



FIELD RECORDS

JUNE 1989

by Glenn d'Entremont and Robert H. Stymeist

June 1989 was marked by excessive cloudiness and frequent rain and fog. The temperature averaged 67.8 degrees. The high on June 27 of 93 degrees was the first 90 degree reading of the year, seventeen days later than average. Rain totaled 2.84 inches, only 0.08 inch less than normal. Rain was frequent: of the first eighteen days of the month, only four had no rain. Most suburban areas had more rain than the official Boston total with over four inches common. On June 2 several communities were hit by severe local storms with flooding and damaging winds. There were reports of funnel clouds, though no tornadoes were confirmed. Fog was frequent with occurrences on eleven days in a row, June 13-23. Heavy fog was noted on four days, double the average for June.

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LOONS THROUGH CAPRIMULGIFORMES

The first June Red-throated Loons since 1986 were noted from two locations, and an unusually high June total of 55 Common Loons was tallied. It was not a good month for pelagic birding with only 3 Sooty and 2 Manx shearwaters reported. A Leach's Storm-Petrel was picked up dead in Truro, and 3 others were reported off Provincetown.

A nest count of herons on Sampson's Island in Osterville was made on June 1 with the following nest totals: one Great Egret, 129 Snowy Egret, and 119 Black-crowned Night-Heron nests. The appearance of 4 adult Yellow-crowned Night-Herons on Plum Island on June 26 was interesting. Are they nesting? Only a single Cattle Egret was reported during the month. A report of three Glossy Ibises in Sherborn was unusual for an inland location.

Noteworthy waterfowl reports included lingering Brants, especially two very late individuals on June 24 in Duxbury Harbor, a single American Wigeon on Monomoy, Greater Scaups at Plum Island, a female Common Merganser at Wachusett Reservoir, and a male Ruddy Duck in Arlington. On Penikese Island, 27 young Common Eiders were tallied in June.

Ospreys continued to do well in the state with 55 pairs on Martha's Vineyard and at least 72 occupied nests on the East and West branches of the Westport River recorded this year. Last year an Osprey platform was set up at the Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary in Marshfield, and this year a pair took up residence, establishing the northernmost breeding pair in Massachusetts. A high count of 24 Turkey Vultures was noted in the Blue Hills, and seven were seen around a quarry in Rockport. Three immature Bald Eagles were present throughout the month on Outer Cape Cod. A pair of Cooper's Hawks was found nesting in Middleboro, and in Boston a pair of Peregrine Falcons fledged 3 young.

A King Rail was seen and heard off and on at Belle Isle in East Boston, and a Sandhill Crane first noted in late May was seen again on June 7 in the marshes of Newbury.

Piping Plovers staged a success in Essex County with 14 pairs seen with up to 43 young at Crane Beach in Ipswich. On Plum Island 9 adults and 4 young were noted on June 21. Oystercatchers nested on Monomoy, Cuttyhunk Island, Nantucket, Penikese Island, Duxbury Beach, and, for the first time, on an island in Hingham Bay. Good numbers of Willets were recorded; the total of 20 reported at Plum Island on June 26 was well above the average of six seen there in recent years. Other shorebird highlights included a Willet of the western race on North Monomoy, a Marbled Godwit at Plum Island, and two Red-necked Phalaropes on South Monomoy.

Little Gulls were noted at Newburyport Harbor through June 11, and a single Black-legged Kittiwake was reported off Eastham early in the month. Unusual tern reports included one Caspian, 2 Royal, and 2 Forster's terns. A high count of 8 Black Terns was noted at Plymouth Beach. An Arctic Tern was observed over Walden Pond in Concord on June 8. Over 200 pairs of Least Terns were counted on Crane Beach in Ipswich, and 699 pairs were tallied on Nantucket.

A Whip-poor-will survey in the Myles Standish State Forest produced 49 birds on June 1; a longer survey route on June 22 yielded 55 calling Whip-poor-wills.

G.d'E and R.H.S.

| DATE | LOCATION | NUMBER | OBSERVERS | JUNE 1989 |
|---|---|--|--|-----------|
| Red-throated Loon 6-10, 9 | Chatham, Plymouth B. | 1, 1 br pl | P. Trull + v. o., S. Hecker | |
| Common Loon 3 10, 12 24, 25 25 | S. Monomoy, Plymouth B. Lakeville, Wachusett Reservoir W. Falmouth, Duxbury B. Cape Cod Bay | 9, 3 1, 1 25+, 3 13 | B. Nikula#, BBC (G. d'Entremont) W. Petersen, M. Lynch# B. Nikula#, W. Petersen P. Trimble | |
| Sooty Shearwater 3 18 | Plymouth B., Wellfleet off Truro | 1, 1 1 | BBC (G. d'Entremont), S. Moore J. Young | |
| Manx Shearwater 30 | Cape Cod Bay | 2 | P. Trimble | |
| Wilson's Storm-Petrel 11, 18 28, 30 | Hingham Bay, Nantucket Sound Stellwagen Bank, Cape Cod Bay | 5, 65-70 100s, 150+ | J. Hatch, F. Bouchard H. Weissberg, P. Trimble | |
| Leach's Storm-Petrel 8, 17 | Truro, SE of P'town | 1 dead, 3 | fide R. Prescott, J. Young | |
| Northern Gannet 3 | Wellfleet | 3 | S. Moore | |
| Great Cormorant 10, 25 | Lakeville, Plymouth | 4 imm, 1 imm | W. Petersen | |
| Double-crested Cormorant thr 2, 10 12, 17 24 | P.I., S. Dartmouth Annisquam, N. Monomoy Wachusett Reservoir, Plymouth South Beach Island | 61 max, 21 max 38, 200 B. 36, 17 109 | W. Drew#, LCES (J. Hill) H. Wiggin, BBC (W. Drummond) M. Lynch# M. Lynch# | |
| American Bittern 2, 10 | Bolton Flats, Milford | 3, 1 | M. Lynch#, G. Gove# | |
| Least Bittern 2, 25 | Bolton Flats, P.I. | 1, 1 | M. Lynch# | |
| Great Blue Heron thr 2, 3 9-30 11, 17 17, 18 25 | P.I. Bolton Flats, S. Hanson S. Dart. (Allens Pd) DWWS, Winchendon Westboro, Sudbury Ipswich | 4 4, 4 5 max 6, 11 20, 8 with yg 2 or 3 | v. o. M. Lynch#, W. Petersen LCES (J. Hill) W. Petersen#, BBC (R. Stymeist) E. Taylor, BBC (B. Howell) J. Berry | |
| Great Egret thr 1 16, 24 | S. Dart. (Allens Pd) Osterville (Sampson's I.) E. Orleans, P.I. | 9 max 1 pair with yg 1, 10 | LCES (J. Hill) W. Petersen# A. Williams, E. Taylor | |
| Snowy Egret thr 1 | P.I., S. Dart. (Allens Pd) Osterville (Sampson's I.) | 66 max, 16 max 129 pr (nest count) | v. o., LCES (J. Hill) W. Petersen# | |
| Little Blue Heron 11 23-30 25 | Winthrop (Snake I.) S. Dart. (Allens Pd) Manchester, Essex | 2 1 2, 4 | J. Hatch LCES (J. Hill) M. Lynch# | |
| Tricolored Heron 19, 25 | P.I., Essex | 1, 1 | BBC (W. Drummond), M. Lynch# | |
| Cattle Egret 24 | Ipswich | 1 | J. Berry | |
| Green-backed Heron thr, 2-23 4 | P.I., S. Dart. (Allens Pd) Chatham-Wellfleet | 8 max, 2 max 10 | v. o., LCES (J. Hill) BBC (S. Moore) | |
| Black-crowned Night-Heron 1 19 19-23 23-26 | Osterville (Sampson's I.) P.I. Cambr.-Watertown (Charles R.) S. Dart. (Allens Pd) | 119 pair (nest count) 7 37 total 1 | W. Petersen# A. Delorey# R. Stymeist LCES (J. Hill) | |
| Yellow-crowned Night-Heron 26 | P.I. | 4 ad | BBC (W. Drummond) | |
| Glossy Ibis 3, 8 19, 24, 25 | Ipswich, Sherborn E. Boston, P.I., Essex | 6, 3 5, 10, 8 | J. Berry, E. Taylor T. Aversa, E. Taylor, M. Lynch# | |
| Mute Swan thr 3, 7 | P.I., S. Dart. (Allens Pd) Ipswich (Clark's Pd), Groveland | 5 max 6/30, 95 max 6/14 pr w/3 yg, 6 | v. o., LCES (J. Hill) J. Berry, T. Aversa | |
| Brant 4, 11 24 | Chatham, Winthrop Duxbury H. | 16, 5 2 | BBC (S. Moore), J. Hatch B. Nikula# | |

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Canada Goose 24 | Penikese I. | 78 | R. Stymeist# | |
| Wood Duck 2, 19 | Bolton Flats, P.I. | 5, 1 m eclipse | M. Lynch#, A. Delorey# | |
| 23 | Watertown (Charles R.) | 2 f + 1 yg | R. Stymeist | |
| 25 | Stoneham | 1 ad + 6 yg | T. Aversa | |
| Green-winged Teal 3, 7 | S. Monomoy, P.I. | 5, 2 | B. Nikula, W. Petersen# | |
| 9, 23 | S. Dart. (Allens Pd) | 2, 5 | LCES (J. Hill) | |
| American Black Duck thr | S. Dart. (Allens Pd) | 15 max 6/26 | LCES (J. Hill) | |
| 3 | S. Monomoy | 120 | B. Nikula | |
| Northern Pintail 3 | S. Monomoy | 10 | B. Nikula | |
| Blue-winged Teal 3-13 | P.I. | 6 max 6/3 | M. Lynch# + v. o. | |
| 3, 18 | S. Monomoy, Sudbury | 10, 1 | B. Nikula, BBC (B. Howell) | |
| 2, 23 | S. Dart. (Allens Pd) | 1, 3 | LCES (J. Hill) | |
| Northern Shoveler 3, 20 | S. Monomoy, Harwich | 2, 1 | B. Nikula# | |
| Gadwall thr, 2 | P.I., S. Dart. (Allens Pd) | 40, 1 | v. o., LCES (J. Hill) | |
| 3 | S. Monomoy | 20 | B. Nikula | |
| American Wigeon 3 | S. Monomoy | 1 | B. Nikula | |
| Greater Scaup 19, 30 | P.I. | 1 m, 2 | A. Delorey#, W. Drew# | |
| Common Eider 7, 16 | Cuttihunk, E. Orleans | 1 w/10 yg, 11 m | B. Blodget, A. Williams | |
| 24 | Duxbury Bay, S. Beach I. | 60+, 17 | B. Nikula#, M. Lynch# | |
| 24 | Penikese I. | 22 ad + 27 yg | R. Stymeist# | |
| Black Scoter 3, 4 | Plymouth, Eastham | 12, 2 | BBC (G. d'Entremont), BBC (S. Moore) | |
| 14 | S. Dart. (Allens Pd) | 1 | LCES (J. Hill) | |
| Surf Scoter 4, 17 | Eastham, Plymouth B. | 16, 2 | BBC (S. Moore), M. Lynch# | |
| White-winged Scoter 3, 4 | Plymouth, Eastham | 80, 60 | BBC (G. d'Entremont), BBC (S. Moore) | |
| Hooded Merganser 2, 17 | Bolton Flats, High Ridge | 1 f, 2 (1 yg) | M. Lynch#, BBC (R. Stymeist) | |
| Common Merganser 12 | Wachusett Reservoir | 1 f | M. Lynch# | |
| Red-breasted Merganser 24 | South Beach Island | 83 | M. Lynch# | |
| 30 | Duxbury Beach | 11 | D. Clapp | |
| Ruddy Duck 25 (from May) | Arlington Reservoir | 1 m | L. Taylor# | |
| Turkey Vulture thr | Blue Hills area | 24 max 6/15 | T. Cameron + v. o. | |
| 3 | Plymouth, Westport | 6, 5 | BBC (G. d'Entremont), R. Stymeist | |
| 3, 4, 4 | Tyngsboro, Ipswich, N. Middleboro | 6, 1, 2 | BBC (R. Gerrish), J. Berry, K. Holmes | |
| 7, 17 | Newbury, Winchendon | 1, 6 | T. Aversa, BBC (R. Stymeist) | |
| 18, 25 | Framingham, Rockport | 1, 7 | E. Taylor, D. Johnson | |
| 30 | Lynnfield | 2 | J. Berry | |
| Osprey thr | Westport | 72 occupied nests | MDFW (B. Blodget) | |
| thr | M. V., Nantucket | 55 pairs, 2 pairs | fide S. Perkins | |
| thr | S. Dart. (Allens Pd), DWWS | 10 max 6/2, 1 pair | LCES (J. Hill), D. Ludlow + v. o. | |
| 3, 4 | S. Hanson, Eastham | 1, 1 | W. Petersen, BBC (S. Moore) | |
| 7, 24, 27 | P.I. | 1, 1, 1 | W. Petersen#, E. Taylor, T. Aversa | |
| 10, 11 | Lakeville, Acton | 1 active nest, 1 | W. Petersen, R. Forster | |
| 24 | Morris Island | 2 | M. Lynch# | |
| Bald Eagle thr | Outer Cape Cod | 3 imm | v. o. | |
| Northern Harrier thr | P.I. | 2 max | v. o. | |
| 14, 15 | S. Dartmouth, Plymouth | 1, 1 | LCES (J. Hill), J. Carter | |
| 24, 26 | S. Beach I., S. Monomoy | 2 (1 m), 2 (1 m) | M. Lynch#, B. Nikula# | |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk 17 | High Ridge | 1 | BBC (R. Stymeist) | |
| Cooper's Hawk thr | Middleboro | pr nesting | W. Petersen# | |

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| Northern Goshawk 3, 22 | Tyngsboro, Acton | 1, 1 | BBC (R. Gerrish), R. Walton | |
| Red-shouldered Hawk 6 | S. Wellfleet | 1 | W. Petersen | |
| Broad-winged Hawk 1 2 17 24 | Falmouth (Crane Wildlife Mgmt Area) ONWR High Ridge, Winchendon Bourne | 1 2 3, 3 1 | P. Trimble M. Lynch# BBC (R. Stymeist) M. Lynch# | |
| American Kestrel thr 1, 4 17 | P.I., N. Middleboro Falmouth, Westboro High Ridge | 2 max, 2 + 3 yg 2, 1 2 | v. o., K. Holmes P. Trimble, M. Lynch# BBC (R. Stymeist) | |
| Peregrine Falcon thr 19 | Boston P.I. | 2 ad + 3 yg 1 | T. French + v. o. BBC (W. Drummond) | |
| Ruffed Grouse 5, 21-29 | Stoneham, Marlboro | 1 f w/yg, 1 f w/yg | T. Aversa, R. Graefe | |
| Northern Bobwhite thr 1, 3 12, 19 23, 28 | Belmont (Rock Meadow) Falmouth, Plymouth (M. Standish) Sherborn, Annisquam N. Middleboro, DWWS | 1+ calling 2, 4 1, 1 3+, 3 | J. Heywood P. Trimble, BBC (G. d'Entremont) E. Taylor, H. Wiggin K. Holmes, T. Aversa | |
| King Rail thr | E. Boston (Belle Isle) | 1 | v. o. | |
| Virginia Rail 2, 5 15 18 | Bolton Flats, Milford Lynnfield, P.I. Newbypt (Common Pasture), Sudbury | 10, 2 1, 1 1, 2 | M. Lynch#, T. Aversa J. Berry, BBC (W. Drummond) J. Berry, BBC (B. Howell) | |
| Sora 2, 3 5 | Bolton Flats, S. Monomoy Milford | 1, 2 1 | M. Lynch#, B. Nikula T. Aversa | |
| Sandhill Crane 7 | Newbury | 1 | W. Drew | |
| Black-bellied Plover thr, 3 21, 25 | N. Monomoy, Plymouth B. P.I., Duxbury B. | 150 max, 175 6, 20 | v. o., BBC (G. d'Entremont) W. Drew#, W. Petersen# | |
| Semipalmated Plover 1-21 | P.I. | 22 max 6/1 | W. Drew# + v. o. | |
| Piping Plover thr thr thr thr 6, 7 8, 13 24 | Ipswich (Crane B.) P.I. S. Dart, (Allens Pd) Nantucket Sandwich, Cuttyhunk Scituate (Third Cliff), Plymouth B. S. Beach Island | 14 pr w/ 4-43 yg 9 ad + 4 yg 6/21 4 max 6/2 13 pair 4 pair, 6 pair 2 pair, 2 pair 8 | D. Rimmer# PRNWR staff LCES (J. Hill) M. Litchfield S. Hecker, B. Blodget S. Hecker M. Lynch# | |
| Killdeer thr, 7 17 19, 25 | S. Dart, (Allens Pd), P.I. Plymouth B., Winchendon E. Boston, Hanscom AFB | 8 max 6/23, 10 8, 9 7, 30 | LCES (J. Hill), W. Drew# M. Lynch#, BBC (R. Stymeist) T. Aversa, J. Carter# | |
| American Oystercatcher thr thr 7 24 25 | N. Monomoy Hingham Bay Cuttyhunk, Penikese I. S. Beach Island Duxbury B. | 25 1 pair 2 pair, 1 pair 23 pair nesting | B. Nikula J. Hatch B. Blodget M. Lynch# W. Petersen# | |
| Greater Yellowlegs thr; 2, 9 3, 19 29 | P.I.; S. Dart, (Allens Pd) Middleboro, E. Boston Eastham | 5 max 6/24; 4, 2 3, 2 6 | E. Taylor + v. o.; LCES (J. Hill) W. Petersen, T. Aversa R. Prescott | |
| Lesser Yellowlegs 26, 27 29 | S. Monomoy, P.I. Eastham | 1, 2 2 | B. Nikula, T. Aversa R. Prescott | |
| Willet thr thr thr 24, 25 | P.I. S. Dart, (Allens Pd) N. Monomoy Westport, Duxbury B. | 20 max 6/26 9 max 70 max 10, 2 | BBC (W. Drummond) + v. o. LCES (J. Hill) B. Nikula# J. Young, W. Petersen# | |
| Willet (western race) 27 | N. Monomoy | 1 | B. Nikula | |

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| Spotted Sandpiper thr 11 | S. Dart. (Allens Pd) Ipswich-Newbury | 6 max 6/23 4 | LCES (J. Hill) J. Berry | |
| Upland Sandpiper 2, 3 7, 25 | Newbury, Middleboro Newbypt, Hanscom AFB | 2, 1 m displaying 2 or 3, 6 | E. Taylor, W. Petersen S. Perkins, J. Carter# | |
| Hudsonian Godwit 29 | P.I., Ipswich (Crane B.) | 1, 1 | E. Pyburn, D. Rimmer | |
| Marbled Godwit 29 | P.I. | 1 | E. Pyburn | |
| Ruddy Turnstone 3 5, 12 | Plymouth B. N. Monomoy | 55 100, 35 | BBC (G. d'Entremont) B. Nikula | |
| Red Knot 3 5, 27; 27 | Plymouth B. N. Monomoy; P.I. | 4 40, 35; 1 | BBC (G. d'Entremont) B. Nikula; T. Aversa | |
| Sanderling 3, 4 10 | Plymouth B., Chatham N. Monomoy | 50, 15 10 | BBC (G. d'Entremont), BBC (S. Moore) BBC (W. Drummond) | |
| Semipalmed Sandpiper 1, 7; 3 7, 12 5, 27 | P.I.; Plymouth B. Newbypt, Marion (Bird I.) N. Monomoy | 210, 12; 150 25, 22 350, 20 | W. Drew#; BBC (G. d'Entremont) W. Petersen#, S. Hecker B. Nikula | |
| Least Sandpiper 26, 27 27 | S. Monomoy, N. Monomoy P.I. | 15, 50 10 | B. Nikula T. Aversa | |
| White-rumped Sandpiper 1, 19 12, 27; 13 | P.I. N. Monomoy; Plymouth B. | 8, 3 20, 3; 3 | W. Drew#, BBC (W. Drummond) B. Nikula; S. Hecker | |
| Dunlin 1; 12, 27 13, 25 | P.I.; N. Monomoy Plymouth B., Duxbury B. | 8; 3, 1 1 br pl, 1 alternate pl | W. Drew#; B. Nikula S. Hecker, W. Petersen# | |
| Short-billed Dowitcher 12, 27; 29 30 | N. Monomoy; Eastham Duxbury B., P.I. | 4, 60; 15 3, 12 | B. Nikula; R. Prescott D. Clapp, W. Drew# | |
| American Woodcock 18 24, 25 | Newbypt (Common Pasture), Sudbury Ipswich, Canton (F.M.) | 3, 1 1, 2 | J. Berry#, BBC (B. Howell) J. Berry, BBC (D. + D. Oliver) | |
| Wilson's Phalarope 1-7 | P.I. | 6 max 6/3 | M. Lynch# + v. o. | |
| Red-necked Phalarope 26-30 | S. Monomoy | 2 | B. Nikula | |
| Parasitic Jaeger 24 | S. Beach Island | 2 (dark) | M. Lynch# | |
| Laughing Gull 4, 10 19, 24 28 | Chatham, N. Monomoy E. Boston, S. Beach I. Plymouth | 300, 200 8 imm, 100+ 1 imm | BBC (S. Moore), BBC (W. Drummond) T. Aversa, M. Lynch# T. Aversa | |
| Little Gull 7, 11 | Newburyport | 2 or 3 (1st yr), 2 (1S) | S. Perkins#, M. Lynch# | |
| Bonaparte's Gull thr, 5 11, 19 | Ipswich (Crane B.), Lynn (Breeds Pd) P.I., E. Boston | 36, 2 20+, 7 | D. Rimmer, J. Quigley M. Lynch#, T. Aversa | |
| Ring-billed Gull 12, 14 19 | Ipswich (Crane B.), Lynn (Flax Pd) P.I. | 50+, 60 100 | BBC (J. Berry), J. Quigley BBC (W. Drummond) | |
| Herring Gull 7 | Penikese I. | 200 pr | B. Blodget | |
| Black-legged Kittiwake 4 | Eastham | 1 | BBC (S. Moore) | |
| Caspian Tern 19 | P.I. | 1 | BBC (W. Drummond) | |
| Royal Tern 12, 17 | Marion (Bird I.), Plymouth B. | 1, 1 | S. Hecker, M. Lynch# | |
| Roseate Tern 10, 14 17, 24 | N. Monomoy, Ipswich (Crane B.) Plymouth B., S. Beach I. | 6, 2 6, 6+ | BBC (W. Drummond), D. Rimmer M. Lynch# | |
| Common Tern thr thr 3, 7 7, 10 | S. Dart. (Allens Pd) Ipswich (Crane B.) Plymouth B., Cuttyhunk P.I., N. Monomoy | 20 max 6/23 1 pair nesting 250, 25 pair 5, 300 | LCES (J. Hill) D. Rimmer BBC (G. d'Entremont), B. Blodget W. Drew#, BBC (W. Drummond) | |

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| Common Tern (continued) | | | | |
| 19 | Newbury Marsh | 150+ pr nesting | D. Rimmer | |
| 19 | Woodbridge I. | 200+ pr nesting | D. Rimmer | |
| 24 | S. Beach I. | 100+ | M. Lynch# | |
| Arctic Tern | | | | |
| 3, 7 | Plymouth B., Concord (Walden Pd) | 6, 1 | BBC (G. d'Entremont), B. Sorrie | |
| 22, 27; 24 | N. Monomoy; S. Beach I. | 6 imm; 2 | B. Nikula; M. Lynch# | |
| Forster's Tern | | | | |
| 5, 22 | N. Monomoy | 1 (2nd yr), 1(1st yr) | B. Nikula | |
| Least Tern | | | | |
| thr | P.I. | 10 max 6/19 | BBC (W. Drummond) + v. o. | |
| thr | S. Dart. (Allens Pd) | 12 max | LCES (J. Hill) | |
| thr | Ipswich (Crane B.) | 200+ pr nesting | D. Rimmer | |
| thr | Nantucket | 699 pr | M. Litchfield | |
| 10, 17 | N. Monomoy, Plymouth B. | 10, 60+ | BBC (W. Drummond), M. Lynch# | |
| 24 | S. Beach I. | 52 | M. Lynch# | |
| Black Tern | | | | |
| 10, 12 | Plymouth B., Marion (Bird I.) | 8, 1 | S. Hecker, S. Hecker | |
| 18, 22 | Nantucket Sound, N. Monomoy | 1, 1 | F. Bouchard, B. Nikula | |
| Black Skimmer | | | | |
| 11 | Falmouth (Sippiwisset) | 1 | A. Strauss | |
| 24 | S. Beach I., New Island | 1, 2 | M. Lynch# | |
| Black-billed Cuckoo | | | | |
| 2, 5 | Bolton Flats, Annisquam | 2, 1 | M. Lynch#, H. Wiggin | |
| 24-25 | Ipswich | pair | J. Berry | |
| 25, 27 | Canton (F.M.), Wellfleet | 1, 2 | BBC (D. + D. Oliver), B. Nikula | |
| Yellow-billed Cuckoo | | | | |
| 3; 1, 7 | Westport; Cambridge (F.P.) | 1; 1, 1 | R. Stymeist; J. Barton | |
| Great Horned Owl | | | | |
| 11, 22; 18 | Plymouth (M. Standish); Newbypt | 1, 1; 1 | G. d'Entremont; J. Berry# | |
| 26, 29 | N. Middleboro | 2 young | K. Holmes | |
| Common Nighthawk | | | | |
| 1-22 | Salem | 4 max | I. Lynch | |
| Whip-poor-will | | | | |
| 1, 8, 22, 29 | Plymouth (M. Standish) | 49, 43, 55, 21 | G. d'Entremont# | |
| 5 | Newbury (Hay Street) | 1 | BBC (B. Howell) | |

SWIFTS THROUGH FINCHES

The Red-headed Woodpecker, first found in late May, continued throughout June in a red maple swamp in Holbrook. The bird called incessantly from behind a factory parking lot bordering on the swamp, providing easy viewing for many birders.

Late migrant flycatchers included 3 Olive-sided and one Yellow-bellied on Plum Island on June 1. An Acadian Flycatcher was found at Lost Pond in Brookline on June 3; the bird was probably a late migrant. No follow-up check was made.

Purple Martin numbers at Plum Island looked more encouraging this month; the number of Bank Swallows reported from Crane Beach was also higher than in May. Golden-crowned Kinglets, a very rare breeder in Essex County, were seen feeding young in Ipswich.

Eastern Bluebirds were reported breeding in at least nine communities. At the High Ridge Wildlife Management Area in Worcester County, 53 bluebirds, including both adults and young, were seen on June 17. The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife reported a 1989 season total of 17 pairs of bluebirds fledging 123 young in the state bluebird trail boxes at High Ridge.

Twenty-one species of warblers were noted in June. Interesting reports included a Bay-breasted Warbler in Chatham on June 30. Was this an extremely late spring migrant or a very early fall migrant? The "Lawrence's Warblers" found in Boxford and Abington in May continued to be reported through early June. A Hooded Warbler was noted in Boxford on June 7.

At least 5 Grasshopper Sparrows were found in the Crane Wildlife Management Area in Falmouth, and two were noted at Hanscom Field in Bedford. During an early morning breeding bird census at Hanscom on June 25, 60 Savannah Sparrows and 17 Eastern Meadowlarks were tallied. A misplaced Dark-eyed Junco was singing constantly at Mount Auburn Cemetery on the late date of June 2. Orchard Orioles were noted from eight locations. At Fresh Pond a pair of European Goldfinches was noted feeding with American Goldfinches on June 23.

R.H.S.

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| Chimney Swift | | | |
| 10 | Milford | 250 | G. Gove# |
| Red-headed Woodpecker | Holbrook | 1 m | v. o. |

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|--|--|--|---|-----------|
| Pileated Woodpecker 3, 7 10, 11, 17 | Boxford, Boxford (Barker Rd) Weston, Dedham, Lincoln | 1, 1 1, 1, 1 | J. Berry, W. Petersen R. Stymeist, J. Young, R. Forster | |
| Olive-sided Flycatcher 1 | P.I. | 3 | W. Drew# | |
| Yellow-bellied Flycatcher 1 | P.I. | 1 | W. Drew# | |
| Acadian Flycatcher 3 | Brookline (Lost Pd) | 1 | BBC (R. Stymeist) | |
| Alder Flycatcher 1, 2 3, 7 17, 18 25 | Marshfield, Bolton Flats Abington, Cambridge (F.P.) Winchendon, Newbypt Scituate | 1, 2 1, 1 1, 1 m 1 | W. Petersen, M. Lynch# W. Petersen, J. Barton BBC (R. Stymeist), J. Berry# W. Petersen# | |
| Willow Flycatcher thr 2, 4 21-23 | P.I. Bolton Flats, Westboro Cambr.-Watertown (Charles R.) | 3 max 6/1 22, 4 6 total | W. Drew# + v. o. M. Lynch# R. Stymeist | |
| Least Flycatcher 2, 6 17 | Bolton Flats, ONWR High Ridge, Winchendon | 2, 6 10, 15 | M. Lynch#, T. Aversa BBC (R. Stymeist) | |
| Empidonax species 3 | S. Monomoy | 3 | B. Nikula | |
| Eastern Kingbird thr 19-23 | P.I. Cambr.-Watertown (Charles R.) | 20 max 6/11 22 total | J. Heywood# + v. o. R. Stymeist | |
| Horned Lark 2 10, 19 11 17, 24 | S. Dart. (Allens Pd) N. Monomoy, P.I. Plymouth B. High Ridge, S. Beach I. | 1 2, 1 10 3, 18 | LCES (J. Hill) BBC (W. Drummond) M. Lynch# R. Stymeist, M. Lynch# | |
| Purple Martin thr, 4 6 12 | P.I., Rowley ONWR Halifax, Marshfield | 100 max, 2 1 f 56, 50 | v. o., G. d'Entremont# T. Aversa C. Gurney | |
| N. Rough-winged Swallow 4, 10 17, 18 24 | Rowley, Ipswich (downtown) Winchendon, Sudbury Morris Island | 1, 4 2, 1 2 | G. d'Entremont#, J. Berry BBC (R. Stymeist), BBC (B. Howell) M. Lynch# | |
| Bank Swallow thr 2, 3 3, 6 17, 25 | Ipswich (Crane B.) Bolton Flats, Brookline Tyngsboro, High Ridge Plymouth B., Barre | 100+ max 8, 2 16, 3 3, 151 pr | D. Rimmer M. Lynch#, BBC (R. Stymeist) BBC (R. Gerrish), BBC (R. Stymeist) M. Lynch#, G. Gove# | |
| Cliff Swallow 3 11 19, 20-30 | Plymouth B. Newbury (Rt. 1A Parker R. Bridge) P.I., Ipswich (Crane B.) | 1 6 or 7 1, 3 pr nesting | BBC (G. d'Entremont) J. Berry BBC (W. Drummond), D. Rimmer | |
| Fish Crow 3, 25 10 | Plymouth (M. Standish) Hanson | 1, 1 2 | BBC (G. d'Entremont), W. Petersen W. Petersen | |
| Common Raven thr | Oakham | pr nesting | R. Jenkins | |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch 2, 3 14, 17 21 | ONWR, Boxford Sharon (Moose Hill), Winchendon Wellesley | 1, 1 1, 3 1 | M. Lynch#, J. Berry W. Petersen, BBC (R. Stymeist) R. Forster | |
| Carolina Wren thr, 17 16, 21 18 | Ipswich, Acton E. Orleans Westport | 1 m, 1 1 6 | J. Berry, R. Forster A. Williams G. d'Entremont | |
| House Wren 14 17 | Belmont High Ridge, Winchendon | 14 m 20, 10 | N. Hall BBC (R. Stymeist) | |
| Winter Wren thr 3, 13 | Manchester Boxford, Sharon (Moose Hill) | 1 m (from May) 1 m + nest w/6 eggs, 1 | H. Weissberg J. Berry, W. Petersen | |
| Marsh Wren thr 4, 18 | P.I. E. Boston (Belle Isle), Sudbury | 12 max 2, 7 | v. o. M. Lynch#, BBC (B. Howell) | |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet thr | Ipswich (La Salette) | pr feeding yg | J. Berry | |

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| Eastern Bluebird | | | | |
| thr | High Ridge (state bluebird trail) | 17 pr fledged | 123 yg MDFW (B. Blodget) | |
| thr | Boston (Franklin Park), Sherborn | pr, 4 pr | T. Aversa, E. Taylor | |
| thr, 3 | Norfolk, Tyngsboro | pr, 4 | B. Riddick, BBC (R. Gerrish) | |
| 3, 7 | Plymouth, Groveland | 2, 1 | BBC (G. d'Entremont), T. Aversa | |
| 12, 17 | Halifax, High Ridge | 2 pr + 4 yg, 53 | C. Gurney, BBC (R. Stymeist) | |
| 20, 25 | Carlisle, Plymouth (M. Standish) | pr, 1 | L. Taylor, W. Petersen# | |
| Veery | | | | |
| 2 | Bolton Flats | 4 | M. Lynch# | |
| 17 | High Ridge, Winchendon | 9, 6 | BBC (R. Stymeist) | |
| Hermit Thrush | | | | |
| thr | Plymouth (M. Standish) | 5 max 6/3 | G. d'Entremont# | |
| 1, 17 | Falmouth, Stow | 8, 1 | P. Trimble, L. Taylor# | |
| 17 | High Ridge, Winchendon | 1, 8 | BBC (R. Stymeist) | |
| 24 | Groton, Dunstable | 1, 1 | L. Taylor# | |
| Gray Catbird | | | | |
| thr, 1-12 | P.I., Cambridge (F.P.) | 17 max 6/26, 11 max | v. o., J. Barton | |
| 19-23 | Cambr.-Watertown (Charles R.) | 43 total | R. Stymeist | |
| 25 | Canton (F.M.) | 26 | BBC (D. + D. Oliver) | |
| Brown Thrasher | | | | |
| 7 | P.I. | 20 | S. Perkins | |
| Cedar Waxwing | | | | |
| 1-12 | Cambridge (F.P.) | 24 max | J. Barton | |
| 2; 10, 12 | Bolton Flats; Ipswich | 32; 6, 12 | M. Lynch#; J. Berry | |
| 17 | High Ridge, Winchendon | 35, 15 | BBC (R. Stymeist) | |
| White-eyed Vireo | | | | |
| 10, 18 | W. Barnstable, Westport | 1, 2 | R. Pease#, G. d'Entremont | |
| 25 | Scituate | 1 | W. Petersen | |
| Yellow-throated Vireo | | | | |
| 2, 5 | Bolton Flats, Mt. A. | 2, 2 | M. Lynch#, R. Stymeist | |
| 18-25 | Wayland | 1 | R. Forster | |
| Warbling Vireo | | | | |
| 1-12 | Cambridge (F.P.) | 7 max | J. Barton | |
| 2, 2, 4 | Bolton Flats, ONWR, Westboro | 5, 3, 3 | M. Lynch# | |
| 18 | Wayland | 8 | BBC (B. Howell) | |
| 19-23 | Cambr.-Watertown (Charles R.) | 20 total | R. Stymeist | |
| 25 | Canton (F.M.) | 2 | BBC (D. + D. Oliver) | |
| Blue-winged Warbler | | | | |
| thr; 2, 4 | Essex County; ONWR, Westboro | 7 m; 2, 3 | J. Berry; M. Lynch# | |
| 7, 25 | Boxford, Canton (F.M.) | 5, 2 | T. Aversa, BBC (D. + D. Oliver) | |
| Golden-winged Warbler | | | | |
| 1-7 | Boxford, Groveland | 1, 1 or 2 | v. o. | |
| "Lawrence's Warbler" | | | | |
| 1-3, 1-7 | Abington, Boxford | 1 m, 1 m | v. o. | |
| Nashville Warbler | | | | |
| 17, 24 | Hamilton, High Ridge | 2, 1 | J. Berry, BBC (R. Stymeist) | |
| Northern Parula | | | | |
| 10 | Osterville | 2 | B. Nikula# | |
| Yellow Warbler | | | | |
| thr, 1-12 | P.I., Cambridge (F.P.) | 33 max, 20 max | R. Stymeist + v. o., J. Barton | |
| 2, 4 | Bolton Flats, Westboro | 16, 21 | M. Lynch# | |
| 11 | Ipswich to Newbury | 12 | J. Berry | |
| 12, 18 | Ipswich (Crane B.), Wayland | 4, 6 | BBC (J. Berry), BBC (B. Howell) | |
| 17 | High Ridge, Winchendon | 12, 6 | BBC (R. Stymeist) | |
| 19-23 | Cambr.-Watertown (Charles R.) | 43 total | R. Stymeist | |
| Chestnut-sided Warbler | | | | |
| 2, 4 | Bolton Flats, Westboro | 3, 2 | M. Lynch# | |
| 3, 10; 7 | Ipswich; Boxford | 1 m, 2 m; 5 m | J. Berry; T. Aversa | |
| 17 | High Ridge, Winchendon | 10, 6 | BBC (R. Stymeist) | |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler | | | | |
| 10 | Lakeville | 1 m | W. Petersen | |
| 17 | Mashpee, Winchendon | 1, 10 | B. Nikula, BBC (R. Stymeist) | |
| 25 | Plymouth (M. Standish) | 3 m | W. Petersen | |
| Black-throated Green Warbler | | | | |
| 3, 4 | Boxford, Hamilton | 1 m, 2 m | J. Berry | |
| 17, 24 | Winchendon, Littleton | 6, 1 | BBC (R. Stymeist), K. Griffis# | |
| Blackburnian Warbler | | | | |
| 3, 17 | Boxford, Winchendon | 1 m, 2 | J. Berry, BBC (R. Stymeist) | |
| Pine Warbler | | | | |
| thr | Framingham, Essex County | 1, 7 m | R. Forster, J. Berry | |
| 1-12 | Cambridge (F.P.) | 1 | J. Barton | |

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| Pine Warbler (continued) | | | | |
| 1 | Falmouth (Crane Wildlife Mgmt. Area) | 12 | P. Trimble | |
| 3 | Brookline, Plymouth | 2, 8 | BBC (R. Stymeist), BBC (G. d'Entremont) | |
| 15, 17 | Wayland, Acton | 1, 1 | R. Forster | |
| 17; 17, 24 | Winchendon; Stow, Dunstable | 10; 5, 7 | BBC (R. Stymeist); L. Taylor# | |
| Prairie Warbler | | | | |
| 1, 3 | Falmouth, Plymouth | 4, 7 | P. Trimble, BBC (G. d'Entremont) | |
| 7, 14 | Groveland, Woburn | 3 m, 1 m | T. Aversa, J. Berry | |
| 17, 18 | Winchendon, Newbypt | 5, 4 | BBC (R. Stymeist), J. Berry | |
| 17, 25 | Milton (Coon Hollow), Milton (ski slope) | 3, 4 | G. d'Entremont, E. Taylor | |
| Bay-breasted Warbler | | | | |
| 30 | Chatham (Morris I.) | 1 | W. Bailey | |
| Blackpoll Warbler | | | | |
| 1, 2 | N. Middleboro, Annisquam | 1, 1 | K. Holmes, H. Wiggin | |
| 7, 18 | P.I., P'town | 1, 1 | W. Petersen#, J. Young | |
| Cerulean Warbler | | | | |
| thr | Quabbin (G40) | 2 m | v. o. | |
| Black-and-white Warbler | | | | |
| thr, 2, 7 | Essex County, ONWR, Boxford | 5 m, 2, 1 | J. Berry, M. Lynch#, T. Aversa | |
| 17, 24 | Winchendon, Dunstable | 4, 2 | BBC (R. Stymeist), L. Taylor# | |
| American Redstart | | | | |
| 4, 5-19 | Hamilton, P.I. | 3, 3 max | J. Berry, v. o. | |
| 7, 11 | Cambridge (F.P.) | 1, 1 | J. Barton | |
| 17; 18 | High Ridge, Winchendon; Wayland | 7, 4; 2 | BBC (R. Stymeist); BBC (B. Howell) | |
| Worm-eating Warbler | | | | |
| 3 | Westport (River Rd) | 1 singing | R. Stymeist | |
| 13, 25 | Milton (Blue Hills) | 1, 1 | A. Strauss, G. d'Entremont | |
| Northern Waterthrush | | | | |
| 17 | Winchendon | 2 | BBC (R. Stymeist) | |
| Mourning Warbler | | | | |
| 2; 3 | Annisquam; Brookline, Acoaxet | 2; 1, 2 | H. Wiggin; BBC (R. Stymeist), R. Stymeist | |
| Common Yellowthroat | | | | |
| thr, 1 | P.I., Falmouth | 11 max, 12 | v. o., P. Trimble | |
| 2, 4 | Bolton Flats, Westboro | 26, 16 | M. Lynch# | |
| 1-12, 3 | Cambridge (F.P.), Plymouth | 6 max, 14 | J. Barton, BBC (G. d'Entremont) | |
| 17 | High Ridge, Winchendon | 22, 10 | BBC (R. Stymeist) | |
| 18, 25 | Newbypt, Canton (F.M.) | 25+, 31 | J. Berry#, BBC (D. + D. Oliver) | |
| 21-23 | Cambr.-Watertown (Charles R.) | 6 total | R. Stymeist | |
| Hooded Warbler | | | | |
| 7 | Boxford | 1 m | W. Petersen# | |
| Canada Warbler | | | | |
| 2, 4 | Annisquam, Hamilton | 1 m, 1 m | H. Wiggin, J. Berry | |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak | | | | |
| thr | Essex County | 7 m | J. Berry | |
| Indigo Bunting | | | | |
| 1, 3 | Falmouth, Brookline | 2, 5 | P. Trimble, BBC (R. Stymeist) | |
| 3, 10 | Ipswich | 1 m, 1 m | J. Berry | |
| 5; 7 | Stoneham; Boxford, Groveland | 1; 3, 2 | T. Aversa | |
| 17, 28 | High Ridge, Boston (Franklin Pk) | 5, 1 | BBC (R. Stymeist), T. Aversa | |
| Rufous-sided Towhee | | | | |
| 1, 3 | Falmouth, Plymouth | 20, 21 | P. Trimble, BBC (G. d'Entremont) | |
| 18, 24 | Newbypt (Common Pasture), Hamilton | 10+, 6+ | J. Berry# | |
| Field Sparrow | | | | |
| 1, 3 | Falmouth, Plymouth (M. Standish) | 12, 3 | P. Trimble, BBC (G. d'Entremont) | |
| 17 | Groveland, Winchendon | 4, 3 | T. Aversa, BBC (R. Stymeist) | |
| 17, 18 | Milton (Blue Hills), Newbypt (Common Pasture) | 3, 2 | E. Taylor, J. Berry | |
| Vesper Sparrow | | | | |
| 3, 4 | Plymouth, Wellfleet | 2, 1 | BBC (G. d'Entremont), BBC (S. Moore) | |
| 23 | N. Middleboro | 1 | K. Holmes | |
| Savannah Sparrow | | | | |
| thr, 24, 25 | P.I., S. Beach I., Hanscom AFB | 6, 22, 60 | v. o., M. Lynch#, J. Carter# | |
| Grasshopper Sparrow | | | | |
| 1-17 | Falmouth (Crane Wildlife Mgmt Area) | 5 max 6/11 | A. Strauss + v. o. | |
| 25 | Hanscom AFB | 2 m | J. Carter# | |
| Sharp-tailed Sparrow | | | | |
| thr | S. Dart. (Allens Pd), P.I. | 19 max 6/2, 14 max | LCES (J. Hill), v. o. | |
| 3, 4 | Plymouth B., Rowley | 3, 5 | G. d'Entremont# | |
| 19 | E. Boston | 4 | T. Aversa | |
| Seaside Sparrow | | | | |
| thr | P.I. | 4 max 6/27 | T. Aversa + v. o. | |
| thr | S. Dart. (Allens Pd) | 4 max 6/2 | LCES (J. Hill) | |

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| Song Sparrow thr 1-12 2, 3 4, 17 18, 25 19-23 | S. Dart. (Allens Pd), P.I. Cambridge (F.P.) Bolton Flats, Plymouth B. Westboro, High Ridge Wayland, Canton (F.M.) Cambr.-Watertown (Charles R.) | 13 max 6/26, 20 15 max 25, 22 18, 37 7, 21 77 total | LCES (J. Hill), v. o. J. Barton M. Lynch#, BBC (G. d'Entremont) M. Lynch#, BBC (R. Stymeist) BBC (B. Howell), BBC (D. + D. Oliver) R. Stymeist | |
| Swamp Sparrow thr, 2 17, 18 25 | Essex County, Bolton Flats High Ridge, Wayland Canton (F.M.) | 7, 8 4, 4 4 | J. Berry, M. Lynch# BBC (R. Stymeist), BBC (B. Howell) BBC (D. + D. Oliver) | |
| White-throated Sparrow 16 17 | Walpole High Ridge, Winchendon | 1 2, 15 | J. Young BBC (R. Stymeist) | |
| Dark-eyed Junco 2 | Mt. A. | 1 singing | R. Stymeist + v. o. | |
| Bobolink thr, 2 17, 18 21, 28 | P.I., Bolton Flats High Ridge, Newbypt Middleboro, DWWS | 17 max, 13 45, 5 or 6 10, 25+ | v. o., M. Lynch# BBC (R. Stymeist), J. Berry# T. Aversa | |
| Eastern Meadowlark 25 | Hanscom AFB | 17 | J. Carter# | |
| Common Grackle 19-23 | Cambr.-Watertown (Charles R.) | 47 total | R. Stymeist | |
| Orchard Oriole 2-7 3-14, 3 5; 11 23 30 | Cambridge (F.P.) Wellesley, Middleboro Wayland, Natick; Rowley Watertown (Charles R.) N. Middleboro | 1 1 m, 1 m 1, 1; 1 m 2 1 m | J. Barton R. Forster, W. Petersen R. Forster; J. Berry R. Stymeist K. Holmes | |
| Northern Oriole thr, 1-12 19-23 | Sherborn, Cambridge (F.P.) Cambr.-Watertown (Charles R.) | 10, 12 max 16 total | E. Taylor, J. Barton R. Stymeist | |
| Purple Finch 3, 10 17 18, 19 | Tyngsboro, Ipswich High Ridge, Winchendon Westport, P.I. | 2, 2 9, 4 1, 2 | BBC (R. Gerrish), J. Berry BBC (R. Stymeist) BBC (G. d'Entremont), BBC (W. Drummond) | |
| House Finch thr 19-23 | Annisquam Cambr.-Watertown (Charles R.) | 57 (includes 22 yg) 28 total | H. Wiggin R. Stymeist | |
| European Goldfinch 23 | Cambridge (F. P.) | 2 | K. Fivash | |

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