

HOT BIRDS



In May, an adult **Fork-tailed Flycatcher** visited Nantucket. Marvin Greenberg videotaped this handsome bird on May 25, 2002. The images shown here are screen captures from the VHS tape.

This **American Avocet** was found by Rick Heil at the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge on July 3, 2002. The bird stayed long enough for Phil Brown to arrive with his camera and take this image of a stunning male.



An **Elegant Tern**, originally described by Linda Pivacek and Geoff Wood on August 8, 2002, at South Beach in Chatham, was finally identified by Blair Nikula, Jeremiah Trimble, and others on August 17. Jeremiah Trimble took this photograph on that day. For a comparison of

study skins of Elegant and other terns, see the image on page 351.

Another highlight from South Beach this fall was this **Curlew Sandpiper**, seen by many birders. David Larson took this digiscoped image on August 18, 2002.



On September 1, 2002, Mike and Toby Gooley saw a female **Magnificent Frigatebird** soaring over Rte. 28 between Brewster and Chatham. The next day, the bird was relocated at the Morris Island causeway in Chatham, where Libby Hadzima took the image to the left. On September 3, Dennis Abbott obtained the image below as the bird soared overhead in the fog in Orleans.

