

Brant
 Nauset, MA
 August 3, 1989
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FIELD RECORDS

AUGUST 1989

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August 1989 was wet and cloudy with seasonable temperatures. There were no notable extremes and no records were broken. The high mark of 90 degrees was reached on August 5. Low readings of 54 degrees occurred on August 25 and 27. The average for the month was 71.6 degrees, a little below normal. This month was in sharp contrast to August 1988, which averaged 75.5 degrees and had eleven days in the 90s.

It was a very wet month, the seventeenth wettest August in 119 years. Rainfall totaled 5.92 inches, 2.24 inches more than normal. Measurable amounts fell on thirteen days and traces on four days, leaving just fourteen days with none. Many suburbs south of Boston had more rain. For example, Hingham reported 8.23 inches and Mansfield even more. Fog was a frequent visitor, appearing on nineteen days mostly during the first three weeks of the month. Thunder was heard on six days, two more than average. Multiple storms on August 13 produced prolonged episodes of thunder and lightning. Northwest winds occurred on nine days. The period August 25-26 seemed particularly favorable for migrating birds. R.H.S.

LOONS THROUGH HERONS

Two Red-throated Loons were surprise summer visitors. Good numbers of summering, nonbreeding Common Loons continued from midsummer. Reports of shearwaters and storm-petrels from Stellwagen Bank were pathetically below what has been encountered there in recent years. A Leach's Storm-Petrel at Stellwagen Bank was a mild surprise due to its inshore location.

A report of an adult male *Anhinga* in Weston was received with details.

Hérons provided the bulk of the news in August, highlighted by the first United States record for Little Egret, found at Plum Island on August 12. The Little Egret was subsequently seen in Ipswich on August 18, and from then through the end of the month it was fairly regularly found on Plum Island at Stage Island Pool or in the evening roost of herons at Hellcat Swamp. [For a full report, see "First United States Sight Record of Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*)" in *Bird Observer*, 17(5): 239-244, October 1989.] On September 7, a rather belated report by Jean Hoffman, a birder from Ohio, of a Little Egret at Plum Island on August 1 was received. The observer was reluctant to report the sighting due to her lack of familiarity with the species and the possibility of variations in Snowy Egret. Evening viewers at Plum Island were treated to maximum counts of 170 Great Egrets, over 1000 Snowy Egrets, and 13 Little Blue Herons. A Tricolored Heron was observed regularly at Plum Island, and up to 60 Cattle Egrets were in Ipswich. R.A.F.

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	AUGUST 1989
Red-throated Loon 1, 2	Eastham, Chatham	1, 1	S. Perkins	
Common Loon 2	N. Monomoy + S. Monomoy	11 total	S. Perkins	
14, 23	Hull, Lakeville	2, 3	P. Thayer, R. Forster	
23, 27, 30	P.I., Cape Cod Bay, P.I.	2, 6, 1	R. Titus, P. Trimble, R. Forster	
Pied-billed Grebe 18, 30	Ipswich, P.I.	1, 1	W. Petersen#, R. Forster	
Greater Shearwater 5	N. Monomoy, Stellwagen	1, 4	BBC (G. d'Entremont), P. Trimble	
9	Stellwagen Bank	1	H. Wiggin	
Sooty Shearwater 5, 9	Stellwagen Bank	1, 1	P. Trimble, M. Lynch#	
Manx Shearwater 5	Stellwagen Bank	3	P. Trimble	
Wilson's Storm-Petrel 5	Stellwagen Bank	500	P. Trimble	
Leach's Storm-Petrel 5	Stellwagen Bank	1	P. Trimble	
Northern Gannet 9, 25	Stellwagen Bank	1, 1 subad	H. Wiggin, T. Estes#	

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Great Cormorant 4, 26-27	Nantucket, Weston	2 imm, 1 imm	S. Perkins, J. Huntington#	
Double-crested Cormorant 5-26, 9 6, 27	P.I., Boston Harbor Cuttyhunk Island	10-50, 322 700, 450	D. Chickering + v. o., M. Lynch# P. Trimble	
Anhinga (details submitted) 26	Weston	1	J. Huntington	
American Bittern 5, 13	Bolton Flats, Wayland	1, 1	M. Lynch#, BBC (B. Howell)	
Least Bittern 5	P.I. (Stage I.)	1	R. Heil	
Great Blue Heron thr	P.I.	17 max 8/24	W. Drew# + v. o.	
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	8 max 8/31	LCES (J. Hill)	
Great Egret thr	P.I.	170 max 8/27	R. Abrams# + v. o.	
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	25 max 8/31	LCES (J. Hill)	
5, 26-31	E. Boston, Norfolk	10, 1	E. Taylor, B. Cassie	
Snowy Egret thr	P.I.	1000+ max 8/27	S. Perkins# + v. o.	
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	20 max 8/17	LCES (J. Hill)	
5, 15	N. Monomoy, Cohasset	25, 25	BBC (G. d'Entremont), P. Thayer	
Little Egret (details submitted) 12-31	P.I./Ipswich area	1	R. Forster + v. o.	
Little Blue Heron thr	P.I.	13 max 8/27	S. Perkins# + v. o.	
1-22	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	7 max 8/17	LCES (J. Hill)	
Tricolored Heron thr	P.I.	1	T. Aversa + v. o.	
Cattle Egret thr, 30	Ipswich, P.I.	60 max 8/18, 1	J. Brown, T. Aversa	
Green-backed Heron thr	P.I.	8 max 8/6	M. Lynch# + v. o.	
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1 or 2	LCES (J. Hill)	
9, 19	MNWS, Lakeville	4, 1	R. Forster, K. Anderson	
Black-crowned Night-Heron thr	P.I.	8 max 8/24	W. Drew# + v. o.	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron thr	P.I.	1	v. o.	
6	Cuttyhunk	1	P. Trimble	
Glossy Ibis thr	P.I.	40 max 8/15	W. Petersen + v. o.	
31	Ipswich	1	D. Rimmer	

WATERFOWL THROUGH GALLIFORMES

Searchers for the Little Egret were fortunate to find two **Fulvous Whistling Ducks** at Plum Island on August 19. After a spate of records from 1974 to 1980 there have been few reports of this species in our area. A Black Swan at Plum Island, an obvious escapee, added variety. The vanguard of the duck migration was noted, including both teal species, Northern Pintail, and American Wigeon.

Wandering Ospreys were noted as early as August 20, and Northern Harriers were conspicuous at Plum Island throughout the month. The number of Cooper's Hawks reported, at least 4 of which were immatures, is highly suggestive of local breeding. A Broad-winged Hawk at Cuttyhunk Island was well out of place. A Peregrine Falcon at Plum Island at the end of the month could well have been an early migrant. R.A.F.

Fulvous Whistling Duck 19	P.I.	2	R. McHale#
Mute Swan thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	9 -14	LCES (J. Hill)
thr	Cohasset	2 ad + 6 imm	P. Thayer
6, 13	P.I.	2, 2	M. Lynch#
Black Swan (escaped) thr	P.I.	1	v. o.
Brant 3	Nauset	1 ph	S. Perkins
Canada Goose thr, 10, 19	Sherborn, Stoughton, Concord	500, 300, 500	E. Taylor, J. Johnson, E. Taylor
Wood Duck 2, 13	W. Newbury, Wayland	26, 7	T. Aversa, BBC (B. Howell)

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Green-winged Teal				
thr	P.I.	170 max 8/24	W. Drew# + v. o.	
24, 28	Rowley, E. Orleans	75, 1	R. Forster, A. Williams	
Mallard				
15	P.I.	325 arriving at dusk	W. Petersen	
Northern Pintail				
30	P.I.	11	R. Forster	
Blue-winged Teal				
thr	P.I.	25 max 8/24	W. Drew# + v. o.	
24	Rowley	15	R. Forster	
Gadwall				
thr	P.I.	145 max 8/10	W. Drew# + v. o.	
American Wigeon				
6	P.I.	4	D. Chickering	
Common Eider				
6, 9	Cuttyhunk, Gloucester	2, 110	P. Trimble, G. Gove	
13, 23	Pasque Island	20	E. Hiam	
White-winged Scoter				
12, 19	Orleans, Nahant	3, 1	S. Thompson, R. Forster	
24	P.I.	6	R. Forster	
Hooded Merganser				
2; 13, 19	S. Monomoy; P.I.	1; 1, 1	S. Perkins; R. Forster, W. Petersen	
Turkey Vulture				
1, 31	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	2, 2	LCES (J. Hill)	
17, 25, 31	Wachusett Mt.	2, 1, 1	E. Taylor	
19, 20	Ipswich, E. Middleboro	1, 1	W. Petersen#, K. Anderson	
31	Quabbin (G40)	1	M. Lynch#	
Osprey				
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	8 max 8/1	LCES (J. Hill)	
6, 27	Cuttyhunk Island	4, 6	P. Trimble	
2, 5-26	Sampson's Pond	1 visiting nest platform	J. Shaw#	
19, 20	Lakeville, P.I.	3, 1	K. Anderson, BBC (S. Whittum)	
21, 27	Wellesley, Quabbin (G40)	1 mig, 1	R. Forster, M. Lynch#	
22, 31	Framingham	1 mig, 1 mig	R. Forster	
Bald Eagle				
5, 6, 11, 25	Harwich	1, 1, 2, 1 (all imm)	R. Rozsa	
18	Ipswich (Northgate Farm)	1 imm	R. Forster#	
31	Quabbin (G40)	1 ad	M. Lynch#	
Northern Harrier				
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	1 or 2	LCES (J. Hill)	
thr	P.I.	12 max 8/28	R. Titus + v. o.	
12, 17	E. Orleans, Halifax	1 imm, 1	A. Williams, K. Anderson	
23	Middleboro	1	W. Petersen	
Cooper's Hawk				
18, 28	Essex	1 imm, 1 imm	W. Petersen#, S. Perkins#	
18, 23	Ipswich, DWWS	1 imm, 2	W. Petersen, D. Ludlow	
20; 24, 30	P.I.	1; 1 imm	BBC (S. Whittum); R. Forster	
27	P.I.	2 imm	R. Heil	
26	N. Scituate	1	T. Estes#	
Red-shouldered Hawk				
thr	E. Middleboro	1-3	K. Anderson	
8, 23	Framingham, Rowley	1, 2	R. Forster, R. Titus	
Broad-winged Hawk				
5, 27	Ipswich, Cuttyhunk	1, 1	J. Berry, P. Trimble	
28	Topsfield	1	R. Titus	
Red-tailed Hawk				
16	Wachusett Reservoir	1	D. Donovan	
24 + 30	P.I.	1 imm	R. Forster	
American Kestrel				
1-21	Marlboro	1-4	R. Graefe	
2, 5	Harvard, ONWR	8, 8	M. Lynch#	
Peregrine Falcon				
26	P.I.	1 imm	M. Lynch#	
Ring-necked Pheasant				
31	Canton	3	R. Titus	
Ruffed Grouse				
31	Quabbin (G40)	5	M. Lynch#	

RAILS THROUGH SHOREBIRDS

Soras and Virginia Rails continue to be poorly reported during summer. Is this indicative of a real, potentially serious decline in these species or rather an artifact of reporting? No moorhens were observed!

Reports of shorebirds were relatively routine with only a few notable high counts and oddities. This was particularly true of Monomoy Island, where the lack of counts for the traditional evening roost of Whimbrels vastly understates that species presence. The count of 64 Whimbrels at Plum Island on August 8 was the observer's highest one day total for Essex County. The shorebird highlight was an adult **Little Stint** observed by a few fortunate observers at Plum Island on the evening of August 19. This sighting represents a fifth state record for this species. Otherwise, the reader's attention is drawn to the fairly good numbers of both Pectoral and White-rumped sandpipers and the scattering of Western Sandpiper sightings at month's end. Reports of both Long-billed Dowitchers and Stilt Sandpipers at their Plum Island stronghold were equal to the expected norms. Very interestingly, the majority of reports of Lesser Golden Plovers and Baird's Sandpipers and the sole report of Buff-breasted Sandpipers were from inland localities. The few reports of phalaropes emanated only from the Plum Island area.

R.A.F.

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Virginia Rail 2, 5	Rowley, Bolton Flats	3, 1	T. Aversa, M. Lynch#	
Sora 6; 12, 20	GMNWR; P.I.	1; 1, 1	A. Williams, G. Gove, BBC (S. Whittum)	
Black-bellied Plover thr 1-16, 5 20, 23	P.I. Ipswich (Crane B.), N. Monomoy Halifax, Middleboro	436 max 8/26 50, 2-16 20, 50	M. Lynch# + v. o. D. Rimmer, BBC (G. d'Entremont) K. Anderson, W. Petersen	
Lesser Golden-Plover 18, 24	P.I. (south end), Concord (Nine Acre)	1 ad, 4 ad	R. Forster, S. Perkins	
Semipalmated Plover thr thr thr 5; 6, 27 23	P.I. S. Dart. (Allens Pd) Ipswich (Crane B.) N. Monomoy; Cuttyhunk Halifax	430 max 8/15 39 max 8/9 50-600+ 200; 30, 35 3	W. Drew# + v. o. LCES (J. Hill) D. Rimmer B. Nikula; P. Trimble W. Petersen	
Piping Plover 1-24	Ipswich (Crane B.)	7 juv max 8/7	D. Rimmer + J. Berry	
Killdeer 2; 15, 31 18, 24	P.I. Halifax, Hull	12 + 2 yg; 12, 9 35, 15	M. Lynch#; W. Drew# K. Anderson, P. Thayer	
American Oystercatcher thr 5; 6, 27	S. Dart. (Allens Pd) N. Monomoy; Cuttyhunk	7 max 8/1 70+; 2, 6	LCES (J. Hill) B. Nikula#; P. Trimble	
Greater Yellowlegs thr thr thr 17, 27	P.I. S. Dart. (Allens Pd) Ipswich (Crane B.) Halifax, Newbury	500 max 8/12 35 max 8/31 3-12 30, 150	BBC (C. Floyd) + v. o. LCES (J. Hill) D. Rimmer K. Anderson, D. Chickering	
Lesser Yellowlegs thr 5, 18	P.I. N. Monomoy, Halifax	155 max 8/31 100, 22	W. Drew# + v. o. B. Nikula#, K. Anderson	
Solitary Sandpiper 17; 19, 20	Halifax; P.I.	3; 1, 2	K. Anderson; M. Lynch#, D. Chickering	
Willet thr 3 3; 7, 14	S. Dart. (Allens Pd) N. Monomoy Newburyport; Ipswich, P.I.	7 max 8/17 80 2 + 2 yg; 9, 2	LCES (J. Hill) B. Nikula J. Brown; J. Berry#	
Willet (western race) 3	N. Monomoy	10	B. Nikula	
Spotted Sandpiper thr, 18 6, 27	P.I., Halifax Cuttyhunk	2-4, 3 6, 4	M. Lynch#, K. Anderson P. Trimble	
Upland Sandpiper 8 13, 16	Lincoln (Hanscom Air Field) Newburyport	2 1, 1	R. Forster J. Brown, T. Aversa	
Whimbrel 8-31 thr 2, 5 28	P.I. S. Dart. (Allens Pd) Annisquam, N. Monomoy E. Orleans	64 max 8/8 7 max 8/1 1, 5 2	R. Heil + v. o. LCES (J. Hill) H. Wiggin, BBC (G. d'Entremont) A. Williams	
Hudsonian Godwit 5 12-31 6, 16	N. Monomoy P.I. Newburyport	50 27 max 8/26 25, 39	B. Nikula# M. Lynch# + v. o. G. Gove, T. Aversa	
Ruddy Turnstone thr, 1-16	P.I., Ipswich (Crane B.)	11 max 8/13, 1-7	M. Lynch# + v. o., D. Rimmer	

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Ruddy Turnstone (continued)				
2, 5	Newbypt, Quincy	7, 15	T. Aversa, E. Taylor	
5, 13	N. Monomoy, Winthrop	50, 53	BBC (G. d'Entremont), T. Aversa	
6, 27	Cuttyhunk Island	4, 8	P. Trimble	
Red Knot				
thr	P.I.	12 max 8/13	J. Brown + v. o.	
5, 16	N. Monomoy, Ipswich (Crane B.)	200, 15	B. Nikula, D. Rimmer	
Sanderling				
thr	Ipswich (Crane B.)	200+ max 8/7	J. Berry + D. Rimmer	
5, 12	N. Monomoy, P.I.	500+, 60	B. Nikula, BBC (C. Floyd)	
Semipalmated Sandpiper				
thr	P.I.	1500 max 8/12	BBC (C. Floyd)	
thr	Ipswich (Crane B.)	500 max 8/7	J. Berry#	
5	N. Monomoy	1400	B. Nikula#	
5, 16	Squantum, Wachusett Res.	200, 1	E. Taylor, D. Donovan	
Western Sandpiper				
20, 27, 28	P.I.	2, 3, 5	BBC (S. Whittum), BBC (D. Dillavou), R. Titus	
26, 27	Newbypt, Newbury	1, 6	G. Gove, D. Chickering	
Little Stint				
19	P.I. (Salt Pans)	1 ad (alternate pl)	R. Abrams#	
Least Sandpiper				
thr	P.I.	200 max 8/20	BBC (S. Whittum) + v. o.	
thr	Ipswich (Crane B.)	4-25	D. Rimmer	
5, 17	N. Monomoy, Halifax	25, 5	BBC (G. d'Entremont), K. Anderson	
White-rumped Sandpiper				
thr, 27	P.I., Newbury	46 max 8/20, 15	M. Lynch# + v. o., D. Chickering	
Baird's Sandpiper				
20; 26, 30	Newton; P.I.	1; 1, 1	O. Komar; v. o., R. Forster	
Pectoral Sandpiper				
14, 20	P.I.	1 or 2, 10	J. Berry, BBC (S. Whittum)	
15, 18	Newbury, Halifax	45+, 25	S. Perkins#, K. Anderson	
18, 23	Ipswich, Middleboro	20, 10	R. Forster, W. Petersen	
Dunlin				
26	Newburyport	2	M. Lynch#	
Stilt Sandpiper				
thr	P.I.	51 max 8/5	R. Heil + v. o.	
24	Newburyport Harbor	1	R. Forster	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper				
27-31	Concord (Nine Acre)	2	B. LeBrie#	
Short-billed Dowitcher				
thr	P.I.	200 max 8/12	BBC (C. Floyd) + v. o.	
5	N. Monomoy	1000	B. Nikula	
Long-billed Dowitcher				
thr	P.I.	80 max 8/15	W. Drew# + v. o.	
Common Snipe				
6, 30	P.I.	3, 1	G. Gove, T. Aversa	
17	Ipswich, Halifax	2, 3	R. Forster, K. Anderson	
18	Ipswich	4	J. Brown	
American Woodcock				
5, 27	Bolton Flats	1, 1	M. Lynch#	
22, 24	Belmont, P.I.	1, 2	R. Stymeist, R. Forster	
Wilson's Phalarope				
thr	P.I.	2 max 8/30	T. Aversa + v. o.	
19	Rowley	2	P. Irranbino#	
Red-necked Phalarope				
14-30	P.I.	2	W. Petersen# + v. o.	

JAEGERS THROUGH WAXWINGS

Parasitic Jaegers were seen at Nantucket and North Monomoy and on Stellwagen Bank, and Common Black-headed Gulls were noted at Wellfleet and East Boston. Up to 600 Bonaparte's Gulls were present in Newburyport Harbor throughout August, and an immature Lesser Black-backed Gull was photographed at Nauset in Orleans. Adult Sabine's Gulls were noted at North Monomoy and on Stellwagen Bank.

Both Caspian and Royal terns were seen this month. Juvenile Roseate Terns were present at Ipswich and Plum Island indicating postbreeding dispersal from farther south. A Black Tern in breeding plumage spent most of the month at Plum Island, and others were noted at three locations.

Black-billed and Yellow-billed cuckoos were reported from several locations. Common Nighthawks started moving through the state by midmonth, and a total of 671 was counted from August 21 to 31 from a site in Watertown; overall, however, the nighthawk migration was light this year. Whip-poor-wills were noted from two locations. Ruby-throated Hummingbirds were also seen at several locations, and an Olive-

sided Flycatcher was reported on August 27. A Western Kingbird seen the same day at Quabbin was not only early but unusual inland. An evening roost of Eastern Kingbirds in Norfolk produced an exceptionally high count. Thousands of Tree Swallows staged at Plum Island with estimates of their numbers ranging from 2000 to 300,000. Red-breasted Nuthatches were in evidence with numbers building toward month's end. G.W.G.

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Parasitic Jaeger				
4, 5	Nantucket, N. Monomoy	1, 1	S. Perkins, BBC (G. d'Entremont)	
18	Stellwagen Bank	2	T. Estes#	
Laughing Gull				
5, 9	N. Monomoy, Boston Harbor	15, 33	BBC (G. d'Entremont), M. Lynch#	
6, 27	Cuttyhunk Island	15, 550	P. Trimble	
17-31	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	31 max 8/31	LCES	
16, 30	Ipswich, Lynn	5, 108	D. Rimmer, J. Quigley	
Common Black-headed Gull				
15, 26	Wellfleet, E. Boston	1, 1	R. Prescott, J. Quigley	
Bonaparte's Gull				
thr	Newburyport	600 max 8/27	S. Perkins + v. o.	
thr	Ipswich	10-150	D. Rimmer	
5, 28	Annisquam, Lynn	2, 230	H. Wiggin, J. Quigley	
Ring-billed Gull				
12, 29	Newburyport, Lynn	200, 234	BBC (C. Floyd), J. Quigley	
Lesser Black-backed Gull				
3	Nauset	1 (2nd yr) ph	S. Perkins	
Sabine's Gull				
5, 9	N. Monomoy, Stellwagen	1 ad, 1 ad	K. Kaufman#, H. Wiggin	
Caspian Tern				
19	P.I.	1	R. McHale#	
Royal Tern				
9	Stellwagen Bank	1	M. Lynch#	
Roseate Tern				
4, 5	Nantucket, N. Monomoy	600, 150	S. Perkins, BBC (G. d'Entremont)	
6, 27	Cuttyhunk Island	4, 10	P. Trimble	
7, 12	Ipswich, P.I.	5 ad + 1 juv, 2 ad + 3 imm	J. Berry#, BBC (C. Floyd)	
Common Tern				
thr	Newburyport-P.I.	21 max	v. o.	
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	11 max 8/31	LCES (J. Hill)	
thr	Ipswich	6-65	D. Rimmer + v. o.	
5; 6, 27	N. Monomoy; Cuttyhunk	350; 80, 120	BBC (G. d'Entremont); P. Trimble	
Forster's Tern				
4-27	Lynn	1	J. Quigley	
5-30	P.I.	1 or 2	v. o.	
5, 23	N. Monomoy, M. V.	2, 1	BBC (G. d'Entremont), W. Petersen	
31	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	7	LCES (J. Hill)	
Least Tern				
thr	P.I.	20 max 8/15	W. Drew# + v. o.	
1-22	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	3-5	LCES (J. Hill)	
5, 7	N. Monomoy, Ipswich	10, 10	BBC (G. d'Entremont), J. Berry#	
6, 27; 15	Cuttyhunk; Cohasset	12, 3; 10	P. Trimble; P. Thayer	
Black Tern				
5-30	P.I.	1 br pl	v. o.	
5, 18	N. Monomoy, Annisquam	2, 1	B. Nikula#, H. Wiggin	
15, 31	Barnstable	2, 2	R. Scott	
Black Skimmer				
1, 28	Annisquam, E. Orleans	3, 1	H. Wiggin, A. Williams#	
3, 5	N. Monomoy	2, 3	B. Nikula, BBC (G. d'Entremont)	
Mourning Dove				
18	Grape Island	570 at roost	K. Durham	
Black-billed Cuckoo				
17	Annisquam, Sudbury	1, 1	H. Wiggin, R. Forster	
27	Cuttyhunk Island	1	P. Trimble	
27, 31	Quabbin (G40)	1, 3	M. Lynch#	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo				
5, 6	Bolton Flats, GMNWR	1, 1	M. Lynch#, A. Williams	
6, 27	Cuttyhunk Island	1, 1	P. Trimble	
16-24	E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson	

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Eastern Screech-Owl				
6, 19, 28	Wellesley; Annisquam	1; 1, 1	R. Forster; H. Wiggin	
26, 28	Wellfleet, MNWS	1, 1	J. Heywood#, R. Titus	
29, 31	N. Andover, Beverly	1, 2	J. Berry, J. Brown	
Great Horned Owl				
thr, 31	Ipswich, Quabbin (G40)	2, 1	J. Berry, M. Lynch#	
Barred Owl				
17	Ipswich	1	J. Berry	
Common Nighthawk				
10, 19	Somerville, Natick	2, 2	T. Aversa, E. Taylor	
17, 19, 21, 28	Wellesley	1, 3, 52, 22	R. Forster	
21-31	Watertown	671 total (198 max 8/30)	R. Stymeist	
21, 24	Lincoln, Yarmouthport	16, 2	S. Perkins, R. Scott	
27	Sherborn, Quabbin (G40)	4, 112	E. Taylor, M. Lynch#	
27-30	Lawrence	131 total	J. Hogan	
Whip-poor-will				
23, 24	M. V., E. Middleboro	1, 1 calling	W. Petersen, K. Anderson	
Chimney Swift				
13, 21	Wayland, Newton	10, 168 roost	BBC (B. Howell), O. Komar	
25	Stoneham	12	T. Aversa	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird				
1, 5	Ipswich, Bolton Flats	1 f, 1	J. Berry, M. Lynch#	
19, 27; 29	Natick, Sherborn; MNWS	1, 1; 1	E. Taylor; R. Forster	
27, 31	Quabbin (G40)	1, 1	M. Lynch#	
Belted Kingfisher				
21, 30	P. I., Beverly	1, 2	J. Brown	
Pileated Woodpecker				
27	Quabbin (G40)	1	M. Lynch#	
Olive-sided Flycatcher				
27, 31	Quabbin (G40), Nantucket	2, 1	M. Lynch#, N. Claffin	
Eastern Wood-Pewee				
thr, 31	Sherborn, Quabbin (G40)	3, 5	E. Taylor, M. Lynch#	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher				
15	Annisquam	1 calling	H. Wiggin	
Willow Flycatcher				
5	Bolton Flats	11	M. Lynch#	
"Traill's" Flycatcher				
27-29	Nantucket	3 b	E. Andrews	
Least Flycatcher				
27-29	Nantucket	4 b	E. Andrews	
<i>Empidonax</i> species				
9, 22	MNWS	1, 4	R. Forster	
Eastern Phoebe				
thr	Sherborn	5	E. Taylor	
13; 27, 31	Wayland; Quabbin (G40)	3; 11, 17	BBC (B. Howell); M. Lynch#	
Great Crested Flycatcher				
25, 30	Wellesley, P.I.	1, 1	R. Forster	
Western Kingbird				
27	Quabbin (G40)	1	M. Lynch#	
Eastern Kingbird				
thr	P.I.	23 max 8/2	M. Lynch# + v. o.	
13, 26	Wayland, Norfolk	8, 197 roost	BBC (B. Howell), B. Cassie#	
Purple Martin				
1-27	P.I.	70 max 8/27	S. Perkins + v. o.	
29	Westport	20	T. Aversa	
Tree Swallow				
thr	P.I.	300,000+ max 8/5 roost	R. Heil + v. o.	
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	250 max 8/17, 22	LCES (J. Hill)	
5; 6, 27	Wayland; Cuttyhunk	350; 350, 3500	R. Forster; P. Trimble	
Bank Swallow				
thr	P.I.	400+ max 8/5	R. Heil + v. o.	
6, 27	Cuttyhunk Island	2, 2	P. Trimble	
5, 7	Wayland, Ipswich	20, 40	R. Forster, J. Berry#	
Cliff Swallow				
2, 26	P.I.	1, 1	M. Lynch#	
15	DWWS	3	T. Aversa	
Barn Swallow				
2, 5-20	P.I.	15, 1 or 2	M. Lynch#, D. Chickering	
6, 27	Cuttyhunk Island	60, 15	P. Trimble	
13, 31	Wayland, Quabbin (G40)	40, 2	BBC (B. Howell), M. Lynch#	
Fish Crow				
thr; 17, 31	E. Middleboro; Wellesley	1-20; 1, 2	K. Anderson; R. Forster	

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	AUGUST 1989
Red-breasted Nuthatch				
17, 17-31	P. I., Annisquam	1, 1-3	J. Berry, H. Wiggin	
18, 27	Boxford, Waltham	6, 6	R. Forster#, L. Taylor	
27, 31	Quabbin (G40)	12, 29	M. Lynch#	
27	Cuttyhunk, E. Middleboro	2, 1 or 2	P. Trimble, K. Anderson	
27-29	Nantucket	4 b	E. Andrews	
Brown Creeper				
14, 31	Stoneham, Quabbin (G40)	4, 6	T. Aversa, M. Lynch#	
Carolina Wren				
thr	E. Orleans, E. Middleboro	1, 1	E. Williams, K. Anderson	
thr	Ipswich	1	J. Berry	
6, 17	Newton, Wellesley	2, 2	O. Komar, R. Forster	
15, 27	Marshfield, Cuttyhunk	3, 1	T. Aversa, P. Trimble	
House Wren				
7, 20	Stoneham, MNWS	5, 2	T. Aversa	
27, 31; 31	Quabbin (G40); Wellesley	4, 6; 5	M. Lynch#; R. Forster	
Marsh Wren				
2-19	P.I.	18 max 8/2	M. Lynch# + v. o.	
Golden-crowned Kinglet				
11	Ipswich	2	J. Berry	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				
10, 22	Annisquam, MNWS	1, 1	H. Wiggin, R. Forster	
27; 27, 31	Stoneham; Quabbin (G40)	1; 1, 2	T. Aversa; M. Lynch#	
Eastern Bluebird				
thr	Sherborn, E. Middleboro	9, 16 max 8/26	E. Taylor, K. Anderson	
27	Quabbin (G40)	19	M. Lynch#	
Veery				
27, 31	Quabbin (G40)	1, 3	M. Lynch#	
Swainson's Thrush				
23, 31	MNWS, Quabbin (G40)	1, 2	R. Titus, M. Lynch#	
Hermit Thrush				
3, 11	E. Middleboro, Ipswich	1, 1	K. Anderson, J. Berry	
16; 27, 31	Wachusett Res.; Quabbin (G40)	3; 5, 12	D. Donovan; M. Lynch#	
Wood Thrush				
16; 19, 26	Wachusett Res.; Stoneham	3; 1, 1	D. Donovan; T. Aversa	
12, 27	P. I., MNWS	1, 1	R. Forster	
Gray Catbird				
thr	P.I.	46 max 8/2	M. Lynch# + v. o.	
6, 27	Cuttyhunk Island	16, 30	P. Trimble	
Brown Thrasher				
1-26	P.I.	10 max 8/2	M. Lynch# + v. o.	
Cedar Waxwing				
2-20	Annisquam	30 max 8/20	H. Wiggin	
6, 27	Cuttyhunk Island	12, 20	P. Trimble	
31	Canton (F.M.), Quabbin (G40)	22, 73	R. Titus, M. Lynch#	

VIREOS THROUGH FINCHES

Many migrants were reported after a warm northwesterly air flow on August 25-26. The first fall Philadelphia Vireos appeared at this time and were reported from four locations. A total of 30 species of warblers was tallied during the month. Among the highlights were Prothonotary, early Connecticut, and Kentucky warblers at Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary, additional Kentuckys at Chatham and Fowl Meadow in Canton, and a Hooded Warbler at Bolton Flats. Other notable warblers included an early Palm Warbler at Quabbin on August 31. High counts of Pine Warblers were again noted at Quabbin where family groups may be found in sizable flocks prior to migration.

A Dickcissel was found at Plum Island on August 27, and a Lark Sparrow was present at the Weston landfill August 26-27, days following ideal migration conditions.

White-winged Crossbills were noted from at least four locations in eastern Massachusetts, with many more reports from western parts of the state. Both crossbill species are highly erratic, and their movements can rarely be predicted. White-winged Crossbills as a rule breed even farther north than Red Crossbills. The presence of so many White-wings around in midsummer is unusual but not unprecedented. R.H.S.

White-eyed Vireo				
5	ONWR	1	M. Lynch#	
Solitary Vireo				
27, 31	Quabbin (G40)	1, 2	M. Lynch#	
Yellow-throated Vireo				
5, 31	Bolton Flats, Quabbin (G40)	2, 4	M. Lynch#	

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	AUGUST 1989
Warbling Vireo 5, 27; 13	Bolton Flats; Wayland	6, 4; 1	M. Lynch#; BBC (B. Howell)	
Philadelphia Vireo 26, 27 27; 29	MNWS P.I., Bolton Flats; E. Orleans	1, 3 1, 1; 1	E. Taylor, R. Forster BBC (D. Dillavou), M. Lynch#; A. Williams	
Red-eyed Vireo 16, 26 31	Wachusett Res., MNWS Quabbin (G40)	2, 2 21	D. Donovan, E. Taylor M. Lynch#	
Blue-winged Warbler 2, 5 19, 24 27, 28	W. Newbury, Bolton Flats MNWS, Stoneham P.I., Wayland	1, 1 1, 2 1, 1	T. Aversa, M. Lynch# R. Forster, T. Aversa BBC (D. Dillavou), R. Forster	
Tennessee Warbler 27, 31	Bolton Flats, Quabbin (G40)	1, 2	M. Lynch#	
Nashville Warbler 27, 28	MNWS, Wayland	1, 1	R. Forster	
Northern Parula 27	MNWS	2	R. Forster	
Yellow Warbler 6, 17 27-29	P.I., Watertown Nantucket	9, 1 21 b	M. Lynch#, J. Heywood E. Andrews	
Chestnut-sided Warbler 22, 27, 29 27; 27, 31 28	MNWS P.I.; Quabbin (G40) Wayland, Stoneham	3, 2, 2 1; 3, 3 1, 2	R. Forster BBC (D. Dillavou); M. Lynch# R. Forster, T. Aversa	
Magnolia Warbler 19, 27; 26 27 31	MNWS; Stoneham P.I., Nantucket Quabbin (G40)	1, 1; 1 2, 2 b 7	R. Forster; T. Aversa BBC (D. Dillavou), E. Andrews M. Lynch#	
Cape May Warbler 18-26 27	Annisquam MNWS	12 total (6 max 8/18) 2	H. Wiggin J. Brown	
Black-throated Blue Warbler 31	Quabbin (G40)	4	M. Lynch#	
Yellow-rumped Warbler 24, 27 31	Ipswich, P.I. Quabbin (G40)	2, 2 26	R. Forster, BBC (D. Dillavou) M. Lynch#	
Black-throated Green Warbler 27, 31	Beverly, Quabbin (G40)	1, 10	J. Brown, M. Lynch#	
Blackburnian Warbler 26, 28	MNWS, Nantucket	2, 1 b	E. Taylor, E. Andrews	
Pine Warbler 27, 31	Quabbin (G40)	42, 37	M. Lynch#	
Prairie Warbler 19, 28	Stoneham, Nantucket	1, 3	T. Aversa, E. Andrews	
Palm Warbler 31	Quabbin (G40)	1	M. Lynch#	
Bay-breasted Warbler 26, 28-29 31	P.I., Nantucket Quabbin (G40)	1, 2 b 4	M. Lynch#, E. Andrews M. Lynch#	
Black-and-white Warbler 9, 27 27-29, 31	MNWS Nantucket, Quabbin (G40)	3, 3 2 b, 11	R. Forster E. Andrews, M. Lynch#	
American Redstart 9, 12 27-29, 28 31	MNWS, P.I. Nantucket, MNWS Quabbin (G40)	2, 7 7 b, 20 12	R. Forster E. Andrews, R. Titus M. Lynch#	
Prothonotary Warbler 16	MNWS	1	R. Heil	
Worm-eating Warbler 31	Quabbin (G40)	1	M. Lynch#	
Ovenbird 22, 27 27, 31	MNWS, Nantucket Quabbin (G40)	3, 1 b 4, 5	R. Forster, E. Andrews M. Lynch#	
Northern Waterthrush 9, 16 17; 27, 29 26	MNWS Wellesley; MNWS Wellfleet	3, 6 2; 4, 6 4	R. Forster, R. Heil R. Forster R. Stymeist#	
Kentucky Warbler 11, 31 20-25	Chatham, Canton MNWS	1, 1 1	F. Atwood, R. Titus R. Heil	

DATE	LOCATION	NUMBER	OBSERVERS	AUGUST 1989
Connecticut Warbler 22, 26	Chatham, MNWS	1, 1	W. Bailey, R. Heil	
Mourning Warbler 26	Nantucket	1	A. Bennett	
27, 31	E. Gloucester, Bolton Flats	1, 1	S. Perkins#, E. Salmela	
Common Yellowthroat 5, 27	Bolton Flats	16, 14	M. Lynch#	
6, 27; 26	Cuttyhunk; Wellfleet	12, 12; 20	P. Trimble; R. Stymeist#	
27-29	Nantucket	26 b	E. Andrews	
Hooded Warbler 31	Bolton Flats	1	E. Salmela	
Wilson's Warbler 22, 27	MNWS	1, 1	R. Forster, J. Brown	
Canada Warbler 17; 19, 22	Wellesley; MNWS	1; 2, 2	R. Forster	
27, 31	P.I., Waltham	2, 2	BBC (D. Dillavou), L. Taylor	
Scarlet Tanager 27, 31	Quabbin (G40)	6, 14	M. Lynch#	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak 25, 29	Sherborn, MNWS	6, 1	E. Taylor, R. Forster	
31	Canton (F.M.)	2	R. Titus	
Indigo Bunting 5, 9	Hamilton, Marlboro	1, 2	J. Berry, R. Graefe	
15, 27	W. Newbury, Quabbin (G40)	5, 6	T. Aversa, M. Lynch#	
Dickcissel 27	P.I.	1	R. Heil	
Rufous-sided Towhee 6, 27	Cuttyhunk Island	18, 26	P. Trimble	
Chipping Sparrow 26; 27, 31	Stoneham; Quabbin (G40)	8; 25, 16	T. Aversa; M. Lynch#	
Lark Sparrow 26-27	Weston	1	L. Robinson + v. o.	
Seaside Sparrow thr	P.I.	9 max 8/19	R. McHale# + v. o.	
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	13 max 8/1	LCES (J. Hill)	
Sharp-tailed Sparrow thr	P.I.	28 max 8/2	M. Lynch# + v. o.	
thr	S. Dart. (Allens Pd)	22 max 8/9	LCES (J. Hill)	
Song Sparrow thr	P.I., Bolton Flats	44 max 8/2, 39 max 8/27	M. Lynch# + v. o.	
6, 27	Cuttyhunk Island	22, 20	P. Trimble	
27-29	Nantucket	16 b	E. Andrews	
White-throated Sparrow 19, 26	P.I., Topsfield	2, 1	R. Stymeist#, J. Brown	
Bobolink thr, 17	P.I., Watertown	43 max 8/19, 60	M. Lynch# + v. o., R. Stymeist	
Red-winged Blackbird 13, 19	Wayland, Concord	50, 100	B. Howell#, E. Taylor	
Eastern Meadowlark thr, 16	Marlboro, Newbypt	7 max 8/10, 12	R. Graefe, T. Aversa	
Common Grackle 5, 13, 19	Natick	1080, 2660, 1180	E. Taylor	
Northern Oriole 6, 27	Cuttyhunk Island	4, 3	P. Trimble	
24, 26	Stoneham, Norfolk	8, 17	T. Aversa, B. Cassie#	
White-winged Crossbill 9; 12, 17	Westwood; Boxford	1; 11, 1 f	E. Nielsen; J. Heywood#, D. Arvidson #	
18, 23	Annisquam, Cotuit	3, 30-40	H. Wiggin, J. Harris	

CORRIGENDUM TO MAY 1989 FIELD RECORDS (VOL. 17, NO. 5)

Eurasian Wigeon (page 260)

3 W. Harwich 1 B. Nikula

should read

Green-winged Teal (Eurasian form)

3 W. Harwich 1 B. Nikula#

The text of the third paragraph on page 259 should be corrected to read "... and a Green-winged Teal (Eurasian form) was reported from West Harwich."

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	F.S.F.	Federation State Forest
br	breeding	G37 or 40	Gate 37 or 40, Quabbin
dk	dark (phase)	H.	Harbor
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.	Reservoir
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