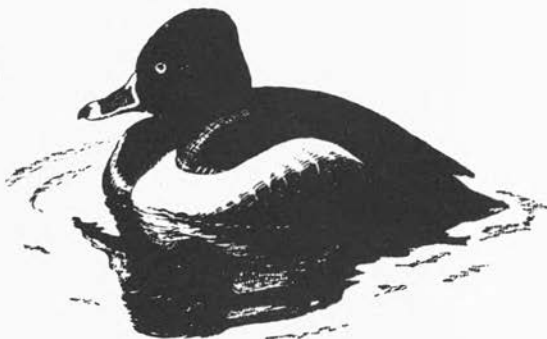


# FIELD RECORDS

## OCTOBER 1986



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October 1986 was cool, dry, and cloudy. The temperature averaged 53.9 degrees, 0.9 degree below normal. This was the seventh month in a row on the cool side. The high mark was 80 degrees on October 1, and the lowest was 34 degrees on Halloween. Rain totaled 3.27 inches, nearly double that of last October. No thunderstorms were reported, and there was no outstanding windstorm. R.H.S.

### LOONS THROUGH HERONS

Over 100 Common Loons were reported flying past Sandy Neck Beach in Barnstable on October 11, and there were another 41 on October 18 at that location. There were 59 Pied-billed Grebes reported during the month, about average for the past two Octobers. Pelagic trips this year were uneventful, and the BBC trip out of Plymouth managed to find a single Northern Fulmar and just two Greater Shearwaters. An injured Leach's Storm-Petrel was picked up on a Revere street by the police. The bird was taken for rehabilitation by Massachusetts DFW officials but died two weeks later.

Three American Bitterns were found at Belle Isle in East Boston, where 17 Great Blue Herons and 48 Snowy Egrets were also counted on October 4. The roost of Black-crowned Night-Herons at Yarmouthport reached 177 individuals on October 7. Two Cattle Egrets were noted on Nantucket on October 29, and a Glossy Ibis was reported from Naushon Island on October 5, late dates for these species. R.H.S.

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	OCTOBER 1986
Red-throated Loon				
11, 18	Manomet, Barnstable (S.N.)	2, 3	W. Petersen, M. Lynch#	
18	Quabbin (G40), S. Dart.	1, 6	E. Nielsen#, T. Raymond	
19	Salisbury, P.I.	4, 10	M. Lynch, S. Carroll	
20, 22	N. Scituate, Lakeville	85, 1	S. Higginbotham, D. Briggs	
26, 29	Stellwagen, P.I.	14, 20	BBC (H. D'Entremont), G. Wood	
Common Loon				
3	Nantucket	52	BBC (D. Davis)	
11	Barnstable (S.N.), Lakeville	100+, 2	P. Trimble, W. Petersen	
14, 18	Nantucket, Barnstable (S.N.)	2, 41	F. Bouchard, M. Lynch#	
19	P.I.; Quabbin (G40)	6, 3	M. Lynch#, E. Nielsen#	
28, 29; 28	P.I.; Lakeville	7, 11; 4	G. Wood; K. Ryan	
Pied-billed Grebe				
thr	Cambr. (F.P.), S. Monomoy	2 max, 6 max	J. Barton, B. Nikula	
3, 4	Lakeville, Nantucket	4, 4	K. Anderson, BBC (D. Davis)	
5, 25; 5	Arlington; P.I.	2, 4; 1	L. Taylor; G. d'Entremont	
11	Lakeville, GMNWR	10, 3	G. Gove#, M. Lynch#	
12	Boxford, Quabbin (G40)	1, 2	J. Berry, M. Lynch#	
13, 17	W. Newbury, Easton	9, 5	J. Berry, K. Ryan	
19, 29	Eastham, GMNWR	4, 2	G. d'Entremont#, M. Hall	
Horned Grebe				
12	Salisbury, Braintree	1, 2	W. Petersen#, G. d'Entremont#	
12, 19	Quabbin (G 40), P.I.	3, 2	M. Lynch#, S. Carroll#	
25, 27	Revere, Littleton	30+, 2	J. Cumming, J. Baird	
28	Lakeville	5	K. Ryan	

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	OCTOBER 1986
<b>Red-necked Grebe</b>				
12, 18	Braintree, Dennis (Corp. B.)	1, 3	G. d'Entremont, B. Nikula	
19, 27	Manomet, Sandwich	1, 5	W. Petersen, P. Trimble	
<b>Northern Fulmar</b>				
26	Stellwagen	1	BBC (H. D'Entremont)	
<b>Greater Shearwater</b>				
26	Stellwagen	2	BBC (H. D'Entremont)	
<b>Leach's Storm-Petrel</b>				
2	Revere	1	fide T. French#	
18, 26	Dennis, Stellwagen	1, 1	B. Nikula, BBC (H. D'Entremont)	
<b>storm-petrel species</b>				
18	Dennis (Corp. Beach)	1	B. Nikula	
<b>Red-billed Tropicbird</b>				
1-26	Gay Head (M.V.)	1 ad	v.o.	
<b>Northern Gannet</b>				
5, 10	P'town, Barnstable (S.N.)	20, 125	M. Lynch#, J. Aylward	
18, 26	Dennis (Corp. B.), Stellw.	150, 40	B. Nikula, BBC (H. D'Entremont)	
28, 29	Nantucket, P.I.	25, 40+	M. Litchfield, G. Wood	
<b>Great Cormorant</b>				
3, 4, 5	Nantucket	3, 2, 1	BBC (D. Davis)	
5, 11	Cuttyhunk, Lakeville	10, 1	P. Trimble, W. Petersen	
12, 18	Randolph, Lakeville	1 imm, 2	G. d'Entremont, W. Petersen	
<b>Double-crested Cormorant</b>				
thr	Salem-Boston (train)	65 max (10/7)	J. Berry	
3, 4, 5	Nantucket	75, 42, 45	BBC (D. Davis)	
3, 4	Wachusett Res.	11, 21	M. Lynch#	
5, 13	Chatham, Newbypt	100+, 150	S. Carroll#, J. Berry	
17	Quincy-Braintree	800+ (3 flocks)	K. Ryan	
19, 25	Salisbury-P.I., Braintree	255, 150	M. Lynch#, K. Ryan	
<b>American Bittern</b>				
4	E. Boston (B.I.)	3	S. Zende	
7, 11	Nant., GMNWR	1, 2	M. Litchfield, M. Lynch#	
22, 25	P.I.	1, 1	G. Wood, F. Bouchard#	
<b>Great Blue Heron</b>				
thr	Salem-Everett (train)	10 max	J. Berry	
4	E. Boston (B.I.)	17	S. Zende	
4, 5	Nantucket, Eastham	13, 42	BBC (D. Davis), M. Lynch#	
4, 5	P.I. area	24, 25-30	BBC (R. McHale, S. Thomas)	
11	Hamilton, GMNWR	4, 7	J. Berry, S. Carroll#	
19	P.I., Eastham	9, 31	S. Carroll#, L. Taylor#	
27, 31	Duxbury, Squantum	5, 7	D. Clapp, K. Ryan	
<b>Great Egret</b>				
4, 5	P.I.	2, 1	BBC (R. McHale, S. Thomas)	
11, 13-25	S. Monomoy, P.I.	1, 1	B. Nikula, v.o.	
<b>Snowy Egret</b>				
3, 19, 26	P.I.	10, 3, 1	G. Wood, M. Lynch#, J. Nove#	
4, 5, 13	E. Boston (B.I.)	48, 7, 4	S. Zende	
5, 26	Nantucket	28, 1	BBC (D. Davis), M. Litchfield	
<b>Little Blue Heron</b>				
2, 4	Scituate, Nantucket	1, 1	J. Hassett#, BBC (D. Davis)	
<b>Cattle Egret</b>				
29	Nant. (Bartlett's)	2	E. + J. Andrews	
<b>Black-crowned Night-Heron</b>				
thr	Yarmouthport	177 max 10/7	J. Aylward	
4	E. Boston (B.I.)	11	S. Zende	
<b>Glossy Ibis</b>				
5	Naushon I.	1	P. Trimble	

#### WATERFOWL

A **Fulvous Whistling-Duck** was found on Sachacha Pond, Nantucket, on October 9; it was last seen coming to decoys with American Black Ducks in Polpis Harbor on October 25. This is the sixteenth record for the state. The most recent record was of two birds photographed on South Monomoy on August 7, 1983. At Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary in Topsfield, over 125 Wood Ducks were tallied.

The Ring-necked Duck population on the Lakeville ponds swelled to over 1100 individuals on October 18. Other large flocks were recorded from the Cherry Hill Reservoir in West Newbury and also at Fresh Pond in Cambridge. Ruddy Ducks were reported in good numbers from five locations. Unusual species included a young male King Eider on Nantucket and a Eurasian Wigeon on South Monomoy.

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DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	OCTOBER 1986
<b>Fulvous Whistling-Duck</b>				
9-25	Nantucket	1	A. + F. Werner + v.o.	
<b>Mute Swan</b>				
18	Plymouth-Bourne	46	SSBC (A. Leggett)	
<b>Snow Goose</b>				
thr	P.I.	60 max 10/5	G. Wood + v.o.	
1, 5	Marshfield, Medford	120, 30	D. Clapp, BBC (R. Clayton)	
<b>Brant</b>				
18	Plymouth-Bourne	175	SSBC (A. Leggett)	
18, 25	Barnstable, Revere	2, 1	M. Lynch#, J. Cumming	
25, 31	Winthrop, Salisbury	7, 2	J. Cumming, G. Wood	
<b>Canada Goose</b>				
2, 13	Watertown, Ipswich	132, 900	R. Stymeist, J. Berry	
19, 20	W. Newbury, P.I.	1354, 436	M. Lynch#, G. Wood	
<b>Wood Duck</b>				
10	Topsfield (IRWS)	125+	M. West	
11, 12	GMNWR, Braintree	30+, 30	M. Lynch#, G. d'Entremont	
<b>Green-winged Teal</b>				
11	Manomet, GMNWR	5, 75+	W. Petersen, S. Carroll#	
13	Lexington, Ipswich	25+, 57	J. Carter, J. Berry	
19, 25; 25	S. Monomoy; P.I.	225, 250; 265	B. Nikula; BBC (F. Bouchard)	
<b>American Black Duck</b>				
1, 19	Plymouth, S. Monomoy	200, 100	D. Clapp, B. Nikula	
<b>Mallard</b>				
1	Plymouth	250	D. Clapp	
<b>Northern Pintail</b>				
11	Ipswich (Clarks Pond)	50	R. Forster	
11; 11, 25	GMNWR; S. Monomoy	18; 60, 50	M. Lynch#; B. Nikula	
13, 23	Rowley, Yarmouthport	10, 38	J. Berry, J. Aylward	
26	P.I.	35	BBC (J. Nove)	
<b>Blue-winged Teal</b>				
11, 13	Sandwich, Rowley	4, 10	P. Trimble, J. Berry	
19, 25	Salisbury, S. Monomoy	2, 3	M. Lynch#, B. Nikula	
26	P.I.	2	BBC (J. Nove)	
<b>Northern Shoveler</b>				
11, 25	S. Monomoy	60, 30	B. Nikula	
11, 29	GMNWR	19, 11	M. Lynch#, M. Hall	
18, 26	Ipswich, Falmouth	2, 1	J. Berry, P. Trimble	
27	P. I.	1	G. Wood	
<b>Gadwall</b>				
11	Ipswich, Plymouth	18, 4	R. Forster, W. Petersen	
13, 28	Rowley, Ipswich	6, 6-8	J. Berry	
19, 25	S. Monomoy	100, 80	B. Nikula	
29, 30	GMNWR, Cambr. (F. P.)	31, 1	M. Hall, J. Barton	
<b>Eurasian Wigeon</b>				
11, 25	S. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula	
<b>American Wigeon</b>				
thr	GMNWR	120+ max 10/11	M. Lynch#	
thr	Cambridge	21 max 10/15	J. Barton#	
5, 13, 25	Arlington	57, 68, 7	L. Taylor + v.o.	
11, 19, 25	S. Monomoy	125, 80, 150	B. Nikula	
13, 28	Ipswich	75+, 140	J. Berry	
<b>Canvasback</b>				
15-31	Cambridge (F.P.)	201 max 10/30	J. Barton + v.o.	
25	S. Monomoy	4	B. Nikula	
<b>Ring-necked Duck</b>				
thr	Lakeville	1100+ max 10/18	W.Petersen + v.o.	

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	OCTOBER 1986
Ring-necked Duck (continued)				
thr	W. Newbury (Cherry Hill)	300 max 10/16	R. Forster + v.o.	
thr	Cambr. (F.P.)	103 max 10/30	J. Barton + v.o.	
11, 25	S. Monomoy	55, 10	B. Nikula	
11, 12	Petersham, Braintree	12, 250+	K. Anderson, G. d'Entremont	
Greater Scaup				
thr	Cambr. (F.P.)	22 max 10/30	J. Barton + v.o.	
13, 19	P.I., W. Newbury	20, 50+	W. Petersen#, M. Lynch#	
26, 28	Nant., Lakeville	120, 250	M. Litchfield, K. Ryan	
Lesser Scaup				
thr	Cambr. (F.P.)	5 max	J. Barton + v.o.	
12, 19	Braintree, Lexington	5, 6	G. d'Entremont, J. Carter	
22, 30	Lakeville	3, 21	D. Briggs, K. Ryan	
scaup sp.				
11, 25	S. Monomoy	30, 100	B. Nikula	
Common Eider				
17, 24, 29	Nant. Sound	200, 450, 700	M. Litchfield	
18	Manomet	200 (1.5 hrs)	W. Petersen	
King Eider				
24	Nantucket	1 juv m	M. Litchfield	
Oldsquaw				
11, 18	Manomet	1, 18	W. Petersen	
17, 24, 29	Nant. Sound	2, 5, 50	M. Litchfield	
18, 29	Barnstable (S. N.), P.I.	222, 5	M. Lynch#, G. Wood	
Black Scoter				
11	Barnstable (S.N.), Manomet	50, 450 (1.5 hrs)	P. Trimble, W. Petersen	
14, 17	Nant. Sound	16, 25	M. Litchfield + v.o.	
24, 29	Nant. Sound	75, 350	M. Litchfield + v.o.	
Surf Scoter				
11, 18	Barnstable (S.N.)	1500+, 1975	P. Trimble, M. Lynch#	
11, 18	Manomet 1650 (1.5 hrs),	1225 (1.5 hrs)	W. Petersen	
14, 17	Nant. Sound	202, 600+	M. Litchfield + v.o.	
24, 29	Nant. Sound	700, 400	M. Litchfield + v.o.	
18	Dennis (Corp. B.)	500	B. Nikula	
White-winged Scoter				
11, 18	Barnstable (S.N.)	1500, 588	P. Trimble, M. Lynch#	
11, 18	Manomet 500 (1.5 hrs),	200 (1.5 hrs)	W. Petersen	
11, 28	Monomoy, P.I.	1000, 100	B. Nikula, G. Wood	
17, 24, 29	Nant. Sound	250+, 400, 350	M. Litchfield	
Common Goldeneye				
11, 12	Lakeville, Braintree	1, 2	W. Petersen, G. d'Entremont	
Bufflehead				
28, 29	Lakeville, Salem	75, 12	K. Ryan, J. Berry	
Hooded Merganser				
11, 25	S. Monomoy	1, 2	B. Nikula	
24, 25	N. Orange, Arlington	1, 7	C. Ryan, L. Taylor	
26, 28	Falmouth, Lakeville	15, 10	P. Trimble, K. Ryan	
Common Merganser				
12	Quabbin (G40)	17	S. Carroll#	
29	GMNWR	2	M. Hall	
Red-breasted Merganser				
18	Barnstable (S.N.)	574	M. Lynch#	
18	Manomet, Lakeville	225 (1.5 hrs), 1	W. Petersen	
19, 26	S. Monomoy, Nantucket	1500, 400	B. Nikula, M. Litchfield	
Ruddy Duck				
thr	Lakeville	70 max 10/18	W. Petersen + v.o.	
thr	Arlington	27 max 10/18	L. Taylor + v.o.	
11, 19, 25	S. Monomoy	140, 190, 330	B. Nikula	
12, 19	Braintree, W. Newbury	125, 80+	G. d'Entremont, M. Lynch#	

#### RAPTORS THROUGH RAILS

Ospreys were reported from sixteen or more locations with at least 31 individuals noted; this far and away surpasses the 8 individuals reported last October. A good flight of Sharp-shinned Hawks was

noted from Nantucket during the first eleven days of the month, with 96 noted on October 1 during a warm northwesterly wind. A subadult **Golden Eagle** was described at Mount Watatic on October 25. The Peregrine Falcon numbers were astonishing; at least 44 birds were reported; 31 were noted last October. A dark-phase **Gyr Falcon** was reported from Morris Island in Chatham on October 5 and was seen again two days later by other observers (who submitted convincing field notes). Another large falcon was reported from Plum Island on October 20. This bird was observed twice for a total time of about an hour. It was observed in flight and in pursuit of prey, catching an American Black Duck. The hunting behavior and the lack of a distinct facial pattern suggested Gyr Falcon to some of the observers.

R.H.S.

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	OCTOBER 1986
<b>Turkey Vulture</b>				
10, 12	Randolph, Barre	1, 6	J. Heywood, M. Lynch#	
12, 20	Quabbin (G40), Millis	3, 1	S. Carroll#, R. Forster	
<b>Osprey</b>				
1-19	11 locations	21 ind	v.o.	
19	GMNWR	5 (all fishing)	G. Gove#	
23-27	4 locations	5 ind	v.o.	
<b>Bald Eagle</b>				
19, 20	Quabbin (G40), Concord	1 imm, 2	E. Nielsen, R. Drinker	
29, 30	N. Monomoy, GMNWR	1 imm, 1 imm	B. Nikula, R. Sher	
<b>Northern Harrier</b>				
thr	P.I.	5 max 10/16	G. Wood + v.o.	
5, 8	Nauset Beach, Sudbury	4, 2	M. Lynch#, R. Forster#	
11, 19, 25	S. Monomoy	4+, 2+, 4	B. Nikula	
11; 12, 25	Halifax; N. Monomoy	3; 2, 4	W. Petersen; B. Nikula	
Other reports of 1 or 2 individuals from six locations.				
<b>Sharp-shinned Hawk</b>				
1-11	Nantucket	96 max 10/1 (total 171)	T. Carrolan	
4, 5	ONWR, Eastham	2, 3	S. Carroll, M. Lynch	
5	Natick, Waltham	6, 2	R. Forster, L. Taylor	
5	E. Boston (B.I.)	10	S. Zende#	
<b>Cooper's Hawk</b>				
3, 4	Bolton Flats, Lincoln	1 ad, 1	M. Lynch#, R. Forster	
5, 8	Natick, Sudbury	2, 1	R. Forster, R. Walton#	
11, 18	GMNWR, E. Middleboro	1 imm, 1	M. Lynch#, K. Anderson	
19	Cotuit, Truro	1, 1	E. Henderson, L. Taylor#	
25, 26	Yarmouthport, Millis	1, 1	J. Aylward, M. Kasprzyk	
<b>Northern Goshawk</b>				
3, 4	ONWR	1 ad, 1 imm	M. Lynch, S. Carroll	
12	Gay Head (M.V.)	1 imm (eating gull)	J. Gordon#	
17, 23	Lakeville, N. Orange	1, 1	K. Ryan, C. Ryan	
<b>Red-shouldered Hawk</b>				
5	E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson	
<b>Red-tailed Hawk</b>				
5	Waltham	5	L. Taylor	
12, 19	Cuttyhunk, E. Boston	2, 1	P. Trimble, S. Zende#	
<b>Rough-legged Hawk</b>				
4	Nantucket	1	BBC (D. Davis)	
<b>Golden Eagle</b>				
25	Mt. Watatic	1 subadult	P. Roberts	
<b>American Kestrel</b>				
thr	Beverly-Boston (train)	4 max 10/29	J. Berry	
4, 5	Nantucket, P.I.	6, 3	BBC (D. Davis), G. Wood	
<b>Merlin</b>				
1-11	Nantucket	8+	T. Carrolan + v.o.	
3, 5	P.I.	1, 1	G. Wood	
5, 11	Cuttyhunk, GMNWR	3, 1	P. Trimble, S. Carroll#	
12, 23	Quabbin (G40), Cambr.	1, 1	M. Lynch#, S. Dennison#	
<b>Peregrine Falcon</b>				
thr	N. Monomoy	4 max 10/8	P. Trull + v.o.	
1-11	Nantucket	total 23+	T. Carrolan	
1	Scituate, P.I.	1, 1	J. Hasset, G. Wood	
3, 4	Lancaster, Yarmouthport	1 imm, 1	M. Lynch#, R. Scott	

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Peregrine Falcon (continued)				
5	Chatham, E. Orleans	3, 1	S. Carroll#, A. + E. Williams	
5, 12	Cuttyhunk	1, 1	P. Trimble	
11, 19, 25	S. Monomoy	1+, 2+, 2+	B. Nikula	
13, 16	Newbypt, Rockport	1, 1	W. Petersen, R. Norris	
Gyr Falcon (details submitted)				
5, 7	Chatham (Morris I.)	1 dk	N. Proctor#, M. McClellan#	
large <i>Falco</i> sp. (details submitted)				
20	P.I.	1 dk	D. Arvidson#	
Ruffed Grouse				
11	Manomet	1 road kill	W. Petersen	
18	Ipswich	1	J. Berry	
Northern Bobwhite				
5, 11	Belmont, Easton	4, 11	L. Taylor, K. Ryan	
Virginia Rail				
11, 29; 13	GMNWR; Harwich	7, 1; 1	M. Lynch#, M. Hall; P. Trimble	
Sora				
11, 21	GMNWR, Nantucket	3, 1	M. Lynch#, B. Sorrie	
Common Moorhen				
11, 19	GMNWR, WBWS	1, 1	M. Lynch#, G. d'Entremont#	
American Coot				
1, 11	Plymouth	1, 20	D. Clapp, W. Petersen	
11, 19, 25	S. Monomoy	6, 5, 9	B. Nikula	
12, 13	Braintree, W. Newbury	17, 3	G. d'Entremont, J. Berry	
23-31	Cambridge (F.P.)	4-5	J. Barton	
25	Arlington	4	L. Taylor	
29, 30	GMNWR, Lakeville	21, 36	M. Hall, K. Ryan	

#### SHOREBIRDS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

Up to 30 Lesser Golden-Plovers were present at Nantucket and 15 Whimbrels, which is a relatively high count for this date, were seen at Eastham. A juvenile Hudsonian Godwit was seen at Arlington Reservoir; there are few inland records of this species in eastern Massachusetts. One Marbled Godwit was seen on at North Monomoy. Of the few Baird's Sandpipers reported this year, one was noted in Marshfield on October 8.

Up to 350 Laughing Gulls were counted at Cuttyhunk, and Little, Common Black-headed, Lesser Black-backed, and Glaucous gulls were reported. At least two Lesser Black-backed Gulls were found on Nantucket where 200 to 300 Roseate and Common terns were present in a mixed flock all month. Forster's Terns were also noted for most of the month with up to 23 at Duxbury. One Dovekie was seen on the BBC pelagic trip on October 26.

A Nanday Conure seen in Clinton was a probable escape but must have been spectacular to see in the "wild" in Massachusetts, and a Northern Saw-whet Owl livened things up for people wandering about Fresh Pond in search of an elusive rarity. Four Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were reported from Nantucket.

G.W.G.

#### Black-bellied Plover

thr	N. Monomoy	800 max 10/12	B. Nikula + v.o.
11, 26	Nantucket	45, 30	M. Litchfield
19, 21	Petersham, P.I.	7, 15	E. Nielsen, M. Kasprzyk

#### Lesser Golden-Plover

thr, 12-29	P.I., N. Monomoy	4 max 10/3, 2 max 10/12	G. Wood + v.o., B. Nikula
3, 28	Nantucket, Ipswich	30, 3	BBC (D. Davis), J. Berry
5, 12	Nantucket, M.V.	15, 9	M. Litchfield, R. Stymeist

#### Semipalmated Plover

thr	N. Monomoy	50 max 10/20	B. Nikula
16, 27	P.I., Plymouth	47, 16	G. Wood, D. Clapp

#### Killdeer

5, 11	Arlington, Ipswich	16, 47	L. Taylor, R. Forster
12, 23	Petersham, Concord	11, 85	M. Lynch, R. Forster
30	Lakeville	6	K. Ryan

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American Oystercatcher				
11, 19, 29	Chatham	26, 14, 9	B. Nikula	
14, 24	Nantucket	1, 6	F. Bouchard, M. Litchfield	
Greater Yellowlegs				
5, 13	Eastham, Newbypt	78, 55	M. Lynch, J. Berry#	
10, 11	Winchester, Nantucket	5, 10	B. Sorrie, M. Litchfield	
19, 21	P.I.	15, 46	M. Kasprzyk#, M. Lynch	
Lesser Yellowlegs				
13	Lexington, Newbypt	7, 15	J. Carter, W. Petersen#	
19, 21	Wellfleet, P.I.	4, 1	G. d'Entremont, M. Kasprzyk#	
Solitary Sandpiper				
5	P.I.	1	G. d'Entremont	
Willet				
13, 22	Newbypt	2, 1	J. Berry#, G. Wood	
Spotted Sandpiper				
12	Randolph, Braintree	2, 1	G. d'Entremont	
Whimbrel				
5, 17	P.I., Eastham	1, 15	G. d'Entremont#, D. Briggs	
Hudsonian Godwit				
11, 13, 29	Newbypt	6, 11, 13	R. Forster, J. Berry#, G. Wood	
13	Arlington	1 juv	R. Stymeist#	
19	S. Dartmouth, S. Monomoy	1, 1	T. Raymond, B. Nikula	
29	Scituate	1	J. Hassett	
Marbled Godwit				
29	N. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula	
Ruddy Turnstone				
5	Nantucket	6	BBC (D. Davis)	
Red Knot				
thr	N. Monomoy	100 max 10/12	B. Nikula	
27	Plymouth	56	D. Clapp	
Sanderling				
thr	N. Monomoy	1000 max 10/12, 20	B. Nikula	
16, 17	P.I., Nantucket	60, 27	G. Wood, M. Litchfield	
27	Duxbury	375	D. Clapp	
Semipalmated Sandpiper				
1-21	Newbypt-P.I.	100 max 10/1	v.o.	
12, 19	M.V., Eastham	30, 40	R. Stymeist#, G. d'Entremont#	
27	Plymouth	6	D. Clapp	
Least Sandpiper				
10, 12	Winchester, N. Monomoy	2, 15	B. Sorrie, B. Nikula#	
Western Sandpiper				
6	Marshfield	1	J. Hassett	
White-rumped Sandpiper				
thr	P.I.	20 max 10/13	G. Wood	
thr	N. Monomoy	15 max 10/12	B. Nikula	
18, 28	E. Quabbin, Nantucket	6, 1	B. Blodget, M. Litchfield	
Baird's Sandpiper				
8	Marshfield	1	D. Clapp	
Pectoral Sandpiper				
thr	N. Monomoy	100 max 10/12	B. Nikula	
5, 12	Arlington, M.V.	5, 15	L. Taylor, R. Stymeist	
18, 21	E. Quabbin, P.I.	75, 1	B. Blodget, M. Kasprzyk	
Purple Sandpiper				
20	N. Scituate	25	S. Higginbotham	
26	Lynn	3	BBC (H. D'Entremont)	
Dunlin				
thr	N. Monomoy	1500 max 10/29	B. Nikula	
13, 21	Newbypt, P.I.	15, 1600+	J. Berry#, M. Kasprzyk	
19, 27	S. Dartmouth, Duxbury	300, 1750	T. Raymond, D. Clapp	
Stilt Sandpiper				
11	Newbypt	1 juv	R. Forster	
Short-billed Dowitcher				
13, 19	Newbypt, P.I.	1-2 juv, 4	J. Berry#, M. Lynch	

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Long-billed Dowitcher				
13-29	Newbypt-P.I.	75 max 10/21	v.o.	
Common Snipe				
2, 13	P.I., Newbypt	1, 2	G. Wood, W. Petersen#	
19, 29	P'town, GMNWR	7, 1	G. d'Entremont, M. Hall	
American Woodcock				
11, 29	Petersham, Nantucket	1, 2	E. Nielsen, M. Litchfield	
Wilson's Phalarope				
3	WBWS	1	D. Clapp	
Red Phalarope				
18	Manomet	3	M. Lynch	
Parasitic Jaeger				
18, 31	Barnstable, Nantucket	1, 1	M. Lynch, M. Litchfield	
Laughing Gull				
5, 12	Cuttyhunk	60, 350	P. Trimble	
4, 5	Nantucket, Chatham	30, 50	M. Litchfield, M. Lynch	
Little Gull				
13, 26	Newbypt, Plymouth	1 ad, 1 ad	W. Petersen#, BBC (H.	
D'Entremont)				
Common Black-headed Gull				
4	Yarmouthport	1	R. Scott	
Bonaparte's Gull				
13, 27	Newbypt, Plymouth	260, 24	J. Berry, D. Clapp	
Ring-billed Gull				
thr	Beverly to Boston	125 max 10/29	J. Berry	
1, 13	Plymouth, Newbypt	700, 150	D. Clapp, J. Berry	
27	Barnstable	350	J. Aylward	
Iceland Gull				
26	Stellwagen	1	BBC (H. D'Entremont)	
Lesser Black-backed Gull				
7, 11, 15	Nantucket	1 (1S), 1 ad, 1 ad	M. Litchfield	
Glaucous Gull				
thr	Nantucket	1 (3W)	M. Litchfield	
Black-legged Kittiwake				
18, 26	Barnstable, Stellwagen	7, 40	M. Lynch, BBC (H. D'Entremont)	
Caspian Tern				
2, 19	Marshfield, Salisbury	2, 2	J. Hassett, M. Lynch	
Roseate Tern				
3	Nantucket	110	M. Litchfield	
Common Tern				
3, 18	Nantucket, Chatham	40, 300	M. Litchfield, J. Aylward#	
Roseate and Common terns				
4, 31	Nantucket	300, 200	M. Litchfield	
Forster's Tern				
11, 14	Newbypt, Nantucket	1, 1	R. Forster, F. Bouchard	
12, 19	Chatham	9, 12	B. Nikula	
27, 30	Duxbury, Marshfield	23, 5	D. Clapp, J. Hassett	
Dovekie				
26	Stellwagen	1	BBC (H. D'Entremont)	
Nanday Conure				
22	Clinton	1 escape	B. Blodget	
Eastern Screech-Owl				
4, 11	ONWR, Hamilton	1, 1	M. Lynch, J. Berry	
26	Chatham	1	B. Nikula	
Great Horned Owl				
5, 24	E. Middleboro	5, 1	K. Anderson	
11, 28	Hamilton, E. Orleans	2-3, 1	J. Berry, E. Williams	
Barred Owl				
11, 12	Hamilton, Petersham	1, 5	J. Berry, M. Lynch	
24	Stoncham	1	M. Martinek	
Short-eared Owl				
22	Nantucket	3	B. Sorrie#	



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Northern Saw-whet Owl				
10, 25	IRWS, Cambridge (F.P.)	1, 1	M. West, R. Williams + v.o.	
27	Cambridge	1	P. Kleespies	
Belted Kingfisher				
thr	Beverly to Boston	3 max 10/14	J. Berry	
5, 30	Nantucket, Lakeville	7, 2	BBC (D. Davis), K. Ryan	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				
7, 12	Nantucket, Cuttyhunk	4, 1	M. Litchfield, P. Trimble	
19	P'town	1	G. d'Entremont	
Downy Woodpecker				
3	Ipswich	7	J. Berry	
Hairy Woodpecker				
19, 25	Petersham, S. Monomoy	6, 1	E. Nielsen, B. Nikula	
Northern Flicker				
4	Nantucket	25	BBC (D. Davis)	

#### FLYCATCHERS THROUGH FINCHES

There was little evidence of strong migration in the October reports. Exceptions were Red-breasted Nuthatch and Golden-crowned Kinglet, which were widely distributed in good numbers during the first three weeks of the month. Also, a few winter finch species arrived, including an early Common Redpoll at East Quabbin on the nineteenth and large flocks of Pine Siskins throughout the region beginning on the ninth. Small flocks of Evening Grosbeaks made an appearance from the nineteenth on. Weather conditions seemed excellent for southward migration on October 6-7, but migrant reports during that period were notable only from Nantucket, where Eastern Wood-Pewee, eight species of warblers including an Orange-crowned and ten Palms, Indigo Bunting, and Lapland Longspur were observed.

Carolina Wren numbers from Falmouth continued high as they had in September. Other species occurring in good numbers included Eastern Bluebird with 47 at East Quabbin on the nineteenth and Common Raven with a flock of 12 seen simultaneously at Mt. Watatic on the twenty-fifth. Single individuals of Blue Grosbeak and Dickcissel constituted, in both cases, the lowest October counts for at least the last ten years. White-crowned Sparrow, which typically appears in either very large or very small numbers, demonstrated another off year.

Leading the list of rarities was the Nantucket jackdaw, which continued throughout the month. The unusual sparrow department included three Clay-colored at a variety of sites and dates, a Lark Sparrow seen on the eleventh, and a **Henslow's Sparrow** seen on the third, both at Bolton Flats in Lancaster. Many field-hours on the part of a large number of observers were spent searching unsuccessfully for a Redwing, the European thrush, which was reported during the interval from October 21 to 23. Though details of this exceedingly unusual species were received from two observers, typically sufficient for inclusion in the record, this sighting must be considered hypothetical in light of the facts that one of the observations was for a total of less than ten seconds, that the second was at a distance of more than 100 meters, and that such a large number of other observers were unable to detect the bird.

South Monomoy is a most unusual site for the reports of Northern Cardinal and House Sparrow, but single individuals of both of these species were found there on the twenty-fifth. Similarly, a Sharp-tailed Sparrow that was seen off and on for ten days at Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge in Concord was at an unusual (though not unprecedented) location. L.E.T.

Eastern Wood-Pewee				
7	Nantucket	1	M. Litchfield	
Eastern Phoebe				
12, 19	P.I., Quabbin (G40)	1, 2	G. d'Entremont#, E. Nielsen	
Western Kingbird				
3, 4	M.V., Nantucket	3, 1	P. Vickery, M. Litchfield	
12, 12-13	N. Truro, Nant.	1, 1	W. Petersen#, F. Bouchard	
24, 31	Eastham, E. Quabbin	1, 1	W. Bailey, C. Wittgoth	
Eastern Kingbird				
5	Nantucket	1	BBC (D. Davis)	

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Barn Swallow				
24, 25	N. Scituate, Falmouth	2, 1	D. Ludlow#, J. Hassett	
Blue Jay				
3, 12	Ipswich, Topsfield	40, 52	J. Berry	
<b>Eurasian Jackdaw</b>				
thr	Nantucket	1	E. Andrews#	
Common Raven:				
25	Mt. Watatic	12	P. Roberts	
Red-breasted Nuthatch				
2, 3	Brookline, Ipswich	1, 24	H. Wiggin, J. Berry	
7; 12, 19	Nant.; Quabbin (G 40)	15; 27, 42	M. Litchfield; M. Lynch#	
Carolina Wren				
thr, 12	Brookline, M.V.	2 max, 6	H. Wiggin#, R. Stymeist#	
17, 19	Easton, Orleans	1, 3	K. Ryan, G. d'Entremont#	
26, 29	Falmouth, E. Middleboro	12, 1	P. Trimble, K. Anderson	
House Wren				
12, 17	Concord, Lancaster	1, 1	J. Carter, M. Kasprzyk	
24	N. Scituate	1	J. Hassett	
Winter Wren				
2, 25	P.I., S. Monomoy	1, 1	G. Wood, B. Nikula	
Marsh Wren				
5, 12	Marshfield, Randolph	3, 3	J. Hassett, G. d'Entremont	
Golden-crowned Kinglet				
2, 5	Brookline, Waltham	3, 12	H. Wiggin, L. Taylor	
9, 18	Lexington, Ipswich	7, 8	J. Carter, J. Berry	
19	Quabbin (G40)	52	E. Nielsen	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				
2, 12, 19	P.I., Topsfield, Quabbin (G40)	5, 3, 1	G. Wood, J. Berry, E. Nielsen	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				
10	Scituate	2	D. Clapp	
Eastern Bluebird				
12, 13	Quab. (G40), E. Middleboro	32, 1	S. Carroll#, K. Anderson	
19, 23	Quab. (G40), Stow	49, 3	E. Nielsen, T. Carrolan	
Swainson's Thrush				
1	Chatham	1	P. Trimble	
Hermit Thrush				
11, 12	Hamilton, Quab. (G40)	4, 11	J. Berry, S. Carroll#	
13, 29	P.I., Sandwich	3, 7	W. Petersen, P. Trimble	
Wood Thrush				
12	Cuttyhunk	1	P. Trimble	
American Robin				
12, 25	Topsfield, Holliston	100, 124	J. Berry, R. Hildreth	
Water Pipit				
3, 5	Lancaster, Nantucket	36, 10	M. Lynch#, M. Litchfield	
23	Concord	70	R. Forster#	
Cedar Waxwing				
3-4, 24	ONWR, Wayland	2, 8	M. Lynch#, R. Forster	
Northern Shrike				
31	Nantucket	1 b	E. Andrews	
Solitary Vireo				
19	Salisbury, Truro	1, 1	S. Carroll#, L. Taylor#	
Red-eyed Vireo				
2, 3	P.I., Ipswich	2, 1	G. Wood, J. Berry	
Orange-crowned Warbler				
7, 25	Nantucket, N. Monomoy	1, 1	M. Litchfield, B. Nikula	
28	Belmont	1	L. Taylor	
Nashville Warbler				
3, 7	Ipswich, Nantucket	1, 2	J. Berry, M. Litchfield	
19, 25	Truro, Cambr. (F.P.)	1, 1-2	L. Taylor#, v.o.	
Northern Parula				
4, 7	Holliston, Nantucket	1, 3	R. Hildreth, M. Litchfield	
Cape May Warbler				
3, 9	Ipswich, Nantucket	2, 12	J. Berry, M. Litchfield	
18	Lakeville	1	W. Petersen	

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Black-throated Blue Warbler				
7, 30	Nantucket, Needham	3, 1 m	M. Litchfield, D. Case	
Yellow-rumped Warbler				
4, 5	Holliston, Nantucket	23, 50	R. Hildreth, F. Bouchard	
Black-throated Green Warbler				
3, 7	Ipswich, Nantucket	1 m, 4	J. Berry, M. Litchfield	
15, 26	Nantucket, Falmouth	2, 1	M. Litchfield, P. Trimble	
Pine Warbler				
3, 26	Ipswich, Falmouth	1 m, 4	J. Berry, P. Trimble	
Palm Warbler				
7, 17	Nantucket, Lancaster	10, 2	M. Litchfield, M. Kasprzyk	
19	Eastham, Cuttyhunk	6, 5	G. d'Entremont#, P. Trimble	
25	Belmont	2	L. Taylor	
Bay-breasted Warbler				
12	Quabbin (G40)	1	S. Carroll#	
Blackpoll Warbler				
3	Watertown, Ipswich	12, 15	M. Hall, J. Berry	
9, 26	Nantucket, Falmouth	5, 1	M. Litchfield, P. Trimble	
American Redstart				
7	Nantucket	4	M. Litchfield	
Common Yellowthroat				
11, 17	Quab. (G40), Lancaster	1, 1	E. Nielsen, M. Kasprzyk	
Wilson's Warbler				
7	Nantucket	1 f	M. Litchfield	
Yellow-breasted Chat				
24	Cambridge (F. P.)	1	R. Stymeist#	
Northern Cardinal				
thr, 25	Brookline, S. Monomoy	6, 1	H. Wiggin#, B. Nikula	
Blue Grosbeak				
5	Nantucket	1	F. Bouchard	
Indigo Bunting				
7, 13	Nantucket, Harwich	3, 1	M. Litchfield, P. Trimble	
Dickcissel				
1-3	WBWS	1	P. Trimble#	
Rufous-sided Towhee				
3, 11	Ipswich, Nantucket	3, 2	J. Berry, M. Litchfield	
American Tree Sparrow				
25	Belmont, Milford	1, 2	L. Taylor, R. Hildreth	
31	Salisbury	6	G. Wood	
Chipping Sparrow				
10, 13	Worcester, P.I.	20, 15	M. Lynch#, W. Petersen#	
Clay-colored Sparrow				
5	Nantucket, Chatham	1, 1	F. Bouchard, J. Cumming	
22-31	Wayland	1	B. Howell#	
Field Sparrow				
5, 13	Nantucket, Lexington	2, 25	F. Bouchard, J. Carter	
19	Holliston, Cuttyhunk	4, 6	R. Hildreth, P. Trimble	
Vesper Sparrow				
3, 17; 3	Lancaster; ONWR	2, 2; 2	v.o.; S. Carroll#	
11	Quabbin (G40)	1	E. Nielsen	
Lark Sparrow				
11	Lancaster	1	E. Nielsen	
Savannah Sparrow				
9, 17	Ipswich, Lancaster	40, 30	J. Berry, M. Kasprzyk	
<b>Henslow's Sparrow</b> (details submitted)				
3	Lancaster	1	M. Lynch#	
Sharp-tailed Sparrow				
13, 19-29	Newburyport, GMNWR	15, 1	W. Petersen, v.o.	
Seaside Sparrow				
13, 19	Newburyport	2, 1	v.o.	
Fox Sparrow				
18, 25	Worcester, S. Monomoy	1, 1	S. Carroll#, B. Nikula	
26, 27	Lexington, Duxbury	2, 1	L. Taylor, D. Clapp	

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Lincoln's Sparrow				
3, 13-26	Lancaster, 3 loc	3, 3 total	M. Lynch#, v.o.	
26, 28	Falmouth, Ipswich	1, 1	P. Trimble, J. Berry	
Swamp Sparrow				
3, 28	Lancaster, Ipswich	90, 2	M. Lynch#, J. Berry	
White-throated Sparrow				
2, 11	Watertown, Quabbin (G40)	6, 35	R. Stymeist, E. Nielsen	
White-crowned Sparrow				
3, 4	Lancaster, ONWR	3, 3	S. Carroll#	
4-18, 26	4 loc, Falmouth	8 total, 1	v.o., P. Trimble	
Dark-eyed Junco				
2, 19	Watertown, Quab. (G40)	4, 75	R. Stymeist, E. Nielsen	
Lapland Longspur				
7, 13	Nantucket, P.I.	1, 7	T. Carrolan, W. Petersen#	
18, 21-31	E. Quabbin, Salisbury	1, 4 max	B. Blodget, v.o.	
Snow Bunting				
16-31, 25	P.I., Nantucket	200 max 10/28, 10	v.o., M. Litchfield	
25, 26	Monomoy, P'town	145, 20	B. Nikula, M. Lynch#	
26, 27	Plymouth, Duxbury Beach	25, 370	S. Carroll#, D. Clapp	
Bobolink				
3, 11	Watertown, Nantucket	1, 1	M. Hall, M. Litchfield	
Eastern Meadowlark				
5, 28	Newbypt, Ipswich	12, 6	G. d'Entremont, J. Berry	
Rusty Blackbird				
3, 5	Lancaster, Nant.	70, 4	M. Lynch#, F. Bouchard	
13-20	4 locations	8 total	v.o.	
20-30	Brookline	3	H. Wiggin	
Common Grackle				
11, 25	GMNWR, Milford	25, 6	S. Carroll#, R. Hildreth	
Purple Finch				
18, 19	Ipswich, Quabbin (G40)	2, 16	J. Berry, E. Nielsen	
Common Redpoll				
19	Quabbin (G40)	4	E. Nielsen	
Pine Siskin				
9-31	many locations	flocks up to 60	v.o.	
12, 26	Lancaster, M.V.	80, 100+	D. Dillavou#, I. Giriunas	
Evening Grosbeak				
19, 22	Salisbury, Lincoln	1, 3	M. Lynch#, R. Forster	
25, 31	Cambridge, Easton	1, 3	S. Carroll#, K. Ryan	
House Sparrow				
25	S. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula	



*Immature Goshawk eating Herring Gull  
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