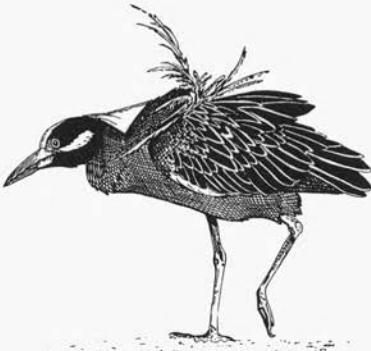


BIRD SIGHTINGS

AUGUST 1993

SUMMARY



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August was hot, sunny, and the fourth consecutive dry month. The average temperature in Boston was 83.6 degrees, 1.7 degrees above normal. The high mark of 96 degrees on August 27 and 28 was 17 degrees above normal. Three other days, August 3, 25, and 26, also had temperatures in the nineties. The low was 57 degrees on August 22. Rainfall was only 1.32 inches, 1.92 inches less than average. The May to August total rainfall was just 5.86 inches, well below the average of 12.46 inches. This rainfall amount is a new low for this period in 123 years of records. Sunshine was recorded at 75 percent of possible sunshine, about 10 percent more than normal in August.

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LOONS THROUGH SKIMMERS

A few scattered reports of Pied-billed Grebe at the end of the month signaled the beginning of its migration. The Red-necked Grebe in Chatham was a summering individual, but the Red-necked Grebe in breeding plumage in Concord was a very early migrant. Unseasonal migrants in late summer are as likely on freshwater ponds as on the coast. Shearwater and storm-petrel numbers increased with observations from Cashes Ledge and south of Nantucket. Of particular interest were 80 Leach's Storm-Petrels on Cashes Ledge and a **White-faced Storm-Petrel** located south of Nantucket on August 23rd. A **Magnificent Frigatebird**, of undetermined age or sex and unaccompanied by details, was reported from Chappaquidick on August 1.

Excellent numbers of herons were reported from the evening roost at Plum Island during the month. Other noteworthy observations were both Yellow-crowned Night-Herons and Little Blue Herons inland, and fairly good numbers of Glossy Ibis from scattered locations. Early migrant freshwater ducks were most obvious at South Monomoy Island. Among raptor reports, Cooper's Hawk continued its strong summer presence. Two of the three Merlin reports were unusual inland sightings.

Most shorebird species reach peak abundance in August. The species that demonstrated clearly defined peaks were Semipalmated Plover at midmonth and Semipalmated Sandpiper at the end of the first week. An **American Avocet** was present in South Dartmouth for several days at the beginning of the month. The typical western migrants—American Golden-Plover, Baird's and Western sandpipers—appeared during the last week. A group of eight Buff-breasted Sandpipers at Plum Island and small numbers of Western Sandpipers from widely scattered locations were notable reports. Seven Marbled Godwits at North Monomoy were present, and birders were treated to a fine showing of White-rumped Sandpipers at Plum Island. Reports of both Pectoral and Stilt sandpipers were scarce. Likewise, both Red-necked and Red phalaropes were sparsely reported on offshore trips.

Only a handful of jaegers were reported, and no observations of Pomarine Jaeger were reported. Surprisingly, most jaegers were reported from land. At Cashes Ledge a juvenile Long-tailed Jaeger and Lesser Black-backed Gull were seen. Two migrant Little Gulls were noted in Lynn, while the reports from Barnstable and Dennis represented the same summering individual. Among the fine assortment of terns observed were two Caspian Terns at Squantum, and Royal and Sandwich terns at Martha's Vineyard. A fine showing of Forster's Tern was evident after midmonth, while a fledgling Forster's Tern observed in Ipswich was considered a locally raised individual. The inland sighting of a Least Tern in Lexington was very unusual. The Black Skimmers represented a postbreeding aggregation.

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Common Loon	P.I., Westport	2, 2	D. Chickering, S. Arena
4, 8			
13, 21	Scituate, Wachusett Res.	1, 3 ad + 2 yg	S. Perkins, M. Lynch#
23, 29	Cape Cod Bay, Nahant	7, 2	P. Trimble, G. d'Entremont#
Pied-billed Grebe	P.I., Winthrop	1 or 2, 1	W. Drew#, TASL (M. Hall)
thr, 14			

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	AUGUST 1993
Pied-billed Grebe (continued)				
29, 30	Dennis, S. Monomoy	1, 1	B. Nikula#	
29-31	Mt. A.	1	J. Heywood	
Red-necked Grebe				
thr, 19	Chatham, Concord	1, 1 br pl	v. o., D. Lange	
Cory's Shearwater				
22, 23	Cape Cod Bay, Cashes Ledge	1, 3	P. Trimble, S. Perkins#	
23-24	S. of Nantucket	50	S. Highley	
Greater Shearwater				
23, 23-24	Cashes Ledge, S. of Nantucket	200, 25	S. Perkins#, S. Highley	
Sooty Shearwater				
14, 23-24	Chatham, S. of Nantucket	1, 2	M. Lynch#, S. Highley	
Manx Shearwater				
5, 6	Cape Cod Bay, Stellwagen Bank	2, 1	P. Trimble, R. Abrams	
Wilson's Storm-Petrel				
6, 9	Stellwagen, Cape Cod Bay	400, 10	R. Abrams, P. Trimble	
14, 23	S. Monomoy, Cashes Ledge	15, 4000	S. Perkins#	
White-faced Storm-Petrel				
23	S. of Nantucket (40 degrees 57', 70 degrees, 29')	1	S. Highley	
Leach's Storm-Petrel				
23, 23-24	Cashes Ledge, S. of Nantucket	80, 1	S. Perkins#, S. Highley#	
Northern Gannet				
19	Cape Cod Bay	5	P. Trimble	
Great Cormorant				
29	E. Boston (B.I.)	2	G. d'Entremont#	
Double-crested Cormorant				
thr, 21	Saugus, Wachusett Res.	45, 131	J. Berry, M. Lynch#	
29	Cuttlyhunk, Newbypt/P.I.	400, 150	P. Trimble, J. Berry	
Magnificent Frigatebird (no details)				
1	Chappaquidick (M.V.)	1	L. Province	
American Bittern				
14-28	P.I.	1 or 2	v. o.	
Least Bittern				
16	P.I.	1	F. Bouchard#	
Great Blue Heron				
thr	P.I., W. Boxford	19 max, 12 (2 nests)	W. Drew#, S. Charette	
thr	GMNWR, Barnstable	34 max, 20	J. Center, P. Trimble	
Great Egret				
thr, 1	S. Dart. (A.Pd), Holden	20 max, 10	LCES (J. Hill), M. Lynch#	
6, 7-9	Lexington, GMNWR	6, 10	R. Forster, E. Taylor	
14	Sherborn, P.I.	2, 110	E. Taylor, R. Heil	
18, 23	Dedham, Tyngsboro	1, 1	S. Arena, M. Amrick	
Little Egret				
4	Nantucket	1	M. Greenburg	
Snowy Egret				
thr, 7	Saugus, Wachusett Res.	50 max, 12	J. Berry, M. Lynch#	
14	Lawrence, E. Boston (B.I.)	1, 210	S. Charette, TASL (M. Hall)	
15, 21	Holden, P.I.	1, 1245	B. Blodget, M. Lynch#	
24, 26	WBWS, S. Dart. (A.Pd)	60, 66	W. Petersen, LCES (J. Hill)	
Little Blue Heron				
4, 7	S. Dart. (A.Pd), Holden	6, 1 imm	LCES (J. Hill), M. Lynch#	
24, 26	WBWS, P.I.	1, 13 (4 ad, 2 pied, 7 imm)	W. Petersen, R. Forster	
Tricolored Heron				
3, 13-28	Squantum, P.I.	1, 4	E. Cutler, v. o.	
22-31, 26	S. Monomoy, S. Dart. (A.Pd)	1, 1	B. Nikula#, LCES (J. Hill)	
Cattle Egret				
thr	Ipswich	19 max 8/29	J. Berry	
Green-backed Heron				
thr, 1	W. Boxford, Sherborn	4 max, 5	S. Charette, BBC (J. Miller)	
12, 21	S. Dartmouth, P.I.	4, 12	K. Anderson, M. Lynch#	
21, 29	GMNWR, Cuttyhunk	4, 4	J. Center, P. Trimble	
Black-crowned Night-Heron				
1, 21	Ipswich, P.I.	14, 9	J. Berry, S. Charette	
21	Barnstable, GMNWR	100, 10	P. Trimble, J. Center	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron				
5, 28-29; 8	P.I.; S. Dart. (A.Pd)	1; 1 imm	v. o.; M. Lynch#	
24-31, 28	Holden, Rowley	1 imm, 1 imm	B. Blodget + v. o., J. Berry	
Glossy Ibis				
thr	S. Monomoy, N. Monomoy	15+, 7+	B. Nikula#	
2, 21	Ipswich, P.I.	50, 64	J. Berry, M. Lynch#	
14	E. Boston, Squantum	23, 7	TASL (M. Hall)	

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Whooper Swan (probable escapes)				
30	Ipswich	3	fide J. Berry	
Brant				
10, 11	Wareham, Duxbury	4, 3	B. Franklin, K. Anderson	
Wood Duck				
thr	W. Boxford	7	S. Charette	
15, 29	Harwich, Wakefield	33, 7	B. Nikula, P. + F. Vale	
Green-winged Teal				
thr, 30	P.I., S. Monomoy	100 max 8/27, 40	W. Drew#, B. Nikula#	
Northern Pintail				
6, 29; 22	P.I.; S. Monomoy	5, 11; 30	R. Forster + v. o.; B. Nikula#	
Blue-winged Teal				
21, 28; 22	P.I.; Eastham	5, 30; 24	M. Lynch#; W. Petersen	
22, 30	S. Monomoy	100, 150	B. Nikula#	
Northern Shoveler				
22, 30	S. Monomoy	8, 15	B. Nikula#	
Gadwall				
thr, 21	P.I., Wachusett Res.	36 max, 1	W. Drew#, M. Lynch#	
30	S. Monomoy	18	B. Nikula#	
American Wigeon				
27, 30	P.I., S. Monomoy	5, 2	W. Drew#, B. Nikula#	
Common Eider				
11, 24	Duxbury B., Cuttyhunk	91, 24	K. Anderson, P. Trimble	
Black Scoter				
thr	Chatham (S.B.)	8 max	v. o.	
White-winged Scoter				
14, 16	N. Monomoy, P.I.	2, 4	BBC (G. d'Entremont), F. Bouchard#	
Ruddy Duck				
thr, 30	W. Newbury, S. Monomoy	1, 3	v. o., D. Reid#	
Turkey Vulture				
29	Barre, Quabbin	13, 5	M. Lynch#, E. Taylor	
Osprey				
1, 8	Wellesley, S. Dart. (A.Pd)	1, 12	R. Forster, M. Lynch#	
28, 29	Wareham, Cuttyhunk	12, 2	J. Griffith, P. Trimble	
Bald Eagle				
14, 17	Middleboro, Plymouth	2 yg, 1 imm	E. Taylor, J. Arena	
Northern Harrier				
9	Ipswich (C.B.)	1 imm	D. Rimmer	
15, 22	P.I., Harvard	3, 1	S. Charette, M. Lynch#	
26, 29	IRWS, Cuttyhunk	2, 1	R. Forster, P. Trimble	
Sharp-shinned Hawk				
22	N. Andover, S. Natick	1, 1	S. Charette, J. Hepburn#	
Cooper's Hawk				
thr	Reports of 1 or 2 individuals from 11 locations.			
Northern Goshawk				
2, 21	Quincy, Boxford	1 ad, 1	G. d'Entremont, J. Brown#	
large accipiter species				
8	E. Harwich	1 imm	B. Nikula	
Red-shouldered Hawk				
thr	E. Middleboro, Boxford	1 or 2, 1	K. Anderson, J. Brown#	
17, 26	N. Scituate, IRWS	1 imm, 1 imm	T. Aversa, R. Forster#	
27	Quabbin (G45)	2 juv	T. Aversa	
Broad-winged Hawk				
1, 10	Medford, E. Middleboro	2, 1	M. Rines, K. Anderson	
18, 22	Arlington, Harvard	1, 4	M. Rines, M. Lynch#	
29, 31	Cuttyhunk, Salem	3, 1	P. Trimble, I. Lynch	
American Kestrel				
14, 29	Boston (Logan), Cumb. Farms	4, 20+	TASL (M. Hall), K. Anderson	
Merlin				
21	Wachusett Res., P.I.	1, 1	M. Lynch#	
22, 31	Holden, Newburyport	1, 1	M. Lynch#, J. Botelho	
Peregrine Falcon				
1, 3	Boston, Ipswich (C.B.)	3, 1	J. Miano, D. Rimmer	
21, 29	MBWMA, Newburyport	1, 1	S. Charette, J. Berry	
Wild Turkey				
6, 15	Wellesley, Barre	1 m, 20	M. Brewster, M. Lynch#	
Northern Bobwhite				
4, 5	Wayland, Plymouth (MSSF)	1, 1	S. Arena, G. d'Entremont	
8, 22	Cumb. Farms, Eastham	1, 1	K. Anderson, G. d'Entremont#	
Virginia Rail				
1, 10	P.I., Wakefield	2 ad + 3 yg, 1	G. d'Entremont#, P. + F. Vale	
19	Wayland	3	S. Arena	

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Sora 1, 9	P.I., GMNWR	1 juv, 1	J. Berry, E. Taylor	
Black-bellied Plover thr thr, 11 14, 28	S. Dart. (A.Pd), P.I. Ipswich (C.B.), Duxbury Boston H., Chatham (S.B.)	17 max, 109 max 82 max, 220 373, 1800	LCES (J. Hill), W. Drew# D. Rimmer, K. Anderson# TASL (M. Hall), B. Nikula#	
American Golden-Plover 21, 28; 27-29	Chatham (S.B.); P.I.	1; 1	S. Perkins#; W. Drew#	
Semipalmated Plover thr 10, 24 12, 28 14, 15 18	P.I., Ipswich Barnstable (S.N.) Chatham (S.B.) Boston H., Holden Scituate	1089 max, 3400 max 550, 1050 950, 500 1386, 15 500	v. o. R. Scott# B. Nikula# TASL (M. Hall), B. Blodget S. Perkins#	
Piping Plover thr, 4 6, 11 14, 24 29	Ipswich, S. Dart. (A.Pd) Chatham (S.B.), Duxbury S. Monomoy, Barnstable (S.N.) Cuttyhunk	20 max, 11 10, 3 12, 7 2	D. Rimmer, LCES (J. Hill) B. Nikula#, K. Anderson# B. Nikula#, R. Scott# P. Trimble	
American Oystercatcher thr, 14 17, 24 29	N. Monomoy, Boston (Logan) Squantum, Rockport Cuttyhunk, Nantucket	40 max, 5 2, 1 imm 5, 15	B. Nikula, TASL (M. Hall) T. Aversa, J. Nove P. Trimble, S. Arena	
American Avocet 1-5	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	1	T. Raymond + v. o.	
Greater Yellowlegs thr, 14 21, 28	N. Monomoy, Squantum P.I., E. Boston (B.I.)	150 max, 145 200, 100	B. Nikula, TASL (M. Hall) M. Lynch#, R. Styneist#	
Lesser Yellowlegs thr, 11 14, 21	P.I., Duxbury B. Boston H., GMNWR	414 max, 75 124, 16	W. Drew#, K. Anderson TASL (M. Hall), J. Center	
Solitary Sandpiper 1, 21 27, 30	Wellesley, Holden GMNWR, Newton	8, 7 2, 2	R. Forster, M. Lynch# J. Center, M. Murphy	
Willet thr 14, 21	N. Monomoy, S. Dart. (A.Pd) Winthrop, P.I.	100 max, 24 max 1, 15+	B. Nikula, LCES (J. Hill) TASL (M. Hall), M. Lynch#	
Spotted Sandpiper 5, 19 21, 22 25, 29	P.I., Concord GMNWR, Holden Arlington, Cuttyhunk	4, 4 3, 13 4, 6	W. Drew#, D. Lange J. Center, M. Lynch# M. Rines#, P. Trimble	
Upland Sandpiper 3, 14 14, 21 22, 29	DWWS, N. Monomoy P.I., Wayland Newbypt, Katama (M.V.)	1, 2 2 migr, 1 2, 6	v. o., B. Nikula R. Heil, B. Howell BBC (C. Cook), V. Laux	
Whimbrel 4, 7 8, 14 14, 24 28	Ipswich (C.B.), Scituate S. Dart. (A.Pd), Boston N. Monomoy, Marshfield P.I.	6, 1 9, 1 420, 1 4	D. Rimmer, W. Petersen S. Arena, TASL (M. Hall) W. Harrington#, T. Aversa T. Aversa	
Hudsonian Godwit 6, 12, 28 24, 28 28, 29	Chatham (S. Beach) Newburyport, Rowley E. Boston (B.I.), Revere	140, 105, 50 30, 3 8, 7	B. Nikula# R. Forster, J. Berry R. Styneist#, P. + F. Vale	
Marbled Godwit thr, 1 21	Monomoy/S.B., Newbypt Dennis	7 max, 1 2	v. o., J. Berry K. Hamilton	
Ruddy Turnstone 4, 13 14 22, 29	Ipswich (C.B.), Scituate Boston H., Chatham (S.B.) P.I., Nantucket	23, 80 90, 130+ 10, 25	D. Rimmer, S. Perkins TASL (M. Hall), M. Lynch# BBC (C. Cook), S. Arena	
Red Knot 6, 21; 8 11, 13 14, 25	Chatham (S.B.); Katama (M.V.) Duxbury, Scituate P.I., Ipswich (C.B.)	475, 150; 7 120, 600 2, 6	B. Nikula; S. Perkins K. Anderson, S. Perkins BBC (C. Floyd), D. Rimmer	
Sanderling thr; 6, 28 11, 24 29, 31	Ipswich; Chatham Duxbury, Barnstable (S.N.) Revere, Lynn	520 max; 2200, 1800 160, 700 850+, 200	D. Rimmer; B. Nikula K. Anderson#, R. Scott# P. + F. Vale, T. Aversa	
Semipalmated Sandpiper thr 6, 21, 28	P.I., Ipswich (C.B.) Chatham (S.B.)	1595 max, 1800 max 1700, 750, 25	W. Drew#, D. Rimmer B. Nikula	

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6, 7	Lynn, Scituate	2500, 800	R. Forster, W. Petersen	
11, 14	Duxbury, S. Monomoy	850, 600	K. Anderson#, B. Nikula#	
16, 29; 19	P.I.; Scituate	1, 2; 3	v. o.; R. Abrams#	
22, 30; 22	S. Monomoy; N. Monomoy	1, 2; 2	B. Nikula#; W. Petersen	
28, 29	Revere, Lynn	1, 3	M. Rines#, R. Forster#	
30	Ipswich (C.B.)	2	D. Rimmer	
thr, 14	P.I., Boston H.	98 max, 91	W. Drew#, TASL (M. Hall)	
14, 30	S. Monomoy	80, 150	B. Nikula#	
15, 16	Rowley, Cumb. Farms	65, 35	J. Berry, K. Anderson	
21, 23	Holden, GMNWR	175+, 35	M. Lynch#, J. Center	
Least Sandpiper				
6, 21, 28	Ipswich (C.B.), P.I.	91 max, 214 max	D. Rimmer, W. Drew#	
13, 14	Chatham (S.B.)	2, 12, 30	B. Nikula#	
14, 21	Lexington, S. Monomoy	1, 70	R. Forster#, B. Nikula#	
25	Winthrop, Holden	2, 1	TASL (M. Hall), M. Lynch#	
	Eastham, DWWS	22, 1	W. Petersen, D. Ludlow	
White-rumped Sandpiper				
6, 21, 28	Ipswich (C.B.), P.I.	91 max, 214 max	D. Rimmer, W. Drew#	
13, 14	Lexington, S. Monomoy	2, 12, 30	B. Nikula#	
14, 21	Winthrop, Holden	1, 70	R. Forster#, B. Nikula#	
25	Eastham, DWWS	2, 1	TASL (M. Hall), M. Lynch#	
Baird's Sandpiper				
18-29, 27	P.I., Lynn B.	1 or 2, 1	v. o., R. Forster#	
30	S. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula#	
Pectoral Sandpiper				
2, 29; 13	Cumb. Farms; Lexington	3, 2; 1	K. Anderson; R. Forster#	
14, 23	S. Monomoy, GMNWR	10, 3	B. Nikula#, J. Center	
25, 28	Lynn B., P.I.	1, 2	R. Forster#, J. Berry	
Dunlin				
13, 22	Scituate, N. Monomoy	3, 2	S. Perkins, W. Petersen	
28	Revere	2	M. Rines#	
Stilt Sandpiper				
7, 14	P.I., S. Dart. (A.Pd)	14 max 8/13, 1	W. Drew#, LCES (J. Hill)	
	Squibnocket (M.V.), E. Boston	1, 3	S. Perkins, TASL (M. Hall)	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper				
27, 28	Scituate, Swampscott	1, 1	v. o., S. Ingalls	
28, 29	GMNWR, Ipswich (C.B.)	1, 1	J. Center, J. Nove	
28, 29, 31	P.I.	3, 8, 5	M. Lynch#, J. Berry, B. Van Dusen	
Short-billed Dowitcher				
11, 14	P.I., Chatham (S.B.)	363 max 8/5, 400 max 8/6	W. Drew#, B. Nikula#	
	Duxbury B., Boston H.	95, 100	K. Anderson, TASL (M. Hall)	
Long-billed Dowitcher				
11, 14	P.I., E. Boston	60, 1 ad	R. Forster#	
28	Chatham (S.B.)	1	B. Nikula#	
Common Snipe				
29	Wakefield	1	P. + F. Vale	
American Woodcock				
11, 20	W. Newbury, Mansfield	1, 1	D. Chickering, S. Arena	
Wilson's Phalarope				
6; 21, 28	Nantucket; Chatham (S.B.)	1; 1, 2	M. Greenburg; B. Nikula#	
22, 24	Eastham, Squantum	1, 1 ad	G. d'Entremont#, T. Aversa	
30	S. Monomoy	1	D. Reid#	
Red-necked Phalarope				
9, 23	Cape Cod Bay, Cashes Ledge	2, 10	P. Trimble, S. Perkins#	
24	Stellwagen	1	W. Petersen	
Red Phalarope				
20	Cape Cod Bay	4	P. Trimble	
phalarope species				
6	Stellwagen	3	R. Abrams	
Parasitic Jaeger				
14	S. Monomoy, N. Monomoy	1, 1	S. Perkins, BBC (G. d'Entremont)	
22, 25	Eastham, Cape Cod Bay	1, 2	W. Petersen, P. Trimble	
Long-tailed Jaeger				
23	Cashes Ledge	1 juv	D. Sibley#	
jaeger species				
14, 28	N. Monomoy	1, 1	S. Perkins#, J. Trimble#	
23	Cashes Ledge	1	S. Perkins#	
Laughing Gull				
14, 28	Ipswich (C.B.), Chatham (S.B.)	1-3, 425	D. Rimmer, B. Nikula	
28, 29	Boston H., Rockport	42, 17	TASL (M. Hall), J. Berry	
	P.I., Cuttyhunk	7 juv, 120	J. Berry, P. Trimble	
Little Gull				
6, 10	Lynn B., Barnstable (S.N.)	2, 1	R. Forster, R. Scott#	
21	Dennis	1	K. Hamilton	

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Bonaparte's Gull 1, 13	Newburyport, Lynn/Nahant	200, 320	J. Botelho, R. Forster#	
Ring-billed Gull 10, 24	Barnstable (S.N.)	350, 700	R. Scott#	
Lesser Black-backed Gull 1, 14; 23 14, 22	Lynn; Cashes Ledge N. Monomoy	1 (2S); 1 ad 1 (3S)	J. Quigley; S. Perkins# S. Perkins#, W. Petersen	
Caspian Tern 3	Squantum	2	E. Cutler	
Royal Tern 5; 17, 29	Chatham (S.B.); Katama (M.V.)	1; 1	R. Forster#; V. Laux#	
Sandwich Tern 17	Katama (M.V.)	1	V. Laux#	
Roseate Tern 10, 24 19, 21	Barnstable (S.N.) Scituate, Chatham (S.B.)	50, 200 25, 800	R. Scott# S. Perkins#, B. Nikula	
Common Tern thr, 1 10, 24 21, 29	Ipswich (C.B.), Newbypt/P.I. Barnstable (S.N.) Chatham (S.B.), Cuttyhunk	12-51, 50 400, 1400 2500, 100	D. Rimmer, J. Berry R. Scott# B. Nikula, P. Trimble	
Forster's Tern thr, 8 10, 24; 17 18, 28 29, 30	N. Monomoy, S. Dart, (A.Pd) Barnstable; Katama (M.V.) Ipswich (C.B.), Newbypt/P.I. Westport, S. Monomoy	18 max, 7 4, 15; 22 1 fl, 6 12, 40+	v. o., S. Arena R. Scott#, V. Laux# D. Rimmer, R. Forster# R. Stymeist#, B. Nikula#	
Least Tern thr, 6 11 14, 29	Ipswich (C.B.), Lexington Duxbury B., S. Dart, (A.Pd) N. Monomoy, Cuttyhunk	1-25, 1 juv 18, 28 10, 18	D. Rimmer, R. Forster K. Anderson, LCES (J. Hill) BBC (G. d'Entremont), P. Trimble	
Black Tern 13, 14 17, 20	Ipswich (C.B.), Chatham (S.B.) Katama (M.V.), Barnstable (S.N.)	1, 4 8, 2	D. Rimmer, M. Lynch# V. Laux#, P. Trimble	
Black Skimmer thr	Eastham (Nauset)	15 max	v. o.	

PARAKEETS THROUGH FINCHES

The report of a pair of Monk Parakeets in East Middleboro is interesting, especially because it follows a pair reported in Wareham in July and the discovery of a nest this summer in Taunton. The colony of Monk Parakeets in Warwick, Rhode Island, does not appear to have expanded far from the original site. Thus the Massachusetts birds are as likely to be escapes as wanderers from Rhode Island.

Barn Owls again nested in Newbury, and at least two young were noted during the month. It was not a big year for migrating Common Nighthawks in the eastern part of the state, but a report from Northampton on August 23 recorded 1924 from a single location. The highest nighthawk totals in eastern Massachusetts were on August 28. The best evenings for migrating nighthawks are those with little or no wind.

An Acadian Flycatcher was still singing early in the month at Quabbin, and an early migrating Olive-sided Flycatcher was detected in Pepperell on August 9. As usual, large numbers of Tree Swallows were present on Plum Island. More unusual was the number of Northern Rough-winged Swallows, which usually leave our area by late July or early August.

All of the vireos, except Philadelphia Vireo, and 31 species of warblers plus both hybrids were noted during the month. The night of August 21 was a good night for passerine movement with northwest winds and a foggy morning bringing down migrants, and August 22 was a good day to be in the field based on the number of reports from a wide area. Especially noteworthy reports included Golden-winged, Yellow-throated, Cerulean, Prothonotary, Kentucky, and Mourning warblers, and Yellow-breasted Chat. Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary was consistently good during the month. Among the seedeaters, two Dickcissels, both from Cape Cod, were noteworthy. The many reports of Evening Grosbeaks from central Massachusetts were encouraging.

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Monk Parakeet 17	E. Middleboro	2	K. Anderson
Mourning Dove 11, 28	Wellesley, Newbury	85, 250	R. Forster#
Black-billed Cuckoo 5 6, 27; 15	Chatham, Plymouth Quabbin (G45); Quabbin (G40)	3, 1 2, 1; 2	R. Forster, G. d'Entremont T. Aversa; M. Lynch#
Yellow-billed Cuckoo 5, 29	E. Middleboro, N. Scituate	1, 1	K. Anderson, T. Aversa

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Barn Owl 15, 22	Newbury	2 yg in nest	J. Berry	
Eastern Screech-Owl 6, 13 14, 26	Ipswich, Wellesley Arlington, IRWS	1, 1 2, 2	N. Berry, R. Forster L. Taylor#, R. Forster	
Great Horned Owl 24, 28	N. Scituate, Rowley	1, 1	T. Aversa, J. Berry	
Barred Owl 13, 29	Boxford, E. Middleboro	1, 1	J. Brown#, K. Anderson	
Common Nighthawk 22, 27, 28, 30, 31	Wellesley	3, 20, 67, 23, 21	R. Forster	
	S. Natick, Arlington	38, 21	J. Hepburn#, R. Styneist#	
26, 27, 30	Mt. A.	17, 53, 38	R. Styneist#	
26, 28 19-31	Lincoln, Newton	34, 81	S. Perkins, M. Murphy	
Whip-poor-will 5, 19, 26	Reports of 1-17 individuals from 15 locations			
Chimney Swift thr, 26	Plymouth (MSSF)	8, 1, 4	G. d'Entremont#	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird thr, 1-17 5, 14 thr	Lawrence, Mt. A. Boxford, Norton E. Middleboro, Chatham	75 max, 60+ 4+, 2 f 4, 2 f	S. Charette, R. Styneist# J. Brown, A. Dyer K. Anderson, W. Harrington#	
Belted Kingfisher 1, 27	Concord, Quabbin (G45)	4, 5	D. Lange, T. Aversa	
Red-headed Woodpecker thr	Sherborn	2 ad	E. Taylor	
Red-bellied Woodpecker 6, 7	Marlboro, Westboro	1, pr	T. Gooley, M. Lynch#	
Hairy Woodpecker thr, 27	Boxford, Medford	2-4, 5	J. Brown#, M. Rines	
Pileated Woodpecker 7, 23	Holden, Boxford	1, 1	M. Lynch#, J. Brown#	
Olive-sided Flycatcher 9	Pepperell	1	L. High	
Eastern Wood-Pewee 1, 6 10, 15	Sherborn, Quabbin (G45) Middleboro, Medford	10, 14 3, 7	BBC (J. Miller), T. Aversa K. Anderson, M. Rines	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher 22, 24 29	MNWS, Marshfield Andover	3, 1 1	R. Styneist#, T. Aversa S. Charette	
Acadian Flycatcher 6	Quabbin (G45)	1	T. Aversa	
Willow Flycatcher 1, 8	P.I., Wakefield	3, 1	G. d'Entremont#, P. + F. Vale	
Least Flycatcher 6, 10 12, 15 22, 29	Quabbin (G45), ONWR Wellesley, Medford MNWS	6, 1 1, 1 2, 1	T. Aversa R. Forster, M. Rines R. Forster, G. d'Entremont#	
Eastern Phoebe 8, 15 22	Andover, Quabbin (G40) W. Boxford	7, 9 8	S. Charette, M. Lynch# S. Charette	
Great Crested Flycatcher 3, 5 27, 29	E. Middleboro, Boston (F.Pk) Medford, N. Scituate	2, 3 2, 2	K. Anderson, T. Aversa M. Rines, T. Aversa	
Horned Lark 14	N. Monomoy	1	BBC (G. d'Entremont)	
Purple Martin 6, 8 28	Quabbin (G45), Hanson P.I.	2, 6 20	T. Aversa, W. Petersen J. Berry	
Tree Swallow 14, 28 15, 26 29	P.I. Barre, Ipswich (C.B.) Cuttyhunk	10,000, 10,000 1000+, 2000 3000+	BBC (C. Floyd), J. Berry M. Lynch#, D. Rimmer P. Trimble	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow 19, 27 29, 31	Wellesley, MNWS Cuttyhunk, W. Peabody	1, 4 10, 12	R. Forster P. Trimble, R. Heil	
Bank Swallow 9, 29	GMNWR, Cuttyhunk	5, 24	E. Taylor, P. Trimble	
Barn Swallow 21, 29	P.I., Cuttyhunk	60, 70	M. Lynch#, P. Trimble	

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Fish Crow 2, 8 8, 10	W. Newton, Hanson W. Newbury, W. Middleboro	2, 1 2, 7	R. Forster, W. Petersen R. Heil, K. Anderson	
Common Raven 1, 15 19, 22; 27	Athol, Holden Mt. Wachusett; Quabbin (G45)	1, 1 2, 2; 2	D. Chickering, B. Blodget E. Taylor; T. Aversa	
Red-breasted Nuthatch 15, 25 26, 27 thr	Quabbin (G40), Arlington Mt. A., Quabbin (G45) Reports of 1-4 individuals from 13 locations	10, 6 5, 36	M. Lynch#, M. Rines R. Stymeist#, T. Aversa	
Brown Creeper 8, 15 23, 26	Andover, Quabbin (G40) Boxford, E. Taunton	1, 4 1, 1	S. Charette, M. Lynch# J. Brown#, K. Anderson	
Carolina Wren 1, 8 10, 17 29	Wellesley, W. Newbury E. Middleboro, N. Scituate Cuttyhunk	4, 9 5, 6 6	R. Forster, R. Heil K. Anderson, T. Aversa P. Trimble	
House Wren 15, 26	Quabbin (G40), Medford	3, 10	M. Lynch#, M. Rines	
Winter Wren 1, 8 22	Sherborn, Andover S. Natick	1, 1 1	E. Taylor, S. Charette J. Hepburn#	
Marsh Wren 6, 7 27, 29	HRWMA, P.I. GMNWR, Wakefield	1 juv, 2 10, 2	T. Aversa, BBC (S. Bolton) T. Aversa, P. + F. Vale	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 1, 10 22 22, 24 24, 28	E. Middleboro, ONWR S. Natick, Quabbin (G40) MNWS, N. Scituate Sherborn, P.I.	1, 11 1, 3 1, 9 1, 3	K. Anderson, T. Aversa J. Hepburn#, M. Lynch# M. Rines#, T. Aversa M. Murphy, M. Lynch#	
Eastern Bluebird thr 5, 11	Ipswich, Boxford E. Middleboro, MBWMA	6-8, 3-7 2, 11	J. Berry, J. Brown# K. Anderson, D. Chickering	
Veery 15, 22 24	Quabbin (G40), ONWR Squantum	5, 3 1	M. Lynch# T. Aversa	
Hermit Thrush 5 7, 8 15	E. Middleboro, Plymouth (MSSF) Holden, Ipswich Quabbin (G40)	3, 1 1, 2 m 8	K. Anderson, G. d'Entremont M. Lynch#, J. Berry M. Lynch#	
Wood Thrush thr, 4 21, 25	Ipswich, E. Middleboro Holden, Medford	5 max, 1 m 10, 1	J. Berry, K. Anderson M. Lynch#, M. Rines	
Gray Catbird 22, 28	ONWR, P.I.	28, 34	M. Lynch#	
Brown Thrasher 16, 23	P.I., Medford	7, 5	F. Bouchard#, M. Rines	
Cedar Waxwing 15, 21	Quabbin (G40), GMNWR	38, 40	M. Lynch#, J. Center	
White-eyed Vireo 29	Westport	1	R. Stymeist#	
Solitary Vireo 3, 15 27	Freetown, Quabbin (G40) Quabbin (G45)	4, 6 2	T. Aversa, M. Lynch# T. Aversa	
Yellow-throated Vireo 6, 15 22, 28 29	Quabbin (G45), Quabbin (G40) ONWR, MNWS Gay Head (M.V.)	5, 2 4, 1 1	T. Aversa, M. Lynch# M. Lynch#, R. Stymeist# V. Laux	
Warbling Vireo 10, 13 31	ONWR, MNWS Nahant	2, 2 1	T. Aversa, R. Forster# T. Aversa	
Red-eyed Vireo 7, 15 23, 27	Holden, Medford MNWS, Quabbin (G45)	4, 8 4, 30	M. Lynch#, M. Rines T. Aversa	
Blue-winged Warbler 1, 10 15, 22 24, 26	N. Andover, ONWR Medford, MNWS N. Scituate, Eastham	1, 10 1, 1 3, 1	S. Charette, T. Aversa M. Rines, R. Forster T. Aversa, W. Petersen#	
Golden-winged Warbler 22, 28, 31	MNWS	1, 1, 3	R. Forster, R. Stymeist#, T. Aversa	
"Lawrence's" Warbler 22	MNWS	1	R. Stymeist#	

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"Brewster's" Warbler 15	Medford	1	M. Rines	
Tennessee Warbler 6, 27; 10	Quabbin (G45); Petersham	1, 2; 1	T. Aversa; J. Baird	
Nashville Warbler 22, 23	MNWS, Nahant	1, 1	R. Forster, T. Aversa	
24, 27	N. Scituate, Quabbin (G45)	1, 2	T. Aversa	
Northern Parula 15, 23	Waltham, MNWS	1, 1	L. Taylor, T. Aversa	
27, 31	Quabbin (G45), Nahant	1, 1	T. Aversa	
Yellow Warbler 2, 7	Halifax, P.I.	3, 4	K. Anderson, BBC (S. Bolton)	
29	Cuttyhunk	6	P. Trimble	
Chestnut-sided Warbler 6, 22	Quabbin (G45), ONWR	9, 4	T. Aversa, M. Lynch#	
28	P.I., MNWS	2, 7	T. Aversa, R. Stymeist#	
Magnolia Warbler 24, 27	N. Scituate, Quabbin (G45)	2, 5	T. Aversa	
28, 30	MNWS, N. Andover	2, 1	M. Rines, S. Charette	
Cape May Warbler 24, 26	N. Scituate, MNWS	1, 1	T. Aversa, R. Forster	
29	Nahant	1	G. d'Entremont#	
Black-throated Blue Warbler 24, 28	N. Scituate, MNWS	1, 6	T. Aversa, R. Stymeist#	
Yellow-rumped Warbler 15, 23	Quabbin (G40), Boxford	2, 2	M. Lynch#, J. Brown#	
Black-throated Green Warbler 13, 15	MNWS, E. Middleboro	1, 2	T. Aversa, K. Anderson	
15, 26	Medford, Eastham	1, 1	M. Rines, W. Petersen	
27, 28	Quabbin (G45), P.I.	13, 1	T. Aversa	
Blackburnian Warbler 27	Quabbin (G45)	1	T. Aversa	
Yellow-throated Warbler 21-23, 29	P.I., Nantucket	1, 1	v. o., S. Arena#	
Pine Warbler 7, 8	Holden, Andover	2, 5	M. Lynch#, S. Charette	
10, 15	E. Middleboro, Quabbin (G40)	1, 6	K. Anderson, M. Lynch#	
Prairie Warbler 5, 7	Chatham, Nahant	2, 1	R. Forster#, T. Aversa	
15, 21	Medford, P.I.	3, 2	M. Rines, M. Lynch#	
29	N. Scituate, MNWS	4, 2	T. Aversa, R. Forster#	
Bay-breasted Warbler 6, 20	Quabbin (G45), Newburyport	1, 1	T. Aversa, D. Chickering	
23, 28	MNWS, P.I.	2, 1	T. Aversa	
Cerulean Warbler 7-9, 15	MNWS, Quabbin (G40)	1, 1	T. Aversa + v. o., M. Lynch#	
Black-and-white Warbler 7, 10	Nahant, ONWR	1, 6	T. Aversa	
15, 24	Quabbin (G40), N. Scituate	7, 4	M. Lynch#, T. Aversa	
28	MNWS	7	R. Stymeist#	
American Redstart 15, 27	Quabbin (G40), Medford	8, 10	M. Lynch#, M. Rines	
28, 29	MNWS, Cuttyhunk	11, 4	R. Stymeist#, P. Trimble	
Prothonotary Warbler 8, 9, 22	GMNWR	1	E. Taylor	
Ovenbird 6, 17	Quabbin (G45), N. Scituate	8, 1	T. Aversa	
26, 27	E. Taunton, MNWS	1, 2	K. Anderson, R. Forster	
Northern Waterthrush 3, 6	Freetown, W. Boxford	3, 1	T. Aversa, S. Charette	
9, 10	MNWS, ONWR	7, 3	R. Heil, T. Aversa	
15, 17	Quabbin (G40), Arlington	2, 2	M. Lynch#, M. Rines	
Louisiana Waterthrush 3, 6	Freetown, Quabbin (G45)	1, 1	T. Aversa	
Kentucky Warbler 7, 9	Nahant, MNWS	1, 1	T. Aversa, R. Heil	
20, 22	Chatham, MNWS	1, 1	W. Bailey, R. Stymeist#	
Mourning Warbler 22; 31	Nahant, MNWS; Nahant	1, 1; 1	R. Stymeist#; T. Aversa	
Common Yellowthroat 15, 29	Quabbin (G40), Cuttyhunk	18, 24	M. Lynch#, P. Trimble	

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Hooded Warbler 17	N. Scituate	1 m	T. Aversa	
Wilson's Warbler 22, 23	P.I., MNWS	1, 1	BBC (C. Cook), T. Aversa	
24, 26	N. Scituate, Medford	4, 1	T. Aversa, M. Rines	
Canada Warbler 3, 7	Freetown, Nahant	3, 1	T. Aversa	
22, 27	MNWS, Medford	6, 1	R. Stymeist#, M. Rines	
Yellow-breasted Chat 23, 31; 31	MNWS; Nahant	1, 1; 1	T. Aversa	
Scarlet Tanager 1, 6	Sherborn, Quabbin (G45)	2, 18	BBC (J. Miller), T. Aversa	
8-28, 22	Boxford, ONWR	1-3, 3	J. Brown#, M. Lynch#	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak 7, 15	Nahant, Quabbin (G40)	1, 6	T. Aversa, M. Lynch#	
22, 23	ONWR, MNWS	5, 3	M. Lynch#, T. Aversa	
Indigo Bunting 2, 3	Concord, Medford	2, 2	J. Center, M. Rines	
15, 20	Quabbin (G40), Boxford	2, 1	M. Lynch#, J. Brown#	
Dickcissel 14, 22	Chatham, S. Monomoy	1, 1	B. Nikula	
Rufous-sided Towhee 15	Medford	31	M. Rines	
Chipping Sparrow 8, 29	Andover	21, 12	S. Charette	
Field Sparrow 1, 21	Sherborn, MBWMA	5, 15	BBC (J. Miller), S. Charette	
Sharp-tailed Sparrow thr, 21	S. Dart. (A.Pd), P.I.	20 max, 20	LCES (J. Hill), M. Lynch#	
14, 28	N. Monomoy, E. Boston	3, 4	BBC (G. d'Entremont), R. Stymeist#	
Seaside Sparrow 4, 6	S. Dart. (A.Pd), P.I.	2, 1	LCES (J. Hill), R. Forster	
28	E. Boston (B.I.)	4	R. Stymeist#	
Bobolink 6, 22	HRWMA, ONWR	65, 27	T. Aversa, M. Lynch#	
28, 29	P.I., Gay Head (M.V.)	40, 500	J. Berry, V. Laux	
29	W. Roxbury, Cumb. Farms	4, 50	T. Aversa, K. Anderson	
Red-winged Blackbird 7	GMNWR	300	E. Taylor	
Eastern Meadowlark 1, 26	Newburyport, Essex	4, 4	G. d'Entremont#, R. Forster	
Northern Oriole 15	Quabbin (G40), Raynham	4, 10	M. Lynch#, S. Arena	
22	ONWR, MNWS	4, 5	M. Lynch#, R. Forster	
Purple Finch 15, 29	Boxford, MNWS	1, 2	J. Brown#, G. d'Entremont	
Evening Grosbeak 3, 6	Ashburnham, Westminster	2, 2	A. Munrow, D. Brutvan	
22, 27	Holden, Boxford	10, 5	M. Lynch#, J. Brown#	
27	Quabbin (G45)	2+	T. Aversa	

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ad	adult	H.	Harbor
alt	alternate	I.	Island
b	banded	L.	Ledge
br	breeding	M.V.	Martha's Vineyard
dk	dark (phase)	Mt.A.	Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge
f	female	N.A.C.	Nine Acre Corner, Concord
fl	fledged	Nant.	Nantucket
imm	immature	Newbypt	Newburyport
ind	individuals	P.I.	Plum Island
juv	juvenile	Pd	Pond
loc	location	P'town	Provincetown
lt	light (phase)	Quab.	Quabbin
m	male	Res.	Reservoir
max	maximum	R.P.	Race Point, Provincetown
mi	mile	S.B.	South Beach, Chatham
migr	migrating	S. Dart.	South Dartmouth
n	nesting	S.F.	State Forest
ph	photographed	S.N.	Sandy Neck, Barnstable
pl	plumage	S.P.	State Park
pr	pair	Stellw.	Stellwagen Bank
S	summer (1S = first summer)	Worc.	Worcester
thr	throughout	BBC	Brookline Bird Club
v.o.	various observers	BMB	Broad Meadow Brook, Worcester
W	winter (2W = second winter)	CBC	Christmas Bird Count
w/	with	CCBC	Cape Cod Bird Club
yg	young	DFWS	Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary
#	additional observers	DWWS	Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary
A.A.	Arnold Arboretum	EMHW	Eastern Massachusetts Hawk Watch
A.P.	Andrews Point, Rockport	GMNWR	Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge
A.Pd	Allens Pond, S. Dartmouth	HRWMA	High Ridge Wildlife Management Area, Gardner-Westminster
Arl.	Arlington	IRWS	Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary
B.	Beach	LCES	Lloyd Center for Environmental Studies
B.I.	Belle Isle, E. Boston	MARC	Massachusetts Avian Records Committee
B.R.	Bass Rocks, Gloucester	MAS	Massachusetts Audubon Society
Buzz.	Buzzards Bay	MBO	Manomet Bird Observatory
Cambr.	Cambridge	MBWMA	Martin Burns Wildlife Management Area, Rowley
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
Cumb. Farms	Cumberland Farms, Middleboro-Halifax	NBC	Needham Bird Club
E.P.	Eastern Point, Gloucester	NEHW	New England Hawk Watch
F.E.	First Encounter Beach, Eastham	ONWR	Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge
F.H.	Fort Hill, Eastham	SRV	Sudbury River Valley
F.M.	Fowl Meadow	SSBC	South Shore Bird Club
F.P.	Fresh Pond, Cambridge	TASL	Take A Second Look Harbor Census
F.Pk	Franklin Park, Boston	USFWS	US Fish and Wildlife Service
G40	Gate 40, Quabbin	WBWS	Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
G45	Gate 45, Quabbin	WMWS	Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary