



Field Records

September 1984

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September was a very pleasant month with the temperature averaging 62.1°, 2.5° below normal and the first cooler-than-normal month since May. The high mark for the month was 85°, set on both September 11 and 24. The lowest temperature was 40° on September 27, when the mercury rose to just 52°, a record low value for the date; the prior record low was 54° in 1893.

Rainfall totaled only 1.22 inches, 2.19 inches under the normal for September. Sunshine on the other hand prevailed 67 percent of the possible time. R.H.S.

LOONS THROUGH CORMORANTS

By midmonth migrating loons were noted flying past coastal locations. On September 15 winds were out of the northeast, and at Sandy Neck in Barnstable, observers noted 17 Common Loons, 2 Cory's, 1+ Greater, and 8 Manx shearwaters, as well as two Leach's Storm-Petrels. A Brookline Bird Club trip to Stellwagen logged in 16 Manx Shearwaters on September 9. Double-crested Cormorants were moving all month with many migrating flocks reported. R.H.S.

<u>SPECIES/DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OBSERVERS</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER 1984</u>
Common Loon:				
2,15	Wareham,Barnstable(S.N.)	9, 17	L.Robinson,R.Heil	
22,27	Salisbury,P.I.	51 mig., 5 mig.	R.Heil,R.Forster	
Pied-billed Grebe:				
thr.	P.I.	max. 3	v.o.	
2,24	S.Monomoy	5 yg., 17	W.Petersen#,B.Nikula	
5,15	W.Newbury,Harwich	1, 1	R.Forster,P.Trimble	
24	Nantucket	6	P.Stangel	
Horned Grebe:				
22	Wollaston	1	SSBC	
Cory's Shearwater:				
15	Barnstable(S.N.)	2+	R.Heil	
Greater Shearwater:				
9,15	Stellwagen,Barnstable(S.N.)	45, 17+	BBC,R.Heil	
15,16	Nauset,P'town	2, 3	P.Trimble,R.Heil	
Sooty Shearwater:				
9,15	Stellwagen,Nauset Beach	5, 2	BBC, P.Trimble	
16	Eastham(F.E.)	1	W.Petersen#	
Manx Shearwater:				
9,15	Stellwagen,Barnstable(S.N.)	16, 8	BBC,R.Heil	
Wilson's Storm-Petrel:				
3,15	Hyannis,Nauset Beach	5, 2	G.Wilson,P.Trimble	
Leach's Storm-Petrel:				
15	Barnstable(S.N.)	2	R.Heil#,C.Jackson#	
Northern Gannet:				
2,6	Monomoy,Stellwagen	1, 2	W.Petersen#,A.Williams	
29	Scituate	3	R.Abrams	
Great Cormorant:				
15,23	P.I.,Wenham	2 imm., 1 ad.	W.Petersen#,J.Berry	
Double-crested Cormorant:				
1,15,29	P.I.	230, 500, 450	BBC	
1,2	Sherborn	5	E.Taylor	
16,23	Ipswich(Castle Neck),Wenham	650, 200+	J.Nove,J.Berry	
Other flocks of migrating cormorants containing 40-150 birds.				

HERONS

A late Least Bittern was seen in Rowley on September 26. Generally very few are ever reported after August. In 1978 one was noted at Plum Island as late as September 27; the only comparable record in the last six years was of a bird at Great Meadows on September 5, 1981.

A count of herons coming to roost at Plum Island on September 24 yielded 30 Great Egrets, over 700 Snowy Egrets, 6 Little Blue and 3 Tricolored herons. Other heron highlights included a high count of about 35 Cattle Egrets in Ipswich, and Yellow-crowned Night-Herons in Eastham and Monomoy.

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American Bittern:				
1	Wayland, Lakeville	1, 1	R. Forster, K. Holmes	
2, 16, 23	Monomoy	1, 1, 1	W. Petersen, H. Wiggin#, M. Lynch#	
30	Lancaster, Bolton Flats	2	M. Lynch#	
Least Bittern:				
26	Rowley	1	G. Gavutis	
Great Blue Heron:				
thr.	P.I., Saugus	max. 28 (9/29),	max. 14 (9/19)	G. Gove# + v.o., J. Berry
22	Hingham, Duxbury, Marshfield	7, 20, 22	SSBC	
Great Egret:				
thr.	P.I.	max. 30 (9/24)	B. Cassie#	
thr.	Monomoy	2+	v.o.	
2	Wareham, Westport	1, 18	L. Robinson, R. Laubach	
22	Hingham, Marshfield	2, 9	SSBC	
Snowy Egret:				
thr.	P.I.	max. 700 ⁺	B. Cassie# + v.o.	
thr.	Saugus, Monomoy	max. 25 (9/18),	max. 75 (9/23)	J. Berry, R. Prescott# + v.o.
2, 15	Westport, Scituate	25, 65	R. Laubach, SSBC	
22	South Shore	142	SSBC (Roundup)	
Little Blue Heron:				
thr.	P.I., Monomoy	max. 6 (9/24),	1-2	B. Cassie# + v.o., v.o.
15	Marshfield, Eastham	1, 1 ad.	SSBC, H. Coolidge#	
25, 30	Chilmark M.V., Scituate	1 imm., 1	V. Laux, M. Litchfield	
Tricolored Heron:				
1-24	Monomoy	1	v.o.	
9, 24	Rowley, P.I.	1, 3	M. Lynch#, B. Cassie	
Cattle Egret:				
thr.	Ipswich	max. 35 ⁺ (9/6)	J. Berry	
Green-backed Heron:				
29	P.I., W. Newbury	1, 1	G. Gove#, R. Stymeist#	
29, 30	Westport, Woods Hole	1, 1	R. Laubach, P. Trimble	
Black-crowned Night-Heron:				
1	Wayland	20	R. Forster	
11, 21	Eastham (Hemenway)	117, 176	B. Nikula	
22	Squantum, Duxbury	60, 16	SSBC (Roundup)	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron:				
11, 21	Eastham (Hemenway)	2, 5	B. Nikula	
23	S. Monomoy	1	J. Barton#	
Glossy Ibis:				
1	Rowley, P.I.	12, 1	BBC, G. d'Entremont	
2, 13, 23	Monomoy	7, 6, 2	W. Petersen#, J. Russell, J. Barton#	

WATERFOWL

The first fall Snow Geese arrived on the fifteenth at Plum Island on brisk northwest winds. Counts of ducks at Monomoy's south island were noteworthy with the following totals tallied: over 400 Green-winged and 400 Blue-winged teal, 20 Northern Pintail, 30 Northern Shoveler, and 40 Ruddy Ducks. A pelagic trip off Provincetown on September 23 provided an interesting report of 6 Harlequin Ducks.

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Mute Swan:				
29, 30	Scituate, Acoaxet	2, 78	G. d'Entremont#, J. Marshall	
Snow Goose:				
13	S. Monomoy	1	J. Russell	
15, 30	P.I., Ipswich	5, 17	D. Morimoto, J. Berry	
Canada Goose:				
23, 30	Wenham, Ipswich	280, 450	J. Berry	

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Wood Duck:				
thr., 1	Lancaster, Lakeville	6-8, 7	M. Lynch#, K. Holmes	
2, 3	P' town, Ipswich	13, 10	F. Bouchard, J. Berry	
22, 24	Essex, Nantucket (Long Pond)	8, 14	R+D. Hale#, P. Stangel	
Green-winged Teal:				
1, 23	P. I.	50 ⁺ , 35	G. d'Entremont, A. Blaisdell	
2, 23	Monomoy	300, 400	W. Petersen#, J. Barton#	
Northern Pintail:				
1, 2	Rowley, Monomoy	12, 20	R+D. Hale#, W. Petersen#	
Blue-winged Teal:				
2, 3	Monomoy, Ipswich	400, 250+	W. Petersen#, BBC	
Northern Shoveler:				
2, 23	Monomoy	5, 250+	W. Petersen#, J. Barton#	
Gadwall:				
2, 23	Monomoy	50, 200	W. Petersen#, R. Prescott#	
3	Ipswich	108	BBC	
American Wigeon:				
thr.	P. I.	max. 95 (9/22)	J. Cumming#+v.o.	
30	Ipswich	130	J. Berry	
Canvasback:				
30	Cambridge (Fresh Pond)	4	F. Bouchard	
Ring-necked Duck:				
9	Lakeville	45	W. Petersen	
23, 30	W. Newbury, Cambridge	40, 9	BBC, F. Bouchard	
Greater Scaup:				
23	S. Monomoy	3	R. Prescott#	
Lesser Scaup:				
2	Monomoy	2	W. Petersen#	
Harlequin Duck:				
23	off Provincetown	2 m., 4 f.	B. Cassie#+v.o.	
Black Scoter:				
2	Wareham	2 m., 5 f.	L. Robinson	
Surf Scoter:				
2, 23	Wareham, S. Monomoy	1 m., 50	L. Robinson, J. Barton#	
White-winged Scoter:				
1, 2	Scituate, Wareham	3, 26	W. Petersen#, L. Robinson	
Ruddy Duck:				
23	S. Monomoy	40	J. Barton#	

TURKEY VULTURE THROUGH COOT

The hawkwatch on Mt. Wachusett reported many birds for September, particularly around midmonth. A total of 58 Ospreys was seen on September 16 and 17 as were 94 Sharp-shinned Hawks. Two adult and one subadult Bald Eagles were seen at Mt. Wachusett on September 17. At Mt. Wachusett 5039 Broad-winged Hawks were seen on September 16 and elsewhere in eastern Massachusetts an additional 3895 were seen. On the seventeenth, 17,414 Broad-wingeds were counted at Mt. Wachusett. A Golden Eagle was reported on September 13 and 17, possibly the same bird, for the location was practically the same. A total of 26 Peregrine Falcons was reported.

A total of four Yellow Rails were reported this month! George Gavutis, former manager of the Parker River NWR, flushed (using dogs) one Yellow Rail, four Virginia Rails, and five Soras on the fourteenth at Rowley and then on September 29, he flushed two Yellow Rails there. Another Yellow Rail was seen at Bolton Flats on the thirtieth. The observer furnished a sketch of the bird and details which are given below.

The bird flew out from in front of the observer from an area of dense grasses and sedges growing in the water. The rail was smaller than a Sora. It had a small, chickenlike bill, and its feet dangled as it flew. It was basically golden-brown to buffy in color with an effect of dark blackish stripes alternating with brownish-buff stripes, extending from the head to the tail. The black stripes were flecked with white. The outer primaries appeared darker than the rest of the brownish wing. It had definite white areas on the inside trailing edge of the wings (the sketch gave the appearance of the speculum on a Gadwall) that contrasted with the surrounding darker wing. The observer, Mark Lynch, noted that he is very familiar with both the Virginia Rail and the Sora as he has been monitoring the populations of these two species at Bolton Flats. Based on the field marks, especially the white in the wings, he concluded that it was indeed a Yellow Rail. He searched in vain for the bird after the initial sighting. G.W.G.

Turkey Vulture:			
2	Ipswich, Dover	1, 2	J. Berry, E. Taylor
16, 17	Mt. Wachusett	4, 3	P. Roberts

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Osprey:				
3,4	P.I.,Saugus	4, 1	J.Grugan,J.Berry	
4,16	SRV	8, 10	R.Forster	
13,16,17	Mt.Wachusett	38, 39, 19	P.Roberts	
Other reports of single individuals from many locations.				
Bald Eagle:				
17	Mt.Wachusett	3 (2 ad.)	P.Roberts#	
22	Nantucket	1 imm.	R.Bushnell#	
Northern Harrier:				
thr.	P.I.	max. 9 (9/3)	v.o.	
Daily sightings at Plum Island of a minimum of 3 birds.				
13,16	Mt.Wachusett	3, 3	P.Roberts#	
Sharp-shinned Hawk:				
16	Concord,Chatham	4, 4	R.Walton,W.Petersen	
16,17	Mt.Wachusett	37, 57	P.Roberts#	
21,30	N.Monomoy,Lancaster	10, 3	J.Russell,M.Lynch#	
Cooper's Hawk:				
11,17	Millis,Mt.Wachusett	1 imm., 2	B.Cassie,P.Roberts	
19,20;22	Westport;Essex	1, 1; 1	R.Laubach;BBC(Hales)	
22,23	Framingham,Canton	1, 1	R.Forster,R.Abrams	
23,30	P.I.,Monomoy	2, 1	E.Morrier,C.Floyd#+v.o.	
Northern Goshawk:				
15	OxbowNWR,Marshfield	1 ad., 1	M.Lynch#,SSBC	
16,19	Lakeville, Middleboro	1, 1	K.Holmes,K.Anderson	
Red-shouldered Hawk:				
11,16	Lancaster,Mt.Wachusett	1, 2	M.Lynch#,BBC	
19,22;26	E.Middleboro;Westport	1, 1; 1 imm.	K.Anderson,R.Laubach	
Broad-winged Hawk:				
16	Concord,SRV;Ashby,W.Newbury	717, 750; 425, 2000	R.Walton,R.Forster;fide P.Roberts	
15,16	P.I.,Falmouth	1 imm., 2	W.Petersen,P.Trimble	
12,13,16,17	Mt.Wachusett	2000, 1000, 5039, 17,414	fide P.Roberts	
Red-tailed Hawk:				
2,9	S.Monomoy,Middleboro-Foxboro	1, 3	W.Petersen,K.Anderson	
16	Brighton,Mt.Wachusett	3, 4	J.Paputseanos,BBC	
17,22	Princeton,E.Middleboro	5, 2	P.Roberts,K.Anderson	
Golden Eagle:				
13,17	Mt.Wachusett,Princeton	1, 1	fide R.Forster,P.Roberts#	
American Kestrel:				
thr.	Everett-Beverly	max. 5 (9/5)	J.Berry	
8,16	Concord,Mt.Wachusett	4, 9	J.Carter,BBC	
17,23	Princeton,N.Monomoy	6, 2	P.Roberts,P.Trimble	
Merlin:				
16,6-30	Ipswich,Monomoy	2, max. 5	BBC,v.o.	
22,29	N.Monomoy,P.I.	2, 1	BBC,E.Morrier	
Twelve reported from twelve locations throughout the month.				
Peregrine Falcon:				
3,9	P.I.,Scituate	1, 1 imm.	BBC,D.Clapp	
16-27	N.Monomoy	total 9	v.o.	
21-29	8 locations	15	v.o.	
Ring-necked Pheasant:				
24	Nantucket	5 + 6 chicks	P.Stangel	
Ruffed Grouse:				
22,24	E.Middleboro	1, 1	K.Anderson	
Northern Bobwhite:				
18	Westport	6	R.Laubach	
Yellow Rail:				
14,29	Rowley	1, 2	G.Gavutis	
30	Lancaster	1	M.Lynch	
Clapper Rail:				
21	Eastham	1	B.Nikula#	
Virginia Rail:				
1,8	P.I.,M.V.	1, 1	G.d'Entremont,V.Laux#	
14,22	Rowley,Marshfield	4, 2	G.Gavutis,D.Clapp#	
29	GMNWR	3	J.Heywood	
Sora:				
6,14	Yarmouthport,Rowley	1, 5	J.Aylward,G.Gavutis	
16,30	Lancaster	2, 2	M.Lynch,S.Carroll	
22,29	Marshfield,GMNWR	4, 2	D.Clapp,J.Heywood	
Common Moorhen:				
thr.	P.I.	max. 6 (9/29)	v.o.	
American Coot:				
30	Cambridge	3	F.Bouchard	

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER THROUGH PHALAROPES

Lesser Golden-Plover put in their usual appearance, and American Oystercatchers were present at Monomoy in the highest September number published in twelve years of BOEM records. The American Avocet continued from August at Plum Island through midmonth. Only one Willet (western race) was reported from Scituate, but the other Willets reported at Monomoy may well have been lingering breeders of the eastern race. The count of Whimbrels at Monomoy remained high and constituted the highest September count.

A Eurasian Curlew was seen at Tuckernuck Island early in the month, and then one was seen at Monomoy from midmonth on. Presumably, it was the same bird. This is the fourth occurrence of this species in the U.S. and the third for Massachusetts. The two previous records were September 9 through October 12, 1976 at Monomoy and February 18 through March 18, 1978 at Martha's Vineyard. These latter two occurrences were presumed to be the same individual both years. The present bird, although somewhat timid, provided many observers with spectacular views of it, both in flight and standing.

Hudsonian Godwits were present in good numbers at Newburyport-Plum Island and a maximum of six Marbled Godwits was at North Monomoy throughout the month. High counts of Sanderling were made at Duxbury and at North Monomoy, and the highest September count of Semipalmated Sandpipers in BOEM records was made at Newburyport. Two Purple Sandpipers were reported from Scituate.

Baird's Sandpipers continue to be noted in low numbers as are Buff-breasted Sandpipers. A Ruff, not a usual autumn bird, was seen in Halifax. Red and Red-necked phalaropes were seen in Cape Cod Bay on September 15 and 16, possibly as a result of northeast winds on the fifteenth.

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<u>Black-bellied Plover:</u>				
1-23	P.I., N.Monomoy	max. 650 (9/3),	max. 2000 (9/22)	v.o.
18,24	Plymouth, Duxbury	200, 1500	K.Anderson#, D.Clapp	
<u>Lesser Golden-Plover:</u>				
thr.	P.I., N.Monomoy	max. 14, max. 20+(9/16)		v.o.
8,12	M.V., Halifax	30, 12	V.Laux#, W.Petersen#	
22,27	Plymouth, Nantucket	16, 11	SSBC, P.Stangel	
Many other reports of 1-15 birds.				
<u>Semipalmated Plover:</u>				
2,3	M.V., Halifax	37, 3	W.Reagan, K.Anderson	
thr.	N.Monomoy	max. 200 (9/2)		v.o.
9-23,18	P.I., Plymouth	max. 100 (9/9), 25		v.o., K.Anderson
<u>Piping Plover:</u>				
thr.	N.Monomoy	max. 8 (9/2)		v.o.
1,21;8	Scituate; Barnstable	1, 1; 10		W.Petersen; J.Aylward#
<u>Killdeer:</u>				
3-15,8	P.I., Halifax	max. 24 (9/15), 2	BBC, K.Anderson	
24	Lincoln	11	J.Carter	
29	Woburn, Scituate	8, 12	J.Cumming, R.Abrams	
<u>American Oystercatcher:</u>				
thr.	N.Monomoy	max. 45 (9/13)		v.o.
8,23	M.V., Nantucket	10, 4	V.Laux#, C.Floyd#	
<u>American Avocet:</u>				
1-18	P.I.	1		v.o.
<u>Greater Yellowlegs:</u>				
thr.	E.Boston	max. 65 (9/23)	J.Cumming	
8-22	P.I.	max. 250 (9/9)		v.o.
<u>Lesser Yellowlegs:</u>				
2	N.Monomoy	175	W.Petersen#	
8-30	P.I.	max. 100 (9/8)		v.o.
6-23	Halifax	max. 16 (9/6)	K.Anderson	
<u>Solitary Sandpiper:</u>				
2	Milton, N.Monomoy	8, 2	G.d'Entremont#, W.Petersen#	
4,5	Halifax, Medfield	3, 6	W.Petersen#, B.Cassie#	
<u>Willet:</u>				
thr.	N.Monomoy	max. 12 (9/5,9)		v.o.
<u>"Western" Willet:</u>				
1	Scituate	1		W.Petersen#
<u>Spotted Sandpiper:</u>				
5,11	W.Newbury, Westport	8, 2	R.Forster, R.Laubach	
16,29	Harwich, Woburn	1,1	P.Trimble, J.Cumming	
<u>Upland Sandpiper:</u>				
1,3	Lincoln, Ipswich	2, 1	J.Carter, BBC	
5-8,15	M.V., Nantucket	max. 12, 1	V.Laux#, R.Stymeist	

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Whimbrel:				
thr.	P.I., N. Monomoy	max. 14 (9/23),	max. 70 (9/5)	v.o.
2, 15	W. Falmouth, Eastham	2, 5	P. Trimble	
2	M.V., Wellfleet	10, 12	W. Reagan, F. Bouchard	
<u>Eurasian Curlew:</u>				
5, 7, 13	Tuckernuck I.	1	R. Veit, B. Braun, S. Perkins	
16-30	N. Monomoy	1	W. Petersen# + v.o.	
Hudsonian Godwit:				
thr.	Newburyport-P.I.	max. 20 (9/8)	v.o.	
2, 8	E. Boston	1, 2	J. Cumming	
1-23	N. Monomoy	max. 15 (9/5)	v.o.	
23, 23-30	M.V., GMNWR	2, 1	W. Manter#, R. Walton# + v.o.	
Marbled Godwit:				
thr.	N. Monomoy	max. 6 (9/16)	B. Nikula# + v.o.	
15, 27	P.I., Newburyport	1, 1	I. Girikunas, J. Smith	
22, 24	S. Monomoy, Duxbury	3, 1	BBC, D. Clapp	
Ruddy Turnstone:				
2	M.V., Truro, N. Monomoy	22, 6, 5	W. Reagan, F. Bouchard, BBC	
15, 16	Eastham, Westport	10, 13	P. Trimble, R. Laubach	
29	Scituate	3	R. Abrams	
Red Knot:				
3-15	P.I.	max. 17 (9/15)	BBC	
22, 29	N. Monomoy, Scituate	200, 100 imm.	BBC, R. Abrams#	
Sanderling:				
4	Wayland	1	R. Forster	
18	Plymouth	500	D. Evered#	
2, 22	N. Monomoy	2000	BBC	
24	Duxbury	2000	D. Clapp	
Semipalmated Sandpiper:				
4, 15	Halifax, Scituate	300, 400	W. Petersen, SSBC	
18	P.I., Newburyport	6000	R. Heil	
22	Salisbury-P.I.	400	R. Heil	
Western Sandpiper:				
1, 4	Scituate, Halifax	1, 5	W. Petersen	
8-29, 8	P.I., Orleans	max. 4 (9/8), 8	v.o., B. Nikula	
24, 27	Wellfleet, N. Monomoy	2, 4	B. Cassie#, B. Nikula	
	1-3 individuals from 8 locations.			
Least Sandpiper:				
1, 3	P.I., W. Yarmouth	50, 35	BBC, P. Trimble	
6, 9	Halifax, Bridgewater	50, 75	K. Anderson, R. Abrams	
White-rumped Sandpiper:				
thr.	P.I., N. Monomoy	max. 16 (9/29),	max. 10 (9/16)	v.o.
4, 18	Halifax, Plymouth	2, 4	W. Petersen, D. Evered#	
Baird's Sandpiper:				
2, 16, 22	S. Monomoy; N. Monomoy	1; 1, 1	W. Harrington; B. Nikula#	
15, 25	P.I.	1, 2	BBC, B. Cassie#	
15	E. Middleboro, Halifax	1, 1	K. Holmes	
Pectoral Sandpiper:				
thr.	N. Monomoy, P.I.	max. 30 (?/23),	max. 12 (9/25, 29)	v.o.
6-26	Halifax	max. 15 (9/3)	K. Anderson#	
9, 26	Bridgewater, GMNWR	12, 12	R. Abrams, G. Gove	
Purple Sandpiper:				
15	N. Scituate	2	SSBC	
Dunlin:				
9-29	Newburyport-P.I.	max. 500 (9/29)	v.o.	
22, 24	N. Monomoy, Duxbury	300, 600	BBC, D. Clapp	
Stilt Sandpiper:				
3-22	P.I.	max. 11 imm. (9/5)		v.o.
3-17	Halifax	max. 4 (9/3)	K. Anderson#	
29	W. Newbury	2	R. Stymeist	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper:				
1, 2	Scituate, Plymouth	1, 1	W. Petersen#, K. Anderson#	
2, 23	N. Monomoy	2, 1	BBC, B. Nikula#	
5, 20-23	M.V., Nantucket	4, 1	V. Laux#, N. Waldron#	
9, 25	P.I.	1, 2	v.o.	
Ruff:				
15, 17	Halifax	1 imm.	K. Holmes, K. Anderson	
Short-billed Dowitcher:				
thr.	P.I.	max. 40 imm.	v.o.	
Long-billed Dowitcher:				
8-30	Newburyport-P.I.	max. 90 ad. (9/18)	R. Heil + v.o.	
Common Snipe:				
3-17	Halifax	max. 5 (9/4)	W. Petersen#	

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Common Snipe (continued):				
2,3	Monomoy,Framingham	2, 5	W.Petersen#,R.Forster	
4,25	Concord,Nantucket	3, 1	R.Forster,P.Stangel	
American Woodcock:				
2,15	Squantum,Middleboro	3, 1	G.d'Entremont,W.Petersen#	
15,16	P.I.,Falmouth	1, 1	I.Girionas,P.Trimble	
22,23	Halifax,N.Monomoy	1, 1	K.Anderson,M.Lynch#	
Wilson's Phalarope:				
1-22,3	N.Monomoy,P.I.	max. 2 (9/2), 1	v.o.,J.Grugan	
Red-necked Phalarope:				
1,15	Buzzard's Bay,Barnstable	2, 40	P.Hallowell,R.Heil	
16	P'town,Eastham	80, 30	R.Heil,W.Petersen	
Red Phalarope:				
16	p'town	3	R.Heil	
phalarope sp.:				
15	Barnstable	60	R.Heil	

GULLS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

Up to 1000 Laughing Gulls were present on North Monomoy at the beginning of the month. A hooded adult Franklin's Gull was reported from Tuckernuck Island on September 5. A total of six Lesser Black-backed Gulls was reported this month; these birds are now definitely regular but uncommon in Massachusetts. The occurrence and increasing numbers of this bird in Eastern North America is an interesting subject. Four reports of Sabine's Gull are in this month's records. It is difficult to tell if these are the same four birds or up to ten different birds since they were all seen in or around Cape Cod Bay within one week. The people on the September 9 BBC pelagic trip were treated to spectacular views of two adult Sabine's Gulls followed a while later by equally fine sightings of two young birds. All four of these birds were seen by many observers and photographs were taken of at least some. The date is rather early for juvenile Sabine's Gulls; therefore, if anyone has photos of these, BOEM and MAS would like to have copies of the photos to be filed with the records.

A number of Caspian Terns was seen late in the month, and Royal Terns were present on North Monomoy. Two Sandwich Terns were reported from Martha's Vineyard; an immature bird was seen begging food from an adult, which is typical of post-breeding terns. The nearest breeding locations are Maryland, where they are occasional breeders, and Virginia, where they are annual breeders (twenty pairs at the most). One or two other Sandwich Terns were reported from Chatham but no details of the sightings were submitted. Reports causing some concern are those of Arctic Terns on September 2 and 15. These are late dates for Arctic Terns and this species is not easily and readily identifiable by everyone. According to Bailey, "In late summer, bill coloration has changed enough to make field identification extremely difficult..." Griscom noted that "...many birds believed to be Arctic Terns in winter plumage have been collected and prove to be Common Terns." Thus, late summer reports of this species need verifying details.

Roseate Terns accumulated at North Monomoy where ten to fifteen thousand Common and Roseate terns were present. Forster's Terns were also present there with a maximum of fifteen counted on September 22. Skimmers were present at North Monomoy until September 23 and two adults plus twelve juveniles were seen at Orleans on September 8.

After six days of strong southwest winds, fog and northeast winds on September 15 produced many seabirds in Cape Cod Bay on the fifteenth and sixteenth from such vantage points as Sandy Neck and First Encounter Beach. These included approximately 13,000 terns, 11 Black Terns, 1 Razorbill and 1 unidentified alcid, 15 unidentified jaegers, and 117 Parasitic Jaegers.

An adult dark morph Long-tailed Jaeger was reported on a BBC pelagic trip. Several observers submitted details emphasizing the buoyant flight, slim build, and overall dark plumage with long central tail feathers. Jaegers are among the most difficult groups of birds to identify. An adult dark morph Long-tailed Jaeger is virtually unknown, allegedly occurring in a small population in Greenland. In light of this and the fact that other observers present did not agree with the identification, it is best considered an intriguing but inconclusive report.

Four to five Great Horned Owls were heard calling in the early morning hours in Ipswich and two to three were heard in Wenham. A Barred Owl and a Northern Saw-whet Owl were seen in Lakeville. Common Nighthawks continued their migration and were noted from several locations including a high number from Nantucket on the late date of September 25. Ruby-throated Hummingbirds put in an impressive showing this fall with the majority passing through by mid-month. Seventeen kingfishers were seen together at Falmouth, an impressive collection of those birds. Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were also evident in migration with one seen hanging on the wall of the 19th floor of the McCormack Building in downtown Boston.

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Laughing Gull:				
2,4	Woods Hole, N. Monomoy	83, 1000	W. Reagan, B. Nikula	
8,16	Westport, Mashpee	21, 25	R. Laubach, P. Trimble	
30	Winthrop	35	J. Cumming	
<u>Franklin's Gull</u>				
5	Tuckernuck I.	1 ad.	R. Veit#	
Little Gull:				
2-22	Newburyport-P.I.	2 ad. + 1 juv.	v.o.	
15	Barnstable	1 juv.	R. Heil	
Bonaparte's Gull:				
3,15	Newburyport-P.I.	50, 40	BBC	
Ring-billed Gull:				
18,19	Westport	210	R. Laubach	
Lesser Black-backed Gull:				
5,27	N. Monomoy	1 ad.	B. Nikula	
18,19	Plymouth, Annisquam	2, 1 (2S)	T. Lloyd-Evans, H. Wiggin	
21;24,26	Nantucket	1 ad.; 1 (3W)	R. Stymeist#; P. Stangel	
Black-legged Kittiwake:				
9,30	Stellwagen, Eastham	2, 4	BBC	
<u>Sabine's Gull:</u>				
9,14	Stellwagen	2 ad. + 2 imm., 1	BBC, T. Ramage	
15,16	Barnstable, P'town	2 ad. + 1, 1 ad. + 1	R. Heil#	
Caspian Tern:				
22,24	Squantum, Plymouth	3, 2 ad. + 1 imm.	SSBC, A. Bennett	
30	P.I., Scituate	4, 1	BBC, SSBC (M. Litchfield)	
Royal Tern:				
2,13	N. Monomoy	2, 1	BBC, B. Nikula#	
<u>Sandwich Tern:</u>				
5,16	M.V., Chatham	2, 1-2 (no details)	V. Laux#, D. Evered	
Roseate Tern:				
4,19	N. Monomoy	15,000, 10,000	B. Nikula#	
23	Orleans	60	P. Trimble	
Common/Roseate terns:				
15	Barnstable	<u>12,750</u>	R. Heil	
Common Tern:				
1,3;9	P.I.; Scituate	12, 16; 100	BBC; R. Abrams#	
15	Orleans	150	P. Trimble	
Arctic Tern:				
2,15	N. Monomoy, Orleans	2, 2	BBC (J. Barton), P. Trimble	
Forster's Tern:				
2-22	N. Monomoy	max. 15 (9/22)	v.o.	
2,23	S. Monomoy	8, 5	W. Petersen#, v.o., P. Trimble	
8,15	M.V., Nantucket	8, 15	V. Laux#, G. Gove#	
Least Tern:				
1,15	P.I., Orleans	1, 30	BBC, P. Trimble	
Black Tern:				
2,15	S. Monomoy, Orleans	7, 2	W. Petersen#, P. Trimble	
15,23	Barnstable, N. Monomoy	<u>11, 2</u>	R. Heil, M. Lynch#	
3,8,15	P.I.	<u>1, 1, 1</u>	BBC	
Black Skimmer:				
1-23	N. Monomoy	max. 10 (9/1)	B. Nikula#	
8	Orleans	2 ad. + 12 juv.	B. Nikula#	
alcid species (large):				
15	Barnstable	1	R. Heil#	
Razorbill:				
15	Barnstable	1	R. Heil#	
jaeger species:				
15	Barnstable	15	R. Heil#	
Parasitic Jaeger:				
9,15	Stellwagen	14, 45	BBC, R. Heil#	
15,16	Eastham	35, 20	B. Nikula#	
16	P'town	17	R. Heil	
Mourning Dove:				
27	Nantucket	270	P. Stangel	
Black-billed Cuckoo:				
1-17,15	Middleboro, Bridgewater	1, 1	D. Briggs, K. Holmes	
16;22,23	Nantucket	1;1	R. Stymeist#; J. Heywood	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo:				
5,16	Medfield, Falmouth	1, 5	B. Cassie, P. Trimble	
19-22,30	Nantucket, Cambridge	1, 1	R. Stymeist#, F. Bouchard	
Eastern Screech-Owl:				
8	Lancaster	5	M. Lynch#	
thr.	8 from 8 locations			

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Great Horned Owl:				
7,18;16	Ipswich;Wenham	4-5, 2; 2-3	J.Berry	
15;16	P.I.;E.Middleboro,Falmouth	1; 1, 1	BBC;K.Holmes,P.Trimble	
Barred Owl:				
8;16,25	Lakeville;E.Middleboro	1; 1, 1	K.Homes;K.Holmes,P.Anderson	
Short-eared Owl:				
thr.	N.Monomoy	2	v.o.	
Northern Saw-whet				
Owl:				
2	Lakeville	1	K.Holmes	
Common Nighthawk:				
1,2	Brookline	59, 79	R.Stymeist	
1,10,12,19,21,30	Sandwich	8, 5, 3, 43, 2, 1	R.Pease	
8,9	M.V.,GMNWR	40, 24	V.Laux#,G.Gove	
25	Nantucket	55	N.Waldron	
Whip-poor-will:				
3,8	Pocasset,M.V.	1, 1	P.Hallowell,V.Laux#	
Chimney Swift:				
11,16	Lancaster,Mashpee	70, 2	S.Carroll#,P.Trimble	
25,30	Wellesley,Outer Cape	100, 1	M.Murphy,BBC	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird:				
3,4	Framingham,Sudbury	3, 4	R.Forster	
5,6,13	MNWS	7, 4, 8	R.Heil	
1,15	Lakeville	3, 5	K.Holmes	
16	Lancaster,Mt.Wachusett	3, 3	M.Lynch#,BBC	
	5 other individuals reported.			
Belted Kingfisher:				
thr.	Revere-Beverly	max. 4	J.Berry	
15,22	Falmouth,Marshfield	17 + 2, 11	A.Clarke,D.Clapp#	
22	P.I.-Newburyport,Essex	6, 5	G.d'Entremont#,BBC	
Red-headed Woodpecker:				
8	Millis	1 ad.	B.Cassie	
15	Chatham	1 imm.	R.Comeau	
Red-bellied Woodpecker:				
8	M.V.	1	V.Laux#	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:				
17,29	P.I.	2, 4	J.Grugan,BBC	
22,27	Salisbury,P.I.	2, 2 imm.	R.Heil,R.Laubach#	
22-29	8 from 8 locations			
Hairy Woodpecker:				
2,22	E.Middleboro	1 f.	K.Anderson	
Northern Flicker:				
16,17	Wenham,P.I.	28, 25	J.Berry,J.Grugan	
16,22	Ipswich,Essex	11, 11	BBC	
29,30	P.I.,Ipswich	35, 5	BBC,J.Berry	
Pileated Woodpecker:				
16,27	Wenham,Manchester	1, 1	J.Berry,BBC	

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH VIREOS

Several Northern Rough-winged Swallows were seen, all constituting late occurrences for this species which tends to depart by mid-August. A few Red-breasted Nuthatches were reported, all from or near known breeding sites, indicating no early movement by this irruptive species. Good counts of Eastern Bluebird, totaling forty-one individuals, were tallied at Wachusett Meadow in Princeton and the Middlesex Fells in Medford. The thirty Veerys at the Marblehead Neck sanctuary on September 5 constitute an excellent count. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher reports for the month totaled thirty-two individuals, more than four times the highest September count (eight) in the last seven years. September saw several records of comparatively unusual species. A good count of Fish Crows was made in North Attleborough, a site from which they had been previously unreported. Common Ravens were reported from two sites, where they are now routine, although they are still very rare in eastern Massachusetts. The September total of three Loggerhead Shrikes is high compared to the typical single report from recent years, and stands up well against the average of five during 1973-1975. Always a treat for lucky observers, a Sedge Wren was unique at Plum Island on September 25. Twenty-three Golden-crowned Kinglets at P.I. on the twenty-seventh were earlier indications of a good flight year for this species. L.E.T.

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Olive-sided Flycatcher:				
7	P.I.,Chatham	1, 1	M.Lynch#,W.Petersen#	
5-8,12	M.V.,S.Peabody	8, 2	V.Laux#,R.Heil	
Eastern Wood-Pewee:				
4,8	Wayland,M.V.	5, 10	R.Forster,V.Laux#	

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Eastern Wood-Pewee (continued): 15-27,27	P.I.,Manchester	7 max., 1	v.o., BBC	
<u>Empidonax</u> sp.:				
2,5	Monomoy, P.I.	9, 4	W.Petersen#, J.Grugan	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 1,5;7,8,18	Millis,P.I.;Nant.(all b.)	1, 1; 3, 4, 2	B.Cassie,J.Grugan;E.Andrews	
Acadian Flycatcher: 4	Nantucket	1 b.	E.Andrews	
Least Flycatcher: 8,27	Nantucket (both b.)	2, 1	E.Andrews	
Eastern Phoebe: 16,24 27,30	ONWR,E.Middleboro Manchester,Belmont	6, 3 3, 5	S.Carroll#,K.Anderson BBC,L.Taylor	
Great Crested Flycatcher: 3,16	Ipswich,MNWS	1, 1	BBC,J.Cumming	
Western Kingbird: 8,22-24	M.V.,Truro	1, 1	V.Laux,v.o.	
Eastern Kingbird: 1-8,8 22,24	P.I.,Scituate Nantucket,Chatham	10 max. (9/1), 4 4,2	v.o.,W.Petersen R.Stymeist,B.Nikula	
Horned Lark: 15,25	Orleans,Nantucket	15, 2	P.Trimble,P.Stangel	
Purple Martin: 3,11	Ipswich,Millis	175+, 1	BBC,B.Cassie	
Tree Swallow: 1-15,16 22	P.I.,Falmouth E.Middleboro,Chatham	10000 max. (9/8), 10000, 5000+	10000+ v.o.,L.Robinson K.Anderson,B.Nikula	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow: 4,8 11	Wayland,P.I. Millis	1, 1 1	R.Forster,BBC B.Cassie	
Bank Swallow: 3,23	Ipswich,N.Monomoy	1, 5	BBC,P.Trimble	
Cliff Swallow: 3	Ipswich	1	BBC	
Barn Swallow: 11,23	Lancaster,N.Monomoy	110, 10	M.Lynch,P.Trimble	
Blue Jay: 23,30	Wenham,Falmouth	36, 55	J.Berry,P.Trimble	
Fish Crow: 3,30	Whitman,N.Attleboro	1, 45	W.Petersen,B.Sorrie	
Common Raven: 7,17	Athol,Princeton	1, 3	A.Williams,P.Roberts#	
Red-breasted Nuthatch: 9,16 21	E.Middleboro,Ipswich Milton	1, 4 2	K.Anderson,BBC R.Abrams	
Carolina Wren: 4-30,13	5 locations,Westport	5 singles, 2	v.o.,R.Laubach	
House Wren: 15,23	Scituate,Newton	1, 1	SSBC,J.Barton	
Winter Wren: 14,18;17,25	MNWS; Nant. (both b.)	1, 1; 1, 1	J.Smith,E.Andrews	
Sedge Wren: 25	P.I.	1	B.Cassie#	
Marsh Wren: 1-22,29	P.I.,Marshfield	5 max. (9/1), 1	v.o.,G.d'Entremont#	
Golden-crowned Kinglet: 27	Annisquam,P.I.	6, 23	H.Wiggin,R.Forster	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 3-29,16	P.I.,Ipswich	6 max. (9/27), 3	v.o.,BBC	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: thr. 5,16	P.I.,9 locations MNWS,Chatham	5 total, 17 total 6, 4	v.o. R.Heil,B.Nikula	
Eastern Bluebird: 13,18	Princeton,Medford	29, 12	L.Robinson,P.Roberts	
Veery: 2 5,3-17	MNWS,Monomoy MNWS,P.I.	7, 8 30, 3 singles	R.Forster,W.Petersen# R.Heil,v.o.	
Gray-cheeked Thrush: 13,17	MNWS,P.I.	1, 1	J.Smith,J.Grugan	
Swainson's Thrush: 2;6 23;29	Nant.,Monomoy;E.Orleans Nant.;MNWS,P.I.	3 b., 2; 1 4 b., 1, 1	E.Andrews,BBC;A.Williams E.Andrews;J.Cumming,BBC	

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Wood Thrush:				
16,30	Wenham,Outer Cape Cod	7, 1	J.Berry, BBC	
Gray Catbird:				
16	Falmouth,Ipswich	40, 12	P.Trimble, BBC	
22,29	Marshfield,P.I.	30, 40	D.Clapp,BBC	
Northern Mockingbird:				
12,16	S.Peabody,Falmouth	50 ⁺ , 15	R.Heil,P.Trimble	
Brown Thrasher:				
16,29	Ipswich,P.I.	10, 2	BBC	
Water Pipit:				
2,16	Truro,Chatham	3, 2	F.Bouchard,H.Wiggin#	
18-29,21	P.I.,Scituate	38 max. (9/23), 8	v.o.	
Cedar Waxwing:				
2,3	Provincetown,P.I.	11, 15	F.Bouchard,BBC	
3,29	Ipswich,Canton	35, 8	BBC,R.Abrams	
Loggerhead Shrike:				
1,4	Chatham,M.V.	1, 1	W.Harrington,W.Manter#	
8-9	P.I.	1	BBC	
White-eyed Vireo:				
21	Scituate	1	W.Petersen	
Solitary Vireo:				
5-23,29	P.I.,MNWS	3 singles, 1	v.o.,J.Cumming	
30	Falmouth	1	P.Trimble	
Yellow-throated Vireo:				
5,30	Medfield,Falmouth	1, 1	B.Cassie,P.Trimble	
Warbling Vireo:				
3,16-17	Framingham,Chatham	2, 1	R.Forster,B.Nikula	
Philadelphia Vireo:				
2,3-22,13-21	Nant.,9 locations,Chatham	1 b.,11 total,	10+ E.Andrews, v.o.	
16-17,20	Chatham, Nantucket	3, 2 b.	B.Nikula,E.Andrews	
Red-eyed Vireo:				
2,13;30	MNWS,Falmouth	8, 35; 2	v.o.,P.Trimble	

WARBLERS THROUGH PURPLE FINCH

The best flight of wood warblers occurred during the first week of the month as exemplified by the dates for Yellow-rumped, Cape May and Blackburnian warblers, and American Redstart. A total of thirty-two warbler species was observed for the month. Nashville Warbler reports were conspicuously low; conversely the single-day total of two hundred Cape May Warblers on Monomoy on the early date of September 2 overshadowed the previous recent high-count of 150 in September 1978. Among the less common warbler species, the sighting of two Yellow-throated Warblers was the best in recent years, and the trend is moving upward. Two Worm-eating Warblers and singles of Kentucky and Hooded warblers were about average. Yellow-breasted Chats also occurred in approximately typical numbers. Remarkably, no Connecticut Warblers were reported; the previous September low-count for this species since 1975 was five!

Blue-winged Warbler:				
5,9	P.I.,MNWS	1, 1 m.	J.Grugan,J.Cumming	
21,25	Chatham,Rockport	2, 1 b.	W.Petersen#,R.Norris	
Golden-winged Warbler:				
4,5	Sudbury,MNWS	1 f., 1 m.	R.Forster,R.Heil	
16,27	Chatham,Nantucket	1 m., 1 m.	W.Petersen,P.Stangel	
"Brewster's" Warbler:				
7	MNWS	1	R.Heil	
Tennessee Warbler:				
2,8	Monomoy,Lancaster	5, 8	W.Petersen#,M.Lynch#	
16,23	P.I.,Littleton	1, 1	K.Holmes,J.Baird	
Orange-crowned Warbler:				
11,22	Annisquam,Essex	1, 1	H.Wiggin,BBC	
27	P.I.	1	I.Smith	
Nashville Warbler:				
18	Medford	1	P.Roberts	
Northern Parula:				
1;17,22	Scituate,P.I.	2; 1, 1	W.Petersen#,J.Grugan#	
29	MNWS	1	J.Cumming	
Yellow Warbler:				
6,7	Nantucket (both b.)	1, 1	E.Andrews	
Chestnut-sided Warbler:				
1,27	Scituate,Nantucket	2, 1	W.Petersen#,P.Stangel	
Magnolia Warbler:				
2,3-22	N.Monomoy,P.I.	2, 5 max. (9/22)	BBC,v.o.	
23,25	Littleton,Nantucket	1, 2 b.	J.Baird, E.Andrews	

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Cape May Warbler:				
1,2	SRV, Monomoy	45, 200+	R. Forster, W. Petersen#	
9,30	Scituate, Falmouth	20, 6	R. Abrams#, P. Trimble	
Black-throated Blue Warbler:				
2;8,17	MNWS; P.I.	4; 1, 1	R. Forster: v.o.	
Yellow-rumped Warbler:				
2,4	Monomoy, Wayland	1, 2	W. Petersen#, R. Forster	
13,29	Millis, P.I.	80, 150	B. Cassie, BBC	
Black-throated Green Warbler:				
22,29;29	P.I.; Brookline	2, 1; 1	J. Cumming, J. Paputseanos	
Blackburnian Warbler:				
2	Monomoy, Annisquam	1, 1	W. Petersen#, H. Wiggin	
3	Newburyport, Princeton	3, 7	J. Grugan, J. Heywood#	
Yellow-throated Warbler:				
1,12	M.V., S. Peabody	1, 1	W. Manter, R. Heil	
Pine Warbler:				
5,16	P.I., Ipswich	1, 2	J. Grugan, BBC	
23,30	S. Monomoy, Falmouth	2, 12	J. Barton#, P. Trimble	
Prairie Warbler:				
2,16	Monomoy, Falmouth	5, 1	W. Petersen#, P. Trimble	
17	P.I., Westport	1, 1 f.	J. Grugan, R. Laubach	
Palm Warbler:				
18,22;23	Nant. (b.); Halifax, N. Monomoy	4, 7; 1, 1	E. Andrews; K. Anderson, P. Trimble	
30	Falmouth, Ipswich	1, 3	P. Trimble, J. Berry	
Bay-breasted Warbler:				
1,2	Scituate, MNWS	3, 7	W. Petersen#, R. Forster	
3,4	Princeton, Sudbury	5, 18	J. Heywood#, R. Forster	
9,29	Scituate, P.I.	10, 8	R. Abrams, M. Argue	
Blackpoll Warbler:				
3,16	P.I., Falmouth	1, 5	BBC, P. Trimble	
16,22	Wareham, Essex	14, 10	L. Robinson, BBC	
23,30	Littleton, N. Scituate	6, 2	J. Baird, SSBC	
Black-and-white Warbler:				
13-22	P.I., 4 locations	1, 6 total	BBC, v.o.	
23	Marshfield	4	D. Clapp#	
American Redstart:				
2,29	MNWS	25, 1	R. Forster, J. Cumming	
Worm-eating Warbler:				
2,8	Chatham, M.V.	1, 1	W. Bailey, V. Laux#	
Ovenbird:				
2,18	Nantucket, P.I.	2 b., 1	E. Andrews, G. d'Entremont	
Northern Waterthrush:				
2,8	Monomoy, Lancaster	7, 3	W. Petersen#, M. Lynch#	
15,23	Eastham, P.I.	3, 1	H. Wiggin#, BBC	
Kentucky Warbler:				
11	Millis	1 imm.	B. Cassie	
Mourning Warbler:				
8	Nant., Lancaster, M.V.	1 b., 1, 1 imm.	E. Andrews, S. Carroll#, V. Laux#	
7,13;16	MNWS; Nantucket	1, 2; 1	R. Heil; B. Sorrie	
23;22,28	Littleton, M.V.; Nant. (b.)	1, 1; 1, 1	J. Baird, V. Laux#; E. Andrews	
Common Yellowthroat:				
16,27	Ipswich, E. Middleboro	3, 2	BBC, K. Anderson	
Hooded Warbler:				
2	Chatham	1	W. Bailey	
Wilson's Warbler:				
1,29	Scituate, Woburn	5, 1	W. Petersen#, J. Cumming	
Canada Warbler:				
1,3;2,4	Scituate, Newbypt; Nant.	2, 1; 3 b., 2 b.	W. Petersen#, J. Grugan; E. Andrews	
16,22,23	Chatham, Nant., Marshfield	1, 1 b., 1	W. Petersen#, E. Andrews, D. Clapp	
Yellow-breasted Chat:				
1,5;5,6	Scituate, P.I.; Nant. (b.)	1, 1; 1, 1	W. Petersen#, J. Grugan; E. Andrews	
5-6,6	E. Orleans, Chatham	1, 1	E. Williams#, B. Nikula	
8,18	Millis, Annisquam	1, 1	B. Cassie, H. Wiggin	
19,21	MNWS, Scituate	1, 1	J. Smith, D. Clapp	

TANAGER THROUGH PURPLE FINCH

In major irruption years, a few Evening Grosbeaks show up in September; no luck this year. Great Meadows in Concord was an unusual inland site and an early date for the Lapland Longspur seen on September 23.

The bona fide passerine rarity of the month was Western Tanager, with two turned up on the same day in the course of the South Shore Bird Club's fall roundup. The individual

on Long Island in Boston Harbor was a well-described immature male. A single Summer Tanager report was about average for recent years. Several other uncommon but expected species, including Dickcissel, Blue Grosbeak, Yellow-headed Blackbird, and Lark Sparrow, occurred in typical numbers for September. L.E.T.

SPECIES/DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	SEPTEMBER 1984
Summer Tanager: 16	Falmouth	1	P.Trimble	
Scarlet Tanager: 18-23,27	P.I.,Nantucket	2 max., 1	v.o.,P.Stangel	
Western Tanager: 22	Boston,Middleboro	1 imm. m. (good details), 1 P.O'Neil#	D.Briggs	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 2,4	Monomoy,Sudbury	3, 3	W.Petersen#,R.Forster	
5-29,8	P.I.,Lancaster	5 max. (9/22), 6	v.o.,M.Lynch#	
14,29	Annisquam,Marshfield	6, 2	H.Wiggin,R.Campbell#	
Blue Grosbeak: 3,6	Halifax,M.V.	1-2, 1	W.Petersen,V.Laux#	
Indigo Bunting: 3	Halifax,Millis	30, 6	W.Petersen,W.Reagan	
12,30	S.Peabody,Westport	7, 1	R.Heil,R.Laubach	
Dickcissel: 2,17	Chatham	2, 1	A.Vose,B.Nikula	
22-30,22	Truro,Marshfield	1 max., 1	v.o.,SSBC	
Rufous-sided Towhee: 3,16	P.I.,Falmouth	8, 40	BBC,P.Trimble	
Chipping Sparrow: 15,16	Lakeville,Falmouth	35, 14	W.Petersen#,P.Trimble	
27,2	P.I.,Weston	6, 10	R.Laubach,L.Robinson	
Clay-colored Sparrow: 22-24	Truro	1 (details)	M.Lynch#	
Field Sparrow: 16,29	Falmouth,Weston	25, 15	P.Trimble,L.Robinson	
Vesper Sparrow: 1,23-30	Millis,S.Wellfleet	1, 6 max.	B.Cassie,BBC	
30	ONWR	2	S.Carroll#	
Lark Sparrow: 6,9	M.V.,Barnstable	1, 1	V.Laux#,R.Pease	
9-16	P.I.	1	v.o.	
Savannah Sparrow: 29,30	Salisbury,Lancaster	56, 41	M.Lynch#,S.Carroll#	
Grasshopper Sparrow: 16	Falmouth	3	P.Trimble	
Sharp-tailed Sparrow: 2,23	Monomoy	45, 15	W.Petersen#,M.Lynch#	
15,30	Nauset,Newburyport	10, 20	P.Trimble,J.Berry	
Seaside Sparrow: 3-30,22	Newburyport,N.Monomoy	2 max. (9/15), 1	v.o.,BBC	
Song Sparrow: 16,30	Falmouth,Lancaster	10, 69	P.Trimble,S.Carroll#	
Lincoln's Sparrow: 2,5	Belmont,P.I.	1, 1	L.Taylor,J.Grugan	
8,23	Millis,Truro	1, 1	B.Cassie,P.Trimble	
23,25	Newton,Sudbury	2, 4	J.Barton,R.Forster	
Swamp Sparrow: 30	Lancaster	39	S.Carroll#	
White-throated Sparrow: 13,17	Sudbury,P.I.	1, 10	R.Forster,J.Grugan	
22,30	Framingham,Scituate	21, 20	R.Forster,SSBC	
White-crowned Sparrow: 24,27	Rockport,P.I.	1 b., 1 imm.	R.Norris,R.Forster	
Dark-eyed Junco: 23,27	N.Monomoy,P.I.	1, 6	P.Trimble,R.Forster	
Lapland Longspur: 21,22	Scituate,N.Monomoy	1, 1	D.Clapp,B.Nikula	
23,30	GMNWR,Scituate	1, 4	R.Walton,M.Litchfield#	
Bobolink: 1,2	Wayland,N.Monomoy	200, 130	R.Forster,W.Petersen	
4,9	Halifax,Bridgewater	1500, 150	W.Petersen#,R.Abrams	
22	Marshfield	14	D.Clapp#	
Red-winged Blackbird: 11,15	Lancaster,Harwich	65, 550	S.Carroll#,P.Trimble	
Eastern Meadowlark: 28	Lincoln	18	J.Carter	

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Yellow-headed Blackbird: 1,6	Scituate, Tuckernuck	1 imm m., 1	W. Petersen, R. Veit#	
Rusty Blackbird: 21, 22 30	Lincoln, Framingham Carlisle, Truro	1, 2 35, 6	R. Forster J. Heywood, BBC	
Common Grackle: 15, 29	Harwich, Marshfield	500, 6000	P. Trimble, G. d'Entremont#	
Brown-headed Cowbird: 2, 3 22	Westport, Ipswich Essex	200, 200 55	R. Laubach, J. Berry BBC	
Northern Oriole: 2	Monomoy	12	W. Petersen#	
Purple Finch: 3, 29	Medfield, P.I.	7, 2	W. Reagan#, BBC	

Erratum in September 1984 Records: jaeger sp. and Parasitic Jaeger can be found immediately following the Razorbill and are therefore out of order. The jaegers should come just before Laughing Gull.

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