# **Field Records:**

## August 1982



by George W. Gove, Robert H. Stymeist, Lee E. Taylor

August 1982 was cool, dry and cloudy. The temperature averaged  $70.3^{\circ}$ ,  $1.0^{\circ}$  below normal. Though this difference seems small, August was still the coolest since  $66.4^{\circ}$ in 1964, 18 years ago. The month's high temperature was  $87^{\circ}$  on August 8, 10, and 17; this was the lowest August maximum since  $86^{\circ}$  in 1967. This was the first August since 1972 with no  $90^{\circ}$  reading. The low mark was  $48^{\circ}$  on the 29th. For much of the month the thermometer bobbed up and down but averaged near normal until the final plunge on the 29th,  $10^{\circ}$  below normal.

Rain totaled only 2.22 inches, 1.24 inches less than normal but still more than double last year's 1.04 inches. The most to fall was 1.70 inches on the 9th-10th. Fog was infrequent and no heavy fog was reported.

#### LOONS 1HROUGH WATERFOWL

A <u>Bird Observer</u> sponsored pelagic trip to the waters southwest of Martha's Vineyard recorded 50 Cory's, 25 Greater, 2 Sooty and one small black and white shearwater, which has caused a great deal of controversy over the past two months. The small shearwater was first determined to be an Audubon's Shearwater by many birders on board who had extensive field experience with this species. Alan Brady of Pennsylvania was able to get several good photographs of the shearwater, all of which suggested that the shearwater closely resembled a Manx! Alden Clayton of Concord also was able to photograph the shearwater and his photo strongly suggested an Audubon's Shearwater. (Are there other photographs?) Both the Brady and Clayton photographs are included in this issue in Wayne Petersen's article, Small Shearwaters Are Not Always Black and White-and Neither Are Photographs (see page 235).

Small black and white shearwaters have provided puzzles before; witness the second sight record of the Manx Shearwater in Massachusetts. The following is quoted from Birds in Massachusetts by Wallace Bailey (1955):

On 7/28/53 a small shearwater was sighted off Chatham. It swooped down and alighted on the water about 100 feet from the boat. Behind the battery of scopes and binoculars trained on it, six competent ornithologists checked off the identifying marks and called it an Allied (Little) Shearwater (<u>Puffinus assimilis</u>). On 8/12/53 another party of four equally expert observers put to sea. Same bird, same place, same identification! For further study of this rarity, (Allen) Morgan collected it and took the skin to the Museum of Comparative Zoology. There, in comparison with skins of similar species, the Allied resolved itself into a Manx! All this is more proof that sight identifications are fine for keeping the eye alert and the excitement keen, but it is also a warning against too easy agreement on the identification.

Wilson's Storm-Petrels were recorded in good numbers with over 600 noted from Stellwagen and over 250 seen on the Bird Observer trip south of the Vineyard. Only one Gannet was reported.

Maximum counts of herons on Plum Island included 8 Great Blue, 6 Green-backed, <u>10</u> Little Blue, 2 Tricolored, 5 Great Egrets, 285 Snowy Egrets, and 3 Least Bitterns. A <u>White Ibis</u> was discovered at Wauwinet, Nantucket on the 19th, but could not be located after this date. The most recent records for this species are August-September 1975 in Westport and Cohasset in the summer of 1977.

The Parker River NWR personnel continued their monthly waterfowl survey. The results of August 28 are:

Mallard	532	Green-winged Teal	1212
American Black Duck	392	Blue-winged Teal	210
Gadwall	215	American Wigeon	22
Pintail	14	Northern Shoveler	7
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Other interesting waterfowl records included 16 early Ring-necked Ducks in Lakeville, an Oldsquaw off Monomoy, and early Hooded Merganser migrants at Plum Island. R.H.S.

SPECIES/DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVEPS
Common Loon: 15,31	Monomoy, P.I.	12, 1	W.Petersen#
Pied-billed Gre 1,24-31		1, 1-3	R.Heil, L.Taylor#
Cory's Shearway 28	ter: At sea, s.of M.V.	50	BOEM
Greater Shearwa 28	ater: At sea, s.of M.V.	25	BOEM
Sooty Shearwate 28	er: At sea, s.of M.V.	2	BOEM
Manx Shearwater 22	r: Stellwagen	5	BBC(H.Weissberg)
Audubon's Shear 28	At sea, s. of M.V.	1	BOEM
Wilson's Storm-			K
1,22 28	Stellwagen At sea s. of M.V.	100+, 600+ 250+	K.Holmes,BBC(Weissberg. BOEM
Gannet: 7	Rockport (Halibut Pt.)	1	J.Berry
Double-crested 14,21,29	P.I.	200, 200, 203	v.o.
Great Blue Here		2 0	
thr. 29,30	Saugus, P.I. S.Dartmouth,Eastham	max. 6, max. 8 10, 24	J.Berry, v.o. T.Raymond, R.Forster
Green-backed He	P.I., SRV, Nauset	6, 6, 21	BBC, R. Walton, CCBC
Little Blue Her 9,15	P.I., GMNWR	1 ad., 1	F.Bouchard, BBC
29,31	S.Dartmouth, P.I.	2 ad., 10	T.Raymond, W.Petersen#
Cattle Egret: thr.,22	Ipswich, Salem	max. 12 8/19, 1	J.Berry,BBC(Weissberg)
Great Egret:	Westport, P.I.	16, 5	R.Stymeist#, BBC
1.7 29,31		14, 8	T.Raymond, W.Petersen
Snowy Egret: 7	Monomoy, P.I.	54, 75	C.Floyd#, BBC
21,31	Cohasset, P.I.	90, 285	H.Mallers, W.Petersen#
Tricolored Here			
thr.	P.I., Monomoy	1-2, 1-2	v.o., v.o.
Black-crowned			
1,29;30	P.I.; Eastham	24,36;40	BBC, D. Spencer; R. Forster
Yellow-crowned	Night-Heron:		
2+18;7+16	Nantucket; Monomoy	1+1; 1 imm.	K.Harte#;G.Gove#,M.Lynch#
9+29,10+30	P.I.; Eastham	1+1, 6 <sup>+</sup> +1 imm.	BBC; B. Nikula#, R. Forster
17,30	S.Wellfleet, Orleans	1 ad., 1	W.Petersen, D.Williams
Least Bittern: 1,7,14	P.I.	2, 1, 3	E.Nielsen,BBC,R.Stymeist
Glossy Ibis: thr.	Monomoy, P.I.	max. 12, max. 11	V.O. V.O.
White Ibis:	Pionomoy, 1.1.	max. 10, max. 11	
19	Nantucket (Wauwinet) Excellent description,fide	l ad. E. Andrews.	Bazakas Family
Canada Goose: 15	Sherborn	400	E.Taylor
Blue-winged Tea 29	al: Eastham	30	R.Forster
Northern Shove 28	ler: Monomoy	4	W.Petersen
Wood Duck: 15;22	Harwich, GMNWR; SRV	7, 10; 21	W.Petersen,BBC;R.Walton
Ring-necked Du		(201) E53 - 275 -	A CAR
31 Oldsquaw:	Lakeville	16	W.Petersen
29-31 Common Eider:	Monomoy	1	D.Stemple, H.Parker#
7,30 White-winged Se	Monomoy, P.I.	21, 1	G.Gove#, J.Nove#
1,15	S.Dartmouth, Monomoy	10, 10	R.Stymeist, W.Petersen
28,31	Annisquam, P.I.	5,26	H.Wiggin, W.Petersen

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SPECIES/DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	LOCATION
Surf Scoter:			а с с
3	Manomet	1	K.Anderson
Black Scoter:			12
18	Monomoy	8	W.Petersen
Ruddy Duck:			
thr.	P.I.	max. 4	v.o.
Hooded Mergans		6	W.Petersen#
31 Red bucested M	P.I.	0	w.retersen#
Red-breasted M 7,16	Monomoy	9,7	G.Gove#, M.Lynch#
1,10	Plottomoy	2, 1	didotes, milyness
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	wks were on the move by mid		
	residents seen in Annisquam moving at month's end. A Pg		
occasions on P		regrine raicon was	reported of two
occasions on P	iun Island.		
American Coot	were hard to find all summer	r and only one ind:	ividual was reported all
month.		•	R.H.S.
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Northern Gosha		1000	States and the state of the
8,12 21,27	Middleboro,Boston(Chestnut P.I., Annisquam	t Hill) 1, 1 ad. 1 imm., 1 imm.	I.Nisbet, R.Stymeist BBC, H.Wiggin
Sharp-shinned			,
29,30,31	Eastham, Pembroke, Truro	1, 1, 1	BBC, W. Petersen, R. Forster
Cooper's Hawk: 29,30	S.Dartmouth, Pembroke	1, 1	T.Raymond, W.Petersen
Red-shouldered	Hawk:		
21	W.Wareham	1	K.Anderson
29	MNWS	1 imm.	R.Heil
Broad-winged H			
7,14	Newburyport, E. Middleboro	1, 2	G.D'Entremont#,K.Anderson
17,26	Manomet, Lexington	1 b., 2 1, 1	MBO, L.Taylor#
27,30 Bald Eagle:	Waltham, Brookline	-, -	L.Taylor, J.Heywood
11	Fairhaven (Sconticut Neck	) ] imm.	M.Schuetz
Northern Harri			• 4
thr.	Monomoy, P.I.	max. 3, max. 5	v.o., v.o.
Osprey:			. d
1, 28	Westport, Lincoln	30, 4	R.Stymeist#, J.Carter
Peregrine Falc			5
22,25	P.I.	1 imm., 1	J.Grugan, J.Carter
Merlin:			m Promond
29 Northann Babab	S. Dartmouth	1	T.Raymond
Northern Bobwh 14	Lincoln	3	J.Carter
Sora:	Lincoln	5	J. Carter
29,30	P.I., Pembroke	1, 3	BBC, W.Petersen
Common Moorhen		-, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -	15 1
thr.,5	P.I., GMNWR	max. 13, 5	v.o., W.Petersen#
American Coot:		and the state of	
29	P.I.	1	D.Spencer

#### SHOREBIRDS THROUGH TERNS

American Oystercatchers continued throughout the month on Monomoy with a maximum of  $\underline{38}$  counted on the 22nd. This is the highest count of recent years. Semipalmated Plovers peaked at 1000 on Monomoy on the 7th, and Piping Plovers were also seen there in good numbers. Black-bellied Plovers were also at their maximum reported numbers on the 22nd.

Lesser Golden-Plovers appeared in the last two weeks of the month with 15 counted at Plum Island on the 29th. As predicted, Whimbrel counts increased in August and a maximum of 100 were present on Monomoy on the 13th. Upland Sandpipers were also seen throughout the month and 30 were present on MV. One Western Willet was noted at Monomoy. The Western is generally larger and paler than the Eastern. Red Knot numbers continued to be low with a maximum of 1500 at Monomoy and 900 at Scituate compared to 2800 there at this time last year. Hopefully, they have found a more preferred resting and feeding area which is not presently being censused. White-rumped Sandpipers were reported throughout the month, and Baird's Sandpipers appeared in the waning days. An early Dunlin was noted at Scituate on the first. Dowitchers were present throughout the month as were Stilt Sandpipers with 28 being reported from Plum Island. Maximum counts of Semipalmated Sandpipers of 2000 were noted at three locations with some Western Sandpipers being found among them. Also noted were some color dyed and tagged birds including one color-marked Lesser Yellowlegs. These birds were probably captured at James Bay. The area of the dyeing on the bird and the location of the color band denote the age class.

Marbled Godwits were seen throughout the month on Monomoy as were Hudsonian Godwits in the Newburyport-Plum Island area and Monomoy with peak counts of 50 and 150 from those respective locations. Single Wilson's Phalaropes were reported from Scituate and Wellfleet.

A dark phase Parasitic Jaeger made several passes at the terns on Monomoy, and another was reported from Stellwagen. Lesser Black-backed Gulls were noted from four locations; the two seen at Scituate on the first were young birds with one molting into second winter plumage and the other in second summer plumage. The bird photographed there on the 2nd was noted to have heavy primary molt.

On a visit to Monomoy a differently plumaged gull was noted. This particular gull stood out from the rest because of its overall coloration which was a uniform dark charcoal with no particular pattern; i.e., no spots, mottling, vermiculation or contrasting feather edging. The gull was seen in various postures including standing, walking, stretching and calling and in flight. It appeared slightly smaller and more delicately proportioned than a Herring Gull. The color was charcoal, not brown as an immature Herring Gull. The wing linings were lighter, almost silvery, and the underparts were lighter also. The primaries were darker as was the tail which was uniformly dark with no light areas and no band. There was a lighter, gray patch on the top of the wing at the base of the primary and secondary flight feathers, visible when the bird was standing. From the color, the bird would appear to be an immature; however, the bill, which appeared slightly smaller than a Herring Gull's, was a dusky yellow color and there was a large red spot on the tip of the lower mandible which would suggest an adult bird going into winter or basic plumage. The eye color was also suggestive of an adult with a light yellow iris and a dark pupil. Direct comparisons were made with hatching year Herring Gulls and there seemed to be little similarity in color, apparent weight, or proportion, or other markings, particularly the bill. The bird called a number of times and sounded much like a Herring Gull and was probably a melanistic bird of that species.

A total of 1600 Bonaparte's Gulls was reported from Revere. Laughing Gulls continued at Monomoy with 500 reported and 375 were reported from Boston Harbor. Little Gulls were present all month in Newburyport Harbor.

Forster's Terns were seen throughout the period at Monomoy and more than 10,000 Common Terns were noted flying to roost at Jeremy Point in Wellfleet.

A probable <u>Bridled Tern</u> was noted on a BOEM pelagic trip in Buzzard's Bay to southern Massachusetts' waters. The following is from Richard Heil's journal, notes that were taken immediately after the sighting:

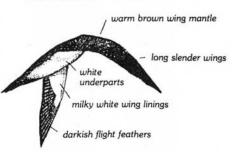
Viewed in good light (bird to our west) but at some distance (200-300 yds.); seen flying away for about 10-12 seconds by R.S.Heil, R.R.Veit, B.Nikula; bird was heading NW into Buzzard's Bay.

Noted to have "warm-brown upperparts" (RRV, RSH), "gleaming white underparts" (RSH, RRV, BN) and "white underwing linings" (RSH). Flight was with loose but deep wingbeats, at first banking in shearwater-like fashion. Head area not observed as bird was flying away.

Other species rulled out: white underwing and smaller size eliminates all jaggers; even warm-brown upperparts rules out Sooty Tern and small gulls such as Bonaparte's, Little, Sabine's; and small size eliminates Laughing Gull; white wing linings and larger size ruled out Black Tern.

The date is highly consistent with other area records (late August-September is when the species reaches peak numbers in the Gulf Stream) although most or all prior sightings were storm-related; however stiff SW winds have been prevalent through much of this month. It should be made clear that this record is probable primarily because of the distance that we were from the bird, despite the fact that a process of elimination favors <u>Bridled Tern</u>.

What Richard S. Heil saw:



This note was made from observations written immediately after the sighting.

Royal Terns were noted at four locations, and a <u>Sandwich Tern</u> was on Nantucket for at least two weeks. Individual Caspian Terns were seen at Monomoy and West Harwich. Black Terns intermingled with other terns and Black Skimmers continued at Monomoy and two to three were seen at Plymouth Beach on the BOEM trip and the following day. C.W.G.

SPECIES/DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS
American Oyste	rcatcher:		
thr.	Monomoy	max. 38(8/22)	v.o.
18.29	Nantucket, Chatham	12, 7	K.Harte, BBC
Semipalmated P		, 1	
thr.	Monomoy	max. 1000 (8/7)	v.o.
21,22	Cohasset, Revere	250, 85	H.Maller, R.Emery#
29	P.I.	545	D.Spencer#
Piping Plover:		)4)	Dioponeers
thr.	Monomoy	max. 35 (8/14)	v.o.
	P.I.	8.3	BBC
1,7 Killdeer:	F.1.	0, 5	555
	M	2	v.o.
13-31	Monomoy	1 14,4	BBC, J.Carter
7,15	Wayland, Lincoln	14, 4	
22,25;24	SRV; Concord	8, 12; <u>35</u> + 16	R.Walton, J.Carter W.Petersen
29	Rockland	10	w.Petersen
Lesser Golden-			
15,16	Chatham, M.V.	16, 3	W.Bailey, V.Laux
22,29	Monomoy	1 ad., 1	W.Petersen, D.Stemple
29,31	Scituate, S.Wellfleet	3, 1 ad.	W.Petersen, R.Forster
28-31	P.I.	max. 15 (8/29)	v.o.
Black-bellied	Plover:		
14-31	Monomoy	max. 2500 (8/22)	v.o.
7-29	P.I.	max. 212 (8/29)	v.o.
21,28	Revere, Duxbury	200, 276	BBC, R.Walton
Ruddy Turnstor	ne:	25.322	
1-21	Monomoy	max. 200 (8/14)	v.o.
thr.	Newburyport-P.I.	max. 15 (8/28)	v.o.
2;21,29	Scituate; Revere, Chatham	100; 4, 4	W.Petersen; BBC
Common Snipe:			
15,25	GMNWR, P.I.	1, 1	BBC, J.Carter
Whimbrel:		The state of	
thr.	Monomoy	max. 100+(8/13)	v.o.
14-31	P.I.	max. 5 (8/25)	v.o.
6,18	Nantucket, Chatham	18, 18	K.Harte, W.Petersen
25	GMNWR	1	R.Walton
29	Scituate, Wellfleet	6,2	W.Petersen, BBC
Upland Sandpip			
1-18	Newburyport	max. 3 (8/7)	v.o.
1;15,17	Bridgewater; Lincoln	1; 12, 6	D.Evered; J.Carter
21,24-31	Monomoy, M.V.	2, max. 30	B.Nikula, V.Laux
Spotted Sandpi		,	N
1	Dartmouth, S.Peabody	21, 21	R.Stymeist, R.Heil
15	SRV, GMNWR	5, 3	R.Walton, BBC
Solitary Sandy		· • ·	
	S.Peabody, Wayland	6,4	R.Heil, BBC
1,7	Diffabouy, may rand	., .	

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Solitary Sandpi	iper:(continued):		
28 20	SRV, Wellfleet	5, 5	R.Walton, BBC
20,27	7 individuals from as many		Render von, bbo
Willet:		iocations.	
thr.	And State	00 /9/1 7 2	1)
	Monomoy	max. 20 (8/1,7,3	
thr.	P.I.	max. 2	v.o.
29	Chatham	27	BBC(J.Barton)
	4 individuals from as many	locations.	
Greater Yellowl	egs:		
thr.	Monomoy	max. 150	v.o.
thr.	P.I.	max. 259 (8/29)	v.o.
21	Eastham	57	D. Clapp
Lesser Yellowle	gs:		••
		max. 25	v.o.
thr. " the	Newburypont-P.I.	max. 242 (8/29)	v.o.
Red Knot:		max. 242 (0/29)	1.0.
that the second	10.44	3500 (9/7)	
thr	Monomoy	max. 1500 (8/7)	v.o. +
- 192 4		900	W.Petersen
21,29	Revere, Chatham	2, 250	BBC
Pectoral Sandpi	per:		
thr.	P.I	max. 3	v.o.
17,29,31	S.Wellfleet, Truro, Monomoy		W.Petersen, BBC, R.Bowen
White-rumped Sa		1799 - 1798 - 7795	
thr.	P.I.	max. 21 (8/12)	v.o.
14-31	Monomoy	max. 3	v.o.
Baird's Sandpip		max. 3	
			D H-11
29	Marblehead	1	R.Heil
30,31	P.I.	2 juv., 5	R.Heil, W.Petersen
Least Sandpiper			
thr.	Monomoy	max. 500	v.o.
Dunlin:	A		
1	Scituate	1	W.Petersen
Short-billed Do	witcher:		
		max. 100 (8/15)	v.o.
11-22	PT	max. 149 (8/25)	v.o.
		max. 149 (0/2)/	
Long-billed Dow 12-31	P.I.	hc (9/20)	
18,22	F.L.	max. 45 (8/12)	v.o. "
10,22	меношоу	l ad.	W.Petersen#
Stilt Sandpiper			
thr.	P.I.	max. 28 (8/31)	v.o.
1,10	S.Peabody, Scituate	2, 1	R.Heil, W.Petersen#
15,17	Harwich, S.Wellfleet	8, 2	W.Petersen#
Semipalmated Sam	ndpiper:		
thr.	Monomoy	max. 2000 (8/14)	V.O.
thr.	Newburyport-P.I.	max. 900 (8/1)	v.o.
	Scituate	max. 2000 (8/2)	W.Petersen
21	Revere 2000(included 2 dy		BBC(J.Barton)
		yed birds)	BBC+0.Barton/
Western Sandpipe			and an other second
16,31	Monomoy	1, 2	M.Lynch#, R.Bowen#
15,21	P.I.	5,1	E.Nielsen, BBC(R.Prybis)
19**	Squantum	3	E.Nielsen
Buff-breasted Sa	andpiper:		
16	M.V., Monomoy	1, 1	V.Laux, S.Carroll#
29,31	Monomoy, P.I.	1, 1	D.Stemple, W.Petersen
Marbled Godwit:		-, -	stotempie, arteterben
thr.	Monomoy	max. 5 (8/21)	v.o.
		max. ) (0/21)	
Hudsonian Godwit		FO (0/20)	
thr.	Newburyport-P.I.	max. 50 (8/18)	v.o.
thr.	Monomoy	max. 150 (8/1)	v.o.
18,21	Nantucket, Revere	2, 2	E.Andrews, J.Barton
Sanderling:			
thr.	Monomoy	max. 1000 (8/14)	v.o.
thr.		max. 194 (8/29)	v.o.
	Revere	2000	BBC
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Vilson's Phalarc	·	1	Tr. O.
Vilson's Phalarc 1-18	Monomoy	1	v.o.
Vilson's Phalard 1-18 12-31	Monomoy P.I.	max. 3 (8/25)	v.o.
Vilson's Phalaro 1-18 12-31 28,29;31	Monomoy P.I. Scituate; WBWS	max. 3 (8/25)	
Vilson's Phalard 1-18 12-31	Monomoy P.I. Scituate; WBWS rope:	max. 3 (8/25)	v.o.

SPECIES/DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS
Parasitic Jaeg	er:		
1,22	Monomoy, Stellwagen	l dark, 1	v.o., BBC
Lesser Black-b		, -	v.o., bbc
3,7,19	Nantucket	1 ad.	K.Harte
1,2	Scituate	2, 1 (ph.)	W.Petersen#
1,13	M.V., Barnstable	1, 1 ad.	A.Keith, J.Bryant
Bonaparte's Gu		-) - uu.	A.Reich, J.Bryant
21,25	Revere, Newburyport	1600, 150	BBC-J.Barton, R.Forster
Laughing Gull:		,	bbc=0.barton, A.Forster
thr.	Monomoy	max. 500	v.o.
8	E.Boston	375	R.Heil
15;20,31	Watertown; Saugus	1; 2, 1	R.Stymeist; J.Berry
Little Gull:	,0	-, -, -	n.boymerse, J.berry
thr.	Newburyport	max. 3	v.o.
Black-legged K		1. The second	
1,2	Monomoy, Scituate	2 imm., 1 imm.	G.Gove#, W.Petersen
Forster's Tern		.,	diddien, nifeberben
thr.	Monomoy	max. 7	R.Bowen# + v.o.
1,15	P.I., Nantucket	2, 1	E.Nielsen, E.+C.Andrews
Common Tern:			binicisch, hiveinhaiews
23	Eastham	10,900	B.Nikula
Roseate Tern:			Siminara
1,2	Scituate, P.I.	200, 8	W.Petersen, H.Weissberg#
19	Eastham	1200	W.Petersen, B.Nikula
Least Tern:			
1	P.I., S.Dartmouth	150, 35	E.Nielsen#, R.Stymeist#
Royal Tern:			
1,3	P.I., Nantucket	1, 1	E.Nielsen#, K.Harte#
10,19	Scituate, Eastham	1, 1	W.Petersen
Sandwich Tern:			
8,10,22	Nantucket	1 Nan Jenks-	Jay,K.Harte,E.+C.Andrews
Caspian Tern:			,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
7,14	Monomoy, W.Harwich	1, 1	G.Gove#, S.Surner#
Black Tern:			
1+7;14+21	Monomoy	1; 2 B.Ha:	rrington#,G.Gove#; BBC
15,28	Nantucket, Buzzard's Bay	5, 2	E.Andrews, BOEM
Black Skimmer:			
1-24	Monomoy	2-3	v.o.
28,29	Plymouth	2, 3	BOEM, N.Komar
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### CUCKOOS THROUGH VIREOS

A watch each evening from a Brookline hilltop resulted in a remarkable count of close to 2400 migrant Common Nighthawks in two weeks. The passage of several cold fronts during the last week of the month brought many migrants, especially for observers in the field on the 29th. Empidonax and Olive-sided Flycatchers, Veery and Blue-gray Gnatcatchers were very well represented in this movement.

The Woburn site where a roost of blackbirds and over 4000 American Robins formed last year (<u>Bird Observer</u>, Vol. 9 No. 6, December 1981) was monitored on the evening of August 26, the same date as one of last year's large counts. A total of two robins was observed. A further check at several points within five miles of the site did not show any concerted evening movement of robins. Whether a major roost developed elsewhere in the region is not known.

#### WARBLERS THROUGH SPARROWS

Cape May Warblers, which were rather scarce in the spring, were reported in good numbers during August, with a high count of 75 at Plum Island on the 22nd. Cape Cod observers were treated to a fine wave of warblers on August 29. Of note were counts of Bay-breasted Warbler, Owenbird, Northern Waterthrush, Canada Warbler, and American Redstart. There is always interest in "Lawrence's" Warbler, the less common Bluewinged/Golden-winged hybrid. Two well-documented reports of adult males were received, from Wellesley and Marblehead on consecutive days.

Two adult male Yellow-headed Blackbirds turned up at coastal sites during the month, the Brewster bird remaining for several days. The August 8 date for the occurrence of three Orchard Orioles at Marblehead Neck is several weeks beyond the point when the bulk of the population would normally have departed. A Chipping Sparrow on Monomoy was noteworthy for being somewhat out of its normal element. L.E.T.

SPECIES/DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS
Yellow-billed (	Cuckoo: E.Middleboro, Harwich	1, 1	K.Anderson, B.Schlinger
Great Horned On 18,27		2, 1	J.Carter, L.Taylor
Short-eared Owl		1-2	v.o.
Chuck-wills-wid 7		2 seen and heard	chucking M.Norman#
Whip-poor-will: 16		1 calling	K.Anderson
Common Nighthay			
14,15-30	Arlington, Brookline	3, 2395	L.Taylor, R.Stymeist#
22,24-27	Middleboro, Sudbury	8, 88	K. Powers, R. Walton
24,26	Weymouth, Ipswich	30, 1	R.Campbell, J.Berry
29,30 Chimney Swift:	Eastham, Newton	2, 100	R.Forster, N.Komar
25,30	Cohasset, Brookline	40, 12	H.Mallers, R.Stymeist
Ruby-throated 1		,	
10;15,16,31	Whitman; Wellesley	1; 1, 1, 2	W.Petersen; K.Winkler
Eastern Kingbin			
7-30,7	P.I., Wayland	26 max. (8/29), 3	
24,31	GMNWR, Eastham	16, 11	L.Taylor#, R.Forster
Great-crested I		1 1 (0/20)	
13,18-29	Wellesley, P.I.	4, 4 max. (8/18)	K.Winkler, v.o.
Yellow-bellied		1 1 2 2 2	v.o.
14,16,22,31 24,29	MNWS Wellesley, Brewster	1, 1, 2-3, 2 1, 1 b.	K.Winkler, H.Stabins#
22,26,29	Chatham	1, 1, 6	v.o.
Least Flycatche		-, -, -	
22,25	MNWS, P.I.	5-8, 1 calling	W.Smith, R.Forster
30	Nantucket	4 b.	E. Andrews
Empidonax spect	ies:		
22,29	P.I., Scituate	7, 10	J.Grugan, W.Petersen
29,31	Chatham, MNWS	<u>38</u> , 6	v.o., R.Heil
Eastern Wood-Pe		2 2	L.Taylor, R.Heil
15,25-31 Olive-sided Fly	Concord, MNWS	2, 3	b. layior, M. nerr
1,3	P.I., MNWS	1, 1	L.Robinson, R.Heil
22,29,31	MNWS	2, 2, 2	v.o.
29,31	Chatham, Lincoln	2,4	R.Forster#,W.Harrington
Tree Swallow:			
2,30	P.I.	2000, 12,000	v.o.
	-winged Swallow:	0 ( 12 invento	D Hedd
8,11	S. Peabody, MNWS	9, 6 all migrants	BBC, W.Petersen#
15,22 Box Suplicer	GMNWR, Chatham	25, 2	bbo, wilcoelsels
Barn Swallow: 2,26	P.I., GMNWR	850, 70	BBC, L.Taylor
Cliff Swallow:	1111, 011		
1-14,5	P.I., Concord	15 max. (8/1), 1	v.o., W.Petersen#
18	Framingham	1	R.Forster
Purple Martin:			
1,31	P.I.	100, 20+	v.o.
Fish Crow:	ID ( to an		W.Petersen
23 Red-breasted Nu	Whitmen	1	N.I COCLOCI
17,29	Annisquam, Wellfleet	2, 2	H.Wiggin, BBC
Carolina Wren:			
1,7	Westport, E.Middleboro	12, 1	R.Stymeist#, K.Anderson
Marsh Wren:		20.05	PPC W Potenson
1,3	P.I., Marshfield	10, 25+	BBC, W.Petersen BBC, W.Petersen#
15,31 Grow Cathird.	GMNWR, P.I.	6,2	, "
Gray Catbird:	SRV, Wayland	9, 25	R.Walton, BBC
1,7 14,23	P.I., Marshfield	20, 17	BBC, D.Clapp
Swainson's Thru			
30	Chatham	1	R.Forster
Veery:			
27,29	Waltham, Chatham	1, 11	L.Taylor, R.Forster
31	Wellesley, MNWS	2,8	K.Winkler, R.Heil

SPECIES/DATE LOCATION NUMBER Eastern Bluebird: 14-17,15 Concord, GMNWR 2, 1 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 3-7,23 Wellesley, SRV 1, 3 25-31,29 MNWS, Scituate 3, 2 29 Chatham 1. Loggerhead Shrike: 29 1 MV White-eyed Vireo: 22,29 MNWS, S.Dartmouth 1, 1 imm. Red-eyed Vireo: 26.31 GMNWR, Littleton 13. 3 Philadelphia Vireo: 29,31 Chatham, MNWS 1, 3 Warbling Vireo: 1,16 Lincoln, Littleton 3, 1 25-31,30 MNWS, Newton 2 daily, 1 Black-and-white Warbler: 6, 4-6 SRV, MNWS 22 8,40 27,29 Waltham, Chatham 30-31,31 Nantucket, MNWS 13 b., 23 Worm-eating Warbler: 11 MNWS 1 Golden-winged Warbler: MNWS, Wellesley 1, 1 f. 11,14-15 Blue-winged Warbler: 15-26,16 Wellesley, MNWS 27,29 Waltham, Chatham 1, 1 1 31 Littleton "Lawrence's" Warbler: 15,16-18 Wellesley, MNWS 1 m., 1 m. Tennessee Warbler: 1, 3-4 21,22 Chatham, MNWS 3, 10 29,30 Chatham, Newton Orange-crowned Warbler: 20 Chatham 1 Yellow Warbler: 7, 25 SRV, P.I. 1,7 10,15 MNWS, Wellesley 40,6 GMNWR, Littleton 24,31 2, 1 Magnolia Warbler: MNWS, P.I. 22,25 3, 2 29,31 Chatham, Littleton 11, 1 Cape May Warbler: 4, 14, 16 14,17,22 Annisquam 7, <u>75+</u> 6, 7 12, 5 b. 22 MNWS, P.I. 28,29 Lincoln, Chatham Scituate, Nantucket 29.30 Black-throated Blue Warbler: 22,29 P.I., Chatham 1. 3 Yellow-rumped Warbler: 25,31 P.I., Lakeville Black-throated Green Warbler: 1, 1 22,29 MNWS, Chatham 1, 1 Blackburnian Warbler: 1, 3 1, 1 22,29 MNWS, Chatham 29,31 Scituate, Littleton Chestnut-sided Warbler: 15,22 Wellesley, MNWS 3, 2 26,29 GMNWR, Chatham 1, 10+ Bay-breasted Warbler: 6-8, 2 22 MNWS, Monomoy 25,26 Annisquam, Wellesley 2, 3 60+, 35 29,31 Chatham, MNWS Blackpoll Warbler: 22,28 MNWS, P.I. 1, 1 Pine Warbler: 29,31 Chatham, Lakeville 1, 5 Prairie Warbler: Chatham, Littleton 2, 1 29,31

OBSERVERS J.Carter, BBC L.Robinson, R.Walton R.Heil, W.Petersen R.Forster# V.Laux W.Smith, T.Raymond L.Taylor, J.Baird BBC, R.Heil R.Forster, J.Baird R.Heil, N.Komar R.Walton, W.Smith L.Taylor, B.Nikula# E.Andrews, R.Heil R.Heil R.Heil, K.Winkler# 2 max. (8/16), 9 K.Winkler, R.Heil L.Taylor, R.Forster J.Baird K.Winkler#, R.Heil BBC, W.Smith v.o., O.Komar# BBC R.Walton, BBC R.Heil, K.Winkler L.Taylor, J.Baird W.Smith, R.Forster# R.Forster#, J.Baird H.Wiggin W.Smith, J.Grugan J.Carter, R.Forster# W.Petersen, E.Andrews S.Sweet, v.o. R.Forster#, W.Petersen W.Smith, v.o. W.Smith, R.Forster# W.Petersen, J.Baird K.Winkler#, W.Smith L.Taylor, B.Nikula# W.Smith, W.Petersen H.Wiggin, K.Winkler B.Nikula#, R.Heil W.Smith, BBC BBC, W.Petersen R.Forster#, J.Baird

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Ovenbird:			
3,21	Annisquam, Wellesley	1, 2	H.Wiggin, K.Winkler
21,22	Chatham, MNWS	1, 1	BBC, W.Smith
27,29	Waltham, Chatham	1, 8+	L.Taylor, B.Nikula#
Northern Water		1/20 18	2/2
1	GMNWR, Westport	1, 2	R.Forster, R.Stymeist#
14,22	Wellesley, MNWS	8, 5	K.Winkler, W.Smith
29	Scituate, Chatham	2,20	W.Petersen, B.Nikula#
Louisiana Wate			
15 Mauradan Washi	Nahant	1	S.Carroll#
Mourning Warbl		5 4 .	
10-31,22 26,29	MNWS, P.I. MBO, Chatham	5 imm., 1	R.Heil, J.Grugan
Yellow-breaste		1 b., 4	staff, W.Bailey #
29,30	Nantucket	1 1 2	P Andrews
Wilson's Warbl		1, 1 b.	E.Andrews
3-7,22	Wellesley, MNWS	2, 1	L.Robinson, W.Smith
29	P.I., Chatham	2, 3	BBC, R.Forster#
Canada Warbler		-, 5	bbo, n.roracer#
20,22	Wellesley, SRV	1, 7	K.Winkler, R.Walton
22,27	MNWS, Waltham	5,6	W.Smith, L.Taylor
29	Chatham	25	B.Nikula#
American Redst			D.MIRUIA/
22,29	MNWS, Chatham	60, 150	W.Smith, B.Nikula#
29,30	Scituate, Nantucket	12, 14 b.	W.Petersen, E.Andrews
31	MNWS, Littleton	65, 6	R.Heil, J.Baird
Bobolink:	1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 -	.,	innera, ereare
26,29	Lexington, Truro	40, 500	L.Taylor#, BBC
29,30	Newton	160, 262	N.+O.Komar
Yellow-headed	Blackbird:		
18,24-26	Newburyport, Brewster	l ad. m., 1 m.	M.Lynch#, fide K.Anderson
Orchard Oriole			•
8	S.Peabody	3	R.Heil
Northern Oriol		12 37	
22,29	SRV, Chatham	6,4	R.Walton, BBC
Brown-headed C			
21-24,31	Concord, Wellesley	100 <sup>±</sup> , 38	J.Carter, K.Winkler
Rose-breasted			
7,25	Wayland, P.I.	8,3	BBC, R.Forster
Indigo Bunting			
1	SRV	5	R.Walton
Dickcissel:			
25	P.I.	1	R.Forster#
Sharp-tailed S		7 10	BBG
1,29	P.I.	7, 12	BBC
14,21	Monomoy	30, 8	BBC
Seaside Sparro		1	BBC
14 Versen Second	Monomoy	1	BBC
Vesper Sparrow 21	Eastham	1	D.Clapp
and the second		1	D. CIAPP
Chipping Sparr 22		1	W.Petersen
	Monomoy	÷	w.recersen
Song Sparrow:	SRV	22	R.Walton
1	SRV	22	R. Walton
	CORRIGE	NDA FOR MAY 1982	
Yellow-throate			
5	M.V.	1	D. Brown#
	s	hould be:	
5	M.V.	1	A. Brown#
Spotted Sandpi			
20	N.Scituate to Marshfiel	Automatical Contract of Contra	B. Cassie + K. Winkler
	s	hould be:	
20	Hull to Scituate	99	B. Cassie + K. Winkler
	ADDENDA	FOR JUNE 1982	
Manx Shearwate			
4	Nantucket	1 dead	N. Jenks-Jay
Oregon Junco:	************************	and the wave of the	
14, 21	Nantucket	1	S. Perkins, N. Jenks-Jay
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