# **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:<br>15,31      | Monomoy, P.I.                                      | 12, 1                       | W.Petersen#                           |
| Pied-billed Gre<br>1,24-31 |  | 1, 1-3                      | R.Heil, L.Taylor#                     |
| Cory's Shearway<br>28      | ter:<br>At sea, s.of M.V.                          | 50                          | BOEM                                  |
| Greater Shearwa<br>28      | ater:<br>At sea, s.of M.V.                         | 25                          | BOEM                                  |
| Sooty Shearwate<br>28      | er:<br>At sea, s.of M.V.                           | 2                           | BOEM                                  |
| Manx Shearwater<br>22      | r:<br>Stellwagen                                   | 5                           | BBC(H.Weissberg)                      |
| Audubon's Shear<br>28      | At sea, s. of M.V.                                 | 1                           | BOEM                                  |
| Wilson's Storm-            |  |                             | K                                     |
| 1,22<br>28                 | Stellwagen<br>At sea s. of M.V.                    | 100+, 600+<br>250+          | K.Holmes,BBC(Weissberg.<br>BOEM       |
| Gannet:<br>7               | Rockport (Halibut Pt.)                             | 1                           | J.Berry                               |
| Double-crested<br>14,21,29 | P.I.   | 200, 200, 203               | v.o.                                  |
| Great Blue Here            |  | 2 0                         |                                       |
| thr.<br>29,30              | Saugus, P.I.<br>S.Dartmouth,Eastham                | max. 6, max. 8<br>10, 24    | J.Berry, v.o.<br>T.Raymond, R.Forster |
| Green-backed He            | P.I., SRV, Nauset                                  | 6, 6, 21                    | BBC, R. Walton, CCBC                  |
| Little Blue Her<br>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:<br>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<br>29,31               |  | 14, 8                       | T.Raymond, W.Petersen                 |
| Snowy Egret:<br>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:<br>1,7,14   | P.I.   | 2, 1, 3                     | E.Nielsen,BBC,R.Stymeist              |
| Glossy Ibis:<br>thr.       | Monomoy, P.I.                                      | max. 12, max. 11            | V.O. V.O.                             |
| White Ibis:                | Pionomoy, 1.1.                                     | max. 10, max. 11            |                                       |
| 19                         | Nantucket (Wauwinet)<br>Excellent description,fide | l ad.<br>E. Andrews.        | Bazakas Family                        |
| Canada Goose:<br>15        | Sherborn   | 400                         | E.Taylor                              |
| Blue-winged Tea<br>29      | al:<br>Eastham                                     | 30                          | R.Forster                             |
| Northern Shove<br>28       | ler:<br>Monomoy                                    | 4                           | W.Petersen                            |
| Wood Duck:<br>15;22        | Harwich, GMNWR; SRV                                | 7, 10; 21                   | W.Petersen,BBC;R.Walton               |
| Ring-necked Du             |  | (201) E53 - 275 -           | A CAR                                 |
| 31<br>Oldsquaw:            | Lakeville  | 16                          | W.Petersen                            |
| 29-31<br>Common Eider:     | Monomoy  | 1                           | D.Stemple, H.Parker#                  |
| 7,30<br>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<br>Red bucested M    | P.I.   | 0  | w.retersen#  |
| Red-breasted M<br>7,16  | Monomoy  | 9,7                                      | G.Gove#, M.Lynch#  |
| 1,10                    | Plottomoy  | 2, 1                                     | didotes, milyness  |
|                         | RAPTORS 1  | THROUGH COOT                             | ·  |
|                         |  |  |  |
|                         | wks were on the move by mid                                |  |  |
|                         | residents seen in Annisquam<br>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<br>21,27           | Middleboro,Boston(Chestnut<br>P.I., Annisquam              | t Hill) 1, 1 ad.<br>1 imm., 1 imm.       | I.Nisbet, R.Stymeist<br>BBC, H.Wiggin  |
| Sharp-shinned           |  |  | ,  |
| 29,30,31                | Eastham, Pembroke, Truro                                   | 1, 1, 1                                  | BBC, W. Petersen, R. Forster   |
| Cooper's Hawk:<br>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<br>1, 1                          | MBO, L.Taylor#   |
| 27,30<br>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<br>Northann Babab    | S. Dartmouth   | 1  | T.Raymond  |
| Northern Bobwh<br>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:

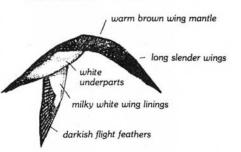
Viewed in good light (bird to our west) but at some distance (200-300 yds.); seen flying away for about 10-12 seconds by R.S.Heil, R.R.Veit, B.Nikula; bird was heading NW into Buzzard's Bay.

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<br>Killdeer: | F.1.                      | 0, 5                     | 555                              |
|                  | M                         | 2                        | v.o.                             |
| 13-31            | Monomoy                   | 1<br>14,4                | BBC, J.Carter                    |
| 7,15             | Wayland, Lincoln          | 14, 4                    |                                  |
| 22,25;24         | SRV; Concord              | 8, 12; <u>35</u> +<br>16 | R.Walton, J.Carter<br>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<br>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  |
| 21   |  |                    |  |
| the Restorment of the state of the second stat | me:  |                    |  |
| Vilson's Phalarc   | ·  | 1                  | Tr. O.   |
| Vilson's Phalarc<br>1-18   | Monomoy                                    | 1                  | v.o.   |
| Vilson's Phalard<br>1-18<br>12-31  | Monomoy<br>P.I.                            | max. 3 (8/25)      | v.o.   |
| Vilson's Phalaro<br>1-18<br>12-31<br>28,29;31  | Monomoy<br>P.I.<br>Scituate; WBWS          | max. 3 (8/25)      |  |
| Vilson's Phalard<br>1-18<br>12-31  | Monomoy<br>P.I.<br>Scituate; WBWS<br>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:<br>E.Middleboro, Harwich | 1, 1                    | K.Anderson, B.Schlinger             |
| Great Horned On<br>18,27    |                                  | 2, 1                    | J.Carter, L.Taylor                  |
| Short-eared Owl             |                                  | 1-2                     | v.o.                                |
| Chuck-wills-wid<br>7        |                                  | 2 seen and heard        | chucking M.Norman#                  |
| Whip-poor-will:<br>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<br>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<br>24,29        | MNWS<br>Wellesley, Brewster      | 1, 1, 2-3, 2<br>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<br>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<br>Box Suplicer       | GMNWR, Chatham                   | 25, 2                   | bbo, wilcoelsels                    |
| Barn Swallow:<br>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<br>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<br>BBC, W.Petersen# |
| 15,31<br>Grow Cathird.      | GMNWR, P.I.                      | 6,2                     | , "                                 |
| Gray Catbird:               | SRV, Wayland                     | 9, 25                   | R.Walton, BBC                       |
| 1,7<br>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<br>Mauradan Washi  | Nahant  | 1  | S.Carroll#                |
| Mourning Warbl  |   | 5 4 .  |                           |
| 10-31,22<br>26,29   | MNWS, P.I.<br>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<br>Versen Second   | Monomoy   | 1  | BBC                       |
| Vesper Sparrow<br>21  | Eastham   | 1  | D.Clapp                   |
| and the second |   | 1  | D. CIAPP                  |
| Chipping Sparr<br>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  |
|   | V10010110101010100000   |  |                           |