

FIELD RECORDS

NOVEMBER 1987



Short-eared Owl
Photo by Jane Cumming

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November 1987 was dry, sunny, and cool; the temperature averaged 43.9 degrees, 1.3 degrees below normal. The temperatures went up and down all month. After the high for the month of 78 degrees on November 4, the temperature went down to 32 degrees on the sixth, rose again to 66 degrees on the ninth, dropped to 29 degrees on the eleventh, climbed to 70 degrees on the eighteenth, then fell to 16 degrees on November 21. Precipitation totaled 3.49 inches, a little less than normal, but snow was the big news of the month. A record-breaking total of 9 inches fell on November 10-12, the most for so early on the season. It was the most snow for a November since 10 inches in 1938 and the third greatest November snowfall in ninety-seven years. Another unusual weather event for the month was the haze and smoky sky on November 8 caused by forest fires some hundreds of miles to the southwest. A northeast wind on November 10-11 produced a sizeable flight of seabirds at both Rockport and Barnstable. R.H.S.

LOONS THROUGH HERONS

Two reports of Pacific Loons were received; both lacked details. A number of birders observed the possible Pacific Loon off Rockport November 27, but the field notes reported were scanty. Great care should be taken in identifying these birds, and reports should be sent with as many details as possible. It may be that a small number of these birds winters along the Massachusetts coast. To establish this fact requires the painstaking task of field record documentation.

Red-throated Loon numbers were below average, but the observed birds were well distributed. Pied-billed Grebes were seen in large numbers at several locations. For the first November since 1980, not one Northern Fulmar was reported. Double-crested Cormorants lingered in unprecedented numbers, with 105 in Boston Harbor and 92 in Westport. Three reports of Great Egret were noteworthy, and 7 Cattle Egrets were seen at three locations on November 5. G.d'E.

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	NOVEMBER 1987
Red-throated Loon				
2, 16; 15	P.I.	11, 10; 4	D. F. Oliver; J. Berry	
7, 9	Manomet, N. Scituate	18 in 1 hr, 25	R. Abrams	
11, 20	Barnstable (S.N.)	76, 30	W. Petersen#, P. Trimble	
14, 15	Peddocks I., Newbypt	16, 36	BBC (J. Nove), BBC (T. Prince)	
11-15	Arlington-Belmont	1	L. Taylor	
11, 15	Rockport	23, 16	D. F. Oliver, M. Lynch#	
Common Loon				
1	Nantucket, Quabbin (G37)	7, 7	E. Andrews, M. Lynch#	
11	Barnstable (S.N.), Rockport	85, 18	W. Petersen#, D. F. Oliver	
15, 20	Newbypt, Barnstable (S.N.)	12, 12	BBC (T. Prince), P. Trimble	
25, 29	Sandwich, Manomet	19, 20	D. F. Oliver, G. d'Entremont	
Pied-billed Grebe				
thr	Arlington	13 max	L. Taylor	
1	Lakeville, GMNWR	37, 5	W. Petersen, BBC (R. Vernon)	
8, 14	Milford, Plymouth	6, 20	R. Hildreth, W. Petersen	
22, 29	Sandwich, Lakeville	5, 11	M. Lynch#, W. Petersen	
Horned Grebe				
thr	Hull	60 max	P. Thayer	
1	Lakeville, Quabbin (G37)	61, 13	W. Petersen, M. Lynch#	
8	Quincy, P.I.	295, 14	R. Abrams, D. Chickering	
25	Falmouth	81	D. F. Oliver	
Red-necked Grebe				
2, 7	Waltham, Lakeville	1, 1	R. Forster, SSBC (W. Petersen)	
11, 15	Barnstable (S.N.), Gloucester	4, 14	W. Petersen#, M. Lynch#	

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Greater Shearwater				
1	Stellwagen Bank	10	R. Abrams#	
Manx Shearwater				
10-12	Barnstable (S.N.)	1	R. Forster#	
shearwater species				
10	Barnstable (S.N.)	1	R. Forster	
Northern Gannet				
2, 7	P.I., E. Sandwich	60, 60	D. F. Oliver, F. Porter	
11	Rockport, Barnstable (S.N.)	800+, 1300	D. F. Oliver, W. Petersen#	
26, 29	Rockport (A.P.), Manomet	400+, 30	T. Aversa, G. d'Entremont#	
Great Cormorant				
thr	Rockport	22 max	v. o.	
1, 13	Lakeville, Lincoln	2 imm, 2	W. Petersen, R. Forster	
14, 17	Pedlocks I., Westport	8, 16	BBC (J. Nove), D. F. Oliver	
29	Manomet	5	G. d'Entremont	
Double-crested Cormorant				
14, 15	Pedlocks I., Gloucester	105, 4 imm	BBC (J. Nove), M. Lynch#	
17, 19	Nonomasset I., Plymouth	30, 5	P. Trimble, R. Abrams	
17, 28	Westport, Medford	92, 1 ad	D. F. Oliver, L. Taylor	
American Bittern				
thr, 1-8	P.I., Ipswich	1, 1	v. o.	
8, 14	Squantum, Woburn	1, 1	K. Ryan, BBC (D. Williams)	
Great Blue Heron				
8	Rockport, Randolph	4, 1	M. Lynch#, G. d'Entremont	
1, 13	GMNWR, Salisbury	7, 4	F. Porter, T. Aversa	
16, 17	Marlboro, Westport	3, 17	R. Graefe, D. F. Oliver	
Great Egret				
13, 30	S. Dartmouth, Falmouth	1, 1	LCES (J. Lyons), P. Trimble	
19-22	Wayland	1	R. Forster	
Snowy Egret				
4-8	P.I.	2 max	v. o.	
Cattle Egret				
5	Concord, Yarmouth	1, 1	R. Forster#, C. Smith	
5-7	Rowley	5	v. o.	
Black-crowned Night-Heron				
1	Ipswich	1	BBC (J. Berry)	
7, 21	P.I.	1, 1	BBC (B. Gette), BBC (S. Whittum)	

WATERFOWL

Snow Geese were observed migrating in large numbers for this region. Two late Blue-winged Teal were noted at S. Monomoy on November 28; the count of 65 Northern Shovelers at that location was noteworthy. Fourty-eight Gadwall in Plymouth constituted a very high count for that county. Four male Eurasian Wigeon were reported. Six hundred and seventy-seven Canvasbacks at Fresh Pond must have been a sight. Numbers of Ring-necked Ducks were at their lowest since 1983. Three male King Eiders were seen, and a total of 9 Harlequin Ducks was noted from five locations. It was a banner year for Hooded Mergansters, with no less than 700 reported from locations throughout eastern Massachusetts. Ruddy Ducks were seen in exceptional numbers, with 525 noted at Great Pond. G.d'E.

Mute Swan				
3, 17	Gloucester, Acoaxet	5, 71	M. Lynch#, D. F. Oliver	
29	Plymouth, Plymouth (Billington Sea)	47, 53	G. d'Entremont#	
Snow Goose				
thr	P.I.	300 max 11/7	v. o.	
7	Bridgewater-Lakeville	2000+ mig	SSBC (W. Petersen)	
7, 22	Westport, Falmouth	3, 1	D. F. Oliver, v. o.	
21	Wachusett Reservoir	3	D. Donovan	
Brant				
1, 7-8	Quincy, Lakeville	500, 1	P. Thayer, W. Petersen#	
14, 16	Plymouth, Hull	250+, 35	W. Petersen, P. Thayer	
Canada Goose				
1, 7	Quabbin (G37), W. Newbury	157, 365	M. Lynch#, R. Stymeist#	
17, 21	S. Dart., Wachusett Reservoir	700+, 800+	LCES (J. Lyons), D. Donovan	
Wood Duck				
1, 8-16	GMNWR, Cambridge (F.P.)	8, 1	BBC (R. Vernon), v. o.	
22	Falmouth, Great I.	1 m, 1	M. Lynch#, P. Trimble	
Green-winged Teal				
thr, 1	P.I., Quabbin (G37)	165 max 11/2, 28	v. o., M. Lynch#	
2, 14	Lincoln, Wayland	28, 45	R. Forster	

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Green-winged Teal (continued)				
15, 28	S. Monomoy	200, 100	B. Nikula#	
American Black Duck				
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	632 max 11/13	LCES (J. Lyons)	
15	P.I.	500+	J. Berry	
Northern Pintail				
thr	Yarmouthport	50 max	J. Aylward#	
1-16, 14	P.I., GMNWR	24 max 11/2, 9	v. o., T. Aversa	
14-15; 15, 28	Arlington; S. Monomoy	6 max; 9, 15	L. Taylor; B. Nikula#	
Blue-winged Teal				
28	S. Monomoy	2	B. Nikula#	
Northern Shoveler				
2, 25	P.I.	9, 6	D. F. Oliver, G. Gove#	
14-16; 15, 28	S. Carver; S. Monomoy	2; 65, 30	J. Shaw; B. Nikula#	
Gadwall				
thr	P.I., Plymouth	10 max, 48 max	11/14 v. o., W. Petersen#	
1, 7	Ipswich, Holliston	49, 5	BBC (J. Berry), R. Hildreth	
17, 28	Acoaxet, S. Monomoy	13, 8	D. F. Oliver, B. Nikula#	
Eurasian Wigeon				
thr	Plymouth (Billington Sea)	1 m	v. o.	
thr, 1	Nantucket, GMNWR	2 m, 1 m	E. Andrews, BBC (R. Vernon)	
American Wigeon				
thr	Plymouth (Billington Sea)	105 max 11/19	v. o.	
thr	Nantucket	150+ max 11/23	E. Andrews	
thr, 17	Arlington, Acoaxet	116 max 11/11, 13	L. Taylor, D. F. Oliver	
21, 28	W. Yarmouth, S. Monomoy	12, 60	P. Trimble, B. Nikula#	
Canvasback				
thr	Cambridge (F.P.)	677 max 11/23	J. Barton + v. o.	
thr	Nantucket	143 max 11/21	E. Andrews#	
thr	Lakeville	60 max 11/29	W. Petersen#	
17, 30	Westport, Falmouth	38, 90	D. F. Oliver, P. Trimble	
Redhead				
thr	Cambridge (F.P.), Nant.	2 max, 100+	J. Barton#, E. Andrews	
thr	Plymouth (Billington Sea)	9 max 11/19	v. o.	
2-7, 8	W. Newbury, Rockport	1 m, 1 m	v. o., M. Lynch#	
17, 22	Acoaxet, Falmouth	2, 73	D. F. Oliver, M. Lynch#	
Ring-necked Duck				
thr	Cambridge (F.P.)	150 max 11/18	v. o.	
1	Lakeville, Quabbin (G37)	500, 73	W. Petersen, M. Lynch#	
7, 8	W. Newbury, Randolph	338, 125	R. Stymeist#, G. d'Entremont	
23	Nantucket	85	E. Andrews	
Greater Scaup				
thr	Cambridge (F.P.)	33	v. o.	
8	Randolph (Great Pond)	30	G. d'Entremont	
15, 29	Wachusett Reservoir, Falmouth	71, 2010	D. Donovan, P. Trimble	
Lesser Scaup				
17, 25	Westport, Falmouth	14, 10	D. F. Oliver	
28, 29	S. Monomoy, Andover	30, 7	B. Nikula#, V. Yurkunas	
Common Eider				
8, 11	N. Monomoy, Rockport (A.P.)	3000, 5475	B. Nikula, D. F. Oliver	
12, 17	Eastham (F.E.), Westport	8000+, 134	W. Petersen#, D. F. Oliver	
29	Manomet, Rockport	3000+, 1100+	G. d'Entremont#, J. Berry#	
King Eider				
25-28, 28-29	Manomet, Rockport	1 ad m, 1 ad m	v. o.	
29	Dennis (Corp. B.)	1 ad m	R. Comeau	
Harlequin Duck				
8-30	Rockport	5 max 11/28	v. o.	
27-30, 29	Winthrop, Wellfleet	1 m, 1 m	F. Vale#, B. Mog	
29	P'town, N. Scituate	1, 1	J. Barton, J. Cameron#	
Oldsquaw				
1	Lakeville	1	W. Petersen	
10, 11	Barnstable (S.N.)	896, 3325	R. Forster, W. Petersen	
11, 28	Rockport (A.P.), S. Monomoy	749, 800+	D. F. Oliver, B. Nikula#	
Black Scoter				
11, 14	Rockport (A.P.), E. Orleans	417, 150	D. F. Oliver, A. Williams	
27	Cambridge (F.P.)	2	J. Barton	
Surf Scoter				
1	Lakeville	1	W. Petersen	
11	Rockport (A.P.), Eastham	934, 3000+	D. F. Oliver, W. Petersen#	
11	Barnstable (S.N.)	5000	W. Petersen#	

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White-winged Scoter				
11	Rockport (A.P.), Barnstable (S.N.)	642, 500	D. F. Oliver, W. Petersen#	
29	Rockport (A.P.), Manomet Pt	150+, 200	J. Berry#, G. d'Entremont#	
Common Goldeneye				
1, 15	Lakeville, Clinton	9, 38	W. Petersen, D. Donovan	
Bufflehead				
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	89 max 11/24	LCES (J. Lyons)	
1, 6	Lakeville, Cambridge (F.P.)	50, 37	W. Petersen, J. Barton	
8	Quincy Bay, Braintree	552, 25	R. Abrams, G. d'Entremont	
22, 28	Falmouth, Newbypt	217, 200+	M. Lynch#, T. Aversa	
Hooded Merganser				
thr	Arlington Reservoir	36 max 11/11	L. Taylor	
thr	Braintree (Great Pond)	75 max 11/28	v. o.	
thr	Plymouth (Billington Sea)	40+ max 11/14	v. o.	
thr	Stoneham	29 max 11/3	T. Aversa	
thr	Waltham-Lincoln (Cambr. Reservoir)	62 max 11/13	v. o.	
thr	S. Carver	34 max 11/28	J. Shaw	
thr	Falmouth	147 max 11/25	v. o.	
Common Merganser				
thr	Lakeville	175 max 11/29	v. o.	
thr	Wakefield	114 max 11/14	D. Williams + v. o.	
thr	Waltham-Lincoln (Cambr. Reservoir)	60 max 11/2	v. o.	
Red-breasted Merganser				
2	off Tuckernuck I.	10000+	J. C. Andrews#	
10, 11	Barnstable (S.N.)	300+, 2000	R. Forster, W. Petersen#	
11	Rockport (A.P.)	636	D. F. Oliver	
Ruddy Duck				
thr	Lakeville	125 max 11/1	v. o.	
thr	Cambridge (F.P.)	89 max 11/18	v. o.	
thr	Braintree (Great Pond)	525+ max 11/9	v. o.	
thr	Waltham-Lincoln (Cambr. Reservoir)	168 max 11/2	v. o.	
thr	Framingham	92 max 11/25	K. Hamilton	
thr	S. Monomoy	300+ max 11/1	B. Nikula#	
Reports of small-medium flocks from many locations.				

RAPTORS THROUGH COOTS

Turkey Vultures and Ospreys lingered through midmonth with 7 Turkey Vultures seen together in Sturbridge. Single Bald Eagles were reported from Wachusett and Quabbin reservoirs. A total of 24 Sharp-shinned Hawks was reported with a male and a female being seen throughout the month in Framingham. A Cooper's Hawk spent the month at Yarmouthport, and a total of six of this species was reported. An immature Peregrine Falcon was noted on two occasions at North Monomoy, and three Gyrfalcons were reported, two of which were said to be dark birds. A flock of Wild Turkeys came to a pasture on West Street in Petersham. American Coot were present for much of the month at several locations with up to 275 at the Billington Sea in Plymouth. G.W.G.

Turkey Vulture				
1, 16	Sturbridge, Lakeville	7, 1	K. Anderson, K. Ryan	
Osprey				
1; 2, 3	GMNWR; Lincoln	1; 1, 1	F. Porter#; R. Forster	
11, 16	Lakeville	1, 1	R. Turner, K. Ryan	
Bald Eagle				
11, 27	Clinton, Quabbin (G40)	1 imm, 1 imm	D. Donovan, M. Lynch#	
Northern Harrier				
thr	Middleboro	1-3	W. Petersen	
1, 3-12	Quabbin (G37), Halifax	2 m, 2 or 3	M. Lynch#, K. Anderson	
2, 7	P.I., W. Barnstable	3, 3	D. F. Oliver, F. Porter	
15, 28	S. Monomoy	3, 3	B. Nikula	
Sharp-shinned Hawk				
thr	Framingham	1 m + 1 f	K. Hamilton	
1, 18	Nantucket, Whitman	1, 1	E. Andrews, K. Holmes	
8, 22	Rockport, Topsfield	2, 1	M. Lynch#, D. F. Oliver	
Reports of individuals from 17 locations.				
Cooper's Hawk				
thr, 1	Yarmouthport, GMNWR	1 ad, 1	K. Hamilton, BBC (R. Vernon)	
7	Rochester	1	SSBC (W. Petersen)	
9, 28	P.I.	1, 1	D. F. Oliver, T. Aversa	
29	Bourne	1 imm	G. d'Entremont	

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Northern Goshawk				
3, 11	S. Dart. (Allens Pd), Clinton	1, 1	LCES (J. Lyons), D. Donovan	
14, 28	P.I., S. Wellfleet	1, 1	D. Chickering, J. Barton	
Reports of individuals from 5 locations.				
Red-shouldered Hawk				
14	Hanover	1 ad	W. Petersen	
Red-tailed Hawk				
1, 7	Waltham, N. Middleboro	4 ad, 2	L. Taylor, K. Holmes	
8, 22	E. Middleboro, W. Bridgewater	2, 2	K. Anderson	
27	Bridgewater	3	T. Aversa	
Rough-legged Hawk				
2, 15	Newburyport, Gloucester	1, 1	W. Ellison, M. Lynch#	
26, 28; 29	Salisbury; DWWS	1, 2; 1 dk	D. Chickering; D. Ludlow	
Merlin				
1, 2	Nantucket, P.I.	1, 1	E. Andrews, D. F. Oliver	
14, 30	Salisbury, Falmouth	1, 1	J. Gordon#, P. Trimble	
Reports of individuals from 5 locations.				
Peregrine Falcon				
8, 14	N. Monomoy	1 imm	B. Nikula#	
Gyr Falcon				
13	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1 (no details)	LCES (J. Lyons)	
15	Rockport	1 dark	M. Lynch#	
28	S. Monomoy	1 dark	B. Nikula#	
Ruffed Grouse				
11, 14	Clinton, Holliston	8, 7	D. Donovan, T. Aversa	
27, 30	Quabbin (G40), Royalston	8, 7	M. Lynch#, K. Hamilton	
Wild Turkey				
14, 21; 24	Petersham	42, 41; 16	M. Lynch#; D. F. Oliver	
30	Royalston	2	K. Hamilton	
Northern Bobwhite				
18, 25	Sandwich, Belmont	60, 3	P. Trimble, R. Martel	
Virginia Rail				
thr	DWWS	1 or 2	D. Ludlow	
15	Nantucket	1	E. Andrews	
American Coot				
thr	Cambridge (F.P.)	11 max 11/27	J. Barton + v. o.	
thr	S. Monomoy	50-60	B. Nikula#	
1	Lakeville	60	W. Petersen	
14-29	Plymouth	275 max 11/14	v. o.	
7-29	Arlington	34 max 11/28	L. Taylor	

SHOREBIRDS

A Whimbrel at Plum Island on November 2 constituted the third *BOEM* November report, the other two were in 1973 and 1987. A Hudsonian Godwit present at Newburyport through November 25 established the second latest sighting for this species, the latest was November 27, 1983 in the same location. No Marbled Godwit was reported this November, making only the second November in *BOEM* field records without a report of this species. Both Semipalmated and Western Sandpipers were reported; many small November peep turn out to be Western Sandpipers, and all late sightings of peep should be checked carefully. White-rumped Sandpipers were a usual November sandpiper. Only one other November Least Sandpiper exists in the *BOEM* records, that being November 5, 1983 in Halifax, thus the two birds at North Monomoy through November 14 were unusual and late. Another unusual bird was the Stilt Sandpiper at South Monomoy, only the fifth November report. Both Red and Red-necked phalaropes were noted. G.W.G.

Black-bellied Plover				
thr	Hull	19 max 11/2	P. Thayer	
8, 14	N. Monomoy	300, 150	B. Nikula	
2	P.I.	48	D. F. Oliver	
Lesser Golden-Plover				
2-16	P.I.	32 max 11/2	v. o.	
8	N. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula	
Semipalmated Plover				
1	Nantucket	3	E. + C. Andrews	
Killdeer				
7-15, 8	Arlington, Randolph	7 max 11/7, 3	L. Taylor, G. d'Entremont	
American Oystercatcher				
1, 8	Chatham	7, 7	B. Nikula	

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Greater Yellowlegs				
1	Lakeville, Hingham	2, 27	W. Petersen, D. Ludlow	
3, 17	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	20, 2	LCES (J. Lyons)	
8, 11	Squantum, Arlington	20, 1	R. Abrams, L. Taylor	
15	P.I., Ipswich	1, 1	J. Berry	
Lesser Yellowlegs				
1, 15	Ipswich, P.I.	1, 1-2	J. Berry	
28	Gloucester	1	M. Lynch# + v. o.	
Whimbrel				
2	P.I.	1	T. Crossman#	
Hudsonian Godwit				
1-25	P.I.-Newburyport	1 or 2	v. o.	
8	N. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula	
Red Knot				
8, 14; 14	N. Monomoy, N. Scituate	10, 4; 10	B. Nikula, W. Petersen	
Sanderling				
1	Nantucket	235	E. Andrews#	
8, 14	N. Monomoy	250, 300	B. Nikula	
15, 28	Gloucester	19, 7	M. Lynch#	
Semipalmated Sandpiper				
3; 8, 14	P.I., N. Monomoy	1; 1, 1	R. Forster, B. Nikula	
Western Sandpiper				
12	Hull	1	P. Thayer	
Least Sandpiper				
8, 14	N. Monomoy	2, 2	B. Nikula	
White-rumped Sandpiper				
1, 3	Ipswich, P.I.	1, 9	BBC (J. Berry), R. Forster	
8, 14; 28	N. Monomoy; S. Monomoy	2, 1; 1	B. Nikula	
Pectoral Sandpiper				
1, 7	Quabbin (G37), Arlington	10, 2	M. Lynch#, L. Taylor	
1, 8	S. Monomoy, N. Monomoy	2, 2	B. Nikula	
17	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	2	LCES (J. Lyons)	
Purple Sandpiper				
8, 14	Rockport, N. Scituate	94, 200	M. Lynch#, W. Petersen	
29	Rockport	120	J. Berry	
Dunlin				
1-25	P.I.	690 max 11/2	v. o.	
8, 14	N. Monomoy	1500	B. Nikula	
17	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	117	LCES (J. Lyons)	
Stilt Sandpiper				
1	S. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula	
Long-billed Dowitcher				
1-25	P.I.	20 max 11/3	v. o.	
9	Salisbury	3	D. F. Oliver	
Common Snipe				
7-15	Arlington	1 or 2	L. Taylor	
14, 24	Woburn, DWWS	1, 1	BBC (D. Williams), D. Ludlow	
American Woodcock				
1, 28	Nantucket	1, 1	E. Andrews	
6, 18	Holliston, S. Dartmouth	1, 2	T. Aversa, LCES (J. Lyons)	
24	Ipswich	1	J. Berry	
Red-necked Phalarope				
2	P.I.	1	W. Ellison#	
Red Phalarope				
12	Eastham	35	W. Petersen	

JAEGERS THROUGH ALCIDS

The cold, wet, foggy days of November 11-12 with north winds at about 20 mph, peaking to around 40 mph, brought seabirds into view at the usual coastal vantage points, such as Andrews Point, Sandy Neck and First Encounter Beach. Among the seabirds reported were 39 Pomarine Jaegers and 1000 kittiwakes at Eastham. A Common Black-headed Gull was noted in Scituate. The late fall and winter months (November, December, and January) are times to see large concentrations of Bonaparte's Gulls at coastal locations, and numbers of these gulls increased this month. A Lesser Black-backed Gull was present on Nantucket, and a late Caspian Tern was reported from Plum Island. Common and Forster's terns are not unusual November birds. Dovekies were noted throughout the month.

G.W.G.

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Pomarine Jaeger				
1, 11	Stellw., Barnstable (S.N.)	5, 2	R. Abrams#, W. Petersen#	
11, 12	Dennis, Eastham	1, 39	W. Petersen#	
Parasitic Jaeger				
11, 12	Eastham, Barnstable	1, 1	W. Petersen#, J. Aylward	
jaeger species				
11	Eastham	2	W. Petersen#	
Laughing Gull				
8, 17	Bourne, Naushon	3, 30	W. Petersen#, P. Trimble	
25	Sandwich	3	D. F. Oliver	
Common Black-headed Gull				
14	Scituate	1 (1W)	W. Petersen	
Bonaparte's Gull				
1, 21	Hingham, Quincy	23, 600	D. Ludlow, R. Abrams	
27, 29	Falmouth, Lynn	1100, 800	G. Gove, R. Forster	
Ring-billed Gull				
thr	E. Middleboro	100-200	K. Anderson	
Iceland Gull				
8, 14	Nantucket, Boston	1 ad, 1	E. Andrews, BBC (J. Nove)	
Lesser Black-backed Gull				
1	Nantucket	1	E. + C. Andrews	
Black-legged Kittiwake				
11	Barnstable (S.N.), Eastham	200, 125	W. Petersen#	
12, 29	Eastham, Rockport	1000, 10	W. Petersen, J. Berry	
Caspian Tern				
2	P.I.	1	D. F. Oliver	
Common Tern				
8, 10	Chatham, Barnstable	20, 25	B. Nikula, R. Forster	
25, 29	Sandwich, Bourne	3, 2 imm	D. F. Oliver, G. d'Entremont	
Forster's Tern				
8	Bourne	2	W. Petersen#	
Dovekie				
1, 11	Stellwagen, Barnstable	1, 1	R. Abrams	
11, 27	Eastham, Rockport	2, 12	R. Abrams#, W. Drummond	
29	Rockport, Wellfleet	8, 3	J. Berry#, L. Mog	
Razorbill				
11, 28	Rockport	1, 8	D. F. Oliver	
22, 28	Sandwich, Provincetown	4, 1	M. Lynch#, J. Barton	
Black Guillemot				
17	S. Dartmouth	1	D. F. Oliver	
28, 29	Rockport	3-5, 3	v. o.	
large alcid species				
11, 29	Barnstable, Rockport	2, 60	W. Petersen#, J. Berry#	

DOVES THROUGH WOODPECKERS

Several red-phase Eastern Screech-Owls were found, including one picked up dead in North Scituate. Great Horned Owls were heard calling and hooting in two locations. A Northern Saw-whet Owl spent two weeks in a potted tree between two umbrellas under the sign of the Wild Goose Restaurant at Quincy Market in Boston. Four Red-headed Woodpeckers, two being immatures, were noted in as many locations, and Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were found in Hingham and in Manchester during the first week of the month. G.W.G.

Mourning Dove				
9, 18	Millis, Sandwich	350, 80	R. Forster, P. Trimble	
Common Barn-Owl				
4	Nantucket	1	E. Andrews	
Eastern Screech-Owl				
1, 14	N. Scituate, Easton	1 red (dead), 1 red	R. Stymcist#, K. Ryan	
15, 25	Lexington, Belmont	1 red, 2	L. Taylor, R. Martel	
Great Horned Owl				
thr	Ipswich	2	J. Berry	
8	E. Middleboro	2	K. Anderson	
Snowy Owl				
2; 8, 28	E. Boston; Nantucket	2; 1, 1	W. McMakin; J. Van Vorst#	
3-30, 7	P.I., Salisbury	1-3, 3	v. o., R. Stymcist#	
24, 30	S. Dartmouth, Eastham	1, 1	LCES (J. Lyons), fide S. Morello	
Barred Owl				
1	Waltham, Quabbin (G37)	1, 1	L. Taylor, M. Lynch#	

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	NOVEMBER 1987
Short-eared Owl				
thr, 8	S. Monomoy, N. Monomoy	1, 1	B. Nikula	
3, 12	S. Dart. (Allens Pd), Hyannis	1, 1	LCES (J. Lyons), P. Trimble	
Northern Saw-whet Owl				
3, 4	Manomet, Boston	1, 1	J. Atwood, fide R. Stymeist#	
22	Chatham	1	B. Nikula	
Belted Kingfisher				
17, 22	Westport, Clinton	3, 1	D. F. Oliver, D. Donovan	
29, 30	Manomet, Falmouth	1, 2	G. d'Entremont, P. Trimble	
Red-headed Woodpecker				
4, 23	Concord, Sandwich	1 imm, 1	J. Bertrand, P. Trimble	
24	Woods Hole, E. Dennis	1 imm, 1	G. Martin, M. O'Connor	
Red-bellied Woodpecker				
25	E. Orleans	1	fide M. O'Connor	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				
1, 7	Hingham, Manchester	1, 1	D. Ludlow#, BBC (G. Hotz)	
Northern Flicker				
15, 29	Belmont, Bourne	2, 2	L. Taylor, G. d'Entremont	
Pileated Woodpecker				
1; 16, 27	Quabbin (G37); (G40)	1; 2, 2	M. Lynch#	
24	Quabbin (G40)	1	D. F. Oliver	

KINGBIRDS THROUGH GROSBEAKS

A Western Kingbird was present at Manomet for two weeks, and another (?) was found at Daniel Webster Sanctuary in Marshfield at month's end. A late Barn Swallow was seen in Westport on November 6, about a week beyond the normal late date. Other lingering birds included a Swainson's Thrush in Falmouth, a Wood Thrush in Sudbury, and a White-eyed Vireo in South Dartmouth. A total of seven warbler species was reported, only the American Redstart at Plum Island was present beyond the normal departure date.

November specialities were well reported. Water Pipits were noted in good numbers from a wide area. Longspurs and Snow Buntings were especially well reported with large flocks of buntings noted in a number of localities. At least five Northern Shrikes were tallied, and Dickcissels were found in two locations. Sparrow highlights included two records of White-crowned Sparrows and many reports of Fox Sparrows, especially at midmonth. Two reports of Henslow's Sparrows were received; one from Concord (November 15) and one from Naushon Island (November 17). Neither was subsequently confirmed. Pine Siskins were on the move in tremendous numbers especially during the weekend of November 14-15, when 1158 birds were reported. Crossbills were not as evident, East Quabbin was the best place to look for them. Evening Grosbeaks were also on the move, but the largest concentrations were well west of Boston.

R.H.S.

Western Kingbird				
6-19	Manomet	1	B. Harrington	
28-30	DWWS	1	D. Ludlow + v. o.	
Horned Lark				
1, 2	Ipswich, P.I.	40+, 8	BBC (J. Berry), D. F. Oliver	
7, 13	Salisbury	45+, 57	BBC (B. Gette), T. Aversa	
Barn Swallow				
6	Westport	1	A. Desinger	
Blue Jay				
21	Petersham	30	M. Lynch#	
American Crow				
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	90 max 11/13	LCES (J. Lyons)	
2, 8	Newbury, Gloucester	175, 52	D. F. Oliver, M. Lynch#	
21	Wachusett Reservoir	54	D. Donovan	
Fish Crow				
14	Arlington (Spy Pd)	1	L. Taylor	
Common Raven				
1; 27, 29	Quabbin (G40)	2; 3, 3	G. Gove#, M. Lynch#	
Black-capped Chickadee				
16, 27	Quabbin (G40)	34, 83	M. Lynch#	
Tufted Titmouse				
16, 27	Quabbin (G40)	1, 15	M. Lynch#	
Red-breasted Nuthatch				
1; 16, 27	Quabbin (G37); (G40)	15; 8, 53	M. Lynch#	
27, 28	Holliston	6, 4	R. Hildreth	

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	NOVEMBER 1987
Brown Creeper				
1, 27	Quabbin (G37), (G40)	7, 6	M. Lynch#	
Carolina Wren				
14, 29	Wayland, Nahant	1, 1	R. Forster	
22, 30	Falmouth	12, 17	P. Trimble	
Winter Wren				
7, 29	Belmont (Rock Meadow)	1, 1	L. Taylor	
30	Falmouth	1	P. Trimble	
Marsh Wren				
2, 24	GMNWR, DWWS	1 singing, 1	J. Berry, D. Ludlow	
Golden-crowned Kinglet				
3, 7	Stoneham, Newbypt area	4, 18	T. Aversa, BBC (B. Gette)	
13, 14	Groveland, Hamilton	15, 4 or 5	T. Aversa, J. Berry	
16, 27	Quabbin (G40)	9, 23	M. Lynch#	
22, 30	Falmouth (Great I.)	22, 12	P. Trimble	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				
1, 11	N. Scituate, Winchester	4, 1	R. Stymeist#, F. Porter	
13, 15	P.I., Clinton	1, 1	T. Aversa, D. Donovan	
28, 30	Rockport, Falmouth	1, 4	M. Lynch#, P. Trimble	
Eastern Bluebird				
4-5	E. Middleboro	5 or 6	K. Anderson	
26, 29	Uxbridge, Hardwick	4, 9	R. Hildreth, M. Lynch#	
Swainson's Thrush				
22	Falmouth (Great I.)	1 (well studied)	P. Trimble	
Hermit Thrush				
1-15	6 locations	7 individuals	v. o.	
16-30	8 locations	11 individuals	v. o.	
Wood Thrush				
4	Sudbury	1 (details)	R. Forster	
American Robin				
1; 2, 9	Quabbin (G37); P.I.	41; 7, 28	M. Lynch#; D. F. Oliver	
8	Randolph, Milford	25, 25	G. d'Entremont, T. Aversa	
Other small flocks noted throughout the area.				
Gray Catbird				
30	Falmouth, DWWS	3, 1	P. Trimble, D. Ludlow	
Water Pipit				
1	Salisbury, Concord	3, 45	V. Yurkunas, R. Forster#	
1, 2	Ipswich, P.I.	15+, 12	BBC (J. Berry), D. F. Oliver	
7, 15	Newbury, Clinton	50+, 15	K. Griffis, D. Donovan	
Cedar Waxwing				
6, 8	Boxford, Brookline	50, 35	J. Brown, H. Wiggin	
20, 27	Wellesley, Holliston	150, 40	R. Forster, R. Hildreth	
Northern Shrike				
thr	P.I.	1+	v. o.	
1-21	Nantucket	1 imm	E. Andrews	
14-24, 27	DWWS, Rutland	1 or 2, 1 ad	D. Ludlow + v. o., M. Lynch#	
White-eyed Vireo				
6	S. Dartmouth	1 imm	A. Desinger	
Orange-crowned Warbler				
5, 6	Manomet, S. Dartmouth	1 b, 1	MBO, A. Desinger	
22, 29	Falmouth (Great I.)	1, 2	P. Trimble	
Yellow-rumped Warbler				
15	Nantucket (Madaket)	68 b	E. Andrews	
29	Susset Beach	125	G. d'Entremont	
Other small flocks reported from mostly coastal areas.				
Pine Warbler				
8	Lakeville	3	W. Petersen#	
Palm Warbler				
3; 12, 13	Salisbury; Needham	1; 1	R. Forster; D. Case	
13, 24	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1	LCES (J. Lyons)	
14, 22	Arlington (Spy Pond)	2, 1	H. Hoffman	
American Redstart				
2	P.I.	1	T. Crossman#	
Common Yellowthroat				
30	Nahant	1	J. Quigley	
Yellow-breasted Chat				
6, 14	Manomet, E. Orleans	2, 1	J. Atwood, A. Williams	
22, 30	Falmouth	1, 1	M. Lynch#, P. Trimble	
Northern Cardinal				
thr	Brookline (one feeder)	13	H. Wiggin	

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Dickcissel				
thr, 11	Framingham, Nahant	1, 1	K. Hamilton, J. Quigley	
Rufous-sided Towhee				
11, 30	Winchester, Falmouth	1, 5	F. Porter, P. Trimble	
American Tree Sparrow				
1; 1, 7	Ipswich; Waltham	1; 1, 25	BBC (J. Berry); L. Taylor	
14	New Braintree, Princeton	14, 65	M. Lynch#, D. Donovan	
27, 28	Milford, Holliston	23, 14	R. Hildreth	
Chipping Sparrow				
1, 3	Lakeville, Sandwich	1, 2	W. Petersen, P. Trimble	
13	Nantucket	1	E. Andrews	
Field Sparrow				
8, 14	Randolph, Milford	4, 5	G. d'Entremont, R. Hildreth	
22	Woburn (Horn Pd)	20	BBC (N. King)	
26, 28	Uxbridge, Holliston	16, 4	R. Hildreth	
Vesper Sparrow				
18	Sandwich	2	P. Trimble	
Savannah Sparrow				
18	Sandwich	30	P. Trimble	
"Ipswich" Sparrow				
1, 28	Nantucket (2 locations)	1, 4	E. + C. Andrews	
13, 24	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1	LCES (J. Lyons)	
Seaside Sparrow				
24	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1	LCES (J. Lyons)	
Fox Sparrow				
1	Stellw., Hingham	1, 1	R. Abrams#, D. Ludlow#	
1	Quabbin (G37), (G40)	2, 1	M. Lynch#, G. Gove#	
14	Sudbury, Millis	17, 8	R. Forster	
	Other reports of 1 or 2 from 12 locations.			
Song Sparrow				
8, 17	Randolph, Westport	15, 13	G. d'Entremont, D. F. Oliver	
Swamp Sparrow				
7, 29	Bridgewater	35, 8	W. Petersen#	
28	Gloucester (Niles Pd)	4	M. Lynch#	
White-throated Sparrow				
15, 30	Brookline, Falmouth	8, 36	B. Rielly#, P. Trimble	
White-crowned Sparrow				
13, 17	S. Dartmouth, Westport	1, 1	LCES (J. Lyons), D. L. Oliver	
Dark-eyed Junco				
1, 27	Quabbin (G37), (G40)	25, 37	M. Lynch#	
12	Nantucket (Squam)	30-40	J. Van Vorst	
Lapland Longspur				
thr	Salisbury	6 max 11/13	v. o.	
1, 2	Ipswich, P.I.	2 or 3, 1	BBC (J. Berry), W. Ellison	
8, 29	N. Monomoy, Halifax	30, 1	B. Nikula, W. Petersen	
Snow Bunting				
thr, 1	P.I., Ipswich	350 max 11/7, 550+	v. o., J. Berry	
1	Quabbin, GMNWR	39, 22	M. Lynch#, BBC (R. Vernon)	
2, 3	Waltham, W. Newbury	20, 75	R. Forster	
11	Berlin, Eastham, Ashland	55, 400, 80	D. Donovan, W. Petersen, G. Gove	
13, 17, 24	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	60, 69, 32	LCES (J. Lyons)	
13, 14	Beverly, Peddocks I.	63, 80	J. Brown, BBC (J. Nove)	
15, 28	S. Monomoy	150, 75	B. Nikula#	
Red-winged Blackbird				
1	GMNWR, E. Middleboro	20, 100	BBC (R. Vernon), K. Anderson	
8, 9	Essex area, W. Hanover	40, 15	BBC (I. Giriunas), G. d'Entremont	
Eastern Meadowlark				
thr	DWWS	57 max 11/29	D. Ludlow	
thr	P.I. area	10 max 11/21	v. o.	
	Other reports of 1 or 2 birds from various locations.			
Rusty Blackbird				
1	GMNWR, Quabbin (G37)	2, 30	BBC (R. Vernon), M. Lynch#	
8, 13	Burlington, S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	50+, 1	M. Lynch#, LCES (J. Lyons)	
21	Newburyport	1	BBC (S. Whittum)	
Common Grackle				
9	W. Hanover	50	G. d'Entremont	
Brown-headed Cowbird				
7, 18	Salisbury, Sandwich	35, 25	BBC (B. Gette), P. Trimble	
Northern Oriole				
22	Falmouth	1 f	M. Lynch#	

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Purple Finch				
22, 28	Falmouth, P.I.	6, 6	M. Lynch#, T. Aversa	
29	Andover	3	V. Yurkunas	
House Finch				
29	Duxbury beach	100+	J. Heywood	
Red Crossbill				
16-30	Quabbin (G40)	32 max	11/24	v. o.
White-winged Crossbill				
1, 15	Lakeville, Hanson	17, 15	W. Petersen	
27	Quabbin (G40)	2	M. Lynch#	
Pine Siskin				
1-13	9 locations	216 individuals	v. o.	
14-15	9 locations	1158 individuals	v. o.	
16-30	10 locations	362 individuals	v. o.	
American Goldfinch				
10	Newton	100+	R. Hildreth	
15	Rockport, P.I.	42, 50+	M. Lynch#, J. Berry#	
Evening Grosbeak				
1, 8	Hingham, Essex area	3, 2	D. Ludlow#, BBC (I. Giriunas)	
8, 15	Rockport (Halibut Pt)	54, 4	M. Lynch#	
14-15	6 locations	176 individuals	v. o.	
24	S. Duxbury	25	E. Mallory	
Other scattered reports of 1-4 birds.				

CORRIGENDUM TO JULY 1987 FIELD RECORDS (VOL. 15, NO. 6)

Wilson's Phalarope (on page 318)				
4	P.I., Plumbush	1 m, 1 f at nest	W. Ellison#	
should read				
4	P.I., Plumbush	1 m, 1 m at nest	W. Ellison#	

CORRIGENDA TO AUGUST 1987 FIELD RECORDS (VOL. 16, NO. 1)

The first sentence of the fourth paragraph under LOONS THROUGH HERONS on page 26 should read "A subadult Great Cormorant was reported in Lakeville, the same location where an immature was observed last year."

The second sentence of the fourth paragraph under SHOREBIRDS THROUGH ALCIDS on page 30 should read "Previous records of this species were July and August of 1985 at Scituate, June 1980 at Monomoy, and August 1986 at Duxbury."

Western Willet (on page 31)
should read
"Western" Willet

CORRIGENDA TO SEPTEMBER 1987 FIELD RECORDS (VOL. 16, NO. 1)

American Avocet (on page 44)				
5-7	P.I.	1 basic pl	D. F. Oliver + v. o.	
should read				
5-7	P.I.	1 basic pl	S. Moore + v. o.	
Forster's Tern (on page 46)				
17, 26	Orleans, P.I.	54, 2	B. Nikula, BBC (G. Gove)	
should read				
17, 26	Eastham, P.I.	54, 2	B. Nikula, BBC (G. Gove)	

BIRD OBSERVER FIELD RECORDS

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ad	adult	F.P.	Fresh Pond, Cambridge
b	banded	G37 or 40	Gate 37 or 40, Quabbin
br	breeding	H.	Harbor
dk	dark (phase)	H.P.	Halibut Point, Rockport
f	female	I.	Island
imm	immature	M.V.	Martha's Vineyard
ind	individuals	Mt.A.	Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge
juv	juvenile	Nant.	Nantucket
loc	location	Newbypt	Newburyport
lt	light (phase)	Noanet WR	Noanet Woodland Reservation
m	male	P.I.	Plum Island
max	maximum	Pd	Pond
mi	mile	P'town	Provincetown
migr	migrating	Quab.	Quabbin
n	nesting	Res.	Reservation
ph	photographed	R.P.	Race Point, Provincetown
pl	plumage	S. Dart.	South Dartmouth
pr	pair	S.N.	Sandy Neck, Barnstable
S	summer (1S = first summer)	Stellw.	Stellwagen (Bank)
thr	throughout	BBC	Brookline Bird Club
v.o.	various observers	BOEM	Bird Observer of Eastern Massachusetts
W	winter (2W = second winter)	CBC	Christmas Bird Count
w/	with	CCBC	Cape Cod Bird Club
yg	young	DFWS	Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary
#	additional observers	DWWS	Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary
A.A.	Arnold Arboretum	EMHW	Eastern Massachusetts Hawk Watch
A.P.	Andrews Point, Rockport	FCBC	Felix Cutler Bird Club
B.	Beach	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

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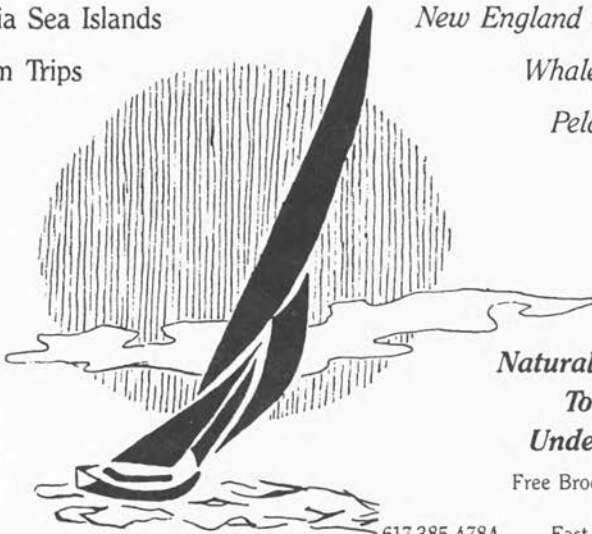
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