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FIELD RECORDS

AUGUST 1987

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August 1987 was very sunny and on the cool and dry side. The temperature averaged 70.3 degrees, 1.6 degrees below normal. The highest temperature was 96 degrees on August 17; no other days reached 90 degrees. The low mark was 54 degrees on August 30. Rain totaled 2.93 inches, a little less than normal. Sunshine totaled 73% of possible. This August ties for the ninth sunniest August in ninety-five years of records. There was no heavy fog. R.H.S.

LOONS THROUGH HERONS

A few Common Loons were scattered along coastal areas, and at Quabbin, 3 adults and 2 young were seen. Eighteen reports of Pied-billed Grebes were encouraging. A **Western Grebe** was observed by many people for two days in Newburyport Harbor.

It appeared that the concentration of seabird food had shifted from Stellwagen Bank to an area ten to twenty miles off Chatham. Only 9 shearwaters of 3 species were reported from Stellwagen Bank; no Cory's Shearwaters were found. Wilson's Storm-Petrels occurred in lower numbers than in recent years, and there were two reports of Leach's Storm-Petrels.

A **Red-billed Tropicbird** appeared at Gay Head in August, possibly the same bird as in 1986. Although the bird was seen only a few times, some birders who missed the bird last year made good use of the second chance. This was only the second sighting of this species for Massachusetts.

A subadult Great Cormorant was reported in Lakeville, the same location where an immature was observed last month. Four American Bitterns were reported from three locations. Great Blue Herons were well distributed. Great Egrets were found in good numbers, and the Plum Island roost of Snowy Egrets reached a maximum of at least 540 birds on August 2. A Cattle Egret on Plum Island was unusual. All other heron and ibis species were found in near normal numbers. G.d'E.

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	AUGUST 1987
Common Loon				
thr	Quabbin (G37)	3 ad + 2 yg max	M. Lynch#	
2, 30	Cuttyhunk	1, 2	P. Trimble	
1, 16	Nantucket Sound, P.I.	3, 1	B. Nikula, BBC (S. Whittum)	
Pied-billed Grebe				
1, 30	S. Monomoy	1 juv, 8	B. Nikula#	
20-30	P.I.	2 max	v. o.	
26, 30	E. Orleans, E. Sandwich	2, 1	A. + E. Williams, B. Porter	
22, 31; 23	DWWS, Scituate	2, 1; 1	D. Ludlow; W. Petersen#	
Western Grebe				
3-4	Newbypt Harbor	1	H. + N. Ober + v. o.	
Greater Shearwater				
1	off Chatham	30	W. Petersen#	
2	10-15 mi ESE Chatham	400+	R. Humphrey#	
8, 9	Stellw., 15-20 mi SE Chatham	3, 20	K. Holmes, B. Nikula#	

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Sooty Shearwater				
2	10-15 mi ESE Chatham	50+	R. Humphrey#	
8	Stellwagen Bank	3	K. Holmes	
9	15-20 mi SE Chatham	4	B. Nikula#	
Manx Shearwater				
1;14, 16	off Chatham; Stellw.	2; 1, 2	W. Petersen#, P. Trimble	
9	15-20 mi SE Chatham	3	B. Nikula#	
Wilson's Storm-Petrel				
1	off Chatham	500	W. Petersen#	
2	10-15 mi ESE Chatham	500	R. Humphrey#	
9	15-20 mi SE Chatham	40+	B. Nikula#	
14	Stellwagen Bank	10	P. Trimble	
Leach's Storm-Petrel				
8	28 mi NE Plymouth	1	K. Holmes	
14	Stellwagen Bank	1	P. Trimble	
Red-billed Tropicbird				
6-30	Gay Head, M. V.	1 ad	v. o.	
Great Cormorant				
18	Lakeville	1 subadult	W. Petersen	
Double-crested Cormorant				
9	Belmont	45 migr	L. Taylor	
20	Milton	75 migr	W. Petersen	
20, 22	Monomoy, P.I.	900, 68	B. Nikula, M. Lynch#	
30	Lanesville, Cuttyhunk	150+, 200	J. Berry, P. Trimble	
American Bittern				
6	Bolton Flats	2	E. Salmela	
20, 22	Yarmouthport, P.I.	1, 1	J. Aylward, M. Lynch#	
Great Blue Heron				
thr	P.I.	13 max	v. o.	
5, 24	Bolton Flats	4, 3	E. Salmela	
9, 19	GMNWR	32, 19+	BBC (D. + D. Oliver), L. Taylor#	
20, 30	Lexington, Milford	7, 3	J. Carter, R. Hildreth	
Great Egret				
thr	P.I.	32 max	v. o.	
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	25 max	LCES (J. Lyons)	
4; 1, 30	Duxbury; S. Monomoy	7; 3	K. Anderson; B. Nikula#	
23-28, 30	Scituate, Cuttyhunk	29 max, 1	v. o., P. Trimble	
Snowy Egret				
thr	P.I.	540+ roost (8/2)	v. o.	
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	71 max 8/19	LCES (J. Lyons)	
5	Saugus	87	J. Nove	
14, 23	N. Monomoy, Scituate	20+, 125+	M. Lynch#, W. Petersen#	
Little Blue Heron				
2	P.I.	8 (3 ad, 2 pied, 3 imm)	J. Berry + R. Heil	
6; 23, 28	Scituate	1 ad; 1 imm	W. Petersen	
30	P.I.	1 imm	M. Lynch#	
Tricolored Heron				
8	P.I.	1	BBC (A. Bennett)	
8, 30	N. Monomoy, S. Monomoy	1, 1	B. Nikula#	
Cattle Egret				
2, 5	Ipswich	27, 46	J. Berry, J. + J. Nove	
9, 11	P.I., Essex	1 imm, 5	v. o., J. Brown	
Green-backed Heron				
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	5 max	LCES (J. Lyons)	
2	Milford, S. Carver	5, 2	M. Lynch#, N. Barry	
30	P.I.	6	M. Lynch#	
Black-crowned Night-Heron				
thr	P.I.	8 max 8/1	v. o.	
thr	Yarmouthport	158 max	J. Aylward	
9	GMNWR	7	BBC (D. + D. Oliver)	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron				
2-9	P.I.	2 max	v. o.	
23, 30	Cuttyhunk	1 juv	P. Trimble	
29	Eastham	3 imm	W. Petersen	

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Glossy Ibis				
1	S. Monomoy	8+	B. Nikula	
2; 9, 22	P.I.	24; 3, 4	J. Berry; M. Lynch#	
4-11	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	2	LCES (J. Lyons)	
23	Cuttyhunk	1	P. Trimble	

WATERFOWL THROUGH RAILS

Wood Ducks were reported from several locations in average numbers. Northern Pintails with young and 150 Blue-winged Teal were present on South Monomoy. One male Eurasian Wigeon was found on Plum Island. Ring-necked Ducks were seen at two locations, and a single Lesser Scaup was observed at South Monomoy. There were small groups of eiders along the coast, but no scoters were reported, which is unusual for August. Eight Hooded Mergansers on Plum Island were more than usual, and there were 6 Ruddy Ducks on South Monomoy.

Vultures were scattered throughout the region with singles in six locations and 11 at Quabbin. Two reports of Ospreys from the Newburyport area were the first ones in August in the 1980s. Immature Bald Eagles were observed at Quabbin and South Monomoy. A Cooper's Hawk was noted at Bolton Flats, and an adult Northern Goshawk was present at Quabbin. A pair of Red-shouldered Hawks with 2 young was seen in East Middleboro. An early migrating Merlin was reported August 28; there were three reports last August all in the narrow span of August 28-31.

The Petersham flock of turkeys had young and numbered at least 21. Mount Auburn Cemetery had a Northern Bobwhite. A King Rail was seen and heard in Milford. Virginia and Sora rails were well represented. G.d'E.

Mute Swan				
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	6 max 8/4	LCES (J. Lyons)	
9, 30	Ipswich, Cuttyhunk	6, 1	J. Brown, P. Trimble	
Canada Goose				
1, 18	Quabbin (G37)	45, 61	M. Lynch#	
16, 22	P.I., E. Sandwich	93, 72	M. Lynch#, B. Porter	
30	Cuttyhunk	160	P. Trimble	
31	Worcester (airport)	59	M. Lynch#	
Wood Duck				
1, 23	Quabbin (G37)	11, 38	M. Lynch#	
1, 16	P.I., Bolton Flats	9, 9	BBC (T. Prince), M. Lynch#	
9, 30	GMNWR, Uxbridge	50, 8	BBC (D. + D. Oliver), R. Hildreth	
2; 22, 30	Milford	20+; 10, 8	M. Lynch#, R. Hildreth	
Green-winged Teal				
1, 22	S. Monomoy, P.I.	8+, 34	B. Nikula#, M. Lynch#	
American Black Duck				
1, 30	S. Monomoy	40, 150	B. Nikula#	
21, 22	Winchester, P.I.	48, 152	B. Porter, M. Lynch#	
Mallard				
1, 30	S. Monomoy	20, 25	B. Nikula#	
Northern Pintail				
1, 30	S. Monomoy	25+/w yg, 15	W. Petersen#, B. Nikula#	
20	P.I.	1	W. Petersen	
Blue-winged Teal				
1, 30	S. Monomoy	15, 150	B. Nikula#	
1, 30	P.I.	8, 1	BBC (T. Prince), D. Chickering	
9, 14	GMNWR, DWWS	9, 22	BBC (D. + D. Oliver), D. Clapp	
23, 25	Quabbin (G37), Nauset Marsh	36, 75	M. Lynch#, J. Aylward#	
Northern Shoveler				
1, 30	S. Monomoy	5, 5	B. Nikula#	
Gadwall				
thr	P.I.	10	v. o.	
1, 30	S. Monomoy	5, 30	B. Nikula#	
9	Ipswich	2	J. Brown	
Eurasian Wigeon				
30	P.I.	1 m	M. Lynch#	

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American Wigeon				
1, 22	S. Monomoy, P.I.	1, 9	W. Petersen#, M. Lynch#	
Ring-necked Duck				
18, 23	Lakeville, Quabbin (G37)	5, 1 imm f	W. Petersen, M. Lynch#	
Lesser Scaup				
1	S. Monomoy	1	W. Petersen#	
Common Eider				
2, 30	Cuttyhunk	12, 3	P. Trimble	
30	N. Scituate, Gloucester	7, 22	G. d'Entremont#, J. Berry	
Hooded Merganser				
20, 30	P.I.	1, 8	W. Petersen, M. Lynch#	
23	Quabbin (G37)	2 imm	M. Lynch#	
Red-breasted Merganser				
2, 8	P.I.	1, 7	D. Chickering, BBC (A. Bennett)	
19	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1	LCES (J. Lyons)	
Ruddy Duck				
1	S. Monomoy	6	v. o.	
Turkey Vulture				
1	Randolph	1	G. d'Entremont	
11	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1	LCES (J. Lyons)	
15, 16	Bolton Flats, N. Middleboro	1, 1	G. d'Entremont, K. Holmes	
23	Quabbin (G37)	11	M. Lynch#	
23	Ipswich, Essex	1, 1	J. Berry, R. Stymeist	
Osprey				
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	5 max 8/19	LCES (J. Lyons)	
2, 30	Cuttyhunk	5, 2	P. Trimble	
18, 20	Lakeville, P.I.	1 ad + 2 imm, 1	W. Petersen	
30	Milford, Newbypt	1, 1	R. Hildreth, M. Lynch#	
Bald Eagle				
1, 23	S. Monomoy, Quabbin (G37)	1 imm, 1 imm	B. Nikula, M. Lynch#	
Northern Harrier				
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	3 max 8/11	LCES (J. Lyons)	
1, 30	S. Monomoy	1 f, 3 imm	B. Nikula#	
23, 30	Cuttyhunk, Naushon	3, 5	P. Trimble	
Cooper's Hawk				
16	Bolton Flats	1 imm	M. Lynch#	
Northern Goshawk				
1	Quabbin (G37)	1 ad	M. Lynch#	
Red-shouldered Hawk				
thr	E. Middleboro	pr + 2 yg	K. Anderson	
1, 23	Quabbin (G37)	4, 1	M. Lynch#	
30, 31	Tewksbury, DWWS	1, 1	M. Lynch#, D. Clapp	
Red-tailed Hawk				
16, 23	N. Middleboro, Quabbin (G37)	3, 3	K. Holmes, M. Lynch#	
30	S. Monomoy	1 imm	B. Nikula#	
American Kestrel				
16	Bolton Flats, ONWR	3, 2 ad + 3 imm	M. Lynch#	
22	P.I.	2	M. Lynch#	
30	Worcester (airport), Newbypt	3, 2	M. Lynch#	
Merlin				
28	Scituate	1 migr S	W. Petersen	
Peregrine Falcon				
21, 23	N. Monomoy, Hull	1, 1	D. Bechar, P. Thayer	
30	P.I.	1	D. Chickering	
Ring-necked Pheasant				
8, 20	P.I., Beverly (airport)	3, 1	BBC (A. Bennett), J. Brown	
Wild Turkey				
thr	Petersham (West St.)	21 max (w/ yg)	M. Lynch#	
Northern Bobwhite				
30	Mt. A., Canton (F.M.)	1, 2	R. Stymeist, BBC (D. Brown)	
King Rail				
2	Milford	1 seen + heard	M. Lynch#	
Virginia Rail				
1, 22	P.I.	3, 2	D. Chickering	
2	Milford	17 ad + 2 yg	M. Lynch#	

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Virginia Rail (continued)				
2, 30	Westboro, Uxbridge	2, 1	M. Lynch#, R. Hildreth	
Sora				
1, 2	S. Monomoy, Milford	2 ad, 1	B. Nikula#, M. Lynch#	
9, 23	P.I., Ipswich	1, 1 juv injured	M. Lynch#, J. Berry#	
20, 29	GMNWR	1, 2	P. Overby	
Common Moorhen				
8	P.I.	1	BBC (A. Bennett)	
2; 22, 30	Milford	1; 1, 1	M. Lynch#; R. Hildreth	
23	Quabbin (G37)	1	M. Lynch#	

SHOREBIRDS THROUGH ALCIDS

The annually recurrent Lesser Golden-Plover at Plymouth Beach that was discussed in the July records continued through most of August. Piping Plovers were noted at six locations, and Upland Sandpipers were noted at seven with 23 birds counted at Hanscom Air Force Base (AFB). Western Willets were observed at North Monomoy, where up to 600 Whimbrels came to an evening roost throughout the month. Forty-one Whimbrels were seen from a boat on the Parker River in the marshes behind the salt pans at Plum Island.

An observer in Annisquam noted a Whimbrel flying and calling overhead. This reminded him that he had hosted a friend there for the night some time ago, and they were sitting on the front porch with their drinks. He told his friend that he got one or two Whimbrels there every summer, whereupon the friend said, "This place? Nonsense!" Ten minutes later, they heard two Whimbrels. After the call was imitated, the two birds came down low, circled around about thirty feet from the porch, and flew off.

Also at North Monomoy were up to 100 Hudsonian Godwits and a maximum of five Marbled Godwits. Red Knot numbers were very low this year at Plymouth and Duxbury beaches and at North Monomoy. Numbers of Semipalmated Sandpipers at those two beaches totaled over 3000 birds, and up to 2500 were seen at North Monomoy.

The Little Stint at Duxbury (for which details were received) continued from July. Previous records of this species were July and August of 1985 at Scituate, June 1986 at Monomoy, and August 1986 at Duxbury. Baird's Sandpipers were noted at three locations at month's end, and a Buff-breasted Sandpiper was also seen at that time. A Curlew Sandpiper was reported from Plum Island, but no details were provided. A Spotted Redshank was reported from Plymouth by one observer. This species has been recorded in the state only once before. This was the bird at Plum Island on July 28, 1981, that was photographed (*BOEM* 9: 264, Oct. 1981). In the present case, only one observer saw the bird in question, and it must be left as problematical.

Two breeding-plumaged Atlantic Puffins were reported in Cape Cod Bay.

G.W.G.

Black-bellied Plover

8, 16, 23	N. Monomoy	150, 400, 800	B. Nikula
9, 30; 22	Newburyport-P.I.	125, 260; 500	M. Lynch#; J. Berry
24, 25	Duxbury, Plymouth	359, 342	M. Kasprzyk

Lesser Golden-Plover

1-25	Plymouth	1 (from July)	M. Kasprzyk
23, 24	Scituate, Duxbury	1 or 2, 2	M. Kasprzyk
23, 30	N. Monomoy, Newburyport	4 ad, 1	B. Nikula#, M. Lynch#
30-31	Hanscom AFB	4	J. Carter

Semipalmated Plover

thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	77 max 8/4	LCES (J. Lyons)
4, 18	Duxbury	200, 540	M. Kasprzyk
8, 23	N. Monomoy	300, 450	B. Nikula
9, 22	P.I.	200, 321	M. Lynch#
20, 28	Plymouth, Nahant	526, 94	M. Kasprzyk, G. Wood

Piping Plover

thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	8 max 8/4	LCES (J. Lyons)
1, 4	S. Monomoy, Duxbury	1 ad + 1 juv, 1 juv	W. Petersen, M. Kasprzyk
2, 23	Cutthunk	1, 2	P. Trimble

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Piping Plover (continued)				
22, 23	N. Monomoy, Scituate	4, 1	B. Nikula, M. Kasprzyk	
Killdeer				
thr	P.I., Quabbin (G37)	21 max 8/23, 14	max 8/18	M. Lynch#
23	Squantum, Hamilton	20, 33	G. d'Entremont, R. Stymeist#	
American Oystercatcher				
thr	N. Monomoy, Hull	30 max 8/8, 3	B. Nikula#, P. Thayer	
2, 30	Cuttyhunk	5, 3	P. Trimble	
Greater Yellowlegs				
8, 22	N. Monomoy	100	B. Nikula	
9, 22	P.I.	70, 123	M. Lynch#	
29	Eastham	300	W. Petersen	
Lesser Yellowlegs				
9, 22	P.I.	60, 42	M. Lynch#	
Solitary Sandpiper				
6, 20	Bolton, P.I.	1, 1	E. Salmela, W. Petersen	
20, 30	Lexington, Northbridge	3, 2	J. Carter, R. Hildreth	
Willet				
1; 8, 22	Plymouth; N. Monomoy	4; 65, 10	K. Holmes; B. Nikula	
22, 23	P.I., Scituate	25, 1	G. d'Entremont, W. Petersen	
Western Willet				
8, 22	N. Monomoy	15, 6	B. Nikula	
Spotted Sandpiper				
thr	P.I.	9 max 8/2	v. o.	
1, 15	Quabbin (G37), N. Monomoy	4, 6	M. Lynch#, P. Trimble	
23, 30; 30	Cuttyhunk; Mt. A.	4, 3; 3	P. Trimble; R. Stymeist#	
Upland Sandpiper				
9, 22	Newburyport	1, 6	M. Lynch#	
16-21	DWWS	1-4	D. Ludlow	
17, 19	Hanscom AFB	23, 13	J. Carter	
18	N. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula	
19	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	2	LCES (J. Lyons)	
30	Halifax, Worcester	6, 2	W. Petersen, M. Lynch#	
Whimbrel				
1-23	N. Monomoy	600 max 8/1	W. Harrington#, B. Nikula# + v. o.	
6, 28	Scituate	5, 6	W. Petersen	
18, 26	Annisquam, P.I.	1, 41	H. Wiggins, R. McHale#	
Hudsonian Godwit				
thr	N. Monomoy	100 max 8/8	B. Nikula + v. o.	
2-30	Newburyport-P.I.	54 max 8/16	v. o.	
23	Squantum	2	G. d'Entremont	
Marbled Godwit				
8, 8-22	P.I., N. Monomoy	1, 5 max	D. Chickering, v. o.	
Ruddy Turnstone				
thr	Winthrop	157 max 8/19	J. Cumming	
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	7 max 8/19	LCES (J. Lyons)	
5-31	Hull	30-40	P. Thayer	
8, 23	N. Monomoy	170, 100	B. Nikula	
20, 24	Plymouth, Duxbury	61, 127	M. Kasprzyk	
Red Knot				
thr	Scituate	650 max 8/29	v. o.	
4; 8, 22	Duxbury; N. Monomoy	32; 350, 25	M. Kasprzyk#; B. Nikula	
Sanderling				
thr	N. Monomoy	1200 max 8/16	B. Nikula	
4, 18	Duxbury	300, 633	D. Clapp, M. Kasprzyk	
7; 28	Plymouth; Lynn, Nahant	372; 413, 117	M. Kasprzyk; G. Wood	
Semipalmated Sandpiper				
4; 8, 22	Duxbury; N. Monomoy	1643; 2500, 700	M. Kasprzyk#, B. Nikula	
8, 13	E. Boston, Plymouth	60, 1400	J. Cumming, M. Kasprzyk#	
22; 28	P.I.; Lynn, Nahant	400; 73, 147	M. Lynch#; G. Wood	
Western Sandpiper				
6, 28; 18	Scituate; Halifax	1 ad, 6; 1	W. Petersen	
8, 22	N. Monomoy	1 ad, 1 juv	B. Nikula	
14, 24	S. Dart. (Allens Pd), Duxbury	2, 1 juv	LCES (J. Lyons), M. Kasprzyk	
30	P.I.	2	G. Gove	

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Little Stint (from July)				
1-8	Duxbury	1	M. Kasprzyk#	
Least Sandpiper				
thr	P.I.	350 max 8/22	v. o.	
2, 30	Halifax	24, 3	K. Anderson	
8, 22	N. Monomoy	220, 100	B. Nikula	
White-rumped Sandpiper				
thr	P.I.	40 max 8/9	v. o.	
thr	N. Monomoy	6 max 8/23	v. o.	
30	S. Monomoy	20	B. Nikula	
Baird's Sandpiper				
24, 30	Duxbury, S. Monomoy	1, 1	M. Kasprzyk, B. Nikula	
30, 31	P.I.	3, 3	L. Robinson#, R. Forster	
Pectoral Sandpiper				
1, 2	Quabbin (G37), Halifax	1, 3	M. Lynch#, K. Anderson	
1, 30	S. Monomoy	40, 2	B. Nikula	
12, 23	Lexington, Scituate	1, 1	J. Carter, M. Kasprzyk	
Dunlin				
1, 16	N. Monomoy	1, 1 br pl	W. Petersen#, E. Salmela	
Curlew Sandpiper (no details)				
11	P.I.	1	fide H. Weissberg	
Stilt Sandpiper				
1-22	P.I.	23 max 8/8	v. o.	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper				
30	P.I.	1	G. Gove	
Short-billed Dowitcher				
2-22	P.I.	120 max 8/9	v. o.	
4, 7	Duxbury, Plymouth	100, 13	M. Kasprzyk#	
8, 16, 23	N. Monomoy	1500, 700, 40	B. Nikula	
Long-billed Dowitcher				
1, 20	P.I.	17, 60	G. Gove, W. Petersen	
1	N. Monomoy	1	W. Petersen#	
Common Snipe				
9	Newburyport	1	M. Lynch#	
American Woodcock				
1, 15	Canton (F.M.), GMNWR	1, 1	G. d'Entremont, A. Williams	
20, 30	P.I., Uxbridge	1, 2	W. Petersen, R. Hildreth	
Wilson's Phalarope				
9; 13, 15	P.I.; N. Monomoy	5; 1, 2	M. Lynch#, B. Nikula	
8-9, 22	P.I., Newbury	1, 3	D. Chickering, J. Brown	
21	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1	LCES (J. Lyons)	
22	E. Boston	1	J. Cumming	
Red-necked Phalarope				
8, 30	Mass. Bay, N. Monomoy	1, 2	K. Holmes, B. Nikula	
Red Phalarope				
8	Mass. Bay	3	K. Holmes	
Parasitic Jaeger				
8, 15	N. Monomoy, Mass. Bay	2, 1	S. Perkins#, K. Holmes	
29	Eastham	1	W. Petersen	
Laughing Gull				
thr	Cuttyhunk	250 max 8/23	P. Trimble	
thr	Winthrop	70 max 8/4	J. Cumming	
14, 20	N. Monomoy, P.I.	70, 10 juv	M. Lynch#, W. Petersen	
25	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	75	LCES (J. Lyons)	
Little Gull				
5, 31	Winthrop, Newburyport	1 (2W), 1	J. Cumming, R. Forster	
Common Black-headed Gull				
8	Winthrop	3	J. Cumming	
20, 25	Newburyport	1 ad, 1	W. Petersen, D. Oliver	
31	Newburyport	1	R. Forster	
Bonaparte's Gull				
thr	Winthrop	400 max 8/30	J. Cumming	
thr	Newburyport	450 max 8/16	v. o.	
Ring-billed Gull				
4, 20	Duxbury, Newburyport	60, 700	D. Clapp, W. Petersen	

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Caspian Tern 18	P.I.	1	J. Brown	
Royal Tern 8	Mass. Bay	1	K. Holmes	
Roseate Tern 1, 20 25	N. Monomoy Muskeget	6, 2500 700	D. Morimoto#, B. Nikula B. Sorrie	
Common Tern 2, 23 2, 20	Cuttyhunk P.I., N. Monomoy	160, 60 20, 5000	P. Trimble J. Berry, B. Nikula	
Arctic Tern 1, 14	N. Monomoy	3, 3	D. Morimoto#, M. Lynch#	
Forster's Tern thr 9, 30 22, 24 23	N. Monomoy P.I., Newburyport DWWS, E. Orleans Rowley, Scituate	5 max 4, 4 2, 2 imm 4, 10	B. Nikula# M. Lynch# D. Ludlow, A.+E. Williams R. Stymcist, M. Kasprzyk	
Least Tern 2, 9 2, 30; 31	P.I. Cuttyhunk; Hyannis	10, 10 40, 1; 15	J. Berry, M. Lynch# P. Trimble	
Black Tern 15, 25 28, 30	N. Monomoy, Annisquam Barnstable, S. Monomoy	1, 1 2, 6	P. Trimble, H. Wiggin J. Aylward, B. Nikula	
Black Skimmer thr	N. Monomoy	7 max (4 ad + 3 juv)	B. Nikula# + v. o.	
Atlantic Puffin 15	Cape Cod Bay	2 br pl	R. McHale#	

CUCKOOS THROUGH FINCHES

Common Nighthawks were on the move a little earlier than usual this year, with the bulk coming after August 20. The largest number seen on a single day was 1728 from nine locations on August 30.

Post-breeding dispersal and the start of fall migration for many species was evident during the month. A high count of 27 Eastern Wood-Pewees at Quabbin probably represents the last of family groups still together. Eastern Kingbirds were reported in large flocks at Bolton Flats in midmonth, and with them was a Scissor-tailed Flycatcher that was present for two days, August 11 and 12. Over 10,000 Tree Swallows assembled at Plum Island on August 22, occupying almost every Phragmite stalk in Hellcat Swamp. Fish Crows continued to expand their range on the South Shore, with a flock of 35 birds noted together at Scituate. A nest with young was found on the rather late date of August 7 in Hanson. House Wrens had a late second brood of 6 in Annisquam, and on August 30 a pair of adults and 4 freshly-plumaged young were all taking a dirt bath together in a flower bed at Mt. Auburn Cemetery. Only 24 species of warblers were noted during the month, as compared with 30 last August. One observer stated the this year was positively the worst migration season ever, and he predicted a disaster for winter finches based on the complete absence of Red-breasted Nuthatches in his area.

Sparrow reports included good numbers of Sharp-tailed and Seaside, especially at Allens Pond in South Dartmouth, a traditional spot for these two species.

Unusual reports this August included a Loggerhead Shrike and Connecticut and Hooded warblers from Marshfield, a Blue Grosbeak in Cuttyhunk, and 1 or 2 Red Crossbills at Quabbin. R.H.S.

Black-billed Cuckoo 1, 2 21	Chatham, P.I. Winchester	1, 1 1	W. Petersen#, G. Gove B. Porter
Yellow-billed Cuckoo 6, 25 26-30	Bolton Flats Topsfield	1, 1 1	E. Salmela J. Brown
cuckoo species 21	Topsfield	1	J. Berry
Eastern Screech-Owl 23 23, 25	Quabbin (G37), Marshfield Ipswich	1, 1 1, 1	M. Lynch#, W. Petersen J. Berry

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Great Horned Owl				
thr, 12	Ipswich, N. Middleboro	2, 2	J. Berry, K. Holmes	
12, 24	E. Orleans	1 ad + 1 yg, 1	E. Williams, A. + E. Williams	
18, 25	DWWS, E. Middleboro	1, 1	D. Ludlow, K. Anderson	
Barred Owl				
2, 12	Lincoln, N. Middleboro	1, 1	D. Bechar, K. Holmes	
23	Quabbin (G37)	1	M. Lynch#	
Long-eared Owl				
21	Topsfield	1	J. Brown	
Short-eared Owl				
15, 30	N. Monomoy, S. Monomoy	1, 1	P. Trimble, B. Nikula	
Common Nighthawk				
16-31	central MA	2176	v. o.	
20-31	Greater Boston	1551	v. o.	
18-31	South Shore	7	v. o.	
23-31	Cape Cod	5	v. o.	
21, 30	Topsfield, Tewksbury	1, 14 (at 1 P.M.)	J. Berry, M. Lynch#	
Chimney Swift				
16	Stellwagen Bank	2	P. Trimble	
26	Worcester	60+	M. Lynch#	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird				
thr	E. Middleboro	2 or 3 at feeder	E. Salmela	
1	Canton	1	G. d'Entremont	
2, 9	P.I.	1, 1	G. Gove, D. Chickering	
6	N. Middleboro, Bolton Flats	1, 1	K. Holmes, E. Salmela	
16	Bolton Flats, E. Sandwich	1, 2	M. Lynch#, B. Porter	
23	Quabbin (G37)	1	M. Lynch#	
27-31	S. Carver	3 at feeder	J. Shaw	
Belted Kingfisher				
2, 9	Peabody, GMNWR	3, 2	J. Brown, BBC (D. + D. Oliver)	
23	Quabbin (G37)	3	M. Lynch#	
Downy Woodpecker				
2, 30	Topsfield, Canton (F.M.)	5, 9	J. Brown, D. Brown#	
Hairy Woodpecker				
thr, 30	Quabbin (G37), Canton (F.M.)	5 max, 4	M. Lynch#, D. Brown#	
Northern Flicker				
30	Canton (F.M.)	15	D. Brown#	
Eastern Wood-Pewee				
thr	Quabbin (G37)	27 max 8/23	M. Lynch#	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher				
23, 30	Marshfield, Waltham	1, 2	D. Ludlow, L. Taylor	
Willow Flycatcher				
2	P.I.	2	BBC (C. Floyd)	
9	GMNWR	2	BBC (D. + D. Oliver)	
Least Flycatcher				
1, 16, 23	Quabbin (G37)	4, 7, 1	M. Lynch#	
23, 30	Marshfield, Canton (F.M.)	1, 1	W. Petersen, D. Brown#	
Empidonax species				
30	Waltham, Canton (F.M.)	10, 2	L. Taylor, D. Brown#	
Eastern Phoebe				
1, 30	Canton (F.M.)	3, 3	G. d'Entremont, D. Brown	
Great Crested Flycatcher				
1	P.I., Quabbin (G37)	2, 5	BBC (T. Prince), M. Lynch#	
7, 30	Topsfield, Canton (F.M.)	5, 1	J. Brown, D. Brown#	
Eastern Kingbird				
11, 16	Bolton Flats	100+, 109	E. Salmela#, M. Lynch#	
20, 23	P.I., Essex (Island Rd)	40+, 15	W. Petersen, R. Stymeist	
30	Cuttyhunk, DWWS	7, 10	P. Trimble, D. Morimoto	
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher				
11-12	Bolton Flats	1	E. Salmela + v. o.	
Purple Martin				
thr	P.I.	20 max 8/2	v. o.	
Tree Swallow				
1, 23	Quabbin (G37)	568, 72	M. Lynch#	
2, 22	P.I.	100s, 10000+	J. Berry	

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N. Rough-winged Swallow 2	Cuttyhunk	2	P. Trimble	
Bank Swallow thr 2, 30	P.I. Cuttyhunk	5 max 8/16 10, 5	v. o. P. Trimble	
Cliff Swallow 2, 11	Newbury, P.I.	7, 5	D. Chickering, D. F. Oliver	
Barn Swallow thr 2, 30 11, 30	P.I. Cuttyhunk Bolton Flats, Uxbridge	25 max 8/29 30, 100 60+, 10	v. o. P. Trimble M. Lynch#, R. Hildreth	
Fish Crow thr 23	Hanson Scituate	nest w/ yg 8/7 35+	W. Petersen W. Petersen#	
Black-capped Chickadee thr	Quabbin (G37)	51 max 8/23	M. Lynch#	
Tufted Titmouse 30	Canton (F.M.)	14	D. Brown#	
Red-breasted Nuthatch 1 18	Quabbin (G37), Ipswich Lakeville	3, 1 4	M. Lynch#, J. Berry W. Petersen	
White-breasted Nuthatch 23, 30	Quabbin (G37), Canton (F.M.)	8, 6	M. Lynch#, D. Brown#	
Brown Creeper 23	Quabbin (G37)	7	M. Lynch#	
Carolina Wren thr, 18 19, 23 25	E. Middleboro, Bridgewater Hanson, Marshfield E. Orleans	1, 1 1, 5 2	K. Anderson, W. Petersen W. Petersen A. Williams	
House Wren thr 8 9, 25 30	Annisquam Braintree Nantucket, Bolton Flats Mt. A.	pr raised 2 broods (6+ yg) 4 1 b, 3 6 (2 ad + 4 yg)	H. Wiggin G. d'Entremont E. Andrews#, E. Salmela R. Stymeist	
Marsh Wren 8 9	P.I. GMNWR	30+ 8	BBC (A. Bennett) BBC (D. + D. Oliver)	
Golden-crowned Kinglet 18	Lakeville	6 (breeders)	W. Petersen	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 1, 23 24, 26	Quabbin (G37) E. Orleans	3, 6 1	M. Lynch# A. Williams	
Eastern Bluebird thr 2, 5 23	E. Middleboro Milford, Bolton Flats Quabbin (G37)	pr w/ second brood 1, 1 imm 1	K. Anderson M. Lynch#, E. Salmela M. Lynch#	
Veery 1, 23 25, 30	Quabbin (G37) E. Orleans, Holliston	6, 3 1, 1	M. Lynch# H. Williams, R. Hildreth	
Hermit Thrush 1 1, 18, 23	Ipswich Quabbin (G37)	1 singing 18, 8, 7	J. Berry M. Lynch#	
Wood Thrush 1 30	Quabbin (G37), Winchester Canton (F.M.)	1, 1 4	M. Lynch#, B. Porter D. Brown#	
American Robin 16, 30	Bolton Flats, Worcester	64, 200+	M. Lynch#	
Gray Catbird 16, 30 30	Bolton Flats, P.I. Canton (F.M.)	18, 16 75	M. Lynch# D. Brown#	
Northern Mockingbird thr 6, 30	P.I. Bolton Flats, Canton (F.M.)	6 max 10, 5	v. o. E. Salmela, D. Brown#	
Brown Thrasher 8	P.I.	12	BBC (A. Bennett)	

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Cedar Waxwing				
thr, 5	P.I., Bolton Flats	20+ max, 35	v. o., E. Salmela	
Loggerhead Shrike				
22-25	DWWS	1	D. Ludlow + v. o.	
Solitary Vireo				
1, 23	Quabbin (G37)	6, 4	M. Lynch#	
Yellow-throated Vireo				
16	Bolton Flats	1	M. Lynch#	
Warbling Vireo				
16	Bolton Flats	2	M. Lynch#	
23, 30	P.I., Waltham	1, 2	BBC (D. Dillavou), L. Taylor	
Philadelphia Vireo				
14, 24	DWWS, Chatham	1, 1	D. Clapp, R. Humphrey	
Red-eyed Vireo				
1, 23	Quabbin (G37)	21, 14	M. Lynch#	
30	P.I., Canton (F.M.)	6, 6	M. Lynch#, D. Brown#	
Blue-winged Warbler				
1, 30	Canton (F.M.)	4, 1	G. d'Entremont, D. Brown#	
4, 9	Nantucket, Waltham	1, 1	E. Andrews, L. Taylor	
23	MNWS	4	R. Stymeist#	
Golden-winged Warbler				
22	Marshfield	1 m	D. Clapp	
Tennessee Warbler				
24, 28	Nantucket, Worcester	1 b, 1	E. Andrews, M. Lynch#	
Nashville Warbler				
23, 29	Quabbin (G37), P.I.	1, 1	M. Lynch#, BBC (S. Moore)	
Yellow Warbler				
thr, 9	P.I., GMNWR	20+ max 8/8, 4	v. o., BBC (D. + D. Oliver)	
Chestnut-sided Warbler				
30	Waltham, Canton (F.M.)	2, 2	L. Taylor, D. Brown#	
Magnolia Warbler				
23, 29	Quabbin (G37), P.I.	2, 4	M. Lynch#, BBC (S. Moore)	
Cape May Warbler				
2, 29	Annisquam, P.I.	2, 1	H. Wiggin, BBC (S. Moore)	
Black-throated Blue Warbler				
29	P.I.	1	BBC (S. Moore)	
Yellow-rumped Warbler				
1, 23	Quabbin (G37)	9 + 2 yg, 9	M. Lynch#	
8	P.I.	10+	BBC (A. Bennett)	
Black-throated Green Warbler				
29	P.I.	2	BBC (S. Moore)	
Blackburnian Warbler				
1, 23	Quabbin (G37)	2 ad + 1 nestling, 4	M. Lynch#	
16, 30	M.V., Waltham	1, 2	G. d'Entremont, L. Taylor	
Pine Warbler				
5-31, 23	E. Middleboro, Quabbin (G37)	2 m, 9	K. Anderson, M. Lynch#	
Prairie Warbler				
1, 22	S. Monomoy, Marshfield	1, 3	W. Petersen#, D. Clapp	
29, 30	P.I., Canton (F.M.)	1, 1	BBC (S. Moore), D. Brown#	
Bay-breasted Warbler				
11, 13	P.I., Annisquam	2, 1	D. F. Oliver, H. Wiggin	
23	Quabbin (G37), Chatham	2, 15+	M. Lynch#, B. Nikula	
Black-and-white Warbler				
1, 23	Quabbin (G37)	6, 6	M. Lynch#	
8, 9	P.I., Waltham	1, 1	BBC (A. Bennett), L. Taylor	
American Redstart				
9, 11, 30	Waltham (Met. State)	1, 2, 15+	L. Taylor	
23	Quabbin (G37), P.I.	6, 2	M. Lynch#, BBC (D. Dillavou)	
28, 30	Worcester, Canton (F.M.)	8, 5	M. Lynch#, D. Brown	
Ovenbird				
1, 23	Quabbin (G37)	11, 3	M. Lynch#	
Northern Waterthrush				
1	N. Monomoy, S. Monomoy	1, 1	D. Morimoto#, W. Petersen#	
7, 16	Nantucket, P.I.	1 b, 1	E. Andrews, BBC (S. Whittum)	

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Connecticut Warbler				
23	Marshfield (Ferry Hill)	1	D. Ludlow, D. Clapp	
Mourning Warbler				
25	Nantucket	1 f b	E. Andrews#	
Common Yellowthroat				
thr	Canton (F.M.)	40 max 8/1	G. d'Entremont + v. o.	
thr	P.I.	15 max	v. o.	
1, 23	Quabbin (G37)	12, 6	M. Lynch#	
9, 23	GMNWR, Bolton Flats	6, 22	BBC (D. + D. Oliver), M. Lynch#	
Hooded Warbler				
31	DWWS	1 f	D. Ludlow	
Canada Warbler				
4, 18	Norwell, Quabbin (G37)	1, 5	D. Clapp, M. Lynch#	
30	Waltham, Canton (F.M.)	3, 1	L. Taylor, D. Brown#	
Scarlet Tanager				
1, 18, 23	Quabbin (G37)	5, 4, 8	M. Lynch#	
2, 30	Lincoln, Canton (F.M.)	1, 4	D. Bechar, D. Brown#	
30	Waltham (Met. State)	6	L. Taylor	
Northern Cardinal				
8, 30	E. Sandwich, Canton (F.M.)	7, 8	B. Porter, D. Brown#	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak				
16	Bolton Flats	5	M. Lynch#	
30	Canton (F.M.)	7	D. Brown#	
Blue Grosbeak				
30	Cuttyhunk	1	P. Trimble	
Indigo Bunting				
6, 25	Bolton Flats	3, 3	E. Salmela	
Chipping Sparrow				
1, thr	S. Monomoy, Hopkinton	1, 16-20	W. Petersen, G. Gove#	
Field Sparrow				
22	Milford	7	R. Hildreth	
Vesper Sparrow				
19	DWWS	1	D. Ludlow	
Savannah Sparrow				
16, 31	Bolton Flats, Worcester	10, 4	M. Lynch#	
Grasshopper Sparrow				
4-11	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1	LCES (J. Lyons)	
Sharp-tailed Sparrow				
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	25 max 8/11	LCES (J. Lyons)	
2	P.I.	9 or 10, 4 yg in nest	J. Berry	
14	N. Monomoy	20+	M. Lynch#	
Seaside Sparrow				
9, 26, 30	P.I.	1, 1+, 2	M. Lynch#, I. Giriunas#, G. Gove#	
11	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	7	LCES (J. Lyons)	
Song Sparrow				
thr	P.I.	20+ max	v. o.	
1, 23	Quabbin (G37)	11, 9	M. Lynch#	
2, 9	Milford, GMNWR	15+, 19	M. Lynch#, BBC (D. + D. Oliver)	
11, 16	Bolton Flats	30+, 87	M. Lynch#	
30	Canton (F.M.)	30	D. Brown#	
Swamp Sparrow				
11	Bolton Flats	15+	M. Lynch#	
White-throated Sparrow				
23	Quabbin (G37)	1 imm	M. Lynch#	
Bobolink				
11, 16	Bolton Flats	120+, 157	M. Lynch#	
19, 30	GMNWR, Northbridge	25, 15	L. Taylor#, R. Hildreth	
30	DFWS, Halifax	50, 100	P. Overby, W. Petersen	
Red-winged Blackbird				
16	Bolton Flats	300+	M. Lynch#	
30	P.I.	1 f feeding yg	M. Lynch#	
Eastern Meadowlark				
11, 18	Essex, Newbypt	5, 3	J. Brown	
30	Worcester (airport)	3	M. Lynch#	

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Common Grackle				
11	Bolton Flats	1000+	M. Lynch#	
23	Quabbin (G37)	123	M. Lynch#	
Brown-headed Cowbird				
1	Quabbin (G37)	1 yg	M. Lynch#	
Northern Oriole				
2, 8	Winchester, Randolph	3, 7	B. Porter, G. d'Entremont	
28	Worcester, E. Sandwich	4, 6	M. Lynch#, B. Porter	
Purple Finch				
thr	P.I.	4 or 5	v. o.	
Red Crossbill				
1, 18, 23	Quabbin (G37)	1 m, 1, 2	M. Lynch#	
American Goldfinch				
9	GMNWR	14	BBC (D. + D. Oliver)	
15	Wayland	30	BBC (B. Howell)	

CORRIGENDUM TO JUNE 1987 RECORDS

Brown Pelican				
15-17	Lawrence	1	fide B. Blodget + v. o.	
should read				
15-17	Lawrence	1	S. Moore + v. o.	
American Oystercatcher				
3	Orleans (South B.)	pr at nest	R. Humphrey#	
should read				
3	Chatham (South B.)	pr at nest	R. Humphrey#	

CORRIGENDUM TO JULY 1987 RECORDS

Kentucky Warbler				
23	Westminster	1 ad feeding yg	C. Quinlan, R. Jenkins	
should read				
23	Westminster	1 ad	C. Quinlan, R. Jenkins	

It was suggested that a young bird may have been present but no feeding was actually seen; in fact, no nest was ever found, and breeding should remain unconfirmed in Massachusetts.