

## HOT BIRDS

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A **Wilson's Plover** was found in a Least Tern colony on Katema Beach in Edgartown on Martha's Vineyard on May 24, 2000. Matt Pelikan took this photograph of the bird. Wilson's Plovers are very rare but almost annual in Massachusetts, with most recent records from late May and early June (Veit and Petersen 1993, *Birds of Massachusetts*, MAS).



This spring an errant **Willow Ptarmigan** spent some weeks obligingly consuming blueberries by the side of the road on Chebeague Island in Casco Bay, Maine. Steve Mirick of Newmarket, NH, shot this image on May 28. Rumor has it that a fox dispatched the ptarmigan on June 4. This was the fourth report of this species in Maine, and the first since 1977, according to

<http://www.chebeague.org/bird/ptarmigan.html>.

Finally, from the playing fields of the Haddam-Killingworth High School in Connecticut, came word of another out of place bird, a male **Chestnut-collared Longspur** in bright alternate plumage. Peter Capobianco (see *Young Birders*, page 241) captured this very cooperative bird on film. Apparently, some birders were forced to step away in order to focus their binoculars on this bird. 🦋

