

*Thick-billed Murre*  
*Race Point Beach*  
*Provincetown, MA*  
*August 20, 1992*  
*Photo by Kyle Jones*



## BIRD SIGHTINGS

AUGUST 1992

## SUMMARY

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August was cool and wet but with near normal sunshine. The temperature averaged 70.4 degrees, 1.5 degrees below normal, the sixth month in a row with below average temperatures. The low of 57 degrees was on the 21st, and the high of 91 degrees was on the 11th, the only day to hit the 90s. In a 5-day stretch (August 14-18) the temperature never hit 70 degrees, the longest August stretch since 1905 with such low temperatures. The end of the month finally brought more typical warmth and humidity. Rainfall totaled 4.25 inches, 0.57 inch above normal. Measurable amounts fell on 10 days, including a stretch of 6 days in a row, very unusual for August, but one day short of the 7-day record set in 1911. Some rain fell on 11 consecutive days from August 9-19. This is a new August record, exceeding the 9 days recorded in 1933. The remnants of Hurricane Andrew brushed the area in the early hours of the 29th, bringing varying rain totals to Eastern Massachusetts communities from none to over a quarter of an inch. Andrew also brought strong winds, averaging 18.9 MPH and gusting to 39 MPH from the south. Strong winds were also noted on the 1st (39 MPH westerly gusts) and the 30th (39 MPH southwesterly gusts).

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### LOONS THROUGH ALCIDS

Pelagic birding remained bleak on Stellwagen Bank. Most pelagics reported were from Cashes Ledge, located approximately 70 miles northeast of Cape Ann, and consisted mostly of Greater Shearwaters and both storm-petrel species, including high counts of Leach's Storm-Petrels. A Red-necked Grebe continued in Gloucester from July. A few Pied-billed Grebes and American Bitterns filtered in from unknown breeding locales. The heron scene was similar to that of July. The Nantucket **Little Egret** apparently departed, but the **Reddish Egret** continued for the entire month in the vicinity of the Monomoy Islands. The egret roost on Plum Island continued its spectacular evening display. Small groups of Little Blue Herons were found, and other specialties, such as Tricolored Heron, Cattle Egret, and Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, were found at traditional locations.

The number of late summer sightings of Cooper's Hawk continues to be encouraging. Since the relatively few migrant Cooper's Hawks do not normally appear until a month later, it is presumed these are local individuals. Cooper's Hawk was virtually unknown in summer just 15 years ago. The tail end of the month brought a flurry of early Merlin sightings. A **Sandhill Crane** appeared in the Ipswich/Plum Island area, where it has appeared at this time of year routinely for several years, suggesting that it may be the same individual returning.

In August migrating shorebirds reach peak abundance in Massachusetts, and shorebird reports were carefully reviewed for unusual sightings or trends. The only oddities were noted at North Monomoy, and all were carry-overs from July—a Curlew Sandpiper, and one Marbled and two **Bar-tailed godwits**. There was a general lack of shorebird sightings at inland locations, reflective of high water levels. Possible deviations from expectations include a poor showing of Stilt Sandpipers at Plum Island, with the exception of a flock at midmonth, and good peaks of Semipalmated Plovers on the 28th-29th. Sightings of both Baird's and Buff-breasted sandpipers in the last few days of the month signaled the beginning of the period when observers assiduously seek uncommon shorebirds with a more western affinity. The only pelagic phalarope reported was Red Phalarope from both Cashes Ledge and Stellwagen Bank. Red Phalarope is typically found farther offshore than Red-necked Phalarope, which is often confined to the near shore waters and is the species to be expected on Stellwagen Bank. Thus the Red Phalarope report from Stellwagen in the absence of any sightings of Red-necked Phalarope is decidedly unusual.

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The same situation holds true for jaegers, with Pomarine occurring farther offshore than Parasitic. Thus the presence of Pomarine Jaegers seen from land at Sandy Neck in Barnstable in nonstorm-related circumstances is unusual. Three Great Skuas were seen at Cashes Ledge on the 31st. Great Skua may be regular at this location and at this time. The only unusual gulls were a Common Black-headed Gull at Plum Island and an adult Lesser Black-backed Gull in Provincetown. Royal Terns were seen on Cape Cod, and Black Terns staged a very good movement at the end of the month. A Sooty Tern put in a cameo appearance at Scituate where it was previously seen at the end of July. An unseasonal Thick-billed Murre was found beached but alive in Provincetown.

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Red-throated Loon				
thr	Leicester	1 ad	v. o.	
Common Loon				
thr, 2	Wachusett Res., P.I.	4 ad + 2 yg, 4	M. Lynch#, G. d'Entremont#	
2, 14	N. Monomoy, E. Gloucester	11, 6	B. Nikula#, T. Aversa	
Pied-billed Grebe				
2, 22	P.I., GMNWR	2, 4	G. d'Entremont#, E. Taylor	
Red-necked Grebe				
thr	Gloucester (E.P.)	1	G. Soucy	
Cory's Shearwater				
31	Cashes Ledge	1	R. Abrams#	
Greater Shearwater				
31	Cashes Ledge	400+	R. Abrams#	
Manx Shearwater				
31	Cashes Ledge	1	R. Abrams#	
Wilson's Storm-Petrel				
31	Cashes Ledge	1200	R. Abrams#	
Leach's Storm-Petrel				
31	Cashes Ledge	220	R. Abrams#	
Great Cormorant				
29	N. Scituate	1 imm	S. Perkins	
Double-crested Cormorant				
thr, 8	Wachusett Res., N. Monomoy	89 max, 500	M. Lynch#, G. d'Entremont#	
15, 23	Newburyport, Rowley	120+, 150	M. Lynch#, J. Berry	
American Bittern				
10, 15	GMNWR, Newburyport	2, 1	J. Center, M. Lynch#	
23, 28	Rowley, P.I.	1 or 2, 1	J. Berry, W. Drew#	
28	Canton (F.M.)	1	N. Komar	
Least Bittern				
2	Wayland	1	BBC (B. Howell)	
Great Blue Heron				
thr, 10	P.I., GMNWR	15 max, 10	W. Drew#, J. Center	
20, 23	S. Dart. (Allens Pd), Rowley	10, 13	LCES (J. Hill), J. Berry	
Great Egret				
2, 7	P.I., S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	112, 21	W. Petersen#, LCES (J. Hill)	
20, 23	Lancaster, Rowley	1, 25	E. Salmela, J. Berry	
Snowy Egret				
thr, 2	Saugus-Revere, P.I.	50 max, 637	J. Berry, W. Petersen#	
8, 20	N. Monomoy, WBWS	80, 41	BBC (G. d'Entremont), K. Jones	
23, 31	Revere, Eastham	175, 200	P. + F. Vale, W. Petersen#	
Little Blue Heron				
13, 15	S. Monomoy, Rowley	6, 9	B. Nikula, M. Lynch#	
20, 23	S. Dart. (Allens Pd), Ipswich	4, 1	LCES (J. Hill), K. Disney#	
28, 30	P.I., Truro	5, 1 imm	W. Drew#, J. Young	
Tricolored Heron				
13	N. Monomoy	1	P. Whitlock#	
Reddish Egret				
1, 2, 1-31	N. Monomoy, Chatham, S. Monomoy	1 imm	v. o.	
Cattle Egret				
23, 30	Essex, Ipswich	15, 35	S. Arena, S. Perkins	
Green-backed Heron				
9, 10	Bourne, GMNWR	5, 4	S. Arena, J. Center	
12, 15	S. Dart. (Allens Pd), Newburyport	3, 4	LCES (J. Hill), M. Lynch#	
28, 29	P.I., Wayland	5, 5	W. Drew#, J. Hoye#	
29	Scituate	5	S. Perkins	
Black-crowned Night-Heron				
2, 8	Worcester, N. Monomoy	3, 8	R. Bradbury, BBC (G. d'Entremont)	
8, 23	GMNWR, Arlington	3, 5	S. Perkins, M. Rines	
27, 29	Cambridge (F.P.), Wayland	5, 5	M. Rines, J. Hoye#	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron				
2, 28; 17	P.I.; Newburyport	1, 1; 1	W. Petersen#, W. Drew#; N. Nash	

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Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (continued)				
22	N. Monomoy	1 imm	M. Lynch#	
Glossy Ibis				
2	P.I., N. Monomoy	29, 5	W. Petersen#, B. Nikula#	
13, 30	Squantum, Rowley	1, 4	J. Hoye, R. Stymeist#	
Mute Swan				
21	Westport	119	M. Rines	
Wood Duck				
2, 8	Wayland, GMNWR	6 w/yg, 55	BBC (B. Howell), S. Perkins	
2, 16	Quabbin (G37), Holden	16, 9	M. Lynch#, M. Lynch#	
18	Concord (N.A.C.)	5 w/12 downy yg	S. Perkins	
21, 30	Milton (F.M.), Bolton	2, 11	G. d'Entremont#, M. Lynch#	
Green-winged Teal				
3, 28	P.I.	3, 125	W. Drew#	
13, 23	S. Monomoy, Wachusett Res.	40, 4	B. Nikula, M. Lynch#	
30	Ipswich	6	S. Perkins	
Northern Pintail				
13, 22	S. Monomoy, P.I.	25, 1	B. Nikula, G. d'Entremont	
Blue-winged Teal				
13, 18	S. Monomoy, Concord	18, 2	B. Nikula, S. Perkins	
28, 30	P.I., Rowley	61, 45	W. Drew#, R. Stymeist#	
Northern Shoveler				
13, 18	S. Monomoy, Concord (N.A.C.)	3, 1 f	B. Nikula, S. Perkins	
Gadwall				
13, 28	S. Monomoy, P.I.	1, 44	B. Nikula, W. Drew#	
American Wigeon				
27, 28	Cambridge (F.P.), P.I.	2, 3	M. Rines, W. Drew#	
30	Rowley	8	S. Perkins	
Common Eider				
thr, 9	N. Monomoy, P.I.	60, 4	B. Nikula#, S. Perkins	
23	Manomet Point, Rockport	25, 8	G. d'Entremont#, J. Berry	
23, 31	Cuttyhunk, Westport	30, 150+	P. Trimble, M. Boucher	
White-winged Scoter				
14, 22	E. Gloucester, N. Monomoy	12, 3	T. Aversa, S. Arena	
23	Manomet Point, Rockport	7, 5	G. d'Entremont#, J. Berry	
Hooded Merganser				
23	Wachusett Res.	1 f	M. Lynch#	
Red-breasted Merganser				
1-9	P.I.	1	BBC (J. Center) + v. o.	
Osprey				
20	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	7	LCES (J. Hill)	
23	Cuttyhunk, Lakeville	2, 3	P. Trimble, G. d'Entremont#	
Reports of individuals from 7 locations.				
Bald Eagle				
5, 31	Mansfield, Hanson	2, 1 ad	K. Holmes, J. Markiewitz	
Northern Harrier				
12, 23	Eastham (F.H.), Rowley	1, 2	T. Aversa, J. Berry	
23	Cuttyhunk, DWWS	1, 1	P. Trimble, G. d'Entremont#	
28, 29	P.I., N. Monomoy	2, 3	M. Rines, J. Brown#	
Sharp-shinned Hawk				
7, 23	Wellfleet, DWWS	1 imm, 1	T. Aversa#, G. d'Entremont#	
30	Paxton, Bolton Flats	1, 1	M. Lynch#	
Cooper's Hawk				
21, 23	N. Dartmouth, Rowley	1, 1 imm	M. Boucher, J. Berry#	
23, 28	Middleboro, Raynham	1, 1	G. d'Entremont#, N. Komar	
30, 31	Harvard, Medford	1, 1	M. Lynch#, M. Rines	
Northern Goshawk				
14	E. Middleboro	1	R. Brissette	
Red-shouldered Hawk				
thr, 28	E. Middleboro, Newbury	3+, 1	K. Anderson, M. Rines	
Broad-winged Hawk				
6, 8	Dover, Plymouth	2, 1	E. Taylor, S. Arena	
16, 23	Fall River, Arlington	2, 3	R. Stymeist#, M. Rines	
23	N. Scituate, Cuttyhunk	1 imm, 1	G. d'Entremont, P. Trimble	
23, 28	Wakefield, Boston	1, 1 imm	P. + F. Vale, T. Aversa	
American Kestrel				
1, 11	P.I., Wayland	2, 2 ad + 3 juv	BBC (J. Center), S. Arena	
Merlin				
27, 29	Squantum, P.I.	1, 2	R. Abrams, E. Salmela	
30	Ipswich	1	T. Maloney	
Peregrine Falcon				
6	Boston, Danvers	3, 1	T. French#, J. Brown#	

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Peregrine Falcon (continued)				
21, 26	Provincetown, Newburyport	1 imm, 1	K. Jones, W. Petersen#	
29	P.I., Scituate	1, 1 imm	M. Lynch#, S. Perkins	
Ruffed Grouse				
23	Sherborn	1	E. Taylor	
Northern Bobwhite				
20	Plymouth (MSSF)	2	G. d'Entremont#	
Virginia Rail				
2, 13	Wayland, Walpole	2, 1	BBC (B. Howell), K. Holmes	
23, 27	Cuttyhunk, Bolton	1, 1	P. Trimble, J. Hoye	
Sora				
2, 9	Wayland, Bolton	2, 1 or 2	BBC (B. Howell), J. Center	
Sandhill Crane				
15, 25-26; 28	Ipswich; P.I.	1, 1; 1	M. Lynch#, D. Rimmer; W. Drew#	
Black-bellied Plover				
15	Newburyport	350+	M. Lynch#	
16	N. Monomoy/South Beach I.	1500	B. Nikula#	
18, 20	Concord, S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	6, 31	S. Perkins, LCES (J. Hill)	
29	Revere, Ipswich (C.B.)	50+, 24	P. + F. Vale, D. Rimmer	
29	Halifax	300+	S. Perkins	
Lesser Golden-Plover				
20, 29	Martha's Vineyard, Halifax	1, 4	V. Laux, S. Perkins	
Semipalmated Plover				
thr	Ipswich, P.I.	1150 max 8/29, 1616 max 8/28	D. Rimmer, W. Drew#	
thr, 6	N. Monomoy, Barnstable	550 max 8/13, 650	B. Nikula, R. Scott#	
15	Newburyport, Rowley	300+, 30+	M. Lynch#	
20, 29	S. Dart. (Allens Pd), Revere	93, 600+	LCES (J. Hill), P. + F. Vale	
Piping Plover				
4, 7	Ipswich, S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	14, 2	D. Rimmer, LCES (J. Hill)	
8, 22	N. Monomoy	2, 2	BBC (G. d'Entremont), M. Lynch#	
Killdeer				
5, 7	Southboro, P.I.	18, 16	T. Aversa, W. Drew#	
18, 23	Concord (N.A.C.), Paxton	144, 54	S. Perkins, M. Lynch#	
29	Halifax	25	S. Perkins	
American Oystercatcher				
thr	N. Monomoy	100 max 8/27	D. Holt#	
2, 23	S. Dart. (Allens Pd), Cuttyhunk	2, 5	M. Boucher, P. Trimble	
Greater Yellowlegs				
thr	N. Monomoy	200+ max 8/22	M. Lynch# + v. o.	
7, 13	S. Dart. (Allens Pd), Ipswich	14, 13	LCES (J. Hill), D. Rimmer	
15, 29	Revere, Newburyport/P.I.	48, 200+	P. + F. Vale, M. Lynch#	
Lesser Yellowlegs				
thr, 2	N. Monomoy, Newburyport	70 max 8/2, 800	B. Nikula, W. Petersen#	
15, 18	Revere, Concord (N.A.C.)	16, 5	P. + F. Vale, S. Perkins	
23, 28	S. Dartmouth, Northbridge	2, 3	M. Boucher, R. Bradbury	
Solitary Sandpiper				
12, 18	Bolton, Concord (N.A.C.)	4, 7	R. Bradbury, S. Perkins	
23, 25	Belmont, Topsfield	7, 6	L. Taylor, S. Arena	
Reports of 12 individuals from 8 locations.				
Willet				
thr, 2	N. Monomoy, P.I.	100 max 8/2, 14	B. Nikula#, G. d'Entremont#	
7, 23	S. Dart. (Allens Pd), Rowley	2, 1	LCES (J. Hill), J. Brown#	
Willet ( <i>inornatus</i> )				
thr	N. Monomoy	8 max 8/2	B. Nikula#	
Spotted Sandpiper				
1, 7	Boston, P.I.	2, 3	K. Hudson, W. Drew#	
8, 22	Arlington, Plymouth	5, 2	M. Rines, S. Arena	
23, 30	Wachusett Res., Cuttyhunk	3, 8	M. Lynch#, P. Trimble	
Upland Sandpiper				
2, 12	Newburyport, M. V.	4, 8	W. Petersen#, V. Laux	
16, 20	Concord, S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1, 1	E. Salmela, LCES (J. Hill)	
Whimbrel				
1, 2	N. Monomoy, P.I.	500, 14	B. Nikula#, W. Petersen#	
8, 12	WBWS, Scituate	106, 28	B. Nikula#, S. Perkins#	
30, 31	Cuttyhunk, Westport	3, 16	P. Trimble, M. Boucher	
Hudsonian Godwit				
thr, 12	N. Monomoy, Scituate	200 max 8/20, 4	v. o., S. Perkins	
15, 22	Eastham, Barnstable	2, 1	K. Jones, H. Ferguson	
29	Newburyport, Revere	41, 11	M. Lynch#, P. + F. Vale	
29	E. Boston	8	T. Aversa	
Bar-tailed Godwit				
thr	N. Monomoy	2	v. o.	

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Marbled Godwit 1-6, 15-20; 8 29	N. Monomoy; Eastham Scituate	1 or 2; 1 1	B. Nikula#; K. Jones S. Perkins	
Ruddy Turnstone 11, 13 15, 19 22, 30 30, 31	Scituate, Squantum Ipswich (C.B.), Revere N. Monomoy, Cuttyhunk Andover, Westport	90, 9 10, 7 75+, 10 1, 34	R. Abrams, J. Hoye D. Rimmer, P. + F. Vale M. Lynch#, P. Trimble J. Brown#, M. Boucher	
Red Knot thr, 11 12 28, 29	N. Monomoy, Ipswich Scituate, Eastham P.I., Revere	900 max 8/6, 2 700, 1000 4, 6	B. Nikula, D. Rimmer S. Perkins, M. Smith# W. Drew#, P. + F. Vale	
Sanderling thr thr, 12 16-18, 29 29	P.I., Ipswich (C.B.) N. Monomoy, S. Dartmouth Wachusett Res. Revere	310 max, 537 max 1400 max 8/13, 31 1, 2 300+	W. Drew#, D. Rimmer B. Nikula, M. Boucher R. Bradbury, M. Lynch# P. + F. Vale	
Semipalmated Sandpiper thr thr, 6 9, 12 27, 29	P.I., Ipswich N. Monomoy, Barnstable Newburyport, Eastham Squantum, Revere	1202 max 8/28, 1356 max 8/15 1500 max 8/6, 500 2500, 2000 1200, 500+	W. Drew#, D. Rimmer B. Nikula, R. Scott# S. Perkins, M. Smith# R. Abrams, P. + F. Vale	
Western Sandpiper 11, 29; 27	Scituate; Squantum	1, 4; 1	R. Abrams#; R. Abrams#	
Least Sandpiper thr 8, 9 20, 29	P.I., N. Monomoy Northbridge, Bourne S. Dart. (Allens Pd), Concord	80 max 8/9, 200 17, 15 7, 9	max 8/2 v. o., B. Nikula R. Bradbury, S. Arena LCES (J. Hill), J. Center	
White-rumped Sandpiper 22, 23 29; 30	N. Monomoy, S. Dartmouth Newburyport, P.I.; Ipswich	10, 5 25, 10; 8	M. Lynch#, M. Boucher M. Lynch#; D. Rimmer	
Baird's Sandpiper 29	P.I.	1	M. Lynch#	
Pectoral Sandpiper thr, 13 21, 23 23, 30	N. Monomoy, S. Monomoy P.I., S. Dartmouth Halifax, Ipswich	5 max 8/6, 4 4, 2 16, 15	B. Nikula M. Lynch#, M. Boucher K. Anderson, S. Perkins	
Dunlin thr	N. Monomoy	3 max 8/13	B. Nikula#	
Curlew Sandpiper 2	N. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula#	
Stilt Sandpiper 13, 15 22	S. Monomoy, P.I. N. Monomoy	21, 15 2	B. Nikula, J. Center S. Arena	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper 29, 30	P.I., N. Monomoy	1, 2	M. Lynch#, W. Petersen#	
Short-billed Dowitcher thr, 7 18, 28	N. Monomoy, S. Dart. (Allens Pd) Wellesley, P.I.	800 max, 31 22, 216	B. Nikula, LCES (J. Hill) C. Quinlin, W. Drew#	
Long-billed Dowitcher 2 6, 14-16; 22 13 20, 30	P.I. N. Monomoy S. Monomoy Martha's Vineyard, Rowley	40 1, 1; 1 1 1, 10	W. Petersen B. Nikula#; M. Lynch# B. Nikula V. Laux, S. Perkins	
Common Snipe 18	Concord	10	S. Perkins	
American Woodcock 20	Plymouth	2	G. d'Entremont	
Wilson's Phalarope 2, 28 6, 13, 22, 29	P.I. N. Monomoy	1, 2 1 or 2	v. o. v. o.	
Red Phalarope 10, 31	Stellwagen Bank, Cashes Ledge	16, 6	P. Trimble, R. Abrams#	
Pomarine Jaeger 4, 31	Barnstable (S.N.), Cashes Ledge	3, 14	P. Trimble, R. Abrams#	
Parasitic Jaeger 11, 31	Gloucester, Stellwagen Bank	2 dk, 1 ad	C. Leahy, R. Abrams	
Great Skua 31	Cashes Ledge	3	R. Abrams#	
Laughing Gull 13, 19 28, 30	Squantum, Revere P.I., Cuttyhunk	12, 2 2, 80+	J. Hoye, P. + F. Vale W. Drew#, P. Trimble	

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Laughing Gull (continued)				
23	S. Dartmouth	45	M. Boucher	
Common Black-headed Gull				
7	P.I.	1	W. Drew#	
Bonaparte's Gull				
2, 17-18	Newburyport, Wachusett Res.	250+, 2	W. Petersen#, R. Bradbury	
29	Winthrop	175	T. Aversa	
Lesser Black-backed Gull				
26	Provincetown	1 ad	K. Jones#	
Royal Tern				
2, 7	N. Monomoy, Eastham	1, 1	M. Smith#, K. Jones	
12	Martha's Vineyard	2	V. Laux	
Roseate Tern				
8, 12	P.I., S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1, 2	W. Petersen#, M. Boucher	
12, 15	Martha's Vineyard, Chatham	200+, 500	V. Laux, B. Nikula	
20, 28	N. Monomoy, Ipswich (C.B.)	375, 2	H. Ferguson, D. Rimmer	
Common Tern				
7, 15	P.I., Newburyport	21, 50+	W. Drew#, M. Lynch#	
2, 30	Nantucket (Smith Point)	150+, 300+	E. Andrews#	
22, 30	N. Monomoy, Cuttyhunk	150+, 110	M. Lynch#, P. Trimble	
Arctic Tern				
7, 20	N. Monomoy, M. V.	1, 1	T. Aversa#, V. Laux	
30	Nantucket (Smith Point)	1	E. Andrews#	
Forster's Tern				
8, 29	N. Monomoy	1, 6	BBC (G. d'Entremont), J. Brown#	
6, 12	Barnstable, Scituate	3, 1 juv	R. Scott#, S. Perkins	
15, 22	Newbury, P.I.	1, 1	M. Lynch#, W. Petersen	
23, 30	S. Dartmouth, M. V.	3, 6	M. Boucher, V. Laux	
Least Tern				
2, 30	Nantucket (Smith Point)	74, 1	E. Andrews#	
8, 30	N. Monomoy, Cuttyhunk	25, 6	BBC (G. d'Entremont), P. Trimble	
Sooty Tern				
8	N. Scituate	1 ad	R. Abrams	
Black Tern				
thr	N. Monomoy	3 max 8/16	B. Nikula# + v. o.	
6, 19	Barnstable (S.N.), Orleans	3, 3	R. Scott#, M. Smith#	
22, 28	Truro, Ipswich	1, 2	J. Young, D. Rimmer	
29	Newburyport, P.I.	7, 5	M. Lynch#	
30	Martha's Vineyard	9	V. Laux	
Black Skimmer				
6, 15	N. Monomoy, Chatham	3, 2	B. Nikula#, B. Nikula	
22	Barnstable (S.N.)	1	H. Ferguson	
Thick-billed Murre				
20	Provincetown	1 alt pl (ph) (beached but alive)	K. Jones	

#### CUCKOOS THROUGH FINCHES

Barn Owls nesting in Newbury were very unusual for the location. This is one of the few recent breeding records away from their stronghold on Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. A good nighthawk migration was noted during the last week of the month in Worcester. Migrant flycatchers were extremely poorly represented. The bulk of the flycatcher migration passes through by the end of the month, so the lack of reports was surprising and merits watching in coming years.

Fish Crows were reported only from the southeast, a typical distribution at this time of year. A Common Raven at Wachusett Reservoir was somewhat east of its normal haunts. A Sedge Wren was located by voice in the field across from the Plum Island airport. This diminutive wren is renowned for its inexplicable, nomadic wanderings, and its presence is revealed to those familiar with its distinctive song that is frequently uttered, even in fall migration. A Golden-crowned Kinglet at Marblehead Neck was an unseasonal migrant. Although Hermit Thrushes were numerous, all were reports of resident birds. Only a single migrant Veery was reported. Reports of vireos and warblers represented lingering residents for the most part as evidenced from the Quabbin and Fall River reports. Notable exceptions were Philadelphia Vireos at Martha's Vineyard and Marblehead Neck and the only significant grounding of migrants at the latter location on the 26th. In light of the general paucity of warblers reports, two Kentucky Warblers clearly stand out.

Among the seedeaters a Yellow-headed Blackbird at North Monomoy was notable.

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Black-billed Cuckoo				
4, 30	E. Middleboro, Wachusett Res.	1, 1	K. Anderson, M. Lynch#	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo				
7, 13	Boxford, E. Middleboro	1, 1	K. Disney, K. Anderson	

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Barn Owl 19	Newbury	2 ad + 4 yg	T. French#	
Eastern Screech-Owl 16, 23 27	Fall River, Braintree Oxbow NWR	1, 2 1	R. Stymeist#, G. d'Entremont# J. Hoye	
Great Horned Owl 23	N. Scituate (Glades)	1	G. d'Entremont#	
Short-eared Owl 30	N. Monomoy	1	W. Petersen#	
Common Nighthawk 18, 24 25	Worcester, Belmont Arlington, Haverhill	350, 19 87, 124	M. Lynch#, R. Stymeist D. F. Oliver, J. Hogan	
22, 23, 24, 28, 29	Worcester	1550 total	F. McMenemy#	
Whip-poor-will 6, 20, 23, 27	Plymouth (MSSF)	9, 5, 3, 2	G. d'Entremont#	
Chimney Swift 10, 30	Sherborn, Worcester	100, 27	E. Taylor, M. Lynch#	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird thr 2, 3 12, 30	E. Middleboro, Boxford Wayland, N. Dartmouth Bolton, Newbury	2+, 5 max 2, 2 2, 1	K. Anderson, J. Brown# BBC (B. Howell), M. Boucher R. Bradbury, S. Arena	
Belted Kingfisher 1, 22 24, 30	Wachusett Res., Boston Wayland, Bolton Flats	2, 2 2, 2	M. Lynch#, K. Hudson S. Arena, M. Lynch#	
Red-headed Woodpecker 2	Sherborn	2 ad + 2 imm	E. Taylor	
Hairy Woodpecker thr, 13 21, 31	Boxford, Worcester (BMB) E. Middleboro, Medford	5 max, 1 1 f, 1	J. Brown#, M. Lynch# K. Anderson, M. Rines	
Northern Flicker thr, 19	Sherborn, Worcester (BMB)	7, 23	E. Taylor, M. Lynch#	
Olive-sided Flycatcher 12, 19	Princeton, Worcester (BMB)	1 ph, 1	R. Bradbury, M. Lynch#	
Eastern Wood-Pewee 2, 16 19, 31	Quabbin (G37), Fall River Worcester (BMB), Medford	6, 9 10, 6	M. Lynch#, R. Stymeist# M. Lynch#, M. Rines	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher 12, 20, 25	Princeton	1 ph	R. Bradbury	
Willow Flycatcher 2	Newburyport, Wayland	1, 6	W. Petersen, BBC (B. Howell)	
Least Flycatcher 19, 22 31	Worcester (BMB), MNWS Hamilton	3, 1 1	M. Lynch#, G. d'Entremont# J. Berry	
<i>Empidonax</i> species 23	Waltham	1	L. Taylor	
Eastern Phoebe thr, 19 22 27	Boxford, Worcester (BMB) Newbury, West Newbury Bolton Flats, ONWR	4 max, 5 3, 3 5, 5	J. Brown#, M. Lynch# G. d'Entremont J. Hoye	
Great Crested Flycatcher 2, 12 16, 31	Quabbin (G37), Provincetown Fall River, Medford	2, 1 5, 2	M. Lynch#, T. Aversa R. Stymeist#, M. Rines	
Eastern Kingbird 2, 15 20	Wayland, P.I. Lancaster	8, 24 70	BBC (B. Howell), BBC (S. Bolton) E. Salmela	
Horned Lark 7	Wellfleet	19	T. Aversa#	
Purple Martin 8, 29	P.I.	15, 1	J. Berry, M. Lynch#	
Tree Swallow 15, 23	P.I., Rowley	3100, 1000+	BBC (S. Bolton), S. Arena	
Bank Swallow 1, 12	P.I., S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	3, 50+	BBC (J. Center), M. Boucher	
Cliff Swallow 15, 18	Newbury, Halifax	1, 1	M. Lynch#, K. Anderson	
American Crow 12	Bolton	100+	R. Bradbury	
Fish Crow thr, 30	E. Middleboro, Eastham	3-20, 1	K. Anderson, W. Petersen	
Common Raven 2, 30	Quabbin (G37), Wachusett Res.	1, 1	M. Lynch#	



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Red-breasted Nuthatch				
2, 22	Quabbin (G37), MNWS	10, 4	M. Lynch#, G. d'Entremont#	
30, 31	Waltham, Sudbury	2, 3	L. Taylor, P. Ward	
Brown Creeper				
2, 26	Quabbin (G37), Boxford	6, 1 singing	M. Lynch#, J. Brown#	
Carolina Wren				
16, 19	Fall River, Worcester (BMB)	4, 3	R. Stymeist#, M. Lynch#	
21, 26	Westport, MNWS	17, 5	M. Rines, T. Aversa	
House Wren				
16, 19	Fall River, Worcester	5, 9	R. Stymeist#, M. Lynch#	
Winter Wren				
2, 16	Quabbin (G37), Fall River	1, 1	M. Lynch#, R. Stymeist#	
Sedge Wren				
15	Newbury	1	S. Kellogg + v. o.	
Marsh Wren				
2	P.I., Wayland	10, 7+	G. d'Entremont#, BBC (B. Howell)	
Golden-crowned Kinglet				
21	MNWS	1	I. Lynch	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				
2, 5	Quabbin (G37), E. Middleboro	4, 1	M. Lynch#, K. Anderson	
24	Manomet	18	T. Lloyd-Evans#	
Eastern Bluebird				
8, 19	Sherborn, Worcester (BMB)	2 ad + 1 imm, 8	E. Taylor, M. Lynch#	
Veery				
16, 26	Fall River, MNWS	3, 1	R. Stymeist#, T. Aversa	
Hermit Thrush				
1-23, 2	Sherborn, Quabbin (G37)	6, 8	E. Taylor, M. Lynch#	
6, 23; 16	Plymouth; Fall River	4, 1; 13	G. d'Entremont#, R. Stymeist#	
Wood Thrush				
16, 19	Fall River, Worcester (BMB)	1, 1	R. Stymeist#, M. Lynch#	
21	Milton (F.M.)	2	G. d'Entremont#	
American Robin				
30	Annisquam	45	H. Wiggin#	
Gray Catbird				
16, 19	Fall River, Worcester (BMB)	64, 33	R. Stymeist#, M. Lynch#	
30	P.I., Waltham	29, 29	R. Stymeist#, L. Taylor	
Northern Mockingbird				
30	Worcester	17 flying to roost	M. Lynch#	
Brown Thrasher				
9, 23	P.I., DWWS	2, 1	BBC (M. Rines), G. d'Entremont#	
29	Medford	2	M. Rines	
White-eyed Vireo				
30	Martha's Vineyard	2	V. Laux	
Solitary Vireo				
2, 29	Quabbin (G37), Wayland	6, 1	M. Lynch#, J. Hoye#	
Yellow-throated Vireo				
2, 22	Quabbin (G37), ONWR	2, 1	M. Lynch#, R. Bradbury	
Warbling Vireo				
2, 6	Wayland, Boston	2, 1	BBC (B. Howell), K. Hudson	
21	Milton (F.M.)	1	G. d'Entremont	
Philadelphia Vireo				
22, 29	MNWS, Martha's Vineyard	1, 1	G. d'Entremont, V. Laux	
Red-eyed Vireo				
2, 12	Quabbin (G37), Provincetown	14, 3	M. Lynch#, T. Aversa	
16, 26	Fall River, MNWS	24, 2	R. Stymeist#, T. Aversa	
29, 30	Medford, Cuttyhunk	3, 3	M. Rines, P. Trimble	
Blue-winged Warbler				
15, 16	ONWR, Fall River	6, 3	R. Bradbury, R. Stymeist#	
19, 21	Worcester (BMB), Westport	6, 5	M. Lynch#, M. Rines	
23, 26	Waltham, MNWS	3, 3	L. Taylor, T. Aversa	
Golden-winged Warbler				
30	Martha's Vineyard	1	V. Laux	
"Brewster's" Warbler				
15, 23	ONWR, Waltham	1, 1	R. Bradbury, L. Taylor	
Tennessee Warbler				
20, 30	Princeton, Wellfleet	2, 1	R. Bradbury, J. Young	
30	Martha's Vineyard	1	V. Laux	
Nashville Warbler				
20, 21	Princeton, MNWS	2, 2	R. Bradbury, I. Lynch	
23	Belmont	2	L. Taylor	
Northern Parula				
26, 31	MNWS, Medford	2, 1	T. Aversa, M. Rines	



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Yellow Warbler				
2, 26	P.I., MNWS	14, 4	G. d'Entremont#, T. Aversa	
23, 30	Scituate, Cuttyhunk	1, 1	G. d'Entremont#, P. Trimble	
Chestnut-sided Warbler				
16, 26	Fall River, MNWS	1, 1	M. Rines#, T. Aversa	
30, 31	N. Scituate, Medford	1, 1	G. d'Entremont, M. Rines	
Magnolia Warbler				
16, 26	Fall River, MNWS	1, 2	R. Stymeist#, T. Aversa	
Cape May Warbler				
30	P.I.	2	R. Stymeist#	
Black-throated Blue Warbler				
25, 26	Princeton, MNWS	2 m, 1 f	R. Bradbury, T. Aversa	
Yellow-rumped Warbler				
2, 16	Quabbin (G37), Fall River	6, 3	M. Lynch#, R. Stymeist#	
20, 30	Princeton, MNWS	1, 1	R. Bradbury, P. + F. Vale	
Black-throated Green Warbler				
2, 22	Quabbin (G37), Carver	7, 1 m	M. Lynch#, K. Anderson#	
29	Medford	1	M. Rines	
Blackburnian Warbler				
2, 20	Quabbin (G37), Princeton	1, 1	M. Lynch#, R. Bradbury	
Pine Warbler				
2, 16	Quabbin (G37), Fall River	3, 11	M. Lynch#, R. Stymeist#	
Prairie Warbler				
16, 26	Fall River, MNWS	2, 2	R. Stymeist#, T. Aversa	
Bay-breasted Warbler				
26	MNWS	5	T. Aversa	
Blackpoll Warbler				
30	MNWS	1	P. + F. Vale	
Black-and-white Warbler				
12, 16	Provincetown, Fall River	ad + yg, 3	T. Aversa, R. Stymeist#	
20, 26	Princeton, MNWS	6, 3	R. Bradbury, T. Aversa	
American Redstart				
15, 16	ONWR, Fall River	5, 8	R. Bradbury, R. Stymeist#	
19, 23	Worcester (BMB), P.I.	6, 7	M. Lynch#, S. Arena	
26, 29	MNWS, Medford	10, 8	T. Aversa, M. Rines	
Ovenbird				
8, 16	Plymouth, Fall River	2, 5	S. Arena, R. Stymeist#	
19, 26	Worcester (BMB), MNWS	1, 3	M. Lynch#, T. Aversa	
Northern Waterthrush				
thr, 8	WBWS, Plymouth	7 max 8/8, 2	K. Jones, S. Arena	
12, 26	Provincetown, MNWS	3, 2	T. Aversa	
Reports of individuals from 6 locations.				
Kentucky Warbler				
23, 29	Yarmouthport, M. V.	1, 1	M. Tuttle, A. Keith	
Mourning Warbler				
27	Oxbow NWR	2	J. Hoye	
Common Yellowthroat				
2, 16	Quabbin (G37), Fall River	11, 22	M. Lynch#, R. Stymeist#	
19, 23	Worcester (BMB), Cuttyhunk	41, 16	M. Lynch#, P. Trimble	
Wilson's Warbler				
22, 26	ONWR, MNWS	1, 4	R. Bradbury, T. Aversa	
Canada Warbler				
12, 22	Princeton, Raynham	2, 1	R. Bradbury, K. Anderson#	
23	Boxford, Boston (F.Pk)	1, 1	J. Brown#, T. Aversa	
26, 29	MNWS, Medford	6, 1	T. Aversa, M. Rines	
30	N. Scituate	1	G. d'Entremont#	
Scarlet Tanager				
2, 16	Quabbin (G37), Fall River	12, 2	M. Lynch#, R. Stymeist#	
23	E. Middleboro	1 m	K. Anderson#	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak				
2	P.I., Quabbin (G37)	1, 2	G. d'Entremont#, M. Lynch#	
19, 26	Worcester (BMB), MNWS	9, 2	M. Lynch#, T. Aversa	
27	ONWR	1 imm m	J. Hoye	
Indigo Bunting				
2	Ipswich, Wayland	pr, 1	J. Berry, BBC (B. Howell)	
19	Worcester (BMB)	1	M. Lynch#	
Rufous-sided Towhee				
16, 19	Fall River, Worcester (BMB)	33, 16	R. Stymeist#, M. Lynch#	
Chipping Sparrow				
thr, 2	Boxford, Quabbin (G37)	16 max, 16	J. Brown#, M. Lynch#	
16, 23	Fall River, N. Dartmouth	22, 18	R. Stymeist#, M. Boucher	

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Field Sparrow 2, 19	P.I., Worcester (BMB)	1 juv, 10	W. Petersen#, M. Lynch#	
Sharp-tailed Sparrow 7, 15 22, 29	S. Dart. (Allens Pd), Rowley N. Monomoy, P.I.	12, 25+, 5+, 70	LCES (J. Hill), M. Lynch# M. Lynch#, E. Salmela	
Seaside Sparrow 2, 29	P.I.	1+, 8	G. d'Entremont, E. Salmela	
Swamp Sparrow 2 21, 30	Wayland, Quabbin (G37) Milton (F.M.), Bolton	8+, 4 10, 6	BBC (B. Howell), M. Lynch# G. d'Entremont#, M. Lynch#	
Bobolink 15, 27 29, 30	Newburyport, Wayland Middleboro, Bolton Flats	40+, 160 35, 66	M. Lynch#, J. Hoyer# S. Perkins, M. Lynch#	
Red-winged Blackbird 1, 2	Wachusett Res., GMNWR	50+, 50	M. Lynch#, E. Taylor	
Yellow-headed Blackbird 22	N. Monomoy	1	S. Arena#	
Brown-headed Cowbird 28	Newbury	100+ (flock)	M. Rines	
Northern Oriole 12, 15 16, 19 21, 26	Provincetown, ONWR Fall River, Worcester (BMB) E. Middleboro, MNWS	6, 5 10, 12 8, 8	T. Aversa, R. Bradbury R. Stymeist#, M. Lynch# K. Anderson, T. Aversa	
Purple Finch thr, 13 22	Boxford, E. Orleans Kingston	3 max, 1 m 2	J. Brown#, A. Williams# K. Anderson#	
House Finch 9	P.I.	600+	S. Perkins#	

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Philadelphia Vireo (page 272) 23, 24 should read	N. Monomoy, P.I.	1, 1	B. Nikula + v. o., R. Stymeist#
23, 24	Provincetown, P.I.	1, 1	B. Nikula + v. o., R. Stymeist#

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ad	adult	I.	Island
alt	alternate	L.	Ledge
b	banded	M.V.	Martha's Vineyard
br	breeding	Mt.A.	Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge
dk	dark (phase)	N.A.C.	Nine Acre Corner, Concord
f	female	Nant.	Nantucket
fl	fledged	Newbypt	Newburyport
imm	immature	P.I.	Plum Island
ind	individuals	Pd	Pond
juv	juvenile	P'town	Provincetown
loc	location	Quab.	Quabbin
lt	light (phase)	Res.	Reservoir
m	male	R.P.	Race Point, Provincetown
max	maximum	S. Dart.	South Dartmouth
mi	mile	S.F.	State Forest
migr	migrating	S.N.	Sandy Neck, Barnstable
n	nesting	S.P.	State Park
ph	photographed	Stellw.	Stellwagen Bank
pl	plumage	Worc.	Worcester
pr	pair	BBC	Brookline Bird Club
S	summer (1S = first summer)	BMB	Broad Meadow Brook, Worcester
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	DLSP	Demarest Lloyd State Park
#	additional observers	DWWS	Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary
A.A.	Arnold Arboretum	EMHW	Eastern Massachusetts Hawk Watch
A.P.	Andrews Point, Rockport	FCBC	Felix Cutler Bird Club
B.	Beach	GMNWR	Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge
B.I.	Belle Isle, E. Boston	IRWS	Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary
B.R.	Bass Rocks, Gloucester	LCES	Lloyd Center for Environmental Studies
Buzz.	Buzzards Bay	MARC	Massachusetts Avian Records Committee
C.	Canyon	MAS	Massachusetts Audubon Society
Cambr.	Cambridge	MBO	Manomet Bird Observatory
C.B.	Crane Beach, Ipswich	MDFW	MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
Corp. B.	Corporation Beach, Dennis	MNWS	Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary
C.P.	Crooked Pond, Boxford	MSSF	Myles Standish State Forest
E.P.	Eastern Point, Gloucester	NBC	Needham Bird Club
F.E.	First Encounter Beach, Eastham	NEHW	New England Hawk Watch
F.H.	Fort Hill, Eastham	ONWR	Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge
F.M.	Fowl Meadow	PRNWR	Parker River National Wildlife Refuge
F.P.	Fresh Pond, Cambridge	SRV	Sudbury River Valley
F.Pk	Franklin Park, Boston	SSBC	South Shore Bird Club
F.S.F.	Federation State Forest	TASL	Take A Second Look Harbor Census
G40	Gate 40, Quabbin	USFWS	US Fish and Wildlife Service
G45	Gate 45, Quabbin	WBWS	Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
H.	Harbor	WMWS	Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary