



# FIELD RECORDS

## SEPTEMBER 1988

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September 1988 rivaled the usually glorious weather of October; it was the sunniest September since 1983. It also brought much needed relief from the heat of August. The temperature averaged 64.6 degrees, just about normal. The high mark was 83 degrees on September 2 and 10. The low was 44 degrees on September 29; in some suburbs the temperatures were nearer freezing. Rainfall, most of which came in one storm on September 4, totaled 1.29 inches, 2.12 inches less than normal. Thunder was heard on two days, just average. The wind was out of the northwest on September 6, 7, 11, 22, 24, and 26. R.H.S.

### LOONS THROUGH WATERFOWL

Hawkwatchers at Wachusett Mountain recorded 19 Common Loons migrating on three days and 66 Double-crested Cormorants on another day. A Red-necked Grebe was found at the Glades in North Scituate on September 17, almost three weeks ahead of schedule. Pelagic birds continued in good numbers on Stellwagen Bank during September, though with fewer Manx Shearwaters than in previous months. The first Northern Gannets were also noted.

A single Least Bittern was found in Holden, and American Bittern reports increased from August. The heron roost at Hellcat Swamp on Plum Island, although dwindling from the high counts of August, continued with a maximum of about 1000 Snowy Egrets still present September 24.

A single Snow Goose was seen migrating over Wachusett Mountain on September 16, nearly three weeks before the usual date. Another Snow Goose was found on Plum Island on September 24; several observers commented on how early it was. Over 100 Wood Ducks were counted at Great Meadows at the end of the month. A Eurasian Wigeon was observed on Plum Island, and the first Ring-necked Ducks were back in Lakeville as early as September 3. G.d'E. and R.H.S.

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	SEPTEMBER 1988
Common Loon				
10; 16, 17, 29	P.I.; Wachusett Mt.	1; 4, 5, 10	M. Lynch#; EMHW	
17, 25	Cambridge, N. Monomoy	5 mig, 2	L. Taylor, G. d'Entremont#	
Pied-billed Grebe				
1, 3	N. Andover, Sturbridge	1, 1	V. Yurkunas, M. Lynch#	
5, 10	P.I., S. Monomoy	2, 4	G. d'Entremont#, J. Cumming	
16, 17	Mashpee, Westminster	2, 1	P. Trimble, V. Fazio	
Red-necked Grebe				
17	N. Scituate (Glades)	1	R. Stymeist + M. Litchfield	
Cory's Shearwater				
1, 18	Stellwagen Bank	1, 4	K. Holmes, BBC (W. Drummond)	
Greater Shearwater				
1, 18	Stellwagen Bank	24, 75	K. Holmes, BBC (W. Drummond)	
Sooty Shearwater				
11, 18	Stellwagen Bank	8+, 14	MAS (S. Perkins), BBC (W. Drummond)	
Manx Shearwater				
11, 18	Stellwagen Bank	25+, 18	MAS (S. Perkins), BBC (W. Drummond)	
Wilson's Storm-Petrel				
11, 18	Stellwagen Bank	2, 100	MAS (S. Perkins), BBC (W. Drummond)	
Northern Gannet				
11, 18	Stellwagen Bank	4+, 18	MAS (S. Perkins), BBC (W. Drummond)	
Great Cormorant				
3; 11	Minot, Lakeville; Cuttyhunk	4, 2; 1	W. Petersen; P. Trimble	
Double-crested Cormorant				
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd), P.I.	75 max, 150 max	LCES (D. Christiansen), v. o.	
4-5, 11	Bolton Flats, Cuttyhunk	2, 130	M. Lynch#, P. Trimble	
17, 18	Cambridge, Boston H.	300+ mig, 400	L. Taylor, BBC (W. Drummond)	
22	Wachusett Mt.	66	EMHW	

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American Bittern 5, 10 17, 21 26, 27	Ipswich, Newbypt Westminster, S. Dart. (Allens Pd) Eastham (F.H.), GMNWR	2, 1 1, 1 1, 1	D. Brown#, G. Gove V. Fazio, LCES (D. Christiansen) P. Trull#, G. Gove	
Least Bittern 2	Holden	1	M. Lynch#	
Great Blue Heron thr 3-5; 3, 10 10-11; 25	S. Dart. (Allens Pd) Ipswich; GMNWR Lakeville; Wellfleet, Eastham	12 max 9/7 15; 14, 16 1 or 2; 11, 12	LCES (D. Christiansen) G. d'Entremont; E. Taylor K. Holmes; G. d'Entremont#	
Great Egret thr 2-5, 9, 24	S. Dart. (Allens Pd), S. Monomoy Holden, Nantucket, P.I.	26 max 9/7, 7+ 1, 1, 50+	LCES (D. Christiansen), B. Nikula# M. Lynch#, R. Stymeist, T. Aversa	
Snowy Egret thr thr 10, 11 25	S. Dart. (Allens Pd) P.I. Gloucester, Ipswich Wellfleet, Eastham	32 max 9/7 1000 max 9/24 19, 25 20, 20	LCES (D. Christiansen) T. Aversa + v. o. J. Berry G. d'Entremont#	
Little Blue Heron thr 6	S. Dart. (Allens Pd) Duxbury B.	3 max 9/7 + 9/14 1	LCES (D. Christiansen) J. Carter	
Tricolored Heron 4 10-25, 24	N. Monomoy N. Monomoy, P.I.	1 imm 1, 1	BBC (W. Drummond) B. Nikula#, F. Burrill	
Cattle Egret 17	Ipswich	20+	J. Berry	
Green-backed Heron 3, 7 17, 18 21; 26, 27	P.I., S. Dart. (Allens Pd) Quincy, Arlington Marlboro; P.I.	8, 4 1, 5 1; 1	M. Lynch#, LCES (D. Christiansen) D. Brown#, L. Taylor R. Graefe; R. Forster, W. Drew	
Black-crowned Night-Heron thr, 2 5, 14	Yarmouthport, Lawrence GMNWR, Eastham	198 max 9/11, 34 2, 81	J. Aylward, V. Yurkunas E. Taylor, B. Nikula#	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron 11-17, 14	Cuttyhunk, Eastham	1, 1 imm	P. Trimble, B. Nikula#	
Glossy Ibis 5, 11	Newbury, Cuttyhunk	12, 1	D. Chickering, P. Trimble	
Mute Swan 4, 10 16-25, 18	Nantucket, P.I. S. Monomoy, Ipswich	74, 1 ad 8, 4 imm	C. Floyd#, J. Berry B. Nikula#, J. Berry	
Snow Goose 16, 24-27	Wachusett Mt., P.I.	1, 1	E. Taylor#, v. o.	
Wood Duck 2, 3-4 4, 16 28	Holden, Nantucket Bolton Flats, S. Monomoy GMNWR	5, 22 10, 1 100+	M. Lynch#, R. Tate M. Lynch#, B. Nikula T. Aversa	
Green-winged Teal thr 16-25, 18 28, 30	P.I. S. Monomoy, Ipswich GMNWR, Eastham	300 max 9/5 300 max, 30+ 130, 35	G. d'Entremont# + v. o. B. Nikula, J. Berry T. Aversa	
American Black Duck 16, 25	S. Monomoy	60, 70	B. Nikula#	
Mallard 3; 16, 25	Lakeville; S. Monomoy	250; 15, 10	W. Petersen; B. Nikula#	
Northern Pintail 16, 25; 24, 28	S. Monomoy; P.I., GMNWR	20, 30; 10, 40	B. Nikula#; BBC (G. Gove), T. Aversa	
Blue-winged Teal thr, 3, 9 14, 16-25	P.I., GMNWR, Halifax Nauset Marsh, S. Monomoy	25 max 9/5, 12, 1 150, 200+ max	v. o., E. Taylor, K. Anderson B. Nikula#	
Northern Shoveler 3, 24; 16, 25	P.I.; S. Monomoy	2, 6; 20, 30	R. Forster, BBC (G. Gove); B. Nikula#	
Gadwall thr; 16, 25 22, 30	P.I.; S. Monomoy GMNWR, Cambridge	40 max 9/5; 20, 4, 1	40 G. d'Entremont# + v. o.; B. Nikula# V. Fazio, J. Barton	
Eurasian Wigeon 15-26	P.I.	1	W. Drew + v. o.	
American Wigeon 9, 16 24, 25 28, 30	Nantucket, S. Monomoy P.I., S. Monomoy GMNWR, Cambridge (F.P.)	2, 30 22, 80 200+, 14	L. Taylor#, B. Nikula# T. Aversa, B. Nikula# T. Aversa, J. Barton	

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Ring-necked Duck				
3, 25	Lakeville, S. Monomoy	50, 7	W. Petersen#, B. Nikula#	
26, 30	W. Newbury, Cambridge (F.P.)	44, 24	R. Forster, J. Barton	
Greater Scaup				
24, 28	P.I., Lynn (Flax Pd)	1 m, 2	BBC (G. Gove), J. Quigley	
Lesser Scaup				
3	Lakeville	6	W. Petersen	
Common Eider				
10	Gloucester	35 imm	J. Berry	
Black Scoter				
4	Nantucket (Coskata)	2	R. Stymeist#	
White-winged Scoter				
24, 30	P.I., P'town	5, 14	T. Aversa	
Hooded Merganser				
25	Annisquam, Eastham	1 f, 3	N. Wamer, D. Brown#	
Red-breasted Merganser				
30	P'town	2 f	T. Aversa	
Ruddy Duck				
16, 18	S. Monomoy, Arlington Reservoir	6+, 1	B. Nikula, L. Taylor	
25, 30	S. Monomoy, Cambridge (F.P.)	8, 8	B. Nikula, J. Barton	

#### RAPTORS THROUGH CRANES

At Wachusett Mountain, hawkwatchers spent 100.9 hours on 19 days recording migration data. A total of 20,236 individuals of 13 species of birds of prey was tallied. Broad-winged Hawks were well represented in this total with 19,156 birds. Between September 12-16, 17,917 Broad-winged Hawks were counted flying past the mountain top. Twelve Bald Eagles were noted this year, five more than last year. The Eastern Massachusetts Hawk Watch (EMHW) also recorded data from Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge, Bolton Flats, Mt. Watatic, and several other locations.

On September 5, a Mississippi Kite was seen flying over the fields in Ipswich near Maplecroft Farm. The bird was well observed as it flew over the viewiers at about thirty feet. Two Bald Eagles were found in Lakeville, and peregrines were found in eleven locations during the month.

Two tom and seven female Wild Turkeys were observed in Middleboro, where stock turkeys were recently released. Common Moorhens were found in just two locations during the month, and a Sandhill Crane was still present in the Ipswich-Plum Island area.

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Turkey Vulture				
1-29, 3-25	Wachusett Mt., Mt. Watatic	56, 31	EMHW	
5, 5-28	Newbury, ONWR	2, 17	D. Chickering, EMHW	
7, 14	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	10, 7	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
8, 24	Franklin, Milton	5, 2	B. Parker, G. d'Entremont	
Reports of single individuals from several locations.				
Osprey				
1-29, 1-25	Wachusett Mt., Mt. Watatic	347, 69	EMHW	
10-28, 11	ONWR, Andover	57, 2	EMHW, V. Yurkunas	
26, 27	Marlboro, GMNWR	2, 3	R. Gracfe, G. Gove#	
Reports of single birds from 7 locations.				
Mississippi Kite (details submitted)				
5	Ipswich	1	P. Parsons, C. Corley	
Bald Eagle				
3, 11; 7-27	Mt. Watatic; Wachusett Mt.	1, 1; 12	EMHW	
10, 11	ONWR, Lakeville	1, 1 ad + 1 imm	EMHW, K. Holmes	
Northern Harrier				
1-29, 1-25	Wachusett Mt., Mt. Watatic	37, 31	EMHW	
thr	Middleboro, P.I.	3 max, 6 max	K. Anderson, D. F. Oliver + v. o.	
8, 9	Nantucket, Halifax	6, 3	R. Stymeist#, K. Anderson	
11, 25	Cuttyhunk, N. Monomoy	3, 3	P. Trimble	
Sharp-shinned Hawk				
1-29, 3-25	Wachusett Mt., Mt. Watatic	500, 189	EMHW	
10-28, 11	ONWR, Cuttyhunk	177, 3	EMHW, P. Trimble	
Reports of single birds from 11 locations.				
Cooper's Hawk				
2, 3	N. Middleboro, Ipswich	1, 1 imm	K. Holmes, R. Forster	
8-25	Wachusett Mt.	16	EMHW	
11, 17; 14	Cuttyhunk; S. Dart.	1, 1; 1	P. Trimble; LCES (D. Christiansen)	
16, 24	E. Middleboro, Milton	1, 1	K. Anderson, G. d'Entremont	
22, 24; 25	ONWR; Mt. Watatic	1, 2; 1	EMHW	
26, 28	P.I., GMNWR	1 imm, 1	R. Forster, T. Aversa	

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<b>Northern Goshawk</b>				
6	New Bedford (airport)	1	A. Bennett	
8, 14, 25	Wachusett Mt.	1, 1, 1	EMHW	
10, 23	DWWS, E. Middleboro	1 imm, 1	G. d'Entremont, K. Anderson	
<b>Red-shouldered Hawk</b>				
thr, 25	E. Middleboro	1 or 2 almost daily, 3	K. Anderson	
3, 5	DWWS, Newbury	2, 1	W. Petersen#, D. Chickering	
15, 24, 25	Mt. Wataatic, ONWR, Wachusett Mt.	1, 2, 1	EMHW	
<b>Broad-winged Hawk</b>				
1-29	Wachusett Mt.	19156 total (7554 max 9/12)	EMHW	
3-25, 10-28	Mt. Wataatic, ONWR	850, 201	EMHW	
11	Lawrence, Andover	31, 29	V. Yurkunas	
11	Littleton, Worcester (airport)	258, 599	EMHW	
11	Westminster, Bolton Flats	414, 433	EMHW	
12, 14; 14	Worcester (airport); Fort Devens	1708, 1993; 989	EMHW	
15	Bolton Flats, W. Newbury	433, 4527	EMHW	
<b>Red-tailed Hawk</b>				
7-27, 10-25	Wachusett Mt., Mt. Wataatic	36, 18	EMHW	
10, 17; 11, 25	E. Middleboro; Ipswich	3, 8; 3, 2	K. Anderson; J. Berry	
<b>American Kestrel</b>				
1-29, 3-25	Wachusett Mt., Mt. Wataatic	73, 118	EMHW	
4-11, 5-26	Halifax, ONWR	6, 54	K. Anderson, EMHW	
9	Marlboro	5	R. Graefe	
<b>Merlin</b>				
1; 3, 10	Rockport; Topsfield	1; 1, 1	N. Wamer; J. Brown	
3, 17; 4-30	Newbury; P.I.	1, 1; 12 total	D. Chickering; v. o.	
4-30	Nantucket	8 total	v. o.	
6, 19; 7	Wachusett Mt.; Ipswich	1, 2; 1	EMHW; J. Brown	
7, 10	S. Dart. (Allens Pd), Millis	1, 1	LCES (D. Christiansen), R. Forster	
22, 24; 27	ONWR; GMNWR	4, 1; 1	EMHW; G. Gove	
Reports of 6 birds from 5 locations on 9/17/88.				
<b>Peregrine Falcon</b>				
1, 8-25	Rockport, P.I.	1, 4 reports	N. Wamer, v. o.	
15, 19; 18	Wachusett Mt.; Mt. Wataatic	1, 1; 1	EMHW	
15; 15, 29	E. Boston; N. Monomoy	1; 1, 1	J. Quigley; B. Nikula	
17, 22	S. Monomoy, ONWR	2, 1	H. Ferguson, EMHW	
27, 29	Cuttyhunk, N. Truro	2, 1	G. Martin, B. Nikula	
29, 30	Nantucket	1	E. Andrews#	
<b>Ruffed Grouse</b>				
10	Canton (F.M.)	1	G. d'Entremont	
<b>Wild Turkey</b>				
18	Middleboro	2 m + 7 f	K. Holmes#	
<b>Virginia Rail</b>				
3, 26	P.I., Eastham (F.H.)	2, 8	D. F. Oliver, P. Trull#	
<b>Sora</b>				
14, 23	GMNWR	3, 2	G. Gove#, T. Aversa	
<b>Common Moorhen</b>				
15, 25	W. Newton, GMNWR	1, 1	T. Kulinski, B. Parker	
<b>American Coot</b>				
23, 28	GMNWR	2, 6	T. Aversa	
<b>Sandhill Crane</b>				
2, 3	Ipswich, P.I.	1 ad	J. Berry, D. Chickering	

#### SHOREBIRDS THROUGH OWLS

There were reports of Lesser Golden-Plovers from many locations, including one report of up to 30 in the well-birded Halifax area. In a field off Scotland Road in Newbury up to 125 Semipalmated Plovers and 100 Killdeers were present. Single Marbled Godwits were noted at three locations. Ruddy Turnstone reports were notable by their absence. In Orleans, 50 Western Sandpipers were seen on September 12. As many as 3 Baird's Sandpipers were present on Nantucket, and one Purple Sandpiper was noted in North Scituate on September 3. The latter is an early date, but not unusual as reports of 1 to 10 of these birds occur in the September *Bird Observer* records for most of the last sixteen years. The Ruff (Reeve) report from Martha's Vineyard is one of only 8 reports and 5 occurrences in the last sixteen Septembers.

The September 18 BBC pelagic trip to Stellwagen Bank recorded one Pomarine and 25 Parasitic jaegers. Large numbers of immature Laughing Gulls were noted during the month. A *Franklin's Gull*, the second *Bird Observer* September field record, was seen by many observers at Suffolk Downs in East Boston.

Sabine's Gulls were seen on Stellwagen Bank. A Black Guillemot at Cohasset on September 30 is also noteworthy.

Black-billed and Yellow-billed cuckoos were banded at Nantucket. Barn Owls were noted at Squantum and in Bridgewater, the latter bird seen on an owl prowl during which Screech, Great Horned, Barred, and Saw-whet owls were also tallied.

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DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	SEPTEMBER 1988
<b>Black-bellied Plover</b>				
3-10	P.I.	205 max 9/8	W. Drew# + v. o.	
4, 15	N. Monomoy	800, 800	B. Nikula	
8, 14	Duxbury	435, 305	M. Kasprzyk	
17	Plymouth	505	B. Harrington	
<b>Lesser Golden-Plover</b>				
1, 8	Nantucket	8-10, 14	E. Andrews#, R. Stymeist#	
3, 5	Newbury	9, 11	D. F. Oliver, G. d'Entremont#	
3-6	Halifax	30 max 9/4	K. Anderson + v. o.	
3-25, 4-25	S. Monomoy, N. Monomoy	10 max, 5 max	B. Nikula	
8, 24	P.I.	2, 6	W. Drew#, BBC (G. Gove)	
28	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	7	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
<b>Semipalmated Plover</b>				
3; 3, 10	Newbury; P.I.	125; 40, 30	D. F. Oliver; M. Lynch#	
4-25	N. Monomoy	250 max 9/4	B. Nikula + v. o.	
8, 17	Duxbury, Plymouth	120, 46	M. Kasprzyk, B. Harrington	
<b>Piping Plover</b>				
5	Nantucket, Ipswich	2, 1	M. Litchfield#, J. Berry	
4-15	N. Monomoy	12 max 9/6	B. Parker + v. o.	
<b>Killdeer</b>				
3, 5	Newbury	50, 100	D. F. Oliver, G. d'Entremont#	
4-15	Halifax	26 max 9/15	K. Anderson	
17	Bridgewater	18	K. Anderson	
21	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	13	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
<b>American Oystercatcher</b>				
thr, 4	N. Monomoy, Nant.	30 max, 12	B. Nikula + v. o., R. Stymeist#	
14	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
11, 17	Cuttyhunk	5, 2	P. Trimble	
<b>Greater Yellowlegs</b>				
thr	E. Boston	107 max 9/24	J. Cumming	
7	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	32	LCES (D. Christiansen)	
8	Duxbury	75	M. Kasprzyk	
24, 30	Newburyport-P. I., WBWS	150, 55	BBC (G. Gove), T. Aversa	
<b>Lesser Yellowlegs</b>				
thr	E. Boston	17 max 9/5	J. Cumming	
8, 24	Newburyport-P.I.	44, 20	W. Drew#, BBC (G. Gove)	
25, 30	Eastham, WBWS	25, 3	G. d'Entremont#, T. Aversa	
<b>Solitary Sandpiper</b>				
5, 8	Nantucket	1, 2	M. Litchfield, R. Stymeist#	
25, 27	Stoneham, Provincetown	1, 3	T. Aversa, G. d'Entremont#	
<b>Willet</b>				
thr, 2	N. Monomoy, Nant.	11 max, 1	B. Nikula, E. Andrews#	
24, 25	Newburyport, Chatham	1, 10	BBC (G. Gove), E. Nielsen#	
<b>Spotted Sandpiper</b>				
1, 11	Stoneham, Cuttyhunk	2, 5	T. Aversa, P. Trimble	
24, 25	Newburyport, Provincetown	1, 2	J. Cumming, G. d'Entremont#	
<b>Upland Sandpiper</b>				
2	Nantucket	4	E. Andrews#	
<b>Whimbrel</b>				
1-8	Nantucket	6-8 max	E. Andrews# + v. o.	
3-24	Newburyport-P.I.	17 max 9/10	v. o.	
3, 9	Halifax	2, 1	W. Petersen#, K. Anderson	
8, 25	Duxbury, Eastham	4, 2	M. Kasprzyk, G. d'Entremont#	
<b>Hudsonian Godwit</b>				
thr	E. Boston	1-5	J. Cumming	
4-28	N. Monomoy	25 max 9/4	B. Nikula + v. o.	
4, 24	Newburyport-P.I.	8, 10	J. Berry, BBC (G. Gove)	
5, 8; 8	Nantucket; Barnstable (S.N.)	1, 3; 8	M. Litchfield + v.o.; R. Scott	
<b>Marbled Godwit</b>				
4, 25	N. Monomoy	1, 1	B. Nikula#	
19, 24	E. Boston, Newburyport	1, 1	E. Nielsen, BBC (G. Gove)	
<b>Ruddy Turnstone</b>				
5	Ipswich	13	J. Berry	

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Red Knot thr 3, 17 6-14	N. Monomoy P.I., Plymouth Duxbury	50 max 20, 20 27 max 9/14	B. Nikula# R. Forster, B. Harrington M. Kasprzyk	
Sanderling thr 6-14	N. Monomoy Duxbury	700 max 275 max 9/6	B. Nikula + v. o. M. Kasprzyk	
Semipalmated Sandpiper thr 1-24 4-20 8, 14	N. Monomoy Halifax E. Boston Duxbury, Chatham	80 max 75 max 9/3 150 max 9/5 169, 800	B. Nikula K. Anderson J. Cumming M. Kasprzyk, B. Nikula	
Western Sandpiper 3-5, 12 10, 24	E. Boston, Orleans P.I., Newburyport	1-8, 50 3, 1	J. Cumming, B. Nikula M. Lynch#, BBC (G. Gove)	
Least Sandpiper thr 3 3-24, 8	N. Monomoy, S. Monomoy Scituate, P.I. Halifax, Duxbury	15 max, 50 max 225, 30 1-3, 16	B. Nikula# W. Petersen, M. Lynch# K. Anderson, M. Kasprzyk	
White-rumped Sandpiper 3, 9 4, 24 8, 14	N. Monomoy, Nantucket P.I. Duxbury	18, 1 6, 4 8, 5	B. Nikula, C. Floyd J. Berry, BBC (G. Gove) M. Kasprzyk	
Baird's Sandpiper 1-13 3 6-14	Nantucket P. I., S. Monomoy Duxbury	3 max 1, 1 1-2	E. Andrews# + v. o. M. Lynch#, B. Nikula fide M. Kasprzyk	
Pectoral Sandpiper 3, 3-25 4-24, 18 24	Newburyport, S. Monomoy Halifax, Arlington Ipswich, P.I.	20, 40 max 1-3, 6 11, 9	R. Forster, B. Nikula + v. o. K. Anderson, L. Taylor J. Berry#, T. Aversa	
Purple Sandpiper 3	N. Scituate	2	W. Petersen#	
Dunlin 8, 14 10, 15; 21	Duxbury N. Monomoy; P.I.	1, 7 3, 20; 10	M. Kasprzyk B. Nikula; J. Berry	
Stilt Sandpiper 3-10, 3-16 7	P. I., S. Monomoy S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	3-5, 5 max 2	v.o., B. Nikula LCES (D. Christiansen)	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper 1-13 3, 10	Nantucket S. Monomoy, Chatham	2-4 2, 2	E. Andrews# + v. o. B. Nikula	
Ruff 7	Martha's Vineyard	1 f	V. Laux	
Short-billed Dowitcher thr 6-14	E. Boston, P. I. Duxbury	70 max 9/3, 63 max 9/3 16 max 9/8	J. Cumming, M. Lynch# + v. o. M. Kasprzyk	
Long-billed Dowitcher 3-25, 10	S. Monomoy, P.I.	1, 5	B. Nikula#, M. Lynch#	
Common Snipe 3, 9 18, 23	P. I., Halifax Arlington, Ipswich	2, 1 2, 3	M. Lynch#, K. Anderson L. Taylor#, J. Berry	
Wilson's Phalarope 3, 16 14	S. Monomoy S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1, 3 2	B. Nikula# LCES (D. Christiansen)	
Red-necked Phalarope 11, 18 16	Stellwagen Bank S. Monomoy	3, 8 1	MAS (S. Perkins), BBC (W. Drummond) B. Nikula	
Red Phalarope 1	Stellwagen Bank	8	K. Holmes	
Pomarine Jaeger 1, 18	Stellwagen Bank	1, 1	K. Holmes, BBC (W. Drummond)	
Parasitic Jaeger 1, 11 17, 18 25	Stellwagen Bank P. I., Stellwagen N. Monomoy	1, 7 1, 25 1	K. Holmes, MAS (S. Perkins) G. Gove, BBC (W. Drummond) P. Trimble	
Laughing Gull 3 4-24, 10 11, 18	Lynn, Nahant E. Boston, Stellwagen Cuttyhunk, Boston H.	40, 150 330 max 9/13, 1000 imm 150, 1000	R. Forster J. Cumming, J. Berry P. Trimble, BBC (W. Drummond)	

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<b>Franklin's Gull</b> 12-17	E. Boston	1 (2W)	J. Quigley, J. Dow + v. o.	
Little Gull 6	Winthrop	1 ad	J. Cumming	
Bonaparte's Gull 3, 24 3, 5	Newburyport Lynn, Winthrop	550, 320 1200, 280	G. Gove R. Forster, J. Cumming	
Ring-billed Gull 22, 24	Winthrop, E. Boston	400, 100	J. Cumming	
Lesser Black-backed Gull 10-25 14, 18 18, 21	N. Monomoy Nantucket Stellwagen, P.I.	3 max 9/25 1 ad, 1 1, 1 ad	B. Nikula + v. o. G. Soucy#, E. Andrews# BBC (W. Drummond), V. Fazio	
Black-legged Kittiwake 8, 9 17	Stellwagen, Nantucket E. Boston	1, 1 imm 1	J. Quigley, C. Floyd J. Cumming	
Sabine's Gull 4, 11 8, 18	Stellwagen Bank E. of Chatham, Stellwagen	1, 2 ad (ph) 1, 1 imm	fide B. Nikula, MAS (S. Perkins) P. Trull#, BBC (W. Drummond)	
Caspian Tern 21, 22 25-29, 26	P.I., Winthrop S. Dartmouth, P.I.	2, 1 2, 1	J. Murray, J. Cumming D. Christiansen#, R. Forster	
Roseate Tern 3, 5 17	Scituate, Nantucket N. Monomoy	25, 150 40	W. Petersen#, R. Stymeist# H. Wiggin#	
Common Tern 1, 11, 17 11, 18 24	Nantucket; Cuttyhunk Stellwagen Newburyport	80; 40, 60 3000, 575 20	E. Andrews#; P. Trimble MAS, BBC (W. Drummond) BBC (G. Gove)	
Forster's Tern thr 1-9 3, 24; 17	N. Monomoy Nantucket Newburyport; Cuttyhunk	17 max 17 max 9/9 4, 24; 4	B. Nikula + v. o. E. Andrews# + v. o. G. Gove; P. Trimble	
Least Tern 3 5, 25	Scituate, Marshfield Nantucket, S. Monomoy	2, 1 6, 1	W. Petersen# R. Stymeist#, B. Nikula	
Black Tern 3, 4-5 10, 17 25	S. Monomoy, Nantucket S. Monomoy, N. Monomoy Chatham	3, 2-4 15, 1 1	B. Nikula, R. Stymeist# H. Ferguson, H. Coolidge# E. Nielsen#	
Black Skimmer 8	Nantucket	1	J. VanVorst	
Black Guillemot 30	Cohasset	1	T. Raymond	
Mourning Dove 3, 8	Ipswich, Nantucket	200, 225	E. Taylor, R. Stymeist#	
Black-billed Cuckoo 6, 11	Waltham, Nantucket	1, 1 b	R. Forster#, E. Andrews	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo thr 10, 24	Nantucket Truro, Bolton	3 b 1, 1	E. Andrews H. Wiggin#, V. Fazio	
Reports of individuals from 8 locations from 9/1 to 9/17.				
Common Barn-Owl 18, 19-25	Bridgewater, Squantum	2, 1	K. Holmes, R. Donovan#	
Eastern Screech-Owl 5, 18 18, 30	MNWS, Middleboro-Bridgewater Ipswich, Randolph	1, 11 1, 1	J. Cumming, K. Holmes J. Berry, G. d'Entremont	
Great Horned Owl thr 14-25, 21 18	Ipswich E. Middleboro, E. Orleans Middleboro-Bridgewater	2 2, 1 5	J. Berry K. Anderson, A. Williams K. Holmes	
Barred Owl 18	Ipswich, Middleboro	3-4, 1	J. Berry#, K. Holmes	
Short-eared Owl 5, 8 10, 17; 25	Nantucket S. Monomoy; N. Monomoy	1, 1 b 2, 1; 2	A. Bennett, K. Combs# H. Ferguson; P. Trimble#	
Northern Saw-whet Owl 19	N. Middleboro	1	K. Holmes	



GOATSUCKERS THROUGH CREEPERS

Far fewer Common Nighthawks were observed migrating in September 1988 than in September 1987. The bulk of the nighthawk migration was over by September 10, and only a few individuals were noted after September 23. A Whip-poor-will was heard calling on Nantucket on September 8, unusual but not unheard of for September. At Wachusett Mountain, hawkwatchers tallied 19 hummingbirds. The only Red-headed Woodpecker was found on Nantucket, and two yellow x red-shafted flicker hybrids were noted.

It was a noteworthy migration for flycatchers. On Nantucket a total of 51 flycatchers of six species were banded. Seven Olive-sided Flycatchers were seen during the month, five more than last September. At least 3 Western Kingbirds were reported. The highlight of the month was the presence of a Gray Kingbird in the Squibnocket section of Martha's Vineyard on September 9. There are two established records of this species for the state, a bird collected in Lynn 119 years ago and another specimen collected in West Newbury 57 years ago.

Over 100,000 Tree Swallows were estimated at Plum Island early in the month, and other large flocks were reported from coastal locations. On the late date of September 23, an amazing collection of swallows at Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge included 8-10 Northern Rough-winged Swallows, a month beyond their usual departure date.

At Hummock Pond in the Cisco section of Nantucket, a Eurasian Jackdaw was found feeding on the mud flat of the pond along with about a dozen American Crows. The bird remained to the end of the month. Its origin is uncertain, but it is probably a different bird from one of the jackdaws seen on Nantucket from November 1982 to December 1986. R.H.S.

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	SEPTEMBER 1988
<b>Common Nighthawk</b>				
1-8, 29	Lawrence	227 total, 1	J. Hogan, V. Yurkunas	
1, 2	E. Cambridge, Watertown	93, 53	S. White, J. Heywood#	
2-10; 3, 9	Topsfield; Worcester	57 total; 1500+, 80	J. Brown; M. Lynch#	
4, 5	Marlboro, Newton	20, 42	B. Parker, M. + G. Murphy	
5, 6	Nantucket, N. Middleboro	1 injured, 1	fide E. Andrews, K. Holmes	
7, 10	Ipswich, Millis	5, 9	J. Brown, R. Forster	
11, 13	Nantucket, Mashpee	5, 2	E. Andrews, P. Trimble	
13, 14	Lexington, Boston (Fenway)	1, 10	C. Floyd, F. Bouchard	
17, 23	Newbypt, Natick	1, 1	D. F. Oliver, E. Taylor	
23, 24; 27	Nantucket; Boston (Fenway)	1, 5; 5	R. Stymeist#, F. Bouchard	
Whip-poor-will				
8	Nantucket (Wauwinet)	1 calling	R. Stymeist, L. Taylor, E. Andrews	
<b>Chimney Swift</b>				
13, 18	Lexington, Ipswich	50, 40+	C. Floyd, J. Berry	
23	Lowell, E. Middleboro	40+, 4	V. Yurkunas, K. Anderson	
25, 26	Wachusett Mt., Sandwich	10, 1	J. Cumming, P. Trimble	
<b>Ruby-throated Hummingbird</b>				
1, 2; 11	N. Middleboro; E. Middleboro	1, 1; 1+	K. Holmes; K. Anderson	
7, 8, 9, 10, 12	Wachusett Mt.	3, 4, 1, 3, 8	EMHW	
11, 17	Nahant, MNWS	1, 1	J. Cumming, R. Forster	
<b>Belted Kingfisher</b>				
thr	Essex County	7 or 8	J. Berry	
25	Chatham, Nantucket	4, 10	G. d'Entremont, SSBC (M. Litchfield)	
<b>Red-headed Woodpecker</b>				
7	Nantucket	1 imm	R. Stymeist	
<b>Red-bellied Woodpecker</b>				
23	ONWR	1	V. Fazio	
<b>Yellow-bellied Sapsucker</b>				
10, 21, 25	P.I.	2, 1, 1	H. Wiggin#, J. Berry, D. Brown#	
27, 30	Quabbin (G40), P'town	1, 2	V. Fazio, T. Aversa	
<b>Northern Flicker</b>				
8	Nantucket	1 b (yellow x red-shafted)	E. Andrews	
11, 17	Halifax, MNWS	10, 20	K. Anderson, R. Forster	
25	Chatham, outer Cape Cod	20, 10	G. d'Entremont#	
19, 25-28	Chatham	1 (yellow x red-shafted)	T. Vose#	
<b>Olive-sided Flycatcher</b>				
4, 4-5	P.I., MNWS	1, 1	J. Cumming, J. Brown + v. o.	
6, 14	Stoncham, Holbrook	1, 1	T. Aversa, M. Kasprzyk	
17, 24	Cuttyhunk, P.I.	2, 1	P. Trimble, BBC (G. Gove)	
<b>Eastern Wood-Pewee</b>				
6-22, 22, 25	Nant., Topsfield, Chatham	7 b, 1, 3	E. Andrews, J. Brown, G. d'Entremont#	
<b>Yellow-bellied Flycatcher</b>				
3, 7-27	MNWS, Nantucket	1, 16 b	R. Forster, E. Andrews	
10, 16, 16-21	Topsfield, Chatham, Manomet	1, 1, 6 b	J. Brown, H. Wiggin#, MBO	



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"Traill's" Flycatcher 1-16, 11-18	Manomet, Nantucket	6 b, 15 b	MBO, E. Andrews	
Least Flycatcher 1-16, 1-19, 4	Manomet, Nant., Bolton Flats	5 b, 10 b, 1	MBO, E. Andrews, M. Lynch#	
<i>Empidonax</i> species 3, 17; 17	MNWS; Nahant	5, 4; 2	R. Forster	
Eastern Phoebe 3, 7	P.I., Millis	7, 5	M. Lynch#, R. Forster	
15, 30; 16	SRV; ONWR	4, 2; 16	R. Forster; R. Stymeist#	
16, 22	Nantucket	1 b, 1 b	E. Andrews	
18, 25	Belmont (2 locations)	3, 6	L. Taylor, BBC (R. Clayton)	
Great Crested Flycatcher 7, 12	Nantucket, Chatham	1 b, 1	E. Andrews, B. Parker	
25	Gloucester, Nantucket	1, 1	N. Wamer, R. Stymeist#	
Western Kingbird 5, 10	P.I.	1, 1	R. Campbell#, M. Lynch#	
9, 24	Danvers, Nantucket	1, 1	J. Brown, R. Stymeist#	
Eastern Kingbird 3, 10; 11, 16	P.I.; Cuttyhunk, Mashpee	23, 13; 5, 1	M. Lynch#; P. Trimble	
Gray Kingbird 9	M. V. (Squibnocket)	1	W. Manter, V. Laux	
Horned Lark 30	Eastham, Nantucket	6, 3	T. Aversa, BBC (D. Davis)	
Purple Martin 3, 10	Ipswich, P.I.	70, 1	R. Forster, M. Lynch#	
10, 24	S. Monomoy, Halifax	1, 1	J. Cumming, K. Anderson	
Tree Swallow 3, 4, 5	P.I.	20000+, 100000+, 3000	H. Wiggin#, J. Berry, G. d'Entremont#	
5	Ipswich, Rowley	5000, 2000	G. d'Entremont#	
11, 17	Elizabeth Islands	3000+, 7000+	P. Trimble	
14	Nant., S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	500+, 1500+	E. Andrews#, LCES (D. Christiansen)	
16, 25	S. Monomoy	2500, 15000	B. Nikula#	
N. Rough-winged Swallow 3, 24	Essex, Halifax	1, 2	R. Forster, K. Anderson	
23	GMNWR	8-10	S. Perkins#	
Bank Swallow 3, 5	P.I., Ipswich	50, 25	E. Taylor, G. d'Entremont#	
8, 23	Nantucket, GMNWR	1, 1	R. Stymeist, S. Perkins#	
Cliff Swallow 5; 11, 24	Newbypt; P.I.	1; 2, 2	D. Brown; D. Chickering, G. Gove#	
11, 16; 23	Cuttyhunk, Mashpee; GMNWR	1, 1; 1	P. Trimble; S. Perkins#	
Barn Swallow 11, 17	Cuttyhunk	15, 6	P. Trimble	
17, 24	N. Monomoy, Halifax	25, 1	H. Wiggin#, K. Anderson	
Blue Jay 24, 25	Milton, Chatham-P'town	75, 170	G. d'Entremont#	
Eurasian Jackdaw 10-30	Nantucket (Hummock Pd)	1	R. Stymeist# + v. o.	
Fish Crow 3, 5	Middleboro, Millis	5+, 1	W. Petersen#, K. Forster	
Common Raven thr	Wachusett Mt.	9 max 9/7	EMHW	
24, 26	Mt. Watatic, ONWR	3, 1	L. Taylor#, EMHW	
Black-capped Chickadee 23, 27	ONWR, Quabbin (G40)	78, 103	V. Fazio	
Red-breasted Nuthatch 5, 11	Quabbin (G40), Brookline	4, 1	M. Lynch#, B. Rielly#	
14-27, 17	Nantucket, MNWS	7 b, 1	E. Andrews, R. Forster	
White-breasted Nuthatch 27	Quabbin (G40)	24	V. Fazio	
Brown Creeper 8-30, 27	Nantucket, Quabbin (G40)	14 b, 15	E. Andrews, V. Fazio	

#### WRENS THROUGH WAXWINGS

On the late date of September 11, a Carolina Wren with 3 young was found nesting in a window box in Rockport. The young fledged on September 16. Four Winter Wrens were banded on Nantucket, and at least 5 others were seen for a total of 7 more than last September. A Northern Wheatear was reported at South Wellfleet on September 12, and 50 Eastern Bluebirds were counted at Wachusett Meadow in Princeton on

September 25. As many as 21 Gray-cheeked Thrushes were reported this September, compared with just one report last September. Fresh northwest winds and clear weather made September 22 a good night for migration. About 20 Swainson's Thrushes were heard calling over Watertown. This was also the night that the Northern Wheatear disappeared from Peterborough, New Hampshire, where it had been for the previous six days. The first reports of Water Pipits on the move came at midmonth from Wachusett Meadow. R.H.S.

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Carolina Wren				
thr	Ipswich, E. Middleboro	1, 1	J. Berry, K. Anderson	
9, 10	Nantucket, Marshfield	1 b, 2	E. Andrews, G. d'Entremont#	
11, 16	Rockport	pr w/ 3 yg, 3 yg fledged	J. Taylor	
28, 30	Falmouth, Eastham	3, 2	P. Trimble, T. Aversa	
House Wren				
1, 17-29	Stoneham, Nantucket	3, 3 b	T. Aversa, E. Andrews	
27	Quabbin (G40)	6	V. Fazio#	
Winter Wren				
17, 22-29	MNWS, Nantucket	1, 4 b	R. Forster, E. Andrews	
24, 25	Milton, P'town	1, 1	G. d'Entremont#	
27, 29	Quabbin (G40), Manomet	1, 1 b	V. Fazio#, MBO	
Marsh Wren				
22	GMNWR	6	V. Fazio	
Golden-crowned Kinglet				
17	MNWS, Chatham	1, 20	R. Forster, B. Nikula	
23, 27	ONWR, Quabbin (G40)	10, 30	V. Fazio#	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				
17, 23	Chatham, ONWR	20+, 31	B. Nikula, V. Fazio	
23-30, 25	Nantucket, P'town	6 b, 2	E. Andrews, L. Taylor#	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				
3, 4	Scituate, Bolton Flats	1, 1	W. Petersen#, M. Lynch#	
10, 11	P.I., Arlington	1, 1	J. Berry, K. Hartel#	
Northern Wheatear				
12	S. Wellfleet	1	fide R. Prescott	
Eastern Bluebird				
thr	E. Middleboro, WBWS	1-6, 4 max	K. Anderson, v. o.	
17, 25	Wachusett Mt., WMWS	5, 50	EMHW, I. Giriunas#	
Veery				
6-26, 7-25	Manomet, Nantucket	20 b, 16 b	MBO, E. Andrews	
Gray-cheeked Thrush				
10, 14	Chatham, Nantucket	1, 1 b	H. Coolidge#, E. Andrews	
16-29	Manomet	13 b	MBO	
17, 25, 25	MNWS, Ipswich, Chatham	4, 1, 1	R. Forster, J. Berry, D. Brown#	
Swainson's Thrush				
6-29	Manomet	32 b	MBO	
11, 12-30	Cuttyhunk, Nantucket	1, 11 b	P. Trimble, E. Andrews	
13-14, 17	Cambridge, MNWS	1, 11	F. Bouchard, R. Forster	
17, 22	Nahant, Watertown	15, 20	R. Forster, G. d'Entremont#	
24, 25	Milton, Chatham	2, 2	G. d'Entremont#	
Wood Thrush				
22, 23	Nantucket	1 b, 1 b	E. Andrews	
Gray Catbird				
thr, 2-30	P.I., Nantucket	27 max 9/10, 20 b	v. o., E. Andrews	
4, 5	Bolton Flats	27, 4	M. Lynch#	
11, 28	Cuttyhunk, Falmouth	20, 40	P. Trimble	
25, 30	Cape Ann, Eastham	20+, 40	N. Wamer, T. Aversa	
Northern Mockingbird				
24	Bolton Flats	10	V. Fazio	
Brown Thrasher				
12, 29	P.I., Nantucket	12, 1 b	M. Lynch#, E. Andrews	
Water Pipit				
15, 21	Wachusett Mt.	1, 1	EMHW	
17, 24, 26	P.I.	14, 16, 4	E. Nielsen, G. Gove#, R. Forster	
23, 27	WMWS, Quabbin (G40)	2, 4	T. Aversa, V. Fazio#	
Cedar Waxwing				
6, 17	Nantucket, Westminster	45, 60	R. Stymeist, V. Fazio	
23, 25	ONWR, Annisquam	90, 4	V. Fazio, H. Wiggin	

VIREOS THROUGH WARBLERS

Yellow-throated Vireos were singing early in the month at Bolton Flats, and a total of 10 birds was reported, 2 more than last September. Philadelphia Vireos were noted in about the same numbers as last year.

A total of 32 species of warblers was reported during the month, one less than last September (no Black-throated Gray this year). Uncommon warblers included a Golden-winged and a "Brewster's" in the same tree in Topsfield and an Orange-crowned, a Yellow-throated, and a Prothonotary on Nantucket. Impressive numbers of warblers were banded at the Mothball Pines on Nantucket this September. R.H.S.

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	SEPTEMBER 1988
White-eyed Vireo				
18	N. Middleboro	2	K. Holmes	
Solitary Vireo				
11, 17	Cuttyhunk, Westminster	1, 1	P. Trimble, V. Fazio	
25	Nantucket, Gloucester	2, 1	F. Bouchard, N. Wamer	
27, 29	Marlboro, Nantucket	1, 1 b	B. Parker, E. Andrews	
Yellow-throated Vireo				
1, 4	Stoneham, Yarmouthport	1, 1	T. Aversa, R. Scott	
4	Bolton Flats	2 singing	M. Lynch#	
8, 11	Manomet, ONWR	1, 1	MBO, BBC (D. F. Oliver)	
12, 23-26	Chatham, Nantucket	1, 3	B. Parker, v. o.	
Warbling Vireo				
3	Scituate, P.I.	1, 1	W. Petersen#, R. Forster	
6, 18	Chatham, Middleboro	1, 1	B. Parker, K. Holmes	
Philadelphia Vireo				
2, 12	Manomet	1 b, 1 b	MBO	
3	W. Newbury, Scituate	1, 2	R. Forster, W. Petersen	
4, 6	Chatham, MNWS	1, 6	P. Trimble, R. Forster	
11, 12, 16	Nantucket	1 b, 1 b, 1 b	E. Andrews	
11, 17	ONWR, P.I.	1, 1	BBC (D. F. Oliver), BBC (B. Drew)	
17	MNWS, Nahant	2, 2	R. Forster	
18, 23	Middleboro, ONWR	1, 1	K. Holmes, V. Fazio	
Red-eyed Vireo				
2-29	Nantucket	48 b	E. Andrews	
3, 5	Newbypt area, Quabbin (G40)	9, 8	R. Forster, M. Lynch#	
6	Chatham, MNWS	4, 20	B. Parker, R. Forster	
12, 19; 17	Manomet; MNWS	5 b, 9 b; 37	MBO; R. Forster	
Blue-winged Warbler				
1	Nantucket, Stoneham	1 b, 3	E. Andrews, T. Aversa	
5, 10	MNWS, Topsfield	3, 1	J. Cumming, J. Brown	
11, 26	Cuttyhunk, P.I.	1, 1	P. Trimble, R. Forster	
Golden-winged Warbler				
2	Topsfield	1	J. Brown	
"Brewster's" Warbler				
2	Topsfield	1	J. Brown	
Tennessee Warbler				
3, 17	MNWS	2, 1	R. Forster	
11-29, 19	Nantucket, Manomet	9 b, 1 b	E. Andrews, MBO	
25, 26	Ipswich, P.I.	1, 1	J. Berry, R. Forster	
Orange-crowned Warbler				
15	Topsfield	1	J. Brown	
Nashville Warbler				
3, 6-22	MNWS, Nantucket	4, 10 b	R. Forster, E. Andrews	
Northern Parula				
12-29, 17	Nantucket, MNWS	8 b, 2	E. Andrews, R. Forster	
17	Nahant, Westminster	1, 3	R. Forster, V. Fazio	
22, 24	Wellesley, Nantucket	1, 1	R. Forster, R. Stymeist#	
Yellow Warbler				
10, 11-12	P.I., Nantucket	7, 3 b	M. Lynch#, E. Andrews	
17, 18	Cuttyhunk, Belmont	2, 1	P. Trimble, L. Taylor#	
Chestnut-sided Warbler				
1; 3, 17	Stoneham; MNWS	4; 5, 1	T. Aversa; R. Forster	
6-22	Nantucket	6 b	E. Andrews	
Magnolia Warbler				
1-25; 3, 17	Nantucket; MNWS	27 b; 3, 3	E. Andrews; R. Forster	
23	Wellesley	1	R. Forster	
Cape May Warbler				
1, 8	Brookline, Stoneham	2, 2	H. Wiggin, T. Aversa	
11, 11-30	E. Orleans, Nantucket	1, 61 b	A. Williams, E. Andrews	
17	Cuttyhunk, MNWS	2, 3	P. Trimble, R. Forster	

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Black-throated Blue Warbler				
2-29	Nantucket	17 b	E. Andrews	
3, 17; 7-	MNWS; Stoneham	4, 7; 3	R. Forster; T. Aversa	
Yellow-rumped Warbler				
11-30, 23	Nantucket, ONWR	35 b, 120	E. Andrews, V. Fazio	
26, 27	P.I., Quabbin (G40)	80, 144	R. Forster, V. Fazio	
28, 29	Mashpee, Stoneham	30, 18	P. Trimble, T. Aversa	
Black-throated Green Warbler				
1-17, 23	Nantucket, ONWR	12 b, 45	E. Andrews, V. Fazio	
Blackburnian Warbler				
1-22, 6	Nantucket, MNWS	12 b, 1	E. Andrews, M. Martinek	
23, 30	ONWR, P'town	1, 1	V. Fazio, T. Aversa	
Yellow-throated Warbler				
14	Nantucket	1	G. Soucy#	
Pine Warbler				
thr	E. Middleboro	1 or 2 singing	K. Anderson	
2-30, 10	Nantucket, P.I.	9 b, 3	E. Andrews, M. Lynch#	
25	Wellfleet, P'town	16-20, 9	J. Gordon#, L. Taylor#	
27, 30	Quabbin (G40), WBWS	11, 8	V. Fazio, T. Aversa	
Prairie Warbler				
1-29, 3	Nantucket, MNWS	7 b, 3	E. Andrews, R. Forster	
10, 17	S. Monomoy, E. Middleboro	1, 1	J. Cumming, K. Anderson	
Palm Warbler				
11-30	Nantucket	49 b	E. Andrews	
15, 17	E. Boston, Halifax	3, 1	J. Cumming, K. Anderson	
18, 25	Middleboro, P'town	4, 6	K. Holmes, L. Taylor#	
Bay-breasted Warbler				
3, 5	MNWS, Quabbin (G40)	3, 1	R. Forster, M. Lynch#	
11-29, 11	Nantucket, E. Orleans	54 b, 4	E. Andrews, A. Williams	
Blackpoll Warbler				
3, 10	Nahant, P.I.	2, 8	R. Forster, M. Lynch#	
11-30	Nantucket	31 b	E. Andrews	
16, 27	ONWR, Quabbin (G40)	29, 54	R. Stymeist#, V. Fazio#	
Black-and-white Warbler				
1-17; 3, 17	Nantucket; MNWS	30 b; 5, 6	E. Andrews; R. Forster	
6, 18	Stoneham, Topsfield	6, 4	T. Aversa, J. Berry	
American Redstart				
thr	Nantucket	81 b	E. Andrews	
3, 17; 17	MNWS; Nahant	8, 25; 2	R. Forster	
8, 10	Stoneham, P.I.	15, 10	T. Aversa, M. Lynch#	
Prothonotary Warbler				
10, 11	WBWS, Nantucket	1 b, 1	fide D. Reynolds, A. Bennett#	
Worm-eating Warbler				
3	P.I., Chatham	1, 1	G. Gove#, J. Aylward#	
3, 7	Marshfield, Nantucket	1, 1 b	W. Petersen, E. Andrews	
10	WBWS	1 b	fide D. Reynolds	
Ovenbird				
3, 17	MNWS	3, 3	R. Forster	
5, 7-17	Quabbin (G40), Nantucket	2, 11 b	M. Lynch#, E. Andrews	
22, 29	Stoneham	1, 1	T. Aversa	
Northern Waterthrush				
3, 17; 3	MNWS; P.I.	2, 3; 1	R. Forster; D. F. Oliver	
6, 6-29	Stoneham, Nantucket	1, 25 b	T. Aversa, E. Andrews	
17, 22	Nahant, Wellesley	1, 1	R. Forster	
Connecticut Warbler				
6; 7, 11	Nantucket	1; 1 b, 1 b	C. Floyd#; E. Andrews	
5, 10	Quabbin (G40), Topsfield	1, 1	M. Lynch#, J. Brown	
10, 11	Northbridge, Gardner	1 b, 1	S. Wheelock, K. Hartel	
17, 18	MNWS, P.I.	1, 1	D. Coskren, W. Drummond	
27, 30	Cuttyhunk, P'town	1, 1	G. Martin, T. Aversa	
Mourning Warbler				
1-20; 6, 12, 14	Manomet; Nantucket	5 b; 1 b, 5 b, 1 b	MBO; E. Andrews	
11, 18	Northbridge, Belmont	1 b, 1	S. Wheelock, K. Hartel	
18, 26	Middleboro, P.I.	1, 1	K. Holmes, R. Forster	
Common Yellowthroat				
thr; 4, 10	Nant.; Bolton Flats, P.I.	76 b; 18, 14	E. Andrews; M. Lynch#	
Wilson's Warbler				
1, 3	Stoneham, MNWS	2, 1	T. Aversa, R. Forster	
3-17, 17	Nantucket, MNWS	16 b, 4	E. Andrews, R. Forster	

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	SEPTEMBER 1988
Canada Warbler 6-16, 18	Nantucket, MNWS	6 b, 1	E. Andrews, D. F. Oliver	
Yellow-breasted Chat 1-22, 2-24 3, 17	Manomet, Nantucket Chatham, Ipswich	10 b, 7 b 1, 1	MBO, E. Andrews J. Aylward#, J. Berry	

#### TANAGERS THROUGH FINCHES

A Summer Tanager was found on Morris Island in Chatham. Scarlet Tanagers were singing on September 17 in Quincy. Only one Blue Grosbeak was noted, compared with 14 last September. A Clay-colored Sparrow was found on Plum Island September 17, and a Lark Sparrow was present at Plum Island September 3 and 4. A grackle, either a Boat-tailed or a Great-tailed, was carefully studied from the Stage Harbor tower on Plum Island September 24. It was seen in direct comparison with a Rusty Blackbird, and all details were noted except eye color and vocalization. At least two different Yellow-headed Blackbirds were found on Nantucket during the month. R.H.S.

Summer Tanager 6, 12, 14	Chatham	1	fide B. Parker	
Scarlet Tanager 3, 17; 5 11, 24 25	MNWS; Quabbin (G40) Nantucket Westminster, Chatham	1, 3; 5 2 b, 1 b 3, 1	R. Forster; M. Lynch# E. Andrews V. Fazio, G. d'Entremont#	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak 7, 11, 22 17, 19	Nantucket MNWS, Brookline	1 b, 3 b, 1 b 16, 2	E. Andrews R. Forster, H. Wiggin	
Blue Grosbeak 16	Truro (Highland Farm)	1	H. Coolidge#	
Indigo Bunting 25, 30	Truro, Nantucket	11, 2 b	G. Gove#, E. Andrews	
Dickcissel 11, 13 25, 29	Cuttyhunk, Nantucket Orleans, Truro	1, 1 1, 2	P. Trimble, I. Giriunas v. o., B. Nikula#	
Rufous-sided Towhee 10, 30	P.I., P'town	4, 7	M. Lynch#, T. Aversa	
Chipping Sparrow 24	Milton (Blue Hills)	12	G. d'Entremont	
Clay-colored Sparrow 17	P.I.	1	B. Parker, D. F. Oliver, + v. o.	
Field Sparrow 6	N. Middleboro	15	K. Holmes	
Vesper Sparrow 11, 25	Cuttyhunk, Wellfleet	1, 2	P. Trimble, J. Gordon#	
Lark Sparrow 3-4	P.I.	1 imm	D. Abbott + v. o.	
Savannah Sparrow 4; 4, 5 22, 23-24	N. Monomoy; Bolton Flats GMNWR, Ipswich	18; 8, 9 9, 50+	BBC (W. Drummond); M. Lynch# V. Fazio, J. Berry	
Grasshopper Sparrow 14, 26	S. Dart. (Allens Pd), Ipswich	2, 1	LCES (D. Christiansen), R. Forster	
Sharp-tailed Sparrow 3, 4 7 16, 24	Scituate, N. Monomoy S. Dart. (Allens Pd) Mashpee, P.I.	28, 22 8 2, 6	W. Petersen#, BBC (W. Drummond) LCES (D. Christiansen) P. Trimble, BBC (G. Gove)	
Seaside Sparrow 24	P.I.	1	BBC (G. Gove)	
Song Sparrow thr 3, 10; 4 27, 30	Nantucket (Mothball Pines) P.I.; Bolton Flats Quabbin (G40), Sudbury	29 b 19, 17; 41 46, 30	E. Andrews M. Lynch# V. Fazio#, R. Forster	
Lincoln's Sparrow 12-29, 17 19, 25 27, 30	Nantucket, Belmont Manomet, Truro Quabbin (G40), Sudbury	6 b, 1 2 b, 1 2, 5	E. Andrews, L. Taylor M. Bostof, E. Nielsen V. Fazio#, R. Forster	
Swamp Sparrow 4, 30	Bolton Flats, Sudbury	10, 12	M. Lynch#, R. Forster	
White-throated Sparrow 14 17, 23 27, 30	Nantucket, MNWS Nahant, ONWR Quabbin (G40), Sudbury	1 b, 1 10, 70 19, 10	E. Andrews, J. Cumming R. Forster, V. Fazio V. Fazio#, R. Forster	

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White-crowned Sparrow				
17, 25	Chatham, Truro	1, 2	H. Wiggin#, L. Taylor#	
29	Manomet, Nantucket	2 b, 1 b	MBO, E. Andrews	
30	Sudbury, P'town	2, 6	R. Forster, T. Aversa	
Dark-eyed Junco				
11, 17	Nantucket, MNWS	1, 1	R. Stymeist, R. Forster	
Bobolink				
4, 5	Bolton Flats	10+, 73	M. Lynch#	
24	Ipswich, Nantucket	1, 10	J. Berry, R. Stymeist#	
Red-winged Blackbird				
10, 28	GMNWR	60, 140	E. Taylor, T. Aversa	
Yellow-headed Blackbird				
8-12, 25-27	Nantucket	1 imm, 1	N. Claflin + v. o., C. Andrews + v. o.	
Eastern Meadowlark				
27	Otis AFB	10	P. Trimble	
Rusty Blackbird				
24, 25	P.I., P'town	4, 12	G. Gove#, G. d'Entremont#	
27, 28; 30	Nantucket; P'town	2, 1; 20	A. Bennett#; T. Aversa	
grackle species, <i>mexicanus/major</i>				
24	P.I.	1 f	S. + R. Donovan	
Common Grackle				
7, 12	Wellfleet, Brewster	2500, 3500	J. Heywood, P. Trimble	
10, 23, 30	Natick	2000, 475, 225	E. Taylor	
Brown-headed Cowbird				
17, 18	Ipswich	130, 325	J. Berry	
Northern Oriole				
17	MNWS	32	R. Forster	
Purple Finch				
1, 27	Millis, Quabbin (G40)	5, 6	R. Forster, V. Fazio#	

#### CORRIGENDUM TO MAY 1988 FIELD RECORDS (VOL. 16, NO. 5)

Little Blue Heron (page 272)				
1, 28	Beverly, Ipswich	3, 1	BBC (J. Brown), M. Lynch#	
should read				
28	Ipswich	1	M. Lynch#	

#### CORRIGENDUM TO JUNE 1988 FIELD RECORDS (VOL. 16, NO. 5)

Red-headed Woodpecker (page 290)				
19	Topsfield	1	J. Brown	
should read				
Red-bellied Woodpecker				
19	Topsfield	1	J. Brown	

#### CORRIGENDA TO JULY 1988 FIELD RECORDS (VOL. 16, NO. 6)

Scarlet Tanager (page 341)				
3	Fall River-Freetown	44	SSBC (K. Anderson)	
should read				
3	Fall River-Freetown	10	SSBC (K. Anderson)	
Rufous-sided Towhee (page 341)				
3	Fall River-Freetown	44	SSBC (K. Anderson)	
should read				
3	Fall River-Freetown	81	SSBC (K. Anderson)	

#### ADDENDA TO JULY 1988 FIELD RECORDS (VOL. 16, NO. 6)

Turkey Vulture				
3	Fall River-Freetown State Forest	2	SSBC (K. Anderson)	
Red-shouldered Hawk				
3	Fall River-Freetown State Forest	1	SSBC (K. Anderson)	

#### ADDENDA TO AUGUST 1988 FIELD RECORDS (VOL. 16, NO. 6)

Great Egret				
27	P.I.	99	B. Cassie#	
Snowy Egret				
27	P.I.	1501-1505	B. Cassie#	
Little Blue Heron				
27	P.I.	9	B. Cassie#	
Eastern Kingbird				
23, 27	Norfolk	160, 127	B. Cassie#	

## BIRD OBSERVER FIELD RECORDS

*Bird Observer* monthly field records represent observations from the ten counties of eastern Massachusetts (Essex, Middlesex, Worcester, Suffolk, Norfolk, Plymouth, Bristol, Barnstable, Duke, and Nantucket). Although space does not permit the inclusion of all sightings submitted, the compilers attempt to present sufficient data to document early and late dates for migratory species, maximum counts for migrants, and high or low numbers for the more common species and to note species outside of their normal ranges.

Please send eastern Massachusetts field records of any given month, no later than the 8th of the subsequent month, to Robert H. Stymeist, 98 Boylston Street, Watertown, MA 02172. The basic information that should be submitted is species name, date and place of observation, an accurate count or careful estimate, sex (if determinable), immature or adult plumage, vocalizations (if any), and observers. Species should be arranged in the current A.O.U. (American Ornithologists' Union) checklist order. Reports of species that can be difficult to identify should include details of the diagnostic characteristics observed or heard that led to the identification.

All field records received by *Bird Observer* are archived at the Massachusetts Audubon Society.

### 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)	P.I.	Plum Island
m	male	Pd	Pond
max	maximum	P'town	Provincetown
mi	mile	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.	Beach	IRWS	Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary
B.I.	Belle Isle, E. Boston	LCES	Lloyd Center for Environmental Studies
B.R.	Bass Rocks, Gloucester	MAS	Massachusetts Audubon Society
Buzz.	Buzzards Bay	MBO	Manomet Bird Observatory
C.	cape as in Cape Cod	MNWS	Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary
Cambr.	Cambridge	NEHW	New England Hawk Watch
Corp. B.	Corporation Beach, Dennis	ONWR	Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge
C.P.	Crooked Pond, Boxford	PRNWR	Parker River National Wildlife Refuge
E.P.	Eastern Point, Gloucester	SRV	Sudbury River Valley
F.E.	First Encounter Beach, Eastham	SSBC	South Shore Bird Club
F.H.	Fort Hill, Eastham	WBWS	Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
F.M.	Fowl Meadow	WMWS	Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary