

BIRD SIGHTINGS

AUGUST 1995

SUMMARY



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August was sunny, dry, and warm, with temperatures averaging 72.8°, just a little above normal. The high was 96° in Boston on August 1, and the low was 55° on the 29th. Rain was nearly nonexistent, with only 0.82 inch recorded in Boston. This was the second driest August in 125 years. The low humidity combined with the lack of rain produced very dangerous fire hazards and several state forests were closed.

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LOONS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

Numbers of pelagic birds in offshore waters continued strong both in numbers and variety relative to recent years. Reports of Cory's Shearwaters increased during the month after as early appearance in July. Herons appeared in post-breeding aggregations as is typical for the season. Excellent numbers of Glossy Ibis continued early in the month at Plum Island, where other species were well reported at the evening roost. The vanguard of the freshwater duck flight appeared in the latter portion of the month. Among raptors the most interesting reports were the continued widespread appearance of what are most likely resident Cooper's Hawks. Conversely, most Sharp-shinned Hawks were probably migrants with reports concentrated late in the month. Merlins continued their recent trend of appearing in August.

The shorebird flight progressed very much on schedule with maximum high counts of most sandpiper species in the early part of the month and peaks of plovers somewhat later. The only unusual species was a **Curlew Sandpiper** present for more than a week in Scituate. Although Long-billed Dowitcher is an uncommon bird here, the peak count was well below the normal high count and to a lesser extent the same was true for Stilt Sandpiper. Could the persistent drought and resultant low water levels have been a factor? The arrival of other scarce western migrants - Baird's, Buff-breasted, and Western sandpipers - coincided with the passage of a cold front and accompanying northwest winds on August 24-25. Most notable among these were scattered inland reports of all species including a high of seven Baird's Sandpipers at Provincetown. White-rumped Sandpipers were also well reported during this period, but there was only a scattering of American Golden-Plovers. Pectoral Sandpipers also were scarce throughout the month.

Jaegers were scarce in offshore waters. A high count of 500 Laughing Gulls in East Boston was interesting. An adult **Franklin's Gull** graced the shores of Monomoy and South Beach for a brief period late in the month. Equally satisfying was a **Sabine's Gull** on Stellwagen Bank. Lesser Black-backed Gulls, mostly adults, began appearing at traditional locations for them. No southern terns were reported, and both Forster's and Black terns were observed in relatively low numbers.

Common Nighthawks were moving late in the month with a widespread movement noted on August 29.

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Date	Location	Number	Observers	Date	Location	Number	Observers
Common Loon				13	Great S. Channel	18	S. Arena#
6	Wachusett Res.	pr + 2 yg	M. Lynch#	Greater Shearwater			
27	Lynn B.	1	G. d'Entremont#	5	Jeffries Ledge	25+	R. Lockwood
28	S. Monomoy	5	W. Petersen#	7, 27	Nantucket	1, 6	S. Perkins
Pied-billed Grebe				12	Stellwagen Bank	100	R. Prescott
24	Worcester	1	M. Lynch#	13	Great S. Channel	132	S. Arena#
27	P.I.	1	G. d'Entremont#	Sooty Shearwater			
Cory's Shearwater				5	Stellwagen Bank	2	M. Lynch#
4	P.I.	3	P. Hunt	7, 27	Nantucket	90+, 1	S. Perkins
5	Jeffries Ledge	5	R. Lockwood	9	Jeffries Ledge	1	R. Heil
8, 27	Nantucket	25+, 4	S. Perkins	13	Great S. Channel	15	S. Arena#

Manx Shearwater										
8, 9	Nantucket	3, 16	S. Perkins	4	S. Peabody	1 imm	T. Aversa			
9	Jeffries Ledge	2	R. Heil	31	WBWS	1 imm	W. Petersen#			
29	Stellwagen Bank	1	W. Petersen#	Glossy Ibis						
30	Eastham	1	W. Petersen	2	P.I.	265	R. Heil			
Wilson's Storm-Petrel				4	S. Peabody	2	T. Aversa			
5	Jeffries Ledge	200+	R. Lockwood	14	N. Monomoy	16	B. Nikula			
5	Stellwagen Bank	400+	M. Lynch#	26	Provincetown	1	T. Aversa			
7	Marshfield	85	R. Forster	28	S. Monomoy	2	W. Petersen#			
9	Nantucket	800	S. Perkins	Whooper Swan						
9	Chatham (S.B.)	3	S. + E. Miller	20	P.I.	1	BBC (C. Floyd)			
13	Great S. Channel	2700	S. Arena#	Wood Duck						
Leach's Storm-Petrel				thr	Wakefield	46 max	P. + F. Vale			
5	Jeffries Ledge	1	R. Lockwood	19	ONWR	20+	M. Pelikan			
13	Great S. Channel	11	S. Arena#	20	GMNWR	25	S. Perkins#			
Northern Gannet				26	Holden	27	M. Lynch#			
4, 27	P.I.	3, 1	P. Hunt	29	Ipswich	113+	J. Berry			
5	Stellwagen Bank	7	M. Lynch#	Green-winged Teal						
7	Marshfield	2	R. Forster	5	GMNWR	5	T. Aversa			
7-9	Nantucket	8 imm	S. Perkins	6, 25	Nantucket	2, 5	S. Perkins			
9	Jeffries Ledge	20	R. Heil	8, 29	S. Monomoy	12, 10	B. Nikula#			
20	Rockport	7 imm	J. Berry	15	Lexington	11	T. Aversa			
Great Cormorant				23	Lexington	25	S. Perkins#			
thr	Nantucket	1	S. Perkins	American Black Duck						
31	Lynn	1	J. Quigley	thr	P.I.	157 max	8/29 W. Drew#			
American Bittern				Northern Pintail						
5	Rowley	1	P. + F. Vale	8, 29	S. Monomoy	4, 2	B. Nikula#			
9	P.I.	2	R. Lockwood	27	Princeton	1	M. Lynch#			
27	Boxboro	4	C. Paine	Blue-winged Teal						
Great Blue Heron				8, 29	S. Monomoy	1, 40	B. Nikula#			
thr	P.I.	16 max	8/29 W. Drew#	13-29	Lexington	12 max	v. o.			
12, 27	Rowley	16, 9	J. Berry	15	W. Barnstable	7	S. + E. Miller			
28	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	15	LCES (J. Hill)	16	P.I.	21	W. Drew#			
Great Egret				22-31	Hamilton	9	N. Nash			
thr	Easton	3 max	S. Arena	Northern Shoveler						
thr	P.I.	49 max	8/29 W. Drew#	8, 29	S. Monomoy	1, 10	B. Nikula#			
3	Norton	4	G. d'Entremont	18-28	Melrose	6	D. + I. Jewell			
7, 28	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	23, 45	LCES (J. Hill)	29	P.I.	1	C. Paine			
12, 27	Rowley	80, 16	J. Berry	Gadwall						
13	Petersham	1	S. + L. Hennin	3	P.I.	28	W. Drew#			
20	E. Boston	21	S. Zende#	6	Wakefield	2	P. + F. Vale			
26	Randolph	3	G. d'Entremont	8, 29	S. Monomoy	12, 30	B. Nikula#			
28	S. Monomoy	2	W. Petersen#	American Wigeon						
Snowy Egret				8	S. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula#			
thr	P.I.	254 max	8/29 W. Drew#	Ring-necked Duck						
4	S. Peabody	8	T. Aversa	29	S. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula#			
7, 28	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	91, 49	LCES (J. Hill)	Greater Scaup						
12, 27	Rowley	92, 110	J. Berry	13	P.I.	1 f	BBC (J. Center)			
17	Easton	1 ad	S. Arena	Lesser Scaup						
20	Scituate	20	S. Perkins	3	P.I.	1	W. Drew#			
20	E. Boston	164	S. Zende#	Common Eider						
Little Blue Heron				5	Nantucket	5	S. Perkins			
5	Gloucester	1	R. Lockwood	20	Rockport	5	J. Berry			
7, 18	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	2, 1	LCES (J. Hill)	21	Duxbury	125	E. Neumuth			
21	Duxbury	1	E. Neumuth	Black Scoter						
20	P.I.	11	M. Pelikan	22	Duxbury B.	1 f	S. Perkins#			
27	Rowley	6	J. Berry	28	Nantucket	1 f	S. Perkins			
Cattle Egret				28	S. Monomoy	4	W. Petersen#			
14	Hamilton	6	D. + I. Jewell	Surf Scoter						
19, 29	Ipswich	2, 6	J. Berry	27	Nantucket	1 f	S. Perkins			
Green Heron				White-winged Scoter						
7	Boston	5	T. Aversa	7	Marshfield	4	R. Forster			
20	GMNWR	7	M. Pelikan	28	S. Monomoy	16	W. Petersen#			
22-31	Hamilton	4	N. Nash	Hooded Merganser						
26	Cuttyhunk	5	M. Rines#	9, 28	P.I.	1, 2	R. Lockwood			
27	Newbury	4	G. d'Entremont#	19	Newbury	4	R. Stymeist#			
29	Lexington	4	S. Perkins#	Ruddy Duck						
Black-crowned Night-Heron				thr	Pembroke	1	W. Petersen			
23, 29	Lexington	4, 11	S. Perkins#	29	S. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula#			
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron				Turkey Vulture						
2	P.I.	1 imm	R. Heil	4	Westport	13	M. Boucher			
				13	Mt. Wachusett	6	E. Taylor			

Turkey Vulture (continued)			
20	Rowley	10	J. Berry
24	Haverhill	10	J. Hogan
Osprey			
thr	off Hyannis	pr + 2 yg	S. Perkins
7	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	9	LCES (J. Hill)
12	Rowley	1	J. Berry
19	P.I., Newbypt	1, 1	H. Wiggin#
31	Wayland	2	N. Patterson
Bald Eagle			
7	Nantucket	1 imm	S. Perkins
11	Cuttyhunk	1 imm	S. Sweet
24	P.I.	1 imm	W. Drew#
Northern Harrier			
6-10	Nantucket	16	S. Perkins
21	P.I./Newbypt	3	BBC (C. Floyd)
28	S. Monomoy	4	W. Petersen#
Sharp-shinned Hawk			
7	Plainville	1	G. Valade
19	P.I.	1	R. Stymeist#
20	Worc. (BMB)	1	B. Rasku
25	Cape Ann	1	J. Brown#
26	Princeton	1	M. Lynch#
27	MNWS	1	P. + F. Vale
Cooper's Hawk			
3	Concord	1 imm	R. Forster
5	Quabbin (G45)	1	T. Aversa
8	N. Scituate	1 imm	T. Aversa
13	Petersham	1	S. + L. Hennin
14	W. Harwich	1 ad	S. + E. Miller
19	Cumb. Farms	1	G. d'Entremont#
18	N. Attleboro	1	G. Valade
19	Littleton	1	M. Pelikan
21	Worcester	1	M. Lynch#
24	P.I.	1	W. Drew#
24	Boston	1	T. Aversa
24, 26	Boxboro	1 imm, 1 ad	C. Paine
25	Wellesley	1 imm	R. Forster
26	Lexington	1	M. Pelikan
Red-shouldered Hawk			
1-20	E. Boxford	1	J. Brown#
3-15	Concord	3 max	R. Lockwood
7	Boylston	1	C. Phillips
11	N. Attleboro	1 imm	G. Valade
Broad-winged Hawk			
19	ONWR	2-3	M. Pelikan
31	Wareham	3	M. LaBossiere
American Kestrel			
thr	Saugus-Revere	2-3	J. Berry
13	Somerville	5	D. F. Oliver
15	Concord	2	R. Lockwood
Merlin			
8, 29	N. Scituate	1, 1	T. Aversa
24	P.I.	2	W. Drew#
31	Princeton	1	M. Lynch#
Peregrine Falcon			
22	Lexington	1	W. Harrington
25	P.I.	1 ad	P. Hunt
29	S. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula#
Ruffed Grouse			
thr	Sherborn	1	E. Taylor
6	Holden	1 ad + 4 yg	M. Lynch#
Wild Turkey			
6	Spencer	4 ad + 10 yg	M. Lynch#
7	Worc. (BMB)	1	J. Coyne
13	Mt. Wachusett	2	E. Taylor
19	Petersham	2	M. Lynch#
22	Lincoln	5	S. Ells
27	Newbury	2 ad + 10 yg	J. Berry
Northern Bobwhite			
13	Chatham	2	R. Lockwood
Sora			
8	S. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula#
23	Newburyport	1 juv	R. Heil
27	Medford	1	M. Rines
29	GMNWR	2	R. Lockwood
Common Moorhen			
13	Harvard	1	S. + L. Hennin
Black-bellied Plover			
5	Plymouth B.	100+	J. Hoye#
9, 29	P.I.	140, 87	W. Drew#
20	Boston H.	739	TASL (M. Hall)
21	Duxbury	800+	E. Neumuth
27	Chatham (S.B.)	3000	W. Petersen#
30	Eastham	2000	W. Petersen#
American Golden-Plover			
19	Newburyport	1	R. Forster
22	Chatham (S.B.)	1	E. Banks
25	Duxbury	1	D. Clapp
25	Nantucket	1 ad	S. Perkins
26	P.I.	2	R. Forster#
28	S. Monomoy	1	W. Petersen#
29	Newburyport	4	C. Paine
31	Lynn	2	J. Quigley
Semipalmated Plover			
thr	Princeton	20 max	8/27 M. Lynch#
thr	P.I.	457 max	8/9 W. Drew#
5, 15	Chatham (S.B.)	1300, 1500	B. Nikula
13, 20	Scituate	500, 700	S. Perkins
20	Boston H.	949	TASL (M. Hall)
21	Duxbury	1500	E. Neumuth
Piping Plover			
14	S. Dartmouth	4	M. Boucher
15	Chatham (S.B.)	15	B. Nikula
24	P.I.	5	W. Drew#
26	Nantucket	9	S. Perkins
Killdeer			
19	Hamilton	46	M. Rines#
26	Princeton	50+	M. Lynch#
26	Newburyport	65	P. + F. Vale
American Oystercatcher			
6-11	Nantucket	20+	S. Perkins
18	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	5	LCES (J. Hill)
20	Boston H.	4	TASL (M. Hall)
20	N. Monomoy	85	R. Heil
Greater Yellowlegs			
thr	P.I.	37 max	8/29 W. Drew#
14	N. Monomoy	325	B. Nikula
20	Boston H.	157	TASL (M. Hall)
21	Duxbury	65+	E. Neumuth
23	Lexington	10	S. Perkins#
31	Eastham	200	W. Petersen#
Lesser Yellowlegs			
4	S. Peabody	24	T. Aversa
14	N. Monomoy	100	B. Nikula
16	P.I.	125	W. Drew#
17-31	Easton	14 max	S. Arena
20	Boston H.	55	TASL (M. Hall)
21	Duxbury	40+	E. Neumuth
23	Lexington	12	S. Perkins#
Solitary Sandpiper			
4	S. Peabody	4	T. Aversa
13	Lynnfield	3	P. + F. Vale
13-31	Princeton	25 max	M. Lynch#
15	Douglas	7	R. Forster
18	Hamilton	4	N. Nash
17-31	Easton	9 max	S. Arena
30	Holliston	3	R. Forster
Willet			
5, 14	N. Monomoy	120, 40	B. Nikula
7	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	8	LCES (J. Hill)
17	Duxbury B.	11	D. Clapp

Willet (continued)									
26	P.I.	8		J. Berry					
Spotted Sandpiper									
16	P.I.	4		W. Drew#					
13-31	Princeton	25 max	8/21	M. Lynch#					
17-31	Easton	4 max		S. Arena					
20	Boston H.	13		TASL (M. Hall)					
26	Cuttyhunk	4		R. Stymeist#					
Upland Sandpiper									
11, 26	Cumb. Farms	18, 2		T. Aversa					
22	Lincoln	1		S. Ells					
26	P.I., Newbury	1, 1		R. Forster					
Whimbrel									
7, 10, 27	Nantucket	7, 11, 3		S. Perkins					
12	N. Monomoy	550		W. Harrington					
13	Scituate	2		S. Perkins#					
14	S. Dartmouth	26		M. Boucher					
20	Boston (Lovell's I.)	3		R. Stymeist#					
21	Duxbury	1		E. Neumuth					
26	P.I.	8		P. + F. Vale					
Hudsonian Godwit									
5, 15	Chatham (S.B.)	160, 125		B. Nikula					
14, 23	Revere B.	1, 3		P. + F. Vale					
19	P.I.	10		J. Brown#					
20	Boston H.	12		TASL (M. Hall)					
Marbled Godwit									
14-22	Duxbury B.	1		M. Carly + v.o.					
20	N. Monomoy	6		R. Heil					
Ruddy Turnstone									
5	Plymouth B.	80		J. Hoye#					
20	Rockport	1 juv		J. Berry					
20	Scituate	60		S. Perkins#					
20	Boston H.	42		TASL (M. Hall)					
21	Duxbury	100+		E. Neumuth					
25	Chatham (S.B.)	25		S. Arena#					
26	P.I.	7 ad		J. Berry					
Red Knot									
5, 15	Chatham (S.B.)	1800, 700		B. Nikula					
13, 20	Scituate	25, 200		S. Perkins					
14	Lynn B.	1 juv		R. Forster					
21	Duxbury	200		E. Neumuth					
26	P.I.	23		J. Berry					
31	Eastham	60		W. Petersen#					
Sanderling									
5, 15	Chatham (S.B.)	1800, 1600		B. Nikula					
20	Boston H.	333		TASL (M. Hall)					
21	Duxbury	1000+		E. Neumuth					
Semipalmated Sandpiper									
5, 15	Chatham (S.B.)	2000, 700		B. Nikula					
9, 29	P.I.	1140, 710		W. Drew#					
13-31	Princeton	75 max	8/27	M. Lynch#					
13, 20	Scituate	600, 600		S. Perkins					
14	Lynn B.	1200		R. Forster					
20	Boston H.	1508		TASL (M. Hall)					
21	Duxbury	800+		E. Neumuth					
Western Sandpiper									
4, 26	P.I.	1, 1		P. Hunt, J. Brown					
26	Lexington	1 juv		R. Forster#					
27	Chatham (S.B.)	1		W. Petersen#					
27	Essex	1 imm		D. Brown#					
30	Eastham	10		W. Petersen#					
30	Lynn	2 juv		J. Quigley					
31	WBWS	2		W. Petersen#					
Least Sandpiper									
13-31	Princeton	200+ max		M. Lynch#					
17-31	Easton	30		S. Arena					
21	Duxbury	35		E. Neumuth					
23, 29	Lexington	10, 20		S. Perkins#					
29	P.I.	87		W. Drew#					
White-rumped Sandpiper									
5, 15, 27	Chatham (S.B.)	5, 15, 75		B. Nikula#					
5	Plymouth B.	3		J. Hoye#					
8, 20	Yarmouthport	1, 3		S. + E. Miller					
12, 20, 27	Rowley	2, 4, 3		J. Berry					
13, 20	Scituate	3, 3		S. Perkins#					
24, 29	P.I.	25, 84		W. Drew#					
26	Princeton	12		M. Lynch#					
30	Eastham	100+		W. Petersen#					
Baird's Sandpiper									
22, 26	Princeton	1, 7		R. Bradbury					
26	P.I.	1		P. Hunt					
28	Lexington	1		C. Cook					
29	S. Monomoy	1		B. Nikula#					
Pectoral Sandpiper									
2	Lexington	2		R. Forster					
3	GMNWR	4		R. Forster					
16	P.I.	2		W. Drew#					
19	Cumb. Farms	4		G. d'Entremont#					
26-31	Princeton	3-4		R. Bradbury					
Dunlin									
27	Chatham (S.B.)	3		W. Petersen#					
30	Eastham	1		W. Petersen#					
Curlew Sandpiper									
10-20	Scituate	1 ad		J. Norton + v.o.					
Stilt Sandpiper									
2	P.I.	19 ad		R. Heil					
20-26	Lexington	1 juv		R. Forster					
28	S. Monomoy	1		W. Petersen#					
Buff-breasted Sandpiper									
26	Princeton	1		B. Kamp					
27	P.I.	1		S. + L. Hennin					
27	Newburyport	1 imm		G. d'Entremont#					
29	S. Monomoy	1		J. Sones#					
Short-billed Dowitcher									
3, 9, 24, 29	P.I.	29, 400, 177, 155		W. Drew#					
5	Plymouth B.	16		J. Hoye#					
5, 15	Chatham (S.B.)	800, 650		B. Nikula#					
12, 23	Revere B.	130, 157		P. + F. Vale					
20	Boston H.	277		TASL (M. Hall)					
Long-billed Dowitcher									
2	P.I.	25 ad		R. Heil					
27	Chatham (S.B.)	1 ad		W. Petersen#					
Common Snipe									
3	GMNWR	3		R. Forster					
5	Lexington	2		R. Forster					
27	Princeton	1		R. Bradbury#					
American Woodcock									
18	N. Scituate	1		T. Aversa					
19	ONWR	3		M. Pelikan					
Wilson's Phalarope									
5, 14	N. Monomoy	1, 1		B. Nikula					
27	P.I.	2		P. + F. Vale					
Red-necked Phalarope									
12	Stellwagen Bank	10		R. Prescott					
13	Great S. Channel	84		S. Arena					
26	P.I.	1 ad		P. Hunt					
27	P.I.	1 imm		H. D'Entremont#					
29	Chatham (S.B.)	1		B. Nikula					
Pomarine Jaeger									
13	Great S. Channel	1		S. Arena					
27	Nantucket	1		S. Perkins					
Parasitic Jaeger									
5	Stellwagen Bank	1		M. Lynch#					
8	Eastham	2		R. Beida					
22	Chatham (S.B.)	1		E. Banks					
27	Nantucket	1		S. Perkins					
Jaeger species									
13	Great S. Channel	2		S. Arena					
27	Nantucket	1		S. Perkins					
Laughing Gull									
12	Revere B.	32		P. + F. Vale					
13	Ipswich	1 juv		J. Berry					

Laughing Gull (continued)			
20	Rockport	3 juv.	J. Berry
27	E. Boston	500	J. Quigley
Franklin's Gull			
28-31	S. Monomoy, S.B.	1 ad	W. Petersen#
Bonaparte's Gull			
14	Lynn B.	120	R. Forster
26	Newbypt H.	360+	J. Berry
Lesser Black-backed Gull			
9	Nantucket	1 1S	S. Perkins
26	Lynn	1 ad	J. Quigley
30	Eastham (Nauset)	1 ad	W. Petersen#
31	Chatham	1 ad	W. Petersen#
Black-legged Kittiwake			
26	Lynn	1 1S	J. Quigley#
Sabine's Gull			
29	Stellwagen Bank	1	W. Petersen#
Roseate Tern			
9, 27	Nantucket	550, 500+	S. Perkins
12	Monomoy/S.B.	1200	BBC(G. d'E.)
22	Duxbury B.	10	S. Perkins#
Common Tern			
9	Nantucket	500	S. Perkins
12	Medford	1	D.F. Oliver
12	Monomoy/S.B.	1200	BBC(G. d'E.)
21	Duxbury	100	E. Neumuth
Arctic Tern			
5	Plymouth B.	2	J. Hoye#
Forster's Tern			
6	P.I.	4	J. Berry
8	Nantucket	1	S. Perkins
10	Lexington	1	M. Rines
Least Tern			
5	Plymouth	30	J. Hoye#
14	S. Dartmouth	75	M. Boucher
12	Monomoy/S.B.	50+	BBC(G. d'E.)
25	Duxbury B.	85	D. Clapp
Black Tern			
3	Chatham (S.B.)	3	S. + E. Miller
5	Newburyport	1	H. Wiggin#
9, 26	Nantucket	5, 3	S. Perkins
21	Worcester	4	F. McMenemy
22	Duxbury B.	1 juv	S. Hecker#
30	Eastham (Nauset)	3	W. Petersen#
Black Skimmer			
3	Chatham (S.B.)	1	S. + E. Miller
14	N. Monomoy	2	B. Nikula
30	Eastham (Nauset)	4	W. Petersen#
Black-billed Cuckoo			
2	Acushnet	2	M. LaBossiere
13	Falmouth	1	R. Van der Pyl
26	P.I.	1	K. Hamilton

Barn Owl			
27	Nantucket	1	S. Perkins
Eastern Screech-Owl			
thr	Concord	3	R. Lockwood
thr	Mt. A.	5 max	R. Stymeist#
12	Wayland	2	J. Hoye#
14	Wareham	3	M. LaBossiere
27	Ipswich	2	J. Berry
29	W. Newton	2	M. Murphy
Great Horned Owl			
thr	Ipswich	1-2	J. Berry
2	N. Dartmouth	3	M. Boucher
Barred Owl			
28	Wenham	3-4	J. Berry
Common Nighthawk			
12, 29	Worcester	2, 700	M. Lynch#
17, 21, 22	Weston	2, 22, 19	G. Ferguson
20, 27	Mt. A.	2, 126	R. Stymeist#
21, 31	Wayland	4, 29	N. Patterson
26	Boston	105	T. Aversa#
27	Westwood	160	S. Sweet
27, 31	Princeton	37, 35	M. Lynch#
29	Waltham	70	C. Ralph#
29	Lexington	110	S. Perkins#
29	Wellesley	120	R. Forster
Chimney Swift			
24	Wakefield	90	P. + F. Vale
26	Randolph	50	G. d'Entremont
29	Worcester	80+	M. Lynch#
31	Newton	600	T. Kuklinski
Ruby-throated Hummingbird			
thr	E. Boxford	7-9	J. Brown#
thr	Boxboro	2-3	C. Paine
5	Worc. (BMB)	2	C. Phillips#
5	N. Dartmouth	3	M. Boucher
Belted Kingfisher			
10	Lexington	4	M. Rines
13	Wakefield	3	P. + F. Vale
27	Princeton	3	M. Lynch#
Red-headed Woodpecker			
thr	Sherborn	2 ad + 1 imm	E. Taylor
Red-bellied Woodpecker			
thr	Sherborn	2	E. Taylor
13	Medford	2 juv	M. Rines
Hairy Woodpecker			
19	ONWR	2	M. Pelikan
26	Sherborn	2	E. Taylor
Pileated Woodpecker			
15	Concord	1	R. Lockwood
17	Ashby	1	R. Forster
27	Sherborn	1	E. Taylor
31	Princeton	1	M. Lynch#

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH GROSBEAKS

Fall migration for songbirds begins in earnest in August and was well underway by midmonth. Olive-sided Flycatchers are indicative of migration, being among the last to arrive in the spring and one of the first to leave in the fall. Over 100,000 Tree Swallows were assembling at Plum Island by the end of the month, and at the same time most of the Purple Martins at Plum Island had left. The first Philadelphia Vireos were reported by August 26, and 25 species of warblers were recorded during the month. Among the highlights were a Cerulean Warbler at Marblehead Neck and six reports of Mourning Warbler at various locations. Dickcissels were found in three locations on Cape Cod, and early reports of Pine Siskin and Evening Grosbeaks give hope to another fine winter. An immature male **Yellow-headed Blackbird** on South Beach in Chatham was the passerine highlight of the month.

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Olive-sided Flycatcher			
19	P.I.	2	H. Wiggin#
20	Petersham	1	S. + L. Hennin
26	Lexington	1	M. Pelikan

Eastern Wood-Pewee			
27	Nantucket	2	S. Perkins
5, 27	Medford	14, 12	M. Rines
13	Princeton	4	M. Lynch#

Eastern Wood-Pewee (continued)										
19	ONWR	4		M. Pelikan	13	Mt. Wachusett	1		E. Taylor	
26	Worc. (BMB)	8		F. McMenemy#	26	Princeton	1		M. Lynch#	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher					Red-breasted Nuthatch					
17	Wayland	1		N. Patterson	thr	Brookline	pr + 1	yg	H. Wiggin#	
23	Boston (F.Pk)	1		T. Aversa	8	N. Scituate	2		T. Aversa	
26	Worc. (BMB)	1		F. McMenemy#	8	S. Monomoy	1		B. Nikula#	
26	Provincetown	2		T. Aversa	11	Mt.A.	5		M. Rines	
26	Cuttyhunk	1		M. Rines#	25	Provincetown	3		T. Aversa	
27	MNWS	1		G. d'Entremont#	26	P.I.	3		R. Forster	
28	Nantucket	1		S. Perkins	27	MNWS	5		G. d'Entremont#	
28	Grafton	1	b	M. Blazis	Carolina Wren					
Acadian Flycatcher					13	Mt.A.	2		M. Rines	
5	Quabbin (G45)	4		T. Aversa	20	Concord	1		S. Perkins#	
Alder Flycatcher					24	Worc. (BMB)	3		F. Gately	
6	Lexington	1	m	M. Rines	26	Boxboro	1		C. Paine	
Willow Flycatcher					26	Cuttyhunk	8		R. Stymeist#	
8	Lexington	3		M. Pelikan	28	Brookline	1		H. Wiggin#	
Least Flycatcher					House Wren					
15	Nahant	1		T. Aversa	13	Braintree	2		G. d'Entremont	
25	Wellesley	1		R. Forster	19	Ipswich	2		J. Berry	
26	P.I.	1		R. Forster	24	Medford	5		M. Rines	
26	Eastham (F.H.)	4		T. Aversa	26	Cuttyhunk	2		M. Rines#	
27	MNWS	2		G. d'Entremont#	26	Worc. (BMB)	7		F. McMenemy#	
28	Nantucket	1		S. Perkins	Winter Wren					
Eastern Phoebe					12	W. Groton	1		B. Nikula#	
7	Worc. (BMB)	4		J. Coyne	26	Boxboro	1		C. Paine	
13	Wakefield	5		P. + F. Vale	Marsh Wren					
Great Crested Flycatcher					4	Salem	4		T. Aversa	
5	Medford	3		M. Rines	20	GMNWR	4		M. Pelikan	
12	Falmouth	8		R. Van der Pyl	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher					
13	Braintree	2		G. d'Entremont	10	GMNWR	4		M. Rines	
14	MNWS	1		R. Forster	13, 27	Medford	2, 2		M. Rines	
17	Boston (F.Pk)	4		T. Aversa	17	Wareham	1		M. LaBossiere	
25	Chatham	2		T. Aversa	19	ONWR	1		M. Pelikan	
26	Provincetown	2		D. Nyzio#	25	P.I.	2		M. Pelikan	
31	Worc. (BMB)	2		F. McMenemy	27	MNWS	3		G. d'Entremont#	
Eastern Kingbird					31	Princeton	1		M. Lynch#	
13	Lancaster	20		M. Lynch#	Eastern Bluebird					
Horned Lark					thr	E. Boxford	4	ad + 8	imm	J. Brown#
5	Plymouth B.	2		J. Hoye#	12	HRWMA	7		D. F. Oliver#	
Purple Martin					19	Princeton	10		M. Lynch#	
7	P.I.	30		BBC (W. Drummond)	21	S. Dartmouth	6		M. Boucher	
13	Lexington	3	juv	M. Pelikan	Veery					
23	P.I.	2		R. Lockwood	25	Chatham	1		T. Aversa	
25	Nantucket	1	imm	S. Perkins	27	E. Boxford	1		J. Brown#	
27	Chatham	1		B. Loughran#	27	Concord	4		M. Pelikan	
Tree Swallow					28	Boston (F.Pk)	1		T. Aversa	
13	Mt. Wachusett	600		E. Taylor	Hermit Thrush					
20	Westport	1500		M. Boucher	28	Wenham	4-5		J. Berry	
22	P.I.	100,000		M. Argue	Wood Thrush					
27	Chatham	1000		B. Nikula	1	W. Roxbury	1		T. Aversa	
N. Rough-winged Swallow					7	Worc. (BMB)	1		J. Coyne	
6	Wakefield	7		P. + F. Vale	13	Braintree	1		G. d'Entremont	
12	Attleboro	2		D. Nyzio#	13	Medford	1		M. Rines	
26	Mashpee	20+		B. Nikula	27	Concord	1		M. Pelikan	
29	Wellesley	11		R. Forster	Gray Catbird					
Bank Swallow					26	Lexington	15+		M. Pelikan	
26	Cuttyhunk	2		R. Stymeist#	26	Cuttyhunk	109		M. Rines#	
Cliff Swallow					26	Worc. (BMB)	25		F. McMenemy#	
26	Cuttyhunk	2		M. Rines#	Brown Thrasher					
26	Cumb. Farms	10		T. Aversa	26	P.I.	20		R. Forster	
26	E. Falmouth	1		B. Nikula	Cedar Waxwing					
26	Mashpee	1		B. Nikula	25-27	Nantucket	200		S. Perkins	
Barn Swallow					White-eyed Vireo					
3	GMNWR	75		R. Forster	23	Wareham	1		M. LaBossiere	
22	Methuen	600		J. Hogan#	Solitary Vireo					
Fish Crow					12	HRWMA	1		D. F. Oliver#	
18	Wellesley	2		R. Forster	14	Spencer	1		C. Phillips	
26	Cumb. Farms	22		T. Aversa#	Yellow-throated Vireo					
Common Raven					5	Quabbin (G45)	2		T. Aversa	
					19	ONWR	2		M. Pelikan	

Yellow-throated Vireo (continued)					
26	Princeton	1	M. Lynch#		
27	MNWS	1	G. d'Entremont#		
Warbling Vireo					
9	Boston (F.Pk)	8	T. Aversa		
20	Concord	7	S. Perkins		
20	Milton	2	G. d'Entremont		
26	Provincetown	1	T. Aversa		
26	Lexington	2	M. Pelikan		
Philadelphia Vireo					
26	MNWS	1	J. Smith		
26	Provincetown	1	T. Aversa#		
28, 31	Chatham	1	W. Petersen		
Red-eyed Vireo					
13	Medford	6	M. Rines		
19	ONWR	5	M. Pelikan		
30	MNWS	4	N. Nash		
Blue-winged Warbler					
3	Wayland	2	N. Patterson		
5, 24	Medford	2, 1	M. Rines		
10	GMNWR	1	M. Rines		
13	Braintree	1	G. d'Entremont		
16	Yarmouthport	1	S. + E. Miller		
16	Acushnet	1	M. LaBossiere		
19	ONWR	1	M. Pelikan		
22	E. Boxford	1	J. Brown#		
26	Worc. (BMB)	2	F. McMenemy#		
26	P.I.	1	P. + F. Vale		
27	MNWS	3	G. d'Entremont#		
Tennessee Warbler					
26	Provincetown	1	T. Aversa		
26	Jeffries Ledge	2	BBC (I. Giriunas)		
Nashville Warbler					
23	Newton	2	H. Miller		
Northern Parula					
25	P.I.	1	M. Pelikan		
27	Medford	1	M. Rines		
Yellow Warbler					
13	Great S. Channel	1	S. Arena#		
27	Medford	2	M. Rines		
14	MNWS	3	R. Forster		
Chestnut-sided Warbler					
19	ONWR	3	M. Pelikan		
23	Boston (F.Pk)	1	T. Aversa		
24, 27	Medford	1, 7	M. Rines		
Magnolia Warbler					
22	N. Scituate	1	T. Aversa		
26	P.I.	1	R. Forster		
27	Medford	2	M. Rines		
27	Boston (F.Pk)	2	T. Aversa		
Cape May Warbler					
26	Provincetown	2	D. Nyzio#		
28	Nantucket	1	S. Perkins		
Black-throated Blue Warbler					
27	Boston (F.Pk)	3	T. Aversa		
Yellow-rumped Warbler					
25	P.I.	1	M. Pelikan		
Black-throated Green Warbler					
27	Medford	3	M. Rines		
27	Concord	1	M. Pelikan		
Blackburnian Warbler					
25	Provincetown	1	T. Aversa		
26	Melrose	1	I. + D. Jewell		
27	Medford	1	M. Rines		
27	Boston (F.Pk)	4	T. Aversa		
Prairie Warbler					
4	Nahant	1	T. Aversa		
8	N. Scituate	1	T. Aversa		
26	Cuttyhunk	2	R. Stymeist#		
27	Medford	2	M. Rines		
Palm Warbler					
27	MNWS	1	P. + F. Vale		
Blackpoll Warbler					
8	N. Scituate	1 m	T. Aversa		
26	Lexington	1	M. Pelikan		
Cerulean Warbler					
13	MNWS	1	R. Heil		
Black-and-white Warbler					
14	MNWS	1	R. Forster		
14	Wareham	1	M. LaBossiere		
19	ONWR	2	M. Pelikan		
26	Cuttyhunk	1	M. Rines#		
27	Medford	6	M. Rines		
28	Melrose	1	P. + F. Vale		
American Redstart					
13, 27	Medford	6, 51	M. Rines		
16	Wareham	4	M. LaBossiere		
26	Worc. (BMB)	10	F. McMenemy#		
26	Cuttyhunk	5	R. Stymeist#		
27	Concord	4	M. Pelikan		
27	MNWS	10	G. d'Entremont#		
Ovenbird					
13, 27	Medford	1, 1	M. Rines		
15	MNWS	1	I. + D. Jewell		
16	Wareham	1	M. LaBossiere		
26	Provincetown	2	T. Aversa		
26	P.I.	2	R. Forster		
26	Boxford	2	I. + D. Jewell		
Northern Waterthrush					
4	MNWS	3	T. Aversa		
17	Boston (F.Pk)	1	T. Aversa		
26	Cuttyhunk	1	M. Rines#		
27	Medford	1	M. Rines		
Louisiana Waterthrush					
12	W. Groton	1	B. Nikula#		
17	Townsend	1	R. Forster		
Mourning Warbler					
15	MNWS	1	T. Aversa		
26	P.I.	1	R. Forster		
27	Boston (F.Pk)	1	T. Aversa		
27	Nantucket	1 b	E. Andrews#		
28	Grafton	2 b	M. Blazis		
Common Yellowthroat					
26	Cuttyhunk	67	M. Rines#		
26	Worc. (BMB)	12	F. McMenemy#		
Wilson's Warbler					
24	Medford	1	M. Rines		
29	N. Scituate	1	T. Aversa		
Canada Warbler					
6	E. Boxford	1	J. Brown#		
11	W. Bridgewater	1	T. Aversa		
13	Braintree	1	G. d'Entremont		
15	MNWS	2	T. Aversa		
26	Lexington	1-2	M. Pelikan		
26	P.I.	1	P. + F. Vale		
27	Medford	3	M. Rines		
27	Nantucket	1 b	E. Andrews#		
Scarlet Tanager					
5	Medford	1	M. Rines		
26	P.I.	1	P. + F. Vale		
27	MNWS	1	G. d'Entremont#		
27	Concord	3	M. Pelikan		
Rose-breasted Grosbeak					
19	Ipswich	4	J. Berry		
20	Milton	2	G. d'Entremont#		
26	Worc. (BMB)	6	F. McMenemy#		
Indigo Bunting					
10	Lexington	1	M. Rines		
13	Braintree	1	G. d'Entremont#		
Dickcissel					
19	Yarmouthport	1	S. + E. Miller		
25	Chatham	1	T. Aversa		

Dickcissel (continued)				25-27 Nantucket	25	S. Perkins
25 Truro	1	D. Nyzio#		26 Cuttyhunk	10	R. Stymeist#
Rufous-sided Towhee				31 Wayland	6	N. Patterson
20 Worc. (BMB)	16	B. Rasku		Eastern Meadowlark		
26 Cuttyhunk	85	M. Rines#		5, 26 Newburyport	6, 4	P. + F. Vale
Chipping Sparrow				11 Cumb. Farms	3	T. Aversa
12 HWMA	25	D. F. Oliver#		12 N. Attleboro	3	T. Aversa
23 N. Dartmouth	21	M. Boucher		Yellow-headed Blackbird		
31 Easton	45	S. Arena		27 Chatham (S.B.)	1 imm m	P. Trimble#
Field Sparrow				Common Grackle		
7 Worc. (BMB)	16	J. Coyne		2 N. Dartmouth	500+	M. Boucher
Vesper Sparrow				12 Framingham	500+	E. Taylor
4, 16 N. Attleboro	3, 1	G. Valade		20 Worc. (BMB)	304	B. Rasku
Savannah Sparrow				24 Wakefield	920	P. + F. Vale
thr N. Attleboro	27 max	G. Valade		Northern Oriole		
Sharp-tailed Sparrow				thr E. Boxford	8	J. Brown#
12 Rowley	30	J. Berry		8, 26 Lexington	9, 7	M. Pelikan
18 P.I.	7	N. Nash		12 Petersham	13	R. Forster#
18 S. Dart. (A. Pd)	6	LCES (J. Hill)		26 Cuttyhunk	10	M. Rines#
21 Duxbury	6	E. Neumuth		Purple Finch		
Seaside Sparrow				thr E. Boxford	2-3	J. Brown#
20 P.I.	1	BBC (C. Floyd)		18-20 Milton	1	G. d'Entremont
28 S. Dart. (A. Pd)	2	LCES (J. Hill)		Pine Siskin		
Bobolink				26 Boylston	1	C. Phillips
12 N. Attleboro	80	D. Nyzio#		Evening Grosbeak		
19 Middleboro	5	G. d'Entremont#		7 Worc. (BMB)	1	J. Coyne
20 GMNWR	14	S. Perkins#		19 Petersham	1	M. Lynch#
25 Truro	15	T. Aversa				

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ad	adult	H.	Harbor
alt	alternate	I.	Island
b	banded	L.	Ledge
br	breeding	M.V.	Martha's Vineyard
dk	dark (phase)	Mt.A.	Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge
f	female	Nant.	Nantucket
fl	fledged	Newbypt	Newburyport
imm	immature	P.I.	Plum Island
ind	individuals	Pd	Pond
juv	juvenile	P'town	Provincetown
loc	location	Quab.	Quabbin
lt	light (phase)	Res.	Reservoir
m	male	R.P.	Race Point, Provincetown
max	maximum	S.B.	South Beach, Chatham
mi	mile	S. Dart.	South Dartmouth
migr	migrating	S.F.	State Forest
n	nesting	S.N.	Sandy Neck, Barnstable
ph	photographed	S.P.	State Park
pl	plumage	Stellw.	Stellwagen Bank
pr	pair	Worc.	Worcester
S	summer (1S = first summer)	BBC	Brookline Bird Club
thr	throughout	BMB	Broad Meadow Brook, Worcester
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	GMNWR	Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge
A.P.	Andrews Point, Rockport	HRWMA	High Ridge Wildlife Management Area, Gardner-Westminster
A.Pd	Allens Pond, S. Dartmouth	IRWS	Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary
Arl.	Arlington	LCES	Lloyd Center for Environmental Studies
B.	Beach	MARC	Massachusetts Avian Records Committee
B.I.	Belle Isle, E. Boston	MAS	Massachusetts Audubon Society
B.R.	Bass Rocks, Gloucester	MBO	Manomet Observatory
Buzz.	Buzzards Bay	MBWMA	Martin Burns Wildlife Management Area, Newbury
Cambr.	Cambridge	MDFW	MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
C.B.	Crane Beach, Ipswich	MNWS	Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary
Corp. B.	Corporation Beach, Dennis	MSSF	Myles Standish State Forest
C.P.	Crooked Pond, Boxford	NAC	Nine Acre Corner, Concord
Cumb. Farms	Cumberland Farms, Middleboro-Halifax	NBC	Needham Bird Club
E.P.	Eastern Point, Gloucester	NEHW	New England Hawk Watch
F.E.	First Encounter Beach, Eastham	ONWR	Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge
F.H.	Fort Hill, Eastham	SRV	Sudbury River Valley
F.M.	Fowl Meadow	SSBC	South Shore Bird Club
F.P.	Fresh Pond, Cambridge	TASL	Take A Second Look Harbor Census
F.Pk	Franklin Park, Boston	USFWS	US Fish and Wildlife Service
G40	Gate 40, Quabbin	WBWS	Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
G45	Gate 45, Quabbin	WMWS	Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary