

THE BIRD OBSERVER SUMMARY FOR JUNE 1974

The nesting season is well underway during June, whose weather was more like that of April - cool, cloudy and wet. The temperatures ranged from a low 53 degrees on the late date of June 26th, to a high of 93 degrees on June 8th. Most of the field work and reports received were in conjunction with the Bird Atlas Project. This is a five-year program sponsored by the Massachusetts Audubon Society and the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Game. Many unusual reports have been "unearthed" as a result, most notably the discovery of two separate heronries off Duxbury and Manchester.

Nantucket took all honors for unusual species. Two Northern Fulmars (one of which was picked up dead), five Leach's Storm-petrels, and Wilson's Storm-petrels were flying by Sconset at the rate of 215 an hour on June 30th. A pair of Great Cormorants was still in the harbor breakwater on the 1st, and on the same day a Chuck-will's-widow was calling constantly at the State Forest.

Elsewhere, Leach's Storm-petrels were observed off Monomoy and 15-20 pairs were found on Penikese Island. On the 29th, off Bird Island in Buzzards Bay, a Manx Shearwater was observed, and a Sooty Tern was well-photographed by Jeremy Hatch.

Goshawks nested successfully in Boxford, Rowley, Stowe and Marshfield. The Marshfield pair is probably the first southeastern Massachusetts breeding record. More than the usual number of nesting raptors were reported, due primarily to the Atlas Project.

Shorebirds were returning by the end of the month, and American Oystercatchers were nesting at Monomoy, Nantucket and Chappaquiddick. A Golden Plover was well-observed at Plymouth, and a Ruff was found at Nauset. A Gull-billed Tern was at Nauset on the 30th, and six Black Terns and a Black Skimmer were also reported.

Barn Owls successfully nested at Sandwich, and Saw-whet Owls nested at Nantucket and West Newbury. A Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, presumably the same bird of May, was observed in Tyngsboro.

The Prothonotary Warbler of Topsfield gave up looking for a mate on June 1st, and Henslow's Sparrows returned to the Worcester Airport in Leicester. Four singing Henslow's were still in Newburyport, one pair of which was seen feeding young on June 18th. Dark-eyed Juncos were nesting in Annisquam, and White-throated Sparrows were found nesting in several places outside their normal habitats.

R.H.S.

Common Loon:			
1	P.I.	4	BBC(W.Drummond)
Red-throated Loon:			
8	Plymouth	3	BBC(H.D'Entremont)
Horned Grebe:			
1	Newburyport	1	R.Stymeist#
Pied-billed Grebe:			
24	P.I.	5	BBC(G.Soucy)
Northern Fulmar:			
11	Chappaquiddick Is.(M.V.)	2(1 dead)	fide H.D'Entremont
Greater Shearwater:			
22	off Chatham	5	W.W.Harrington
Sooty Shearwater:			
8,22	off Monomoy	5,1	W.W.Harrington,I.Nisbet
23,25	Nantucket	1 dead, 1	D.Crompton#
<u>Manx Shearwater:</u>			
29	Buzzards Bay	1	J.Hatch
<u>Leach's Storm-petrel:</u>			
8,18	off Monomoy, Penikese Is.	1,15-20 prs.	W.W.Harrington,D.Howard#
19,23	Nantucket	3,2	D.Crompton#,R.Veit
<u>Wilson's Storm-petrel:</u>			
8,22	off Monomoy, Barnstable(S.N.)	10,8	W.W.Harrington,H.D'Entremont#
30	Nantucket moving east at rate of 215/hr.		R.Veit,S.Perkins
Gannet:			
18,25	Penikese Is., Manomet(M.B.O.)	1,3	D.Howard#,Staff

Great Cormorant:			
1	Nantucket	2	R.Veit
Little Blue Heron:			
thr.	Marshfield	1 ad., 3 imm.	v.o.
1,2	Duxbury, Plymouth	1 ad., 1 ad.	W.Petersen#, G.Wilson & v.o.
Cattle Egret:			
5,8	Westport, Marshfield	1,2	R.O'Hara, H.D'Entremont#
Great Egret:			
2,8-16	P.I., Marshfield	1,3	J.Berry, W.Petersen
13,23	W.Harwich, Ipswich	1,3	B.Nikula, J.Berry
Snowy Egret:			
24	P.I.	40	BBC(G.Soucy)
Black-crowned Night Heron:			
thr.	Nantucket	225+ prs.	R.Veit, J.Sease#
22,27	Charlestown, Watertown	35,21	R.Stymeist, D&A Bandes
Yellow-crowned Night Heron:			
1,4	Centerville, Nantucket	1 ad., 1 ad.	R.Forster#, E.Andrews#
22,24	Charlestown, P.I.	2 ad., 1 imm.	R.Stymeist, BBC(G.Soucy)
Least Bittern:			
thr., 19	P.I., Plymouth Beach	1-4, 1	v.o., M.B.O.Staff
2,26	Marshfield	1,1	SSBC(J.Foley), H.D'Entremont#
Glossy Ibis:			
thr.	P.I.	2-17(max.June 9)	v.o.
2,8	Topsfield, Marshfield	12,3	W.Petersen#, BBC(H.D'Entremont)
Brant:			
2,8	Newburyport, Monomoy	20+, 6	W.Petersen#&v.o., W.W.Harrington
18	Penikese Is.	10	D.Howard#
Gadwall:			
thr.	P.I.	10-40	v.o.
9,18	Concord(GMNWR), Penikese Is.	4,1	BBC(Hines), D.Howard#
Green-winged Teal:			
13,30	Buzzards Bay, Ipswich	3,1 f.+ 6 yg.	M.B.O.Staff, J.Berry
American Wigeon:			
17,24	P.I.	2,3	BBC(W.Drummond), BBC(G.Soucy)
Northern Shoveler:			
24	P.I.	2	BBC(G.Soucy)
Ring-necked Duck:			
8	Brookline	1	A.Agush
Common Goldeneye:			
1-2	Newburyport	3	R.Stymeist, J.Berry# & v.o.
Bufflehead:			
2	Newburyport	4	W.Petersen#
Common Eider:			
2	N.Scituate	50	SSBC(F.King)
Ruddy Duck:			
22,28	Monomoy, P.I.	3,4	W.Bailey, M&A Argue
Red-breasted Merganser:			
1	P.I.	4	BBC(W.Drummond)
Goshawk:			
thr.	Marshfield, Stow	2 ad.&2 yg., 2 ad.&3 yg.	W.Petersen#&v.o., NVBC(Reed)
Cooper's Hawk:			
15	Whitman	1 ad.	W.Petersen, R.Forster
Red-tailed Hawk:			
15	Pembroke	2 ad. & 2 yg.	W.Petersen#
Red-shouldered Hawk:			
7,8	Millis, Marshfield	1 ad.&4 yg., 1	L.Robinson, W.Petersen#
9	Dover, Holliston	2,1	W.Petersen#, R.Forster#
16,30	Brockton, Brookline	1,1	W.Petersen#, A.Agush
Osprey:			
2	P.I., Oak Bluffs(M.V.)	1,2(nesting)	W.Petersen#, BBC(J.Kenneally)
22	Rowley, Monomoy	1,1	D.Alexander, W.Bailey#
Merlin:			
1	P.I.	1	BBC(W.Drummond)
Ruffed Grouse:			
8	Plymouth	3	BBC(H.D'Entremont)
Bobwhite:			
20-28,23	Brookline	2,10	A.Agush, L.Robinson

Clapper Rail:			
1,2	Nantucket (Madaket) (Quaise)	1,1	J. Sease#, R. Veit#
Common Gallinule:			
9	Concord (GMNWR)	5	BBC (Hines)
American Coot:			
2	P. I.	2 ad. & 8 yg.	W. Petersen#
<u>American Oystercatcher:</u>			
thr., 8	Monomoy, Barnstable	3 ad., 2	W. Bailey#, D. Casoni
1	Chappaquiddick Is. (M.V.)	4	BBC (J. Kenneally)
Semipalmated Plover:			
17, 22	P. I., Eastham	8, 6	BBC (W. Drummond), B. Nikula#
24	P. I.	2	BBC (G. Soucy)
Piping Plover:			
8, 17	Plymouth, P. I.	15, 2	BBC (H. D'Entremont), BBC (W. Drummond)
<u>Golden Plover:</u>			
29	Plymouth	1 (well observed)	W. Petersen
Black-bellied Plover:			
27	Monomoy	700	C. Goodrich, B. Nikula
Ruddy Turnstone:			
2, 27	N. Scituate, Monomoy	25, 20	SSBC (F. King), C. Goodrich#
American Woodcock:			
thr.	Ipswich	6	J. Berry
Upland Sandpiper:			
2, 8	Newbury, Marshfield	2 ad. & 4 eggs, 1-2	W. Petersen#
24	Newburyport	7	BBC (G. Soucy)
Spotted Sandpiper:			
2	N. Scituate	15	SSBC (F. King)
Lesser Yellowlegs:			
24	Newburyport	2	BBC (G. Soucy)
Red Knot:			
15	Eastham (Nauset)	1	C. Goodrich
22, 27	Monomoy	1, 6	W. Bailey, C. Goodrich#
White-rumped Sandpiper:			
2, 18	Newburyport, Penikese Is.	2, 1	J. Berry, D. Howard#
23, 27	Eastham, Monomoy	2, 6	v.o., C. Goodrich#
Least Sandpiper:			
27	Monomoy	15	C. Goodrich#
Dunlin:			
2, 27	Newburyport, Monomoy	4, 2	J. Berry, C. Goodrich#
Short-billed Dowitcher:			
1, 27	Newburyport, Monomoy	11, 8	BBC (W. Drummond), C. Goodrich#
Stilt Sandpiper:			
11-12	Hingham	1	N. Osborne & v.o.
Semipalmated Plover:			
1, 27	Newburyport, Monomoy	50, 50	BBC (W. Drummond), C. Goodrich#
<u>Ruff:</u>			
22	Nauset	1	B. Nikula#
Sanderling:			
8	Plymouth	65	BBC (H. D'Entremont)
Wilson's Phalarope:			
11	Hingham	1	N. Osborne & v.o.
Parasitic Jaeger:			
22, 29	Eastham, P. I.	1, 1	C. Goodrich#, D. Howard#
Iceland Gull:			
10	Plymouth (Edison Site)	1 (2nd yr. plumage)	B. Sorrie#
Laughing Gull:			
2	Newburyport	1	J. Berry, G. Gove
Bonaparte's Gull:			
2	Newburyport	100+	J. Berry
Gull-billed Tern:			
30	Nauset	1	B. Nikula# & v.o.
Common Tern:			
8	Plymouth	100	BBC (H. D'Entremont)
Arctic Tern:			
29	Plymouth	4 pr.	W. Petersen & v.o.
Roseate Tern:			
2	Chappaquiddick Is. (M.V.)	50	BBC (J. Kenneally)
30	Ipswich	5	M. McClellan

<u>Sooty Tern:</u>			
29	Buzzards Bay(Bird Is.)	1(excellent photo)	J.Hatch
<u>Least Tern:</u>			
thr.	Nantucket(Coatue)(Sconset)	75 pr.,50+pr.	J.Davis#,fide E.Andrews
8	Plymouth	30	BBC(H.D'Entremont)
<u>Royal Tern:</u>			
6	Newburyport	2	C.Goodrich,V.Laux,B.Nikula
<u>Caspian Tern:</u>			
30	Ipswich	1	M.McClellan
<u>Black Tern:</u>			
22-23,26-29	Scituate,Plymouth	1,1	B.Smyth,H.D'Entremont#
24;30	P.I.;Ipswich,Nauset	2;1,1	BBC(G.Soucy);M.McClellan,V.Laux#
<u>Black Skimmer:</u>			
13	Eastham(Nauset)	1	B.Nikula
<u>Canary-winged Parakeet:</u>	(Exotic)		
23	Saugus	1	R.Stymeist,C.Bauer
<u>Yellow-billed Cuckoo:</u>			
4,6	Leicester,Gloucester	1,1	C.Quinlan#,H.Wiggin
7;8	Brookline;Groton,Weston	1;3,1	A.Agush;R.O'Hara,L.Robinson
9,20	Dover,Weston	1,1	W.Petersen,L.Robinson
27,28	Marshfield,Milton(F.M.)	1,4	R.Emery#,H.D'Entremont#
<u>Black-billed Cuckoo:</u>			
thr.	13 localities	18 individuals	v.o.
<u>Barn Owl:</u>			
thr.	Sandwich	2 ad. & yg.	R.Pease# & v.o.
<u>Screech Owl:</u>			
21,27	Abington,Norwell	2(gray),1(gray)	E.Pearson,W.Petersen
<u>Short-eared Owl:</u>			
thr.	Monomoy	1-2	B.Nikula# & v.o.
2	Chappaquiddick Is.(M.V.)	5	BBC(J.Kenneally)
<u>Saw-whet Owl:</u>			
thr.	Nantucket	1 pr. nesting	E.Andrews
25	W.Newbury	10 ads.& yg.	fide M.Poore
<u>Chuck-will's-widow:</u>			
1	Nantucket	1 calling	R.Veit,J.Davis#
<u>Common Nighthawk:</u>			
thr.,2	Cambridge,Tisbury(M.V.)	5 prs.,6	R.Stymeist,BBC(J.Kenneally)
<u>Ruby-throated Hummingbird:</u>			
thr.	Manomet(M.B.O.)	4(b.)	Staff
1,2	P.I.,Chilmark(M.v.)	8,3	BBC(W.Drummond),BBC(J.Kenneally)
<u>Pileated Woodpecker:</u>			
1,22	Boxford,Princeton	pr.with yg.,1	R.Stymeist,M&A Argue
<u>Eastern Kingbird:</u>			
8,24	P.I.	25,15	G.Wilson,BBC(G.Soucy)
<u>Scissor-tailed Flycatcher:</u>			
2	Tyngsboro(Rte.3)	1	M.Gardler
<u>Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:</u>			
1-12	Manomet(M.B.O.)	9(b.)	Staff
6&8,11	P.I.,Annisquam	singles	B.Nikula#&R.Emery#,H.Wiggin
8	Orleans,Groton	1,1	C.Goodrich#,R.O'Hara
<u>Acadian Flycatcher:</u>			
thr.6/14	Manomet(M.B.O.)	4(b.)	Staff
10	Plymouth(Edison Site)	1(b.)	M.B.O.Staff
<u>Willow Flycatcher:</u>			
thr.6/12	Manomet(M.B.O.)	15(b.)	Staff
13,15	Whitman,P.I.	1-2,5-6	W.Petersen,R.Stymeist#
<u>Alder Flycatcher:</u>			
4	Plymouth(Edison Site)	1	B.Sorrie
15-22,16	Whitman,W.Newbury	1,1	W.Petersen#,R.Stymeist#
<u>Olive-sided Flycatcher:</u>			
1,2	Marblehead,P.I.	1,1	BBC(Boot),W.Petersen#
8,15	Orleans,Hinzham	2,1	C.Goodrich#,S.Higginbotham
<u>Tree Swallow:</u>			
24	P.I.	75	BBC(G.Soucy)
<u>Bank Swallow:</u>			
thr.	Rowley	150 pr.	R.Stymeist# & v.o.
<u>Cliff Swallow:</u>			
2,8	P.I.,Nantucket	2-3,1	W.Petersen,R.Veit
9,12	Rockport,Gloucester	2 prs.,5 prs.	H.Wiggin

Purple Martin:				
thr.	P.I.	12-25		v.o.
Blue Jay:				
2	Ipswich	37 migrating		J. Berry
Fish Crow:				
4	Plymouth	2		W. Petersen
Red-breasted Nuthatch:				
23	Saugus	2 ad. feeding yg.		R. Stymeist
Brown Creeper:				
1	W. Newbury	1		BBC (W. Drummond)
House Wren:				
23	Saugus (Breakheart)	18 pr.		R. Stymeist
Winter Wren:				
thr.	Ipswich, Boxford	2, 2		J. Berry, R. Stymeist #
14	P.I.	2		J. Clancy
Carolina Wren:				
June	Plymouth (M.B.O.)	1 (b.)		Staff
2	Chilmark (M.V.)	1		BBC (J. Kenneally)
Long-billed Marsh Wren:				
24	P.I.	16		BBC (G. Soucy)
Gray Catbird:				
17, 22	P.I., Weston	10, 30		BBC (W. Drummond), L. Robinson
Hermit Thrush:				
thr.	Westwood	3 pr.		J. Clancy
Swainson's Thrush:				
1-7	Manomet (M.B.O.)	6 (b.)		Staff
1, 2	P.I., Belmont	4, 2		BBC (W. Drummond), BBC (R. Clayton)
Eastern Bluebird:				
thr.	9 localities	9 nesting prs.		v.o.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:				
23	Ipswich	1		J. Berry
Golden-crowned Kinglet:				
1	P.I.	1		BBC (W. Drummond)
Ruby-crowned Kinglet:				
1	P.I.	4 (late)		BBC (W. Drummond)
Cedar Waxwing:				
4, 10	Winchester	20, 40		Trageser (Ms.)
White-eyed Vireo:				
June	Manomet & Plymouth (M.B.O.)	1 (b.) & 1 (b.)		Staff
thr., 8 & 22	Ipswich, Marshfield	2, 3 & 1		J. Berry, W. Petersen
Yellow-throated Vireo:				
15	Boxford	2		R. Stymeist #
Solitary Vireo:				
2	Cambridge (Mt. A.)	1 (late)		BBC (E. Riggs)
Warbling Vireo:				
thr.	Cambridge, Nantucket	5 prs., 1 pr.		R. Stymeist, R. Veit
<u>Prothonotary Warbler:</u>				
1	Topsfield	1 (from May)		R. Stymeist, P. Martin
Golden-winged Warbler:				
thr., 8	W. Newbury, Groton	1, 1		R. Stymeist #, R. O' Hara
Blue-winged Warbler:				
1, 8	W. Newbury, Groton	1, 1		BBC (W. Drummond), R. O' Hara
22, 23	Lincoln, Weston	1, 1		W. W. Harrington, L. Robinson
Tennessee Warbler:				
8	Brookline	1		A. Agush
Nashville Warbler:				
2	Cambridge (Mt. A.)	1 (late)		BBC (E. Riggs)
Yellow Warbler:				
thr.	P.I.	20-25 prs.		v.o.
Magnolia Warbler:				
1	P.I.	8		BBC (W. Drummond)
Cape May Warbler:				
1	P.I.	1 (late)		BBC (W. Drummond)
Black-throated Blue Warbler:				
1	P.I.	1		BBC (W. Drummond)
Blackburnian Warbler:				
14	P.I.	1 (late)		J. Clancy

Bay-breasted Warbler:			
1	P.I.	3	BBC(W.Drummond)
Blackpoll:			
1,4	P.I.,Cambridge(Mt.A.)	10,18	BBC(W.Drummond),R.Stymeist
Pine Warbler:			
thr.,23	Ipswich,Weston	4-5 nesting,3 m.	J.Berry,L.Robinson
Prairie Warbler:			
thr.	Saugus	10 pr. nesting	R.Stymeist#
Northern Waterthrush:			
16,25	Raynham,Boxford	2,1	W.Petersen,H.D'Entremont#
Louisiana Waterthrush:			
9	Dover	2	W.Petersen,R.Forster
<u>Kentucky Warbler:</u>			
6	Buzzards Bay(Goat Pasture Pd.)	1 singing	B.Sorrie#
Mourning Warbler:			
1-19	Manomet,Plymouth(M.B.O.)	4(b.),7(b.)	Staff
2,4	Orleans,Cambridge(Mt.A.)	2,2	C.Goodrich#,R.Stymeist#
10	Nantucket	1	R.Veit
Hooded Warbler:			
5	Westport	1	fide R.O'Hara
Wilson's Warbler:			
1,2	P.I.,N.Scituate	7,1	BBC(W.Drummond),SSBC(J.Foley)
Canada Warbler:			
9-11,16	Annisquam,Hockomock Swamp	1,2	H.Wiggin,SSBC(S.Higginbotham)
Bobolink:			
14	Rowley	12+	J.Clancy
Orchard Oriole:			
10 on,27	Plymouth,Marshfield	1,1	B.Sorrie,B.Smyth#
<u>Summer Tanager:</u>			
14	P.I.	1 moulting	J.Clancy
<u>Blue Grosbeak:</u>			
7	Brookline	1	A.Agush
Indigo Bunting:			
thr.	Saugus,Weston	5 pr.,8	R. Stymeist,L.Robinson
House Finch:			
thr.	4 localities	4 nesting pr.	v.o.
Pine Siskin:			
3	Newton	2	D.Howard
Red Crossbill:			
1-6	Weston	25	J.Rome
Grasshopper Sparrow:			
1,8	Katama(M.V.),Groton	8,1 pr.	BBC(J.Kenneally),R.O'Hara
15,30	Dartmouth,Leicester(Airport)	1,1	R.Emery#,W.Petersen#
<u>Henslow's Sparrow:</u>			
thr.	Newburyport	4 singing males	R.Stymeist# & v.o.
30	Leicester(Worc.Airport)	2	W.Petersen#
Sharp-tailed Sparrow:			
1	Chappaquiddick Is.(M.V.)	8	BBC(J.Kenneally)
15	S.Dartmouth	15	M.Argue#
Seaside Sparrow:			
15	S.Dartmouth	1	R.Emery#
Vesper Sparrow:			
thr.,8	Manomet(M.B.O.),P.I.	3,1	Staff,G.Wilson#
Dark-eyed Junco:			
6,13	P.I.,Annisquam	1, pr. nesting	C.Goodrich#,H.Wiggin
White-crowned Sparrow:			
1	P.I.	4	BBC(W.Drummond)
White-throated Sparrow:			
15,16	Pembroke,Raynham	1,3+	W.Petersen#
Lincoln's Sparrow:			
June	Manomet(M.B.O.)	1(b.)	Staff