprey				
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	13 max 8/14	LCES (J. Hill)	
26, 29	P.I., Canton	1, 1	BBC (W. Drummond), T. Aversa	
Bald Eagle				
3	Lakeville	2 imm (released)	MDFW	
21	Marlboro	1 ad	R. Graefe	
Northern Harrier				
thr	P.I., S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1 or 2, 1 or 2	v. o., LCES (J. Hill)	
11, 25	WBWS, Halifax	2, 1	BBC (W. Drummond), W. Petersen	
31	P.I.	5	D. Chickering	
Sharp-shinned Hawk				
12	Quabbin (G40)	1	M. Lynch#	
29, 30	Canton, Wachusett Mt.	1, 1	T. Aversa, E. Taylor	
Northern Goshawk				
12, 18, 29	Quabbin (G40), P.I., Halifax	1 ad, 1, 1	M. Lynch#, P. + F. Vale, K. Anderson	
Red-shouldered Hawk				
7-31, 29	E. Middleboro, N. Andover	1 or 2, 1	K. Anderson, J. MacDougall	
Broad-winged Hawk				
12	Quabbin (G40)	6	M. Lynch#	
1-30	Reports of singles from 6 locations.			
Red-tailed Hawk				
25, 28	Middleboro, Wachusett Mt.	7, 3	J. Hoye, E. Taylor	
Merlin				
30	Newburyport	1	R. Forster	
Peregrine Falcon				
17	Stellwagen Bank (landed on boat)	1	D. Chickering	
19, 24	P.I.	1 imm	M. Lynch#, D. Chickering	
Ruffed Grouse				
12	Quabbin (G40)	2	M. Lynch#	
Sora				
21, 26	P.I.	1, 1	I. Lynch, BBC (W. Drummond)	
26	Wakefield	2 juv	P. + F. Vale	
Sandhill Crane				
16	P.I.	1	W. Drew#	

SHOREBIRDS THROUGH SKIMMERS

The attention of most observers focuses on the shorebird group during August, when they attain peak migratory numbers. Only a handful of Lesser Golden Plovers was noted by the end of the month, but Semipalmated Plovers reached excellent high numbers. Sharing the limelight were holdovers from the previous month—**Bar-tailed Godwit**, **Little Stint**, and **Spotted Redshank**. Additional arrivals this August were an American Avocet at Plum Island and a Curlew Sandpiper at North Monomoy. On the plus side were very large numbers of Whimbrels at North Monomoy and a fairly good scattering of Western Sandpipers. On the down side, however, were only single reports of Baird's and Buff-breasted sandpipers and a pitiful showing of Stilt Sandpipers at Plum Island.

A skua observed south of Nantucket was thought to be a Great Skua. Both Little and Common Black-headed gulls were found among the numerous Bonaparte's Gulls at Winthrop. Terns were unremarkable, and both Forster's and Black terns seemed scarce. Black Skimmers nested successfully at New Island in Orleans.

R.A.F.

Black-bellied Plover

thr	Ipswich, P.I.	180 max, 412 max 8/16	R. Hopping, B. Manning
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	22 max 8/28	LCES (J. Hill)
12, 26	Chatham (S. Beach I.)	750, 1400	B. Nikula
25, 29	Newbury, Halifax	184, 20	D. F. Oliver, K. Anderson

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	AUGUST 1990
Lesser Golden-Plover				
12, 26	Brighton, S. Monomoy	1, 1	R. Stymeist#, B. Nikula	
29	Halifax, Ipswich (C.B.)	1, 1	K. Anderson, R. Hopping#	
Semipalmated Plover				
thr	N. Monomoy, S. Monomoy	400 max, 200 max	B. Nikula	
thr	P.I.	1905 max 8/21	B. Manning	
thr	Ipswich (C.B.)	1052 max	R. Hopping#	
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	119 max 8/14	LCES (J. Hill)	
thr	Revere	300+ max 8/26	P. + F. Vale	
2, 25	WBWS, Revere	40+, 100	M. Lynch#, D. F. Oliver#	
Piping Plover				
thr	Ipswich (C.B.)	10 max	R. Hopping#	
14, 16	S. Dart. (Allens Pd), P.I.	6, 8	LCES (J. Hill), B. Manning#	
15	S. Monomoy	12	P. Trull#	
Killdeer				
12, 25	Brighton, Middleboro	17, 75+	R. Stymeist#, W. Petersen	
American Oystercatcher				
thr	N. Monomoy	90 max	B. Nikula	
American Avocet				
19-20	P.I.	1	v. o.	
Greater Yellowlegs				
thr	N. Monomoy	200 max 8/25	B. Nikula	
thr	P.I.	80+ max 8/18	M. Lynch#	
7, 11	WBWS	25, 40	T. Aversa, BBC (G. d'Entremont)	
10, 29	E. Boston (B.I.)	100, 125	T. Aversa	
26, 29	Newbypt, Halifax	45, 3	D. Chickering, K. Anderson	
Lesser Yellowlegs				
thr	N. Monomoy	120 max 8/12	B. Nikula	
thr	P.I.	107 max 8/7	D. Chickering	
6	S. Monomoy	75	P. Trull#	
11, 14	WBWS, S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	15, 53	BBC (G. d'Entremont), LCES (J. Hill)	
25, 29	Rowley, Halifax	10, 7	D. F. Oliver#, K. Anderson	
Spotted Redshank				
1-19	WBWS	1	v. o.	
Solitary Sandpiper				
2, 20	WBWS, P'town	3, 4	M. Lynch#, K. Jones	
25, 26	Middleboro, Newbury	4, 2	J. Hoye, M. Lynch#	
25-26	Brighton	2	R. Stymeist#	
28, 30	Newbypt, Belmont	4, 2	D. Chickering, L. Taylor	
Willet				
thr	N. Monomoy	100 max 8/5	B. Nikula	
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	9 max 8/1	LCES (J. Hill)	
12, 26	Ipswich (C.B.), P.I.	2, 2	R. Hopping#, BBC (W. Drummond)	
Spotted Sandpiper				
thr	P.I.	9 max 8/7	D. Chickering	
25, 26, 30	Belmont	2, 1, 2	L. Taylor	
Upland Sandpiper				
7	Norfolk	8	B. Cassie	
25, 26	Middleboro, S. Monomoy	1, 1	J. Hoye, B. Nikula	
Whimbrel				
thr	Ipswich (C.B.)	4 max	R. Hopping	
1, 7	S. Dart. (Allens Pd), WBWS	4, 22	LCES (J. Hill), T. Aversa	
2, 4	N. Monomoy	566, 640	B. Nikula	
26	P.I.	4	BBC (W. Drummond)	
Hudsonian Godwit				
thr	N. Monomoy	70+ max 8/2	B. Nikula	
thr	P.I.	10 max 8/18	M. Lynch#	
12	Chatham (S. Beach I.)	135	B. Nikula	
21, 26	Newbypt, E. Boston (B.I.)	15, 5	T. Aversa	
Bar-tailed Godwit				
1-19	N. Monomoy-Chatham (S. Beach I.)	1 (from June)	B. Nikula + v. o.	
Marbled Godwit				
11, 19, 31	N. Monomoy	1, 1, 3	BBC (G. d'Entremont), H. Ferguson, W. Harrington	
Ruddy Turnstone				
thr	N. Monomoy	80 max	B. Nikula	
thr	P.I.	37 max 8/18	M. Lynch#	
thr	Ipswich (C.B.)	12 max	v. o.	
14	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	5	LCES (J. Hill)	
16, 22	Winthrop, Scituate	65+, 135	P. + F. Vale, T. Aversa	

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Red Knot				
thr	N. Monomoy	150 max	B. Nikula	
thr	P.I.	100 max 8/16	B. Manning#	
thr	Ipswich (C.B.)	115 max	R. Hopping#	
7	Squantum	4	T. Aversa	
12, 22	Chatham (S. Beach I.), Scituate	900, 350	B. Nikula, T. Aversa	
Sanderling				
thr	N. Monomoy	1000 max 8/5	B. Nikula	
thr	Ipswich (C.B.)	250 max	R. Hopping#	
16, 26	P.I., S. Dart.	139, 300+	B. Manning#, M. Boucher	
25	Holden	2	M. Lynch#	
Semipalmated Sandpiper				
thr	N. Monomoy, S. Monomoy	2000 max 8/5, 350 max 8/4	B. Nikula	
thr	Ipswich (C.B.)	1545 max	R. Hopping#	
7	P.I.	1650	D. Chickering	
11, 18	WBWS, P.I.	500, 600+	BBC (G. d'Entremont), M. Lynch#	
Western Sandpiper				
13, 18	Newbypt, P.I.	1, 2	A. + B. Delorey, M. Lynch#	
25	N. Monomoy, Rowley	3, 1	B. Nikula, D. F. Oliver#	
26, 31	Revere, P.I.	1, 1	T. Aversa, D. Chickering	
26, 31	WBWS	2, 2	K. Jones	
Little Stint				
1-5	Squantum	1 ad	R. Abrams + v. o.	
Least Sandpiper				
thr	N. Monomoy, P.I.	200 max, 80+ max 8/18	B. Nikula, M. Lynch#	
29	Halifax	7	K. Anderson	
White-rumped Sandpiper				
4, 26	S. Monomoy	10, 60	B. Nikula	
5-31	N. Monomoy	35 max 8/25	B. Nikula	
11, 13	Holden, Newbypt	1, 4	M. Lynch#, A. + B. Delorey	
18, 25	P.I.	36, 90	M. Lynch#, BBC (D. Chickering)	
25	Revere, Rowley	40, 10	D. F. Oliver#	
Baird's Sandpiper				
25	Brighton	1	R. Stymeist	
Pectoral Sandpiper				
thr	N. Monomoy, S. Monomoy	2 max, 8 max	B. Nikula	
8, 26	Newbypt, Middleboro	23, 10	T. Aversa, D. F. Oliver#	
26, 29	E. Boston (B.I.), Ipswich (C.B.)	1, 4	T. Aversa, R. Hopping#	
Dunlin				
thr, 18	N. Monomoy, P.I.	2, 1	B. Nikula, M. Lynch#	
Curlew Sandpiper				
25	N. Monomoy	1 ad	B. Nikula#	
Stilt Sandpiper				
thr	S. Monomoy	55 max 8/6	P. Trull#	
7, 11; 7	WBWS; P.I.	3, 23; 6	T. Aversa, K. Jones; J. Berry	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper				
30	N. Monomoy	1	P. Trull	
Short-billed Dowitcher				
thr	N. Monomoy	700 max	B. Nikula	
thr	P.I.	253 max 8/21	W. Drew#	
25	Revere	12	D. F. Oliver#	
Long-billed Dowitcher				
thr	P.I.	85 max 8/30	R. Forster	
4, 26	S. Monomoy	1, 1	B. Nikula	
American Woodcock				
8	Ipswich	2	J. MacDougall	
Wilson's Phalarope				
11, 13	N. Monomoy	1	BBC (G. d'Entremont), J. Funkhouser	
17, 24	Orleans (New I.), Rowley	1, 1	K. Jones, D. Chickering	
25, 26	N. Monomoy, P.I.	1, 1	v. o., BBC (W. Drummond)	
skua species (Great?)				
16	30 mi S of Nantucket	1	V. Laux	
Laughing Gull				
10, 30	E. Boston (Suffolk Downs)	235, 206	T. Aversa, J. Quigley	
11, 25	WBWS, Revere	25, 12	BBC (G. d'Entremont), D. F. Oliver#	
Little Gull				
10	Winthrop Beach	1 (1S-2W)	T. Aversa	
Common Black-headed Gull				
29	Winthrop Beach	1 winter ad	T. Aversa	

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Bonaparte's Gull 6, 10 18, 30 25	Lynn (Breeds Pd), Winthrop Newburyport Revere	35, 400 100, 165 50	J. Quigley, T. Aversa BBC (W. VanCor), R. Forster D. F. Oliver#	
Ring-billed Gull 4, 12 30	P.I., Brighton E. Boston (Suffolk Downs)	100, 241 379	BBC (C. Floyd), R. Stymeist# J. Quigley	
Herring Gull thr	P.I.	100 max	BBC (W. Drummond)	
Caspian Tern 16	Revere (Point of Pines)	1	P. + F. Vale	
Common Tern thr, 11	P.I., N. Monomoy	40 max 8/21, 500	M. Lynch#, BBC (G. d'Entremont)	
Roseate Tern 11	N. Monomoy	250	BBC (G. d'Entremont)	
Forster's Tern 21, 28 25, 26	S. Dart. (Allens Pd) N. Monomoy, S. Monomoy	2, 4 1, 1	LCES (J. Hill) B. Nikula	
Least Tern thr thr 13	Ipswich (C.B.) P.I. N. Monomoy	200+ max 10 max 8/16 50	R. Hopping# W. Drew# J. Funkhouser	
Black Tern 6, 11 11, 12 22, 26	S. Monomoy, WBWS N. Monomoy, Chatham (S. Beach I.) Ipswich (C.B.), S. Monomoy	1, 2 2, 2 3, 2	P. Trull, BBC (G. d'Entremont) B. Nikula R. Hopping#, B. Nikula	
Black Skimmer 5, 10 17, 26	N. Monomoy Orleans (New I.)	5, 1 4 ad + 2 fl, 8 ad + 1 fl + 3 chicks	B. Nikula K. Jones	

DOVES THROUGH WAXWINGS

Nighthawk migration commenced on time and peaked August 26, the same day that flycatchers were prevalent, including Olive-sided Flycatchers and an early Western Kingbird. An Acadian Flycatcher singing in North Dartmouth may well have been a resident. Very few thrushes were observed as a result of generally unfavorable migration weather. R.A.F.

Rock Dove 26	Brighton	290	R. Stymeist#	
Mourning Dove 26	Brighton, P.I.	88, 100	R. Stymeist#, BBC (W. Drummond)	
Black-billed Cuckoo 12, 20 25, 26	E. Middleboro Middleboro, Waltham	1 1, 1	K. Anderson W. Petersen, L. Taylor	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo 30	Essex	1 dead	H. Wiggan	
Eastern Screech-Owl thr	Reports of singles from 4 locations.			
Great Horned Owl thr, 27	N. Dart., Ipswich	2, 1 or 2	M. Boucher, J. Berry	
Short-eared Owl 4	S. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula	
Common Nighthawk 5, 15, 18 18, 26, 28 22-28 25, 26 26 26, 27 28, 29, 30	P.I., Belmont, S. Carver Wakefield Lawrence Framingham, Worcester Watertown, Wellesley, Hanson Worcester Mt. A.	1, 1, 1 3, 1, 8 29 (15 on 8/26) 9, 550 240, 157, 2 500+, 150+ 95, 92, 16	R. Titus, R. Stymeist, K. Anderson P. + F. Vale J. Hogan E. Taylor, M. Lynch# R. Stymeist, R. Forster, W. Petersen B. Kamp# R. Stymeist#	
Chimney Swift 17, 25 25, 31	Wellesley, New Bedford GMNWR, Framingham	42, 18 20, 200 (roost)	R. Forster, M. Boucher E. Taylor	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird 12	Quabbin (G40), N. Dart.	2, 2	M. Lynch#, M. Boucher	
Belted Kingfisher thr	P.I.	1 or 2	v. o.	
Red-headed Woodpecker thr, 25	Sherborn, Holbrook	1, 1	E. Taylor, J. Hoye	

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Pileated Woodpecker 12	Quabbin (G40)	1	M. Lynch#	
Olive-sided Flycatcher 12	Annisquam	1	H. Wiggin	
26, 26-30	Waltham, Stoneham	1, 1	L. Taylor, T. Aversa	
Eastern Wood-Pewee 12, 17	Quabbin (G40), Sherborn	9, 2	M. Lynch#, E. Taylor	
20, 26	P.I., Ipswich	1, 4	D. Chickering, J. Berry	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher 1, 12	Sharon, Annisquam	1, 1	R. Titus, H. Wiggin	
30, 31	Waltham, P.I.	1, 1	L. Taylor, D. Chickering	
Acadian Flycatcher 7	N. Dartmouth	1 singing	M. Boucher	
Least Flycatcher 12	Quabbin (G40)	3	M. Lynch#	
<i>Empidonax</i> species 26, 30	Waltham	12, 1	L. Taylor	
Eastern Phoebe 5, 12	Boxford, Quabbin (G40)	5, 6	J. Berry, M. Lynch#	
13, 26	P.I., Ipswich	4, 2	A. + B. Delorey, J. Berry	
Great Crested Flycatcher 4, 16	Gloucester, Worcester	1, 2	J. Berry, M. Lynch#	
26, 28	Ipswich, MNWS	1, 2	J. Berry, T. Aversa	
Western Kingbird 26	Lynnfield	1	R. Forster	
Eastern Kingbird thr, 17-26	P.I., Norfolk	17 max 8/18, 50	M. Lynch#, B. Cassie	
5	Wayland	8	BBC (B. Howell)	
Horned Lark 11	WBWS	1	BBC (G. d'Entremont)	
Purple Martin 5, 28	P.I., W. Newbury	19, 1	R. Titus, T. Aversa	
Tree Swallow thr, 14	P.I., S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	thousands, 425	v. o., LCES (J. Hill)	
Bank Swallow 5, 25	Wayland, GMNWR	2, 10	BBC (B. Howell), E. Taylor	
Barn Swallow thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	13 max 8/1	LCES (J. Hill)	
11, 22	WBWS, N. Dart.	35, 20	BBC (G. d'Entremont), M. Boucher	
24, 25	P.I., Middleboro	11, 40	D. Chickering, J. Hoye	
Fish Crow 25, 29	Middleboro, Wellesley	3, 1	W. Petersen, R. Forster	
Common Raven 30	Wachusett Mt.	1	E. Taylor	
Black-capped Chickadee 12	Quabbin (G40)	30+	M. Lynch#	
Red-breasted Nuthatch 12, 26	Quabbin (G40), Ipswich	11, 2	M. Lynch#, J. Berry	
15, 26	Topsfield	4, 4	J. MacDougall	
White-breasted Nuthatch 12	Quabbin (G40)	14	M. Lynch#	
Brown Creeper 12	Quabbin (G40)	2	M. Lynch#	
Carolina Wren thr, 5	Sherborn, E. Middleboro	1, pr + yg	E. Taylor, K. Anderson	
9, 15	Reading, Holliston	1, 1	F. Burrill, J. Hoye	
10, 15	Topsfield	2	J. MacDougall	
House Wren 12	Quabbin (G40)	8	M. Lynch#	
Winter Wren 1	Quabbin (G40)	1	T. Aversa	
Marsh Wren 5, 26	Wayland, P.I.	2, 5	BBC (B. Howell), M. Lynch#	
Golden-crowned Kinglet 1	Quabbin (G40)	2	T. Aversa	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 12	Quabbin (G40)	2	M. Lynch#	
Eastern Bluebird 12; 28, 30	Quabbin (G40); E. Middleboro	4; 3+	M. Lynch#; K. Anderson	

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	AUGUST 1990
Veery 20	Stoneham	3	T. Aversa	
Wood Thrush 12	Quabbin (G40)	3	M. Lynch#	
Gray Catbird thr 5	P.I. Wayland	27 max 8/13 8	A. + B. Delorey BBC (B. Howell)	
Brown Thrasher thr	P.I.	13 max 8/13	A. + B. Delorey	
Cedar Waxwing thr 12, 25	P.I. Quabbin (G40), GMNWR	14 max 8/21 37, 15	v. o. M. Lynch#, E. Taylor	

VIREOS THROUGH FINCHES

Most vireo reports were referable to residents, and, amazingly, no Philadelphia Vireos were reported. Warbler numbers were also thin despite adequate coverage during periods when migration seemed likely. Both Bay-breasted and Cape May warblers, sometimes common in the latter part of August, were very sparsely reported. Apparently the best day was August 26, when numerous migrants were noted, especially away from the coast. A Louisiana Waterthrush at Marblehead Neck provided a rare fall record, and Morris Island in Chatham contributed Kentucky and Mourning warblers and a chat. Sparrows and finches added nothing out of the ordinary to the month's reports. R.A.F.

White-eyed Vireo 7	S. Dartmouth	3	M. Boucher
Solitary Vireo 12	Quabbin (G40)	3	M. Lynch#
Yellow-throated Vireo 28	Hopkinton	2	B. Sorrie
Warbling Vireo 5, 31	Wayland, Wakefield	2, 4	BBC (B. Howell), P. + F. Vale
Red-eyed Vireo 12 24, 30	Quabbin (G40) Newbury, Belmont	17 2, 4	M. Lynch# D. Chickering, L. Taylor
Blue-winged Warbler 1, 5 21, 26; 27 28, 29	Newbury, Wayland MNWS; Chatham P.I., GMNWR	1, 2 1, 1; 1 1, 1	D. Chickering, BBC (B. Howell) T. Aversa, R. Forster; W. Bailey T. Aversa
Golden-winged Warbler 12, 15, 26	Groveland	1	B. Drummond
Yellow Warbler 5; 19, 26	Wayland; P.I.	4; 8, 6	BBC (B. Howell); M. Lynch#
Chestnut-sided Warbler 12 20, 26	Quabbin (G40) Stoneham, Waltham	3 1, 6	M. Lynch# T. Aversa, L. Taylor
Magnolia Warbler 28	MNWS	1	T. Aversa
Cape May Warbler 3, 4 26, 28	Annisquam MNWS, P.I.	1, 2 1, 2	H. Wiggin R. Forster, T. Aversa
Black-throated Blue Warbler 28, 30	P.I., Stoneham	2, 1	T. Aversa
Yellow-rumped Warbler 30	P.I.	2	R. Forster
Black-throated Green Warbler 1, 21	Quabbin (G40), MNWS	5, 1	T. Aversa
Pine Warbler 12, 28	Quabbin (G40), E. Middleboro	4, 1	M. Lynch#, K. Anderson
Prairie Warbler 1, 28	Newbury, P.I.	2, 1	D. Chickering, T. Aversa
Bay-breasted Warbler 26	Stoneham	1	T. Aversa
Cerulean Warbler 1	Quabbin (G40)	1	T. Aversa

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Black-and-white Warbler				
5, 12	Wayland, Quabbin (G40)	1, 3	BBC (B. Howell), M. Lynch#	
26	Waltham	5	L. Taylor	
American Redstart				
6, 12	Stoneham, MNWS	1, 2	T. Aversa	
18, 26	P.I.	3, 4	M. Lynch#, BBC (W. Drummond)	
26, 28	Waltham, MNWS	13, 6	L. Taylor, T. Aversa	
31	P.I.	2	D. Chickering	
Northern Waterthrush				
12, 26; 29	MNWS; Nahant	2, 2; 2	T. Aversa, R. Forster; T. Aversa	
2-28	Reports of singles from 4 locations.			
Louisiana Waterthrush				
12	MNWS	1	T. Aversa	
Kentucky Warbler				
27-31	Chatham (Morris I.)	1 f	W. Bailey	
Mourning Warbler				
27	Chatham (Morris I.)	1	W. Bailey	
Common Yellowthroat				
12, 18	Quabbin (G40), P.I.	21, 8	M. Lynch#	
Wilson's Warbler				
26, 28	Stoneham, MNWS	1, 2	T. Aversa	
Canada Warbler				
12, 13	MNWS, Stoneham	1, 1	T. Aversa	
26	Waltham, MNWS	3, 1	L. Taylor, R. Forster	
Yellow-breasted Chat				
27	Chatham (Morris I.)	1	W. Bailey	
Scarlet Tanager				
12, 24	Quabbin (G40), Newbury	4, 1	M. Lynch#, D. Chickering	
28	Annisquam	1	H. Wiggin	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak				
31	Newbury	2	D. Chickering	
Indigo Bunting				
1	Quabbin (G40), Newbury	4, 4	T. Aversa, D. Chickering	
5, 26	Wayland, GMNWR	2, 2	BBC (B. Howell), E. Taylor	
Rufous-sided Towhee				
12, 26	Quabbin (G40), P.I.	9, 6	M. Lynch#	
Chipping Sparrow				
12, 26	Quabbin (G40), Ipswich	31, 8	M. Lynch#, J. Berry	
Field Sparrow				
24	Newbury	7	D. Chickering	
Vesper Sparrow				
4	S. Wellfleet	3	I. Giriunas	
Savannah Sparrow				
25, 26	Middleboro, P.I.	8, 2	J. Hoye, M. Lynch#	
Sharp-tailed Sparrow				
thr	P.I.	8 max 8/4	BBC (C. Floyd)	
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	17 max 8/1 + 8/9	LCES (J. Hill)	
11	N. Monomoy	2	BBC (G. d'Entremont)	
Seaside Sparrow				
thr, 4	S. Dart. (Allens Pd), P.I.	1, 2	LCES (J. Hill), BBC (C. Floyd)	
Song Sparrow				
5; 12, 26	Wayland; Quabbin (G40), P.I.	30+; 26, 20	BBC (B. Howell); M. Lynch#	
Swamp Sparrow				
5, 12	Wayland, Quabbin (G40)	2, 4	BBC (B. Howell), M. Lynch#	
White-throated Sparrow				
12, 24	Quabbin (G40), Annisquam	6, 1	M. Lynch#, B. Rielly#	
Bobolink				
5, 18	Wayland, P.I.	12, 18	BBC (B. Howell), M. Lynch#	
26, 28	P.I.	20, 200+	BBC (W. Drummond), T. Aversa	
Red-winged Blackbird				
5, 18, 25	Wayland, Holden, GMNWR	100+, 70+, 30	BBC (B. Howell), M. Lynch#, E. Taylor	
Northern Oriole				
1, 8	Newbury, S. Dart. (DLSP)	7, 7	D. Chickering, M. Boucher	
20, 22	Stoneham, Boston (F.Pk)	3, 12	T. Aversa	
26	Norfolk	42 (in 2 trees)	B. Cassie#	
Purple Finch				
12	Quabbin (G40)	1	M. Lynch#	
American Goldfinch				
5, 12	Wayland, Quabbin (G40)	16, 18	BBC (B. Howell), M. Lynch#	
26	S. Dartmouth	12	M. Boucher	

CORRIGENDA TO MAY 1990 FIELD RECORDS (VOL 18, NO. 4)

Evening Grosbeak (page 247)			
9-10, 13	Hopkinton, Ipswich	1, 10	G. Gove#, J. Berry
19, 20	P.I., Westford	8-10, 2	J. Berry, J. Jones
should read			
9-10, 20	Hopkinton, Westford	1, 2	G. Gove#, J. Jones

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American Goldfinch (page 247)			
13, 19	Ipswich, P.I.	10, 8-10	J. Berry

CORRIGENDA TO JUNE/JULY 1990 FIELD RECORDS (VOL 18, NO. 5)

On page 293, the second sentence in the last paragraph reads

"There were only two reports of Tricolored Heron, most likely representing the same individual." should read

"Four reports of Tricolored Heron most likely represented the same individual."

Forster's Tern (page 302)			
6/24, 6/30	P.I.	3 ad, 1	R. Hildreth + v. o., M. Lynch#
should read			
6/24, 6/30	P.I.	3 ad, 1	R. Heil + v. o., M. Lynch#
Red-bellied Woodpecker (page 303)			
6/27	Sudbury (Nobscot)	1 f	R. Forster
should read			
6/27	Sudbury (Nobscot)	1 m	R. Forster
Eastern Phoebe (page 304)			
6/9, 6/01	Littleton, S. Groveland	6, 3	L. Taylor#, R. Stymeist#
should read			
6/9, 6/10	Littleton, S. Groveland	6, 3	L. Taylor#, R. Stymeist#
N. Rough-winged Swallow (page 304)			
7/4, 8/8	Nantucket, Squantum	2, 1 ad + 2 yg	S. Perkins, M. Lynch#
should read			
7/4, 7/8	Nantucket, Squantum	2, 1 ad + 2 yg	S. Perkins, M. Lynch#
House Sparrow (page 310)			
6/10	S. Groveland, Bolton Flats	7/10	R. Stymeist#, SSBC (K. Anderson)
should read			
6/10	S. Groveland, Bolton Flats	7, 10	R. Stymeist#, SSBC (K. Anderson)

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