



Immature Bald Eagle  
Chatham, MA  
July 1985  
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# Field Records

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The temperature for July averaged 73.5°. The high was 92° on July 20, the only 90° reading during the month and the least in July since 1967. This was also the first 90° day of the year, a full forty days later than the average date. The low reading was 52° on July 1. Rain totaled 3.51 inches, 0.83 inch more than normal. Measurable rain fell on nine days, just the average number. The tropical storm Bob on July 26 produced several thunderstorms during the day and evening, with highly variable rains over the greater Boston area.

### LOONS THROUGH WATERFOWL

The Garganey, first found on May 10, was still present on July 1 at Plum Island. This was the last date that this bird was reported. The count of over eighty Wood Ducks at Great Meadows NWR undoubtedly included many young.  
R.H.S.

<u>SPECIES/DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OBSERVERS</u>	<u>JULY 1985</u>
Common Loon:				
3,5	Plymouth, P.I.	3, 3	R.Forster, P.Yaukey	
15	Duxbury	1	D.Clapp	
Pied-billed Grebe:				
8	GMNWR	1	J.Carter	
Cory's Shearwater:				
9	5-6 m. E. of Chatham	2	R.Humphrey, P.Trull	
28	Stellwagen	2	M.Lynch + S.Carroll	
Greater Shearwater:				
23,28	off P'town, Stellwagen	5, 1000+	J.Nove#, M.Lynch#	
Sooty Shearwater:				
9	5-6 m. E. of Chatham	50	R.Humphrey, P.Trull	
28	Stellwagen	150+	M.Lynch + S.Carroll	
Wilson's Storm-Petrel:				
21,23	Stellwagen, off P'town	1000-1200, 10	G.Gove#, J.Nove#	
28	Stellwagen	1000+	M.Lynch + S. Carroll	
Northern Gannet:				
27,28	Eastham (F.E.), Stellw.	3,10	B.Nikula#, M.Lynch#	
Double-crested Cormorant:				
thr.,27	Everett, Halibut Pt.	max. 40+ (7/31), 100+	J.Berry	
American Bittern:				
1,20	GMNWR, Lancaster	1, 1	L.Robinson, S.Carroll#	
Least Bittern:				
14	GMNWR	1	M.Lynch + S.Carroll	
Great Blue Heron:				
thr.,14	P.I., GMNWR	max.10 (7/29), 9	R.Hamburger# + v.o., BBC	
Great Egret:				
thr.,23	P.I., S.Dartmouth	max.5 (7/14), 24	C.Floyd + v.o.,G.Fernandez	
28,30	N.Monomoy, Duxbury	1, 1	B.Nikula#, W.Petersen	
Snowy Egret:				
thr.	P.I., Saugus	max.165 (7/27), max.40 (7/19+25)	P.Yaukey#+v.o., J.Berry	
thr.,14	N.Monomoy, Peddocks I.	max. 50 (7/20), 70+	J.Barton + v.o.,P.Stevens	
23,27	S.Dartmouth, Scituate	47, 50	G.Fernandez, J.Berry	
Little Blue Heron:				
4+29,7	S.Dartmouth, N.Monomoy	1 ad., 1 ad.	G.Fernandez, R.Humphrey	
27	Newbypt-P.I.	3 imm.	BBC (G.d'Entremont)	
Tricolored Heron:				
thr.	N.Monomoy	max. 2 (7/31)	v.o.	
Cattle Egret:				
19	Ipswich	7	J.Berry	

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Green-backed Heron: thr.	P.I.	max. 8 (7/3)	M.Lynch# + v.o.	
Black-crowned Night-Heron: thr.	P.I., GMNWR	max. 15 (7/8), max. 12 (7/14)	BBC + v.o.	
22	Eastham (Hemenway Landing)	94	B.Nikula	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron: 20,22	P.I., Eastham	1 ad., 2	G.Gove, B.Nikula	
Glossy Ibis: thr.	P.I.	max. 28 (7/27)	evening roost	P.Yaukey + v.o.
thr.	N.Monomoy	max. 11	v.o.	
15,29	S.Dartmouth, Revere	6, 3	G.Fernandez, J.Berry	
Wood Duck: thr.	GMNWR	max. 80+ (7/14)	BBC (M.Lynch)	
Green-winged Teal: 17	S.Monomoy	48	R.Humphrey	
<u>Garganey:</u> 1	P.I. (South Pool)	from 5/10/85	1	B.Cassie
Gadwall: 17	S.Monomoy	14	R.Humphrey	
Surf Scoter: 3	Plymouth	2 m.	R.Forster	
White-winged Scoter: 3,27	Plymouth, N.Monomoy	1, 15	R.Forster, R.Humphrey	

#### RAPTORS THROUGH RAILS

A total of seventy-three young Ospreys were banded in the Westport-Dartmouth area this year, certainly encouraging news. At least two immature Bald Eagles continued throughout the month on the Outer Cape, reported mostly from the Chatham Dump. Northern Goshawks were reported from two locations, and one immature was picked up dead after it struck a window in Eastham. A Northern Bobwhite was seen and heard calling in Worcester on July 1. R.H.S.

Turkey Vulture: 1,15	Millis, Medway	1, 1	R.Forster, D.Singer	
20,22	S.Dartmouth, Randolph	3, 1	G.Fernandez, G.d'Entremont	
28	Dover	2	E.Taylor	
Osprey: thr.	Westport/Dartmouth	100+ (inc. 73 yg b.)	G.Fernandez	
Bald Eagle: thr.	Chatham (Dump)	2 imm.	v.o.	
	Several other reports of immatures from various places on Cape Cod.			
Northern Harrier: 27,29-30	Bedford, Marshfield	1, 1-2	J.Carter, D.Clapp	
Northern Goshawk: 9,31	Millis, Halifax	pr. nesting, 1 ad.	C.Quinlan, K.Anderson	
late July	N.Eastham	1 imm. (dead) struck window	fide. D.Reynolds	
Red-shouldered Hawk: thr.,24	E.Middleboro, S.Dartmouth	1-2, 1	K.Anderson, G.Fernandez	
American Kestrel: thr.	Lynn-Everett	max. 8 (7/26)	J.Berry	
25	Marshfield (Dwyer Farm)	12	D.Clapp	
Peregrine Falcon: 24,27	P.I.	1, 1	C.Floyd, R.Heil	
Northern Bobwhite: 1,21	Worcester, Millis	1, 2	M.Lynch#, R.Forster	
Virginia Rail: 14	GMNWR	11	BBC (M.Lynch#)	
Common Moorhen: 24	GMNWR	pr. w/5 yg.	R.Forster	

#### SHOREBIRDS

Fifty Killdeer were seen in a field in Halifax where there were 25 Solitary Sandpiper. At Otis Air Force Base on the Cape up to 100 Upland Sandpiper were seen; there had been 14 nesting pairs noted there also.

Western Willets started appearing on Monomoy on July 9 and up to 352 Whimbrels were seen going to roost there. This is considerably more than the impressive numbers reported last year. The flock of Hudsonian Godwit on Monomoy built up to 90. A Baird's Sandpiper appeared at Plum Island at month's end and a Curlew Sandpiper in breeding plumage was noted at Squantum for at least four days. The high count of

Stilt Sandpiper at Plum Island reached 68 and Long-billed Dowitchers started appearing on July 20.

A Little Stint was seen at Third Cliff, Scituate. The description of this bird appears elsewhere in this issue. G.W.G.

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Black-bellied Plover:				
thr.	N.Monomoy	max. 400 (7/28)	B.Nikula#	
1-8,15	P.I., Duxbury	max. 11 (7/8), 15	v.o., D.Clapp	
Semipalmated Sandpiper:				
thr.	P.I.	max. 200 (7/22)	v.o.	
15,27	Duxbury, Scituate	25, 300	D.Clapp, W.Petersen#	
Piping Plover:				
15,18-27	Duxbury, Scituate	9, max. 10 (7/27)	D.Clapp, v.o.	
20;28	P.I., N.Monomoy;M.V.	2, 6; 18	G.Gove#, BBC; V.Laux	
Killdeer:				
thr.	P.I., Halifax	max. 20 (7/6), max. 50+ (7/25)	v.o., K.Anderson	
American Oystercatcher:				
thr.	N.Monomoy	16 nesting pr.	R.Humphrey	
13	Peddocks I.	2	P.Stevens	
Greater Yellowlegs:				
thr.	P.I.	max. 25 (7/27)	v.o.	
20,31	N.Monomoy, Halifax	6, 1	BBC, K.Anderson	
Lesser Yellowlegs:				
thr.	Newbypt-P.I.	max. 350 (7/27)	v.o.	
22-31, 28	Halifax, M.V.	max. 18 (7/25), 85	K.Anderson, V.Laux#	
Solitary Sandpiper:				
14,20-31	GMNWR, Halifax	5, max. 26 (7/30)	BBC, K.Anderson + W.Petersen	
25,27	Concord, Wayland	1, 1	R.Forster	
Willet:				
thr.	N.Monomoy (eastern race)	max. 65+	B.Nikula# + v.o.	
1-22	Newbypt-P.I.	max. 10 (7/22)	v.o.	
9-31	N.Monomoy (western race)	max. 12+ (7/28)	B.Nikula# + v.o.	
15,18	Duxbury, S.Dartmouth	3, 4	D.Clapp, G.Fernandez	
Spotted Sandpiper:				
thr.	P.I.	max. 3 (7/29)	v.o.	
25,29	Halifax	1, 1	K.Anderson	
Upland Sandpiper:				
thr.	Otis A.F.B.	14 nesting pr., max. 100+	(late July) fide S.Melvin	
14,31	Hanscom A.F.B.	12, 15	J.Carter	
3,24	Halifax, Newbury	9, 3	K.Anderson#, R.Forster#	
Whimbrel:				
thr.	N.Monomoy	max. 352 (7/27)	W.Bailey + v.o.	
	One at each of 3 locations.			
Hudsonian Godwit:				
thr.	N.Monomoy	max. 90 (7/27)	v.o.	
14-27	Newbypt-P.I.	max. 13 (7/27)	v.o.	
Ruddy Turnstone:				
15-30,27	P.I., Scituate	max. 41 (7/27), 50+	v.o., J.Berry	
15,20	Duxbury, N.Monomoy	2, 4	D.Clapp, BBC	
22,25	Halifax	2, 2	K.Anderson	
Red Knot:				
thr.	N.Monomoy	max. 400 (7/25)	B.Nikula + v.o.	
14-22	P.I.	max. 7 (7/15)	v.o.	
19-30	Scituate	max. 2000 (7/30)	W.Petersen + v.o.	
Sanderling:				
thr.	N.Monomoy	max. 1000 (7/25)	B.Nikula + v.o.	
15,27	Duxbury, Scituate	35, 100	D.Clapp, J.Berry#	
Semipalmated Sandpiper:				
thr.	N.Monomoy	max. 1300 (7/25)	B.Nikula + v.o.	
thr.	Newbypt-P.I.	max. 3500 (7/27)	R.Heil + v.o.	
27,22-26	Scituate, Halifax	1700, 32+	W.Petersen#, K.Anderson	
Western Sandpiper:				
26	Scituate	1	W.Petersen	
<u>Little Stint:</u>				
25	Scituate	1 ad.	W.Petersen	
Least Sandpiper:				
thr.	N.Monomoy	max. 700 (7/20)	B.Nikula + v.o.	
22,20-31	P.I., Halifax	50, max. 125 (7/26)	J.Berry, K.Anderson	
White-rumped Sandpiper:				
27	P.I.	5	W.Petersen#	
Baird's Sandpiper:				
31	P.I.	1	H.Wiggin	

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<u>Pectoral Sandpiper:</u>				
20-30	Halifax	max. 9 (7/30)	K.Anderson#	
15,28	P.I., M.V.	2, 6	BBC, V.Laux#	
<u>Curlew Sandpiper:</u>				
27-30	Squantum	1 (br. pl.)	R.Abrams# + v.o.	
<u>Stilt Sandpiper:</u>				
5-29,4-11	P.I., N.Monomoy	max. 68 (7/27), 4	v.o.	
26,27	Halifax, Rowley	4, 10	K.Anderson, R.Heil	
28,28	M.V., Squantum	12, 1	V.Laux, R.Forster#	
<u>Short-billed Dowitcher:</u>				
thr.	N.Monomoy	max. 1200 (7/25)	B.Nikula	
thr.	Newbypt-P.I.	max. 350 (7/27)	v.o.	
<u>Long-billed Dowitcher:</u>				
20,27;30	P.I.; Squantum	2, 5; 2	G.Gove, R.Heil; R.Forster	
<u>Common Snipe:</u>				
25-30, 27	Halifax, P.I.	1-2, 1	K.Anderson, P.Yaukey	
<u>Wilson's Phalarope:</u>				
5	P.I.	2	P.Yaukey	
24,31	M.V., N.Monomoy	1, 2	T.Chase, v.o.	

#### GULLS THROUGH SKIMMER

A hybrid Herring x Great Black-backed Gull was noted at Monomoy. It was described as being structurally like a Herring Gull with pinkish-neutral legs, slate gray mantle, and lack of contrast between mantle and primaries. It was said to be not at all like a Lesser Black-backed Gull in proportions and so forth but the mantle color was said to be virtually identical and was noted as a reminder to those seeking Lesser Black-backed that these hybrids do exist. The Iceland Gull reported from North Monomoy Island on the sixth represents one of about ten summer records for that species. A Caspian Tern was reported from Scituate and Royal Terns were noted at three locations. Up to 500 Arctic Terns were present at North Monomoy where up to 4 Forster's Terns were counted, including a juvenile food-begging from an adult. A maximum of 15 Black Skimmers, all adults, was noted from N. Monomoy and a pair with three chicks were observed at Orleans. G.W.G.

<u>Parasitic Jaeger:</u>				
20,23	N.Monomoy, off P'town	2, 1	BBC, J.Nove	
<u>Laughing Gull:</u>				
20	N.Monomoy	25	BBC	
<u>Little Gull:</u>				
1	P.I.	1	B.Cassie	
<u>Common Black-headed Gull:</u>				
22,24	P.I.	1 (1S)	J.Berry, R.Forster	
<u>Bonaparte's Gull:</u>				
27	Newbypt-P.I.	60	BBC	
<u>Ring-billed Gull:</u>				
22	P.I.	200	J.Berry	
<u>Herring x Great Black-backed Gull:</u>				
31	N.Monomoy	1 ad.	W.Petersen + v.o.	
<u>Iceland Gull (details submitted):</u>				
6	N.Monomoy	1	L.Taylor	
<u>Caspian Tern:</u>				
31	Scituate (Third Cliff)	1	J.Hassett	
<u>Royal Tern:</u>				
14-15,17	P.I., S.Monomoy	1-2, 5	C.Floyd# + v.o., R.Humphrey	
23	Orleans (New I.)	1	B.Nikula	
<u>Roseate Tern:</u>				
27	Scituate	20 ad.	J.Berry#	
<u>Common Tern:</u>				
20,27	N.Monomoy, Scituate	2000+, 100+	BBC, J.Berry	
<u>Arctic Tern:</u>				
thr.	N.Monomoy	max. 500+ (7/20)	B.Nikula + v.o.	
<u>Forster's Tern:</u>				
thr.	N.Monomoy	max. 4 (7/28)	B.Nikula# + v.o.	
30	Squantum	1 imm.	J.Bertrand#	
<u>Least Tern:</u>				
thr.	P.I.	max. 62 (7/20)	G.Gove# + v.o.	
15,27	Duxbury, Scituate	14, 50+	D.Clapp, J.Berry	
<u>Black Tern:</u>				
thr.	N.Monomoy	max.2-3 (7/31)	W.Petersen + v.o.	
22	P.I.	1	C.Corley# + v.o.	
thr.	Orleans (New I.)	1 pr. + 3 yg.	P.Trull	

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Black Skimmer: thr.	N.Monomoy	max. 15+ ads.	B.Nikula + v.o.	

DOVES THROUGH WOODPECKERS

Both species of cuckoos were reported in far fewer numbers than in previous years, at a time when, not coincidentally, gypsy moths in eastern Massachusetts were at a low ebb. Two Barred Owls were found in South Dartmouth, an unusual record for Bristol County. R.H.S.

Mourning Dove: 20	Marshfield (Dwyer Farm)	100+	D.Clapp
Black-billed Cuckoo: thr.	4 locations	4 singles	v.o.
Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 9,23	S.Dartmouth	1, 2	G.Fernandez, R.Maker
23	Annisquam	1	H.Wiggin
Great Horned Owl: thr.	Annisquam	1	H.Wiggin
Barred Owl: 23	S.Dartmouth	2	R.Maker
Short-eared Owl: thr.	N.Monomoy	max. 3	R.Humphrey + v.o.
13	S.Dartmouth	1	G.Fernandez
Whip-poor-will: 4,5	Dover, Lakeville	1, 1	E.Taylor, K.Holmes
Chimney Swift: 27	P.I., Newbypt.	25	BBC
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 7,10 on	S.Carver, S.Dartmouth	1, 1	K.Anderson, G.Fernandez
16	Lakeville, Middleboro	1, 1	K.Holmes
Northern Flicker: 17	Annisquam	2 ad.+4 yg.	H.Wiggin
Pileated Woodpecker: 18	Lunenburg	1 pr.	T.Moore

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH PURPLE FINCH

Passerine reports were even sparser than usual for July. From them, there was very little indication of migratory/wandering movement in either direction, with the possible exception of swallows toward month's end. The Nantucket Jackdaw continued at its now-traditional stations. Three singing Sedge Wrens in a field near Oxbow National Refuge were seen carrying food and/or nesting material, indicative of possible breeding. A male Magnolia Warbler banded on the fifth constituted the only July record for this species in eight years. An immature male Cerulean Warbler reported on Martha's Vineyard July 28 was also quite unusual for that month. Orchard Oriole reports normally run through the end of July, but this year the latest was on the fourth. L.E.T.

Alder Flycatcher: 21	ONWR	1	C.Floyd
Willow Flycatcher: 6,7	P.I., GMNWR	1, 2	BBC
Eastern Kingbird: thr.	P.I.	20 max. (7/22)	BBC
Horned Lark: 19	Scituate	pr. + 2 yg.	W.Petersen
Purple Martin: thr.,16	P.I., Easton	30 max., 8	BBC, K.Holmes
Tree Swallow: thr., 29	P.I., E.Middleboro	400 max., 20	BBC, K.Anderson
Northern Rough-winged Swallow: 31	N. Monomoy	1	R.Forster
Bank Swallow: 27	Scituate, P.I.	100, 10	J.Berry#, BBC
Barn Swallow: 15	Duxbury	50	D.Clapp
Fish Crow: thr., 24	S.Dartmouth, Whitman	2, 2	G.Fernandez, W.Petersen#
Jackdaw: thr.	Nantucket	1	E.Andrews#
Red-breasted Nuthatch: thr., 2	E.Middleboro, Lincoln	1, 1	K.Anderson, R.Forster

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Red-breasted Nuthatch (continued):				
5-30,6	Annisquam, Milton	1, 1	H.Wiggin, G.d'Entremont	
14-21,23	Ipswich, Millis	2, 3	J.Berry, R.Forster	
Brown Creeper:				
4,5	E.Middleboro, Sandwich	1, 2	K.Anderson, J.Aylward	
Carolina Wren:				
thr.,14	S.Dartmouth, Marshfield	2, 1	G.Fernandez, R.Emery#	
28,31	Peabody, E.Middleboro	1, 1	R.Heil, K.Anderson	
Winter Wren:				
1	Weston	1 singing	L.Robinson	
Sedge Wren:				
13-24	Still River Depot Road	3 singing	S.Carroll + M.Lynch #	
Marsh Wren:				
14,27	GMNWR, P.I.	12, 7	BBC	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:				
21,27	ONWR, Wayland	3, 2	B.Hallett#, R.Forster	
Eastern Bluebird:				
7,9	Sherborn, Bellingham	6, 2 ad. + 3 yg.	E.Taylor, C.Quinlan	
19	Lincoln	1 m.	J.Carter	
Veery:				
4,14,21	Natick, Ipswich, ONWR	3, 4, 4	BBC, J.Berry, C.Floyd	
Hermit Thrush:				
thr., 6,14	Dover, Milton, Ipswich	10, 2, 3	E.Taylor, G.d'Entremont, J.Berry	
Gray Catbird:				
8	P.I.	42	BBC	
Brown Thrasher:				
20,27	Annisquam, P.I.	5, 8	H.Wiggin, BBC	
White-eyed Vireo:				
3-8,20	Lincoln, Marshfield	1, 1	C.Floyd, G.d'Entremont	
Yellow-throated Vireo:				
21	ONWR	3	M.Vaughan#	
Blue-winged Warbler:				
24	Whitman	1	W.Petersen	
Yellow Warbler:				
7,27	GMNWR, P.I.	12, 10	BBC	
Chestnut-sided Warbler:				
21	OMWR	2	C.Floyd	
Magnolia Warbler:				
5	Rockport	1 m. b.	R.Norris	
Black-throated Green Warbler:				
5,14	E.Middleboro, Ipswich	1 m., 7 m.	K.Anderson, J.Berry	
Pine Warbler:				
thr.,6	E.Middleboro, Milton	2+ m., 3	K.Anderson, G.d'Entremont	
14,18	Ipswich, Lexington	1 m., 1	J.Berry, J.Carter	
Cerulean Warbler:				
28	M.V.	1 imm.	R.Shriber	
American Redstart:				
15,21	S.Dartmouth, ONWR	2, 2	R.Maker, C.Floyd	
Ovenbird:				
21	ONWR	2	C.Floyd	
Black-and-white Warbler:				
12	S.Dartmouth	1	R.Maker	
Savannah Sparrow:				
1,18	P.I., Newbypt.	12, 6	BBC, J.Berry	
Sharp-tailed Sparrow:				
thr.,6	P.I., S.Dartmouth	max. 21, 6	BBC, G.Fernandez	
27,31	Newbury, N.Monomoy	17, 45	P.Yawkey, R.Forster#	
Seaside Sparrow:				
6,27	P.I., Newbury	5, 3	BBC, P.Yawkey	
30	S.Dartmouth	2	G.Fernandez	
White-throated Sparrow:				
14	Ipswich	2 m.	J.Berry	
Bobolink:				
2,27	Concord, Newbypt.	4 m., 15+	J.Carter, BBC	
Eastern Meadowlark:				
18,30	Newbury, Marshfield	10, 9	J.Berry, D.Clapp	
Common Grackle:				
12-18	Hopkinton	250	G.Gove	
Orchard Oriole:				
4	Weston	1 m.	R.Forster	
Purple Finch:				
22	P.I.	1	BBC	



# BIRD FOOD



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Seed**

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5 lb. Bag  
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Seed**

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20 lb. Bag  
40 lb. Bag

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