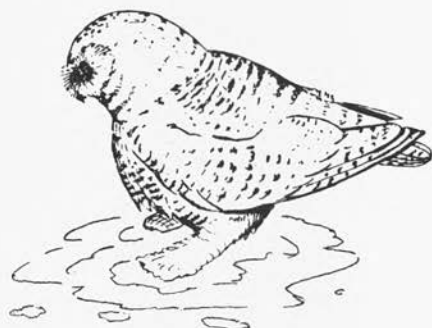


FIELD RECORDS

NOVEMBER 1986



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November was very cool, wet, snowy, and cloudy. The temperature averaged 42.3 degrees, 2.9 degrees below normal. The high was 72 degrees on the ninth,; the low was 19 degrees on November 14 and 20. Precipitation totaled 6.01 inches, 1.80 inches more than normal. Three days recorded more than an inch. This ranked as the twenty-second wettest November in 116 years. Snowfall totaled 3.5 inches, 2.3 inches more than average. The most in any day was 3.0 inches on November 19. This was the second greatest so early in the season in ninety-six years, the greatest early snowfall being 3.5 inches on November 6, 1894. The fastest minute of wind was clocked at 38 mph ENE on November 19. The peak gust was 51 mph NW on November 21, and this was the strongest gust since Hurricane Gloria in September 1985.

LOONS THROUGH HERONS

A northeast wind and some fog on November 6 produced a good flight of Red-throated Loons and Northern Gannets, flying past Corporation Beach in Dennis. Similar situations occurred on November 19, 22, and 30, and good numbers of seabirds were seen along the coast. At First Encounter Beach in Eastham, over 10,000 Northern Gannets (approximately 85 percent of them adults) were counted in two hours of observation. At one point the birds were going by at the rate of 475 per minute.

A sighting of a **Pacific Loon** was reported from Plum Island on November 16. The bird was well seen and was compared with Red-throated Loons in the area. It was generally chunkier and heavier. Full details were received from two observers.

Unusual heron reports included late dates for Great Egret and Cattle Egret.

R.H.S.

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	NOVEMBER 1986
Red-throated Loon				
1, 3	Duxbury Beach, Salisbury	76, 9	D. Clapp, D. Arvidson#	
6	Dennis (Corp. Beach)	395 (1 hr)	B. Nikula	
9, 16	Lakeville, Nant. (Low Beach)	1, 40+	W. Petersen#, M. Litchfield	
16	Salisbury, P.I.	27, 30	M. Lynch, S. Carroll	
26, 27	S.N., E. Orleans	100, 15+	P. Trimble, A. Williams	
Pacific Loon (details submitted)				
16	P.I.	1 ad	M. Lynch, M. Greenwald	
Common Loon				
thr	Nant. (Low Beach)	108 max 11/16	M. Litchfield	
2, 16	Lakeville	3, 7	W. Petersen	
22, 26	Plymouth Beach, S.N.	20, 60+	D. Donovan#, P. Trimble	
Pied-billed Grebe				
thr	Lakeville	18 max 11/1	W. Petersen + v.o.	
thr	Arlington, Cambridge	4 max, 1-2	L. Taylor, J. Barton	
4, 16	Canton, Plymouth	6, 7	K. Ryan, W. Petersen	
Horned Grebe				
thr	Revere (Short Beach)	32 max 11/1	J. Cumming	
thr	Lakeville	22 max 11/16	W. Petersen + v.o.	
26, 28	Barnstable (S.N.), P.I.	75, 8	P. Trimble, D. Chickering	

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	NOVEMBER 1986
Red-necked Grebe				
1-16	Lakeville	1-2	W. Petersen	
22	Plymouth Beach, Duxbury	10, 4	D. Donovan, E. Salmela	
26, 30	Barnstable (S.N.), N. Scituate	4, 1	P. Trimble, W. Petersen	
Northern Fulmar				
19	Eastham (F.E.)	1	W. Petersen	
Greater Shearwater				
22, 30	Eastham (F.E.), N. Monomoy	6+, 1	B. Nikula, P. Bailey	
Northern Gannet				
1, 2	Ipswich, Winthrop	50+, 12	J. Berry, J Cumming	
6	Dennis (Corp. B.)	1200 in 1 hr	B. Nikula	
16	Nantucket (2 loc)	1500+	E. Andrews#	
19	Eastham (F.E.)	10,000+ in 2 hr	W. Petersen	
22,29	Plymouth, Stellw.	150, 80+	D. Donovan#, BBC (M. Blazis)	
Great Cormorant				
1, 22	Lakeville	3, 2	W. Petersen#, D. Donovan#	
23	Nahant (Egg Rock)	45	R. Forster	
Double-crested Cormorant				
1	Holliston, W. Yarmouth	1, 50	R. Hildreth, P. Trimble	
15, 23	Newbypt, Falmouth	10, 20	J. Berry, M. Lynch#	
23, 29	Waltham, Wayland	1, 1	R. Forster	
American Bittern				
thr, 2	P.I., Mashpee	1+, 1	v.o., P. Trimble	
10, 16	Nantucket (2 loc)	1, 1	R. Tate#, M. Litchfield	
28	Salisbury	1	D. Briggs#	
Great Blue Heron				
1-18	Saugus-Everett (train)	6 max 11/18	J. Berry	
8; 9, 15, 28	Wayland, P.I.	3; 2, 11	J. Cumming, D.	
Chickering				
18, 22	S. Dartmouth, Lakeville	11, 4	R. Marshall, D. Donovan#	
29, 30	Falmouth, E. Boston	14, 5	P. Trimble, J. Cumming	
Great Egret				
18, 26	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1	R. Marshall	
Cattle Egret				
23	Falmouth	2	S. Carroll + M. Lynch	
Black-crowned Night-Heron				
2, 28	Plymouth, S. Monomoy	4, 3	W. Petersen#	

WATERFOWL

A Fulvous Whistling-Duck continued to be seen in the Nantucket area; it was first seen in October. Two adult Tundra Swans were found on Lake Assawompsett in the Middleboro-Lakeville area. In nearby Rochester, among a large flock of Canada Geese, a very small individual was seen, apparently a bird of the interior race *Branta canadensis hutchinsii* or "Richardson's" Goose. At Fresh Pond, the maximum number of Canvasbacks reached an astonishing 635 on November 17; the previous high was 337 on November 25, 1985. At Lakeville, Ring-necked Ducks totaled over 1200 on November 1, slightly less than last November's high count of 1650 birds. Also of note were the spectacular numbers in gigantic rafts of Common Eider, extending for nearly a mile to the east and southeast on the east side of Monomoy. Additional eiders constantly joined these flocks, flying in from the south. Three King Eiders were reported, and Harlequin Ducks were noted at two locations. The flight of both Common and Hooded mergansers as well as Ruddy Ducks was very good, and many of these birds were reported in exceptional numbers at traditional locations. R.H.S.

Fulvous Whistling-Duck				
7	Nant. (Quaise Marsh)	1	D. Beattie	
Mute Swan				
15, 23	Plymouth, Falmouth	67, 20	G. d'Entremont, M. Lynch#	
Tundra Swan				
16-23	Middleboro)	2 ad	W. Petersen + v.o.	
Snow Goose				
1-24	P.I.	25 max 11/9	D. Chickering + v.o.	
11	S. Dartmouth	1	LCES (R. Maker)	

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Brant				
16, 18-20	Plymouth, Boston	1500, 300	W. Petersen, K. Anderson	
26	Barnstable (S.N.)	35	P. Trimble	
Canada Goose				
thr	Quabbin (G40)	280 max	M. Lynch#	
1, 8	Easton, Rochester	160, 600	K. Ryan, W. Petersen	
16	P.I., W. Newbury	290, 122	M. Lynch, S. Carroll	
Wood Duck				
2, 9	Quab. (G40), Lakeville	2, 4	M Lynch#, W. Petersen	
15	Plymouth (Billington Sea)	1	G. d'Entremont	
Green-winged Teal				
thr	P.I.	200+ max 11/9	D. Chickering + v.o.	
1. 8	Ipswich, GMNWR	60, 90	BBC (J. Berry), R. Walton	
15, 23	E. Boston (B.I.)	40+, 70	J. Cumming	
American Black Duck				
1	Easton, W. Yarmouth	80, 150	K. Ryan, P. Trimble	
16, 18	Plymouth, Allens Pond	600+, 497	W. Petersen, LCES (R. Marshall)	
23	S. Monomoy, N. Monomoy	50, 400	B. Nikula	
Mallard				
3, 10, 17	Cambr. (Charles R. Basin)	86, 195, 267	F. Bouchard	
Northern Pintail				
1	Ipswich, W. Yarmouth	20+, 5	BBC (J. Berry), P. Trimble	
8, 23	GMNWR, S. Monomoy	41, 30	R. Walton, B. Nikula	
Northern Shoveler				
3, 8	P.I., GMNWR	23, 11	D. Arvidson#, R. Walton	
23, 28	S. Monomoy	30, 14	B. Nikula, W. Petersen#	
Gadwall				
1	Ipswich, Plymouth	15+, 12	BBC (J. Berry), W. Petersen#	
2-23, 2	Cambridge, Waltham	1, 1	R. Stymeist#	
9, 16	P.I., Plymouth	11, 25	D. Chickering, W. Petersen	
23, 26	S. Monomoy, S. Dart.	4, 4	B. Nikula, LCES (R. Marshall)	
Eurasian Wigeon				
1, 2-30	Ipswich, Plymouth	1, 1	BBC (J. Berry), W. Petersen + v.o.	
23, 28	S. Monomoy	2, 1	B. Nikula, W. Petersen#	
30	Nant. (Hummock Pd)	1	M. Litchfield	
American Wigeon				
thr, 1	Cambridge, Ipswich	36 max, 105	J. Barton, BBC (J. Berry)	
2	Waltham (Hardy Pd)	88	R. Stymeist	
8, 16	GMNWR, Arlington	47, 45	R. Walton, L. Taylor	
23, 28	S. Monomoy	80, 70	B. Nikula, W. Petersen#	
Canvasback				
thr	Cambridge (F.P.)	635 max 11/17	J. Barton + v.o.	
thr.	Lakeville	120+ max 11/23	M. Lynch + v.o.	
Redhead				
1-16, 3-30	Plymouth, Cambridge	1, 1-3	W. Petersen#, J. Barton	
8-9, 15	Lakeville, Braintree	1, 6	W. Petersen, G. d'Entremont#	
15, 30	Falmouth	6, 19	P. Trimble	
Ring-necked Duck				
thr	Lakeville	1200 max 11/1	W. Petersen + v.o.	
thr	Cambridge (F.P.)	128 max 11/9	R. Stymeist + v.o.	
thr	W. Newbury	400 max 11/9	L. Taylor + v.o.	
9, 28	Quab. (G40), S. Monomoy	70, 75	M. Lynch#, W. Petersen#	
Greater Scaup				
1, 13	Ipswich, Cambridge	1, 20	BBC (J. Berry), J. Barton	
Lesser Scaup				
thr	Lakeville	375+ max 11/16	W. Petersen + v.o.	
5	Cambr., Boston Harbor	12, 1	J. Barton, M. Kasprzyk	
Common Eider				
thr	Nantucket Harbor	700 max 11/30	M. Litchfield	
2, 23	Nahant, Revere	2000+, 3000	J. Cumming, R. Forster	
28	S. Monomoy	50,000-75,000+	W. Petersen#	
King Eider				
1-9	Winthrop	1 imm m	J. Cumming + v.o.	
9, 21	A.P., Scituate	1 f, 1 m	C. Leahy + v.o., D. Clapp	

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Harlequin Duck				
thr	Winthrop	pr	J. Cumming + v.o.	
30	Nauset Inlet	3	R. Prescott	
Oldsquaw				
28	S. Monomoy	800+	W. Petersen#	
Black Scoter				
29	Nauset	30	P. Trimble	
Surf Scoter				
23	Nahant	300	R. Forster	
White-winged Scoter				
23	Nahant	1000	R. Forster	
Common Goldeneye				
thr, 5-30	Quabbin (G40), Cambr.	48 max, 6 max	M. Lynch#, J. Barton	
5, 18	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1, 10	LCES (R. Marshall)	
Barrow's Goldeneye				
30	N. Scituate	1 m	W. Petersen	
Bufflehead				
1, 11	W. Yarmouth, S. Dart.	150, 92	P. Trimble, LCES (R. Marshall)	
16, 23	Lakeville, Nahant	200, 450	W. Petersen, R. Forster	
Hooded Merganser				
thr	Lakeville	70 max 11/23	M. Lynch + v.o.	
thr	Arlington	19 max 11/30	L. Taylor	
thr	Quabbin (G40)	51 max 11/15	M. Lynch#	
23	Waltham (Cambr. Res.)	41	R. Forster	
23	Falmouth	81	M. Lynch#	
Reports of 1-8 individuals noted from many locations.				
Common Merganser				
8, 20	Lakeville	30, 70	W. Petersen, K. Ryan	
8, 23	Waltham (Cambr. Res.)	20, 100	J. Cumming, R. Forster	
8, 9	GMNWR, Quabbin (G40)	12, 43	R. Walton, M. Lynch#	
23	S. Monomoy, Cambridge	3, 16	B. Nikula, J. Barton	
28	W. Newbury	27	R. Forster	
30	Arlington (Spy Pd)	13	L. Taylor	
Red-breasted Merganser				
11, 23	S. Dart., Falmouth	66, 54	LCES (R. Marshall), M. Lynch#	
22, 23	N. Monomoy, S. Monomoy	1000, 1200	B. Nikula	
Ruddy Duck				
thr	Arlington	35 max 11/2	L. Taylor + v.o.	
thr	Lakeville	200+ max 11/16	W. Petersen + v.o.	
thr	Waltham (Cambr. Res.)	128 max 11/23	R. Forster+ v.o.	
16	Plymouth, W. Newbury	26, 12	W. Petersen, M. Lynch#	
23	S. Monomoy, Braintree	65, 55	B. Nikula, G. d'Entremont	

RAPTORS THROUGH RAILS

Turkey Vultures and Ospreys lingered into early November. Of special note was a kettle of 19 Turkey Vultures reported from Still River on November 2. At Quabbin, at least 2 adult and 3 immature Bald Eagles were seen, and other eagles were noted from East Boston, Gloucester, and South Wellfleet. Red-tailed Hawks were in evidence with as many as 5 individuals, including one of the dark western race, at a small site on the Cambridge-Belmont line. On the Boston Common, a Red-tailed Hawk was observed on several occasions dining on gray squirrel and Rock Dove.

A Clapper Rail was seen at Belle Isle Marsh in East Boston. American Coot were reported in good numbers over a wide area.

R.H.S.

Turkey Vulture				
1, 2	Milton, Still River	1, 19	W. Davis, C. McElwain	
3	Easton	2	K. Ryan	
Osprey				
1	Westport, Plymouth	1, 1	R. Stymeist#, W. Petersen#	
2, 15	Lakeville, Groton	1, 1	W. Petersen#, L. Johnson	
Bald Eagle				
1, 4	E. Boston, Gloucester (E.P.)	1, 1 imm	S. Zende, E. Valentine	
25-30	Quabbin (G40)	2 ad, 3 imm	M. Lynch + v.o.	
30	WBWS	2 imm	R. Prescott	

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	NOVEMBER 1986
Northern Harrier				
thr	P.I.-Salisbury	10 max 11/15	P. Roberts + v.o.	
9, 15	Halifax, Eastham (F.H.)	4, 2	W. Petersen#, D. Arvidson#	
18, 30	Boston Harbor, Middleboro	2, 3	K. Anderson	
26, 28	S. Dart., S. Monomoy	3, 4	LCES (R. Marshall), W. Petersen#	
Sharp-shinned Hawk				
thr	P.I.-Salisbury	5 total	v.o.	
12, 18	S. Dartmouth	1, 1	LCES (R. Maker)	
16	Eastham (F.H.), Belmont	1, 1	P. Trimble, L. Taylor	
18, 22	Canton, Plymouth	1, 1	K. Ryan, D. Donovan#	
23, 28	Falmouth, Wakefield	1, 1	M. Lynch#, R. Forster	
Cooper's Hawk				
9, 15	Lakeville, P.I.	1, 1	W. Petersen, P. Roberts	
22, 27	Concord (2 loc)	1 imm, 1	K. + R. Forster, R. Walton	
Northern Goshawk				
1; 26, 28	Taunton; Halifax	1; 1	R. Stymeist; K. Anderson	
Red-shouldered Hawk				
15, 18	Quabbin (G40), Norwell	2 ad; 1	D. Johnson#, M. McSweeney	
Red-tailed Hawk				
thr	Cambr.-Belmont	5+ max 11/17	L. Robinson + v.o.	
10	Boston Common	1 eating squirrel	J. Codeno#	
30	Middleboro-Halifax	4	K. Anderson	
Rough-legged Hawk				
thr	P.I.-Salisbury	7 max 11/15 (5 dk + 2 lt)	P. Roberts + v.o.	
30	Marshfield	2	W. Petersen	
30	Halifax-Middleboro	4	K. Anderson	
Merlin				
1, 23, 25	Nantucket (3 loc)	1, 1, 1	M. Litchfield	
1	E. Boston, Rockport	1, 1	S. Zende, D. Chickering	
8, 15	Arlington, Eastham	1 ad, 1	L. Taylor, D. Arvidson#	
23, 29	N. Monomoy	1 ad	R. Prescott#	
Peregrine Falcon				
thr	Boston (State St.)	1 or 2	v.o.	
4, 12	Squantum	1 ad, 1	K. Ryan	
9; 16, 23	Quabbin (G40); S. Monomoy	1; 1 ad	M. Lynch#; B. Nikula#	
22, 23	P.I., N. Monomoy	1, 2	M. McClellan, R. Prescott	
29	N. Middleboro	1	K. Holmes	
Ruffed Grouse				
thr	Quabbin (G40)	9 max 11/25	M. Kasprzyk + v.o.	
Wild Turkey				
28	Petersham	4	G. d'Entremont#	
Northern Bobwhite				
11, 19	Waltham, Marion	13, 12	L. Taylor, K. Ryan	
24, 30	E. Orleans, Ipswich	8, 6-8	E. Williams, J. Berry	
Clapper Rail				
2	E. Boston (B.I.)	1	J. Cumming	
Virginia Rail				
29	Nant. (Quaise Marsh)	4	M. Litchfield	
Common Moorhen				
8	GMNWR	1	R. Walton	
American Coot				
thr	Arlington, Cambr.	14 max, 23 max	L. Taylor, J. Barton	
1	Plymouth, Lakeville	40, 50	W. Petersen#	
8, 16	GMNWR, Plymouth	57, 150	R. Walton, W. Petersen	
23, 28	Lynn, W. Newbury	11, 13	R. Forster	
28, 30	S. Monomoy, Sandwich	60, 16	W. Petersen#, P. Trimble	

SHOREBIRDS THROUGH ALCIDS

The counts of Semipalmated Plover on November 1 are high counts for this date. Including this November, American Oystercatchers have been recorded in six of the last fourteen Novembers. The count of 30 White-rumped Sandpipers is a high November count but the reported numbers of Purple Sandpiper are lower than the usual November counts.

An immature Stilt Sandpiper was reported by a reliable observer from Henry's Pond in Rockport. November records of Stilt Sandpiper are few; only four out of the last fourteen Novembers have had this species recorded. An American Woodcock was found dead on a sidewalk in Boston but not near a tall building, and the reporter speculated that it may have been knocked down by a Peregrine Falcon.

Jaegers, kittiwakes, and alcids seen at coastal locations during and after the stormy weather of November 20 and 21 included 700 large alcids at First Encounter beach. Lingering terns included Common and Forster's with counts of 20 and 22 of the latter. G.W.G.

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	NOVEMBER 1986
Black-bellied Plover				
thr	N. Monomoy	600 max 11/1	B. Nikula	
1	Duxbury, Ipswich	210, 50	D. Clapp, BBC (J. Berry)	
9	Newburyport	40	G. Gove#	
12	Nantucket	21	M. Litchfield	
Lesser Golden-Plover				
1	Ipswich, N. Monomoy	2 imm, 1	BBC (J. Berry), B. Nikula	
8, 22	P.I.	3, 1	I. Giriunas#, M. McClellan#	
16	S. Monomoy	1	R. Prescott	
Semipalmated Plover				
1	S. Dartmouth, N. Monomoy	5, 10	G. Gove#, B. Nikula	
28, 29	P.I.	1, 1	R. Forster, W. Petersen#	
Killdeer				
8, 9	Lakeville, E. Bridgewater	5, 32	W. Petersen#	
8, 23	Concord, Newburyport	10, 5	J. Cumming, BBC (J. Detweiler)	
American Oystercatcher				
1, 11, 16	Chatham	6, 1, 1	B. Nikula	
Greater Yellowlegs				
1	P.I., W. Yarmouth	12, 20	BBC (I. Giriunas), P. Trimble	
2, 9	E. Boston, Newburyport	32, 40	J. Cumming, G. Gove#	
12, 15	Nantucket, Nauset	3, 4	M. Litchfield, D. Arvidson#	
Lesser Yellowlegs				
9, 15	Newburyport, E. Boston	3, 1	G. Gove#, J. Cumming	
Hudsonian Godwit				
1, 2	Newburyport, E. Boston	3, 1	BBC (I. Giriunas), J. Cumming	
5	S. Dartmouth	2	R. Marshall	
9	Newburyport	2	G. Gove#	
Marbled Godwit				
15	N. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula	
Ruddy Turnstone				
1, 2	Plymouth, Winthrop	2, 1-2	W. Petersen#, J. Cumming	
26, 30	Barnstable, N. Scituate	2, 1	P. Trimble, W. Petersen#	
Red Knot				
thr	N. Monomoy	100 max 11/1	B. Nikula	
30	N. Scituate	4	W. Petersen	
Sanderling				
thr	N. Monomoy	800 max 11/1	B. Nikula	
1	Westport, Duxbury	220, 240	R. Stymeist#, D. Clapp	
15, 23	Revere, P.I.	110, 20	J. Cumming, D. Chickering	
Semipalmated Sandpiper				
1; 2, 16	Plymouth; Mashpee	2; 1, 1	W. Petersen; P. Trimble	
Western Sandpiper				
9	Squantum	1	F. Bouchard	
White-rumped Sandpiper				
1-23	N. Monomoy	8 max 11/23	B. Nikula	
3, 17	P.I.	30, 11	D. Arvidson#, G. Gove	
8, 9	E. Bridgewater, Halifax	2, 8	W. Petersen#	
Pectoral Sandpiper				
1	N. Monomoy, W. Yarmouth	15, 2	B. Nikula, P. Trimble	
9, 16	Halifax, Lakeville	4, 2	W. Petersen#, D. Clapp	
Purple Sandpiper				
8, 15	Rockport, Cape Ann	42, 175	J. Berry, BBC (N. & S. Osborne)	
23, 30	Nahant, N. Scituate	300, 275	R. Forster, W. Petersen	
Dunlin				
thr	N. Monomoy	1800 max 11/1	B. Nikula	
1	Duxbury	4400	D. Clapp	

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Dunlin (continued)				
9, 15	Newburyport, Nauset	550, 1200	G. Gove#, D. Arvidson#	
Stilt Sandpiper				
5	Rockport (Henry's Pond)	1 imm	C. Leahy	
Long-billed Dowitcher				
9, 17, 29	P.I.	3, 3, 2	v.o., G. Gove, W. Petersen#	
Common Snipe				
1, 8	W. Yarmouth, E. Bridgewater	1, 6	P. Trimble, W. Petersen	
8	Essex County	4	BBC (I. Giriunas)	
American Woodcock				
9; 17	Squantum; Groton, Boston	1; 1, 1 (dead)	F. Bouchard; L. Johnson, J. Berry	
jaeger species				
22	Eastham	7+	B. Nikula	
Pomarine Jaeger				
19	Eastham	10	W. Petersen	
Laughing Gull				
2, 13	Winthrop, Sandwich	37, 5	J. Cumming, P. Trimble	
Little Gull				
thr.	Newburyport	1-2	v.o.	
Common Black-headed Gull				
9-23	Winthrop-Revere	1-4	v.o.	
18	Nantucket	1(1W)	M. Litchfield	
Bonaparte's Gull				
15, 23	Revere, Lynn	200, 375	J. Cumming, R. Forster	
15	Nauset	300	D. Arvidson#	
Ring-billed Gull				
9	Ipswich, Winchester	200, 100	J. Berry, BBC (D. Oliver)	
17, 28	Halifax, Middleboro	600, 500	K. Anderson	
Iceland Gull				
22, 30	Rockport, Gloucester	2, 3	BBC (W. Drummond), S. Perkins	
28	P'town	2	R. Prescott	
Glaucous Gull				
2, 19	Nantucket	1(3W), 1(1W)	M. Litchfield	
28, 30	P'town, Gloucester	1, 1	R. Prescott, S. Perkins	
Black-legged Kittiwake				
19, 22	Eastham	75, 175	W. Petersen, B. Nikula	
28, 29	S. Monomoy, N. Monomoy	500, 75	W. Petersen, B. Nikula	
Common Tern				
1, 11	Chatham	75, 2	B. Nikula	
15	Marshfield	1	J. Hassett	
Forster's Tern				
1	Plymouth, Chatham	8, 8	W. Petersen#, B. Nikula	
1, 2	Westport, Duxbury	20, 22	R. Stymeist#, D. Clapp	
Large alcid species				
22	Eastham	700	B. Nikula	
Razorbill				
8, 28	Rockport, S. Monomoy	1, 2	J. Berry, W. Petersen	
19, 22	Eastham	46, 40	W. Petersen, B. Nikula	
Black Guillemot				
1, 22	Rockport	2, 4	D. Chickering, BBC (W. Drummond)	
30	N. Scituate	2	W. Petersen	

DOVES THROUGH SHRIKES

The highlight of the month was the abundance of Snowy Owl reports throughout the region with 18 individuals found at Logan Airport and the Boston Harbor Islands.

Red-bellied Woodpeckers were noted at four locations, and a single Red-headed Woodpecker was reported. A **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** was found on Nantucket and was still present at the end of the month along the Siasconset Road, where it was photographed. A Western Kingbird was found at Quabbin, establishing a first record for that area. Three others were found on Nantucket. Late reports included a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher in Wellesley on November 17.

R.H.S.

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	NOVEMBER 1986
Mourning Dove				
15	Brookline	21	H. Wiggin	
Eastern Screech-Owl				
thr; 10, 17	Lakeville; Ipswich	1; 1	K. Holmes; J. Berry#	
Great Horned Owl				
thr	E. Middleboro	1-2	K. Anderson	
2	Boston (Grape I.)	1	J. Hassett	
14	Stoneham	1	M. Martinek	
27	E. Orleans	2 calling	A. Williams	
Snowy Owl				
thr	Boston Harbor Islands	4+ max 11/29	E. Simmons + v.o.	
thr	Boston (Logan Airport)	18 max	N. Smith + v.o.	
8-30	P.I.-Salisbury	11 max 11/23	P. Roberts + v.o.	
15, 22	W. Yarmouth, Chatham	1, 1	fide R. Prescott	
22, 28-30	Nantucket, Revere	1, 1	F. Reed#, M. Curley	
23, 27, 29	N. Monomoy	2, 2, 1	R. Prescott#	
Barred Owl				
1, 2	Ipswich, Hamilton	1, 1	J. Berry, J. Heywood	
25	Quabbin (G40)	1	M. Kasprzyk	
Long-eared Owl				
2	Hamilton	1	J. Heywood	
Short-eared Owl				
2, 8	E. Boston, S.N.	1, 1	J. Cumming, D. Casoni	
15, 25	Eastham (New I.), Halifax	2, 3	D. Arvidson#, K. Anderson	
29	Lynn, N. Monomoy	1, 1	M. Lynch#, R. Prescott#	
Northern Saw-whet Owl				
3, 15	Woburn, Quabbin (G40)	1, 1	M. Lyons, D. Johnson#	
Belted Kingfisher				
8	Belmont (Little Pd)	2	L. Taylor	
Red-headed Woodpecker				
4	Rockport (H.P.)	1 imm	E. Valentine	
Red-bellied Woodpecker				
11, 24-30	W. Tisbury, Easton	2, 1	J. + A. Hassett, T. Kerchner	
21, 28	Georgetown, Lakeville	1, 1	J. Means, B. Cushman	
Pileated Woodpecker				
15	Wenham, Quabbin (G40)	1, 1	P. Roberts, M. Lynch#	
Western Kingbird				
1 or 2	Quabbin (G40)	1	A. Nelson + v.o.	
22, 25	Nantucket (2 loc)	1, 2	E. + J. Andrews, M. Litchfield	
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher				
9-30	Nant. (Siasconset)	1 ph	S. Fusoro + v.o.	
Horned Lark				
2, 9	Concord, Quabbin (G40)	12, 30+	R. Forster, M. Lynch#	
16, 28	Salisbury, Newbypt	12, 18	M. Lynch#, R. Forster	
Tree Swallow				
2	Mashpee	1	P. Trimble	
Barn Swallow				
2, 3	Mashpee, P.I.	3, 2	P. Trimble, D. Arvidson#	
29, 30	P.I., Rockport	1, 1	W. Petersen#, H. Allen	
swallow sp.				
30	Orleans (North Beach)	1	B. Nikula	
Fish Crow				
2, 3	Wayland, Millis	10, 1	R. Forster	
5, 19	Mansfield, Brookline	1, 1	B. Sorrie, H. Wiggin	
Common Raven				
thr	Quabbin (G40)	4 max 11/2	M. Lynch# + v.o.	
Red-breasted Nuthatch				
thr	Quabbin (G40)	29 max 11/15	M. Lynch# + v.o.	
Brown Creeper				
11	Waltham	5	L. Taylor	
Carolina Wren				
1, 2-30	S. Dart., Brookline	5, 1-2	R. Stymeist#, H. Wiggin	
4, 8	Canton, Easton	1, 1	K. Ryan	
19, 22	Littleton, Lakeville	2, 2	C. Roth, G. d'Entremont	

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	NOVEMBER 1986
Winter Wren				
29	Nantucket, Nahant	1, 2-3	M. Litchfield, R. Heil	
Golden-crowned Kinglet				
thr	Quabbin (G40)	33 max 11/15	M. Lynch#	
1, 2	Ipswich, Nantucket	2, 3	J. Berry, M. Litchfield	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				
8, 9	Belmont, Camb.	1, 1	L. Taylor, R. Stymeist	
29	Nantucket	1	M. Litchfield	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				
17	Wellesley	1	C. Ewer	
Eastern Bluebird				
2-15	Quab. (G40)	5 max	M. Lynch#	
9	Mansfield	2	B. Sorrie	
Hermit Thrush				
9, 30	Middleboro, MNWS	1, 1	W. Petersen, R. Forster	
American Robin				
1, 2	Westport, Hardwick	60, 100+	R. Stymeist#, M. Lynch#	
16	Ipswich, W. Yarmouth	20, 60	J. Berry, P. Trimble	
Gray Catbird				
1, 30	S. Dart., Waltham	3, 1	R. Stymeist#, L. Taylor	
Water Pipit				
1-2, 23	Nantucket, P.I.	1, 12	M. Litchfield, D. Chickering	
Cedar Waxwing				
3, 12	Hardwick, Wellesley	3, 15	M. Lynch#, R. Forster	
Northern Shrike				
2, 4	Mashpee, Wayland	1, 1	P. Trimble, R. Forster#	
9, 13	Quabbin (G40), Nant.	1 ad, 1	M. Lynch#, E. Andrews	
15 on, 16	P.I., Fort Hill	1+, 1	v.o., P. Trimble	
23, 29	Bolton Flats, Concord	1, 1	C. Quinlan, R. Walton	
29	Salisbury	1	K. Forster#	

WARBLERS THROUGH GROSBEAKS

A few species of warblers lingered a month beyond their normal departure dates; these included Nashville, Black-throated Green, and especially late were a Black-throated Blue and an Ovenbird. Two Pine Warblers spent the month at a feeder in Mashpee, and other warbler highlights included reports of 4 Orange-crowned Warblers and 2 Yellow-breasted Chats.

The Clay-colored Sparrow was still present at the Wayland Community Garden through November 4, and two Chipping Sparrows lingered through November 12. The highlight of the month was the appearance of a male **Harris' Sparrow** at a feeder on Nantucket. Only one White-crowned Sparrow was noted during the month as compared with 6 birds reported last November.

Only one Dickcissel was observed, the same as last November. "Ipswich" Sparrows were well distributed with reports from four locations. Lapland Longspurs were scarce with reports only from Monomoy, whereas Snow Buntings appeared in many areas. Total winter finch numbers were low compared with last November with Pine Siskins comprising most of the birds reported. G.d'E.

Orange-crowned Warbler				
11, 15	S. Dart., Nant.	1, 1	R. Deegan#, M. Litchfield	
17	Boston (Thompson's I.)	1	K. Anderson	
29	Nahant	1	R. Heil	
Nashville Warbler				
29	Nahant	1	R. Heil	
Black-throated Blue Warbler				
26	Lincoln (DFWS)	1 m	H. Roddis + v.o.	
Black-throated Green Warbler				
1	Belmont (Little Pd)	1	L. Taylor	
Pine Warbler				
thr	Mashpee	2 at feeder	P. Trimble	
13-30, 29	Nantucket, Falmouth	1, 1	E. Andrews, P. Trimble	
Palm Warbler				
2, 3	Rockport (H.P.), Lincoln	2, 1	I. Giriunas#, C. McElwain	
Ovenbird				
29	Nahant	1	R. Heil	

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	NOVEMBER 1986
Yellow-breasted Chat				
2, 29	Cambridge, Nahant	1, 1	R. Stymeist, R. Heil	
Dickcissel				
2	Wayland	1	R. Abrams#	
Rufous-sided Towhee				
8	Manchester	1	BBC (G.Hotz)	
American Tree Sparrow				
12	Wayland	20	R. Forster	
Chipping Sparrow				
12	Sandwich, E. Middleboro	1, 1	P. Trimble, K. Anderson	
Clay-colored Sparrow				
1-4(from Oct.)	Wayland	1	R. Forster	
Field Sparrow				
7, 12	E. Middleboro, Sandwich	2, 10	K. Anderson, P. Trimble	
Savannah Sparrow				
2, 9	Arlington, Salisbury	5, 10	L. Taylor	
1, 23	Duxbury B., E. Boston (B.I.)	6+, 4 or 5	D. Clapp, J. Cumming	
"Ipswich" Sparrow				
1, 9	Duxbury B., Salisbury	6, 3	D. Clapp, L. Taylor	
11, 18; 28	S. Dartmouth; S. Monomoy	1, 1; 2	R. Marshall; W. Petersen#	
Sharp-tailed Sparrow				
2, 26	Mashpee, W. Yarmouth	7, 4	P. Trimble	
Seaside Sparrow				
29	N. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula	
Fox Sparrow				
10-30	Stoneham	1 or 2	M. Martinek	
2, 8, 16	Belmont	2, 3, 6	L. Taylor	
White-crowned Sparrow				
2	Nantucket	1 imm	M. Litchfield	
Harris' Sparrow				
12-21	Nantucket	1 ad	E. + C. Andrews	
Lapland Longspur				
thr	N. Monomoy	10+ max	B. Nikula	
Snow Bunting				
1, 27	Duxbury Beach, N. Monomoy	322, 300	D. Clapp, B. Nikula	
Widespread reports from various observers.				
Red-winged Blackbird				
2, 12	GMNWR, Sandwich	15, 12	BBC (Vernon), P. Trimble	
Eastern Meadowlark				
5, 18; 16	S. Dartmouth; Newbypt	14, 17; 3	R. Marshall; BBC (T. Prince)	
Rusty Blackbird				
1, 9	Holliston, Byfield	1, 1 m	R. Hildreth, G. Gove#	
Common Grackle				
4, 8	Cambridge, Essex	275, 50	F. Bouchard, I. Giriunas	
Brown-headed Cowbird				
9, 30	Byfield, Middleboro	200+, 10	L. Taylor, D. Briggs	
Purple Finch				
9; 11, 16	Bridgewater; Belmont	4; 4, 3	W. Petersen#; L. Taylor	
12	Wayland	4	R. Forster	
17	Boston (Thompson's I.)	1	K. Anderson	
White-winged Crossbill				
29	Rockport	8	D. Briggs + D. Davis	
Common Redpoll				
30	N. Scituate	3	W. Petersen	
Pine Siskin				
4, 7	Brookline, E. Middleboro	20, 10	H. Wiggin, K. Anderson	
8, 20-30	Ashland, Wayland	22, 24 max	G. Gove, T. Hart	
Evening Grosbeak				
4, 15-30	Canton, Middleboro	55, 36+	K. Ryan, D. Briggs	

CORRIGENDUM TO AUGUST RECORDS

Common Barn-Owl				
1, 21	N. Middleboro, Lakeville	1, 11	S. Peak, K. Holmes	
should read				
1, 21	N. Middleboro, Lakeville	1, 1	S. Peak, K. Holmes	



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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ad	adult	F.P.	Fresh Pond, Cambridge
b	banded	G40	Gate 40, Quabbin
br	breeding	H.P.	Halibut Point, Rockport
dk	dark (phase)	I.	Island
f	female	M.V.	Martha's Vineyard
imm	immature	Mt.A.	Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge
ind	individuals	Nant.	Nantucket
juv	juvenile	Newbypt	Newburyport
loc	location	P.I.	Plum Island
lt	light (phase)	Pd	Pond
m	male	P'town	Provincetown
max	maximum	Quab.	Quabbin
migr	migrating	Res.	Reservation
n	nesting	R.P.	Race Point, Provincetown
ph	photographed	S. Dart.	South Dartmouth
pl	plumage	S.N.	Sandy Neck, Barnstable
pr	pair	Stellw.	Stellwagen (Bank)
S	summer (1S = first summer)	BBC	Brookline Bird Club
thr	throughout	BOEM	Bird Observer of Eastern Massachusetts
v.o.	various observers	CBC	Christmas Bird Club
W	winter (2W = second winter)	CCBC	Cape Cod Bird Club
w/	with	DFWS	Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary
yg	young	DWWS	Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary
#	additional observers	FCBC	Felix Cutler Bird Club
A.A.	Arnold Arboretum	GMNWR	Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge
A.P.	Andrews Point, Rockport	IRWS	Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary
B.I.	Belle Isle, E. Boston	LCES	Lloyd Center for Environmental Studies
B.R.	Bass Rocks, Gloucester	MAS	Massachusetts Audubon Society
Buzz.	Buzzards Bay	MBO	Manomet Bird Observatory
C.	cape as in Cape Cod	MNWS	Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary
Cambr.	Cambridge	NEHW	New England Hawk Watch
Corp. B.	Corporation Beach, Dennis	ONWR	Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge
E.P.	Eastern Point, Gloucester	PRNWR	Parker River National Wildlife Refuge
F.E.	First Encounter Beach, Eastham	SRV	Sudbury River Valley
F.H.	Fort Hill, Eastham	SSBC	South Shore Bird Club
F.M.	Fowl Meadow	WBWS	Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary