

FIELD RECORDS

APRIL 1987



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April 1987 was wet, cloudy, and cold with the average temperature being 45.1, 3.6 degrees below normal. The last freeze was on April 29, three weeks later than normal. Precipitation totalled 9.46 inches, the most for any April in 117 years of record keeping. This is 5.73 inches more than normal and the most for any month since March 1983 which had 9.72 inches. The most rain for a 24-hour period this month occurred on April 4-5 with 2.99 inches. Precipitation occurred on each day from April 16 to 25. Snow totaled 4.1 inches and came on April 28-29, late in the season, and made the seasonal total 42.5 inches. There was forty percent total sunshine, making for a gloomy month with twenty-one cloudy days and five partly cloudy days. Winds averaged 13.4 mph with gusts to 48 mph from the northeast on April 13. On twenty-three days wind direction had an easterly component, a new record and topping April 1986 with twenty-one days of easterly winds. Fog was frequent with heavy fog on six days.

LOONS THROUGH WATERFOWL

Unusual in *BOEM* records are the reports from a pelagic trip covering a large area of Georges Bank and spanning the time period of April 21 to May 5. These reports are interspersed in the records and are mentioned in the appropriate places. The area covered, Georges Bank, extends from offshore Cape Cod to some 250 miles south, 360 miles east, and 380 miles ENE of Provincetown. Among the shearwaters and storm-petrels seen there, Northern Fulmar and Sooty Shearwater were noted as being abundant. With the exception of the fulmar, these birds were early according to dates noted on the MAS field card, but because it is difficult to obtain data on the occurrences of these pelagic species, information about them is continually being revised.

As was true last year compared to the two previous years, the reports of Snow Goose continued to be sparse. All of the regularly migrating waterfowl were reported. Three Harlequin Ducks continued at North Scituate and literally thousands of Oldsquaw were seen roosting off Nantucket and flying off in small flocks. Red-breasted Mergansers remained concentrated off Monomoy. G.W.G.

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	APRIL 1987
Common Loon				
2, 12	Ipswich, P.I.	15, 11	D. Rimmer, BBC (J. Nove)	
11	Lakeville	3	W. Petersen	
Pied-billed Grebe				
6	IRWS	1	M. West	
11	Lakeville, S. Hanson	1, 1	W. Petersen	
Horned Grebe				
11	Lakeville	5	W. Petersen	
Red-necked Grebe				
3, 7	N. Scituate, Nant.	60, 6	D. Clapp, J. VanVorst	
26	N. Scituate	3	W. Petersen	
Northern Fulmar				
21-5/5	Georges Bank	130 max 4/25	S. Dinsmore	
Greater Shearwater				
21, 25	Georges Bank	1, 1	S. Dinsmore	

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	APRIL 1987
Sooty Shearwater				
21-5/5	Georges Bank	26 max 4/23	S. Dinsmore	
Manx Shearwater				
26	Brown's Bank	1	S. Dinsmore	
Wilson's Storm-Petrel				
21-5/5	Georges Bank	226 total	S. Dinsmore	
Leach's Storm-Petrel				
23	Oceanographer Canyon	1	S. Dinsmore	
Northern Gannet				
3, 23	S. Monomoy, Mashpee	12, 2	R. Humphrey#, P. Trimble	
Great Cormorant				
3, 11	S. Monomoy, Newburyport	35, 4	R. Humphrey, BBC(G. Gove)	
22	Lynn	1	J. Quigley	
Double-crested Cormorant				
7, 9	Easton, DWWS	30, 42	K. Ryan, D. Ludlow	
11, 28	Lakeville, Middleboro	90, 30	K. Holmes	
29	Easton	75	K. Ryan	
American Bittern				
18, 20	DWWS	1, 1	D. Ludlow	
24, 25	Rowley, Squantum	1, 1	R. Forster, K. Ryan	
Great Blue Heron				
3, 11	Easton, Boxford (C.P.)	3, 3	K. Ryan, BBC (G. Gove)	
10, 15	Lynn, P.I.	12, 32	J. Quigley, R. Forster	
Great Egret				
2, 30	S. Dartmouth	1, 5	LCES (J. Lyons)	
12	S. Hanson	3	W. Petersen	
18	Ipswich	1	BBC (J. Berry)	
23, 24	Milton, Essex	2, 1	K. Anderson, R. Forster	
Snowy Egret				
2, 3	Marshfield, P.I.	2, 2	D. Clapp, T. Aversa	
6, 30	Saugus-Revere	3, 8	J. Berry	
12, 21	P.I., W. Yarmouth	2, 8	BBC (J. Nove), P. Trimble	
30	Chatham	23	W. Bailey	
Little Blue Heron				
4, 25	Marshfield	1 ad, 1	J. Hassett, D. Ludlow	
Cattle Egret				
24; 26, 30	Essex; Ipswich	1; 4, 8	R. Forster; J. Berry	
Green-backed Heron				
9, 19	W. Bridgewater, Milton	1, 1	S. Peak, S. Higginbotham	
24	Essex	1	R. Forster	
Black-crowned Night-Heron				
11, 15	S. Monomoy, Squantum	10, 2	R. Humphrey, K. Ryan	
19, 25	P.I.	2, 2	D. Chickering, BBC (W. VanCor)	
26, 30	Belmont, Mt. A.	5, 2	L. Taylor, BBC (S. Denison)	
Glossy Ibis				
2, 11	Dart., W. Bridgewater	2, 1	P. Trimble, W. Petersen	
12, 14-19	P.I., DWWS	4, 2	BBC (J. Nove), D. Clapp + v.o.	
18, 30	Essex, DWWS	7, 1	BBC (J. Berry), D. Ludlow	
Mute Swan				
thr	S. Dartmouth	2-5	LCES (J. Lyons)	
7, 11	S. Carver, S. Hanson	5, 5	J. Shaw, W. Petersen	
25	Mashpee	44	J. Aylward	
Snow Goose				
21	Medfield	5	R. Forster	
Brant				
11, 12, 25	Newburyport	110, 250, 200	v.o.	
Wood Duck				
5, 6	Halifax, IRWS	7, 17	K. Anderson#, M. West	
22	Newburyport	2	BBC (A. Blaisdell)	
Green-winged Teal				
2, 3-28	S. Dartmouth, Millis	62, 55 max 4/28	LCES (J. Lyons), M. Kasprzyk	
4-26	P.I.	36 max 4/4	D. Chickering	
11-26	W. Bridgewater	80 max 4/21	v.o.	
American Black Duck				
2, 9	S. Dartmouth	191, 136	LCES (J. Lyons)	

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	APRIL 1987
Northern Pintail				
4, 11	P.I., S. Monomoy	2, 23	D. Chickering, R. Humphrey	
Blue-winged Teal				
3, 22	P.I., Newburyport	5, 28	T. Aversa, BBC (A. Blaisdell)	
19, 21	Halifax, W. Bridgewater	2m, 2	K. Anderson, K. Ryan	
Northern Shoveler				
2, 25	Halifax, P.I.	1, 4	W. Petersen, BBC (W. VanCor)	
Gadwall				
thr., 11	Salem, S. Monomoy	1-2 pr, 62	J. Berry, R. Humphrey	
12, 25	W. Harwich, P.I.	4, 4	J. Aylward, BBC (W. VanCor)	
American Wigeon				
11, 21	Cambridge (F.P.)	3, 18	BBC (J. Barton)	
12, 18	W. Harwich, W. Bridgewater	2, 6	J. Aylward, W. Petersen	
Redhead				
3; 18, 19	P.I.	1f; 1, 1	T. Aversa; D. Chickering	
12	Nantucket	3	E. Andrews	
Ring-necked Duck				
4, 6	Easton, IRWS	31, 22	K. Ryan, M. West	
9, 11	S. Hanson, W. Newbury	30, 22	W. Petersen, BBC (G. Gove)	
15	W. Carver	40	K. Anderson	
Greater Scaup				
12	Newburyport, Nantucket	500, 44	D. Chickering, E. Andrews	
Lesser Scaup				
12, 26	Nantucket, Falmouth	7, 225	E. Andrews, D. Arvidson#	
Harlequin Duck				
3, 11	N. Scituate	3, 3	D. Clapp, T. Aversa	
Oldsquaw				
3, 11	S. Monomoy, N. Monomoy	300, 400	R. Humphrey	
14	Nantucket	"thousands"	E. Andrews	
Black Scoter				
11, 12	S. Monomoy, P.I.	25, 5	R. Humphrey, BBC (J. Nove)	
23	Mashpee	3	P. Trimble	
Surf Scoter				
23	Mashpee	12	P. Trimble	
White-winged Scoter				
3	P.I., S. Monomoy	300, 200	T. Aversa, R. Humphrey	
Common Goldeneye				
3; 4, 12	Easton; Newburyport	24; 50, 50	K. Ryan; D. Chickering	
Barrow's Goldeneye				
8-9	Sagamore	1 m	S. Dinsmore	
Bufflehead				
thr	Salem	30 max 4/17	J. Berry	
6, 12	IRWS, Nantucket	53, 43	M. West, E. Andrews	
23	Mashpee	120	P. Trimble	
Hooded Merganser				
6	E. Middleboro	2 f	K. Anderson	
Common Merganser				
4, 6	Arlington, Lakeville	8, 10	L. Taylor, K. Anderson	
9, 11	Winchester, W. Newbury	3 m+7 f, 8	B. Porter, BBC(G. Gove)	
Red-breasted Merganser				
3, 11	S. Monomoy	1000, 2000	R. Humphrey	
21	N. Monomoy	500	R. Humphrey	
21, 23	W. Yarmouth, Mashpee	250, 110	P. Trimble	
Ruddy Duck				
3, 12	S. Monomoy, Lakeville	7, 4	R. Humphrey#, K. Holmes	

VULTURE THROUGH WOODPECKER

A second pair of Osprey has established a nest in the Lakeville area; there has been one conspicuous nest on Assawompsett Pond for several years. The Golden Eagle in the Bridgewater area continued from March. A Wild Turkey was reported from Sudbury. Details provided by the observer of a Gyrfalcon reported from Wellfleet are on file.

A Western Sandpiper was reported from North Monomoy, but no details were provided. There are no other April records for this species in *BOEM* records. A Stilt Sandpiper in breeding plumage was

noted at Plum Island making the seventh April record in fifteen years for this species. The Georges Bank survey referred to earlier included over 100 jaegers, one of which was a Long-tailed Jaeger. Excerpts from the observer's notes, made at the time of the sighting, are as follows:

The bird was smaller, paler, and much more buoyant than the other (Pomarine and Parasitic) jaegers. The flight was very similar to that of a tern with deep, rapid wingbeats and quick maneuvers. Back and upperwing surface light gray, slightly darker primaries with pale whitish bases. White at the base of the primaries much less extensive as compared to nearby Pomarine and Parasitic jaegers. Dark cap very obvious with much contrast between it and the lighter back. No yellow color discernible on the face. Underparts, including throat, chest, and belly, entirely white, lacking dark breastband. Tail and undertail coverts dark. Tail streamers very long, pointed and flutter as bird flies. Streamers look about twice the length of tail streamers on nearby Pomarine jaegers. Proportionately, the bird appeared slimmer and had longer, narrower wings than the other jaegers. The underwing and the bill were not seen well.

Unfortunately, no details were submitted with the two skua species reports. One of the skuas was said to be a South Polar Skua and the other a probable Great Skua. Also included in the pelagic report were all the eastern alcids, including Common Murre and 45 Atlantic Puffins. In addition, on the morning of April 22, there was a landbird fallout that included a Downy Woodpecker and a Northern Flicker. Other species included in the fallout are listed later in the records.

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DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	APRIL 1987
Turkey Vulture				
2, 4	W. Boylston, Easton	1, 4	A. Strauss, K. Ryan	
11, 20	Quabbin (G40)	11, 10	M. Lynch, A. Kasprzyk#	
5-30	Reports of 1-3 individuals from 12 locations.			
Osprey				
2-21	S. Dartmouth	1-3	LCES (J. Lyons)	
6, 18	Lakeville	1 pr, 2 pr	fide K. Anderson	
11, 26; 30	Mt. Wachusett, Wellfleet	11, 6; 4	EMHW	
29, 30	P.I.	9, 5	EMHW	
10-30	Reports of 1 or 2 birds from 10 locations.			
Bald Eagle				
20	Quabbin (G40)	3 imm	A.+ M. Kasprzyk	
Northern Harrier				
2, 9, 21	S. Dartmouth	1, 2, 3	LCES (J. Lyons)	
4, 25	Salisbury, DWWS	3, 6	D. Chickering, D. Ludlow	
29	P.I.	10	EMHW	
30	P.I.	2 f + 1 imm m	M. Kasprzyk	
30	Wellfleet	5	EMHW	
Sharp-shinned Hawk				
2	Lancaster, Milton (F.M.)	1, 1	A. Strauss, P. Larvey	
16-24, 26	Nantucket, Saugus	1 f, 3	E. Andrews, BBC (C. Jackson)	
29, 30	P.I.	5, 11	EMHW	
30	Wellfleet	14	EMHW	
Cooper's Hawk				
18, 26	Middleboro, Bridgewater	1, 1	K. Holmes, W. Petersen	
30	Wellfleet	2	EMHW	
Northern Goshawk				
2, 6	Cambridge, IRWS	1 imm, 1	P. McCarthy, M. West	
11-25	Boxford (C.P.)	pr at nest	v.o.	
26, 29	DWWS, Easton	1, pr	D. Ludlow, K. Ryan	
Red-shouldered Hawk				
thr	E. Middleboro	pr at nest	K. Anderson	
2, 11	Lancaster, Boxford (C.P.)	1, 1 or 2	A. Strauss, v.o.	
19	Quabbin (G40)	1	G. Gove#	
Broad-winged Hawk				
11; 29,30	Dartmouth; Easton	1; 3, 10	P. Trimble; K. Ryan	
25, 26	Mt. Wachusett	30, 44	EMHW	
30	Wellfleet	24, 8	EMHW	
19-27	Reports of individuals from 5 locations.			

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Red-tailed Hawk				
8, 28	Foxboro, Norton	3, pr at nest	K. Anderson, K. Ryan	
1-29	Reports of individuals from 5 locations.			
Rough-legged Hawk				
3, 6	W. Bridgewater, Otis AFB	1, 1 dk	K. Ryan, P. Trimble	
26	Middleboro	1 lt + 1 dk	W. Petersen	
30	DWWS	2 dk	D. Ludlow	
6-29	Reports of individuals from 6 locations.			
Golden Eagle				
9, 17	W. Bridgewater	1 ad	S. Peak	
American Kestrel				
thr	N. Beverly	pr	J. Berry	
11, 25	Boxford-Newbypt, DWWS	5, 19	BBC (G. Gove), D. Ludlow	
29, 30	P.I.	34, 82	EMHW	
30	Wellfleet	62	EMHW	
Merlin				
22	Newburyport	1	BBC (A. Blaisdell)	
25	Newburyport	1	BBC (W. VanCor)	
26, 30	N. Scituate, PRNWR	1, 1	W. Petersen, M. Kasprzyk	
29, 30	P.I.	2, 7	EMHW	
30	P'town, Wellfleet	1, 3	B. Nikula, EMHW	
Peregrine Falcon				
12, 25	Mt. Wachusett, P.I.	1, 1	G. Gove#, P. Trimble	
15; 30	Mt. Wachusett; P.I.	1; 1, 1	EMHW	
Gyrfalcon (details submitted)				
12	Wellfleet	1 (dark)	S. Dinsmore	
Ruffed Grouse				
7, 11	Easton, Boxford (C.P.)	2, 1 drumming	K. Ryan, BBC (G. Gove)	
12, 18	E. Middleboro, Ipswich	1 drumming, 2	K. Anderson, BBC (J. Berry)	
19	Petersham	5	G. Gove#	
Wild Turkey				
8, 28	Lancaster, Sudbury	6, 1	A. Strauss, C. Haigh	
Northern Bobwhite				
19, 26	E. Middleboro, Belmont	2, 5	K. Anderson, L. Taylor	
Virginia Rail				
11, 22	Waltham, Newburyport	1 (call), 1	L. Taylor, BBC(A. Blaisdell)	
Sora				
18-22	Nantucket	1	fide E. Andrews	
American Coot				
4	E. Sandwich	7	B. Porter	
Common Moorhen				
19	P.I.	1	D. Chickering	
Black-bellied Plover				
14, 26	N. Monomoy	404, 500	R. Humphrey, B. Nikula	
Lesser Golden-Plover				
14	N. Monomoy	1	R. Humphrey	
Semipalmated Plover				
29	S. Dartmouth	1	LCES (J. Lyons)	
Piping Plover				
thr	Ipswich	8 max 4/14	D. Rimmer	
2	Nantucket	2	E. Andrews	
2, 29	S. Dartmouth	5, 11	LCES (J. Lyons)	
3, 8-30	N. Monomoy, N. Monomoy	2, 14 max 4/14	R. Humphrey	
8, 11	Chatham, P.I.	5, 3	R. Humphrey, BBC (G. Gove)	
18, 23	Hyannis, Mashpee	2, 2	P. Trimble	
Killdeer				
12	P.I.	3	BBC (J. Nove)	
American Oystercatcher				
3-30	N. Monomoy	16 max 4/26	R. Humphrey	
3	Chatham	4	B. Nikula	
11, 23	S. Monomoy, Mashpee	6, 1	R. Humphrey, P. Trimble	
Greater Yellowlegs				
1-21	W. Bridgewater	12 max 4/21	W. Petersen	
2	Concord	2	R. Walton	
24	Newbypt, Yarmouthport	22, 24	R. Forster, J. Aylward	

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Greater Yellowlegs (continued)				
thr	Reports of 1-4 individuals from 9 locations.			
Lesser Yellowlegs				
10, 12	DWWS, Marshfield	1, 1	D. Ludlow#, W. Petersen#	
19; 21, 26	P.I., W. Bridgewater	1; 1, 1	D. Chickering; W. Petersen	
Willet				
11	P.I.	1	BBC (G. Gove)	
30	S. Dartmouth	2	LCES (J. Lyons)	
30	N. Monomoy	2	R. Humphrey	
Upland Sandpiper				
7, 11	Nantucket, Still River	1, 1	D. Beattie#, C. Quinlan	
19, 21-28	Otis AFB, Lincoln	2, 1	P. Trimble, J. Carter	
24, 26	Middleboro, Halifax	1, 2	K. Holmes, W. Petersen	
Red Knot				
14	N. Monomoy	2	R. Humphrey	
Sanderling				
thr	Ipswich	33 max 4/27	D. Rimmer	
2	Nantucket	235	E.+C. Andrews	
23, 26	Mashpee, N. Monomoy	102, 450	P. Trimble, B. Nikula	
Western Sandpiper (no details)				
9	N. Monomoy	1	R. Humphrey	
Least Sandpiper				
14	N. Monomoy	3	R. Humphrey	
Pectoral Sandpiper				
2, 12	Concord, P.I.	1, 1	R. Walton, BBC (J. Nove)	
12, 24	Marshfield, Rowley	4, 2	W. Petersen#, R. Forster	
Purple Sandpiper				
21, 26	Mashpee, N. Scituate	22, 300	P. Trimble, W. Petersen	
Dunlin				
3, 21	S. Dartmouth	52, 29	LCES (J. Lyons)	
26	N. Monomoy	700	B. Nikula	
Stilt Sandpiper				
9-12	P.I.	1 br pl	S. Dinsmore + v.o.	
Short-billed Dowitcher				
2, 29	S. Dartmouth	5, 1	LCES (J. Lyons)	
14, 26	N. Monomoy	7, 2	R. Humphrey, B. Nikula	
Common Snipe				
thr	DWWS	36 max 4/22	D. Ludlow + v.o.	
1	W. Bridgewater	70	W. Petersen	
3-9	Millis	63 max 4/3	M. Kasprzyk	
18	Ipswich	150	J. Berry	
American Woodcock				
11, 14	Ipswich, IRWS	1, 5	J. Berry, BBC (A. Blaisdell)	
12, 23	Belmont, E. Middleboro	2, 1	BBC (S. Sanders), K. Anderson	
Wilson's Phalarope				
30	Newburyport	1 f	M. Kasprzyk	
Red Phalarope				
23, 24	Georges Bank, Corsair Canyon		40, 15	S. Dinsmore
Pomarine Jaeger				
23-28	Georges Bank	26 max 4/23, 83 total	S. Dinsmore	
Parasitic Jaeger				
23, 25, 26	Georges Bank	3 ad, 1 ad, 1 ad	S. Dinsmore	
Long-tailed Jaeger (details submitted)				
23	Oceanographer Canyon	1 ad	S. Dinsmore	
jaeger species				
23-28	Georges Bank	33	S. Dinsmore	
skua species (no details)				
23, 24	Georges Bank	1, 1	S. Dinsmore	
Laughing Gull				
2, 18	Chatham, Hyannis	12, 1	R. Humphrey, P. Trimble	
Little Gull				
9	Newburyport	2 ad	S. Dinsmore	
Ring-billed Gull				
2, 3	S. Dartmouth, E. Middleboro	89, 500	LCES (J. Lyons), K. Anderson	
30	Lynn	120	J. Quigley	

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Iceland Gull				
9, 24	Newburyport, P.I.	11, 1	S. Dinsmore, R. Forster	
25	DWWS	1	D. Ludlow	
Glaucous Gull				
21, 25	P'town, Chatham	1 (1W), 1	H. Wilson, B. Nikula	
Dovekie				
24, 25	Georges Bank	1, 2	S. Dinsmore	
26	Gt. So. Channel	7	S. Dinsmore	
Common Murre				
26	Brown's Bank	3 br pl	S. Dinsmore	
Thick-billed Murre				
26	Brown's Bank	5 br pl	S. Dinsmore	
Razorbill				
23, 25, 26	Georges Bank	1, 2, 1	S. Dinsmore	
Black Guillemot				
3	N. Scituate	1 br pl	D. Clapp	
Atlantic Puffin				
23-5/5	Georges Bank	11 max 4/26, 45 total	S. Dinsmore	
Eastern Screech-Owl				
thr	Easton	1 red	K. Ryan	
Great Horned Owl				
11	Bridgewater (from Feb.)	nest + 1 yg	W. Petersen	
14-23, 15	Ipswich, E. Middleboro	1, 1	J. Berry, K. Anderson	
21, 22	Mt. A., W. Bridgewater	1, 1	BBC (K. Griffis), S. Peak	
Snowy Owl				
3	E. Boston, S. Monomoy	6, 1	N. Smith, R. Humphrey	
4, 11	Newburyport, P.I.	1, 1	D. Chickering, S. Dinsmore	
16, 21	Salisbury, N. Monomoy	1, 1	S. Dinsmore, R. Humphrey	
26, 30	N. Monomoy	1, 1	R. Humphrey	
27	Lincoln	1	J. Carter	
Barred Owl				
11	Lakeville, Petersham	2, 1	W. Petersen, M. Lynch	
Long-eared Owl				
9	Clinton	1	E. Salmela#	
Short-eared Owl				
6, 11	E. Middleboro, S. Monomoy	1, 2 (nest)	K. Anderson, R. Humphrey	
Chimney Swift				
25	Milford	1	R. Hildreth	
Belted Kingfisher				
11	Lakeville, S. Hanson	1, 1	W. Petersen	
12, 21	S. Carver, W. Yarmouth	1, 2	K. Anderson, P. Trimble	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				
15-30	Mt. A.	1-2	v.o.	
12, 18	Newbury, Falmouth	1, 1	D. Chickering, P. Trimble	
Downy Woodpecker				
22	Georges Bank	1	S. Dinsmore	
Northern Flicker				
12, 18	P.I., Hamilton/Ipswich	17, 19	BBC (J. Nove), BBC (J. Berry)	
22	Georges Bank	3	S. Dinsmore	
Pileated Woodpecker				
1, 4	Lincoln, Winchester	1, 1	D. Curtiss, R. Clayton	
10, 29; 11	Waltham; Essex	1; 1	fide R. Forster	
11-18	Petersham	1-2	M. Lynch	

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH GROSBEAKS

April, especially the last few days of the month, can host a major spring migration if weather conditions are right; with this year's rain statistics, it was decidedly not such an April! Some of our wintering species, most notably American Tree Sparrow for which there were no April reports for the first time in ten years, trickled out to the north early. Migrants from the south were few in number of individuals and generally arrived late. This trend is best exemplified by the swallows, particularly Rough-winged and Bank for which April totals were the lowest since *Bird Observer* began publication. Blue-gray Gnatcatchers were also reported in very low numbers. A final indication of the weak

migration was the total warbler species count of seven, lowest in the last fourteen years (but only one less than in 1986) and notable compared to the average of about eighteen warbler species recorded in past Aprils.

In the noteworthy event department, a Carolina Wren at Mount Auburn on April 27 is thought to be the first record from that site. Counts of forty or more Pine Warblers at Plymouth and West Yarmouth at first glance might seem remarkable, but these numbers are consistent with reports in recent years of fifties of individuals from Wareham, another southeastern Massachusetts breeding location for the species. "Southern" warbler reports consisted of a single Prothonotary on Nantucket on the fifth. Also on Nantucket, the Harris' Sparrow initially discovered in November remained until April 22. Winter finch reports were generally light, including ten Red Crossbills and two Common Redpolls plus small flocks of Pine Siskins widely distributed through the region. Fledged young Pine Siskins were noted in Newton at the end of the month. European Goldfinches, origins unknown, were reported from three different localities. Finally, an interesting "fallout" of land birds onto a ship at George's Bank occurred on April 22 in the early morning. Included were:

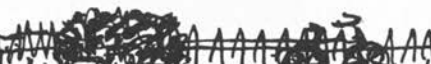
1 Downy Woodpecker	1 Pine Warbler	2 Song Sparrows
3 Northern Flickers	1 Palm Warbler	1 White-throated Sparrow
1 Winter Wren	1 European Starling	1 Red-winged Blackbird
2 Ruby-crowned Kinglets	1 Savannah Sparrow	1 Pine Siskin.

This made a pretty good total species count on that day for a pelagic trip! L.E.T.

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	APRIL 1987
Eastern Phoebe				
11	Quabbin (G40), Boxford	10, 11	M. Lynch#, J. Berry	
12, 19	Ipswich, Lincoln	6, 10	J. Berry, BBC (J. Nove)	
Horned Lark				
23, 26	Mashpee, Otis AFB	6, 16	P. Trimble	
Purple Martin				
12, 15	Wellfleet, Nantucket	1, 1	S. Dinsmore, E. Andrews	
19, 24	W. Newbury, Middleboro	3 m, 4	D. Briggs, K. Holmes	
26	S. Hanson	2	W. Petersen	
Tree Swallow				
3, 7	E. Middleboro, Lakeville	1, 13	K. Anderson, R. Turner	
11, 15	P. I., Nantucket	30, 4	BBC (G. Gove), E. Andrews#	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow				
9, 14	Manomet, DWWS	1, 1	MBO staff, D. Clapp	
Bank Swallow				
30	DWWS	1	D. Clapp	
Cliff Swallow				
30	DWWS	1	D. Clapp	
Barn Swallow				
11, 14	Cedarville, Nantucket	1, 11	S. Dinsmore, E. Andrews#	
30	DWWS	18	D. Clapp	
Fish Crow				
thr, 4	Hanson, Winchester	2-4, 1	W. Petersen, R. Clayton#	
8, 11	Concord, E. Middleboro	34, 4	S. Perkins, K. Anderson	
12, 21-30	Manomet, Mt. A.	1, 4 max	J. Atwood, v. o.	
25	IRWS	2	D. Chickering	
Red-breasted Nuthatch				
11	Boxford, Quabbin (G40)	2, 15	J. Berry, M. Lynch	
12, 21	Ipswich, W. Yarmouth	5, 8	J. Berry, P. Trimble	
Brown Creeper				
11, 12	Boxford, P. I.	3, 3	v. o., D. Chickering	
17, 18	Petersham, Ashumet	14, 6	M. Lynch, P. Trimble	
23, 28	Nantucket	1, 1	E. Andrews#	
Carolina Wren				
11, 15	Lakeville, Plymouth	2, 4	W. Petersen, S. Dinsmore	
27, 30	Mt. A., Easton	1, 1	BBC (R. Stymeist), K. Ryan	
Winter Wren				
11, 20	Quabbin (G40)	1, 1	M. Lynch, M. Kasprzyk	
18	Braintree, Milton	1, 1	BBC (G. d'Entremont)	
Golden-crowned Kinglet				
8, 11	Lancaster, Boxford	12, 1-2	A. Strauss, J. Berry	

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Golden-crowned Kinglet (continued)				
22	Newburyport	13	BBC (A. Blaisdell)	
27	Mt. A.	3	BBC (R. Stymeist)	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				
11	Quabbin (G40)	7	M. Lynch	
26, 30	MNWS, Provincetown	17, 30	S. Pilcher, B. Nikula	
12-27	Reports of 22 individuals from 8 locations.			
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				
24, 25-27	Ipswich, Rehoboth	1, 1	R. Forster, K. Anderson	
Eastern Bluebird				
3, 8-29	Lincoln, Bolton	1 m, 2	R. DeNormandie, J. Wasmer	
11-22, 12	E. Middleboro, Lynn	2 m, 2	K Anderson#, J Quigley#	
19, 22	Quabbin (G40), Plympton	8 m + 3 f, 1 pr	G. Gove#, R. Turner	
Hermit Thrush				
8, 18	Manomet, Falmouth	1b., 8	MBO staff, P. Trimble	
18, 22	Petersham, P. I.	15, 12	M. Lynch, R. Humphrey	
24, 30	Marshfield, Mt. A.	4, 5	D. Clapp, BBC (S. Denison)	
Brown Thrasher				
11, 26	S. Monomoy, Holliston	1, 1	R. Humphrey, R. Hildreth	
Cedar Waxwing				
1, 9	Wayland, Lincoln	45, 20	R. Forster	
17, 21	Ipswich, E. Middleboro	63, 10	J. Berry, K. Anderson	
Solitary Vireo				
20, 23	Quabbin (G40), Middleboro	2, 1	M. Kasprzyk, D. Briggs	
Yellow-rumped Warbler				
11, 18	Lakeville, Falmouth	6, 35	W. Petersen, P. Trimble	
19, 20	Middleboro, Quabbin(G40)	4, 5+	K. Holmes, M. Kasprzyk	
Pine Warbler				
5, 15	Norfolk, Plymouth	1, 62	A. Addison, S. Dinsmore	
11-20	Quabbin (G40)	13 max 4/20	v. o.	
21	W. Yarmouth	40	P. Trimble	
Reports of a total of 20 individuals from 11 locations.				
Palm Warbler				
12, 12-30	Rockport, Mt. A.	3, 12 max 4/18	S. Pilcher, v. o.	
22, 26	Newburyport, MNWS	20, 14	BBC (A. Blaisdell), S. Pilcher	
Black-and-white Warbler				
20	P. I.	1	S. Whittum#	
Prothonotary Warbler				
5	Nantucket	1 m	E. Andrews#	
Louisiana Waterthrush				
11-26, 17	Boxford, Barre	4 max 4/25, 2	v. o., M. Lynch	
17, 22	Petersham, Manomet	3, 1 b	M. Lynch, J. Atwood	
Common Yellowthroat				
24	Nantucket	1 f	E. Andrews	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak				
17	Hull	1	K. Gelzins	
Blue Grosbeak				
20, 24	Nantucket	2, 1 f	D. Beattie, B. Vigneau	
25-26	P. I.	1	v. o.	
26-29	Nantucket	1 m	E. Andrews	
Indigo Bunting				
5-14, 21	Nantucket, Southboro	1 m, 1 m	E. Andrews#, D. Greenberg	
22, 24	Middleboro, Mt. A.	1 m, 1	D. Briggs#, BBC (F. Bouchard)	
Rufous-sided Towhee				
18, 24	Essex, Hanson	1, 1	J. Berry, W. Petersen	
27	Milton (F. M.)	2	R. Vernon	
Chipping Sparrow				
10, 12	Cedarville, Middleboro	1, 1	S. Dinsmore, D. Briggs	
21, 30	Easton, Mt. A.	3, 4	K. Ryan, BBC (S. Denison)	
Field Sparrow				
18, 26	Falmouth, Saugus	6, 1	P. Trimble, BBC (C. Jackson)	
Vesper Sparrow				
30	Otis AFB	1	P. Trimble	
Savannah Sparrow				
11, 21	W. Bridgewater	7, 8	W. Petersen, K. Ryan	

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Sharp-tailed Sparrow				
21	S. Dartmouth	1	LCES (J. Lyons)	
Fox Sparrow				
11	Cambridge (F. P.), P. I.	1, 2	BBC (J. Barton, G. Gove)	
Song Sparrow				
11, 12	Quabbin (G40), P. I.	22, 60	M. Lynch, BBC (J. Nove)	
Swamp Sparrow				
11	Raynham, W. Newbury	1, 2	W. Petersen, BBC (G. Gove)	
Harris' Sparrow				
from Nov 1986	Nantucket	1 ad	R. Harnish#	
Lapland Longspur				
8, 14	Sagamore, Wellfleet	1, 1	S. Dinsmore	
Snow Bunting				
14	Wellfleet	1	S. Dinsmore	
Bobolink				
30	DWWS	1 m	D. Clapp	
Eastern Meadowlark				
18, 26	Ipswich, Otis AFB	16, 8	BBC (J. Berry), P. Trimble	
Rusty Blackbird				
4, 6	N. Middleboro, IRWS	2, 7	K. Holmes, M. West	
Purple Finch				
12, 19	Ipswich, P. I.	6 m, 7	J. Berry, D. Chickering	
20, 23-30	Quab. (G40), Nant.	10+, 11 max	M. Kasprzyk#, E. Andrews#	
Red Crossbill				
27	Mt. A., Newbury	2, 8	R. Stymeist#, R. McHale	
Common Redpoll				
14	Brookline	2	B. Reilly	
Pine Siskin				
17	Petersham	25	M. Lynch	
29	W. Newton	ad feeding yg	M. Sears	
	Reports of 1-7 individuals from 10 locations.			
European Goldfinch				
3, 13-14	Truro, Framingham	1, 1	fide R. Prescott, R. Smith	
21	Bellingham	1	V. Coates	
Evening Grosbeak				
thr, 1	Middleboro, Easton	30, 4	D. Briggs, K. Ryan	
19	Ipswich, Quabbin (G40)	15, 25	J. Berry, J. Gordon#	
23, 30	Lincoln, Nantucket	30, 6	R. Forster, E. Andrews	


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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 Count
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	EMHW	Eastern Massachusetts Hawk Watch
A.A.	Arnold Arboretum	FCBC	Felix Cutler Bird Club
A.P.	Andrews Point, Rockport	GMNWR	Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge
B.I.	Belle Isle, E. Boston	IRWS	Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary
B.R.	Bass Rocks, Gloucester	LCES	Lloyd Center for Environmental Studies
Buzz.	Buzzards Bay	MAS	Massachusetts Audubon Society
C.	cape as in Cape Cod	MBO	Manomet Bird Observatory
Cambr.	Cambridge	MNWS	Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary
Corp. B.	Corporation Beach, Dennis	NEHW	New England Hawk Watch
C.P.	Crooked Pond, Boxford	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