

Field Records:

May 1981



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The merry month of May 1981 was warm, sunny and dry. The temperature averaged 60.4°, 1.8° above normal and 1.0° warmer than May 1980. The maximum for the month was 91° on the 25th, equaling the record for that day set in 1932. The low was 40° on the 7th. This year's first day of 80° or over did not come until the 24th, 18 days later than average.

Rain totaled only 1.17 inches, 2.30 inches less than normal. This was the driest May since 1965 and the thirteenth driest in 111 years. The weather was not the best for migrants; most observers reported only 2 or 3 wave days. Winds were from the southwest on the 14th, 25th, 27th, 28th, and 30th; from the southeast on the 1st, 8th through 11th, and on the 21st; and from the south on the 12th, 15th, 20th, and 29th.

LOONS THROUGH HERONS

Common Loons were observed migrating throughout the month with at least 150 reported as late as the 24th of the month; interesting however was the small number of Red-throated Loons migrating compared with previous spring migrations. The absence of reports of Pied-billed Grebe was startling. Only one record from Wayland was reported with none noted from Plum Island or Great Meadows where they are usually found breeding. Is this species a candidate for Blue-listing as a breeder?

A Cory's Shearwater seen off Muskeget Island on May 31 was unusually early for this species while Greater and Sooty shearwaters were observed in usual numbers throughout the month. A Leach's Storm-Petrel was picked up dead in Chatham, and two others were noted at Stellwagen Bank and Nantucket Sound. Gannets were migrating past Muskeget in great numbers; over 3250 were observed with 1500+ on May 10. Great Cormorants were found lingering in N. Scituate, Plymouth, and Muskeget.

Reports of low numbers of most of our heron species, especially Green Heron and Cattle Egret, are cause for concern whereas reports of the night herons seem encouraging. A Great Egret carrying a stick to Spectacle Island in Boston Harbor was suspected of nesting there. This would be the first such nesting in Boston Harbor; unfortunately word has spread that Spectacle Island may be the next island to be developed in the Boston Harbor Island Park! R.H.S.

<u>SPECIES/DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OBSERVERS</u>
Common Loon:			
6-12	Muskeget I.	49 migr. max.15+ 5/6	R.Heil
18-31	Muskeget I.	88 migr. max.88 5/21	R.Heil
9,24	S.Natick, Barnstable	7 migr., 150 migr.	R.Forster, J.Aylward
Red-throated Loon:			
6-12,22-25	Muskeget I., M.V.	6 migr., 4	R.Heil, BBC
27	Lynn	2	D.Arvidson#
Horned Grebe:			
23	P.I.	1	R.Stymeist#
Pied-billed Grebe:			
23	Wayland (Heard's Pond)	1	R.Forster
Northern Fulmar:			
23,24	Stellwagen Bank	1, 1	B.Nikula,K.Anderson
31	off Monomoy	1	BBC(D'Entremont)
Cory's Shearwater: (well described, good details on file)			
31	Muskeget I.	1	R.Heil
Greater Shearwater:			
29,31	Muskeget I., off Monomoy	30+, 19	R.Heil#, BBC(D'Entremont)

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<u>Sooty Shearwater:</u>			
19,24	Stellwagen Bank	4, 6	W.Petersen, K.Anderson
21 on	Muskeget I.	max.50+ 5/29	R.Heil
31	off Monomoy	25	BBC (D'Entremont)
<u>Manx Shearwater:</u>			
2,4	Manomet Point	1, 1	fide K.Anderson
<u>Leach's Storm-Petrel:</u>			
10,17	Stellwagen B., Nant.Sound	1, 1	W.Petersen#,R.Heil
30	Chatham(Pleasant Bay)	1 found dead	W.Petersen#
<u>Wilson's Storm-Petrel:</u>			
14,30	off Chatham, off Monomoy	25, 170+	P.Trull, BBC
<u>Gannet:</u>			
6-12,18-31	Muskeget I.	2950+(max.1500+ 5/10), 300+	R.Heil
3,16	Yarmouth, P.I.	120, 6	J.Aylward, BBC
<u>Great Cormorant:</u>			
9,10	N.Scituate, Plymouth	5+, 1 imm.	W.Petersen#
21,25	Muskeget	2 imm., 1 imm.	R.Heil#
<u>Double-crested Cormorant:</u>			
25	E.Middleboro, Nahant	100 migr., 1100+	K.Anderson, R.Stymesit#
<u>Great Blue Heron:</u>			
thr.	Westboro	nesting colony	v.o.
thr.	P.I.	max. 6 5/2	v.o.
<u>Green Heron:</u>			
thr.	Very few reports of this species with no significant numbers.		
<u>Little Blue Heron:</u>			
2,16	Nahant, Manchester	1, 2	W.Foley#, G.Hotz#
17	Marshfield, Ipswich River	1, 1	SSBC, BBC
27	Lincoln (DFWS)	1 ad.	R.Forster
<u>Cattle Egret:</u>			
thr.	Ipswich (Maplecroft)	max. 6	v.o.
14-15,17	Brewster, Topsfield	1, 2	fide S.Reynolds,H.Wiggin#
17,28	Marshfield, Berkley	3, 1	SSBC, J.Murray
<u>Great Egret:</u>			
25	Boston (Spectacle I.)	1 carrying stick	W.Petersen
	This will be the first nesting in Boston Harbor!		
thr.	Very few others reported; 1-2 always seem to be present in the Squantum area and 1-2 on P.I.		
<u>Snowy Egret:</u>			
22-25	M.V.	125	BBC (W.Drummond)
25,30	P.I., Plymouth	350 (roost), 13	R.Stymeist#, BBC
<u>Louisiana Heron:</u>			
17	P.I.	1	G.Gove, B.Schlinger
<u>Black-crowned Night Heron:</u>			
2,25	P.I.	30, 40	P.Alden#, G.Gove#
9,30	Plymouth	13, 15	R.Timerlake#, BBC
16,22-25	Watertown, M.V.	16, 225	R.Stymeist, BBC(W.Drummond)
<u>Yellow-crowned Night Heron:</u>			
16,18	P.I., E.Sandwich	6, 1	BBC(W.Drummond),J.Reinhager
<u>Least Bittern:</u>			
4,19	WBWS, GMNWR	1, 1	W.Bailey#, B.Porter
23,29+31	Marshfield, P.I.	1, 1+ 1	W.Petersen#,D.Crompton#+P.Alden
<u>American Bittern:</u>			
1,2,9	Dover, Marblehead,W.Newbury	1, 1, 1	F.Hamlen,W.Foley#,P.Parsons#
15,16,25	Wayland	1, 2, 3	H.Parker,R.Forster,E.Morrier
17,19,26	P.I.,W.Newbury,Hingham	2, 1, 1	H.Coolidge#,J.Nove#,R.Fox
<u>Glossy Ibis:</u>			
1,3-14	Revere, M.V.	25-30, max. 8	J.Berry, V.Laux#
10,16	Ipswich,Squantum	16,10+	J.Berry, SSBC
23+25,26	P.I., Marblehead	17+27, 8	T.Leverich#+R.Stymeist#,BBC

WATERFOWL

Certainly the highlight of the month was an adult White-fronted Goose found May 2 on Plum Island where it remained until the 7th. There are four white-fronted subspecies; the only well-differentiated and easily definable population consists of the birds that breed in a portion of western Greenland and winter mainly in Ireland (Anser albifrons flavirostris). Many observers mentioned that the Plum Island bird was of the Flavirostris subspecies. The Greenland birds are smaller and their general coloration is dark and slaty. There have been more white-fronted records for eastern North America including three banded individuals recovered; some of these records are very likely of

this subspecies.

Gadwalls continue to increase their range and were noted on the south shore where they are rare during the breeding season. An adult male European Wigeon was found with an American Wigeon on the late date of May 23 on Plum Island where it continued through the 31st. An adult male was found last year on the 31st in Newburyport Harbor. Other highlights included a late King Eider on the 30th and as many as 250+ White-winged Scoters off Nahant late in the month.

There were few reports of our breeding ducks with the possible exception of Wood Duck and Northern Shoveler; perhaps we all should make a special effort in the future to census these birds on a more regular basis. R.H.S.

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Mute Swan:			
thr.	Ipswich, Manchester	pr., pr.	v.o.
9,10,22-25	Plymouth, Acoaxet, M.V.	20, 88, 15	BBC,D.Davis#,BBC
Canada Goose:			
thr.	Muskeget I.	12+ prs. nesting	R.Heil
3	Wayland	75 migr.	R.Forster
Brant:			
1-25	Newburyport	2000-40	v.o.
9,30	Plymouth	70, 22	BBC(Timberlake),BBC(D'Entremont)
16,22-25	Squantum, M.V.	5, 1	SSBC, BBC
<u>White-fronted Goose:</u>			
2-7	P.I.	1 ad.	J.Berry + v.o.
	Excellent details on file; no known escape.		
Snow Goose:			
2	P.I.	1 imm.	J.Berry + v.o.
Gadwall: Not many reported.			
thr.	P.I. area	6-8	v.o.
6,31	W.Harwich	3, 1	B.Nikula#
22,23	M.V., <u>Plymouth</u> (rare)	2, 1	BBC, W.Petersen
Pintail:			
thr.	P.I.-Ipswich area	Very few noted.	v.o.
22-25	M.V.	3	BBC (Drummond)
Green-winged Teal:			
2,10,31	P.I., Wayland, W.Harwich	26, 2, 4	BBC, E.Morrier, B.Nikula#
Blue-winged Teal:			
2+16	P.I.	12, 6	BBC
16	Wayland	6	R.Forster
<u>European Wigeon:</u>			
23-31	P.I. (Stage I. Pool)	1 ad.	v.o.
American Wigeon:			
11,23-31	Belmont, P.I.	4, 1	R.Stymeist, v.o.
Northern Shoveler:			
thr.	P.I. At least 2 pr. noted most of month.		v.o.
20	Medford	pr.	C.Jackson
Wood Duck:			
7	Wayland, Hyannis	4, 3	E.Morrier, J.Aylward
9,16	Plymouth, Waltham	12, f w/ 10 yg	BBC, R.Stymeist#
24,30	E.Middleboro, GMNWR	f w/ 9 yg, f w/ 9 yg	K.Anderson, A.+N.Clayton
Greater Scaup:			
2,23-25	Newburyport	20, 1	BBC, G.Gove#
<u>Lesser Scaup:</u>			
	Well described; seen in flight.		
3	Nantucket	pr.	R.Heil
Common Goldeneye:			
3	Gloucester (E.P.)	1	BBC(J.Nove)
Bufflehead:			
3	Gloucester (E.P.)	22	BBC(J.Nove)
Oldsquaw:			
1-25	Newburyport	400+-8	v.o.
Common Eider:			
3,23	Gloucester, N.Scituate	2,250	BBC,W.Petersen#
22-25,31	M.V., off Monomoy	7, 15	BBC, BBC
<u>King Eider:</u>			
30	P.I.	1 imm. m.	G.Gove
White-winged Scoter:			
6-12,18-25	Muskeget I.	155 migr., 49 migr.	R.Heil
16,22-25	Wollaston, M.V.	12, 25	SSBC, BBC
25,30	Lynn, Plymouth	<u>250+</u> , 38	R.Stymeist#,H.D'Entremont#

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Surf Scoter: 2,30	P.I., Plymouth	1, 8	BBC, H.D'Entremont#
Black Scoter: 17,25,30	Nahant, Lynn, Plymouth	2, 1, 2	H.Coolidge#, T.Lawrence#, BBC
Ruddy Duck: thr.	P.I.	3-4 pr.	v.o.
Common Merganser: 9,17	Newbypt, Ipswich	1, 1	G.d'Entremont#, I.Giriunas#
Red-breasted Merganser: 2,16	P.I.	75, 26	BBC, BBC
12,16	Manchester, Squantum	2, 8	BBC, SSBC

RAPTORS THROUGH RAILS

Turkey Vultures were reported throughout eastern Massachusetts during the month although not in the numbers of the last two years. Goshawks were reported nesting in four locations and one pair in Framingham successfully fledged three young. Interesting was the report of a Sharp-shinned Hawk carrying food in Middleboro. A Rough-legged Hawk was carefully described on the very late date of May 3 at Newburyport. This species usually has completed migration through Massachusetts by early April. Other highlights included a single immature Bald Eagle and two Peregrine Falcons. The results of the Eastern Massachusetts Hawk Watch were not available for inclusion in this report.

A Bobwhite in Brookline was unusual near heavily populated Beacon Street. The only King Rail reported was in the usual Lynnfield marsh location while only two American Coot could be found on Plum Island. Even more unusual was the number of Common Gallinules noted during the month, a slim six! R.H.S.

Turkey Vulture:

7,9+10	Canton, P'town	1, 2 + 5	T.Davis, B.Nikula
9,17	Chatham, Mt.A.	4, 1	B.Nikula, L.Taylor#
17,18	Framingham, Harwich	1, 3	R.Forster
19,23-31	W.Newbury, Sherborn	1, 2	BBC, K.Winkler + E.Taylor

Goshawk:

thr.	Boxford State Forest	2 pr. nesting	v.o.
3-31	Framingham	pr. nesting w/ 3 yg.	R.Forster
8	Holliston, Winchester	pr. nesting, 1 imm.	B.Dixon, G.Gove
24	Westminster	1 ad.	D.Crompton

Sharp-shinned Hawk:

2+3,9	Mt.A., Newton	1 + 1, 1'	BBC, O.+N.Komar
16+23	E.Middleboro	1 + 1 w/ food	W.Petersen, K.Anderson
23,26	P.I., Marblehead	1, 1	H.Weissberg#, J.Nove#

Cooper's Hawk:

28	Muskeget I.	1 imm.	R.Heil
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Red-tailed Hawk:

10+11	Muskeget I.	1 w/ falconer's jesses	R.Heil
24,31	Ipswich	nest w/ 3 yg.	J.Berry

Red-shouldered Hawk:

thr.	Boxford State Forest	at least 2 pr. nesting	v.o.
17	E.Middleboro, Ipswich	1, 3	K.Anderson, I.Giriunas#
18,31	Sandwich, Kingston	1, 2	J.Aylward, B.Sorrie

Broad-winged Hawk:

thr. Just a few reports of 1-2 individuals throughout our area.

Rough-legged Hawk: (Convincing details on this report.)

3	Newbypt	1 lt. phase	J.Berry
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Bald Eagle:

6,7	Plymouth, MBO	1 imm.	MBO staff
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Northern Harrier:

thr.	Muskeget	1 m. prd. w/ 2 f (2 nests found)	R.Heil
2,3	P.I.; Saugus, Framingham	3; 1, 1	BBC; BBC, R.Forster
3,9	Newbypt	2-3	J.Berry, SSBC

Osprey:

10,22-25	Westport, M.V.	12, 8	BBC, BBC
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Peregrine Falcon:

19,23	Squantum, Monomoy	1, 1	D.Brown#, I.Nisbet#
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Merlin:

2,3	P.I., Newbypt	1, 1	BBC, J.Berry
7,16	MBO, P.I.	3, 1	MBO, BBC

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American Kestrel:			
thr.	Only 11 individuals reported all month!		
Ruffed Grouse:			
2+9,10	Boxford, Sharon	1 + 1, 2	BBC, D.Clapp
Bobwhite:			
9+10,28	Newton, <u>Brookline</u>	1, 1	O.+N.Komar, D.Arvidson
King Rail:			
17	Lynnfield	1	H.Wiggin# + v.o.
Virginia Rail:			
3,16	Saugus, GMNWR	2, 3	C.Jackson, E.Bolton#
12,17,23	Lynnfield	20, 20, 12	W.VanCor#, H.Wiggin#, G.Gove#
Sora:			
3,12	Framingham, Lynnfield	1, 4	E.Morrier, W.VanCor#
25,30	Wayland, GMNWR	1, 2	E.Morrier, A.+ N.Clayton
Common Gallinule:			
3 on	Wayland	1	R.Forster
	Very few reports of this species; only 5 others reported!		
American Coot:			
thr.	P.I. Only 2 reported from this area		v.o.

SHOREBIRDS THROUGH ALCIDS

Oystercatchers were reported from their usual cape and island locations and, in addition, one was seen in Quincy at the time when a Curlew Sandpiper was also observed there. Another oystercatcher was seen in Newburyport Harbor on Woodbridge Island on the 17th, one day after the first Quincy report. It is interesting to note that in Griscom's and Bailey's reports of records of Massachusetts birds all reports of this species prior to 1955 were from Boston south although they were said to have formerly bred north to Maine.

Piping Plovers were reported on May 2 from Plum Island and the numbers reported were low. Two Golden Plovers were reported from Squantum and Black-bellieds were moving through all month. A total of only nine Whimbrel was reported. Upland Sandpipers were observed in several locations, including two inland areas, and Willets returned to several locations in good numbers. Individual Red Knot were reported toward the end of the month and a small group was seen on Monomoy on the 30th. Purple Sandpipers were last reported on the 27th. The unprecedented numbers of Pectoral Sandpipers of April dwindled, with the latest reports in mid-month. The "peep" sandpipers peaked during the second and third weeks and a Western was observed in a flock of 2000 Semipalmateds on Monomoy. Ruffs and Reeves made an impressive show in the Newburyport area this spring with probably eight individuals being observed and a Reeve was observed in Squantum. A pair of Wilson's Phalarope was present at Plum Island from the 9th on.

Pomarine and Parasitic jaegers were reported from Muskeget where a hybrid Great Black-backed x Herring gull was observed and photographed. A Franklin's Gull was observed 10 miles east of Boston. The Laughing Gull colony was present at Monomoy by the 11th with 700 birds reported and terns had arrived by that date also. Individual Royal Terns were reported from four locations and three individual Sandwich Terns were also observed with the sighting at Muskeget on the 27th being the earliest May record. Five Caspian Terns were reported from three locations. A Common Puffin was reported from Stellwagen Bank on the first. G.W.G.

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American Oystercatcher:			
thr.	Muskeget, Monomoy	4 pr., max. 10	R.Heil, B.Nikula#
16,22	Squantum, Quincy	1, 1	SSBC, P.Kenney
17,30	<u>Newbypt.</u> , Nauset	1, 7	G.Gove#, P.Trull
22-25	M.V.	5	BBC
Semipalmated Plover:			
15,25	Newbypt	50, 150	R.Heil, G.Gove#
16,17,30	Squantum, Nahant, Monomoy	40, 36, 5	SSBC, H.Coolidge#, SSBC
Piping Plover:			
thr.	P.I.	max. 2	v.o.
10,19	Dartmouth, Muskeget	1, 2 pr.	BBC, R.Heil
22-25,30	M.V., Monomoy	7, 2	BBC, SSBC
23-30,23	Plymouth, Marshfield	2 pr., 1	BBC + SSBC, SSBC
24	Ipswich	3	J.Berry#

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Killdeer:			
2,3	Newbypt, Gloucester	2, 1	BBC
9-16,9	P.I., Plymouth	max. 6, 2	BBC
12,17	Manchester;Ipswich,Marshfield	1; 1, 2	BBC; BBC, SSBC
Golden Plover:			
23	Squantum	2	SSBC(W.Harrington)
Black-bellied Plover:			
2,15,19,23	Newbypt	10, 1300, 300+	1500 BBC,R.Heil,BBC,BBC
9,10,16	Plymouth,Dartmouth,Squantum	6, 4, 60	BBC, BBC, SSBC
24,25	Ipswich, P.I.	50+, 1100+	J.Berry, R.Stymeist#
21,25;30	Monomoy	max. 1500 5/21	B.Nikula; SSBC
30	Plymouth	100	BBC
Ruddy Turnstone:			
16,17	Squantum, Newbypt	8, 1	SSBC, BBC
22-25	M.V.	20	BBC
30	Plymouth, Monomoy	40, 150	BBC, SSBC
Woodcock:			
9,10,23	Plymouth,Wayland,Ipswich	1, 1, 3	BBC, E.Morrier, J.Berry
Common Snipe:			
6	Whitman	5	W.Petersen
Whimbrel:			
9;11.30	Newbypt, Muskeget	2; 5, 2	G.Gove#; R.Heil
Upland Sandpiper:			
2,3;2	Newbury;Newbypt	max. 4; 7	v.o.; J.Berry
3-8	M.V.	max. 5	V.Laux
14;17;17-19	P'town;Marshfield;Newbypt	1; 1; 6, 2	B.Nikula;SSBC;R.Stymeist,BBC
1,9	Dover, Middleboro	1, 2	F.Hamlin, W.Petersen
Spotted Sandpiper:			
13-29	Cambridge	max. 4	v.o.
2,19	Newbypt, P.I.	1, 1	BBC
4,10	Melrose, Saugus	1, 2	C.Jackson, BBC
17	Marshfield, Ipswich	1, 1	SSBC, BBC
22-25	M.V.	1	BBC
23,24,25	Wenham,Annisquam,Squantum	9, 2, 1	J.Berry, H.Wiggin, BBC
30	Plymouth,GMNWR	3, 1	BBC
Solitary Sandpiper:			
2	Byfield	1	R.McHale
6;5,9	Cambridge;Melrose	1; 1, 2	v.o.; C.Jackson
16	Halifax, W.Bridgewater	1, 1	W.Petersen
17	Boston,Lynnfield,Marshfield	1, 1, 1	R.Stymeist#,H.Coolidge,SSBC
19,20,23	W.Newbury,Cambridge,Wenham	1, 1, 1	BBC, BBC, J.Berry
Willet:			
2-23	Newbypt-P.I.	max. 6	v.o.
30	Monomoy	max. 12	v.o.
7-31	Muskeget	max. 5 + 18 migr.	R.Heil
12,22-25	Yarmouth, M.V.	11, 5	J.Aylward, BBC
Greater Yellowlegs:			
2-19	Newbypt	max. 300 5/2	v.o.
LesserYellowlegs:			
2,16	P.I.	40, 2	BBC, SSBC
Red Knot:			
16,19	Squantum, MBO	1, 1 (first)	SSBC, MBO staff
22-25,24	M.V., Ipswich	1, 1	BBC, J.Berry#
30	Monomoy	15	SSBC
Purple Sandpiper:			
10;23	Acoaxet; N.Scituate, P.I.	31; 50, 18	BBC;W.Petersen#,O.+N.Komar
25,27	Lynn	70, 15	R.Stymeist#, D.Arvidson#
Pectoral Sandpiper:			
2-15	Newbypt	max. 100+	v.o.
10	Plymouth, Acoaxet	3, 1	W.Petersen, BBC
16	Essex, Squantum	5, 12	BBC, SSBC
White-rumped Sandpiper:			
9,15	Newbypt	12, 30	G.Gove#, R.Heil
21,30	Squantum, Monomoy	1, 1	S.Higginbotham, SSBC
Least Sandpiper:			
2-23	Newbypt-P.I.	max. 1500+ 5/15	R.Heil + v.o.
17,24;16	Ipswich;Squantum	max. 10; 20	v.o.; SSBC
22-25,30	M.V., Monomoy	5, 5	BBC, SSBC
Curlew Sandpiper:			
16-26	Squantum	1	SSBC (N.Osborne)

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Dunlin:			
2-23	Newbypt	max. 40	BBC
3,21-25;30	Monomoy	40, 2000; 8	B.Nikula; SSBC
10,16	Acoaxet, Squantum	12, 20	BBC, SSBC
Short-billed Dowitcher:			
16;16,19	Squantum;P.I., Newbypt	15; 2, 3	SSBC; BBC
24,30	Ipswich, Monomoy	33, 3	J.Berry#, SSBC
Semipalmated Sandpiper:			
3,15,16	Monomoy, Newbypt, Squantum	800, 2000, 10	B.Nikula; R.Heil, SSBC
21-25	Monomoy	max. 2000	B.Nikula
22-25,30	M.V., Monomoy	25, 700	BBC, SSBC
Western Sandpiper:			
25	Monomoy	1	B.Nikula
Ruff:			
15,16,23,25,28	Newbypt-P.I.	2 m., 1 m., 2 m., 2(m.+f.), 1 v.o.	
19	Squantum	1 f.	D.Brown
Sanderling:			
21,25,30	Monomoy	2000,1500,1000	B.Nikula
22-25	M.V.	12	BBC
Red Phalarope:			
23	Nauset	2	P.Trull
Wilson's Phalarope:			
9-31	P.I.	max. 2 (pr.)	v.o.
3,5	N.Scituate	1	B.Litchfield#
Northern Phalarope:			
10-24	Stellw.B.	max. 75	W.Petersen#
21	Monomoy	14	B.Nikula
19,24	Muskeget	55, 22	R.Heil
	Migrating flocks heading NE into Nantucket Sound.		
Pomarine Jaeger:			
28,29	Muskeget	3, 1	R.Heil
Parasitic Jaeger:			
10,19	Stellw. Bank	2, 4	W.Petersen#
9-28	Muskeget	total of 9	R.Heil
14	Chatham	1	P.Trull
Glaucous Gull:			
23,31	Plymouth, Monomoy	1, 1	SSBC, BBC
Iceland Gull:			
1,2	Manomet	1	v.o.
3	Gloucester, Nant.	3, 1 imm.	BBC, R.Heil
4	Sandwich	1	R.Forster
9,10,11	Muskeget, Stellw., Monomoy	1 imm., 1 imm., 1	R.Heil, W.Petersen#, P.Trull
Great Black-backed Gull x Herring Gull:			
	(Details and photo.)		
21-31	Muskeget	1	R.Heil + R.Forster
Black-headed Gull:			
16,17	P.I., Newbypt	1, 1	BBC, T.Leverich#
23	P'town	1	B.Nikula
Laughing Gull:			
11	Monomoy	700	P.Trull
17,30	P.I., Newbypt	1, 2	G.Gove#
thr.	Muskeget	max. 15 5/20	R.Heil
Franklin's Gull:			
25	10 mi. E of Boston	1 ad. (details)	W.Petersen
Bonaparte's Gull:			
2,16;23	Newbypt	80, 6; 30	BBC; T.Leverich
Little Gull:			
2,19,23	Newbypt, Muskeget, Scituate	2,3 imm., 1 ad.	v.o., R.Heil, SSBC
Black-legged Kittiwake:			
4,12	Sandwich, Nauset	1 imm., 5	RAF, P.Trull
19,25	Stellw. B.	4, 2	W.Petersen
30	Plymouth, Monomoy	1, 8	BBC, SSBC
Forster's Tern:			
16	Newbypt	1 W pl.	G.Gove#
Common Tern:			
3,4	Nantucket, Sandwich	450+, 40	R.Heil, R.Forster
9	Plymouth, Marblehead, P.I.	5, 4, 2	BBC, J.Grugan, BBC
10,11	Acoaxet, Monomoy	5, 1200	BBC, P.Trull
thr.	Muskeget	max. 600 5/19	R.Heil
30	Plymouth	1000	BBC

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Arctic Tern:			
10,23,30	Plymouth	4, 8; 6	W.Petersen#; BBC
20,31	Muskeget	1 ad., 1 portlandica	R.Heil
30	Monomoy	10	SSEC
Roseate Tern:			
thr.	Muskeget	max. 350 5/19	R.Heil
3,11	Nant., Monomoy	300, 350	R.Heil, P.Trull
10,22,30	Acoaxet, M.V., Plymouth	2, 20, 10	BBC
Least Tern:			
3,9	Nantucket, P.I.	3, 1	R.Heil, BBC
10,14	Acoaxet, Squantum	1, 1	BBC, v.o.
16,19	Squantum, Muskeget	6, 12	SSBC, R.Heil
22-25,30	M.V., Plymouth	17, 21	BBC
Royal Tern:			
17,31	M.V., Muskeget	1, 1	V.Laux, R.Heil
23,27	Chatham, Newbypt	1, 1	I.Nisbet#, J.Baird
Sandwich Tern:			
27	Muskeget	1 ad.	R.Heil
30	Plymouth	1 ad.	H.D'Entremont
Caspian Tern:			
5;6	P'town;W.Harwich,Manchester	3; 1, 1	S.Perkins#;R.Pyle#,P.Parsons
Black Tern:			
12,16,19	Nauset,Squantum,Plymouth	1, 1, 1	P.Trull,SSBC,W.Petersen
14,18	Stellw., Newbypt	1, 1	W.Petersen, R.Emery
Common Puffin:			
1	Stellwagen	3	R.Prescott

CUCKOOS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

The highlight of the month was the appearance of a Common Cuckoo (Cuculus canorus) on Martha's Vineyard May 3-4. This sighting constitutes the first North American record outside of Alaska although there is a record from Barbados in the West Indies. The bird was found in Vineyard Haven by Arnold Brown who alerted the local birders to the presence of this unusual bird in his yard. Manomet Bird Observatory netted and banded this one year old bird on May 4. The identification was made on measurements because of the necessity of distinguishing Cuculus canorus from the nearly identical C. saturatus, the Oriental Cuckoo. In the hand, the white area under the carpal joint is barred gray in Common Cuckoo but is mostly white in the Oriental Cuckoo. In Alaska there are twelve records of C. canorus through the spring of 1980 with nine from the western Aleutian Islands alone.

Also reported during the month were the usual cuckoos though not as many as last year. A possible speculation is that the Gypsy Moth infestation further south may have detained these two species en route to New England.

Barn Owls were found in Middleboro, Medford, and Martha's Vineyard while a Snowy Owl was still around as late as May 7 on the south shore. A nest of a Short-eared Owl found on Muskeget contained 7 young.

A Chuck-will's-widow was found floundering at sea where it was saved by some Manomet Bird Observatory interns and later banded and released at Manomet. (See report elsewhere in this issue.) The now regular Chucks were found again on Chappaquiddick Island off the Vineyard. Red-bellied Woodpeckers were noted at Forest Hills Cemetery, Boston, and two were found on Martha's Vineyard. R.H.S.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo:			
13,17	Manomet, Marshfield	1 b., 1	MBO, SSEC
19,22-25,22	Wellesley, M.V., Wayland	2, 1, 1	C.Ewer, BBC, R.Forster
24,25	Mashpee, Dover	1, 1	B.Sorrie, F.Hamlen
26-31, 30	Winchester, GMNWR	2, 3	G.Gove, A.Clayton#
Black-billed Cuckoo:			
9,10-31	Harvard, Winchester	1, 2	F.Bouchard#, G.Gove
15,17	Milton, Newton	1, 1	R.Vernon, M.Murphy
17,23	Worcester, Wayland	1, 2	D.Crompton, R.Forster
25 on	Many more widespread reports of 1-3 individuals.		
Common Cuckoo:			
3+4	M.V.	1 b. ph.	Arnold Brown, V.Laux + v.o.
Barn Owl:			
3+6	E.Middleboro	1	K.Anderson#
21,22-25	Medford, M.V.	1, 1	C.Jackson, BBC(W.Drummond)

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Screech Owl: thr.	Mt.A. Other reports of 1-2 birds from various locations.	pr. w/ 3 yg. 5/26	v.o.
Snowy Owl: 2,7	Scituate, Duxbury	1	G.Tyler, T.Davis
Barred Owl: thr.	Boxford, Middleboro	nesting pr., 2 pr	v.o., W.Petersen
Short-eared Owl thr.	Muskeget	1 pr. nest w/ 7 yg.	R.Heil
26,30	Nantucket, Monomoy	3, 1	R.Heil, B.Nikula
Whip-poor-will: 22-25,23	M.V., Newbypt	6, 6	BBC, R.Stymeist#
Chuck-will's-widow: 17	Stellw. Bank	1 f. b.	MBO staff
23	Chappaquiddick I.	2	BBC (W.Drummond + v.o.)
Common Nighthawk: 13,14	Mt.A., Framingham	1, 1	N.King#, R.Forster
16,17	Boston, E.Middleboro	1, 1	T.Leverich, K.Anderson
20,23	GMNWR, Lynnfield	1, 2	M.McClellan, O.+ N.Komar#
25 on,26 on	Brookline, Cambridge	6, 5	R.Stymeist
Chimney Swift: 1,16	Woburn, Milton	4, 31	G.Gove, SSBC
23	Newbypt	80	BBC (H.Weissberg)
	Many other reports of groups of 5-10 birds.		
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: thr.	Mt.A.	at least 15 ind.	v.o.
9	MBO, P.I.	1 b., 1	MBO, SSBC
18,25	Arnold Arboretum, P.I.	4, 8	R.Stymeist#, G.Gove#
Common Flicker: 1,2,10	Mt.A., MNWS, Saugus	10, 10, 10	F.Bouchard, BBC, BBC
Pileated Woodpecker: 1,2	N.Reading, Boxford	3, 1	A.Smith, BBC
10	Ipswich	1-2	J.Berry
Red-bellied Woodpecker: 17,22-25	Boston, M.V.	1, 2	R.Stymeist, BBC(W.Drummond)
Red-headed Woodpecker: 9,16	Rowley, Lynn	1, 1 ad.	G.d'Entremont#, R.Heil
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 3,25	Mt.A., Newbypt	1, 2	BBC, W.Cornwell#
24	Princeton	1	D.+ V.Crompton

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH WAXWINGS

The Scissor-tailed Flycatcher found on April 26 at Dwyer Farm, Marshfield, was last seen on May 2, and another Scissor-tail or the same individual was found at Bartlett Farm, Nantucket, on May 22-24. Eight Acadian Flycatchers were banded at Manomet this May in contrast to just two last May; others were found singing at Winchester (two) and at Provincetown. Willow Flycatchers continue to increase their territory in eastern Massachusetts while only two Alder Flycatchers were reported. Least Flycatchers, though uncommon along the coast, seem to be doing just fine closer to Worcester County; note the count of eight at the Oxbow NWR near Harvard.

Purple Martins continued their stronghold on Plum Island; the more boxes the Parker River Refuge personnel put up, the more martins appear to occupy them. The Cliff Swallows at the refuge have to contend with House Sparrows robbing their nests whereas several House Sparrows seem to co-exist with the martins.

May 14 was a banner migration day for Gray Catbirds when 135 were banded at Manomet. The MBO also banded ten Wood, one Hermit, and one Gray-cheeked Thrush on that busy day.

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Eastern Kingbird:

thr. Mt.A., P.I. at least 20 ind., max. 12 5/23 v.o., v.o.
6,10-31 Woburn (Horn Pond) 1, 6 G.Gove
8-10 First arrivals at various locations in small numbers

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher:

1-2 Marshfield (from 4/26) 1 R.Garrish + v.o.
22-24 Nantucket (Bartlett's Farm) 1 K.+ C.Leahy

Great Crested Flycatcher:

thr. Mt.A., Winchester at least 10 ind., 1 v.o., G.Gove

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Great Crested Flycatcher, cont.:			
2 on	First arrivals throughout the area in small numbers.		
Eastern Phoebe:			
thr.	No significant numbers of this species reported.		
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:			
17,24	Stellwagen, Annisquam	1 b., 1	MBO, H.Wiggin
25	Nahant, P'town	1, 2	R.Stymeist#, B.Nikula
26	MBO, MNWS, Squantum	2 b., 2, 1	MBO, BBC, W.Cornwell
27,31	Mt.A., P.I.	1, 1	BBC, E.Morrier
Acadian Flycatcher:			
21,26	MBO, Winchester	1 b., 2	MBO, G.Gove
26,27,28	MBO	2 b., 4 b., 1 b.	MBO
28	P'town	1	B.Nikula
Willow Flycatcher:			
17;20	Lynnfield,Milton;W.Newbury	1, 2; 1	H.Wiggin#,R.Vernon,M.McClellan
23	Lynnfield,Ipswich,Wayland	3, 1, 3	R.Stymeist#,J.Berry,R.Forster
30	IRWS, GMNWR	1, 4	J.Berry, A.+ N.Clayton
Alder Flycatcher:			
25,27	Newbury, Bedford	1, 1	J.Berry, M.Baird
Least Flycatcher:			
9,16	Harvard, Halifax	8, 2	F.Bouchard#, W.Petersen
20,21	Brookline, MBO	2, 1b	R.Stymeist#, MBO
23,26	W.Newbury, Annisquam	2, 1	R.Stymeist#, H.Wiggin
26,27	Mt.A., MNWS	1, 1	F.Bouchard, J.Nove
28	Wayland	1	R.Forster
Eastern Wood Pewee:			
15,17	MBO, Wayland	1, 1	MBO, R.Forster
22-25,23	M.V., Boxford	5, 2	BBC, O.+ N.Komar
23,25	Newbypt, Annisquam	1, 1	T.Leverich#, H.Wiggin
Olive-sided Flycatcher:			
24	M.V., Yarmouth	1, 1	V.Laux, J.Aylward
25	Dover, Newbypt	1, 1	F.Hamlen, G.Gove#
25	Annisquam; W.Newbury, P.I.	1; 1, 2	H.Wiggin#; W.Cornwell#
Horned Lark:			
thr.	Muskeget I.	3-4 prs.	1st fledged 5/7 R.Heil
thr.	P.I.	2-3 prs.	v.o.
16	Halifax	2 prs.	W.Petersen
Tree Swallow:			
thr.	P.I.	max. 200 5/9	v.o.
16,17	W.Bridgewater, Ipswich	200+, 200	W.Petersen#, BBC
Bank Swallow:			
thr; 9	Rowley, Bolton	100+, 200	v.o., F.Bouchard
Rough-winged Swallow:			
9	Newton, Plymouth, MNWS	2, 3, 3	O.Komar#,BBC, J.Grugan
12;17	Lynnfield; Boston, Marshfield	6; 3-4, 3	BBC; R.Stymeist#, SSBC
Many other reports of 1-2 individuals.			
Barn Swallow:			
6,17	W.Harwich, Ipswich	250, 200	B.Nikula#, I_Giriunas#
Cliff Swallow:			
thr.	P.I.	7 active nests (15 ind.)	v.o.
17	Marshfield, Ipswich	2, 2	SSBC, BBC
23,28-31	M.V., Muskeget I.	2, 4+	V.Laux, R.Heil
Purple Martin:			
thr.,16	P.I., Halifax	max. 90+, 6+	T.Leverich#+v.o., W.Petersen
24-31,30	Muskeget I., Lincoln	5+, 1	R.Heil, R.Forster
Blue Jay:			
10,14	Saugus, Quincy	21, 25	C.Jackson, W.Cornwell
24	Ipswich	30	
Fish Crow:			
thr.,7	Mt.A., Westwood	pr.nesting, 1	v.o., B.Sorrie
9,12	N.Scutuate, MBO	1, 5	W.Petersen, MBO
Black-capped Chickadee:			
thr.	Manomet	246 b.	MBO
Red-breasted Nuthatch:			
2,3,9	P.I., Saugus, Boxford	1, 2, 3	BBC, C.Jackson, J.Berry
10	Ipswich, Westport	2, 1	J.Berry, BBC
22,30	Cambridge, IRWS	2, 1	F.Bouchard, J.Berry
Brown Creeper:			
2,26	P.I., MNWS	2, 1 (late)	BBC, BBC (J.Nove)
Other reports of 1-2 individuals from breeding locations.			

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House Wren:			
2	Dover, W.Newbury	1, 1	F.Hamlen, P.Alden#
3,5	Saugus, Mt.A.	2, 1	C.Jackson, F.Bouchard
10,16	Middlesex Fells	6, 5	G.Gove#, R.Clayton#
Carolina Wren:			
15,22-25	Milton, M.V.	1, 8	R.Vernon, BBC (W.Drummond)
Marsh Wren (Long-billed Marsh Wren):			
3 on, 23	Wayland, Lynnfield	3-6, 20	R.Forster#, R.Stymeist#
16,30	P.I., GMNWR	6+, 12	W.Drummond#, A.+ N.Clayton
Gray Catbird:			
1,2	Mt.A., Boxford-P.I.	1, 6	A.Scott#, BBC (S.Grinley)
14	Wollaston, Squantum	8, 12	W.Cornwell
14	Manomet	135 b.	MBO staff
15,17,22-25	Mt.A., Ipswich, M.V.	10, 20, 195	BBC trips
Brown Thrasher:			
10;16	Saugus; Middlesex Fells, P.I. 7; 4, 12		BBC; R.Clayton#, W.Drummond
	Other reports of 1-3 individuals from many locations.		
Wood Thrush:			
1,2,5	Melrose, Boxford, Manomet	1, 1, 1	C.Jackson, BBC, MBO
9	General arrival with 1-2 birds reported from many locations.		
10,14	Fall River, Manomet	18, 10 b.	BBC, MBO
15 on	Birds reported on territory in many locations.		
Hermit Thrush:			
14,16	Manomet, Lynn	1 b., 2 pr.	MBO, R.Heil
	Rare local breeder in Essex County.		
23	Plymouth (Old Sandwich Road)	1	W.Petersen
Swainson's Thrush:			
20	Boston, Mt.A.	4, 3	D.Brown, R.Campbell#
25,27	P'town, Mt.A.	45, 15	W.Bailey#, W.Cornwell#
	Many other reports of 1-2 birds after the 20th.		
Gray-cheeked Thrush:			
14,26,27	Manomet	1, 3, 3 all b.	MBO
25	Sandwich, P'town	1, 8+	J.Aylward, B.Nikula#
25	Lincoln, Rockport	1, 1 b.	P.Swift, R.Norris
26+31	Muskeget I.	1 + 1	R.Heil
26,27	Hingham, Mt.A.	1, 1 both singing	R.Fox, M.Noland#
Veery:			
6;9	E.Middleboro; Dover, Newton	1; 1, 1	K.Anderson;F.Hamlen, O.Komar
14 on	General arrival of 1-2 individuals in various locations.		
25,30	P'town, IRWS	30, 8	B.Nikula#, J.Berry
Eastern Bluebird:			
8,16	Braintree, Lynn	1, 1	D.Gallagher, R.Heil
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:			
2-6,9	Mt.A., 6 locations	5+, 12 ind.	v.o., v.o.
10,12	Saugus, Manchester	1, 1	BBC
13,16	Dover, W.Bridgewater	2, 2	F.Hamlen, W.Petersen
23	Boxford, W.Newbury; Wenham	pr., pr.; 1	R.Stymeist#; J.Berry
Ruby-crowned Kinglet:			
7,12	Mt.A., Manchester	5, 3	S.Denison#, J.Nove#
	1-8 birds reported from many locations prior to the 7th.		
Water Pipit:			
3,24	Nantucket	1, 1	R.Heil, J.Berry#
Cedar Waxwing:			
24,27	Annisquam, Mt.A	40, 35	H.Wiggin, R.Stymeist
	Other reports of small numbers from mid-month.		

VIREOS THROUGH SPARROWS

In general, migration for passerines occurred right on schedule, with few notably early or late records. Most field observers perceived that migrant numbers, especially among warblers, were very low, but the records submitted would indicate a basically typical year. Actually, some quite high counts of certain warbler species were recorded during the two big waves of May 14 and May 24-25. As might be expected, weather patterns on these days involved wind shifts to the southwest, bringing unusually warm air and the quantities of migrants. Observers at coastal sites were treated to remarkable numbers of warblers during the May 24-25 movement. The action apparently started one day earlier at Muskeget Island where 25 Northern Waterthrushes were observed on the 24th. On the next day, both Provincetown and Marblehead Neck had bonanzas: the Provincetown observers saw 35 Magnolia Warblers, 40 Canada Warblers and 50 Ovenbirds. Meanwhile at Marblehead Neck, 39 Magnolias and over 100 Canadas came through. A bit more inland,

Mt. Auburn was finally the way it should be in May, alive with warblers and song!

On the other end of the number spectrum, both Nashville Warbler and Cape May Warbler counts were low throughout the region, when compared to recent years. Also, the numbers of southern warblers were average at best. No Yellow-throated Warblers were reported, and the regional count of three Prothonotary Warblers was below what we've come to expect. Three Cerulean Warblers and five Worm-eating Warblers constituted about average counts.

May reports of rarities were unusually sparse. A male Yellow-headed Blackbird was seen at Plum Island at mid-month. Clay-colored Sparrows at Rockport and Mt. Auburn, the latter bird discovered due to its song, were nice finds. Also at Mt. Auburn for a period of almost a week were three distinctly different plumaged Blue Grosbeaks: male, female, and a subadult male.

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<u>White-eyed Vireo:</u>			
1,9	Manomet, P.I.	1 b "first", 1	MBO, BBC
14-30	10 loc.	15 ind.	v.o.
<u>Yellow-throated Vireo:</u>			
9,17	Harvard, Marshfield	1, 1	F.Bouchard#, SSBC
17,25	Wayland, Annisquam	1, 1 singing	R.Walton#, H.Wiggin
19-31	Wayland	pr. on nest	R.Forster#
<u>Solitary Vireo:</u>			
2-20,3	Mt.A., Framingham	9 max., 2	BBC, R.Forster
2-19,23	10 loc., Newbypt	14 ind., 1	v.o., BBC
<u>Red-eyed Vireo:</u>			
12	Wayland, Newbypt	1, 1	R.Forster
16,17	Manchester, Ipswich	1, 2	BBC
22,26	M.V., MNWS	30, 9	BBC
<u>Philadelphia Vireo:</u>			
23,24	P.I.	1, 1	BBC, J.Grugan
25	P'town	1	B.Nikula#
<u>Warbling Vireo:</u>			
1-31,1	Woburn, Lincoln	12 max., 1	G.Gove, R.Forster
4	Harvard, Newton	4, 4	F.Bouchard#, O.+ N.Komar
9,16-23	WBWS, Halifax	1, 3 max.	B.Nikula, W.Petersen
21,25	M.V., Newbypt	1, 18	V.Laux, R.Stymeist#
<u>Black-and-white Warbler:</u>			
1-26,14	Mt.A., S.Peabody	16 max., 20	v.o., R.Heil
14,25;14	P'town; Manomet	35, 15; 28 b.	B.Nikula#; MBO
<u>Prothonotary Warbler:</u>			
10,17-19	Wayland, Boston	1 m. singing + ph., 1 m.	R.Walton#, R.Stymeist#
23	Newbypt	1 f.	D.Arvidson#
<u>Worm-eating Warbler:</u>			
1-2,18	Mt.A, Brookline	1, 1	BBC, H.Wiggin
23,28	Wellesley, Westport	1, 2	L.Robinson, N.Powell#
<u>Golden-winged Warbler:</u>			
9-30,17	W.Newbury, Ipswich	3 max., 2	v.o., BBC
17,25	Wellesley, Sandwich	1, 1	K.Winkler, R.Pease#
10-30	Essex County (6 loc.)	7 m. singing	J.Berry
<u>Blue-winged Warbler:</u>			
9-30,9	W.Newbury, Sharon	17 max., 7	v.o., D.Clapp
1-25,10	Mt.A., New Bedford	1 max., 1	v.o., B.Sorrie
14,25	Manomet, P'town	2 "first", 1	MBO, B.Nikula
9-25	Essex County (9 loc.)	11	J.Berry
<u>"Brewster's" Warbler:</u>			
9-27	W.Newbury	2 max.	v.o.
<u>Tennessee Warbler:</u>			
8,14-27	Mt.A.	2, 10 max.	L.Robinson#, v.o.
20,22	Manomet, M.V.	1 "first", 10	MBO, BBC
23,25	Newbypt, Provincetown	9, 15	T.Leverich#, B.Nikula#
<u>Orange-crowned Warbler:</u>			
19,26	Mt.A., Squantum	1 singing, 1	R.Stymeist, R.Emery#
<u>Nashville Warbler:</u>			
1-18, 2	Mt.A., W.Newbury	3 max., 1	v.o., G.Gove
3, 8	Dover, Manomet	1, 1 "first"	F.Hamlen, MBO
10, 23	MNWS, Plymouth	3, 6	C.Blaszczak, W.Petersen#
25, 26	Cuttyhunk, Annisquam	3, 1	P.Hallowell, H.Wiggin
<u>Northern Parula Warbler:</u>			
1-26,14	Mt.A., Manomet	8 max., 3 b.	v.o., MBO

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Northern Parula Warbler, cont.:			
14	S.Peabody, P'town	11, 40	R.Heil, B.Nikula
25	MNWS, Cuttyhunk	16, 6	C.Blaszczak, P.Hallowell
Yellow Warbler:			
thr.,14	Woburn, Manomet	16 max., 7 b.	G.Gove, MBO
16,22	P.I., M.V.	40, 50	BBC
25,30	P'town, GMNWR	10, 20	B.Nikula#, BBC
Magnolia Warbler:			
1-26,13	Mt.A., Manomet	2 max., 1 m. b. "first"	v.o., MBO
14,24	P'town, Muskeget I.	10, 7	B.Nikula#, R.Heil
25	MNWS, P'town	39, 35	C.Blaszczak, B.Nikula#
Cape May Warbler:			
8	Manomet, Mt.A.	1 m., 1	MBO, M.Argue
14	Wollaston, S.Peabody	3, 3	W.Cornwell, R.Heil
16,25	Milton, M.V.	4, 1	SSBC, BBC
Black-throated Blue Warbler:			
2,6-25	P.I., Mt.A.	2, 4 max.	BBC, v.o.
14,25	Manomet, P'town	6 b. "first", 10	MBO, B.Nikula#
25,26	Cuttyhunk I., MNWS	2, 3	P.Hallowell, BBC
Yellow-rumped Warbler:			
1-15,17,25	Mt.A.	100 max., 8, 2	v.o., BBC, F.Bouchard
14	P'town, Manomet	100, 9 b.	B.Nikula, MBO
Black-throated Green Warbler:			
1-26,2	Mt.A., Boxford	6 max., 10	v.o., BBC
10,17	MNWS, Ipswich	7, 12	C.Blaszczak, BBC
25	E.Middleboro, Manomet	2 m., 1 m. b. "first"	K.Anderson, MBO
25,30	P'town, IRWS	25, 7 m.	B.Nikula#, J.Berry
Cerulean Warbler:			
14,17	N.Weymouth, Wayland	1, 1 m.	D.Brown, R.Forster
23	P.I.	1	H.Willoughby#
Blackburnian Warbler:			
1-27,25	Mt.A., Cuttyhunk I.	4 max., 2	v.o., P.Hallowell
25	MNWS, Newbypt	7, 7	C.Blaszczak, W.Cornwell
25	Annisquam, P'town	7, 15	H.Wiggin#, B.Nikula#
Chestnut-sided Warbler:			
1,8-26	Milton, Mt.A.	1, 5 max.	S.Higginbotham#, v.o.
12,17	Manomet, Ipswich	1 b. "first", 12	MBO, BBC
23,25	Wenham, MNWS	17, 6	J.Berry, C.Blaszczak
Bay-breasted Warbler:			
16,24	Milton, Newbypt	9, 4	SSBC, J.Grugan
25	Newbypt, P'town	20, 8	W.Cornwell, B.Nikula#
25,26	Manomet, MNWS	1 f. b. "first", 11	MBO, BBC
8-27	Mt.A.	2 max.	v.o.
Blackpoll Warbler:			
9,10,13	Harvard, Fall River, Manomet	1, 2, 3	F.Bouchard#, BBC, MBO
15-28, 16	Mt.A., Milton	7 max., 12	v.o., SSBC
22,24	M.V., Muskeget I.	15, 40+	BBC, R.Heil
25	Annisquam, P'town	8, 50	H.Wiggin, B.Nikula#
Pine Warbler:			
2-25,25	6 loc., M.V.	7 ind., 10	v.o., BBC(Drummond)
Prairie Warbler:			
thr.,9	Woburn, Sharon	4 max., 7	G.Gove, D.Clapp
10,22	Saugus, M.V.	11, 20	BBC
25	Cuttyhunk I., Essex Co.	6, 11	P.Hallowell, J.Berry
Palm Warbler:			
1-8,9	Mt.A.	max. 10, 1	v.o., F.Bouchard#
6,16	Winchester	5, 1	G.Gove
Ovenbird:			
2,9	Boxford	6, 16 m.	BBC, J.Berry
14,17	S.Peabody, E.Middleboro	13, 13 m. singing	R.Heil, K.Anderson
24,25	MNWS, P'town	24, 50+	C.Blaszczak, B.Nikula
Northern Waterthrush:			
1-18,11	Mt.A., Millis	2 max., 6	v.o., B.Cassie
14,25	P'town	10, 5	B.Nikula#
24,31	Muskeget I., Brookline	25+, 1	R.Heil, D.Arvidson#
Louisiana Waterthrush:			
2-17	Boxford	3 max.	v.o.
Kentucky Warbler:			
14,16	Manomet, Peabody	1 m. b., 1 singing	MBO, F.Hamlen#
23,17	Oak Bluffs, Millis	1, 1	BBC(Drummond), J.Marshall

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<u>Mourning Warbler:</u>			
21,26	Manomet, Marblehead	1 imm. m. b., 2	MBO, BBC
24-31	12 loc.	14 singles	v.o.
<u>Common Yellowthroat:</u>			
3,11	Saugus, Millis	4, 8	BBC, B.Cassie
14	Squantum, Manomet	10, 34 b.	BBC, MBO
17	Ipswich	20	BBC
25	MNWS, M.V.	46, 50	C.Blasczak, BBC
25	Rowley- W.Newbury	40+	J.Berry
<u>Yellow-breasted Chat:</u>			
13,21	Manomet	1 m. b., 1 m. b.	MBO
24	P.I.	1	J.Grugan
<u>Hooded Warbler:</u>			
2-6,9	WBWS, MNWS	1 m., 1 f.	v.o., J.Grugan
11,18-26	Millis, Muskeget I.	1, 1 m. ph.	B.Cassie, R.Heil
14	N.Weymouth	1	D.Brown
<u>Wilson's Warbler:</u>			
10,15	Mt.A., Manomet	1, 3 m. b. "first"	BBC, MBO
18,25	Mt.A., MNWS	5, 12	L.Robinson, C.Blasczak
<u>Canada Warbler:</u>			
11,14	Millis, Manomet	2, 1	B.Cassie, MBO
25	MNWS, P'town	46, 100+	C.Blasczak, W.Bailey#
<u>American Redstart:</u>			
9,10	P.I., Westport	2, 2	BBC, BBC
14,14-27	Manomet, Mt.A.	5 b., 19 max.	MBO, v.o.
25	P'town, Squantum	60, 15 (mostly f.)	B.Nikula#, R.Emery#
26	MNWS	35	BBC
<u>Bobolink:</u>			
6,9-25	Framingham, W.Newbury	1, 30 max.	R.Forster, v.o.
17,20	Marshfield, Wellesley	100+, 30	SSBC(T.Davis), K.Winkler
<u>Eastern Meadowlark:</u>			
2,23	W.Newbury, Newbypt	6, 5	BBC, BBC
<u>Yellow-headed Blackbird:</u>			
16	P.I.	1 ad. m.	E.Nielsen#
<u>Orchard Oriole:</u>			
1,10	Nantucket, Wayland	1, 3	E.Andrews, R.Forster
10,14	Saugus, S.Peabody	4, 4	BBC, R.Heil
16,25	Halifax, Rowley	3, 4	W.Petersen, J.Berry
<u>Northern Oriole:</u>			
2-26,2	Mt.A., Needham	20 max., 1	v.o., F.Hamlen
8,10	Manomet, Middlesex Fells	2 m. b. "first", 7	MBO, BBC
16,17	Milton, Newton	8, 10	SSBC, BBC
25	M.V.	15	BBC
<u>Rusty Blackbird:</u>			
2	W.Newbury, Wayland	4, 15	BBC, R.Forster
<u>Brown-headed Cowbird:</u>			
18	Mt.A.	20	BBC
<u>Scarlet Tanager:</u>			
3-23,9	Mt.A., Boxford	3 max., 6 m.	v.o., J.Berry
17,25	Jamaica Plain, Newbypt	4, 5	R.Stymeist, W.Cornwell
<u>Summer Tanager:</u>			
16,17	Dover, Newton	1 m. singing, 1 m.	F.Hamlen, BBC(M.Murphy)
24	M.V.	1	V.Laux
<u>Rose-breasted Grosbeak:</u>			
10,11	Milton, Millis	3, 4	SSBC, B.Cassie
14,17	Mt.A., Ipswich	15, 6	BBC
23,25	Wenham, Annisquam	10,25	J.Berry, H.Wiggin
<u>Blue Grosbeak:</u>			
14,15-19	N.Weymouth, Mt.A.	1, 3	D.Brown, v.o.
29	Winchester	1 m.	G.Gove
<u>Indigo Bunting:</u>			
13,16	Waltham, Milton	1, 5	T.Hoist, SSBC
17,25	Jamaica Plain, Sherborn	4, 2	R.Stymeist, BBC
<u>Dickcissel:</u>			
18	Muskeget I.	1	R.Heil
<u>Evening Grosbeak:</u>			
2,14	Boxford, P'town	4, 2	BBC, B.Nikula
19,25	Mt.A., P'town	2, 1	R.Stymeist, B.Nikula
<u>Purple Finch:</u>			
1-25,2	Mt.A., P.I.	6 ind., 4	v.o., BBC

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Purple Finch, cont.:			
10,17	Westport, Ipswich	6, 6	BBC, BBC
25,26	M.V., MNWS	4, 2	BBC, BBC
House Finch:			
16,25	Manchester, M.V.	21, 35	BBC, BBC
28,30	Annisquam, Plymouth Beach	15 pr., 5	H.Wiggin, BBC
Pine Siskin:			
9,19,21	P'town	1, 1, 2	B.Nikula
17,19	Ipswich, Rockport	4, 4 b.	BBC, R.Norris
American Goldfinch:			
1,3	Mt.A., Gloucester	8, 11	BBC, BBC
16,17	P.I., Ipswich	25, 12	BBC, BBC
Rufous-sided Towhee:			
10,14	Saugus, Manomet	25, 9 b.	BBC, MBO
25,26	M.V., MNWS	250, 7	BBC(Drummond), BBC
Savannah Sparrow:			
1, thr.	Saugus, Muskeget I.	30, 50+ nesting	C.Jackson, R.Heil
3,25	Newbypt, M.V.	11, 8	J.Berry, BBC
Grasshopper Sparrow:			
25,28	M.V., S.Dartmouth	1, 2	BBC, N.Powell
Sharp-tailed Sparrow:			
8-31,14	Muskeget I., Manomet	19 max., 1 b.	R.Heil, MBO
19,30	Squantum, Monomoy	4, 6	D.Brown, SSBC
Seaside Sparrow:			
19,30	Squantum, Monomoy	1, 1	D.Brown, SSBC
Vesper Sparrow:			
12,23	P.I., Plymouth	1, 2	R.Forster#, W.Petersen#
Dark-eyed Junco:			
2,8	P.I., Manomet	2, 1 b.	BBC, MBO
12	Manchester	3	BBC
Chipping Sparrow:			
1-8,1	Mt.A., Milton	8 max., 3 singing	v.o., S.Higginbotham#
2,17	P.I., Ipswich	12, 12	BBC, I.Girunas
Clay-colored Sparrow:			
7,19	Rockport, Mt.A.	1 b., 1 singing	R.Norris, R.Stymeist#
Field Sparrow:			
3,10	Newbypt, Saugus	1 m., 6	J.Berry, BBC
25	Ipswich, M.V.	5, 3	J.Berry, BBC
White-crowned Sparrow:			
3,14	Nantucket, Manomet	4, 1 b.	R.Heil, MBO
16	Milton (F.M.), W.Newbury	1, 1	SSBC, BBC
20,25	Mt.A., Framingham	1, 2	F.Bouchard#, K.Hamilton#
25,26	Muskeget I., P'town	1, 1	R.Heil, B.Nikula
White-throated Sparrow:			
1-9,3	Mt.A., Saugus	50 max., 10	v.o., BBC
14,24	Manomet, Ipswich	11 b., 1	MBO, J.Berry
Lincoln's Sparrow:			
1-6,7	Harwich, Manomet	1, 1 b.	B.Nikula#, MBO
14,20	Manomet, Winchester	1 b., 1	MBO, G.Gove
25	P'town	1	B.Nikula
Swamp Sparrow:			
3,9	Saugus, Boxford	8, 5 m.	BBC, J.Berry
14	Manomet	10 b.	MBO
Song Sparrow:			
3,25	Saugus, M.V.	20, 30	BBC, BBC

Addenda

Field Records: March 1981

Thick-billed Murre:			
14	Nantucket (Cisco)	1	J.Grugan

Corrigenda

Field Records: April 1981

Great Cormorant:			
26	Essex County	260	J.Nove
	should read		
Double-crested Cormorant:			
26	Essex County	260	J.Nove

List of Abbreviations

ad.	adult	F.M.	Fowl Meadow, Milton
alt.	alternate (plumage)	Gr.	greater as in Gr. Boston area
b.	banded	I.	Island
br.	breeding	M.V.	Martha's Vineyard
dk.	dark (phase)	Mt.A.	Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge
f.	female	Nant.	Nantucket
fl.	fledge	Newbypt.	Newburyport
imm.	immature	ONWR	Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge
ind.	individuals	P.I.	Plum Island
loc.	locations	P'town	Provincetown
lt.	light (phase)	R.P.	Race Point, Provincetown
m.	male	S.N.	Sandy Neck, Barnstable
max.	maximum	Stellw.	Stellwagen (Bank)
migr.	migrating	ABC	Allen Bird Club
ph.	photographed	BBC	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 (2W = second winter)	GBBCC	Greater 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
Buzz.	Buzzards (Bay)	NBBC	Newburyport Breeding Bird Census
C.Cod	Cape Cod	SSBC	South Shore Bird Club
E.P.	Eastern Point, Gloucester	TASL	Take a Second Look (BOEM project)
F.E.	First Encounter Beach, Eastham	WBWS	Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
F.H.	Fort Hill, Eastham	WMWS	Wachusett Meadows Wildlife Sanctuary

A CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW ON STELLWAGEN BANK

Jim Bird, Allston, and Mike Payne, Plymouth

On May 16, 1981, during a New England Aquarium-sponsored whale-watch on the northeast corner of Stellwagen Bank approximately 42° 30' N, 70° 25' W, a female Chuck-will's-widow (Caprimulgus carolinensis) appeared near the boat. Members of the Manomet Bird Observatory staff tentatively identified the bird as it flew by the boat at least twice. On one of its passes, the bird landed on the water approximately 10 m off the bow. Two Great Black-backed Gulls (Larus marinus) circled the bird as it flew off the water and finally dropped on the boat. The bird was caught and positively identified as a female Chuck-will's-widow. Two Humpback Whales (Megaptera novaeangliae) were approximately 20 m off the starboard bow during this entire time. The bird was taken to Manomet Bird Observatory where it was held for a day, banded, and released on May 18. Manomet Bird Observatory has supplied the following information: female by plumage, after-hatch-year by plumage, weight: 92.7g, trace of fat, wing length: 120 mm, no ectoparasites, slight molt, banded May 18, 1981, bank No. 132318424.