



Field Records October 1985

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October 1985 was warm, dry and sunny. The temperature averaged 55.4°, 0.6° above normal. No records were broken; the high was 78° on October 2, and the lowest was 35° on the twenty-ninth. In some suburbs, especially inland, freezing came as early as October 12, though no freezing occurred in the Boston area. Rain totaled 1.66 inches, 1.70 inches less than normal. Heavy fog was noted on five days, well over the normal two days.

LOONS THROUGH CORMORANTS

A Brookline Bird Club pelagic trip out of Plymouth on the twenty-seventh reported two Northern Fulmars, five Cory's, about sixty Greater, three or so late Sooty Shearwaters, and a single Manx Shearwater. Great Cormorants were reported from two inland locations, and Double-Crested Cormorants were migrating.

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<u>SPECIES/DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OBSERVERS</u>	<u>OCTOBER 1985</u>
Red-throated Loon:				
19,20	Marshfield, Duxbury	46, 12	W.Harrington, D.Clapp	
20-31	four locations	22+	v.o.	
Common Loon:				
6;13,19,31	E.Boston; Lakeville	13; 5, 7, 10	S.Zendeh; W.Petersen	
12-14	Outer Cape Cod	51 (total)	SSBC (Harrington)	
16,22	Waltham, Winthrop	1, 2-3	R.Forster, J.Cumming	
Pied-billed Grebe:				
5,6	GMNWR, Nantucket	2, 9	M.Lynch#, BBC (D.Davis)	
8-11,13	W.Peabody, Wakefield	1, 6	G.d'Entremont; D.Williams	
13,19;17	Lakeville; Millis	5, 13; 1	W.Petersen; B.Cassie#	
20,27	Arlington, Milford	7, 8	L.Taylor, R.Hildreth	
29	Weymouth	2	W.Petersen	
Horned Grebe:				
12,20	Wareham, Lakeville	3, 2	L.Robinson, K.Holmes	
26	Winthrop (Shore Drive only)	30	J.Cumming	
Red-necked Grebe:				
14,18	Outer Cape, Nauset Beach	1, 1	SSBC, R.Hall	
Northern Fulmar:				
20,27;25	Stellwagen; Nantucket Sound	3, 2+; 5+	J.Cumming, BBC; B.Nikula	
Cory's Shearwater:				
27	Stellwagen	5	BBC	
Greater Shearwater:				
20,27	Stellwagen	5, 60+	J.Cumming, BBC	
Sooty Shearwater:				
27	Stellwagen	3+	BBC	
Manx Shearwater:				
27	Stellwagen	1	BBC	
Northern Gannet:				
20;23,27	P.I.; Nantucket	7; 30+, 200+	BBC; M.Litchfield	
27	Stellwagen	50+	BBC	
Great Cormorant:				
4,20;29-30	Norton; Wayland	6, 2 imm.; 1 imm.	R.Forster, B.Cassie; R.Forster	
7,20	Jamaica Pond, Fresh Pond	1 imm., 1 imm.	R.Hall	
Double-crested Cormorant:				
1,17,21,30	Saugus	45, 25, 7, 6	J.Berry	
6	E.Boston, Ipswich	519, 200+	S.Zendeh, J.Berry	
12,22,26,31	Winthrop	210, 250+, 75, 9	J.Cumming	
14,20	Monomoy, P.I.	2000, 400	B.Nikula, BBC	

HERONS

A Least Bittern was seen at Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge on October 21, somewhat late, but well within the migration period, which extends through October. Little Blue Herons were found in two locations, and Tricolored Herons were noted in three places. At Hemenway Landing in Eastham as many as 139 Black-crowned Night Herons were tallied, another large roost of night herons was reported from Yarmouthport. A Glossy Ibis inland at a manure pile was very late.

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American Bittern:				
1,5	Lancaster, GMNWR	1, 1	S.Carroll, M.Lynch	
6;14	Wayland; Squantum, Eastham	1; 1, 4	R.Forster;G.d'Entremont,SSBC	
16,21,31	GMNWR, P.I., Lakeville	1, 2, 1	R.Abrams,D.Arvidson#, K.Holmes	
Least Bittern:				
21	GMNWR	1	R.Walton	
Great Blue Heron:				
thr.	Saugus-Revere, E.Boston	max. 10 (10/18), 2+	J.Berry, J.Cumming#	
thr.	GMNWR	max. 15 (10/6)	J.Cumming + v.o.	
thr.	P.I.	max. 32 (10/6)	E.Nielsen + v.o.	
13	Eastham, Fort Hill	7, 40	G.d'Entremont#, SSBC	
Great Egret:				
1-6,1-20	M.V., P.I.	2, max. 10 (10/20)	T.Chase#, J.Nove# + v.o.	
12,14	Eastham, S.Monomoy	1, 2	B.Nikula	
Snowy Egret:				
1-20,4	P.I., Salem	max. 55 (10/1), 11	R.Forster+v.o., J.Berry	
6,14	E.Boston, Scituate	38, 3	S.Zendeh, W.Petersen	
Little Blue Heron:				
4,7	Nantucket, Manchester	1, 1 imm.	BBC (D.Davis), H.Carr	
Tricolored Heron:				
6,12,13	P.I., N.Monomoy, Eastham	1, 1, 1	E.Nielsen#+v.o.,B.Nikula,SSBC	
Cattle Egret:				
7,20	Essex, P.I.	1, 2	H.Carr, BBC (J.Nove)	
Green-backed Heron:				
1,14	Lexington	1, 1	R.Forster, J.Carter	
6	GMNWR, E.Boston	1, 1	J.Cumming	
Black-crowned Night Heron:				
1,7,11,18,30	Yarmouthport	130, 120, 84, 22, 3	J.Aylward	
1,12,24	Eastham (Hemenway)	139, 91, 36	B.Nikula	
12,14	Nantucket, Squantum	12, 5+	M.Litchfield, G.d'Entremont	
Glossy Ibis:				
20	Mansfield	1	K.Ryan	

WATERFOWL

At Stony Brook Wildlife Sanctuary in Norfolk the count of Wood Ducks continued to rise: 415 were counted there on October 21, and 130 were tallied on October 30. Last month 192 were counted. This count of 415 surpasses the previous *BOEM* high of 250 reported last October 19 at Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge. Snow Geese were migrating, and a "Blue" Goose was found in Concord on October 14. The Ring-necked Duck concentration at Lakeville was over 900 individuals by month's end; other large flocks of Ring-necked Ducks were found in West Newbury and Littleton. Ruddy Ducks were reported in good numbers from seven locations.

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Mute Swan:				
23,27	S.Carver, Plymouth	10, 64	K.Anderson, G.d'Entremont	
Snow Goose:				
17-27,20	Nant., Gloucester-Stellw.	2-1, 60	L.Loring#, J.Cumming	
20,25	P.I., Manomet	3, 25+	BBC, MBO	
26	Barnstable(S.N.), Nantucket(EelPt.)	250+, 27	H.Ferguson, M.Litchfield	
26	Rochester, off Plymouth	1, 10	R.Stymeist, BBC	
"Blue" Goose:				
14	Concord (Nine Acre Corner)	1	R.Walton	
Brant:				
21,27	Wollaston, Plymouth	45, 12+	G.Wilson, M.Lynch#	
Canada Goose:				
13	Lancaster (Bolton Flats)	500+	S. Carroll#	
14-31	Cambridge	max. 98 (10/28)	J.Barton	
26	Ipswich, Rochester	500+, 552	J.Berry, R.Stymeist	

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Wood Duck				
2,6,12	Bourne(OtisAFB); Holliston	5; 8, 54	P.Trimble; R.Hildreth	
8,20	GMNWR, Easton	100, 6	R.Forster, K.Ryan	
21,30	Norfolk (Stony Brook)	415, 130	B.Cassie	
23,27	E.Freetown, Milford	20, 6	L.Kelley, R.Hildreth	
Green-winged Teal:				
5,6	GMNWR, P.I.	30+, 300+	M.Lynch#, E.Nielsen	
12,14	Manomet, S.Monomoy	52 migrants(2 hrs.)	300 W.Petersen,B.Nikula	
Mallard:				
thr.	Cambridge (Fresh Pond)	max. 230 (10/28)	J.Barton	
Northern Pintail:				
14,22	S.Monomoy, Yarmouthport	40+, 40	B.Nikula, J.Aylward	
Blue-winged Teal:				
8,12	GMNWR, P'town	5, 2	R.Forster, G.d'Entremont#	
Northern Shoveler:				
thr.	GMNWR	max. 18 (10/29)	R.Forster# + v.o.	
thr.	P.I.	max. 5 (10/6)	BBC + v.o.	
14	S.Monomoy	30	B.Nikula	
Gadwall:				
29	GMNWR	22	C.Floyd	
Eurasian Wigeon:				
6-31	Nantucket (Long Pond)	max. 3 m.	E.Andrews# + v.o.	
American Wigeon:				
thr.	GMNWR	max. 85 (10/8)	R.Forster + v.o.	
3-31,6	Cambridge, Nantucket	max. 22 (10/30), 100	J.Barton,BBC (D.Davis)	
10,14;29	Scituate; Wayland	14,22; 8	D.Clapp,W.Petersen;R.Forster	
Canvasback:				
12-31	Cambridge (Fresh Pond)	max. 273 (10/28)	J.Barton + v.o.	
26,31	W.Newbury, Lakeville	4, 20	R.Forster, W.Petersen	
Redhead:				
6,7	Nantucket, W.Newbury	1, 1 m.	BBC, R.Forster	
Ring-necked Duck:				
thr.	Cambridge (Fresh Pond)	max. 68 (10/23)	J.Barton + v.o.	
thr.	Lakeville	max. 900+ (10/31)	W.Petersen + v.o.	
thr., 28	W.Newbury, Littleton	max. 385(10/19), 125	J.Berry#+v.o.,J.Baird	
Greater Scaup:				
9-31,13	Cambridge, Lakeville	max. 29 (10/28), 10	J.Barton, W.Petersen	
Lesser Scaup:				
15-31	Cambridge (Fresh Pond)	max. 9 (10/29)	J.Barton	
Common Eider:				
19,20	Nantucket, Duxbury	45+, 85	M.Litchfield, D.Clapp	
Harlequin Duck:				
22-26	Winthrop	1 m.	J.Cumming	
Oldsquaw:				
12,28	Manomet, Nantucket	16, 50-75	W.Petersen, E.Andrews#	
Black Scoter:				
19,20	Nantucket Sound, P.I.	250, 50	M.Litchfield, BBC	
20	Norton, Quabbin (G. 40)	6, 21	B.Cassie, M.Lynch#	
29	Wayland (Heard's Pond)	3	R.Forster	
Surf Scoter:				
12	Manomet	1600+ (2 hrs.)	W.Petersen	
22	Scituate	720	M.Rosenfeld	
White-winged Scoter:				
22,26,31	Winthrop	190, 640+, 200+	J.Cumming	
Common Goldeneye:				
31	Lakeville	25	W.Petersen	
Bufflehead:				
12,24	Manomet, Waltham (Camb.Res.)	3, 4	W.Petersen, R.Forster	
Hooded Merganser:				
14;16,24	Scituate; Waltham (Camb.Res.)	1; 3, 7	W.Petersen; R.Forster	
20,21	Quabbin (G.40), P.I.	3 m., 1 f.	M.Lynch#, D.Arvidson#	
27	Braintree	2 m.	G.d'Entremont	
Common Merganser:				
30	Waltham (Camb. Res.)	10	R.Forster	
Red-breasted Merganser:				
12,22,26	Winthrop	55, 200, 200+	J.Cumming	
Ruddy Duck:				
4,27	Norton (Reservoir)	34, 166	R.Forster, B.Cassie	
13,19;14	Lakeville; S.Monomoy	27, 50; 130	W.Petersen; B.Nikula	
16,24,30	Waltham (Camb. Res.)	17, 34, 97	R.Forster	
16,17,19	Braintree,Framingham,Arlington	108,30,21	R.Abrams,J.Ashley,L.Taylor	

RAPTORS THROUGH NORTHERN BOBWHITE

A total of fifteen Turkey Vultures was reported during the month with the latest seen on October 27, when ten individuals were seen in three locations. Five immature Bald Eagles were reported from as many locations. Nine Cooper's Hawks were noted, compared with only four last October. Reports of Peregrine Falcon were mostly from coastal locations although four birds were found in Millis, Holliston, Whitman and Lynnfield. Northern Bobwhite were found in Belmont, and one was seen at Plum Island.

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Turkey Vulture:				
25,26	Wayland, Quabbin (G. 40)	1, 4	H.Parker, M.Lynch#	
27	GMNWR, Westport	2, 5	J.Cumming, K.Anderson	
27	Sturbridge	3	R.Hall	
Osprey:				
6	Holliston	4	R.Hildreth	
25,26	Nantucket, Concord	1, 1	C.Andrews, G.Gove	
27,28	E.Boston, S.Dartmouth	1, 1	S.Zendeh, LCES (R.Maker)	
Bald Eagle:				
3,6	Nantucket, Quabbin (G. 40)	1 imm., 1 imm.	D.Beattie, S.Carroll#	
9,20	P.I., New Braintree	1 imm., 1 imm.	J.Barton, M.Lynch#	
28	N.Eastham	1 imm.	N.Waldron	
Northern Harrier:				
thr.	Newburyport-P.I.	max. 9 (10/20)	J.Nove# + v.o.	
12,21	Nantucket, Bridgewater	6, 3	M.Litchfield, K.Ryan	
other reports of single individuals from five locations				
Sharp-shinned Hawk:				
1-8	Katama-Chappaquiddick	30	T.Carrolan	
6,20,26	Quabbin (G. 40)	10, 7, 1	M.Lynch, S.Carroll	
6,20	P.I., Falmouth	3, 2	BBC, P.Trimble	
other reports of single individuals from ten locations				
Cooper's Hawk:				
1,6;9,22	P.I.; Halifax	1 imm., 1; 1 imm.	R.Forster,BBC;K.Anderson	
6,14	Quabbin (G.40), Marshfield	1, 1	M.Lynch#, D.Clapp	
22;24,28	Barnstable; Nantucket	1; 1	J.Aylward; E.Andrews	
26	Mt. Watatic, Winthrop	1, 1	W.Petersen#, J.Cumming	
Northern Goshawk:				
5,23	Boxford, Bolton Flats	1, 1 imm.	F.Bouchard#, R.Forster#	
Red-shouldered Hawk:				
6,20;26	Quabbin (G.40); Mt.Watatic	1, 1; 6	M.Lynch#; W.Petersen#	
Red-tailed Hawk:				
6,20,26	Quabbin (G.40)	5, 6, 2	M.Lynch, S. Carroll	
American Kestrel:				
6	P.I.-Newburyport	8	BBC	
Merlin:				
6	Nantucket (2 locations)	7+	D.Davis#, M.Litchfield#	
6	P.I. area, Holliston	4+, 1	BBC + v.o., R.Hildreth	
12-13,15	M.V., Concord	6, 1	R.Stymeist#, R.Forster	
other reports of single birds from coastal locations				
Peregrine Falcon:				
5,6;6	Nantucket; Millis	1, 2+; 1 ad.	E.Andrews#+v.o.; R.Forster	
6	Holliston, E.Boston	1, 1	R.Hildreth, S.Zendeh	
7,9,21	P.I.	1, 2, 1	R.Forster,J.Barton,D.Arvidson#	
9	Scituate, Eastham	2+, 6	D.Clapp#, B.Cassie#	
9,12	Whitman, Eastham	1, 6	K.Holmes, R.Clem	
12,13	Chilmark, Chappaquiddick	1 ad., 1 ad.	R.Stymeist#	
14	N.Monomoy, S.Monomoy	1, 1	B.Nikula	
22,23	Lynnfield, Squantum	1, 1	C.Leahy, K.Ryan	
Northern Bobwhite:				
5,17	Belmont, P.I.	1, 1	L.Taylor, R.Hall	

RAILS THROUGH RAZORBILL

A Yellow Rail was reported from Fort Hill in Eastham, seen by a group of South Shore Bird Club members at flood tide. Following is a excerpt of the details provided by the leader: "The bird was flying through the mist directly toward the group from about four hundred yards away. As the distance lessened, it could be determined that it was a rail with a small bill and white trailing-edge to the wing. The bird flew within twenty yards of the group and landed approximately thirty feet away at the confluence of two trails. It promptly scurried into the grasses and fluttered up into a bramble bush where, for three or four seconds, one wing was fully extended and held out by the brambles. This allowed the observers to notice that there was no light leading edge of

the wing and that the dark tail and the white wing patch were appropriate for a Yellow Rail. The dark overall appearance can be attributed to a juvenile bird. The general field marks of white wing patch, small bill, and small size were well-seen by the group."

A Sandhill Crane was reported from Westport and was described to the reporter as having a peculiar shape, erect neck, red crown patch, and stiff-legged gait. The bird was feeding in a corn field. The observer went to get a camera but found upon returning to the corn field that the bird was gone. The observer's description of the bird convinced the reporter of the authenticity of the sighting.

American Oystercatchers were present in higher than usual numbers for this month, reflecting the increase in the breeding population, and Greater Yellowlegs were reported in the highest numbers for October in *BOEM* records. The total numbers of Caspian and Royal terns reported were also significant. A Roseate Tern was seen at Monomoy on October 14, which is a late date for that species. G.W.G.

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<u>Yellow Rail:</u>				
13	Eastham (F.H.)	1	SSBC (D.Clapp)	
<u>Clapper Rail:</u>				
1,14	Wellfleet, Nauset	1, 1	B.Nikula	
8,12	M.V., Eastham (F.H.)	1, 1	G.Daniels, G.d'Entremont#	
<u>Virginia Rail:</u>				
5,12	GMNWR, Eastham (F.H.)	2, 2	M.Lynch#, G.d'Entremont#	
13	Lancaster	1	BBC	
<u>Sora:</u>				
5,14	GMNWR, Eastham (F.H.)	3, 1	S.Carroll#, SSBC	
<u>Common Moorhen:</u>				
6	GMNWR	3	J.Cumming	
<u>American Coot:</u>				
6,19	Nantucket, Lakeville	1, 18	BBC, W.Petersen	
27,29	Plymouth, GMNWR	15, 32	G.d'Entremont, R.Forster	
<u>Sandhill Crane:</u>				
12	Westport	1	R.Caron (fide W.Petersen)	
<u>Black-bellied Plover:</u>				
thr.	N.Monomoy	max. 1300 (10/8)	B.Nikula + v.o.	
13,16	M.V., Wollaston	300+, 300	R.Stymeist#, R.Abrams	
20,31	Duxbury, Winthrop	117, 200+	D.Clapp, J.Cumming	
<u>Lesser Golden Plover:</u>				
1,6	Ipswich, M.V.	8, 8	R.Forster, T.Carrollan	
14,26	Concord(9 Acre),Nantucket	3, 6	R.Walton, M.Litchfield	
<u>Semipalmated Plover:</u>				
1,14	P.I., Outer Cape Cod	12, 10	R.Forster, SSBC	
27	Plymouth	12	M.Lynch#	
<u>Killdeer:</u>				
1	Newbury, Essex	25, 35	R.Forster	
21,26	Lexington, Concord(9 Acre)	41,93	J.Carter, R.Stymeist	
<u>American Oystercatcher:</u>				
1,6	Nantucket	19, 18	E.Andrews, BBC	
9,12	Chatham, M.V.	40, 12	B.Cassie#, G.Gove#	
<u>Greater Yellowlegs:</u>				
6,26	E.Boston	67, 91	S.Zendeh	
14,26	Outer Cape Cod, Nantucket	50, 12	SSBC, M.Litchfield	
<u>Lesser Yellowlegs:</u>				
6,7	E.Boston, Newbury	1, 8	J.Cumming, R.Forster	
19,21	Halifax, Newburyport	1, 1	W.Petersen, D.Arvidson#	
<u>Solitary Sandpiper:</u>				
1,2	Rowley, Ipswich	4, 2	R.Forster, J.Berry	
9,14	Wellfleet, Outer Cape Cod	1, 2	B.Cassie#, SSBC	
<u>Willet:</u>				
4,6	Nantucket	2	BBC	
<u>Spotted Sandpiper:</u>				
1,6	Lexington, Braintree	4, 3	J.Carter, G.d'Entremont	
<u>Whimbrel:</u>				
12;20,21	Eastham; P.I.	1; 2, 1	G.d'Entremont#; BBC, D.Arvidson#	
<u>Hudsonian Godwit:</u>				
11,12	Newburyport, Eastham	4, 1	J.Berry, B.Nikula	
<u>Marbled Godwit:</u>				
1-12,17	N.Monomoy	7, 2	B.Nikula + v.o.	
6	Nantucket	1	BBC	

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Ruddy Turnstone: 20,27	Duxbury, Plymouth	5, 1	D.Clapp, L.Robinson	
Sanderling: 20	Duxbury	825	D.Clapp	
Semipalmated Sandpiper: 1,9-22	P.I., Halifax	40, max.10 (10/4)	R.Forster, K.Anderson#	
Western Sandpiper: 1	P.I.	3	R.Forster	
Least Sandpiper: 1	Essex, Lexington	4, 6	R.Forster	
9-19	Halifax	max. 3 (10/13)	W.Petersen#	
White-rumped Sandpiper: 21	GMNWR, Newburyport	1, 2	R.Walton, D.Arvidson#	
Pectoral Sandpiper: 1,14	Lexington, Concord(9 Acre)	2, 5	J.Carter, R.Walton	
9-26	Halifax	max. 56 (10/9)	K.Anderson	
26	Nantucket	25	M.Litchfield	
Purple Sandpiper: 22	Winthrop	4	J.Cumming	
Dunlin: thr.	N.Monomoy	max. 1500 (10/12)	B.Nikula	
1,20	P.I., Duxbury	500, 1035	R.Forster, D.Clapp	
Short-billed Dowitcher: 1,6	P.I., E.Boston	2, 4	R.Forster, S.Zendeh	
Long-billed Dowitcher: 1,21	P.I., Newburyport	41, 17	R.Forster, D.Arvidson#	
dowitcher sp. 11,12	Newburyport, Duxbury	30, 3	J.Berry, W.Petersen	
Common Snipe: 6,13	Belmont, Lancaster	2, 12	L.Taylor, S.Carroll#	
14,27	Concord(9 Acre),Nantucket	12, 2	R.Walton, M.Litchfield	
American Woodcock: 20,27	Ipswich, Medway	1, 1	J.+N.Berry, G.Gove#	
Wilson's Phalarope: 6	Newbury	1	E.Nielsen	
Pomarine Jaeger: 25,27	Nantucket, Stellwagen	1 ad., 1	B.Nikula, BBC	
Laughing Gull: 22,27	Winthrop, Nantucket	160, 20+	J.Cumming, M.Litchfield#	
Bonaparte's Gull: 7,19	Newburyport	450, 67	R.Forster, J.Berry	
24,31	Nantucket, Winthrop	10, 30	E.Andrews, J.Cumming	
Ring-billed Gull: thr.	Saugus	max. 150 (10/1)	J.Berry	
Iceland Gull: 13	Eastham	1	J.Aylward	
Lesser Black-backed Gull: 2,12	M.V., Nantucket	1, 2 (3d yr.)	V.Laux#, M.Litchfield	
Glaucous Gull: 7	Nantucket	1 (2W)	M.Litchfield	
Black-legged Kittiwake: 14,27	Scituate, Stellwagen	2, 80+	W.Petersen, BBC	
Caspian Tern: 4;5,17	M.V.; N.Monomoy	1+; 1, 2	T.Carrollan; B.Nikula	
7,12	Newburyport, P'town	1, 1	R.Forster, SSBC	
17,28	Manomet, P.I.	1, 4	MBO Staff, M.Schoene	
Royal Tern: 7,8	M.V.	2, 4	M.Pough, D.Minis#	
14,27	Nantucket, Plymouth	3, 1	E.Andrews#, BBC	
Roseate Tern: 14	Monomoy	1	B.Nikula	
Common Tern: 6;14,20	Nantucket; Monomoy	20; 350, 600	BBC; B.Nikula	
Forster's Tern: 7,27	Newburyport, Plymouth	1, 4	R.Forster, BBC	
14,20	Monomoy	45, 55	B.Nikula	
Black Skimmer: 5,6-12	Plymouth, Nantucket	8, max.5(10/12)	E.Gustafson, E.Andrews#	
8,13	N. Monomoy, M.V.	1, 3	B.Nikula, J.Heywood#	
25,27	Westport, Plymouth	2, 2	C.McElwain, R.Forster	
Razorbill: 8	Essex	1	W.Kinsella	

CUCKOOS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

The only Barn Owl report was from Martha's Vineyard, and a gray phase Eastern Screech-Owl was found as a road kill in Sherborn. Great Horned and Barred owls were calling simultaneously in East Middleboro. Eleven Short-eared Owls were flushed from a roost in the dunes on Nantucket. They were said to use the area for roosting year after year. Four hatching-year Northern Saw-whet Owls were banded at MBO. A Ruby-throated Hummingbird was seen on October 6, and another was seen on October 23. The latter bird was seen in flight and then perched within fifty feet of the observer. Noted on the bird were white tips on the outer tail feathers and an indistinct line through the eye. The observer said that it was a "probable" Ruby-throated Hummingbird. Hummingbirds, especially females, are difficult to identify even if you can get a good look. At this time of the year, one wonders just what hummingbird may appear. G.W.G.

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Yellow-billed Cuckoo:				
8,17	Manomet, Millis	1 b., 1	MBO Staff, B.Cassie	
26	Salisbury	1	F.Bouchard	
Common Barn-Owl:				
12	M.V.	1	R.Stymeist	
Eastern Screech-Owl:				
8,14	N.Scituate	1, 2	D.Ludlow#, W.Petersen	
30,31	Sherborn, Arlington	1, 1	R.Forster#	
Great Horned Owl:				
13,26	E.Middleboro, Ipswich	pr., 1	K.Anderson, J.Berry	
Barred Owl:				
8,13	Medfield, E.Middleboro	2, 2	B.Cassie#,K.Anderson	
Long-eared Owl:				
26	Salisbury	2	R.Forster	
Short-eared Owl:				
12,26;21	Nantucket; P.I.	11, 4; 1	M.Litchfield; K.Goldsmith	
Northern Saw-whet Owl:				
1;9,10,21	M.V.; Manomet	1; 2 b., 1 b., 1 b.	T.Rivers; MBO Staff	
Whip-poor-will:				
12	East Boston	1	W.Drummond	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird:				
6, 23	Nantucket	1, 1 f.(?)	BBC, M.Litchfield	
Belted Kingfisher:				
4,20	S.Dartmouth, Falmouth	6,3	LCES, P.Trimble	
Red-headed Woodpecker:				
2	Millis	1	B.Cassie#	
Red-bellied Woodpecker:				
2;12,13	Millis; M.V.	1; 4, 1	B.Cassie#, R.Stymeist#	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:				
7,12-13	P'town, M.V.	9, 8	M.McClellan#, R.Stymeist#	
17	Nantucket	2 b.	E.Andrews	
Fourteen reports of 1-2 birds each, especially 10/11-13				
Northern Flicker:				
5,6	Nantucket, P.I.-Newbypt	15, 12	BBC	
14;6,20	Squantum; Quabbin (G.40)	15; 7, 11	G.d'Entremont; S.Carroll#	
Pileated Woodpecker:				
6,29	Quabbin (G.40), Millis	2, 1	S. Carroll#, B.Cassie	

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH WARBLERS

A single Western Kingbird in Gloucester was the only report for the month and constitutes a light incursion for this species compared to counts of six to ten individuals in good Octobers. An Acadian Flycatcher banded at MBO was critically examined to determine the identity. This is the latest, and only October, record for the state. Twenty-six Common Ravens observed, mostly in one kettle, during a single day at Wachusett is an amazing number but is consistent with accounts published in *American Birds* of good numbers this past spring in New Hampshire. The flight of chickadees at MBO was the best ever, but, surprisingly, no Boreal Chickadees were netted. The Northern Shrike flight, consisting of a single individual at Plum Island, was consistent with data from recent years but should be compared to counts of seven to ten individuals in major flight years. Palm Warbler numbers were the second lowest in the last ten years. A Worm-eating Warbler on Nantucket was very late. Warbler diversity was down, with only twenty-three species reported in contrast to twenty-eight or twenty-nine in years when migration through our region is strong. A Northern Waterthrush was banded at Manomet on the notably late date of October 31. October 1985 treated us to a number of nice passerine rarities. A Say's Phoebe was well observed, unfortunately for only a single day, by a number of parties at Gate 40 in the Quabbin Reservation. Further tyrannid excitement was provided by a Fork-tailed Flycatcher found near the piers in East Boston. This individual proved very

elusive and was seen by only a few of the multitudes seeking it. A Varied Thrush was seen for two days in Chelmsford. The Eurasian Jackdaw continued on Nantucket. L.E.T.

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Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:				
5	Boxford	1	K.Griffis#	
Arcadian Flycatcher:				
2	Manomet	1 b.	MBO Staff	
Eastern Phoebe:				
6	Petersham, Belmont	7, 4	S.Carroll#, L.Taylor	
12-21, 23	6 Locations, Lancaster	11 total, 1	v.o., R.Forster	
Say's Phoebe:				
20	Quabbin (G. 40)	1 (details)	M.Lynch#	
Western Kingbird:				
14	Gloucester	1	K.Hartel	
Fork-tailed Flycatcher:				
11-12	E.Boston	1	S.Thomas#	
Horned Lark:				
23	Lancaster	4	R.Forster	
Tree Swallow:				
8,12	N.Scituate, Millis	350+, 231	B.Litchfield, B.Cassie	
Cliff Swallow:				
6	E.Boston	3	S.Zendeh	
Barn Swallow:				
6-30,10	Wayland, Nantucket	3 max. (10/29), 2	R.Forster, M.Litchfield	
American Crow:				
6,19	Ipswich, Belmont	130, 155	J.Berry, L.Taylor	
26	Sudbury, Bolton	850+, 200+	R.Stymeist	
Common Raven:				
2,6	Mt.Wachusett, Quabbin (G.40)	26, 2	N.Claflin, S.Carroll#	
Eurasian Jackdaw:				
thr.	Nantucket	1	E.Andrews#	
Black-capped Chickadee:				
thr.,6	Manomet, Quabbin (G.40)	1227 b., 46	MBO Staff, M.Lynch#	
Red-breasted Nuthatch:				
6,26	Quabbin (G.40), Nantucket	12, 40+	S.Carroll#, B.Nikula#	
Brown Creeper:				
6,10	Quabbin (G.40), Norwell	5, 4	M.Lynch#, D.Clapp	
12	Wellfleet, Provincetown	5, 15	G.d'Entremont	
Carolina Wren:				
thr.,6-16	Winchester, 4 Locations	1, 4 total	M.McClellan#, v.o.	
12,20	W.Tisbury, Falmouth	8, 4	G.Gove#, P.Trimble	
27,31	Ipswich, N.Middleboro	1, 2	J.Berry, K.Holmes#	
House Wren:				
6,10	P.I., Sudbury	1, 1	BBC, R.Forster	
Winter Wren:				
1-26,6	P.I., Nantucket	2 max. (10/6), 3	v.o., BBC	
6,14	Quabbin (G.40), Manomet	2, 1 b.	S.Carroll#, MBO Staff	
Marsh Wren:				
12,13	Eastham, Lancaster	1, 1	G.d'Entremont#, BBC	
Golden-crowned Kinglet:				
1,2	Brookline, Manomet	5, 1 f.b. (first)	B.Hallett, MBO Staff	
6-21,6-26	P.I., Nantucket	8 max.(10/21), 50 max. (10/26)	v.o.	
11,14	Scituate, Carver	30+, 13	D.Clapp, L.Robinson	
13,20	Gloucester, Weston	15, 15	BBC, L.Robinson	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet:				
1,6-21	Manomet, P.I.	1 f.b.(first), 3	max.(10/20) MBOStaff,v.o.	
11,13	Scituate, Gloucester	100+, 15	D.Clapp, BBC	
14,17	Carver, Belmont	10, 3	L.Robinson, L.Taylor	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:				
8	Lakeville	1	R.Abrams	
Eastern Bluebird:				
8,14	Plymouth, Carver	13, 6	R.Turner, L.Robinson	
17,27	Millis, Truro	1, 7	B.Cassie#, G.Gove#	
Veery:				
12	W.Tisbury	1	R.Stymeist#	
Gray-checked Thrush:				
6,8	Nantucket, Rockport	1, 1 b.	BBC, R.Norris	
Swainson's Thrush:				
1-12,13	4 Locations, M.V.	5 total, 1	v.o., J.Heywood#	
Hermit Thrush:				
12,14	Provincetown, Scituate	4, 8	G.d'Entremont#, W.Petersen	
22,30	E.Middleboro, E.Boston	4, 1	K.Anderson, S.Thomas	

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American Robin:				
13,19	Lancaster, Rowley-Newbypt	200+, 50	S.Carroll#, J.Berry	
20,26	Quabbin (G.40), Belmont	198, 73	M.Lynch#, L.Taylor	
<u>Varied Thrush:</u>				
22-23	Chelmsford	1	H.Collins	
<u>Water Pipit:</u>				
1,6-29	Ipswich, Newbury	10, 200 max. (10/29)	R.Forster, v.o.	
8,25	Concord, Nantucket	38, 40	R.Forster, E.Andrews	
26,28	W.Concord, Lincoln	20, 65	W.Petersen, R.Forster	
<u>Cedar Waxwing:</u>				
11,27	Lincoln, Ipswich	20, 24	R.Forster, J.Berry	
<u>Northern Shrike:</u>				
26	P.I.	1 imm.	H.C.Floyd	
<u>Solitary Vireo:</u>				
2,6	Manomet, Quabbin (G.40)	1 b., 4	MBO Staff, S.Carroll#	
9-19,29	4 Locations, Lexington	4 total, 1	v.o., H.C.Floyd	
<u>Red-eyed Vireo:</u>				
1-11,6	P.I., Quabbin (G.40)	2 max. (10/6), 3	v.o., M.Lynch#	
13	M.V.	2	R.Stymeist#	
<u>Tennessee Warbler:</u>				
6,13	Belmont, Gloucester	1, 1	L.Taylor, BBC	
13,19	M.V., Belmont	1, 1	R.Stymeist#	
<u>Orange-crowned Warbler:</u>				
12,16-30	E.Boston, Manomet	1, 3 b.	S.Carroll#, MBO Staff	
19	Belmont	1	R.Stymeist	
<u>Nashville Warbler:</u>				
12,13	M.V., Gloucester	2, 1	G.Gove#, BBC	
<u>Northern Parula:</u>				
1	Brookline	1	B.Hallett	
<u>Yellow Warbler:</u>				
1,5	P.I., Nantucket	1, 1	R.Forster, BBC	
<u>Magnolia Warbler:</u>				
1	Brookline	1	B.Hallett	
<u>Cape May Warbler:</u>				
2,14	Millis, Scituate	6, 1	B.Cassie#, W.Petersen	
<u>Black-throated Blue Warbler:</u>				
1-6,4	P.I., Nantucket	6 max. (10/6), 2	v.o., BBC	
11,12	Norwell, Provincetown	1, 1	D.Clapp, G.d'Entremont	
<u>Yellow-rumped Warbler:</u>				
9,12	Cambridge, M.V.	100, 400	J.Barton, G.Gove#	
13	Gloucester, Middleboro	76, 100	BBC, W.Petersen	
<u>Black-throated Green Warbler:</u>				
14	Squantum, Scituate	1, 1	G.d'Entremont, W.Petersen#	
<u>Pine Warbler:</u>				
1,6	E.Middleboro, Quabbin (G.40)	1 m., 4	K.Anderson, M.Lynch#	
13,30	M.V., Nantucket	4, 1	R.Stymeist#, E.Andrews	
<u>Palm Warbler:</u>				
12,12-13	E.Boston, M.V.	5, 30	v.o., R.Stymeist#	
<u>Bay-breasted Warbler:</u>				
1,4	Brookline, Nantucket	1, 2	B.Hallett, BBC	
<u>Blackpoll Warbler:</u>				
6,7	Nantucket, Salisbury	2, 1	BBC, R.Forster	
11,12	E.Middleboro, Outer Cape	Cod 2, 1	K.Anderson, SSBC	
<u>Black-and-white Warbler:</u>				
4,6	Nantucket, Belmont	1, 2	BBC, L.Taylor	
<u>American Redstart:</u>				
1-6,6	P.I., Nantucket	2 max. (10/6), 3	v.o., BBC	
<u>Worm-eating Warbler:</u>				
6	Nantucket	1	E.Andrews	
<u>Ovenbird:</u>				
12	E.Boston	1	M.Lynch#	
<u>Northern Waterthrush:</u>				
31	Manomet	1 b.	MBO Staff	
<u>Common Yellowthroat:</u>				
4-13,20	5 Locations, Belmont	8 total, 1 m.	v.o., L.Taylor	
27	Nantucket	1	M.Litchfield	
<u>Wilson's Warbler:</u>				
12	Outer Cape Cod	2	SSBC	
<u>Canada Warbler:</u>				
4	Nantucket	1	BBC	

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Yellow-breasted Chat:				
5,24	Nantucket, Lexington	1, 1	BBC, J.Detweiler	
30	Rockport	1 b.	R.Norris	

TANAGERS THROUGH EVENING GROSBEEK

Blue Grosbeak numbers were the lowest in the last ten Octobers, viz. three individuals total. A LeConte's Sparrow was reported on October 21 near Fresh Pond in Cambridge. This individual was described as having a gray check patch surrounded by orange and a definite light median crown stripe. Reports of Lincoln's Sparrows were notably low, whereas the White-crowned Sparrow flight was a good one, larger than most years and eclipsed only by the October 1980 phenomenon of over a thousand individuals. Twenty-five Lapland Longspurs at Great Meadows in Concord constituted a most unusually record for this inland location. A total of four Yellow-headed Blackbird individuals, all at extreme southeastern coastal locations, was the highest in the last ten years. Nantucket was the place to be to experience maximum diversity in the early winter finch flight, with Pine Grosbeak, White-winged Crossbill, Common Redpoll, Pine Siskin, and Evening Grosbeak all being reported there. Elsewhere, winter finch reports were generally light and scattered, though Common Redpolls staged a widespread arrival during the last week of the month.

Towards the end of October, a Western Tanager was frequently at a feeder on Nantucket. Also in the extra-regional rarity category was an adult Harris' Sparrow seen for a few days at Bolton Flats, Lancaster. Another late October treat was a Brewer's Blackbird seen and photographed at Nine Acre Corner in Concord. L.E.T.

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Scarlet Tanager:				
5,6	Nantucket, P.I.	1, 1	BBC, E.Nielsen	
Western Tanager:				
29-31	Nantucket	1 imm. m.	E.Andrews	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak:				
6	Nantucket, P.I.	1, 1	BBC	
Blue Grosbeak:				
6-12,8-12	Nantucket, Truro	1 max., 1 max.	v.o.	
24	Medfield	1 imm. m.	B.Cassie#	
Indigo Bunting:				
6	Sudbury, Nantucket	1, 1	R.Forster, BBC	
12,17	Truro, Medfield	2, 1	SSBC, B.Cassie#	
Dickcissel:				
14,18-21	Marshfield, Nantucket	1, 1	D.Clapp, B.McLaughlin	
Rufous-sided Towhee:				
6,12-13	P.I., M.V.	4, 50	BBC, R.Stymeist#	
American Tree Sparrow:				
12,21	Wellfleet, Rockport	2, 1 b.	G.d'Entremont#, R.Norris	
22,29	Cambridge, SRV	1, 48	J.Barton, R.Forster	
Chipping Sparrow:				
6,8	Wareham, Littleton	26, 15	L.Robinson, V.Sprong	
11-20,31	P.I., E.Boston	10 max. (10/11), 2	v.o., J.Cumming	
Clay-colored Sparrow:				
18,19	Sandwich, Wellfleet	1 imm. (details), 1	P.Trimble, B.Nikula	
Field Sparrow:				
6,21	Wareham, P.I.	10, 6	L.Robinson, D.Arvidson#	
Vesper Sparrow:				
9-12	S.Wellfleet (Marconi Sta.)	8 max.	v.o.	
16	Marshfield, Belmont	1, 1	D.Clapp, L. Taylor	
Lark Sparrow:				
12	Nantucket	1 imm.	M.Litchfield	
Savannah Sparrow:				
5,17,31	Nantucket, Belmont, E.Boston	73, 25, 4	BBC, L.Taylor, J.Cumming	
Grasshopper Sparrow:				
from Sept-1,6	Belmont, Newbury	1 ad., 1	L.Taylor, BBC	
LeConte's Sparrow:				
21	Cambridge	1 (details)	J.Barton	
Sharp-tailed Sparrow:				
14,19	Squantum, Rowley	5, 5	G.d'Entremont, J.Berry	
Fox Sparrow:				
12,17	E.Boston, Manomet	1, 1 b.	v.o., MBO Staff	
25,28	Middleboro, Nantucket	1, 2	K.Holmes, E.Andrews#	
Song Sparrow:				
10,20	Sudbury, Quabbin (G.40)	25, 27	R.Forster, M.Lynch#	

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Lincoln's Sparrow:				
2-19,7	6 locations, Manomet	7 total, 2 b.	v.o., MBO Staff	
31	E.Boston	1	S.Thomas	
Swamp Sparrow:				
10,13	Sudbury, Lancaster	10, 30	R.Forster, BBC	
White-Throated Sparrow:				
8,13	Cambridge, Lancaster	24, 55	J.Barton, S.Carroll#	
14,19	Scituate, Belmont	100, 50+	W.Petersen#, R.Clayton	
White-crowned Sparrow:				
	Regional total 141 individuals			
7,12	Manomet, Truro	3 b., 45	MBO Staff, SSBC	
12,14	M.V., Marshfield	20, 20	R.Stymeist#, D.Clapp	
14,29	Salisbury, Concord	10, 1	J.Grugan, R.Forster	
Harris' Sparrow:				
19-22	Lancaster	1 ad.	C.Quinlan#	
Dark-eyed Junco:				
12,20	Outer Cape Cod, Duxbury	120, 200+	SSBC, D.Clapp	
21,26	P.I., Quabbin (G.40)	80, 113	D.Arvidson#, M.Lynch#	
Lapland Longspur:				
9,25	Scituate, GMNWR	1, 25	D.Clapp, G.Gove#	
Snow Bunting:				
17,21	Rockport, Lancaster	1, 1	M.McClellan#, J.Barton	
26	Ashburnham, Salisbury	3, 40	W.Petersen#, R.Forster	
27,29	Plymouth, Nantucket	18, 1	L.Robinson, M.Litchfield	
Bobolink:				
6,12	Rowley, Truro	6, 1	E.Nielsen, SSBC	
Red-winged Blackbird:				
19,26	Rowley, Concord	1000, 200+	J.Berry, S.Carroll#	
Eastern Meadowlark:				
6,14	Newbury, E.Boston	25, 8	E.Nielsen, v.o.	
14,25	Marshfield, Middleboro	9, 2	D.Clapp, K.Holmes	
Yellow-headed Blackbird:				
2,8	M.V., Nantucket	1, 1 f.	T.Carrolan#, D.Beattie	
11,12-13	Nantucket (town), Eastham	1 f., 1 imm. m.	H.McHugh, W.Swift	
Rusty Blackbird:				
8,12	GMNWR, Provincetown	25, 68	R.Forster, G.d'Entremont#	
21,29	Lexington, SRV	8, 80	J.Carter, R.Forster	
Brewer's Blackbird:				
25-26	Concord	1 imm. (ph.)	R.Forster#	
Brown-headed Cowbird:				
11,12	Bedford, M.V.	350, 350+	J.Berry, J.Heywood#	
Northern Oriole:				
12	Nantucket	2	M.Litchfield	
Pine Grosbeak:				
26,30	Ashburnham, Quabbin (G.40), Nant.	2, 6, 1	W.Petersen#, M.Lynch#, M.Litchfield	
Purple Finch:				
12-31,23	Nantucket, E.Middleboro	5 max. (10/31), 2	E.Andrews, K.Anderson	
White-winged Crossbill:				
23	Nantucket	1 f. b.	E.Andrews#	
Common Redpoll:				
24,26	Rockport, P.I.	1 imm. b., 15	R.Norris, R.Forster	
29,31	Nantucket, Newton	2 imm. b., 1	E.Andrews#, M.Vaughan	
Pine Siskin:				
26-31,29	Nantucket, Sudbury	8 max., 3	v.o., R.Forster	
Evening Grosbeak:				
6,14	P.I., Carver	4, 15	E.Nielsen, L.Robinson	
14-27,26	Nantucket, Belmont	30 max. (10/27), 55	v.o., L.Taylor	

CORRIGENDUM: June 1985 Field Records

Ruddy Turnstone:			
1-21	N.Monomoy	max. 200 (6/24)	R.Humphrey# + v.o.
	should read		
1-21	N.Monomoy	max. 200 (6/2 + 6/4)	R.Humphrey# + v.o.

CORRIGENDUM: July 1985 Field Records

Black Tern:			
thr.	Orleans (New Island)	1 pr. + 3 yg.	P.Trull
	should read		
Black Skimmer:			
thr.	Orleans (New Island)	1 pr. + 3 yg.	P.Trull