

BIRD SIGHTINGS

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July was the first month since October 2002 that had above normal temperatures in Boston. The first week of July recorded a record high minimum temperature of 78° on the 6th, surpassing 76° in 1994, the previous high in 133 years. Three days reached 90° or better in Boston, and the high of 93° occurred on July 5 and 6. A total of 2.11 inches of rain was recorded in Boston, about an inch less than average. Thunder was noted on three days and fog was frequent and was noted nearly daily during the middle of the month. August was nearly a carbon copy of July. Only two days reached the 90° mark, with 93° the high in Boston on August 22. Rain totaled 2.96 inches in Boston. No strong storms were noted and the peak gust of 33 mph out of the northwest occurred on August 22. R. Stymeist

WATERFOWL THROUGH ALCIDS

With this issue *Bird Observer* begins using the new taxonomic order from the 44th Supplement of the American Ornithologists' Union (AOU) Check-list, as published in *The Auk* 120: 923-32 (2003). Those unfamiliar with the new order should visit the Massbird web page, sponsored by *Bird Observer*, and you can download the Official Massachusetts State List as of August 2003 at <<http://massbird.org/marc/MARCstatelist.htm>>.

Each summer several species of waterfowl are discovered in our area which, for some reason, never made it to their breeding areas to the north. Two Brant were present throughout the period at Duxbury Beach and single individuals were noted from South Beach in Chatham and from Revere Beach. A group of 16 Black Scoters remained at Squibnocket Beach in Chilmark for the month of July, where a female Harlequin Duck was present until July 18. A Common Goldeneye returned for the fourth summer in a row to Turners Fall in early August. Some very early migrant waterfowl included three Ring-necked Ducks on South Monomoy and three Black Scoters from Andrew's Point in Rockport. Good numbers of Common Mergansers were noted from the Connecticut River Valley in August.

Common Loons, still a rare and local breeder in the state, were noted with young from three locations in central Massachusetts. Pied-billed Grebes, another increasingly rare breeder in the state, saw reports of juvenile birds from South Monomoy and from Stockbridge. There have been only seven records of Pied-billed Grebes from western Massachusetts in July since 1983. A **Yellow-nosed Albatross** was reported from shore in Nahant. Although seen without optics, the bird was less than 200 feet away and well-lit, allowing a clear view of the underwing pattern which the observer carefully sketched immediately after the bird soared out of view. Details have been submitted to Massachusetts Avian Records Committee (MARC).

Pelagic species were reported in exceptional numbers during the period, as well as some unusual sightings, especially from a three day offshore trip to Hydrographer's Canyon. The Center for Oceanic Research (CORE) conducted this offshore trip to the continental shelf with an increased emphasis on birds this year. Among the more unusual species noted were **White-faced Storm-Petrel**, **Red-billed Tropicbird**, **Bridled Tern**, and two **South Polar Skuas**. For the second year in a row, numbers of Wilson's Storm-Petrels were noted from many coastal vantage points. Leach's Storm-Petrels reported during the period included a report of 25 pair breeding on No Man's Land, an island off Martha's Vineyard.

Only one report of a Least Bittern was noted during the period, continuing the dramatic decline of this species in Massachusetts in recent years. A **Reddish Egret** strayed briefly from a Rhode Island visit at the Charlestown Breachway and was discovered in Westport on July 20 (details to MARC). This is only the fourth record for Massachusetts. A **White-faced Ibis** was discovered feeding with ten Glossy Ibises in Rowley in early July (details to MARC). Rick Heil easily separated this bird from the Glossies by the bright red eyes and the bare reddish facial patch completely ringed by a comparatively broad white stripe which gradually blended in with the reddish-brown of the head. The legs were likewise reddish, brightest at the "knee". This White-faced Ibis was slightly larger than all the surrounding Glossies. This constitutes only the fifth record for Massachusetts. Totally bizarre was the sighting of four **Wood Storks** found in a farm pond in Barre in late August (details and photographs to MARC). Wood Storks are not strictly migratory but have a regular northward dispersal after nesting, and Florida birds wander well north into eastern states. The only other recent sighting of multiple storks in Massachusetts was a report of 11 from Plymouth Beach in November 1963.

Black Vultures have become fairly routine in the southwest corner of the state, especially near Sheffield in recent years, but it was a surprise to find one cruising around the lower Cape in late August. A pair of Cooper's Hawks was found nesting in Danvers during July. Until recently this species has been a rare and local breeder in the state, but it has become increasingly more common, outnumbering breeding Sharp-shins in the state. The first southward movement of raptors was detected in the closing days of August, with a small kettle of Broad-wings noted over Barre Falls Dam.

There were no reports of King Rail during the period. Much of their habitat has been lost or is no longer suitable. An adult Common Moorhen was noted with a juvenile bird in Stockbridge. Like the Least Bittern and King Rail, moorhen has become an increasingly scarce breeder in the state. Two Sora Rails also found in Stockbridge were the first reported from western Massachusetts during the summer since 1995. A single American Coot was found at Great Meadows in Concord in mid-July. This species has been a very irregular breeder in the state and the last known nesting at Great Meadows was in 1966.

For the second year in a row Semipalmated Plovers were noted in exceptional numbers during August, with high counts of 3000 individuals from South Beach in Chatham and 3000 from Coast Guard Beach in Eastham. Piping Plovers did well on Crane Beach in Ipswich, with over 50 young tallied in mid-July. A high count of 215 American Oystercatchers was tallied on South Beach at the end of August and another 200 individuals were noted from Sandwich. Eastern Willets reached an all-time high of 280 on South Beach, surpassing the previous high of 250 just last year. Hudsonian Godwits have been declining over recent years. A maximum of 80 were noted from South Beach as compared to a count of 200 as recently as 1992. This species fared far worse in the Newburyport area, where no more than three birds were seen at once. This species continues to evaporate as a migrant at Newburyport. In the 1970s peak counts were often in the 40-70 range, which dropped to an average of 34 birds between 1988 and 1994, to highs of 10, 7, and 8 for the last three years. The management at the Parker River Wildlife Refuge finally lowered the water levels at the Hellcat impoundments on July 22, much later than usual and within days shorebirds filled the flats, with over 5400 Semipalmated Sandpipers tallied there on July 25. Two adult **Red-necked Stints** were noted from South Beach and North Monomoy during the period (details to MARC). It was another banner year for Baird's Sandpipers, with as many as eight juveniles noted from Plum Island on the 26th. Two Buff-breasted Sandpipers were located in Sandwich, the only report during the period. An adult **Curlew Sandpiper** was present on South Beach from August 18 up to the end of the month. Single male Ruffs were noted from Essex and Edgartown. Long-billed Dowitchers and

Stilt Sandpipers were extremely scarce this summer, especially at Plum Island, which has seen a steady decline in these species in recent years.

A Laughing Gull found in Longmeadow was only the tenth record for western Massachusetts and the first there since 1996. On Cape Cod Laughing Gulls were especially common, with over 600 noted from South Beach in mid-August and over 700 from Coast Guard Beach in Eastham. Last year the maximum number reported from South Beach was 100 and 200 from Coast Guard Beach. Only one Black-headed Gull was noted during the period from Lynn. A banded **Sandwich Tern** was present on South Beach in Chatham for about 10 days. Although the entire number on the band could not be read, the sequence indicated that the bird was probably banded as a chick near Morehead City, North Carolina, in June 2002. A **Sooty Tern** was found on Duxbury Beach in early August (details to MARC). Most records of Sooty Tern in Massachusetts have been associated with hurricanes or tropical storms, though there have been numerous sightings of non-storm-related birds. Sooty Terns disperse widely after breeding, although they are typically seen at sea. In his own words, David Clapp wrote: "The first impression was of a jaeger, then a skimmer. Black Tern was quickly dismissed due to the bird's large size. As it turned, still in the telescopic view, the white outer edges to the forked tail and the white on the forehead were easily visible. The actions of the bird gave us great views from all angles. It was decidedly black above and white below. The back was evenly, and darkly, colored. It had no sense of pale gray on the back nor did it have a collar separating the mantle from the head. It sailed back through the flock and then turned and did it again and again. It was larger and had a softer (less wing action) flight than the Common Terns, which were rather frenetic. It never dove or plucked anything from the surface." *R. Stymeist*

Brant					Harlequin Duck			
thr	Duxbury B.	2		D. Furbish	7/1-18	Chilmark	1 f	A. Keith
7/13	Chatham (S.B.)	1 IS		R. Heil#		Surf Scoter		
8/26	Revere B.	1		BBC (P. + F. Vale)	7/thr	Chilmark	3	A. Keith
Wood Duck					8/28	Chatham (S.B.)	5	MAS (Faherty)
7/13	GMNWR	51		P. + F. Vale		White-winged Scoter		
8/16	Stockbridge	101		M. Lynch#	8/3	Lynn B.	4	P. + F. Vale
8/16	Sheffield	131		M. Lynch#	8/3	P'town (R.P.)	1	M. Lynch#
8/26	Longmeadow	35		S. Kellogg	8/13	Cape Ann	2	R. Heil
Gadwall					8/28	Chatham (S.B.)	7	MAS (Faherty)
7/25, 8/14	P.I.	112, 15		R. Heil		Black Scoter		
8/23	GMNWR	1		S. Perkins#	7/thr	Chilmark	16	A. Keith
American Wigeon					8/28	Chatham (S.B.)	5	MAS (Faherty)
7/2	Saugus	1 imm m		J. Berry#	8/30	Rockport (A.P.)	3 migr	R. Heil
8/23	GMNWR	5		S. Perkins#		Long-tailed Duck		
8/28	P.I.	1		MAS (L. Hunnewell)	7/5	W. Harwich	1	E. Banford#
Blue-winged Teal						Common Goldeneye		
thr	P.I.	23 max	8/31	v.o.	8/2	Turners Falls	1	H. Allen
8/17-31	GMNWR	15 max	8/29	v.o.		Hooded Merganser		
8/19	S. Monomoy	10		W. Petersen#	7/8	Northampton	4	R. Packard
8/24	Hadley	1		S. Surner	7/19	New Braintree	3	C. Buelow
8/26	Eastham	3		M. Faherty	7/19	Quabbin (G45)	2	M. Lynch#
8/29	Hardwick	2		C. Buelow	7/27	Paxton	4 imm	M. Lynch#
8/30	Longmeadow	2		S. Kellogg	8/23	HRWMA	6	T. Pirro
Northern Shoveler					8/29	Hardwick	3	C. Buelow
7/8	P.I.	1		R. Heil		Common Merganser		
8/10	Chatham (S.B.)	7		B. Nikula	8/11	S. Hadley	22	H. Allen
8/19	S. Monomoy	7		W. Petersen#	8/29	Agawam	13	S. Kellogg
Northern Pintail						Red-breasted Merganser		
8/19	S. Monomoy	15		W. Petersen#	7/24	Duxbury B.	1	D. Furbish
8/23	GMNWR	14		S. Perkins#	8/13	Cape Ann	1	R. Heil
8/26	Edgartown	1		J. Norton	8/19	S. Monomoy	1	W. Petersen#
Green-winged Teal						Ruffed Grouse		
7/25-8/31	P.I.	25 max	8/31	v.o.	7/12	Peru	1	M. Lynch#
8/23	GMNWR	175		S. Perkins#	7/29	Worc. (BMB)	1ad + 4 yg	J. Liller
8/29	Longmeadow	1		R. Packard	8/24	Quabbin (G40)	2	C. Buelow
Ring-necked Duck						Wild Turkey		
8/19	S. Monomoy	3		W. Petersen#	7/9	Ipswich	1 f + 3 yg	J. Berry
Common Eider					7/26	DWWS	3 f ad + 2 yg	D. Furbish
7/thr	Chilmark	15		A. Keith	7/26	Winchester	1 f ad + 6 yg	P. Devaney#
7/10, 24	Duxbury B.	140, 220		D. Furbish#	8/1	W. Newbury	2 f + 12 yg	D. Larson
8/3	Truro	17		M. Lynch#	8/24	Hardwick	2 + 11 yg	C. Buelow
8/16	Gloucester	55		J. Berry		Northern Bobwhite		
					7/1	Falmouth	1	C. Buelow

Northern Bobwhite (continued)

7/1	Truro	1 m	R. Heil
7/15	Chatham	1	J. Offermann
8/2	WBWS	2	M. Lynch#
8/3	P'town (R.P.)	2	M. Lynch#
Common Loon			
7/6	P.I.	5	P. + F. Vale
7/13	Gardner	pr + 2 yg	T. Pirro
7/18	Princeton	pr + 2 yg	T. Pirro
7/27	Wachusett Res.	pr + 2 yg	M. Lynch#
8/24	E. Quabbin	4	C. Buelow
8/26	Wellfleet	31	M. Faherty
Pied-billed Grebe			
7/8, 25	P.I.	1, 3 ad	R. Heil
7/13	Northampton	1	R. Packard
8/7	Washington	2	D. St. James
8/16	Stockbridge	1 juv	M. Lynch#
8/19	S. Monomoy	2 juv	W. Petersen#
8/29	Longmeadow	1	R. Packard
8/30	GMNWR	3	P. + F. Vale
Horned Grebe			
8/8	Chappaquiddick	1 br pl	A. Keith#
Yellow-nosed Albatross (details submitted) *			
8/29	Nahant	1	L. Pivacek
Northern Fulmar			
7/21	Georges Bank	1 lt	N. Bonomo
Cory's Shearwater			
8/16	Great S. Channel	16	B. Patteson#
8/25	45 miles s of M.V.100		F. Khedouri#
Greater Shearwater			
7/1	Truro, P'town	80, 140	R. Heil
7/1	Chatham	600	R. Heil
7/13	Stellwagen	120	S. Spangenberg
7/21	Georges Bank	750	N. Bonomo
8/16	Great S. Channel	4051	B. Patteson#
8/20	Wellfleet	15	M. Faherty
8/23	Stellwagen	22	K. Hartel#
8/25	45 miles s of M.V. 30		F. Khedouri#
Sooty Shearwater			
7/1	Truro, P'town	25, 65	R. Heil
7/1	Chatham	520	R. Heil
7/13	Stellwagen	32	SSBC (Emmons)
7/21	Georges Bank	6	N. Bonomo
8/3	Jeffries L.	1	J. Wallius
8/16	Cape Ann to Hydrog	770	B. Patteson#
8/23	Stellwagen	1	K. Hartel#
8/25	Wellfleet	55	C. Dalton
Manx Shearwater			
7/1	Chatham, Truro	2, 3	R. Heil
7/20	Chatham (S.B.)	1	P. Flood
7/21	Georges Bank	3	N. Bonomo
8/16	Lydonia Canyon	7	B. Patteson#
8/20	Wellfleet	5	M. Faherty
8/23	Stellwagen	1	K. Hartel#
8/25, 27	Wellfleet	15, 10	C. Dalton
8/30	Rockport (A.P.)	3	R. Heil
Shearwater species			
7/1	Truro, Chatham	150, 1300	R. Heil
Wilson's Storm-Petrel			
7/1	Truro, Chatham	650, 270	R. Heil
7/13, 8/14	Stellwagen	1414, 335	Emmons, Berry
7/21	Georges Bank	250	N. Bonomo
7/26	Stellwagen	1000	BBC (d'Entremont)
8/2, 3	Truro, P'town	120, 70	M. Lynch#
8/3, 15	Jeffries L.	400, 100	J. Wallius
8/10	Gloucester (B.R.)	67	P. + F. Vale
8/15-16	Cape Ann to Hydrog	9240	B. Patteson#
8/20	Wellfleet	3000	M. Faherty
White-faced Storm-Petrel (no details) *			
8/15	10 m E of Hydrog	1	B. Patteson#
Leach's Storm-Petrel			
7/5	Truro	8	J. Young
7/13, 8/2	Stellwagen	2	Spangenberg, Lynch
7/16	Nomans Land	25 pr	T. French#
7/21	Georges Bank	20	N. Bonomo
8/15-16	Cape Ann to Hydrog	131	B. Patteson#
Red-billed Tropicbird (no details) *			
8/15	Gilbert Canyon	1	B. Patteson#

Northern Gannet

7/1	Truro, P'town	15, 6	R. Heil
7/13	Marshfield	1 imm	G. d'Entremont
7/13	Stellwagen	2	S. Spangenberg
7/19	Jeffries L.	5	S. Mirick#
8/25	Wellfleet	5	C. Dalton
8/30	Rockport (A.P.)	12 sub ad	R. Heil
American Bittern			
7/1	Gardner	1	T. Pirro
7/19	New Braintree	1	C. Buelow
7/26	Lenox	1	R. Laubach
8/10	P.I.	1	T. Wetmore#
8/23	HRWMA	1	T. Pirro
8/28	Newbypt	1	D. Larson
8/29	GMNWR	1	C. Cook#
Least Bittern			
8/23	GMNWR	1	B. Miller
Great Egret			
7/2	Essex	8	J. Nelson
7/8	Newbypt area	15	R. Heil
7/14, 8/30	Longmeadow	1, 7	Bieda, Kellogg
8/3	E. Boston (B.I.)	17	P. + F. Vale
8/5, 26	P.I.	35, 20	R. Heil
8/18-29	Hardwick	1	C. Buelow
8/23	GMNWR	2	S. Perkins#
8/27-29	Westfield	1	S. Kellogg
Snowy Egret			
7/2	Essex	25	J. Nelson
7/8	Newbypt area	70 ad	R. Heil
7/31	Southwick	1	S. Kellogg
8/3	E. Boston (B.I.)	38	P. + F. Vale
8/5, 26	P.I.	175, 70	R. Heil
8/26	Revere B.	12	P. + F. Vale
Little Blue Heron			
thr	P.I.	1 ad	v.o.
7/2	Essex	10	J. Nelson
7/12	DWWS	1	D. Furbish#
7/19	Gay Head	1	A. Keith
7/31	Southwick	1	S. Kellogg
8/21	Essex	3	D. Brown#
Tricolored Heron			
7/13-26	P.I.	1	D. Chickering
Reddish Egret (details submitted) *			
7/20	Westport	1	D. Bowen
Cattle Egret			
8/25	Manchester	1 ad	J. Berry#
Green Heron			
7/8	Newbypt area	3	R. Heil
7/23	Hardwick	4	C. Buelow
7/30	Lexington	5	J. Sutherland
8/9	Worc. (BMB)	2 ad, 2 yg	J. Liller#
8/28	Norfolk	3	S. Perry
8/29	GMNWR	7	C. Cook
Black-crowned Night-Heron			
7/2	Saugus	7	J. Berry#
7/25	P.I.	6	R. Heil
8/2	Wayland	3 imm	E. Taylor
8/18	Deerfield	1	A. Richards
8/19	S. Monomoy	10	W. Petersen#
8/28	Pittsfield	3	T. Thorne
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron			
7/1-13	Duxbury	1 ad	v.o.
7/1-8/1	Salem	1	v.o.
8/13, 28	Gloucester	1 juv	Heil, Tyson
8/17-23	MNWS	1 imm	R. Kipp#
Glossy Ibis			
7/15, 8/2	GMNWR	8, 1	Kamp, Vale
7/15	Agawam	1	J. Raffaele
7/21	Longmeadow	1	L. Atkinson
7/24	P.I.	24 ad	R. Heil
7/27	Newbury	50	T. + L. Wetmore
7/31	Rowley	42	D. Furbish#
8/1	Framingham	1	J. Rees
8/17	Northboro	1	S. Moore
8/19	S. Monomoy	14	W. Petersen#
8/30	Edgartown	2	L. McDowell#
8/31	P.I.	2	R. Heil#

White-faced Ibis (details submitted) *				7/12	Peru	3	M. Lynch#
7/8-18	Rowley	1	R. Heil + v.o.	7/19	Quabbin (G45)	2	M. Lynch#
Wood Stork (details submitted) *				7/1-8/11	Natick	2 ad + 3 yg	E. Taylor
8/24, 25	Barre	4, 3 ph	Huntington, Buelow + v.o.	8/14	P.I.	1 juv	R. Heil
Black Vulture				8/23	Barre FD	4	M. Lynch#
thr	Sheffield	2-4	M. + K. Conway	8/24	Mt. Watatic	4	T. Pirro
8/24	Chatham	1	C. Dalton	8/28, 31	Barre Falls	7, 21	Hawkwatch
8/27, 30	Eastham	1	Hartel, Comins	American Kestrel			
Turkey Vulture				thr	Reports of indiv. from 12 locations		
7/12	Essex	5	P. + F. Vale	8/3	Sunderland	3	H. Allen
7/19	Quabbin (G45)	4	M. Lynch#	8/19	Leicester	2	M. Lynch#
7/27	Quincy	14	G. d'Entremont	Merlin			
8/16	Sheffield	96	M. Lynch#	7/22-8/31	Reports of indiv. from 8 locations		
8/25	Barre	30	M. Lynch#	Peregrine Falcon			
8/26, 29	Hardwick	6, 15	C. Buelow	7/20, 8/24 P.I.		1, 2	Resch, Vale
Osprey				7/27, 8/28	Longmeadow	1, 1	Surner, Kellogg
7/1-8/8	Ipswich	pr n + 2 yg	J. Berry	8/10	Nahant	1	D. Wilkinson
7/1-8/14	P.I.	pr + 3 yg	R. Heil	8/15	Edgartown	1	M. Pelikan#
7/thr	Westboro	pr + 1 yg	E. Taylor	8/16	Newbypt	1 imm	P. + F. Vale
7/2	Revere	pr n + 1 yg	J. Berry#	8/18	Chatham (S.B.)	1 imm	C. Marantz#
7/27	Squantum	ad + 1 imm	G. d'Entremont	8/18-24	Essex	1	D. Brown#
8/thr	Westboro	pr + 1 yg	E. Taylor	8/23-4	GMNWR	1 ad, 1 imm	v.o.
8/9	Falmouth	4	P. + F. Vale	8/26	Newbypt	1 juv	R. Heil
8/20	Barnstable	4	G. Gove	Clapper Rail			
8/23	GMNWR	3	S. Perkins#	7/6	P.I.	2	P. + F. Vale
Bald Eagle				7/10, 24	Duxbury B.	1, 2	D. Furbish#
7/19	Plymouth	1 ad	B. Nikula #	8/3	P.I.	1	D. Chickering
7/27	Sterling	1 imm	M. Lynch#	Virginia Rail			
8/18	Wellfleet	1 juv	M. Faherty	7/19	New Braintree	3	C. Buelow
8/20	Barnstable	1 imm	G. Gove	7/29	Worc. (BMB)	2	J. Liller
8/24	Blackstone	1 imm	M. Lynch#	8/16	Stockbridge	10	M. Lynch#
8/24	Bradford	1 imm	S. Carlson	8/30	GMNWR	1 ad + 1 imm	M. Lynch#
8/24	Maynard	1 imm	L. Nachtrab	thr	Reports of indiv. from locations		
8/28	Newbypt	1 imm	D. Larson	Sora			
8/28	P.I.	1 imm	MAS (Larson)	7/14	Ipswich	1	J. Berry#
8/28, 31	Barre Falls	4, 1	Hawkwatch	7/17	Northfield	1	M. Taylor
Northern Harrier				7/23	Hardwick	1	C. Buelow
7/24	P.I.	1	R. Heil	7/29	Worc. (BMB)	1	J. Liller
7/25	Sandwich	1 m	M. Tuttle	8/9	Quabbin Pk	1	M. Lynch#
8/16	HRWMA	1 juv	T. Pirro	8/16	Stockbridge	2	M. Lynch#
8/17	Newbypt/P.I.	7	S. Sutton	8/23	GMNWR	2	S. Perkins#
8/19	S. Monomoy	2	W. Petersen#	8/29	Gay Head	1	M. Pelikan
8/21	Chatham (S.B.)	2	G. Hirth#	Common Moorhen			
8/26	P.I./Newbypt	4 juv	R. Heil	7/5	Nantucket	1 ad	B. Kennedy#
8/28	Barre Falls	1	Hawkwatch (Kamp)	8/16	Stockbridge	1 ad + 1 imm	M. Lynch#
Sharp-shinned Hawk				American Coot			
7/12	Sheffield	1	R. Laubach	7/15	GMNWR	1	B. Kamp
7/12	Peru	1 ad	M. Lynch#	Black-bellied Plover			
7/13	Wakefield	1 ad	F. Vale	7/9	Chatham (S.B.)	225	B. Nikula
7/27	Saugus	1	P. + F. Vale	8/2, 31	Chatham (S.B.)	350, 3500	B. Nikula
8/2	Lenox	1	R. Laubach	8/14, 26	P.I./Newbypt	65, 350	R. Heil
8/23	HRWMA	2	T. Pirro	8/20, 26	Plymouth B.	124, 1009	A. Brissette
8/28, 31	Barre Falls	5, 7	Hawkwatch	8/21	Essex	150+	D. Brown#
Cooper's Hawk				8/23	GMNWR	1 juv	C. Floyd#
7/thr	Danvers	pr n	M. Taylor	8/24	Eastham (CGB)	750	B. Nikula#
7/18-8/9	Reports of indiv. from 5 locations			American Golden-Plover			
8/13-31	Reports of indiv. from 17 locations			8/1	Chilmark	4	A. Keith
8/24	Mt. Watatic	2 imm	T. Pirro	8/9	Newbypt	1 br pl	I. Dukovski
8/28	Barre Falls	2	B. Kamp	8/21	Essex	1	D. Brown#
Northern Goshawk				8/23	P.I.	1	T. Wetmore
7/5	Hawley	1	M. Lynch#	8/23	Chatham (S.B.)	1	NHAS (S. Mirick)
7/12	Peru	1 ad	M. Lynch#	8/24	Essex	2	D. Brown#
8/16	Stockbridge	1 ad	M. Lynch#	8/24	Plymouth B.	1	A. Brissette#
8/19	Sheffield	1	D. St. James	8/29	N. Monomoy	2 ad	B. Nikula
8/25	HRWMA	1	T. Pirro	8/30	GMNWR	3 ad	S. Mirick#
Red-shouldered Hawk				Semipalmated Plover			
7/4	Wompatuck SP	1	G. d'Entremont	7/14	Longmeadow	1	B. Bieda
7/5	Hawley	1	M. Lynch#	7/20, 8/19	Chatham (S.B.)	400, 3000	B. Nikula
7/14	Stoughton	1 ad	G. d'Entremont	7/21, 8/24	Eastham (CGB)	200, 3000	B. Nikula#
7/20	Milton	2	V. Zollo	7/24, 8/26 P.I.		285, 500	R. Heil
7/26	DWWS	1	D. Furbish	8/3	Revere B.	130+	P. + F. Vale
8/2	Boxford	1	P. + F. Vale	8/16	Hadley	16	S. Surner
8/18	Barre Falls	1	B. Kamp#	8/24	Plymouth B.	729	A. Brissette#
8/23	Sandwich	1	M. Keleher#	8/30	GMNWR	48	S. Perkins#
8/24	Maynard	1	L. Nachtrab	Piping Plover			
Broad-winged Hawk				7/10	Duxbury B.	9	D. Furbish#
7/11	Stow	3	L. Sutton	7/15	Ipswich (C.B.)	52 yg	E. Johnson
7/12	Acton	3	M. Rines	7/19	P.I.	22	S. Mirick#

Piping Plover (continued)					
7/20, 8/31	Chatham (S.B.)	30, 45	B. Nikula		
7/24	Duxbury B.	16	D. Furbish		
8/7	Eastham (CGB)	15	B. Nikula#		
8/12	Nantucket	3 b	E. Ray		
Killdeer					
8/6	Harvard	111	T. Pirro		
8/16	Hadley	52	S. Sumner		
8/17	Newbury	44	P. + F. Vale		
8/18	Southwick	100	S. Kellogg		
8/30	GMNWR	55	S. Perkins#		
American Oystercatcher					
7/4	Nantucket	8	E. Ray		
7/20, 8/31	Chatham (S.B.)	60, 315	B. Nikula		
7/26	Falmouth	3	R. Farrell		
8/9	Swansea	3	J. Sweeney		
8/11, 21	Marblehead	3, 4	Cronin, Kipp		
8/23	Sandwich	200	G. Gove		
Greater Yellowlegs					
7/20, 8/31	Chatham (S.B.)	50, 300	B. Nikula		
7/21, 8/24	Eastham (CGB)	160, 175	B. Nikula#		
7/24	P.I./Newbypt	31, 175	R. Heil		
8/18	Amherst	3	A. Richards		
8/26	Hardwick	5	C. Buelow		
8/30	GMNWR	30+	M. Lynch#		
Lesser Yellowlegs					
7/8, 8/5	Newbypt	175, 530	R. Heil		
7/15, 8/24	GMNWR	8, 35	Kamp, Perkins		
7/21, 8/24	Eastham (CGB)	140, 40	B. Nikula#		
8/14	N. Monomoy	115	B. Nikula		
8/19	Amherst	3	H. Allen		
8/29	Hardwick	3	C. Buelow		
Solitary Sandpiper					
7/13	Northbridge	3	M. Lynch#		
7/15, 8/30	GMNWR	12, 6	Kamp, Lynch		
7/16	Deerfield	4	R. Packard		
8/11	Cambridge	3	M. Rines		
8/25	Belmont	5	K. Hartel		
8/26	Hardwick	4	C. Buelow		
Willet					
7/8, 8/26	P.I.	109, 19	R. Heil		
7/10	Duxbury B.	9+	D. Furbish#		
7/20, 8/2	Chatham (S.B.)	220, 280	B. Nikula		
7/27	Falmouth	3 ad, 2 juv	R. Farrell		
8/21	Chatham (S.B.)	40	G. Hirth#		
8/23	Sandwich	40	G. Gove		
Western Willet					
7/9, 8/31	Chatham (S.B.)	15, 25	B. Nikula		
Spotted Sandpiper					
7/4	Sterling	6	M. Lynch#		
7/6	Sheffield	40	S. Kellogg		
7/13	GMNWR	8	P. + F. Vale		
7/23	Hardwick	7	C. Buelow		
7/24	P.I.	13	R. Heil		
8/13	Cape Ann	7	R. Heil		
Upland Sandpiper					
8/1	Sandwich	1	D. Manchester		
8/7	Katama	3	A. Keith		
8/23	Plymouth Airport	2	S. Perkins#		
8/26	P.I.	1	R. Heil		
Whimbrel					
7/1	Duxbury	1	C. Dalton		
7/26	Sandwich	10	D. Furbish#		
7/27	P.I.	4	P. Brown		
8/2	WBWS	86	M. Lynch#		
8/8	Chappaquiddick	10	A. Keith#		
8/8	W. Dennis B.	9	P. Flood		
8/13	Chatham (S.B.)	12	S. Perkins#		
8/21	Revere B.	1	K. Barney		
8/26	Newbypt	13	R. Heil		
8/30-31	GMNWR	1	B. Howell#		
Hudsonian Godwit					
7/20, 8/19	Chatham (S.B.)	30, 80	B. Nikula		
7/27-8/26	Newbypt H.	2-3	v.o.		
8/1	Nauset Marsh	3	M. Lynch#		
8/7	Edgartown	1	M. Pelikan		
8/23	Sandwich	12	G. Gove		
Marbled Godwit					
7/9, 8/29	N. Monomoy	1, 1	B. Nikula		
8/1	Nauset Marsh	1	M. Lynch#		
8/2-19, 31	Chatham (S.B.)	1, 7	B. Nikula		
8/16, 21	Essex	2	D. Brown		
8/23	Sandwich	1	G. Gove		
8/28	Gay Head	1	S. Whiting#		
Ruddy Turnstone					
7/13, 8/31	Chatham (S.B.)	17, 175	Heil, Nikula		
7/24, 8/14	P.I.	4, 21	R. Heil		
8/3	Lynn B.	4	P. + F. Vale		
8/9	Fairhaven	20	J. Sweeney		
8/13	Cape Ann	23	R. Heil		
8/19	Marblehead	27	R. Heil		
8/24	Plymouth B.	127	A. Brissette#		
8/31	Salisbury	10	D. Small#		
Red Knot					
7/20, 8/19	Chatham (S.B.)	400, 1500	B. Nikula		
7/22, 8/14	P.I.	2, 3	R. Heil		
7/30	Ipswich (C.B.)	4	E. Johnson		
8/2	WBWS	3	M. Lynch#		
8/16	Essex	4	D. Brown		
8/24	Plymouth B.	4	A. Brissette#		
Sanderling					
7/20, 8/19	Chatham (S.B.)	1500, 4500	B. Nikula		
7/22	Nahant	210	R. Heil		
7/30	Ipswich (C.B.)	300	E. Johnson		
8/5, 26	P.I.	40, 25	R. Heil		
8/15	Revere B.	300+	P. + F. Vale		
8/24	Plymouth B.	995	A. Brissette#		
8/29	Longmeadow	1	R. Packard		
Semipalmated Sandpiper					
7/13	Northbridge	1	M. Lynch#		
7/20, 8/2	Chatham (S.B.)	2000, 4500	B. Nikula		
7/21, 8/7	Eastham (CGB)	1800, 5000	B. Nikula#		
7/25	Hadley	1	H. Allen		
7/25, 8/14	P.I.	5400, 1000	R. Heil		
7/30	Ipswich (C.B.)	2100	E. Johnson		
8/3	Lynn B.	3000+	P. + F. Vale		
8/5	Newbypt H.	5000	R. Heil		
8/24	Plymouth B.	831	A. Brissette#		
8/30	GMNWR	100	S. Perkins#		
Western Sandpiper					
7/9, 20, 8/31	Chatham (S.B.)	1, 2, 6	B. Nikula		
7/28	Chappaquiddick	3	G. Daniels#		
8/26	P.I./Newbypt	3 juv	R. Heil		
Red-necked Stint (details submitted) *					
7/8-9	Chatham (S.B.)	1 ad ph	B. Nikula#		
8/14-19	N. Monomoy/S.B.	1 ad ph	B. Nikula#		
Least Sandpiper					
7/8, 8/26	Newbypt area	220, 175	R. Heil		
7/13, 8/30	GMNWR	125, 200	Vale, Perkins		
7/13	Northbridge	31	M. Lynch#		
7/13	Chatham (S.B.)	1300	R. Heil#		
7/15	Nomans Land	150	T. French		
7/24	P.I.	545	R. Heil		
8/28	Longmeadow	55	S. Kellogg		
8/29	Hardwick	24	C. Buelow		
White-rumped Sandpiper					
7/9, 8/31	Chatham (S.B.)	8, 500	B. Nikula		
8/5	Newbypt H.	35	R. Heil		
8/5, 16	P.I.	6, 110	R. Heil		
8/13	Cape Ann	7	R. Heil		
8/15, 29	Revere B.	8, 17	P. + F. Vale		
8/23	Sandwich	300	G. Gove		
8/24	Eastham (CGB)	60	B. Nikula#		
8/24	Plymouth B.	18	A. Brissette#		
8/30	GMNWR	5	P. + F. Vale		
Baird's Sandpiper					
8/18, 20	Southwick	2, 3	S. Kellogg		
8/21	Essex	1	D. Brown#		
8/23	Sandwich	2	G. Gove		
8/25	GMNWR	3	S. Mirick#		
8/26	P.I.	8 juvs	R. Heil		
8/28	Chatham (S.B.)	1 juv	MAS (Faherty)		
8/31	Lynn B.	1	S. Zende#		
Pectoral Sandpiper					
7/17	N. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula		

Pectoral Sandpiper (continued)				Laughing Gull			
7/25, 8/16	Hadley	1, 5	Allen, Surner	7/13, 8/19	Chatham (S.B.)	500, 600	Heil, Nikula
7/25, 8/14	P.I.	5, 5	R. Heil	7/21, 8/5	Eastham (CGB)	400, 700	B. Nikula#
7/27	Longmeadow	2	S. Surner	7/22	Nahant	72	R. Heil
8/10	Chatham (S.B.)	2	B. Nikula	7/26	Plymouth	33 BBC	(d'Entremont)
8/23	GMNWR	55	S. Perkins#	8/7	Longmeadow	1	A. Magee
8/23	Sandwich	2	CCBC (St. Miller)	8/15, 29	Revere B.	8, 18	P. + F. Vale
8/24	Eastham (CGB)	2	B. Nikula#	8/26	P.I./Newbypt	13	R. Heil
8/29	Hardwick	3	C. Buelow	8/30	Rockport (A.P.)	17	R. Heil
8/30	GMNWR	30	S. Perkins#	Little Gull			
Dunlin				8/5-22	Lynn	1 ad	J. Quigley
7/8	P.I.	1	R. Heil	8/17-26	Newbypt H.	1	v.o.
7/17	N. Monomy	1	B. Nikula	8/19	Marblehead	1 1S	R. Heil
8/31	Chatham (S.B.)	4	B. Nikula	Black-headed Gull			
Curlew Sandpiper				8/3	Lynn B.	1 ad	P. + F. Vale
8/18-31	Chatham (S.B.)	1 ad	C. Marantz#	Bonaparte's Gull			
Stilt Sandpiper				7/21, 8/7	Eastham (CGB)	25, 30	B. Nikula#
7/25, 8/14	P.I.	6, 7	R. Heil	7/27, 8/29	Revere	204, 100	P. + F. Vale
7/25	Sandwich	1 br pl	M. Tuttle	8/5	Newbypt H.	250	R. Heil
8/1, 8	GMNWR	2, 9	M. Rines	8/8	Nahant	300	D. Wilkinson
8/19	S. Monomy	2	W. Petersen#	8/26	P.I./Newbypt	220	R. Heil
8/31	P.I.	3 juv	R. Heil#	8/26	Newbypt	200+	J. Berry#
Buff-breasted Sandpiper				Lesser Black-backed Gull			
8/23	Sandwich	2	G. Gove	7/21	Georges Bank	1 1S	N. Bonomo
Ruff				7/27, 8/31	Chatham (S.B.)	1, 5	Nims, Laux
7/10	Essex	1 m	R. Heil	8/5	Eastham (CGB)	1	B. Nikula#
8/8	Edgartown	1 m	A. Keith#	Herring x Great Black-backed Gull			
Short-billed Dowitcher				7/22	Nahant	1 ad	R. Heil
7/10	Duxbury B.	50+	D. Furbish#	Caspian Tern			
7/13, 8/2	Chatham (S.B.)	1400	Heil, Nikula	8/5	Newbypt H.	1 br pl	R. Heil
7/15-8/30	GMNWR	2-3	v.o.	Royal Tern			
7/21, 8/7	Eastham (CGB)	1600, 1400	B. Nikula#	7/15	Chatham (S.B.)	1	J. Offermann
7/25, 8/14	P.I.	600, 130	R. Heil	Sandwich Tern			
7/29	E. Boston (B.I.)	110	B. Mayer	8/18	Chatham (S.B.)	1 ph	P. Brown
8/3, 26	Revere B.	15, 217	P. + F. Vale	8/29	Chatham (S.B.)	1 CCBC	(D. Silverstein)
8/6	Hadley	1	H. Allen	Roseate Tern			
8/9	Fairhaven	47	J. Sweeney	7/8	Newbypt	3 ad	R. Heil
8/24	Plymouth B.	42	A. Brissette#	7/13	Edgartown	200	V. Laux
Short-billed Dowitcher (hendersoni)				7/24	P.I.	3 ad	R. Heil
7/13	Chatham (S.B.)	2	R. Heil#	8/2, 19	Chatham (S.B.)	275, 700	B. Nikula, Flood
7/25	P.I.	4	R. Heil	8/7	Eastham (CGB)	225	P. Flood#
8/5	Newbypt H.	3	R. Heil	8/26	P.I./Newbypt	25	R. Heil
Long-billed Dowitcher				Common Tern			
7/25, 8/16	P.I.	5, 2 ad	R. Heil	7/2	Lynn	40	J. Berry#
7/26	GMNWR	1	R. LaFontaine#	7/13, 8/19	Chatham (S.B.)	15,000, 14,000	Heil, Flood
8/7	Eastham (CGB)	1	B. Nikula	8/19	S. Monomy	400	W. Petersen#
8/19	S. Monomy	1	W. Petersen#	8/20	Plymouth B.	105	A. Brissette
8/24	Plymouth B.	3	A. Brissette#	8/24	Eastham (CGB)	5000	B. Nikula#
Wilson's Snipe				8/25	Wellfleet	700	C. Dalton
7/27	Sterling	1	M. Lynch#	8/26	P.I./Newbypt	230	R. Heil
8/16	Hadley	1	S. Surner	8/26	Revere B.	175+ BBC	(P. + F. Vale)
8/23	GMNWR	6	S. Perkins#	8/27	Nantucket	900+	E. Ray
8/27	Arlington	1	M. Rines	Arctic Tern			
Wilson's Phalarope				7/12, 8/2	Chatham (S.B.)	40 1S, 8 1S	B. Nikula
7/4-8/10	P.I.	1	v.o.	7/21	Georges Bank	1 ad	N. Bonomo
8/18-21	Chatham (S.B.)	2	C. Marantz#	8/2	Truro	1	M. Lynch#
8/28	S. Dart. (A. Pd)	2	T. Raymond	Forster's Tern			
Red-necked Phalarope				7/20, 8/31	Chatham (S.B.)	1, 2	Nikula, Laux
7/21	Georges Bank	4 ad	N. Bonomo	7/21, 8/24	Eastham (CGB)	6, 12	B. Nikula#
8/19	S. Monomy	1	W. Petersen#	8/2	Truro	1	M. Lynch#
8/25	45 miles s of M.V.	10	F. Khedouri#	8/5	Newbypt H., P.I.	2 ad, 2 juv	R. Heil
8/31	Chatham (S.B.)	1	V. Laux#	8/20	Plymouth B.	1	A. Brissette
Red Phalarope				8/22	Nantucket	1	E. Ray
8/3	Jeffries L.	2	J. Wallius	8/25	Wellfleet	1	C. Dalton
Phalarope species				Least Tern			
8/23	Stellwagen	1	K. Hartel#	7/9-11	GMNWR	2 ad	J. Lawrence
8/28	Wellfleet	17	M. Faherty	7/13, 8/13	Chatham (S.B.)	40, 35	Heil, Perkins
South Polar Skua (no details) *				7/25, 8/5	P.I.	21, 35	R. Heil
8/15	Lydonia Canyon	1	B. Patteson#	7/26	Sandwich	50+	D. Furbish#
8/16	Great S. Channel	1	B. Patteson#	8/8	W. Dennis B.	80	P. Flood
Parasitic Jaeger				8/20	Plymouth B.	12	A. Brissette
7/1	Chatham	3	R. Heil	8/21	Essex	13	D. Brown#
8/16	Great S. Channel	1	B. Patteson#	8/27	Nantucket	3	E. Ray
8/20	Wellfleet	1 ad	M. Faherty	Bridled Tern (no details) *			
8/23, 31	Chatham (S.B.)	1, 2	B. Nikula#	8/15	10 m E of Hydrog	1	B. Patteson#
8/23	Stellwagen	1	K. Hartel#	Sooty Tern (details submitted) *			
8/25	Wellfleet	12+	C. Dalton	8/8	Duxbury B.	1	D. Clapp#
8/30	Rockport (A.P.)	1 ad	R. Heil				

Black Tern				8/24	Plymouth B.	1 juv	A. Brissette#
7/2	Oak Bluffs	1	D. Swanson	8/26	Newbypt	2 juvs	R. Heil
7/4, 8/27	Nantucket	1, 22	E. Ray	8/29, 30	GMNWR	1, 3 juv	Kwong, Perkins
7/17, 8/13	Chatham (S.B.)	1, 5	Nikula, Perkins		Black Skimmer		
7/21, 8/7	Eastham (CGB)	1, 3	B. Nikula#	7/18-31	Edgartown	1	L. McDowell#
7/24, 8/5	P.I.	1 ad, 1 juv	R. Heil	8/19	Chatham (S.B.)	2	B. Nikula#
7/25	Sandwich	16	M. Tuttle	8/29	Chilmark	2	A. Fischer#
8/3	P'town (R.P.)	2 ad	M. Lynch#		Black Guillemot		
8/3	Truro	2 ad	M. Lynch#	8/25	Magnolia	1 ad	J. Berry#
8/9	Fairhaven	1	J. Sweeney	8/26, 30	Rockport (A.P.)	1 juv, 1 juv	R. Heil#
8/19	S. Monomoy	3	W. Petersen#				

DOVES THROUGH FINCHES

July is one of the low months for songbird activity, the reduced singing as the breeding cycle winds down is obvious, but by mid-August these passerines are already on the move. The annual migration of the Common Nighthawk is one of the guarantees of late August, but numbers were down from last year. Birders in western Massachusetts reported another poor flight, the fourth year in a row with near record low counts. The best nights were from August 26-28, when nighthawks were reported from a great number of locations. The resident **Chuck-will's-widow** was still present at the Marconi site in Wellfleet as late as July 26.

An Olive-sided Flycatcher was found hunting from the treetops of the Hiram Fox Wildlife Management Area in Chesterfield on July 27. Olive-sides are rare breeders in Massachusetts. Since this date is well outside typical spring and fall migration dates for this species, it is an intriguing record, raising speculation that this may have been part of a breeding pair. Migrant Olive-sides were noted as early as mid-August. Acadian Flycatchers were still present in Granville as late as July 24; the latest western Massachusetts record for this species is July 29, 2001.

The late summer gathering of Tree Swallows on Plum Island is another annual ritual that should not be missed. Over 50,000 birds were estimated at the end of August. Roost sites often become "standard" for many birds. At Bolton Flats 4200 American Robins were coming to a roost as early as mid-August, up from 3700 last year. There was an influx of Red-breasted Nuthatches near the end of August, with reports of higher numbers than we have seen in the past two years. American Pipits typically do not arrive until mid-September, so a flock of 15 on August 23 at Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge was noteworthy.

Birds on the move included an early Philadelphia Vireo on August 21 and a **Prothonotary Warbler** at Morris Island in Chatham on August 9. By mid-August the first migrants were trickling through Plum Island. A Cerulean Warbler was noted from there on August 14, not quite expected, but a number of young Ceruleans have been seen at North Shore coastal locations in recent years during a relatively narrow period of time between the second and third weeks of August.

Interesting breeding birds included an adult Chestnut-sided Warbler feeding a juvenile in a unlikely Medford location and a very late breeding of Scarlet Tanagers, with fledging of young on August 23 in Ipswich. Among the more unusual reports this period included in the summary below were **Lark Sparrow**, **Blue Grosbeak**, and two **Yellow-headed Blackbirds**. There was clearly a movement of Purple Finches late in the period and there were reports of Evening Grosbeaks from seven localities.

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Black-billed Cuckoo				8/16	HRWMA	1		T. Pirro
thr	Reports of indiv from 7 locations			8/24	Berlin	1		S. Sutton
7/1	Gardner	2 ad, 1 fl	T. Pirro	Eastern Wood-Pewee				
7/8	PI.	2	R. Heil	7/4	Holden	15		M. Lynch#
8/23	Barre FD	5	M. Lynch#	7/6	Quabbin (G10)	12		G. d'Entremont
Yellow-billed Cuckoo				8/23	Barre FD	27		M. Lynch#
thr	Reports of indiv from 9 locations			8/23	Medford	6		M. Rines
7/4	Ipswich	2	J. Berry	8/24	Quabbin (G40)	8		C. Buelow
8/23	Barre FD	2	M. Lynch#	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher				
Eastern Screech-Owl				8/23, 30	Medford	1, 1		M. Rines
7/3	Pembroke	1 ad, 2 juv	D. Furbish	8/25	Uxbridge	1 b		S. Wheelock
7/25	Ipswich	2	J. + N. Berry	Acadian Flycatcher				
8/26	Maynard	2	L. Nachtrab	7/10, 24	Granville	4, 2		S. Kellogg
Great Horned Owl				Alder Flycatcher				
7/1	Edgartown	2 fl yg	A. Keith	7/4	Sheffield	2		J. Hoye#
Barred Owl				7/27	Worcester	1		M. Lynch#
7/6	Quabbin (G10)	1	G. d'Entremont	8/12	Heath	1		R. Packard
7/9	Hardwick	1	C. Buelow	Willow Flycatcher				
7/12	Peru	1	M. Lynch#	7/4	Sterling	5		M. Lynch#
8/8	Lincoln	1	M. Rines	7/4	Wakefield	4		P. + F. Vale
8/21/3	Sherborn	2	S. McDonald	7/8, 8/14	PI.	7, 8		R. Heil
Northern Saw-whet Owl				7/26	Bolton Flats	11		S. Sutton
8/24	Paxton	1	M. Lynch#	8/22	Hardwick	1		C. Buelow
Common Nighthawk				8/24	Hadley	1		S. Surner
8/17	Sturbridge	21	I. Lynch	Least Flycatcher				
8/18	HRWMA	87	T. Pirro	7/4	Holden	2		M. Lynch#
8/18	Southwick	85	S. Kellogg	7/5	Hawley	7		M. Lynch#
8/19	Boston	55	T. Carrolan	7/6	Quabbin (G10)	6		G. d'Entremont
8/19, 26	Maynard	39, 57	L. Nachtrab	7/12	Peru	2		M. Lynch#
8/23, 24	Blackstone	53, 94	M. Lynch#	8/16	HRWMA	1		T. Pirro
8/25	Natick	53	D. Allen	8/23	Barre FD	2		M. Lynch#
8/25-31	Northampton	878, 238 max	8/26 T. Gagnon	8/26	PI.	1		R. Heil
8/26	Westboro	535	S. Sutton	8/30	Newton	1		H. Miller
8/27, 28	Leicester	983, 66	M. Lynch#	Great Crested Flycatcher				
8/27, 28	Mt.A.	17, 70	R. Stymeist#	7/4	Wompatuck SP	6		G. d'Entremont
8/28	Leicester	66	M. Lynch#	7/5	Wakefield	7		P. + F. Vale
8/30	Pepperell	50	M. + B. Torpey	7/20	Quabbin (G43)	5		C. Buelow
8/30	GMNWR	67 migr	S. Perkins#	8/19	Medford	6		M. Rines
Chuck-will's-widow				8/23	Barre FD	5		M. Lynch#
7/26	Wellfleet	1	S. Kellogg	Eastern Kingbird				
Whip-poor-will				8/23	HRWMA	17		T. Pirro
7/6	Dover	2	E. Taylor	8/23	Barre FD	46		M. Lynch#
7/7	Newbury	9	BBC (T. Young)	8/26	PI.	48		R. Heil
7/31	Southwick	1	S. Kellogg	8/31	Amherst	5		H. Allen
8/20	Wellfleet	1	M. Faherty	White-eyed Vireo				
Chimney Swift				8/31	Brewster	1 imm		S. Finnegan
7/21	Taunton	250	J. Sweeney	Yellow-throated Vireo				
8/19	Worcester	200+	M. Lynch#	7/1	Taunton	2		J. Sweeney
8/24	Millbury	300+	M. Lynch#	7/4	Holden	1		M. Lynch#
Ruby-throated Hummingbird				7/13	Northbridge	2		M. Lynch#
7/13, 8/31	Essex	3, 8	P. Brown	7/19	Quabbin (G45)	5		M. Lynch#
8/2, 8/24	Hardwick	5, 5	C. Buelow	7/26	Bolton Flats	1		S. Sutton
8/3	Lexington	4	M. Rines#	8/23	HRWMA	1		T. Pirro
8/23	HRWMA	3	T. Pirro	Blue-headed Vireo				
8/23	Blackstone	3	M. Lynch#	7/4	Holden	2		M. Lynch#
8/26	PI.	3	R. Heil	7/5	Hawley	19		M. Lynch#
8/28	Barre Falls	7	B. Kamp	7/12	Peru	8		M. Lynch#
Red-bellied Woodpecker				7/19	Barre FD	4		S. Sutton
7/4	Wompatuck SP	2	G. d'Entremont	8/16	Stockbridge	2		M. Lynch#
7/19	Mt.A.	2	R. Stymeist	8/24	Quabbin (G40)	3		C. Buelow
7/thr	Ipswich	3 pr n	J. Berry	Warbling Vireo				
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				7/1	Vineyard Haven	1		A. Keith
7/4	Stockbridge	2	J. Hoye#	7/4	Wakefield	13		P. + F. Vale
7/5	Hawley	11	M. Lynch#	Philadelphia Vireo				
7/6	Quabbin (G10)	17	G. d'Entremont	8/21	Medford	1		M. Rines
7/12	Peru	5	M. Lynch#	8/31	PI.	1		R. Heil#
8/23	HRWMA	2	T. Pirro	Red-eyed Vireo				
Pileated Woodpecker				7/4	Wompatuck SP	18		G. d'Entremont
7/5	Hawley	3	M. Lynch#	7/5	Hawley	76		M. Lynch#
7/19	Quabbin (G45)	5	M. Lynch#	7/6	Quabbin (G10)	47		G. d'Entremont
8/7	Gardner	1	T. Pirro	7/12	Peru	71		M. Lynch#
8/16	Stockbridge	2	M. Lynch#	7/19	Barre FD	84		S. Sutton
8/18	Hardwick	2	C. Buelow	8/9	Quabbin Pk	59		M. Lynch#
8/23	HRWMA	2	T. Pirro	Fish Crow				
8/25	Concord	1	S. Perkins	7/26	DWWS	4		D. Furbish
Olive-sided Flycatcher				8/9	Longmeadow	2		S. Kellogg
7/27	Chesterfield	1	R. Packard	8/10	Falmouth	2		P. + F. Vale
8/13	Maynard	1	L. Nachtrab	8/11	Northampton	2		R. Packard

Fish Crow (continued)				Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		
8/28	Leicester	1	M. Lynch#	7/4	Wompatuck SP	2 G. d'Entremont
8/29	Longmeadow	2	S. Kellogg	7/7	Middleton	pr n J. Berry#
Common Raven				7/19	Quabbin (G45)	2 M. Lynch#
7/12	Peru	1	M. Lynch#	7/26	Bolton Flats	7 S. Sutton
7/27	Paxton	2	M. Lynch#	8/7	Amherst	2 H. Allen
8/9	Quabbin Pk	1	M. Lynch#	8/9	Quabbin Pk	3 M. Lynch#
8/21	Hardwick	1	C. Buelow	8/18	Lexington	2 J. Forbes#
8/23	Barre FD	3	M. Lynch#	8/19	Sheffield	1 D. St. James
8/24	Blackstone	3	M. Lynch#	8/23	MNWS	2 P. + F. Vale
Horned Lark				8/23	Chatham	4+ B. Nikula
7/1	P'town	1	R. Heil	8/24	Quabbin (G40)	2 C. Buelow
7/11	Chatham (S.B.)	6	G. Hirth	8/26	GMNWR	3 M. Rines#
8/1	Eastham (F.E.)	2 imm	M. Lynch#	Eastern Bluebird		
8/2	WBWS	2	M. Lynch#	7/29	Worc. (BMB)	6 imm J. Liller
Purple Martin				8/16	Stockbridge	6 M. Lynch#
7/8, 8/26	P.I.	20, 10	R. Heil	8/thr	Sherborn	15 E. Taylor
7/26	DWWS	38	D. Furbish	Veery		
Tree Swallow				7/4	Holden	20 M. Lynch#
7/25, 8/26	P.I.	15,000, 50,000	R. Heil	7/4	Wompatuck SP	30 G. d'Entremont
8/9	Sandwich	550+	P. + F. Vale	7/5	Hawley	22 M. Lynch#
8/28	Duxbury B.	5000+	C. Cook	7/6	Quabbin (G10)	28 G. d'Entremont
Northern Rough-winged Swallow				7/9	Hardwick	6 C. Buelow
7/4	Wakefield	12	P. + F. Vale	Swainson's Thrush		
7/19	Falmouth	160 migr	R. Farrell	7/5	Hawley	1 M. Lynch#
8/23	GMNWR	25	S. Perkins#	7/11	Windsor	2 B. Wood
8/23	Westfield	4	S. Kellogg	7/12	Peru	2 M. Lynch#
Bank Swallow				Hermit Thrush		
7/19	New Braintree	65	C. Buelow	7/thr	Sherborn	5 E. Taylor
7/27	Sterling	60+	M. Lynch	7/4	Wompatuck SP	4 G. d'Entremont
7/30	Ipswich (C.B.)	250	E. Johnson	7/5	Hawley	12 M. Lynch#
8/23	Hadley	1000	H. Allen	7/6	Quabbin (G10)	5 G. d'Entremont
8/24	GMNWR	500	S. Perkins	7/12	Peru	12 M. Lynch#
Cliff Swallow				8/7	Montague	5 C. Buelow
7/12	Alford	6	T. Gagnon	8/9	Quabbin Pk	7 M. Lynch#
7/20	Sheffield	2	S. Surner	8/23	Barre FD	29 M. Lynch#
8/8	Newbury	4	P. + F. Vale	Wood Thrush		
8/10	Chatham (S.B.)	4	B. Nikula	7/4	Holden	16 M. Lynch#
8/24	GMNWR	2	M. Rines	7/4	Wompatuck SP	16 G. d'Entremont
8/25	Northampton	2	T. Gagnon	7/7	Middleton	5 m J. Berry#
Barn Swallow				7/7	Worc. (BMB)	6 J. Liller
7/19	Falmouth	95 migr	R. Farrell	7/9	Hardwick	5 C. Buelow
8/14	P.I.	180	R. Heil	7/12	Peru	8 M. Lynch#
8/16	Sheffield	64	M. Lynch#	7/19	Barre FD	7 S. Sutton
8/21	Grafton	80+	M. Lynch#	7/19	Quabbin (G45)	16 M. Lynch#
8/24	GMNWR	800	S. Perkins	8/19	Medford	2 M. Rines
Red-breasted Nuthatch				Gray Catbird		
7/5	Hawley	11	M. Lynch#	7/4	Wakefield	29 P. + F. Vale
8/19	Montague	20	C. Buelow	7/4	Wompatuck SP	21 G. d'Entremont
8/22	S. Wellfleet	5	C. Franklin	7/19	Mt.A.	22 R. Stymeist
8/23	Barre FD	39	M. Lynch#	8/9	Worc. (BMB)	25+ J. Liller#
8/24	Quabbin (G40)	16	C. Buelow	8/13	Cape Ann	43 R. Heil
8/28	Belmont	2	M. Rines	8/14	P.I.	95 R. Heil
8/31	Concord	3	M. Rines#	8/16	Sheffield	48 M. Lynch#
Carolina Wren				8/23	Barre FD	50 M. Lynch#
7/23	Amherst	4	H. Allen	8/31	Lexington	30+ P. + F. Vale
8/13	Cape Ann	11	R. Heil	Brown Thrasher		
8/19	Medford	6	M. Rines	7/22	Harvard	pr + 3 yg L. Sutton
8/19	MNWS	7	R. Heil	7/27	Groveland	6 D. Chickering
8/27	Mt.A.	2	R. Stymeist	8/26	P.I.	14 R. Heil
House Wren				American Pipit		
7/3	Wakefield	6	F. Vale	8/23	GMNWR	15 S. Perkins#
8/9	Quabbin Pk	11	M. Lynch#	Cedar Waxwing		
8/16	Sheffield	8	M. Lynch#	7/5	Hawley	27 M. Lynch#
Winter Wren				8/13	Cape Ann	26 R. Heil
7/4	Wompatuck SP	2	G. d'Entremont	8/14	P.I.	210 R. Heil
7/5	Hawley	16	M. Lynch#	8/23	Barre FD	57 M. Lynch#
7/12	Peru	4	M. Lynch#	8/24	Quabbin (G40)	35 C. Buelow
Marsh Wren				Blue-winged Warbler		
7/27	GMNWR	18	P. + F. Vale	7/9	Hardwick	pr w/young C. Buelow
7/28	Wakefield	4	P. + F. Vale	8/14	P.I.	2 R. Heil
8/14	P.I.	17	R. Heil	8/23	Westfield	2 S. Kellogg
Golden-crowned Kinglet				8/23	Lexington	1 P. + F. Vale
7/5	Hawley	4	M. Lynch#	8/23	Medford	1 M. Rines
7/7	Granville	1	S. Kellogg	8/23	Barre FD	1 M. Lynch#
7/12	Peru	6	M. Lynch#	8/31	Northampton	1 T. Gagnon
8/18	Ipswich	1	J. Berry	Nashville Warbler		
8/23	Barre FD	6	M. Lynch#	7/2	Chesterfield	2 R. Packard

Nashville Warbler (continued)			8/14	P.I.	1 m 1W	R. Heil
7/4 Wompatuck SP	1	G. d'Entremont		Black-and-white Warbler		
7/5 Hawley	1	M. Lynch#	7/4	Holden	8	M. Lynch#
7/12 Granville	1	S. Kellogg	7/5	Hawley	8	M. Lynch#
8/17 Gardner	3	T. Pirro	7/19	Barre FD	20	S. Sutton
8/22 MNWS	1	M. Taylor	8/8	Hardwick	4	C. Buelow
8/25 Manchester	1	J. Berry#	8/9	Quabbin Pk	12	M. Lynch#
8/30 Newton	1	H. Miller	8/23	HRWMA	6	T. Pirro
8/31 Natick	2	E. Taylor	8/25	Manchester	3	J. Berry#
Northern Parula				American Redstart		
8/23 Westfield	1	S. Kellogg	7/5	Hawley	6	M. Lynch#
Yellow Warbler			7/19	P.I.	5	P. + F. Vale
7/4 Wakefield	37	P. + F. Vale	7/19	Quabbin (G45)	11	M. Lynch#
7/23 Amherst	2	H. Allen	7/19	Barre FD	12	S. Sutton
8/13 Cape Ann	17	R. Heil	8/19, 23	Medford	5, 35	M. Rines
8/14, 26 P.I.	56, 7	R. Heil	8/23	HRWMA	23	T. Pirro
8/23 Medford	2	M. Rines	8/27	Mt.A.	8	R. Stymeist
8/27 Mt.A.	7	R. Stymeist	8/31	Lexington	8	P. + F. Vale
Chestnut-sided Warbler				Prothonotary Warbler		
7/5 Hawley	16	M. Lynch#	8/9	Chatham	1	J. Kinneally + v.o.
7/6 Quabbin (G10)	29	G. d'Entremont		Ovenbird		
7/12 Peru	15	M. Lynch#	7/4	Wompatuck SP	36	G. d'Entremont
7/19 Barre FD	18	S. Sutton	7/5	Hawley	47	M. Lynch#
7/19 Quabbin (G45)	14	M. Lynch#	7/6	Quabbin (G10)	27	G. d'Entremont
8/6 Montague	5	C. Buelow	7/12	Peru	26	M. Lynch#
8/15 Wakefield	2	F. Vale	7/19	Barre FD	20	S. Sutton
8/23 Medford	6	M. Rines	7/19	Quabbin (G45)	15	M. Lynch#
8/23 HRWMA	4	T. Pirro	8/24	Quabbin (G40)	3	C. Buelow
Magnolia Warbler			8/25	Manchester	2	J. Berry#
7/5 Hawley	7	M. Lynch#		Northern Waterthrush		
7/12 Peru	15	M. Lynch#	7/20	Milton	2	V. Zollo
7/19 Barre FD	4 m	S. Sutton	8/3	Williamsburg	3	H. Allen
8/23 MNWS	1	P. + F. Vale	8/7	Amherst	2	H. Allen
8/26 P.I.	1	R. Heil	8/13	Cape Ann	7	R. Heil
8/27 Mt.A.	1	R. Stymeist	8/14	P.I.	2	R. Heil
8/29 Lexington	1	C. Cook	8/19	MNWS	3	R. Heil
Black-throated Blue Warbler				Louisiana Waterthrush		
7/5 Hawley	16	M. Lynch#	7/5	Hawley	1	M. Lynch#
7/6 Quabbin (G10)	20	G. d'Entremont	7/16	Berlin	2	S. Sutton
7/12 Peru	9	M. Lynch#	7/19	Quabbin (G45)	1	M. Lynch#
7/14 Petersham	4	C. Buelow	8/7	Southwick	2	S. Kellogg
8/23 Barre FD	3	M. Lynch#	8/11	Northampton	1	R. Packard
Yellow-rumped Warbler			8/13	Gloucester	1	R. Heil
7/5 Hawley	16	M. Lynch#		Mourning Warbler		
7/6 Quabbin (G10)	4	G. d'Entremont	7/4	Washington	2	J. Hoye#
7/12 Peru	9	M. Lynch#	7/5	Hawley	2	M. Lynch#
7/14 Petersham	4	C. Buelow	7/10	Adams	2	W. Laffey
8/9 Bourne	2	P. + F. Vale	7/11	New Ashford	3	D. St James
8/16 HRWMA	4	T. Pirro	7/12	Peru	1 m	M. Lynch#
8/23 Barre FD	19	M. Lynch#	8/23	Chatham (S.B.)	1	B. Nikula#
Black-throated Green Warbler			8/24	Yarmouthport	1 f imm	St. Miller
7/5 Hawley	33	M. Lynch#	8/31	Concord	1	M. Maurer#
7/6 Quabbin (G10)	13	G. d'Entremont		Common Yellowthroat		
7/12 Peru	14	M. Lynch#	7/4	Wakefield	28	P. + F. Vale
7/19 Barre FD	26	S. Sutton	7/6	Quabbin (G10)	37	G. d'Entremont
Blackburnian Warbler			8/23	Barre FD	35	M. Lynch#
7/5 Hawley	29	M. Lynch#	8/23	HRWMA	29	T. Pirro
7/6 Quabbin (G10)	2	G. d'Entremont	8/26	P.I.	25	R. Heil
7/12 Peru	2	M. Lynch#		Hooded Warbler		
7/19 Barre FD	3	S. Sutton	8/23	Barre FD	1 f	M. Lynch#
7/19 Quabbin (G45)	3	M. Lynch#		Wilson's Warbler		
8/8 Hardwick	1	C. Buelow	8/17	Gardner	1	T. Pirro
8/23 HRWMA	1	T. Pirro	8/23	HRWMA	2	T. Pirro
Pine Warbler			8/26	P.I.	1	R. Heil
7/4 Wompatuck SP	15	G. d'Entremont	8/27	Mt.A.	1	R. Stymeist#
7/4 Holden	19	M. Lynch#	8/30	Arlington	1	M. Rines
7/6 Quabbin (G10)	11	G. d'Entremont		Canada Warbler		
7/10 Andover	10 m	J. Berry	7/4	Wompatuck SP	1 f	G. d'Entremont
7/19 Quabbin (G45)	13	M. Lynch#	7/5	Hawley	1	M. Lynch#
7/19 Barre FD	20	S. Sutton	7/12	Peru	1	M. Lynch#
Prairie Warbler			7/19	Quabbin (G45)	1	M. Lynch#
7/1 Falmouth	4	C. Buelow	7/27	Mattapoisett	1 f	M. LaBossiere
8/6 Montague	3	C. Buelow	8/8	Hardwick	1	C. Buelow
8/23 Barre FD	5	M. Lynch#	8/9	Quabbin Pk	2	M. Lynch#
Blackpoll Warbler			8/19	MNWS	4	R. Heil
7/14 Greylock	2	R. Laubach	8/23	HRWMA	4	T. Pirro
Cerulean Warbler			8/23	Barre FD	2	M. Lynch#
7/6 Quabbin (G10)	3	G. d'Entremont	8/28	Wakefield	2	F. Vale

Yellow-breasted Chat			8/16	Sheffield	7	M. Lynch#
8/26 Lenox	1	C. Wheeler	8/31	Concord	12	M. Rines#
8/28-29 Gay Head	1	S. Whiting#	Bobolink			
Scarlet Tanager			7/2	Saugus	20	J. Berry#
7/4 Wompatuck SP	7	G. d'Entremont	7/4	Ipswich	18	J. Berry
7/4 Holden	11	M. Lynch#	7/31	P.I.	80	D. Furbish#
7/6 Quabbin (G10)	14	G. d'Entremont	8/23	Concord	25	P. + F. Vale
7/19 Barre FD	13	S. Sutton	8/27	Leicester	114	M. Lynch#
8/23 Barre FD	5	M. Lynch#	8/30	GMNWR	82	M. Lynch#
8/23 Blackstone	4	M. Lynch#	8/31	Northampton	148	T. Gagnon
Field Sparrow			Eastern Meadowlark			
8/6 Montague	25	C. Buelow	7/2	Saugus	6	J. Berry#
Vesper Sparrow			7/12	Ipswich	3	J. Berry#
7/6 Sunderland	2	J. Hoye#	7/27	Worcester	3	M. Lynch#
Lark Sparrow			7/27	Lincoln	1	F. Vale
8/30 Concord	1 ad	S. Moore#	8/5	P.I.	1 juv	R. Heil
Savannah Sparrow			8/19	Leicester	5	M. Lynch#
7/2 Saugus	10+	J. Berry#	Yellow-headed Blackbird			
7/27 Worcester	16	M. Lynch#	7/29	New Bedford	1 m	C. Newport
8/23 GMNWR	12	S. Perkins#	8/12	Nantucket	1	E. Ray
Grasshopper Sparrow			Orchard Oriole			
7/1 Falmouth	5	C. Buelow	7/1-22	Newbury	pr n	S. Stichter
7/13 Lincoln	1	P. + F. Vale	7/5	Wakefield	2	P. + F. Vale
8/8 Falmouth	1	M. Keleher	7/7	Groveland	2	D. Chickering
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow			7/12	DWWS	1 ad + 2 yg	D. Furbish#
8/31 P.I.	1	R. Heil#	7/31	WBWS	4 imm	G. Gove
Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow			8/8	Falmouth	5	M. Keleher
7/8 Newbypt area	57	R. Heil	8/11	Belmont	4 imm	M. Rines
7/17 N. Monomoy	15	B. Nikula	8/23	Medford	1	M. Rines
7/27 E. Boston (B.I.)	2	P. + F. Vale	8/23	P.I.	1	S. Mirick#
7/27 Squantum	2	G. d'Entremont	Baltimore Oriole			
8/2 WBWS	6	M. Lynch#	7/27	Groveland	10	D. Chickering
8/9 Fairhaven	7	J. Sweeney	8/23	Barre FD	38	M. Lynch#
8/14 P.I.	40	R. Heil	8/26	P.I.	16	R. Heil
8/23 Sandwich	5	M. Keleher#	8/27	Mt.A.	9	R. Stymest
Seaside Sparrow			Purple Finch			
7/29 P.I.	2 ad, 1 juv	D. Larson	7/4	Wompatuck SP	1	G. d'Entremont
8/15 Edgartown	1	M. Pelikan#	7/5	Hawley	14	M. Lynch#
8/20 P.I.	1	D. Chickering	7/8	P.I.	5	R. Heil
White-throated Sparrow			7/12	Peru	5	M. Lynch#
7/4 Washington	2	J. Hoye#	7/13	Northbridge	1	M. Lynch#
7/12 Peru	16	M. Lynch#	7/13	WMWS	2	M. Resch
7/19 Barre FD	2	S. Sutton	7/19	Barre FD	2	S. Sutton
7/23 Quabbin (G40)	2	C. Buelow	7/22	Hardwick	pr + 3 yg	C. Buelow
8/17 Gardner	3	T. Pirro	7/27	Paxton	1	M. Lynch#
Dark-eyed Junco			8/9	Quabbin Pk	3	M. Lynch#
7/5 Hawley	3	M. Lynch#	8/23	HRWMA	2	T. Pirro
7/12 Peru	1	M. Lynch#	8/24	GMNWR	1	S. Perkins
Rose-breasted Grosbeak			American Goldfinch			
7/4 Holden	12	M. Lynch#	7/21	DWWS	340+	D. Furbish
7/6 Quabbin (G10)	9	G. d'Entremont	Evening Grosbeak			
7/19 Quabbin (G45)	8	M. Lynch#	7/4	Holden	1	M. Lynch#
7/19 Barre FD	7	S. Sutton	7/11	Ashfield	2	S. Sauter
Blue Grosbeak			7/13	Pepperell	1	M. Resch
7/1-6 S. Quabbin	1 imm m	v. o.	7/13	Ashburnham	1	B. Nikula
Indigo Bunting			7/17	Gardner	3	T. Pirro
7/1 MBWMA	6	D. Chickering	8/5	New Salem	1	W. Lafley
7/9 Quabbin Pk	5	S. Hedman#	8/25	Becket	5	R. Laubach
7/19 Barre FD	5	S. Sutton				

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ABBREVIATIONS FOR BIRD SIGHTINGS

<p>A.A. ABC A.P. A.Pd B. Barre F.D. B.I. B.R. BBC BBS BMB C.B. C.P. Cambr. CCBC Corp. B. Cumb. Farms DFWS DWMA DWWS E.P. EMHW F.E. F.H. F.M. F.P. F.Pk G40 GMNWR H. H.P. HRWMA I. IRWS L. M.V. MAS MARC MBO MBWMA MNWS MSSF</p>	<p>Arnold Arboretum Allen Bird Club Andrews Point, Rockport Allens Pond, S. Dartmouth Beach Barre Falls Dam, Barre, Rutland Belle Isle, E. Boston Bass Rocks, Gloucester Brookline Bird Club Breeding Bird Survey Broad Meadow Brook, Worcester Crane Beach, Ipswich Crooked Pond, Boxford Cambridge Cape Cod Bird Club Corporation Beach, Dennis Cumberland Farms, Middleboro Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary Delaney WMA Stow, Bolton, Harvard Daniel Webster WS Eastern Point, Gloucester Eastern Mass. Hawk Watch First Encounter Beach, Eastham Fort Hill, Eastham Fowl Meadow Fresh Pond, Cambridge Franklin Park, Boston Gate 40, Quabbin Res. Great Meadows NWR Harbor Halibut Point, Rockport High Ridge WMA, Gardner Island Ipswich River WS Ledge Martha's Vineyard Mass. Audubon Society Mass. Avian Records Committee Manomet Center for Conservation Science Martin Burns WMA, Newbury Marblehead Neck WS Myles Standish State Forest, Plymouth</p>	<p>Mt.A. NAC NEHW Newbypt ONWR P.I. Pd P'town Pont. R.P. Res. S. Dart. S.B. S.N. SRV SSBC TASL WBWS WMWS Worc. WS Other Abbreviations ad alt b br dk f fl imm juv lt m max migr n ph pl pr S v.o. W yg #</p>	<p>Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambr. Nine Acre Corner, Concord New England Hawk Watch Newburyport Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge Plum Island Pond Provincetown Pontoosuc Lake, Lanesboro Race Point, Provincetown Reservoir South Dartmouth South Beach, Chatham Sandy Neck, Barnstable Sudbury River Valley South Shore Bird Club Take A Second Look Boston Harbor Census Wellfleet Bay WS Wachusett Meadow WS Worcester Wildlife Sanctuary</p>
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adult
alternate
banded
breeding
dark (morph)
female
fledgling
immature
juvenile
light (morph)
male
maximum
migrating
nesting
photographed
plumage
pair
summer (1S = 1st summer)
various observers
winter (2W = second winter)
young
additional observers



AUGUST SWALLOWS BY DAVID LARSON

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Releases “Birding in the United States” Report

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A new federal economic report found that 46 million birdwatchers across America spent \$32 billion in 2001 pursuing one of the Nation’s most popular outdoor activities according to a report from the Interior Department’s U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The report, *Birding in the United States: A Demographic and Economic Analysis*, is the first of its kind analyzing data from the 2001 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation.

“Nearly one in five Americans is a bird watcher,” said Service Director Steve Williams. “This report recognizes what we always thought to be true. Birdwatching is very popular and contributes greatly to our economy, so it is important that we continue to work with our partners to restore and protect habitat to ensure healthy bird populations.”

Montana, Vermont and Wisconsin led the Nation in birding participation rates as a percent of total State population. California, New York and Pennsylvania had the most birders.

Birders spent \$32 billion on gear such as binoculars, travel, food and big ticket items such as canoes, cabins and off-road vehicles. This spending generated \$85 billion in overall economic output and \$13 billion in federal and state income taxes, and supported more than 863,000 jobs.

To be considered a birdwatcher, an individual must take a trip a mile or more from home for the primary purpose of observing birds or must closely observe or try to identify birds around the home. Those who notice birds while mowing the lawn or picnicking at the beach were not counted as birders. Trips to zoos and observing captive birds also did not count as birdwatching. Watching birds around the home is the most common form of bird-watching. Taking trips away from home counted for 40 percent (18 million) of birders.

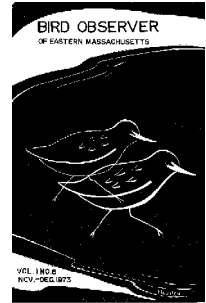
The full report is available on-line at
<http://library.fws.gov/nat_survey2001_birding.pdf>.



ROSE-BREADED GROSBEAK NEST BY DAVID LARSON

Thirty Years Ago (From Bird Observer Vol. 1, No. 6, 1973)

Editor's note: As you look over this index for the first year of Bird Observer, note the scope and tone of the articles. Looks pretty familiar doesn't it? Well, a few of the names have changed, and the typography is a little more modern. Here's to thirty more years!



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THE YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT

One of the most pleasant recollections of woodland life in my younger days is my acquaintance with the Yellow-breasted Chat, which during the years 1885-1895 was very plentiful in this part of the state. In one season I personally knew of as many as twelve pairs breeding in Lynn, Salem and Peabody. Nearly all of the nests were in thick clumps of young barberry bushes.

I have no personal knowledge of the status of the Chat prior to 1885 but E. A. Samuels states, in his book published in 1867, that a pair of Chats nested in Lynn three years in succession. Mr. Samuels came to Lynn to study the bird at my father's invitation which would indicate that even in their time this was considered a favorable locality.

As the Chat is now a comparatively rare species hereabouts, it is probable that the work of the Gypsy Moth Commission in cleaning up sprout land together with more recent forest fires has discouraged the bird and forced it to seek more congenial surroundings.

The following notes of recent occurrences are furnished me by Messrs. C. A. Clark and A. P. Stubbs.

A. P. STUBBS.

- 1902. Paradise woods, Swampscott, June 6. One male in song.
- 1906. Near Alden Waitt's residence, Lynn, June 4-10-20. A pair with nest.
- 1908. Marblehead Pumping Station, Loring Ave., Salem, June 18, three males.
- 1909. Highland Park, Salem, May 25. One male. 1911. Highland Park, Salem, May 30. One Male.
- 1912. Pine Grove Cemetery, Lynn, May 12. One bird.
- 1915. Near Rye Field, Fay Estate, May 23. One bird.
- 1918. Pratt's Pines, Lynn Woods Park, June 21-30. Breeding birds.
- 1919. Pratt's Pines, May 21. One male.

C. A. CLARK.

- 1918. Pratt's Pines, Lynn Woods Park. June 18-19-20 21-22-29, July 4. From one to three seen on each of these dates. Nest was found in the Fall.
- 1919. Same Region, May 23-27, June 10-21-28, July 8-11. On June 28 saw three. The young birds were large enough to fly.

W. D. MOON.

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