

THE BIRD OBSERVER SUMMARY FOR JULY, 1976

The month of July was generally cool, clear and sunny, with an overall average temperature of 72°. Precipitation totaled 4.3 inches, 1.5 inches above normal. The greater part of this total fell during a series of squalls on the 29th-30th.

Following the recent trend of occurrences of albatrosses in the North Atlantic, a Black-browed Albatross was carefully studied on Jeffries Ledge on the 11th, and presumably the same bird was noted flying over the Plum Island marshes(!) harrassed by numerous gulls. Of the other pelagic species noted on offshore trips, a Leach's Storm-Petrel off Rockport on the 11th was noteworthy.

Many of the herons that arrived in such large numbers in April remained at traditional localities in the state: Glossy Ibis numbered 80 at Plum Island, and 9 Little Blue and 5 Louisiana Herons were found.

Ospreys continue their slow comeback as a nesting bird in the state; in addition to the re-activated nests found in May and June, active nests were found on Martha's Vineyard and Naushon.

In addition to the more regular species of shorebirds arriving during the month, Golden Plover and Baird's Sandpiper were found. Note particularly the two early dates for the latter species. A Curlew Sandpiper in fall alternate plumage was present in Newburyport Harbor.

An Iceland Gull in Newburyport Harbor on the 24th was most likely a straggler from the heavy flight of this species last winter.

From the interior, a Purple Gallinule was found in Bolton on the 4th; the species has gone unrecorded there since 1888. Finally, a Brewster's Warbler was found in Foxboro on the 2nd, although no evidence of nesting was discovered.

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Common Loon:			
11,21	Marion,Clinton	1,1	R.Forster#,H.Merriman
Pied-billed Grebe:			
thr.	P.I.	2	v.o.
<u>Black-browed Albatross</u> : (good details on file on both sightings)			
11	Rockport(18 miles out)	1	R.Heil,M&A Kasprzyk,S.Garrett
24	Newburyport	1	R.Heil
Cory's Shearwater:			
16,31	off Rockport,Barnstable(S.N.)	1,1	L.Jodrey,K.Hamilton#
Greater Shearwater:			
11,16,20	off Rockport	55,25,15-20	R.Heil#,L.Jodrey,R.Heil#
31	Rockport(A.Pt.)	1	P.Parsons
31	Barnstable(S.N.)	"many"	K.Hamilton
Sooty Shearwater:			
11,16	off Rockport	4,15	R.Heil#,L.Jodrey
30	Rockport(A.Pt.)	1	P.Parsons
31	Barnstable(S.N.)	"many"	K.Hamilton
Manx Shearwater:			
9,13	off Cohasset,Revere	3,3	B.Smyth,V&S ZendeH
20,31	off Rockport,Barnstable(S.N.)	1,12	R.Heil#,K.Hamilton#
Leach's Storm-Petrel:			
11	off Rockport	1	R.Heil,S.Garrett#
Wilson's Storm-Petrel:			
11,16	off Rockport	800,80	M.Kasprzyk#,L.Jodrey
Gannet:			
7	Monomoy	1	R.Forster#
Double-crested Cormorant:			
31	Lakeville	1	W.Petersen
Great Blue Heron:			
thr.	5 locations	14 individuals	v.o.
Green Heron:			
5,18	P.I.,Weston	8,10	BBC(R.Heil),L.Robinson

<u>Little Blue Heron:</u>			
2,3	Falmouth, Concord (GMNWR)	1 imm., 1 ad.	A. Nickerson, R. Forster#
16, 26	Barnstable, P. I.	2, 1	R. Pease, BBC (H. Weissberg)
26, 28	Duxbury, Scituate	2 ad., 2 imm.	M. Moore
<u>Cattle Egret:</u>			
19-20	Dartmouth	10	B. Nolan
<u>Great Egret:</u>			
thr.	7 locations	12 individuals	v. o.
<u>Snowy Egret:</u>			
thr.	P. I.	max. 300 (July 26)	v. o.
<u>Black-crowned Night Heron:</u>			
1, 18	Watertown Square	201, 100	J. Luck#, R. Stymeist#
<u>Yellow-crowned Night Heron:</u>			
1-15, 20	P. I., Monomoy	1, 1	v. o., W. Bailey#
<u>Louisiana Heron:</u>			
5, 11	P. I., Rowley	2, 3	BBC (R. Heil), S. Zende#
<u>Least Bittern:</u>			
thr.	Bolton, P. I.	2, max. 7	H. Merriman, v. o.
11&23	Swampscott	1	S. Zende#
<u>American Bittern:</u>			
11&23, 31	Swampscott, Bolton	2&3, 1	S. Zende#, H. Merriman
<u>Glossy Ibis:</u>			
thr.	P. I.	max. 80 (July 4)	v. o.
22, 25	Belton, E. Boston	15, 17	H. Merriman, S. Zende#
<u>Canada Goose:</u>			
24	Concord (GMNWR)	65	BBC (E. Taylor)
<u>Gadwall:</u>			
24	Concord (GMNWR)	2	BBC (E. Taylor)
<u>Wood Duck:</u>			
thr.	Concord; Bolton, Lancaster	40; 10, 20	R. Clayton#; H. Merriman
<u>Bufflehead:</u>			
5	Chatham	1	C. Goodrich, B. Nikula
<u>Common Eider:</u>			
11	off Rockport	100	M. Kasprzyk#
<u>Surf Scoter:</u>			
31	Manomet	1	W. Petersen
<u>Hooded Merganser:</u>			
22	Princeton (WMWS)	1 f.	E. Taylor
<u>Turkey Vulture:</u>			
21	Leominster	1	H. Merriman
<u>Goshawk:</u>			
5	Baldwinville	1 ad.	J. O' Regan
<u>Bald Eagle:</u>			
midmonth	Provincetown-Harwich	1 imm.	B. Nikula & v. o.
<u>Osprey:</u>			
12	Lake Tashmoo (M. V.)	2 ad. & 2 yg.	P. Garrey
12	Naushon I.	2 nests	P. Garrey
<u>Peregrine Falcon:</u>			
17	Sandwich	1 (with orange wing tag)	P. Trull
<u>Ruffed Grouse:</u>			
3	Westwood	2 ad. & 4 yg.	J. Clancy
<u>King Rail:</u>			
17	Lakeville	1 ad. & 7 yg.	R. Turner#
<u>Clapper Rail:</u>			
thr.	Barnstable	2	R. Pease
<u>Virginia Rail:</u>			
thr.; 11	Bolton; Concord (GMNWR)	5+; 1 ad., 2 yg.	H. Merriman; R. Timberlake
<u>Sora:</u>			
1	P. I.	1 ad. & 4 yg.	P. Parsons
<u>Purple Gallinule:</u>			
4-17	Bolton	1 ad.	F. McMenemy & v. o.
	(first Worcester County record since May, 1888)		
<u>Common Gallinule:</u>			
11	Concord (GMNWR)	2 ad. & 9 yg.	BBC (R. Timberlake)
<u>American Oystercatcher:</u>			
thr.	Monomoy	max. 14	v. o.
14	Nantucket (Bel Pt.)	5	C. Jackson
<u>Semipalmated Plover:</u>			
25	Monomoy	150+	BBC (A. Clarke)

Piping Plover:				
19,31	Plymouth, Monomoy	7,25		M. Bates#, BBC (R. Stymeist)
Golden Plover:				
11,19 on	Duxbury, Plymouth	1,1		M. Moore, M. Bates# & v.o.
25	Monomoy	1		C. Goodrich & v.o.
Black-bellied Plover:				
16	Monomoy	500		W. Bailey#
Ruddy Turnstone:				
25,29	Monomoy, P.I.	35+,47		BBC (A. Clarke), R. Arnold#
American Woodcock:				
24	Chatham	1		T. Lawrence#
Common Snipe:				
8 on	Bolton	5		H. Merriman & v.o.
Whimbrel:				
12;15	Plymouth; Nantucket, P.I.	1;11,12		M. Moore#; C. Jackson, M. Gardler
16 on, 19	Monomoy, Plymouth	25,8		W. Bailey# & v.o., M. Bates#
28	S. Dartmouth, S. Wellfleet	5,80		C. Briggs, W. Bailey#
Upland Sandpiper:				
2,14	Bridgewater, Newburyport	2,1		W. Petersen, E. Taylor
Solitary Sandpiper:				
13on, 16on	Lancaster, Bolton	3,2-7		H. Merriman
17,23,31	Halifax, S. Hanson, Lakeville	1,1,2		W. Petersen
Willet:				
thr.	Monomoy	nesting, max. 20		v.o.
10,12	P.I., Plymouth	1 (Western), 1		W. Petersen, M. Moore
Lesser Yellowlegs:				
26	P.I.	50		BBC (H. Weissberg)
Red Knot:				
25,28	Monomoy, Scituate	3000, 900		C. Goodrich#, M. Moore
Pectoral Sandpiper:				
25	W. Newbury	2		W. Petersen
White-rumped Sandpiper:				
11,29,31	Duxbury, Scituate, Monomoy	1,1,1		M. Moore#, W. Petersen, R. Stymeist#
Baird's Sandpiper:				
8&30,13	Plymouth, Nauset	1&1,1		M. Moore#, B. Nikula
Least Sandpiper:				
11	Concord (GMNWR)	75+		BBC (R. Timberlake)
Curlew Sandpiper:				
9-12	P.I.	1 ad.		R. Heil & v.o.
Dunlin:				
25;31	Monomoy	3,2		BBC (A. Clarke, R. Stymeist)
Short-billed Dowitcher:				
5,25	Newburyport	600+, 1100+		R. Heil#, W. Petersen
7,16,25	Monomoy	400, 1500, 650		R. Forster, W. Bailey#, A. Clarke#
Stilt Sandpiper:				
thr., 7&20	P.I., Monomoy	1-10, 1&7		P. Parsons & v.o., R. Forster#
Semipalmated Sandpiper:				
25	Newburyport	9000+		W. Petersen
29	Plymouth, Scituate	6500+, 3000+		M. Moore, W. Petersen
Western Sandpiper:				
29	Scituate	1		W. Petersen
Marbled Godwit:				
5	Monomoy	1		C. Goodrich, B. Nikula
Hudsonian Godwit:				
thr.	Monomoy, Newburyport-P.I.	max. 100, max. 26		v.o.
Ruff:				
1	P.I.	1		P. Parsons
Wilson's Phalarope:				
1-5, 2-4	P.I., S. Dartmouth	1,1 f.		R. Heil# & v.o., A. Nickerson
19,31	Plymouth, Monomoy	1,1		M. Moore, R. Stymeist#
Northern Phalarope:				
11	off Rockport	2		M. Kasprzyk#
Pomarine Jaeger:				
7,16	Monomoy, off Rockport	1,1		R. Forster#, L. Jodrey
Parasitic Jaeger:				
31	Barnstable (S.N.)	7		K. Hamilton
Glaucous Gull:				
thr.	Nantucket	1 imm.		R. Veit

<u>Iceland Gull:</u>				
24	Newburyport		1 imm.	J. Berry, P. Buckley
<u>Ring-billed Gull:</u>				
31	Plymouth Beach	450+(most adult migrants)		W. Petersen
<u>Black-headed Gull:</u>				
25	Newburyport		1 ad.	W. Petersen
<u>Bonaparte's Gull:</u>				
31	Concord (GMNWR)		1 ad.	R. Forster
<u>Laughing Gull:</u>				
thr.	Monomoy		180 prs.	v.o.
<u>Little Gull:</u>				
5-11, 10-24	Monomoy, Newburyport		1, 1	C. Goodrich#, R. Forster#
<u>Forster's Tern:</u>				
31	P. I.		1	G. Soucy#
<u>Common Tern:</u>				
5, 12	P. I.		40+, 75	BBC (R. Heil), BBC (G. Soucy)
31	Monomoy		1000+	R. Stymeist#
<u>Arctic Tern:</u>				
7, 20	Monomoy		275, 2	R. Forster#, W. Bailey#
24	P. I.		1	W. Petersen, R. Forster
<u>Roseate Tern:</u>				
19, 25	Plymouth, P. I.		4, 4	M. Bates#, W. Petersen
31	Monomoy, E. Boston		25, 2	R. Stymeist, S. Zende
<u>Least Tern:</u>				
12, 25	P. I., E. Boston		18, 2	BBC (G. Soucy), S. Zende
<u>Royal Tern:</u>				
thr.; 11	P. I.; Dartmouth		1; 1	v.o.; J. Barton, A. Nickerson
16, 31	Monomoy, Naushon Island		1, 1	W. Bailey, T. Raymond
<u>Sandwich Tern:</u>				
11-28	Monomoy		1	R. Forster, I. Nisbet#
<u>Black Tern:</u>				
1, 20	P. I., Monomoy		1, 1	P. Parsons#, W. Bailey
25, 26-31, 31	Monomoy, Plymouth, P. I.		2, 1, 1	BBC (A. Clarke), M. Moore, G. Soucy
<u>Black Skimmer:</u>				
thr.; 11	Monomoy; Marion		2; 2	v.o.; R. Forster, I. Nisbet
<u>Black Guillemot:</u>				
16	Stellwagen Bank		2	L. Jodrey
<u>Black-billed Cuckoo:</u>				
3-30	6 localities		singles	v.o.
"last week in July"	Middleboro		3	D. Briggs, L. Pratt#
<u>Screech Owl:</u>				
10	Dover		1	F. Hamlen
<u>Great Horned Owl:</u>				
9-11	Weston		1 yg.	L. Robinson
<u>Barred Owl:</u>				
15, 24	Weston		1 yg., 1 ad.	J. Hines, L. Robinson
<u>Chimney Swift:</u>				
4	Framingham		82	E. Taylor
<u>Ruby-throated Hummingbird:</u>				
12-17, 23-30	Nantucket, Sherborn		1, 1	C. Jackson, J. Willison
<u>Eastern Kingbird:</u>				
19, 26	P. I.		90, 57	BBC (L. Jodrey), BBC (H. Weissberg)
<u>Willow Flycatcher:</u>				
9 on, 25	Bolton, W. Newbury		4 prs., 3	J. Clancy#, W. Petersen
<u>Eastern Wood Pewee:</u>				
thr.	Sherborn, Weston		3, 2 ad. & 2 yg.	E. Taylor, L. Robinson
<u>Tree Swallow:</u>				
15, 26	Bolton, P. I.		450, 370	J. Clancy, BBC (H. Weissberg)
<u>Bank Swallow:</u>				
10, 14	Bolton, Rowley		125 prs., 120	J. Clancy, E. Taylor
19	P. I.		60	BBC (L. Jodrey)
<u>Rough-winged Swallow:</u>				
15	Scituate		250	M. Moore
<u>Barn Swallow:</u>				
26	P. I.		260	BBC (H. Weissberg)
<u>Cliff Swallow:</u>				
22	Princeton		20	E. Taylor
<u>Purple Martin:</u>				
26	P. I.		85	BBC (H. Weissberg)

Fish Crow:			
18	Abington	2	W.Petersen
Red-breasted Nuthatch:			
5	Weston	2 ad. & 2 yg.	L.Robinson
Brown Creeper:			
9	Weston	1	L.Robinson
Carolina Wren:			
thr.	S.Dartmouth	4+	A.Nickerson#
Winter Wren:			
thr.	5 localities	singles	v.o.
Long-billed Marsh Wren:			
12,17	P.I.,Concord	9,20	BBC(G.Soucy),BBC(R.Clayton)
Hermit Thrush:			
thr.,3	Sherborn,Westwood	6,4	E.Taylor,J.Clancy
Eastern Bluebird:			
thr.	Annisquam	1 pr. & 3 yg.	H.Wiggin
11,22	Leominster,Sherborn	1,1	H.Merriman,J.Willison
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:			
12	Falmouth	1 pr.	P.Garrey#
White-eyed Vireo:			
3	Ipswich	1 carrying food	J.Berry
3;17	S.Dartmouth	2 ad.;1 ad.,1 imm.	A.Nickerson#
Blue-winged Warbler:			
23	S.Hanson	1	W.Petersen
"Brewster's" Warbler:			
2	Foxboro	1	W.Davis,Jr.
Black-throated Blue Warbler:			
22	Wachuset Meadows	1 m.	E.Taylor
Black-throated Green Warbler:			
10	Dover	1	F.Hamlen
Pine Warbler:			
10	Weston	2 ad. & 1 yg.	E.Taylor
Northern Waterthrush:			
thr.;25	Carlisle,Sharon;P.I.	1 dead,1;2	fide R.Forster,D.Clapp;R.Forster
Yellow-breasted Chat:			
1-27	S.Dartmouth	1+	A.Nickerson#
Wilson's Warbler:			
20 on	Middleboro,N.Middleboro	2,1	D.Briggs,C.Corwin
American Redstart:			
19	P.I.	2	BBC(L.Jodrey)
Bobolink:			
22	Princeton	75+	E.Taylor
Indigo Bunting:			
thr.,3,10	Sherborn,Lexington,Dover	10,3,3	E.Taylor,J.Luck,F.Hamlen
House Finch:			
22	Westwood	3	J.Clancy
Grasshopper Sparrow:			
12-17	Nantucket	2-3	C.Jackson
Sharp-tailed Sparrow:			
5,12-17	Newburyport,Nantucket	14+,25	R.Heil,C.Jackson
25-31	Monomoy	15	BBC(A.Clarke & R.Stymeist)
Seaside Sparrow:			
thr.	Barnstable	25+ prs.	R.Pease
7	Monomoy	2 ad. & 2 yg.	R.Forster#
11,14-25	S.Dartmouth,Newburyport	5,4	J.Barton#,R.Forster
Vesper Sparrow:			
11 on	Leominster	10	H.Merriman
Dark-eyed Junco:			
22	Princeton	20	E.Taylor