

THE BIRD OBSERVER SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 1974

Cool Canadian air brought frost to most areas in early October, warming to the low sixties by week end and continuing mild through midmonth. On the nights of the 15th and 16th a storm moving up the Atlantic coast brought heavy rain, generally ranging from one to two inches in eastern Massachusetts. A strong northerly flow in the wake of the storm gave us record low temperatures for the balance of the week. Mostly fine weather prevailed with below normal precipitation and unseasonably mild weather to month end.

Migrating Common and Red-throated Loons were reported in small numbers, while the count of Red-necked Grebes in Plymouth was impressive, as were the 30 Horned Grebes in Wollaston Bay. An Eared Grebe arrived at Stage Harbor, Chatham on the 24th and remained there through the month. A Cory's Shearwater was observed by over 90 birders on the BBC pelagic trip of October 26th. Three Manx Shearwaters were reported, again from Sandy Neck, Barnstable.

The highlight of the month and the fall migration was the White Pelican reported island hopping from the 12th through the 26th. It was first observed near Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, then on the 18th showed up at Madaket, Nantucket. On the 25th it was seen at Chappaquidick Island and back to Edgartown again on the 26th. A White Pelican (the same?) had been reported from Vermont earlier.

Fifty-six Great Blue Herons were at Fort Hill, Eastham, the number being much lower than in previous years. Other lingering herons included 3 Little Blues, 29 Snowies and 1 Glossy Ibis. A high count of 2000 Brant at Brewster was encouraging. Likewise, were high counts of Gadwall, Northern Shoveler, Common Eider and all three scoters. Also reported were 3 European Wigeon, 6 Harlequin Duck and 2 King Eider.

Raptor highlights include Turkey Vulture, 21 Sharp-shinned and 10 Cooper's Hawks, a Bald Eagle, 13 Peregrines, and the gray phase Gyrfalcon returned to Monomoy. No reports of American Kestrel were received.

A Sandhill Crane was reported from Holden. Whether or not this was the same bird seen on Cape Cod is not known.

Twenty-nine species of shorebirds were recorded. Noteworthy were Baird's and Curlew Sandpipers, a Marbled Godwit and at least 9 Hudsonian Godwits at Plum Island. Three Glaucous Gulls were reported, and 91 Laughing Gulls were present in Wollaston. The adult Sabine's Gull continued at Nantucket Harbor. Last years high counts of Forster's Terns were not repeated; only 3 were reported this October. A Common Puffin was well observed at Sandy Neck, Barnstable.

Barn Owls successfully nested on Martha's Vineyard, 3 Snowy Owls were reported, and a Whip-poor-will was heard as late as October 26th. Two Black-backed Three-toed Woodpeckers were noted.

Only 2 Western Kingbirds were reported. A Say's Phoebe spent four days at the Marconi Station in South Wellfleet. This rare straggler from the west has only appeared in Massachusetts a handful of times.

Late migrants included Olive-sided Flycatcher, Cliff Swallow, Purple Martin, Warbling Vireo, Golden-winged Warbler and Canada Warbler. Also recorded were Kentucky and Connecticut Warblers. Two Brewer's Blackbirds were reported at Wellfleet and Truro. See Bird Observer, Vol. 2, No. 2, for more notes on this species. A Summer Tanager was observed in Orleans, and 3 Blue Grosbeaks were recorded.

Tufted Titmice were reported in larger numbers this year and in many localities. At Manomet Bird Observatory during the month of October, the Staff banded 74 titmice as compared with only 7 birds banded in October, 1973. It will be interesting to see the results of this years Christmas Counts and the number of individuals recorded in Massachusetts.

Three Clay-colored Sparrows were noted, and a Harris' Sparrow was reported from Edgartown Great Pond, Martha's Vineyard. No details were received and the information was taken from the Vineyard Gazette. Large numbers of White-crowned Sparrows were reported, and a maximum count of 1000 Snow Buntings was made at Salisbury.

Common Loon:			
2,9&11	Wollaston,Middleboro	6,1	W.Cornwell,Corwins & R.Maxim
24	Wollaston Bay	20	W.Cornwell
Red-throated Loon:			
26,28	Plymouth,Westport	30+,15	S.Groves,BBC(R.O'Hara)
27	Revere	5	R.Stymeist,R.Veit
Red-necked Grebe:			
8	Edgartown(Great Pond)(M.V.)	1	G.Ben David
25;26	Plymouth;Rockport	24;2	S.Groves,N.Houghton;B.Sorrie
Horned Grebe:			
24,25	Wollaston,Marshfield	36,9	W.Cornwell,B.Cassie
Eared Grebe:			
24-31	Chatham(Stage Harbor)	1	R.Clem et al
Pied-billed Grebe:			
19,28	Concord,Lakeville	5,9	H.Merriman,D.Briggs
<u>Cory's Shearwater:</u>			
26	off Provincetown	1	BBC(S.Grinley)
Greater Shearwater:			
4,27	Eastham(1st Encounter)	1,3-4	R.Pease & J.Clancy,M.Gardler
Manx Shearwater:			
14	Barnstable(S.N.)	3	J.Murphy & H.D'Entremont
<u>Leach's Storm-Petrel:</u>			
20	Eastham(1st Encounter)	1	B.Sorrie
<u>White Pelican:</u>			
12-17,25-26	Martha's Vineyard	1,1	G.Ben David#
18-23	Nantucket	1	J.Dennis,E.Andrews#
Gannet:			
17,20	Wellfleet,Eastham	100,125/hr.	H.D'Entremont#,B.Sorrie
Great Cormorant:			
13,17	Newburyport,Manomet	4,60	BBC(W.Drummond),M.B.O.Staff
Double-crested Cormorant:			
5,21	Squantum	400,175	R.Veit,W.Cornwell
Great Blue Heron:			
1,17	Eastham	56,27	J.Clancy,M.McClellan
26,28	Duxbury,Westport	13,32	BBC(J.Nichols),BBC(R.O'Hara)
Green Heron:			
11,12	Wareham,P.I.	1,1	D.Alexander,B.Sorrie
Little Blue Heron:			
11,12-13	Squantum,P.I.	1 imm.,1 imm.	R.Emery#,L.Jodrey#
14	S.Wellfleet(WBWS)	1	W.Petersen#
Great Egret:			
3-19,3-5	P.I.,Menemsha Creek(M.V.)	1,1	M.Gardler#,R.Ferris
Snowy Egret:			
2,13,31	Wollaston,P.I.,Squantum	20,8,1	W.Cornwell,R.Emery#,R.Emery
Black-crowned Night Heron:			
7,20;26	Squantum;Ipswich	50,20;22	E.Morrier,W.Cornwell;J.Berry
Yellow-crowned Night Heron:			
27	P.I.	1 imm.	M&A Argue
American Bittern:			
8,19	Milton,P.I.	1,1	H.D'Entremont#,H.Bates#
20;25	Eastham,P.I.;Concord	1,2;2	B.Sorrie,G.Soucy;J.Clancy
Glossy Ibis:			
14	Eastham(Fort Hill)	1	W.Petersen#
Canada Goose:			
14,28	Concord(GMNWR),Westport	900,500	BBC(Hinds),BBC(R.O'Hara)
Brant:			
18	Wollaston Bay	50	E.Morrier
20,27	Eastham,Brewster	400+,2000+	B.Sorrie,M.Gardler#
Snow Goose:			
12-26,29	P.I.,Quincy	1,1 imm.	v.o.,W.Cornwell
Mallard:			
14	Concord(GMNWR)	200	BBC(Hinds)
Black Duck:			
23,27	Wollaston,Concord(GMNWR)	850,200	W.Cornwell,P.Alden
Gadwall:			
14;20,27	Concord(GMNWR);Ipswich	40;30,175+	BBC(Hinds);J.Berry#
Pintail:			
27	P.I.,Concord	30,30	BBC(J.Berry),P.Alden

Green-winged Teal:			
12,27;14	P.I.; Concord (GMNWR)	250,150;250	W. Cornwell, BBC (J. Berry); BBC (Hinds)
Blue-winged Teal:			
1,14	Eastham, Concord (GMNWR)	27,25	J. Clancy, BBC (Hinds)
European Wigeon:			
thr., 5	Monomoy, Concord (GMNWR)	1 m., 1	v.o., N. Claffin
23	Bourne	1 m.	B. Sorrie#
American Wigeon:			
26,27	Concord (GMNWR), Ipswich	320,200+	R. Stymeist & R. Veit, BBC (J. Berry)
Northern Shoveler:			
12,30	P.I.	12,30+	v.o.
Wood Duck:			
6,13	Rochester, E. Orleans	14,2	G. Mock, W. Petersen
20,28	Ipswich, Concord (GMNWR)	6,2	J. Berry, BBC (D. Weaver)#
Redhead:			
6-13	Plymouth	1 f.	v.o.
Ring-necked Duck:			
20,28	Cambridge, Middleboro	27,350+	R. Veit, D. Briggs
26	Braintree, Petersham	55,28	W. Petersen, B. Blodget
Canvasback:			
26,27	Monomoy, Newburyport	2,38	W. Pailey, H. Merriman
Greater Scaup:			
8,24;20,23	Squantum; Cambridge	800,500;25,32	W. Cornwell; R. Veit, B. Cassie
Common Goldeneye:			
28	W. Newbury	21	D. Alexander
Bufflehead:			
23,27	Wollaston, Revere	600,300	W. Cornwell, R. Veit & R. Stymeist
Oldsquaw:			
20,27	Squantum, Newburyport	110,50	SSBC (R. Langley), H. Merriman
Harlequin Duck:			
5,17	Nauset, off South Beach (M.V.)	2,4	V. Iaux#, J. Ferris
Common Eider:			
26	Monomoy	15,000	W. Bailey
King Eider:			
5,29	Nauset, Chatham	1 f., 1 m.	H. D'Entremont#, J. Mayo
White-winged Scoter:			
13,22	Manomet, Wollaston	300,350	H. D'Entremont#, W. Cornwell
Surf Scoter:			
2,13	Wollaston, Manomet	1 f., 3000	W. Cornwell, H. D'Entremont#
Black Scoter:			
13,26	Manomet, Marshfield	100,200	H. D'Entremont#, BBC (J. Nichols)
Ruddy Duck:			
20;27	Braintree, Brewster, P.I.	12;60+, 15	R. Langley; M. Gardner, H. Merriman
Hooded Merganser:			
26,28	Petersham, Lincoln	44,40	F. Blodget, B. Paabe
Common Merganser:			
12-13	Edgartown (M.V.)	15	G. Whitin#
Red-breasted Merganser:			
23,26	Wollaston, Marshfield	275,75	W. Cornwell, BBC (J. Nichols)
Turkey Vulture:			
7	Sherborn	1	N. Claffin
Osprey:			
17	Westwood	1	J. Clancy
27	Rowley, Newburyport	1 imm., 1 imm.	BBC (J. Berry), W. Petersen
Sharp-shinned Hawk:			
thr.	13 localities	21 individuals	v.o.
Cooper's Hawk:			
thr.	7 localities	10 individuals	v.o.
Red-tailed Hawk:			
12	Truro & Wellfleet	2&2	BBC (Paines)
17,20	Newburyport, Braintree	3,1	J. Berry, SSBC (R. Langley)
Rough-legged Hawk:			
14,17	Wellfleet, Rowley	1,1	W. Petersen, I. de H. Powell
28	Newburyport	4	W. Petersen
Bald Eagle:			
17	Arlington Center	1	P. Donahue
Marsh Hawk:			
thr.	6 localities	12 individuals	v.o.

Osprey:				
thr.	17 localities	24 individuals		v.o.
<u>Gyrfalcon:</u>				
26-28	Monomoy	1 gray phase		W.Bailey#
Peregrine Falcon:				
1-26	10 localities	13 individuals(2 imm.)		v.o.
Merlin:				
thr.	8 localities	17 individuals		v.o.
<u>Sandhill Crane:</u>				
9	Holden	1		R.Clark
King Rail:				
31	W.Harwich	1		B.Nikula
Virginia Rail:				
12	Chatham	1		BBC(Baines)
Sora:				
19	Concord(GMNWR)	1		H.Merriman
Common Gallinule:				
13,28	P.I.,Chatham	1,1		BBC(W.Drummond),R.Pease
American Coot:				
20,28;27	Concord(GMNWR);Ipswich	160+,200;30		M.McClellan,BBC(D.Weaver);J.Berry
Semipalmated Plover:				
27	Revere	14		R.Stymeist & R.Veit
Piping Plover:				
6	Nauset(Coast Guard Beach)	1		W.Bailey#
Killdeer:				
7,19	Ipswich	40+,25+		J.Berry
Golden Plover:				
3,19	P.I.	8,1		J.Berry,BBC(P.Butler)
7,27	Ipswich,Rowley	7,1		M.Gardler,W.Petersen
Black-bellied Plover:				
1,19	Squantum,P.I.	150,160		W.Cornwell,BBC(P.Butler)
Ruddy Turnstone:				
27	Winthrop	1		R.Stymeist & R.Veit
American Woodcock:				
24,27	Bourne,Ipswich	2,4		B.Sorrie,BBC(J.Berry)
Common Snipe:				
12;28	Truro;Westport,Ipswich	2;3,10		BBC(Baines);BBC(R.O'Hara),J.Berry
Whimbrel:				
4;8,26	Eastham;Duxbury	1;3,1		J.Clancy;W.Petersen
Spotted Sandpiper:				
12	Woburn(Horn Pond)	1		E.Riggs
Solitary Sandpiper:				
1,19	Rowley,Concord(GMNWR)	1,1		R.Dwellely,H.Merriman
14,17	Truro	2,1		W.Petersen#,H.D'Entremont#
Greater Yellowlegs:				
15-16,27	P.I.,E.Boston	65,62		M.Gardler,R.Veit & R.Stymeist
Lesser Yellowlegs:				
15-16;27	P.I.;P.I.,Rowley	10;5,16		M.Gardler;J.Berry,W.Petersen
Red Knot:				
24,30	P.I.	10-15,5		N.Powell,M.McClellan
Purple Sandpiper:				
24,28,31	P.I.,Westport,Rockport	5,3,60+		N.Powell,BBC(R.O'Hara),N.Powell#
Pectoral Sandpiper:				
4-8,14,27	Eastham,Brookline,Rowley	125,1,1		v.o.,H.Wiggin,BBC(J.Berry)
White-rumped Sandpiper:				
16,30;27	P.I.;Revere	10,7;7		M.Gardler,M.McClellan;R.Veit#
Baird's Sandpiper:				
3-16	Rowley	1		M.Gardler
Least Sandpiper:				
13,27	P.I.,Revere	2,2		BBC(W.Drummond),R.Veit#
<u>Curlew Sandpiper:</u>				
13	P.I.	1		BBC(G.Soucy#)
Dunlin:				
13,19	Barnstable(S.N.),Duxbury	500,2800		R.Pease,W.Petersen
27	Revere,P.I.	500,1000+		R.Stymeist#,M.Gardler
Short-billed Dowitcher:				
15-16	P.I.	1		M.Gardler

Long-billed Dowitcher:			
25,27	Newburyport, Ipswich	25,50+	W. Petersen, J. Berry
Semipalmated Sandpiper:			
13,19	P.I.	100,31	BBC(W. Drummond), P. Butler#
Western Sandpiper:			
13,27	Chatham, Revere	1,8	W. Petersen, R. Veit#
Marbled Godwit:			
8	P.I.	1	P. Butler#
Hudsonian Godwit:			
thr., 1-28	5 localities, P.I.	7 individuals, 9+	v.o.
Sanderling:			
27	Revere	450	R. Stymeist & R. Veit
Red Phalarope:			
26	off Provincetown	1-2	BBC(S. Grinley)
Parasitic Jaeger:			
13	Barnstable(S.N.)	5	R. Pease
Glaucous Gull:			
5	Worcester Dump	1 imm.	C. Quinlan
20,28	P.I., Manomet	1,1 imm.	G. Soucy, B. Harrington#
Black-headed Gull:			
10,13,25	Newburyport, Squantum, Manomet	1,3,1	R. Emery#, L. Robinson, M&H Bates
Laughing Gull:			
2,30	Wollaston	75,91	W. Cornwell
Bonaparte's Gull:			
1,20	Squantum, Wollaston	125,32	W. Cornwell, SSBC(R. Langley)
28	Newburyport	25	D. Alexander#
Little Gull:			
13,28	Newburyport, Salisbury	2,1 imm.	BBC(W. Drummond), W. Petersen
Black-legged Kittiwake:			
15,17	P.I., Barnstable(S.N.)	35,51	M. Gardler, H. D'Entremont#
<u>Sabine's Gull:</u>			
thr.	Nantucket	1 ad.	E. Andrews, N. Claflin
Forster's Tern:			
14,17	Truro	1,3	W. Petersen#, H. D'Entremont#
Common Tern:			
5,8	Nantucket Sound, Squantum	200+, 100	H&V Sprong, W. Cornwell
27,28	Revere, Westport	3,5	R. Stymeist#, BBC(R. O'Hara)
Least Tern:			
1,12	Eastham, Truro	1,25	J. Clancy, BBC(Baines)
Caspian Tern:			
12	Barnstable(S.N.)	3	W. Petersen#, H. D'Entremont#
Dovekie:			
25,26	Manomet, Monomoy	1,1	H&M Bates, W. Bailey#
28	Chatham(1 mile off North Beach)	1	R. Forster#
<u>Common Puffin:</u> (excellent details)			
13	Barnstable(S.N.)	1 ad.	R. Veit, S. Perkins, F. Hamlen
Orange-fronted Parakeet:			
15 on	Newburyport	1	H. Brown and v.o.
Monk Parakeet:			
20	Newburyport	1	G. Soucy
Yellow-billed Cuckoo:			
14	Chilmark(M.V.)	1 "feeding young"	S. Whiting#
26	Monomoy	1	W. Bailey#
Black-billed Cuckoo:			
1,12	Manomet, Woburn	1 b., 1	M. B.O. Staff, E. Riggs
13,21	E. Orleans, Manomet	1,1 imm.	W. Petersen#, F. Gardner
<u>Barn Owl:</u>			
thr.	Martha's Vineyard	7 nests	fide H. D'Entremont#
Screech Owl:			
6,18	Ipswich, Lancaster	1,1	J. Berry, H. Merriman
Great Horned Owl:			
6,9	Truro, Ipswich	1,2	J. Berry, D. Brown#
24,26	Manomet, Truro	1,1	M. B.O. Staff, B. Cassie#
Snowy Owl:			
26	Boston(Logan Airport)	1	fide N. Powell
29,30	W. Gloucester, Nahant	1,1	N. Claflin, D. Bangs
Barred Owl:			
2,19	Middleboro, W. Newbury	1,1	D. Briggs, BBC(P. Butler)

Short-eared Owl:			
9&27,15	Salisbury, Lobsterville(M.V.)	1,1	M&A Argue, J. Neeld
20,21&24	P.I., Squantum	1,1	G. Soucy#, E. Morrier
Saw-whet Owl:			
12,25	Brewster, Manomet	2,2 b.	R. Stymeist#, M.B.O. Staff
Whip-poor-will:			
26	Pembroke	1	J. Clancy
Common Nighthawk:			
3	Edgartown(M.V.), Nauset	1,1	G. Ben David, C. Goodrich
6,9	Chatham, Middleboro, Manomet	2,1,1 b.	W. Harrington, D. Briggs, M.B.O. Staff
Chimney Swift:			
6,7,10	Boston, Middleboro, Barnstable	1,20+,1	R. Veit, T. Pattee, R. Pease
Ruby-throated Hummingbird:			
4,12	Wollaston, Wellesley	1,1	J. Cornwell, D. Wells
Common Flicker:			
1&8;13	P.I.; Cambridge(Mt. A.)	30,12;8	R. Emery#, P. Butler#; BBC(D. Banes)
Red-headed Woodpecker:			
15,27	Truro, Wellfleet	1 imm., 1 imm.	C. Goodrich
29	Sudbury	1 f.	BBC(D. Wells)
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:			
1-10	15 localities	24 individuals	v.o.
Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker:			
19,22	Pocasset, Concord(GMNWR)	1,1	Daltons, L. Gintoli
Western Kingbird:			
5&6,20	Bolton, Chatham	1,1	D. Johnson, B. Sorrie
Great-crested Flycatcher:			
4	Barnstable	2	R. Pease#
Eastern Phoebe:			
21 (lasts)	Squantum, Quincy, P.I.	3,3,1	W. Cornwell, M. McClellan
Say's Phoebe: (Excellent Details)			
4-7	S. Wellfleet(Marconi Station)	1	W. Bailey# & v.o.
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:			
7	Manomet	1	M.B.O. Staff
Least Flycatcher:			
4	Truro, Manomet, S. Dartmouth	3,3 b., 1 b.	J. Clancy#, M.B.O. Staff, P. Regan
Eastern Wood Pewee:			
4,17	Manomet, Worcester	3 b., 1	M.B.O. Staff, C. Quinlan
Olive-sided Flycatcher:			
14	Plymouth	1	F. Hammond
Horned Lark:			
28	Salisbury	100	D. Alexander
Tree Swallow:			
5	Chatham(North Beach); Westport	15,000;200	C. Goodrich; BBC(R.O'Hara)
26	Monomoy	75	W. Bailey#
Barn Swallow:			
19,26	P.I., Monomoy	1,1	H. Bates#, W. Bailey#
Cliff Swallow:			
5	Chatham(North Beach)	1	C. Goodrich & B. Nikula
Purple Martin:			
5	Chatham(North Beach)	1	C. Goodrich & B. Nikula
Blue Jay:			
1,13	Quincy, Cambridge(Mt. A.)	38,20	W. Cornwell, D&A Banes
Common Crow:			
20	Concord(GMNWR)	250+	M. McClellan
Tufted Titmouse:			
thr.	Manomet, S. Dartmouth	7 ¹ / ₂ b., 1 ¹ / ₂ b.	M.B.O. Staff, P. Regan
1,5	Quincy, Belmont	14,6	W. Cornwell, P. Butler
Red-breasted Nuthatch:			
thr., 5	Lancaster, Annisquam	2+, 5	H. Merriman, H. Wiggin
6 on, 23	Marion, Cambridge	3, 1	G. Mock, B. Casdie
Brown Creeper:			
1	Orleans	20	C. Goodrich
House Wren:			
1-10, 8	S. Dartmouth, Manomet	1 b., 7 b.	P. Regan, M.B.O. Staff
Winter Wren:			
thr.	13 localities	21 individuals	v.o.
8.	Worcester(Green Hill)	<u>19</u>	C. Quinlan
20	Barnstable(S.N.)	<u>12</u>	V. Laux# & v.o.

Carolina Wren:				
thr.	7 localities	10 individuals		v.o.
Long-billed Marsh Wren:				
14	Concord (GMNWR)	1		BBC (Hinds)
Gray Catbird:				
1-10, 13	S. Dartmouth, P. I.	19 b., 8		P. Regan, BBC (W. Drummond)
19	Wellesley	1		BBC (D. Wells)
Brown Thrasher:				
11	S. Dartmouth	1 b.		P. Regan
American Robin:				
5	Annisquam	40		H. Wiggin
Wood Thrush:				
21	Quincy, Manomet	1, 1 b.		W. Cornwell, M. B. O. Staff
Hermit Thrush:				
20, 27	Cambridge, Rowley	12, 3		BBC (R. Veit), H. Merriman
Swainson's Thrush:				
1-25	8 localities	13 individuals		v.o.
Gray-cheeked Thrush:				
1, 2	P. I., Manomet	1, 2 b.		F. Emery#, M. B. O. Staff
7, 9	Boston, Moon Island	1, 1		S. Higginbotham, R. Emery#
12, 20	Baldwinville, Barnstable (S. N.)	1, 2		J. O' Regan, V. Laux#
Veery:				
8	P. I.	1		P. Butler
Eastern Bluebird:				
thr., 6	Holden, Woburn	8, 7		B. Blodget, P. Wade
7, 24	Sharon, Chilmark (M. V.)	2, 5		D. Brown, C. Atkinson
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:				
thr., 28	Manomet, Westport	3 b., 1		M. B. O. Staff, BBC (R. O' Hara)
Golden-crowned Kinglet:				
thr., 1	S. Dartmouth, P. I.	23 b., 40		P. Regan, R. Emery#
21	Quincy (Merrymount)	95		W. Cornwell
Ruby-crowned Kinglet:				
thr.	9 localities	51 individuals		v.o.
Water Pipit:				
7, 9, 13	Ipswich, Worcester, Outer Cape	75+, 35+, 75		J. Berry, B. Blodget, W. Petersen#
16-20, 28	Lancaster, Bridgewater	3-50+, 160		H. Merriman, T. Lloyd-Evans
Cedar Waxwing:				
8, 19	P. I.	8, 3		P. Butler, BBC (P. Butler)
Northern Shrike:				
25	Manomet	1 imm.		M. B. O. Staff
27	P. I., Wellfleet	1, 1		D. Alexander, C. Goodrich
White-eyed Vireo:				
1-10, 1	S. Dartmouth, Manomet (M. B. O.)	1 b., 1		P. Regan, B. Scirie
Solitary Vireo:				
1-19, 5	Manomet, Orleans	4 b., 12		M. B. O. Staff, C. Goodrich
20, 21	P. I., Cambridge, Squantum	1, 1, 1		W. Petersen#, R. Veit; W. Cornwell
Red-eyed Vireo:				
20, 29	W. Newbury, Manomet	1, 2		R. Forster#, B. Scirie
Philadelphia Vireo:				
1-20, 1	Manomet, Truro	4 b., 1		M. B. O. Staff, J. Clancy
7, 20	Eastham, Chatham	1, 1		M. McClellan, B. Scirie
Warbling Vireo:				
1	Orleans	1		C. Goodrich, B. Nikula
Black-and-white Warbler:				
43 (last)	Cambridge (M. A.)	1		BBC (D&A Bands)
Golden-winged Warbler:				
1	Manomet	1 b.		M. B. O. Staff
Tennessee Warbler:				
1; 6	Manomet, Quincy, Littleton	10, 1, 1		W. Bailey#, W. Cornwell; J. Baird
19	Manomet	1		M. B. O. Staff
Orange-crowned Warbler:				
thr., 1	Manomet, Monckey	6 b., 1		M. B. O. Staff, W. Bailey
6&27, 9	Truro, Boston (Tru.)	1&1, 1 (dead)		D. Brown# & M. Gardler#, H. Wiggin
19, 20	Orleans, Sandwich	10, 1		C. Goodrich# & v.o., R. Pease
Nashville Warbler:				
1-23, 19	Manomet, Waitham	18 b., 1		M. B. O. Staff, B. Cassie

Parula Warbler:			
1-19,19	Manomet,Waltham	1 b.,1	M.B.O.Staff,B.Cassie
20	Cambridge(Mt.A.)	1	BBC(R.Veit)
Yellow Warbler:			
1-10,12	S.Dartmouth,Truro	5 b.,1	P.Regan,BBC(Baines)
Magnolia Warbler:			
13,19	Squantum,Manomet	1,1 b.	BBC(L.Robinson),M.B.O.Staff
Cape May Warbler:			
1,6	Monomoy,Cambridge(Mt.A.)	1,1	W&P Bailey,BBC(V.Albee)
10	Vineyard Haven(M.V.)	1	M.Hancock
Black-throated Blue Warbler:			
20;28	Salisbury,Chatham;Chatham	1,1;1	W.Petersen#,B.Sorrie;R.Pease
Yellow-rumped Warbler:			
thr.	S.Dartmouth	406 b.	P.Regan
5	Wellesley,Princeton(WMWS)	75,131	BBC(E.Cushman),B.Blodget
9,13	Moon Island,P.I.	100+,150+	R.Emery#,BBC(W.Drummond)
23	Squantum	175	W.Cornwell
Black-throated Green Warbler:			
1-22,19	Manomet,Waltham	10 b.,1	M.B.O.Staff,B.Cassie
Blackburnian Warbler:			
2	Manomet	1	M.B.O.Staff
Chestnut-sided Warbler:			
9&18,17	Manomet,Worcester	1 b.& 1 b.,1	M.B.O.Staff,C.Quinlan
Bay-breasted Warbler:			
1-8,6	Manomet,Cambridge(Mt.A.)	3 b.,1	M.B.O.Staff,V.Albee
8,12	P.I.,Chatham	1,1	P.Butler,BBC(Baines)
Blackpoll Warbler:			
20,26	Cambridge,Duxbury Beach	5,1	BBC(R.Veit),W.Petersen
28	Salisbury	1	R.Emery#
Pine Warbler:			
6,12	S.Wellfleet,Chatham	3,1	W.Cornwell,BBC(Baines)
Prairie Warbler:			
1-10,1	S.Dartmouth,Waltham	1 b.,1	P.Regan,B.Cassie
Palm Warbler:			
5,13	Westport,P.I.	10,8	BBC(R.O'Hara),BBC(W.Drummond)
Ovenbird:			
1-10,3	S.Dartmouth,Squantum	4 b.,1	P.Regan,W.Cornwell
13	Eastham,Cambridge(Mt.A.)	1,1	W.Petersen,D&A Banded
Kentucky Warbler:			
1	Lincoln(Drumlin Farm)	1	I.Nisbet
Connecticut Warbler:			
4,15	Milton(F.M.),Manomet	1,1 b.	D.Brown,M.B.O.Staff
Mourning Warbler:			
9	Manomet	1 b.	M.B.O.Staff
Common Yellowthroat:			
1-24	Manomet	29 b.	M.B.O.Staff
Yellow-breasted Chat:			
thr.,1-10	Manomet,S.Dartmouth	23 b.,1 b.	M.B.O.Staff,P.Regan
3,4	Marshfield,Waltham	1,1	G.Wilson,B.Cassie
14,19	Plymouth,Chatham(North Bch.)	1,1	F.Hammond,J.Harris# & v.o.
Hooded Warbler:			
1	Manomet;Orleans	2 f.,1 m.b.;1 m.	M.B.O.Staff;C.Goodrich
4	Annisquam,Vineyard Haven(M.V.)	1,1	H.Wiggin,E.Rogers
26-27	South Harwich	1 m.	Campbells & v.o.
Wilson's Warbler:			
1-20	Manomet,S.Dartmouth	3 b.,2 b.	M.B.O.Staff,P.Regan
Canada Warbler:			
1	Waltham	1	B.Cassie
American Redstart:			
20,27	P.I.,Chatham	1,1	W.Petersen#,M.Gardler#
Bobolink:			
5&6	Annisquam	2	H.Wiggin
Redwinged Blackbird:			
28	Newbury	1000	R.Emery#
Northern Oriole:			
5	Orleans	1(Bullock's)	C.Goodrich,B.Nikula
20	Cambridge(Mt.A.)	1	BBC(R.Veit)

Rusty Blackbird:			
14,20	Concord(GMNWR),Truro	20,1	BBC(Hinds),B.Sorrie
23,25-31	Squantum,Lancaster	1,2-4	W.Cornwell,H.Merriman
26,28	Monomoy,Ipswich	1,2	W.Bailey#,J.Berry
Brewer's Blackbird:			
22,24	S.Wellfleet,Truro	1 f.,1	C.Goodrich & W.Bailey,W.Bailey
Common Grackle:			
25,28	S.Dartmouth,Byfield	1000,100	P.Regan,D.Alexander
Brown-headed Cowbird:			
25	S.Dartmouth	400	P.Regan
Scarlet Tanager:			
1-6	6 localities	9 individuals	v.o.
Summer Tanager:			
11	Orleans	1	C.Goodrich
Cardinal:			
29	Lancaster	1 f.feeding 2 yg.	H.Merriman
Rose-breasted Grosbeak:			
4,5	Truro,Westport	1,1	R.Pease#,BBC(R.O'Hara)
13	P.I.	1	BBC(W.Drummond)
Blue Grosbeak:			
14-20,15	Truro,Manomet	2-1,1 b.	W.Petersen# & v.o.,M.B.O.Staff
Indigo Bunting:			
1-6	Truro	3-12	J.Clancy,D.Brown# & v.o.
19	Wellesley	1	BBC(D.Wells)
Dickcissel:			
1-14	Truro	1-3	v.o.
Evening Grosbeak:			
26	Petersham,Monomoy	1,1	B.Blodget#,W.Bailey#
27	Princeton,Brewster	1,10	B.Blodget,M.Gardler#
Purple Finch:			
1-20	S.Dartmouth	15 b.	P.Regan
House Finch:			
thr.	S.Dartmouth	5 b.	P.Regan
Pine Siskin:			
5&6,26	Annisquam,Monomoy	2,2	H.Wiggin,W.Bailey#
Savannah (Ipswich) Sparrow:			
12	P.I.	1	M.Argue
Savannah Sparrow:			
5,9	Squantum,Worcester	30,50	R.Veit,B.Blodget
Grasshopper Sparrow:			
10,14	Manomet,Truro	1 b.,1	M.B.O.Staff,W.Petersen
Sharp-tailed Sparrow:			
6,29	Squantum,P.I.	20,2	D.Brown,R.Emery#
Seaside Sparrow:			
6	Squantum	1	W.Cornwell
Vesper Sparrow:			
6	S.Wellfleet(Marconi)	35	W.Cornwell
11,12	N.Dartmouth,Chatham	3,3	G.Mock,BBC(Baines)
Lark Sparrow:			
2,5	Marshfield,Squantum	1 ad.,1 ad.	G.Wilson,R.Veit
10,20	Truro,S.Wellfleet	1,2	BBC(Baines),W.Bailey
Dark-eyed Junco:			
5,11	Squantum	12,25	R.Veit,R.Emery#
20	Cambridge(Fresh Pond)	75	R.Veit
Tree Sparrow:			
20,23	Chatham & Truro,Cambridge	1&1,3	B.Sorrie,B.Cassie
25 on	Lancaster	7+	H.Merriman
Chipping Sparrow:			
6	Truro	170+	R.Veit#
Clay-colored Sparrow:			
thr.,22-24	Truro,S.Wellfleet(Marconi)	2,1	v.o.,C.Goodrich
Field Sparrow:			
10,29	Truro,P.I.	10,12	BBC(Baines),R.Emery#
Harris' Sparrow: (No Details)			
12	Edgartown Great Pond(M.V.)	1	B.Wynn
White-crowned Sparrow:			
6,14	S.Wellfleet,Truro	65+,50	R.Veit,W.Petersen
17,19	Squantum,P.I.	50,30-40	L.Robinson,Argues

White-throated Sparrow:			
1	Quincy, P.I.	84,59	W. Cornwell, Argues#
9,23	Boston (Pru.), Squantum	35,125	H. Wiggin, W. Cornwell
Fox Sparrow:			
19,20	P.I., Cambridge (Fresh Pond)	1,1	Argues, BBC (R. Veit)
21,27;30	Manomet; P.I.	1 b., 1 b.; 1	M. B. O. Staff; M. McClellan
Lincoln's Sparrow:			
1,5	P.I., Wellesley	1,1	R. Emery#, BBC (E. Cushman)
4,5 on	Milton, Truro	11,3	D. Brown, R. Veit
1,15	Concord, Squantum	1,1	B. Cassie, R. Veit
Swamp Sparrow:			
6,28	Truro, Westport	10,1	D. Brown, BBC (R. O'Hara)
Song Sparrow:			
2,23;28	Squantum; Westport	30,85;15	W. Cornwell; BBC (R. O'Hara)
Lapland Longspur:			
19	Cambridge (Mt. A.)	3	R. Stymeist
28	Westport, Salisbury	100,85+	R. O'Hara, R. Veit
Snow Bunting:			
21,25	P.I., Plymouth	50+, 50+	M. McClellan#, B. Sorrie
26,28	Ipswich, Barnstable (S.N.)	500+, 75	J. Berry, B. Sorrie
28	Salisbury	1000	v.o.

MORE ABOUT GREENLAND PEREGRINES

A Peregrine Falcon seen in Massachusetts may well be migrating to or from its chemically unpolluted breeding grounds in Greenland. In 1972 (see Bird Observer, Vol. 1, page 56) the Peregrines on this island did well, with the production of 2 1/4 young per eyrie.

However, during migration along the eastern coast of North America to their Caribbean, Central-, and South-American wintering grounds, both young and old Peregrines are exposed to chlorinated hydrocarbons (particularly DDT and its derivatives). What effect does this relatively brief contact with pesticides have on these birds?

In a recent issue of Arctic, William G. Mattox and his colleagues report that in 1972 the Peregrine eggshells were 14 percent thinner than samples collected before the introduction of DDT. Even though the production of Peregrines in 1973 was 2.4 young per eyrie (somewhat up from 1972, possibly because of mild weather), these scientists conclude that "the population of peregrine falcons in West Greenland is nearing the critical point at which organochlorine insecticide residues concentrating within the birds are sufficient to cause eggshell thinning and resultant reproductive failure."

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FROM "THE SEABIRDS OF BRITAIN AND IRELAND"

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In 1957, on Skokholm Island, England, 27 pairs of Great Black-backed Gulls nested, and the remains of 2,536 Manx Shearwaters were recovered. Manx Shearwaters, being clumsy and helpless on land, are usually attacked by the gulls just before dawn, though often much earlier on moonlit nights. The shearwaters are killed by vigorous shaking and pecking as feeding begins, and by the end of the meal the skin is often turned neatly inside out, a characteristic trademark of the work of this gull.

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