

TIDE TABLE

Here is the Tide Table for Newburyport Harbor, accurate to the nearest 1/2 hour for September and October: (For best shorebird viewing, be at the harbor approximately four hours before or after high tide.)

	<u>High Tide</u>	<u>High Tide</u>
Sat. - September 7	3:45 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
Sun. - September 8	4:30 a.m.	4:45 p.m.
Sat. - September 14	10:15 a.m.	10:45 p.m.
Sun. - September 15	11:15 a.m.	11:45 p.m.
Sat. - September 21	4:00 a.m.	4:15 p.m.
Sun. - September 22	4:45 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
Sat. - September 28	10:15 a.m.	10:30 p.m.
Sun. - September 29	10:45 a.m.	11:15 p.m.
Sat. - October 5	2:30 a.m.	2:45 p.m.
Sun. - October 6	3:15 a.m.	3:30 p.m.
Sat. - October 12	9:00 a.m.	9:30 p.m.
Sun. - October 13	10:00 a.m.	10:30 p.m.
Sat. - October 19	2:30 a.m.	2:45 p.m.
Sun. - October 20	3:30 a.m.	3:45 p.m.
Sat. - October 26	8:45 a.m.	9:00 p.m.
Sun. - October 27	9:30 a.m.	9:45 p.m.

EDITOR'S PAGE

This issue features commentary on Massachusetts hawks by Frances Torrey Elkins (d. 1973; BIRD OBSERVER, Vol. 1, No. 4, p. 75). These notes were written by Mrs. Elkins about ten years ago and were given as a birthday present to Mrs. Nancy Claflin of Belmont. We are grateful to Mrs. Claflin for revising the notes and for granting us permission to publish them.

Nancy has also submitted to us a list of birding tips, i.e. field marks not found in the usual field guides, which she has found useful in the identification of various species. The Editorial Board is considering introducing a regular column of such tips, concentrating in each issue on a limited number of species. Before a decision can be reached, we need to hear from our subscribers. Would such a feature have appeal for you? If you think so, help us out. Write down your own personal identification tips and send them along to us.

The "where-to-go" article is on Mt. Tom, near Holyoke, Mass. Normally our bird-finding articles are restricted to spots within the ten counties covered in our BIRD OBSERVER SUMMARIES. Mt. Tom, of course, is in the center of the state, not in eastern Massachusetts; but many birders from eastern Massachusetts do go there to watch hawks. Many more should.

We apologize for the lateness of this issue. In spite of the difficulties we have had in getting to press this time, preparations for the next issue are well advanced. We hope to be mailing it out on or before October 1.

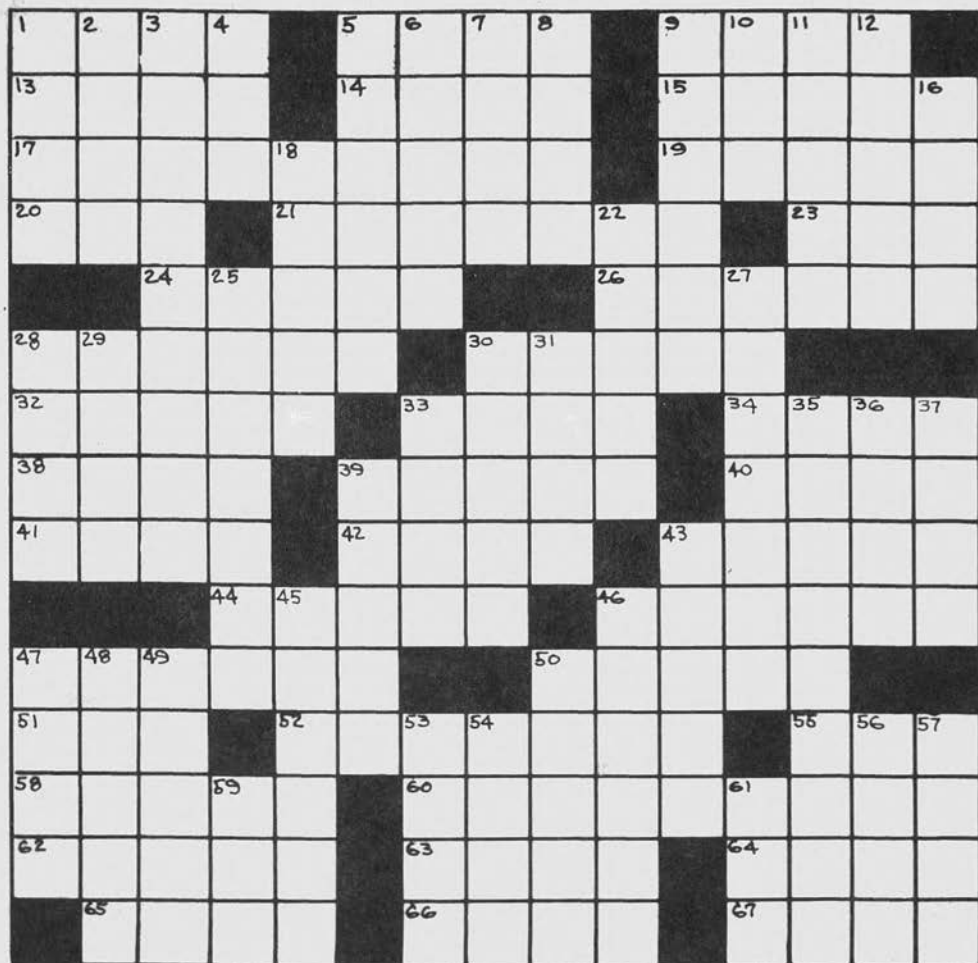
Color-banded Shorebirds

Three organizations, from Canada to Massachusetts, are color-banding shorebirds this summer. The Manomet Bird Observatory would appreciate any report of color-banded shorebirds sighted. In addition to knowing the locality, date and species, the order of color bands, and which leg they are on, would make reports especially valuable.

Reports may be sent to: Manomet Bird Observatory
Box 0
Manomet, Mass. 02345

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Jessie M. Snow, Amesbury



Across

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Places | 28 Stir up again | 47 As long as |
| 5 Chance | 30 Bowl | 50 Unite |
| 9 Swan or good wife | 32 African deer | 51 Uncountable bird |
| 13 At another time | 33 - Dieu | 52 Bird with a thousand eyes |
| 14 Dead Sea | 34 A mixed blessing (init) | 55 Baseball statistic (init) |
| 15 Boy Scout pack leader | 38 It - necessarily so | 58 Change |
| 17 Capt. Ahab's whale-bird | 39 Our quarry | 60 Semi-annual bonanza |
| 19 Domain | 40 Women in arms (init) | 62 Succinct |
| 20 Doctrine | 41 Facts | 63 - fixe |
| 21 Prince | 42 Greek letters | 64 Dove of the Southwest |
| 23 White - | 43 Ezio | 65 Curious |
| 24 Gems | 44 Bits | 66 Fender hazard |
| 26 Czech product | 46 - ling | 67 Turkish senior citizens |

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1 Two musical notes	22 Fencing swords	45 Westport's prize
2 Burden	25 Puddle duck	46 A well-kept -
3 It's big, black & buoyant	27 Alleged fall visitor	47 Huh?
4 Wayside -	28 Peruse	48 Lady of Troy
5 Do over the bath	29 Essayist	49 Prefix with -duce or -vert
6 Too many - in the fire	30 Town in N. France	50 - David
7 What birds do	31 Eliminates	53 In the center
8 Keep an even -	33 (Arab bread)Tough fiber	54 Killer suffix
9 Purple -	35 - tattler	56 - Raton, Florida
10 The guitar of the 20's	36 Not uncommon state	57 - - much
11 The common ones are rare	37 Blemish	59 Female suffix
12 Girl's nickname	39 Miss Davis	61 Tante in Acapulco
18 Scandinavian poet	43 Birder's winter coat	

MT. TOM

To reach Mt. Tom from the Greater Boston area, follow I-90 (Mass. Turnpike) west to Exit 4 - West Springfield; take I-91 north to the Easthampton Exit 17 and follow Route 141 north-northwest to the edge of the Town of Holyoke (see map). Mt. Tom State Reservation has three entrances; the easiest one to find branches off to the right from Route 141 immediately after leaving Hampden County. This entrance takes one along Christopher Clark Road to the center of the reservation where the headquarters is located.

The two towers for hawk-watching are marked on the map. Bray Tower is best for spring migration, and Goat Peak Tower is best for the fall flights.

Another entrance into the reservation from the east (Ferry Road) comes from Route 5. There is no access to this road from Route I-91.

If you are approaching Mt. Tom from the north traveling on I-91, you should switch to Route 5 at Exit 18 in Northampton.

When visiting Mt. Tom to watch hawks, try to arrive early in the day. Most hawks tend to wait for the warmer hours of the morning (after thermals have arisen) before migration, but this is not always so. In particular, accipiters may move through quite early in the day.

Connecticut Valley weather can be unpredictable at the seasons when most hawk-watchers are at Mt. Tom. The towers can be chilly on windy days, while mid-day sun can be uncomfortably warm. With this in mind, bring an appropriate wardrobe.

There is good birding to be had on the cool slopes below the towers. A number of Canadian Zone species (e.g. Winter Wren, White-throated Sparrow, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker) are regular visitors or nesters. Pileated Woodpeckers, Worm-eating Warblers, and Louisiana Waterthrushes are often recorded breeders.

