



## THE BREEDING SEASON JUNE—JULY 1980



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June temperatures averaged on the cool side with near normal rain and sunshine. The average temperature was  $66.3^{\circ}$ ,  $1.7^{\circ}$  below normal; the low mark was  $47^{\circ}$  on the 9th which tied the record set in 1905 as the all time low; the high mark was  $96^{\circ}$  on the 25th. This was the highest in Boston since  $99^{\circ}$  on July 23, 1978. Rain totaled 3.05 inches, 2.19 inches more than June 1980 and fog was frequent early in the month.

July was hot, sunny and dry. The temperature averaged  $75.8^{\circ}$ ,  $2.5^{\circ}$  above normal. This was the seventh hottest July in 110 years of record. The high mark was  $99^{\circ}$  on the 21st; the  $98^{\circ}$  on the 16th tied the record for that date set in 1968. In all, 10 days reached  $90^{\circ}$  or more, the most in July since 1963. The low temperature was  $57^{\circ}$  on the 1st and total rainfall was 2.20 inches. A major rainstorm involving a tropical depression brought 1.36 inches in less than 24 hours on the 29-30th. Many suburban areas received much more than this, especially in the Natick-Framingham area where some totals ranged from 3 to 5 inches. As most of the rain fell in a few hours, many communities experienced local flooding. Fog was fairly frequent.

In late July, thousands of menhaden were washing ashore on the beaches of Revere and Winthrop and littering the banks of the Merrimack River. The accumulation in Newburyport Harbor sent a strong odor of decay wafting inland. It presented a great attraction for gulls, however, with thousands present in the harbor for several weeks.

This was the fourth year of the Greater Boston Breeding Bird Census (GBBCC) and the second year of the Newburyport Breeding Bird Census (NBBC). In the following record summary will be found many records attributed to those counts. The areas covered are the same as in the annual Christmas Bird Count.

### LOONS THROUGH HERONS

A moderate concentration of tubenoses was noted in late July about 15-20 miles east of Chatham where much feeding activity on the part of the birds as well as the numerous whales in the area attest to a locally abundant food supply. Shearwater maximums of 30 Cory's, 5000+ Greater, 580 Sooty and 9 Manx, as well as 5 Leach's Storm-Petrels and 3800+ Wilson's Storm-Petrels, were estimated in the area. Two Audubon's Shearwaters were found in the warm Gulf Stream waters ca. 55 miles south of Nantucket on July 27. Continued MBO surveys have proved this species to be of regular occurrence in those waters in late summer and fall.

An investigation of three formerly active heronries, Dead Neck (Osterville), House I. (Manchester), and Big Ram I. (Westport), revealed a drastically reduced population of night herons and a total absence of nesting egrets or ibis at all three colonies (see table under gulls). Furthermore, no new colonies were found though Clark's I. (Duxbury) and Appledore I. (Isle of Shoals, Maine) were said to be active and healthy. Are egret and ibis populations on a downward trend locally? A roost count of 868 Snowy Egrets at P.I. on August 30 falls only slightly short of the 985 counted there on August 26, 1978 and is nonetheless impressive.

Common Loon:

6/5

Southboro Reservoir

1 br. pl.

W. Evill

<u>SPECIES/DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OBSERVERS</u>
Pied-billed Grebe:			
6/7,7/19	P.I., Lakeville	2+, 1 ad.	BBC, W.Petersen
Northern Fulmar:			
6/1	Pollock's Rip	11	BBC
Cory's Shearwater:			
7/14	8 mi. SW Gay Head (M.V.)	20	R.Heil
7/30	15-20 mi. E of Chatham	30	R.Heil
Greater Shearwater:			
6/1,7/12	Pollock's Rip, off Gloucester	2, 400	BBC, S.Garrett#
7/22	15 mi. E of Chatham	1750	P.Trull
7/30	15-20 mi. E of Chatham	5000+	R.Heil
7/31	Stellwagen Bank	300	J.Grugan
Sooty Shearwater:			
6/1,13	Pollock's Rip, Stellw. B.	40, 50	BBC, J.Aylward
7/12	off Gloucester	60	S.Garrett#
7/22	15 mi. E of Chatham	580	P.Trull
7/30	15-20 mi. E. of Chatham	150+	R.Heil
Manx Shearwater:			
7/12	off Gloucester	1	S.Garrett#
7/22	15 mi. E of Chatham	4	P.Trull
7/30	15-20 mi. E of Chatham	9	R.Heil
7/31	Stellwagen Bank	2-3	J.Grugan
Audubon's Shearwater:			
7/27	55 mi. S of Nantucket	2	R.Heil
Leach's Storm-Petrel:			
6/22	off Gloucester	1	E.Pyburn#
7/30	15-20 mi. E of Chatham	5	R.Heil
7/31	Stellw. B.	1	J.Grugan
Wilson's Storm-Petrel:			
6/1,22	Pollock's Rip, off Gloucester	150, 1000+	BBC, S.Garrett#
7/22	15 mi. E of Chatham	1100	P.Trull
7/30	15-20 mi. E of Chatham	3800+	R.Heil
Gannet:			
7/1	Brant Rock, Scituate	1 ad. caught alive	fide W.Petersen
Double-crested Cormorant:			
6/7,14	Monomoy, GBBBC	40, 340	SSBC, S.Zendeh#
7/5	Monomoy	200	W.Petersen#
Great Blue Heron:			
7/24	S.Hanson	5	W.Petersen
7/26,27	GMNWR, P.I.	14, 12	BBC
Green Heron:			
6/14,15	GBBBC, NBBC	11, 13	v.o.
7/21,24	Eastham, S.Hanson	15, 15	R.Forster, W.Petersen
Little Blue Heron:			
6/4,15	Chatham	1 ad.	B.Nikula#
7/4-7,19	P.I., Scituate	1 ad., 3 ad.+5 imm.	G.Gove, B.Cassie
7/20,26	Boston, Rowley	3, 1 ad.	TASL, J.Berry
Cattle Egret:			
6/5,11	Ipswich, Cohasset	10-12, 1	J.Berry, G.Wilson
6/30	Nantucket	1	M.Litchfield
Great Egret:			
6/9,12	P.I., Salem	1, 1	BBC, J.Berry
7/12,19	P.I., GMNWR	8, 2	R.Stymeist#
7/20,31	Boston, W.Duxbury	3, 3	TASL, B.Sorrie
Snowy Egret:			
6/2,7/19	P.I., Lakeville	47, 2	BBC, W.Petersen
7/26	GMNWR	2	BBC
7/30	P.I. dusk roost	868	R.Stymeist, R.Emery, D.Arvidson
Louisiana Heron:			
6/16,22	P.I., Nantucket	1, 1	BBC, R.Veit#
7/10,30	Monomoy, P.I.	1, 3	P.Trull#, R.Stymeist#
Black-crowned Night Heron:			
6/14	GBBBC	109	v.o.
7/12,21	GMNWR, Eastham	22, 58	BBC, R.Forster
Yellow-crowned Night Heron:			
6/30	P.I.	1	BBC
7/4,21	P'town, Eastham	1 ad., 3 imm.	W.Petersen#, R.Forster

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Least Bittern:			
June-July, 6/21	P.I., Wayland	max. 2, 1	v.o., R.Forster
6/28, 30	GMNWR, Nantucket	1, 1	BBC, N.Claflin
7/10, 24	Wayland, GMNWR	1, 1	R.Forster, B.Byrne
American Bittern:			
6/21	W.Newbury	1	H.Weissberg
7/6, 20	Bolton, Boston	1, 1	BBC, TASL
Glossy Ibis:			
6/15, 28	Topsfield, P.I.	6, 18	R.Heil#, BBC
7/4, 27	Monomoy, P.I.	11, <u>115</u>	v.o., D.+D.Oliver

#### WATERFOWL

A drake Eurasian Wigeon was a late visitor to Newburyport June 2-5 (there are two prior records: June 6, 1941 and June, 1960) as was a drake Harlequin Duck that apparently summered locally off Manchester with several White-winged Scoters. In July and August of 1974, an immature drake summered at Plymouth. R.S.H.

Gadwall:			
6/30	P.I.	25+	BBC
Green-winged Teal:			
6/18, 24	Millis, Naushon I.	pr., 1 m.	B.Cassie, B.Sorrie
6/28, 7/4	GMNWR, Mashpee	30, pr.	BBC, W.Petersen
Blue-winged Teal:			
6/15, 28	Newburyport, GMNWR	14, 8	v.o., BBC
Eurasian Wigeon:			
6/2-5	Newburyport Harbor	1 m. (from 5/31)	BBC (P.Arrigo)
American Wigeon:			
7/5	P.I.	2	R.Forster+K.Hamilton
Wood Duck:			
6/14, 15	GBBBC, IRWS	41, 30	v.o., R.Heil#
7/19	GMNWR	100	BBC
Oldsquaw:			
6/30	Chatham	4	v.o.
<u>Harlequin Duck:</u>			
6/23	Manchester	1 m.	H.Weissberg
Common Eider:			
6/19	Muskeget I.	20+ ad.m.	R.Heil+S.Perkins
White-winged Scoter:			
7/27	Scituate	2	W.Petersen#
Surf Scoter:			
7/20	Boston Harbor	1	TASL
Ruddy Duck:			
6/16	P.I.	5	BBC
Hooded Merganser:			
6/15	Topsfield	1 m. calling	R.Heil, B.Nikula#
Red-breasted Merganser:			
7/5, 26	P.I.	4, 8	R.Forster#, G.Gove#

#### VULTURES THROUGH RAILS

Statistically, May and June are the best months to watch for vagrant kites in Massachusetts. This season a Swallow-tailed Kite at Marion June 11 and another at Sandwich June 12 represent the fourth and fifth state records since 1973. A Mississippi Kite at Morris I., Chatham, was the second June record there in as many years:

Swallow-tailed Kite: (since 1973, BOEM)

May 6, 1973, South Westport

April 14 or 15, 1974, Braintree (specimen)

May 30, 1975, Orleans

Mississippi Kite:

May 23 - June 11, 1976, Eastham to Provincetown

June 1, 1979, Morris I., Chatham

The increase in extralimital kite records in recent years is perhaps best explained by a continued range expansion in the south (see Am. Birds: 33, No. 2, 119-129).

R.S.H.

<u>SPECIES/DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OBSERVERS</u>
Turkey Vulture: 7/5	S.Dartmouth	2	T.Raymond
<u>Black Vulture:</u> 6/8	P'town	1	S.Minsky
7/12	Norwell	1 ph.	fide W.Petersen
<u>Swallow-tailed Kite:</u> 6/11	Marion	1	P.Webber#
6/12	Sandwich	1	L.Files
<u>Mississippi Kite:</u> (details submitted) 6/25	Chatham (Morris I.)	1 (not aged)	R.Heil + P.Trull
Goshawk: 6/2-14	Framingham	pr. w/ 2 yg.(fl. 6/14)	R.Forster
Red-tailed Hawk: 6/15	NBBC	6	v.o.
Red-shouldered Hawk: 6/5,25	Rockport, Chatham	1, 1	R.Heil
6/7,8	Rowley, Bridgewater	1, 1	R.Campbell, W.Petersen
6/12-16,28	E.Middleboro, GMNWR	1-2, 1	K.Anderson, BBC
7/21	Medfield	1	R.Emery#
Bald Eagle: 6/13-14	Provincetown	2 imm.	fide R.Forster
6/30-7/18	Nantucket	1 imm.	N.Claflin#
Northern Harrier: 6/19,24-25	Muskeget I., Naushon I.	pr., 1 f.	R.Heil, B.Sorrie
7/27	P.I.	1	BBC
Osprey: 6/22,7/19	Lakeville	1-2	W.Petersen#
Peregrine Falcon: 6/5,16	Templeton	1, 1	J.O'Regan
Rallus sp.: 6/14-15	P.I.	1 Clapper call	G.Soucy
King Rail: 6/14-15,7/7	P.I.	1, 1	M.Lynch#, P.Parsons
Virginia Rail: 6/29	GMNWR	3 ad. 6 chicks	R.Stymeist
Common Gallinule: 7/27	GMNWR	10 (including yg.)	BBC
American Coot: 7/21	P.I.	25	BBC

#### SHOREBIRDS

Shorebird enthusiasts will long remember the summer of 1980 for the unprecedented appearance of two species of Palearctic stints. First, a Little Stint (Calidris minuta) was discovered and identified on Monomoy I., June 19, and was subsequently seen and photographed by numerous observers until June 25 documenting the fourth confirmed North American record and the first for the northeast. On June 24, a Rufous-necked Stint (Calidris ruficollis) in either winter or first summer plumage was found associating with the Little Stint at Monomoy constituting a first record for Massachusetts. A second Rufous-necked Stint, an adult in breeding plumage, was located at Third Cliff, Scituate, July 17, where it remained until July 22.

#### Rufous-necked Stint: (for Northeastern Maritime Region)

August 25, 1975, Guilford, Connecticut (Am. Birds: 30, p. 31)

July 16-21, 1977, Biddeford Pool, Maine (Am. Birds: 31, p. 1112)

#### Little Stint: (North America records)

June 10, 1975, Bermuda (photo - Am. Birds: 30, p. 918)

June 28, 1976, Barrow, Alaska (photo - Am. Birds: 30, p. 991)

July 10, 1979, James Bay, Ontario (specimen - Am. Birds: 34, p.157)

The appearance of both Rufous-necked Stint and Little Stint together seems to be highly coincidental and unrelated since the breeding and winter ranges as well as the migrational routes of the two stints are virtually disjunct from each other.

A male Wilson's Phalarope flushed from a nest with three eggs in the salt marsh at Monomoy on June 7 was the second Massachusetts and East Coast breeding record following closely on the heels of last summer's nesting record from Plum Island. R.S.H.

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American Oystercatcher:			
thr. June, 7/5	Monomoy	max. 14+, 23	B. Nikula#
6/18, 19	Nant. (Coatue), Muskeget I.	8, 8	R. Heil + S. Perkins
7/9, 26	Nant. (Eel Pt.), M.V.	12, 2	M. Litchfield, V. Laux#
<u>American Avocet:</u>			
7/26-30	P.I.	2 br. pl.	G. Gove#
Semipalmated Plover:			
6/30, 7/20	P.I., Boston Harbor	1, 71	BBC, TASL
Piping Plover:			
6/23, 7/5	Ipswich (Crane's B.), Monomoy	8, 25	J. Berry#, G. Gove
7/25, 28	Nauset I., Scituate	25, 16	R. Forster, W. Petersen#
Killdeer:			
6/28, 7/21	GMNWR, W. Newbury	30+, 40	BBC, R. Stymeist
American Golden Plover:			
6/14-15, 21	P.I.	1 br. pl.	J. Berry#
6/19-29	Monomoy	max. 2 (6/29)	B. Nikula#
Black-bellied Plover:			
6/2, 7	Newburyport, Monomoy	42, 50	BBC, SSBC
Ruddy Turnstone:			
6/7, 7/27	Monomoy, Scituate	25, 60	SSBC, W. Petersen
Common Snipe:			
7/14, 27	P.I., GMNWR	2, 1	BBC, R. Forster
Whimbrel:			
7/5, 6	Monomoy, Nantucket	28, 5	v.o., M. Litchfield
7/20, thr. June	Boston, 3 other locales	7, singles	TASL, v.o.
Upland Sandpiper			
6/15, 7/12	Newburyport	11, 13	NBBC, R. Stymeist#
7/14, 21	P.I.	1	BBC
Spotted Sandpiper:			
7/20	Boston Harbor	28	TASL
Solitary Sandpiper:			
7/26, 27	M.V., GMNWR	2, 11	V. Laux#, G. Gove
Willet:			
thr. June, 7/5	Monomoy	max. 10+, 20 (+ 1 chick)	v.o., W. Petersen + B. Nikula
thr. June, 7/7	P.I.	max. 4, 8	BBC
Greater Yellowlegs:			
6/12, 30	Nantucket, P.I.	2, 8	M. Litchfield#, BBC
7/20, 21	Boston Harbor, P.I.	111, 30	TASL, BBC
Lesser Yellowlegs:			
6/28, 7/5	P.I., Newbypt	12, 160	R. Stymeist#, R. Forster#
7/19, 27	Newbypt, GMNWR	270, 32	R. Stymeist, R. Forster#
Red Knot:			
6/7, 7/26	Monomoy, Nauset I.	75, 750	SSBC, P. Trull+B. Nikula
7/17, 23, 27	Scituate	150, 900, 2500	W. Petersen#
Pectoral Sandpiper:			
6/12, 30	Monomoy	2, 1	B. Nikula, W. Petersen
7/23, 27	Scituate, GMNWR	3, 23	W. Petersen, G. Gove
White-rumped Sandpiper:			
thr. June, 7/20	Monomoy, Boston Harbor	max. 23(6/6), 9	B. Nikula, TASL
<u>Rufous-necked Stint:</u>			
6/24-28	Monomoy (north end flats)	1	V. Laux, R. Veit#
7/17-22	Scituate (Third Cliff)	1 ad.	W. Petersen#
<u>Little Stint:</u>			
6/19-25	Monomoy (north end flats)	1 ph.	B. Nikula#
Least Sandpiper:			
7/27, 31	GMNWR, Scituate	75, 235	R. Forster, W. Petersen
Curlw Sandpiper:			
6/3	Nauset I.	1	B. Nikula+P. Trull
7/22	Scituate	1	B. Horn+R. Davis
Dunlin:			
6/2, thr. July	Newbypt, Scituate	29, 1	BBC, W. Petersen
Short-billed Dowitcher:			
6/30, 7/18	Monomoy	350, 2000	B. Nikula#
7/19, 20	Newbypt, Boston Harbor	395, 1116	R. Stymeist, TASL
Long-billed Dowitcher:			
7/27, 30	P.I.	1, 1	D.+O. Oliver, R. Stymeist

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Stilt Sandpiper:			
7/5,26-27	Monomoy, Dartmouth	1, 5	v.o., T.Raymond
7/12,30	P.I.	8, 23	R.Stymeist#
Semipalmated Sandpiper:			
6/2	P.I.	1297	BBC
7/20,23	Boston Harbor, Scituate	523 <sup>4</sup> , 1200	TASL, W.Petersen
Western Sandpiper:			
6/24	Monomoy	1 br. pl.	R.Heil#
7/17;20,31	Nauset; Scituate	2; 1 ad.	B.Nikula; W.Petersen
Marbled Godwit:			
6/12,7/10	Monomoy	1, 1	B.Nikula#
Hudsonian Godwit:			
6/25,29	Monomoy	1, 4	W.Bailey#
thr.July,13	Monomoy, P.I.	max.85(7/27), 15	v.o., R.Forster
7/20,23	E.Boston, Scituate	30, 100	TASL, W.Petersen
Ruff:			
6/6	Monomoy	1	C.Goodrich+W.Bailey
Wilson's Phalarope:			
thr.June	P.I., Monomoy	max.5, 2	v.o.
6/7	Monomoy	m. flushed from nest w/ 3 eggs	W.Petersen+SSEC
7/5,13	P.I.	1 m.	R.Forster
Northern Phalarope:			
7/31	Stellwagen	9	J.Grugan

#### JAEGERS THROUGH TERNS

A census of gulls and other colonial nesting waterbirds during June and July is summarized in the table below. Figures represent numbers of pairs. Note the high proportions of Great Black-backed Gulls at Nantucket and Muskeget, both relatively undisturbed areas that this species seems to prefer.

	Black-crowned Night Heron	Great Black- backed Gull	Herring Gull	Common Tern	Least Tern
June 18	2	550	850	0	possible
Coatue, Nant.					
June 19	-	600	200	0	possible
Muskeget I.					
June 23	25+	70	1300	50	70
Wood End, P'town					
June 24	23	7	75	65	35
Dead Neck, Osterville					
June 29	-	0	0	110	8
Snake I., Winthrop					
July 1	-	1	15+	185	0
Woodbridge I., Newbypt					
July 4	50+	80	400	-	-
House I., Manchester					
July 9	15+	0	0	-	-
Big Ram I., Westport					

Assemblages of 1350 non-breeding immature Ring-billed Gulls at Newburyport and 630 immature (including 9 dead) kittiwakes at Provincetown were impressive. Southern terns included a nearly breeding plumaged Sandwich Tern at Monomoy I. on June 6, twelve Royal Terns, and four Black Skimmers. R.S.H.

Pomarine Jaeger:				
7/12,30	off Gloucester, 15-20 mi. E. of Chatham	1, 1 sub-ad.	S.Garrett#, R.Heil	
Parasitic Jaeger:				
6/23,26	P'town, Monomoy	2, 1	R.Heil, D.Stemple	
<u>skua sp.:</u>				
7/27	Nant. Shoals	1	R.Heil	
Glaucous Gull:				
6/3	Nauset	1 imm.	P.Trull	
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull:</u>				
6/21	Nant. (Bel Point)	1 (2S)	R.Veit+M.Litchfield	
7/27	Scituate	1 (entering 2W)	W.Petersen, R.Veit#	

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Ring-billed Gull:			
6/8,7/5	Newbypt	1350 imm., 500	R.Heil, R.Forster
Black-headed Gull:			
6/3,29	Nauset, Winthrop(Snake I.)	1, 1 (both 1S)	P.Trull, R.Heil
Laughing Gull:			
thr.June	Monomoy	800 pr.	I.Nisbet
6/23	Provincetown, Nauset	150, 175+	R.Heil, B.Nikula
Little Gull:			
6/3,28;7	Nauset; Monomoy	1 (1S); 2 (1S)	B.Nikula#; SSBC
6/8,23,29	Newbypt, P'town, Winthrop	3, 1, 1 (all 1S)	R.Heil
7/5	P.I.(Stage I. Pool),Nauset	6, 1 (1S)	R.Forster#, B.Nikula#
Black-legged Kittiwake:			
6/7,23	Monomoy, P'town Harbor	10, 630 imm.(9 dead)	W.Petersen, R.Heil
7/25	Nauset I.	3	R.Forster
Forster's Tern:			
thr.June, thr.July	Monomoy	1, 1	B.Nikula#
7/5-26,7	Nauset, Yarmouth	1-2, 1	B.Nikula#, P.Trull
Arctic Tern:			
thr.June,5	Monomoy, Plymouth	200"portlandica", 6	R.Forster#, B.Sorrie
6/23,7/7	P'town, Yarmouth	15+"portlandica", 1	R.Heil, P.Trull
Roseate Tern:			
6/5,7/31	Plymouth, Scituate	15+, 50+	B.Sorrie#, W.Petersen
Least Tern:			
6/5,thr.June	Plymouth,Ipswich(Crane's)	25, 1 pr.	B.Sorrie#, J.Berry
Sandwich Tern:			
6/6	Monomoy	1 ad.(nearly br.pl.)	W.Petersen + SSBC
Royal Tern:			
6/18,23	Nant.(Coatue), P'town	4, 1	R.Heil
6/24,28	Monomoy	1, 1	V.Laux#, M.Lynch#
7/2,5	P.I., Monomoy	2, 1	R.Heil, S.Surner#
7/16,22	Nantucket	1, 1	M.Litchfield
Black Tern:			
6/2,7/5	Wachusett Res., Monomoy	1, 1	F.McMenemy, G.Gove
7/5,7	P'town, Yarmouth	1, 1	W.Petersen, P.Trull
Black Skimmer:			
6/23	Monomoy, Dennis	1-2, 1	W.Petersen#, R.Scott
7/14	Nauset	1	P.Trull

#### DOVES THROUGH WOODPECKERS

A White-winged Dove was seen at the WEWS, S. Wellfleet, July 2 and 4. A second sanctuary record, a White-winged Dove was encountered there on the same date (July 4) in 1974.

Following the observation of a Burrowing Owl on Plymouth Beach in May came sightings from the south end of Monomoy on June 6 and then from Katama, Martha's Vineyard, from July 12 on. That only one bird was involved would seem likely in light of the uni-directional movement of the sightings as well as the reasoning that Burrowing Owl is not a species one would expect to be displaced this far in numbers. Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers noted at Mt. Wachusett, Worcester County, this summer should be considered potential breeders there. R.S.H.

<u>White-winged Dove:</u>			
7/2,4	WBWS	1	W.Bailey
<u>Yellow-billed Cuckoo:</u>			
6/12,14	Milton (F.M.), GBBBC	8, 12	G.d'Entremont, v.o.
6/15,21	NBBC, Oxbow NWR	10, 4	v.o., R.Stymeist
7/6	Bolton	5 (1 nest)	M.Lynch#
<u>Black-billed Cuckoo:</u>			
6/12,14	Milton (F.M.), GBBBC	7, 12	G.d'Entremont, v.o.
6/15,21	NBBC, Oxbow NWR	12, 5	v.o., R.Stymeist
<u>Barn Owl:</u>			
thr.June,7/25	Somerville,Middleboro	pr., 1 yg.(oiled)	fide R.Forster,K.Anderson
<u>Burrowing Owl:</u>			
6/6	Monomoy (south end)	1	W.Bailey, C.Goodrich
7/12-22	Katama (M.V.)	1	V.Laux#

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Barred Owl:			
thr. June	Bridgewater	nesting pr.	W.Petersen
Short-eared Owl:			
thr. June	Monomoy (south end)	max. 6	C.Goodrich#
6/19	Muskeget I.	pr.	R.Heil#
Whip-poor-will:			
6/15	West Newbury	22	R.Stymeist + R.Veit
Common Nighthawk:			
7/13,21	Nantucket, Eastham	1, 2	M.Litchfield,R.Forster
Pileated Woodpecker:			
6/15	Topsfield (IRWS)	2	R.Heil#
Red-bellied Woodpecker:			
6/22	Middleboro	1	W.Petersen+K.Andersen
Red-headed Woodpecker:			
6/1	Chelmsford	1	J.Cook
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:			
7/4,6	Princeton (Mt.Wachusett)	1 ad., 1 imm.	D.Crompton#



Bald Eagle (immature) at Sicaonset, Nantucket, July 12, 1980  
 Photographed by Nan Jenks-Jay, Williamstown



FLYCATCHERS THROUGH SPARROWS

A total of 11 Yellow-bellied Flycatchers at Manomet this spring was 10 more than reported there last June. Only three Acadian Flycatchers were reported and were only seen once; none lingered as they did last year when 11 were noted. Blue Jays were reported migrating later in June with 100 flying north on June 28; more Red-breasted Nuthatches were noted this year than the last two. A Short-billed Marsh Wren\* built a nest in Framingham but was unable to attract a mate; another was found in Westboro in late July. (\*Sedge Wren in Peterson: A Field Guide to the Birds, 1980).

The highlight of the season was a Northern Wheatear at Newbury seen on two different occasions. Just last May one was reported from Cape Cod. The number of gnatcatchers was down from last year's reported high total.

The Prothonotary Warbler found in Needham in early May was still present through at least the 26th of June. Perhaps the highlight of the warblers was a Tennessee Warbler banded at Rockport in July. An immature Louisiana Waterthrush was banded on July 24 at Manomet, clearly one of the earliest migrants. R.H.S.

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Eastern Kingbird:			
6/9+7/21	Newbypt area, P.I.	300+, 60	BBC(Jodrey),BBC(Drummond)
6/14,15	Gr.Boston, Newbypt region	88, 73	GBBBC, NBBC
Great-crested Flycatcher:			
6/14,15	Gr.Boston, Newbypt region	43, 28	GBBBC, NBBC
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:			
6/3	MBO	11 b.	MBO staff
6/5,8	P.I.	2, 2	R.Sommers#,R.Heil
6/14	Woburn	1	E.Riggs
Acadian Flycatcher:			
6/1,15,21	P'town, P.I., Boxford	1, 1, 1	R.Vernon#,G.Soucy#,T.Leverich#
Willow Flycatcher:			
6/1,3	Eastham, MBO	2-3, 18 b.	R.Vernon#, MBO staff
6/12,15	Milton(FM), Newbypt region	5, 25	G.d'Entremont, NBBC
6/15,28	Framingham, GMNWR	4, 6	R.Forster, BBC
7/10,27	Wayland, Canton(FM)	5, 5	R.Forster, D.Brown#
Alder Flycatcher:			
6/6,8	W.Newbury, Eastham	1, 1	G.Soucy#, P.Hallowell
6/15,16+18	Newbypt region, Millis	4, 1	NBBC, B.Cassie
7/21	Canton(FM)	2	D.Brown#
Least Flycatcher:			
6/2-14	Wayland	1	R.Forster
	First in location in about 6 years.		
6/14,15	Cambridge, Topsfield	1, 6	L.Robinson, R.Heil#
Eastern Wood Pewee:			
6/15	Newbypt region	33	NBBC
Olive-sided Flycatcher:			
6/4,8	MBO, P.I.	1 b., 2	MBO staff, R.Heil
6/14	Middlesex Fells	1	GBBC (P.+J.Roberts)
Tree Swallow:			
6/16,7/7	P.I.	250, 500	BBC, BBC
Bank Swallow:			
thr June	Millis, Medfield	100+ pr., 100+ pr.	B.Cassie, H.Robbins
	Millis colony abandoned	nest site after erosion destroyed holes.	
Rough-winged Swallow:			
6/22,7/21	Manchester, Eastham	2 prs. nesting, 9	H.Weissberg, R.Forster
Cliff Swallow:			
July	P.I.	20 (including yg.)	H.Weissberg + v.o.
Purple Martin:			
6/9,7/21 on	P.I.	60, 120+	L.Jodrey#, W.Drummond#
6/12	Mashpee	5	W.Petersen
Blue Jay:			
6/28	Chatham	100 flying north	G.Gove, B.Schlinger
Fish Crow:			
6/14,7/1	Gr.Boston, Plymouth	6, 9	GBBC, B.Sorrie
Black-capped Chickadee:			
6/15	Newbypt region	90	NBBC

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Red-breasted Nuthatch:			
6/12,15	Annisquam, Newbypt region	1, 6	H.Wiggin, NBBC
6/20,22	Wareham, Lakeville	2, 2	B.Sorrie, W.Petersen#
7/14,17	Lincoln, Framingham	1, 1	R.Forster, R.Forster
7/29	Wayland	2 ad., 3 yg.	T.Hart
Brown Creeper:			
6/12,21	Mashpee, Ipswich	Pr. w/ yg., 6+(2 fam.)	W.Petersen, J.Berry
House Wren:			
6/14,15	Gr.Boston, W.Newbury	58, 30	GBBBC, NBBC(R.Stymeist)
Carolina Wren:			
6/23-25	Naushon I.	10+	B.Sorrie
7/25 on	Nantucket (town)	1	M.Litchfield
Long-billed Marsh Wren:			
6/15,28	Newbypt region, GMNWR	52, 15+	NBBC, BBC
7/19,27	GMNWR, P.I.	50, 10	BBC, BBC
<u>Short-billed Marsh Wren:</u> (Sedge Wren)			
6/7-22	Framingham	1 m.	R.Forster
7/26	Westboro	1	M.Lynch,S.Carroll+v.o.
Gray Catbird:			
6/14,15	Gr.Boston, Newbypt region	244, 180	GBBBC, NBBC
Brown Thrasher:			
6/14,15	Gr.Boston, Newbypt region	42, 12	GBBBC, NBBC
American Robin:			
6/14	Gr.Boston	523	GBBBC
Wood Thrush:			
6/14,15	Gr.Boston, Newbypt region	22, 43	GBBBC, NBBC
Hermit Thrush:			
6/14	Middlesex Fells, Medfield	1, 1	GBBBC(Roberts),H.Robbins
7/3, 6	E.Middleboro	1 singing	K.Anderson
Swainson's Thrush:			
6/9, 14	MBO, Gr.Boston	2 b, 2	MBO staff, GBBBC
Veery:			
6/15	Newbypt region	39	NBBC
Eastern Bluebird:			
6/5,20	Rockport, Jamaica Plain	2 b, 1	R.Norris, K.Tremblay
7/1-26	Annisquam	pr.	H.Wiggin
7/5+17	E.Middleboro	1 m., pr.w/1 yg.	K.Anderson
<u>Northern Wheatear:</u>			
6/6	Newbury	1	G.Soucy
	Presumably the same bird was reported at nearby Pine I. Rd. on the 5th or 6th. fide R.Forster		
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:			
6/2-5,2	Bridgewater, Braintree	pr., pr.	W.Petersen, R.Campbell#
6/15	Topsfield, Groveland	8(1 nest found), 1	R.Heil#, R.Stymeist#
6/22-7/19	Concord(GMNWR)	2	C.Turin#+v.o.
Cedar Waxwing:			
6/15	Newbypt region	70	NBBC
7/27	P.I., Canton(F.M.)	20, 85	BBC, BBC
White-eyed Vireo:			
early June	Plymouth	4 singing m.	MBO staff
6/15	Westport, W.Newbury	1, 1	J.Hays, R.Stymeist#
6/22+7/27	Hamilton	2	J.Berry
Yellow-throated Vireo:			
6/4,7+8	Concord, Wayland	1, 1	J.Kenneally, R.Forster
6/15	Topsfield, Andover(Harold Parker St. For.)	1, 1	R.Heil#, G.Soucy#
7/27	N.Andover	1	H.Weissberg
<u>Solitary Vireo:</u>			
6/2-14	Framingham	1	R.Forster
Red-eyed Vireo:			
6/14,15	Gr.Boston, Newbypt region	63, 88	GBBBC, NBBC
Warbling Vireo:			
6/14,15	Gr.Boston, Newbypt region	48, 20	GBBBC, NBBC
Black-and-white Warbler:			
thr.June	Millis	25+ pr.	B.Cassie
<u>Prothonotary Warbler:</u>			
6/1-26	Needham	1 (from 5/11)	J.Marshall

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Golden-winged Warbler:			
6/2,7	Framingham, Ipswich	1, 2	R.Forster, J.Berry
6/10,14	Bedford, Dover	1, 1	F.Bouchard, F.Hamlen
6/15	Newbypt region	9	NBBC
"Brewster's Warbler:"			
6/1-22,15	W.Newbury, Topsfield	1, 1	v.o., R.Heil#
Tennessee Warbler:			
7/24	Rockport	1 b	R.Norris
Nashville Warbler:			
6/15,21,22	W.Newbury,Middleboro,Ipswich	1, 1, pr.	R.Stymeist#,W.Petersen,J.Berry
7/1	Manomet	1	MBO staff
Northern Parula:			
6/21	W.Harwich	3 singing m.	J.Aylward
6/23+24	Naushon I.	2 m. on territory	B.Sorrie
Yellow Warbler:			
6/14,15	Gr.Boston, Newbypt area	180, 89	GBBEC, NBBC
6/28	Concord (GMNWR)	30+	BBC
Black-throated Blue Warbler:			
7/6	Princeton	1	D.+V.Crompton
Black-throated Green Warbler:			
6/9	Nantucket	1	M.Litchfield
Blackburnian Warbler:			
6/15,24+25	Newbypt region, MBO	2, 1	NBBC, MBO staff
Chestnut-sided Warbler:			
6/15	Newbypt region	30	NBBC
Blackpoll Warbler:			
6/2-5,19	Newton, MBO	1, 1 b	O.Komar, MBO staff
Pine Warbler:			
6/5,14	W.Newbury, Framingham	1, 1	L.Jodrey#, R.Forster
Prairie Warbler:			
6/14,15	Gr.Boston, Newbypt region	25, 15	GBBEC, NBBC
Ovenbird:			
6/15	Newbypt region	16	NBBC
Northern Waterthrush:			
thr.June,6/7	Millis, Ipswich	3 m., 1	B.Cassie, J.Berry
7/9	Lincoln	1 (window kill)	P.Swift
7/21,27	Eastham, Framingham	1, 1	R.Forster, R.Forster
Louisiana Waterthrush:			
6/15	Newbypt region	1	NBBC
7/24	Manomet	1 imm. b	MBO staff
Mourning Warbler:			
6/1-11,4	MBO, Rockport	22 b, 2 b	MBO staff, R.Norris
6/3-7,3	Salem, Lexington	1, 1	C.Blaszczak, E.Leyenaer
6/5+8	P.I.	3, 2	R.Sommers#, R.Heil
Common Yellowthroat:			
6/14,15	Gr.Boston, Newbypt region	100, 212	GBBEC, NBBC
Canada Warbler:			
6/8,15	Ipswich, Newbypt region	1, 7	J.Nove#, NBBC
Bobolink:			
thr.June	<u>Nantucket</u>	5+ pr.	M.Litchfield+v.o.
	Not known to nest on Nantucket.		
6/15	Newbypt region	114	NBBC
Red-winged Blackbird:			
6/14	Gr.Boston	673	GBBEC
Orchard Oriole:			
6/2 on,5	Wayland, Duxbury	2 pr., 1	R.Forster, B.Sorrie
6/7-15,8-14	Sudbury, Framingham	2 imm., 1 ad.m.	R.Forster, R.Forster
6/14,15	Gr.Boston, W.Newbury	10 pr., 2	GBBEC, R.Stymeist#
7/10-22	Manomet	10 b (6 imm.)	MBO staff
7/27	Concord	1	R.Forster
Northern Oriole:			
6/14,15	Gr.Boston, Newbypt region	197, 59	GBBEC, NBBC
Common Grackle:			
late June	Millis	300+ in evening flights	B.Cassie
Scarlet Tanager:			
thr.June	Millis	9 pr.	B.Cassie

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6/14,15	Gr.Boston, Newbypt region	21, 36	GBBEC, NBBC
6/19	Nantucket (does not breed here)	1	M.Litchfield
Rose-breasted Grosbeak:			
6/14,15	Gr.Boston, Newbypt region	29, 28	GBBEC, NBBC
7/27	Canton(FM)	14	BBC(D.Brown)
Indigo Bunting:			
6/14,15	Gr.Boston, Newbypt region	49, 12	GBBEC, NBBC
Purple Finch:			
6/9,15	P.I., Newbypt region	10, 14	L.Jodrey#, NBBC
American Goldfinch:			
6/15,28	Newbypt region, GMNWR	51, 25	NBBC, BBC
7/19,27	GMNWR, Canton(FM)	40, 27	BBC, BBC
Grasshopper Sparrow:			
thr.June-7/13	Medfield	1-3	H.Robbins+v.o.
6/19,23-25	M.V.(Katama), Naushon I.	6, 40+	R.Forster#, B.Sorrie
Sharp-tailed Sparrow			
6/7,15	Monomoy, S.Dartmouth	8, 15	SSBC, J.Hoye
6/15,19	Newbypt area, Muskeget I.	7, 15	NBBC, R.Heil
7/5,20	P.I., E.Boston	15, 4	R.Forster, R.Stymeist#
Seaside Sparrow:			
6/7,15	Monomoy, S.Dartmouth	4, 2	G.Gove#, J.Hoye
Vesper Sparrow:			
6/30,7/1	P.I., Plymouth	1, 2-3	R.Heil, B.Sorrie
7/21	S.Wellfleet(Marconi)	9	R.Forster
Field Sparrow:			
6/14	Gr.Boston	19	GBBEC
White-throated Sparrow:			
6/6	MBO	1 b	MBO staff
Lincoln's Sparrow:			
6/9	MBO	1 b	MBO staff
Swamp Sparrow:			
6/12,28	Canton(FM), GMNWR	20+, 20	G.d'Entremont, BBC
Song Sparrow:			
6/14	Gr.Boston	293	GBBEC

List of Abbreviations

ad.	adult	I.	Island
b	banded	M.V.	Martha's Vineyard
br.	breeding	Mt.A.	Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge
dk.	dark phase	Nant.	Nantucket
f.	female	Newbypt	Newburyport
fl.	ledge	ONWR	Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge
imm.	immature	P.I.	Plum Island
ind.	individual	P'town	Provincetown
lt.	light phase	R.P.	Race Point, Provincetown
m.	male	S.N.	Sandy Neck, Barnstable
max.	maximum	Stellw. B.	Stellwagen Bank
migr.	migrating	ABC	Allen Bird Club
ph.	photographed	BEC	Brookline Bird Club
pl.	plumage	BOEM	Bird Observer of Eastern Massachusetts
pr.	pair	CBC	Christmas Bird Count
thr.	throughout	DFWS	Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary
v.o.	various observers	FBC	Forbush Bird Club
W	winter (e.g., 2W = second winter)	GBBEC	Gr.Boston Breeding Bird Census
w/	with	GMNWR	Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge
yg.	young	IRWS	Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary
#	additional observers	MAS	Massachusetts Audubon Society
A.A.	Arnold Arboretum	MBO	Manomet Bird Observatory
A.P.	Andrews Point, Rockport	MNWS	Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary
C.Cod	Cape Cod	NBBC	Newburyport Breeding Bird Census
E.P.	Eastern Point, Gloucester	SSBC	South Shore Bird Club
F.E.	First Encounter Beach, Eastham	TASL	Take A Second Look
F.H.	Fort Hill, Eastham	WBWS	Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
F.M.	Fowl Meadow, Milton	WMWS	Wachusett Meadows Wildlife Sanctuary
Gr.	greater as in Gr. Boston area	*	Boston Harbor project sponsored by BOEM