

THE BIRD OBSERVER SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER

A Black-browed Albatross in Nantucket Sound headed September's list of rarities, only to be followed by a Northern Fulmar off Provincetown later in the month. Careful watch of a heron-egret roost on Plum Island provided us with high counts of many species, showing a peak count at that roost on or about the 16th of the month.

The hawk migration was highlighted by a Turkey Vulture on Martha's Vineyard and a Bald Eagle at Lakeville. Several sightings of Peregrine Falcons were recorded, along with many reports of Merlin, and a high count of more than 40 American Kestrels on Nantucket.

A large count of 52 Piping Plovers was received from Monomoy. A Marbled Godwit and an American Avocet also visited the island this month. A Skua was seen at Tuckernuck Island, and two reports of Sabine's Gull were notable. A Gull-billed Tern continued in Newburyport. Many reports of Forster's Tern were received, noting an increase in that species in the state in recent years. As many as 12 Black Skimmers were found on Monomoy.

Many reports of Western Kingbird were received, primarily from the Cape. A high count of 75,000 Tree Swallows was made at Plum Island. The warbler migration was headlined by several Worm-eating, Cerulean and Yellow-throated Warblers, along with one Kentucky. A Yellow-headed Blackbird appeared on Monomoy, and several Blue Grosbeaks were reported. Lark Sparrows were seen in three localities, as were Clay-colored Sparrows. Lapland Longspur reports at the end of the month gave fair warning of the soon approaching winter season.

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Red-throated Loon:			
29	Barnstable	2	W.Petersen
Horned Grebe:			
22	Plymouth	1	H&D Carmichaels
Black-browed Albatross:			
15	Nantucket Sound	1	R.Veit
Northern Fulmar:			
29	off Provincetown	1	P.Donahue#
Cory's Shearwater:			
19,22&23	Nantucket	18+,50+	R.Stymeist#,BBC(L.Jodrey)
Greater Shearwater:			
29,30	off Provincetown	6	BBC(W.Cornwell)
Manx Shearwater:			
15	Barnstable	1	R.Forster
Wilson's Storm-Petrel:			
29	off Provincetown	25+	BBC(H.D'Entremont)
Gannet:			
15	Barnstable	20	R.Forster
Great Cormorant:			
8	P.I.	1(first)	P.Donahue,G.Gove#
Great Blue Heron:			
29	Eastham(F.H.)	71	BBC(H.D'Entremont)
Green Heron:			
30	Cambridge(Mt.A)	2	C.Marks#
Little Blue Heron:			
8,13,16,30	P.I.	2,5,10+,7	v.o.
15	Duxbury	7	W.Petersen,D.Casoni
Cattle Egret:			
15,30	Marshfield,P.I.	6,1	SSBC,M.Gardler
Great Egret:			
thr.	P.I.	max.12(8th)	v.o.
8-30	Barnstable	6-1	W.Petersen#
Snowy Egret:			
8,13,16	P.I.	270,573,776	v.o.
20,23,30	P.I.	681,462,300	v.o.
8,15	Barnstable,Duxbury	60,140	W.Petersen#
Louisiana Heron:			
8,13,16,23	P.I.	4,5,4,3	v.o.
Black-crowned Night Heron:			
16,29	S.Dartmouth,Eastham	50,80	P.Regan,BBC(H.D'Entremont)

Yellow-crowned Night Heron:			
8-20	P.I.	1 imm.	P.Donahue,W.Petersen,R.Stymeist#
8,15	Wellfleet(WBWS),Tuckernuck I.	1,1	B.Nikula,R.Veit
Least Bittern:			
9	Harwich	1	R.Pease
Glossy Ibis:			
8,20,30	P.I.	30,19,2	v.o.
3,15	Concord(GMNWR),Middleboro	1,3	BBC(V.Albee),SSBC
Whistling Swan:			
27	Provincetown	1	W.Bailey
Mallard:			
15	Duxbury	200+	W.Petersen#
Gadwall:			
1,23	Monomoy,P.I.-Ipswich	50+,120	W.Petersen,C.Goodrich,R.Forster
2	Concord(GMNWR)	10	BBC(S.Grinley)
Pintail:			
16	P.I.	35	W.Petersen#
Green-winged Teal:			
16	P.I.	500	W.Petersen#
Blue-winged Teal:			
16	P.I.	300	W.Petersen#
American Wigeon:			
23	P.I.	400	W.Petersen,R.Forster
28,29	Nantucket	96	SSBC(J.Kenneally)
Northern Shoveler:			
thr.	P.I.	max.20+(23rd)	W.Petersen#
30	Monomoy(north end)	3	R.Stymeist,W.Russell#
Redhead:			
13-25;16	Monomoy;P.I.	3;6	R.Pease,W.Bailey;R.Stymeist
Bufflehead:			
16	P.I.	1	W.Petersen#
Common Eider:			
30	Barnstable	450(migrants)	W.Petersen#
White-winged Scoter:			
30	Barnstable	304	W.Petersen#
Surf Scoter:			
30	Barnstable	2074	W.Petersen#
Black Scoter:			
30	Barnstable	325	W.Petersen#
Ruddy Duck:			
15	P.I.	10	BBC(R&D Hale)
Turkey Vulture:			
9	W.Tisbury(M.V.)	1	R.Woodruff
Cooper's Hawk:			
25,29	Chatham,Wellfleet	1,1	H.Rich#,BBC(H.D'Entremont)
Red-tailed Hawk:			
28,29	Nantucket	8	SSBC(J.Kenneally)
Rough-legged Hawk:			
8,22	Concord(GMNWR),P.I.	1,1	BBC(S.Grinley),BBC(W.Van Cor)
28	Nantucket	1	SSBC(J.Kenneally)
Bald Eagle:			
11	Lakeville(Little Quitticas)	1 ad.	R.Maxim
Marsh Hawk:			
28,29	Nantucket	10	SSBC(J.Kenneally)
Peregrine Falcon:			
23,25	P.I.,Monomoy	1,1	R.Veit#,W.Bailey#
28,29	Nantucket,Barnstable	1,1	SSBC(J.Kenneally),W.Petersen#
Merlin:			
8-26	P.I.	9 singles	v.o.
thr.	5 locations	10 singles	v.o.
American Kestrel:			
18	Nantucket	40+	R.Stymeist,M.Baird,P.Fox
Clapper Rail:			
15,30	South Shore,P.I.	4,1	SSBC(Roundup),M.Gardler
Virginia Rail:			
15	Marshfield	15	SSBC(Roundup)
Common Gallinule:			
23	P.I.	60	W.Petersen,R.Forster

Semipalmated Plover:			
15	South Shore	278+	SSBC(Roundup)
Piping Plover:			
30	Monomoy;Barnstable	52+;9	R.Stymeist,R.Veit;W.Petersen#
Golden Plover:			
17,28	Concord,Nantucket	22,25	R.Stymeist#,SSBC(J.Kenneally)
Black-bellied Plover:			
8,15	Chatham(No.Bch.),Plymouth	1000+,1000+	H.D'Entremont,SSBC(Roundup)
Ruddy Turnstone:			
22	Scituate	55	SSBC(M&B Litchfield)
Whimbrel:			
8	Chatham(North Beach)	13	H.D'Entremont#
29,30	Barnstable,P.I.	1,2	W.Petersen#,J.Berry
Upland Sandpiper:			
13	Truro	1	M.McClellan
Willet:			
27	Chatham	3	R.Forster
Greater Yellowlegs:			
8	Barnstable	75	W.Petersen#
Red Knot:			
9,15	Barnstable,Scituate	50,200	W.Petersen#,SSBC(Roundup)
29	Barnstable	30	W.Petersen#
Purple Sandpiper:			
15,28	Scituate,Nantucket	2,1	SSBC(Roundup),SSBC(J.Kenneally)
Pectoral Sandpiper:			
17	Concord(GMNWR)	22	R.Stymeist#
White-rumped Sandpiper:			
3	Concord(GMNWR)	3	BBC(V.Albee)
Baird's Sandpiper:			
thr.	3 localities	4 singles	v.o.
Least Sandpiper:			
29	Barnstable	4	W.Petersen#
Dunlin:			
30	Monomoy	1000+	R.Stymeist,R.Veit,P.Martin
Short-billed Dowitcher:			
30	Barnstable	6	W.Petersen#
Long-billed Dowitcher:			
8,16	P.I.	17,23+	P.Donahue#,W.Petersen#
Stilt Sandpiper:			
11,30	P.I.,Barnstable	15,1	R.Forster#,W.Petersen#
Western Sandpiper:			
thr.,2	Nauset,P.I.	max.75(17th),100	B.Nikula#,P.Alden#
Buff-breasted Sandpiper:			
2-11,7	P.I.,Monomoy	max.4(11th),7	R.Forster#,W.Bailey#
17,18	Nantucket(Miacomet)	11	L.Jodrey,G.Soucy,R.Stymeist#
1-27	Eastham	max.4	v.o.
Marbled Godwit:			
10-21	Monomoy	1	v.o.
Hudsonian Godwit:			
1-24	P.I.-Newburyport	10-1	v.o.
8,9	Chatham,Barnstable	5,1	H.D'Entremont,W.Petersen
Sanderling:			
30	Barnstable	1800+	W.Petersen#
American Avocet:			
19	Monomoy	1	J.Harris,B.Nikula,v.o.
Red Phalarope:			
1-17	Eastham	1	v.o.
Wilson's Phalarope:			
1-13	P.I.	2-5(8th)	v.o.
13,16	Monomoy,Rowley	2,1	R.Pease,W.Petersen#
Northern Phalarope:			
8-13	P.I.	1	v.o.
15,29	Barnstable,off Provincetown	25,13	R.Forster,BBC(W.Cornwell)
Pomarine Jaeger:			
14,15	Barnstable,Dennis	2,2	R.Pease,R.Stymeist#
24,28	Barnstable,Nantucket	8,5	D.Brown,SSBC(J.Kenneally)

Parasitic Jaeger:			
thr.	Barnstable	1-23(15th)	v.o.
15	Plymouth,Dennis	4,17	SSBC(Roundup),R.Pease#
22	Nantucket	10	BBC(G.Soucy)
Northern Skua:			
6	Tuckernuck I.	1	R.Veit
Black-headed Gull:			
1,30	Newburyport,Monomoy	1,2	R.Stymeist#
Laughing Gull:			
15	Quincy	41	SSBC(Roundup)
Little Gull:			
thr.	Newburyport	1-9	v.o.
Black-legged Kittiwake:			
2,23	Wellfleet,Newburyport	1,1	W.Petersen#,R.Forster#
8,15,29	Barnstable	singles	v.o.
Sabine's Gull:			
2;24	Marion;Barnstable	1;1	G.Gove;R.Pease,D.Brown
Gull-billed Tern:			
2-19	Newburyport	1	v.o.
Forster's Tern:			
thr.	P.I.,Wellfleet	1-20+(21st),1-10	v.o.,v.o.
thr.	Eastham,Monomoy	max.7,max.5	v.o.
Common Tern:			
8,30	Barnstable	2000-1000	W.Petersen#
22	Salisbury	12	R.Emery#
Roseate Tern:			
8,30	Barnstable	1000-50	W.Petersen#
22,23	Nantucket	100	BBC(G.Soucy)
Least Tern:			
24	Barnstable	3	D.Brown
Caspian Tern:			
24	Barnstable	3	D.Brown
Black Tern:			
1-29	Plymouth	3-1	v.o.
13,30	Monomoy	3	R.Veit,P.Martin
Black Skimmer:			
thr.	Monomoy	max.12(22nd)	v.o.
4	Plymouth Beach	2	Sawyers
Yellow-billed Cuckoo:			
19,26	Nantucket,Chatham	1,2	R.Stymeist#,H.Rich
Black-billed Cuckoo:			
30	P.I.	1	BBC(N.King)
Barred Owl:			
2,29	Sandwich	1 calling	R.Pease
Long-eared Owl:			
2-30	P.I.	1	v.o.
Short-eared Owl:			
thr.,30	Monomoy,P.I.	1,1	J.Harris,M.Gardler
Whip-poor-will:			
3,15	Manomet,Plymouth	1 b.,1	MBO,SSBC(Roundup)
Common Nighthawk:			
29	Littleton	1	J.Baird
Chimney Swift:			
29	P.I.	1	M.Gardler
Ruby-throated Hummingbird:			
29	off Provincetown,P.I.	1,4	BBC(H.D'Entremont),M.Gardler
Red-headed Woodpecker:			
10,21-30	Manomet,Barnstable	1 b.,1	MBO,R.Pease & v.o.
22	Monomoy	1 imm.	C.Goodrich
29	Cuttyhunk I.,Nantucket	1,1	P.Hallowell,SSBC(S.Higginbotham)
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:			
22,29-30	P.I.,P.I.	2,8+	R.Emery#,J.Berry,v.o.
Western Kingbird:			
11,14	Barnstable,Oak Bluffs(M.V.)	1,1	H.D'Entremont,R.Fox
17,22	Chatham,Monomoy	1,1	Elrick,W.Bailey#
26,26-30	Eastham(F.H.),P.I.	2,1	R.Forster,M.Gardler#
Great Crested Flycatcher:			
29	P.I.	1	M.Gardler

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:			
1	Monomoy	6	W.Petersen#
1-8,1-12	P.I.,Manomet	1,5 b.	BBC(E.Pyburn)#,MBO
5,12	Annisquam, W. Roxbury	1,1	H.Wiggin,F.Atwood
Willow Flycatcher:			
8	Middleboro	1(fitz-bew)	D.Briggs
Olive-sided Flycatcher:			
10,13	Boston(Pru.),P.I.	1,1	H.Wiggin,P.Donahue#
18	Nantucket(Elk Pt.)	1	R.Stymeist#
Tree Swallow:			
15,22	Duxbury,P.I.	3500,75,000	SSBC,R.Emery#
Purple Martin:			
1-8	P.I.	max.15	BBC(E.Pyburn)#
Fish Crow:			
thr.	W.Roxbury	max.100	F.Atwood
15,20	Marshfield,Plymouth	1,1	SSBC,Carmichaels
Brown Creeper:			
30	Orleans(Pochet)	25	R.Forster
Winter Wren:			
29,30	Barnstable(S.N.),Monomoy	3,1	W.Petersen,R.Veit#
Carolina Wren:			
15,22	Manomet,Plymouth	1,1	W.Petersen#,Carmichaels
Gray Catbird:			
1-9,1-14	Manomet,W.Roxbury	90 b.,max.59	MBO,F.Atwood
Swainson's Thrush:			
1-12,thr.	Manomet,S.Dartmouth	18,5 b.	MBO,H.Atkinson
Gray-cheeked Thrush:			
1-12,29	Manomet,Barnstable(S.N.)	1 b.,5	MBO,W.Petersen#
Veery:			
1-9	Manomet	14 b.	MBO
Eastern Bluebird:			
thr.,15,22	Sherborn,Plymouth,Pelham	9,6,22	E.Taylor,SSBC,J.Seitz
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:			
1-15,13,13	Manomet,P.I.,Plymouth	4,1,1	MBO,Argues,SSBC
9,30	Chatham,Monomoy	2,1	R.Pease,Russell#
Golden-crowned Kinglet:			
30	Orleans(Pochet)	160	R.Forster
Ruby-crowned Kinglet:			
30	Orleans(Pochet)	65	R.Forster
Water Pipit:			
12	Newburyport	1(first)	R.Forster
27	Eastham(First Encounter)	28	R.Forster
29	Plymouth Beach	25	Carmichaels
Loggerhead Shrike:			
8,14	Monomoy,Eastham(F.H.)	1,1	C.Goodrich#,B.Nikula
17,28-29	Nantucket	1	G.Soucy#,SSBC(J.Kenneally)
White-eyed Vireo:			
15,25	Plymouth,Chatham	5,1	SSBC,H.Rich
Yellow-throated Vireo:			
16,22	Annisquam,Nantucket	1,1	H.Wiggin,BBC(L.Jodrey)
23,27	Andover,Middleboro	1,1	W.Drummond,R.Maxim
Solitary Vireo:			
28-29,30	Nantucket,Sandwich	5,5	SSBC(J.Kenneally),R.Pease
Philadelphia Vireo:			
8,15	Monomoy,Plymouth	6,3	C.Leahy,SSBC
18 single reports from 12 localities			
Warbling Vireo:			
11,22	Middleboro,Annisquam	2,1	D.Briggs,H.Wiggin
Worm-eating Warbler:			
4,18	Manomet,Haverhill	1 b.,1	MBO,W.Drummond
28	Sandwich	1(dead)	R.Pease
Golden-winged Warbler:			
16,20,25	Norwell,Manomet,Chatham	1,1 b.,1	Litchfields,MBO,H.Rich
Tennessee Warbler:			
13,22,28-29	Littleton,Annisquam,Nantucket	5,1,2	J.Baird,H.Wiggin,SSBC(J.Kenneally)
Orange-crowned Warbler:			
11,17	Boston(Pru.),Squantum	1,1	H.Wiggin,E.Morrier
29,30	P.I.,Orleans(Pochet)	2,1	M.Gardler,R.Forster

Cape May Warbler:			
14,16,22	Annisquam	30,50,15	H.Wiggin
Cerulean Warbler:			
2,2	Manomet,S.Dartmouth	1 b.,1 b.	MBO,H.Atkinson
13	W.Roxbury	1	F.Atwood
Yellow-throated Warbler:			
4-6,19	Chatham,Manomet	1,1	R.Forster#,Gardner
26-27	Truro(Corn Hill)	1	P.Donahue#
Pine Warbler:			
16	Westwood	150	J.Clancy
Palm Warbler:			
22	Monomoy	100	C.Goodrich
Louisiana Waterthrush:			
12	Tuckernuck I.	1	R.Veit
Kentucky Warbler:			
2	Danvers	1	R.O'Hara & A.Agush
Connecticut Warbler:			
	14 single reports from 11 localities		
Mourning Warbler:			
1-9,1	Manomet,Littleton	9 b.,1	MBO,J.Baird
23,29	S.Dartmouth,P.I.	1 b.,1	H.Atkinson,M.Gardler
Yellow-breasted Chat:			
1-9	Manomet	20 b.	MBO
Hooded Warbler:			
5,22	Tuckernuck I.,Annisquam	1,1	R.Veit,H.Wiggin
Bobolink:			
8,28-29	Truro,Nantucket	178+,75	R.Stymeist#,SSBC(J.Kenneally)
Yellow-headed Blackbird:			
12-22	Monomoy	1	J.Harris,W.Bailey#
Rusty Blackbird:			
8,29	Concord(GMNWR),Truro	2,2	BBC(S.Grinley),BBC(H.D'Entremont)
Blue Grosbeak:			
19,29-30	Nantucket	1,1	R.Stymeist,SSBC(J.Kenneally)
22,29-30	Monomoy,Barnstable	1,1	W.Bailey#,W.Petersen#
30	Orleans,Truro	1,1	R.Forster#,C.Goodrich
Dickcissel:			
thr.	Truro	max.4	P.Donahue#
	10 single reports from 6 localities		
Grasshopper Sparrow:			
4,26	Falmouth,Manomet	3,1 b.	R.Pease,MBO
Sharp-tailed Sparrow:			
22	P.I.	8	R.Emery#
Seaside Sparrow:			
3,30	W.Dennis Beach,Duxbury Beach	3,2	Holdridge,D.Briggs
Vesper Sparrow:			
22,29;22	P.I.;Scituate	3,2;1	W.Drummond,R.Emery;SSBC
Lark Sparrow:			
2&8,7	Newburyport,Chatham	1,2	BBC(E.Pyburn),V.Laux#
20&22	Monomoy	1	W.Bailey,C.Goodrich
Clay-colored Sparrow:			
1	Monomoy	1(from Aug.)	W.Bailey#
13,29	Tuckernuck I.,P.I.	1,1	R.Veit,M.Gardler#
Lincoln's Sparrow:			
	14 single reports from 10 localities		
Lapland Longspur:			
27,30,30	P.I.,Monomoy,Duxbury	8,2,2	P.Martin#,Russell#,H.D'Entremont

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