

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

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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.