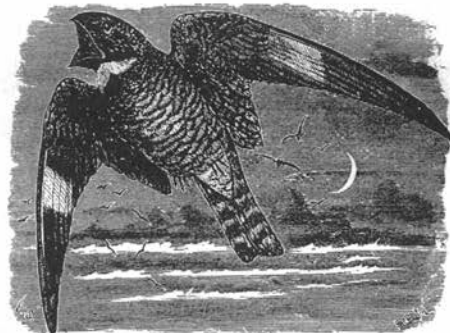


BIRD SIGHTINGS

AUGUST 1996

SUMMARY



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August 1996 was cool and very dry. The temperature averaged 70.9°, 1.0° below normal. The high was 90° on August 23, the first day since May that the temperature reached into the 90s. Rainfall was just 1.54 inches, 1.7 inches less than normal. Predominately southerly winds were in general light, averaging only 8.7 miles per hour.

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LOONS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

A few Pied-billed Grebes began appearing, and a Red-necked Grebe continued its summer stay at Gloucester. Shearwaters and storm-petrels continued to be well reported in offshore waters, especially Sooty Shearwater. Cory's Shearwater was scarce reflecting the relatively cool offshore waters this summer. Holdovers from July, the **American White Pelican** in South Dartmouth and the "**Great White**" **Heron** at Nauset Marsh were noted off and on during the month. Excellent numbers of herons were reported from the evening roost at Plum Island, including a record count of Great Egret. The scarce Little Blue and Tricolored herons were well represented. Noteworthy this summer was the scarcity of Yellow-crowned Night-Heron observations. Early migrating waterfowl began appearing in the latter part of the month, with both teal species being particularly numerous.

A **Black Vulture** put in a cameo appearance on Martha's Vineyard. A few early migrating hawks were noted late in the month. A few Sharp-shinned Hawks were noted, and there was a scattering of Merlins, primarily at coastal locations. The numerous Cooper's Hawk reports reflect the presence of summer residents. Among the handful of reports of the rail family was the presence of a Common Moorhen with young at Plum Island. The species is now little more than a sporadic breeder in the eastern part of the state.

Most of the regular migrant shorebirds were reported from the usual locations in typical numbers. The month was almost devoid of any rare species save **American Avocet**, which is an annual visitor. Two coveted western Arctic breeding species appeared on schedule in the last week of the month: Buff-breasted Sandpipers appeared in fair numbers, but Baird's were only sparsely reported. A few of the latter lingered for several days to be enjoyed by other observers, which is unusual. Another factor strongly affecting reports of shorebirds this month was the high water levels as a result of July rainfall, especially at inland locations. Note the virtual absence of inland reports for shorebird species. Notice also the very low counts for both Long-billed Dowitcher and Stilt Sandpiper. Both are normally present in modest numbers only at Plum Island, but the high water there resulted in the poorest showing for both species in recent memory. One wonders whether these birds bypass us when conditions are not suitable, or whether they settle into as yet undiscovered localities. American Golden-Plover put in a good early appearance, and Marbled Godwit was concentrated in the North Momonoy/South Beach area. Another western visitor, Western Sandpiper, appeared to be having a poor season to date with only three individuals reported. Conversely, White-rumped Sandpipers showed their usual late August migration surge. A few Red-necked Phalaropes were noted on offshore boat trips.

Parasitic Jaegers were also well reported on offshore boat trips, but only two Pomarine Jaegers were noted, reflecting their later migration schedule. An excellent count of Laughing Gulls was made at Revere Beach. Bonaparte's Gulls were limited to Newburyport and the Lynn Beach area, the latter location having **Little Gull** as well. Reports of **Lesser Black-backed Gull** and **Sabine's Gull**, while somewhat expected, are nonetheless nice. Roseate Terns were well reported in post-breeding feeding areas, and Black Terns were widely reported from coastal waters. Conversely, reported numbers of Forster's Terns were well below average. This year's second summer report of **Atlantic Puffin** on Stellwagen was made by the same fortunate individual.

The Common Nighthawk migration began on schedule but there were no major movements noted. The breeding Red-headed Woodpeckers in Sherborn apparently attempted a second brood. R. A. F.

Date	Location	Number	Observers	Date	Location	Number	Observers
Common Loon				Little Blue Heron			
5	Cape Ann	2	M. Rines	3, 19	P.I.	13, 22	R. Heil
18	Berkley	1	G. d'Entremont#	23	Edgartown	1	H. Summers
19	P.I.	3	R. Heil	25	Rowley	1 ad	J. Berry
22	S. Monomoy	2	R. Donovan	28	WBWS	1 imm	W. Petersen#
24	Ipswich (C.B.)	6	J. Berry	Tricolored Heron			
Pied-billed Grebe				3, 19	P.I.	3, 6	R. Heil
10	P.I.	1	P. + F. Vale	8	Ipswich	3	J. MacDougall
18	Acoaxet	1	M. Lynch#	25	N. Monomoy	2	B. Nikula
26	GMNWR	2	M. Rines#	Cattle Egret			
28	Arlington Res.	1	M. Pelikan	3, 10	Hamilton	5, 7	J. Berry
Red-necked Grebe				3	Essex	1	R. Stymeist#
8	Gloucester	1	L. Hennin	8	Manchester	2	S. + L. Hennin
Cory's Shearwater				30	Ipswich	10	J. Berry
23	Stellwagen	1	R. Heil	Green Heron			
25	Nantucket	2	S. Perkins	thr	Mt. A.	3-7	R. Stymeist
Greater Shearwater				11	Westboro	5	A. Boover
3, 11	Stellwagen (NW)	85, 1000	J. Berry#	24	Wakefield	4	P. + F. Vale
26	Cashes L.	40	BBC (S. Perkins)	30	Stow	5	S. + L. Hennin
Sooty Shearwater				Black-crowned Night-Heron			
3, 11	Stellwagen (NW)	22, 1500	J. Berry	10	Eastham	10	M. Lynch#
25	Stellwagen	1200	P. Roberts	Glossy Ibis			
26	Cashes L./Stellw, 200	BBC (I. Giriunas)		3, 21	P.I.	135, 69	R. Heil
Manx Shearwater				11	M.V.	1	V. Laux#
3	Stellwagen	5	S. Moore#	Mute Swan			
11	Stellwagen	6	P. Trull	18	Westport	106, 145	M. Lynch#
26	Stellwagen	30	BBC (G. Gove)	Brant			
Wilson's Storm-Petrel				21-31	P.I.	1	L. Hennin + v.o.
5	Stellwagen	150	M. Rines	Wood Duck			
10	Rockport (H.P.)	3	J. Berry	4	Rutland S.P.	17	M. Lynch#
26	Cashes/Phipennies	2500	BBC (S. Perkins)	11, 31	Wakefield	44, 22	P. + F. Vale
Leach's Storm-Petrel				31	S. Monomoy	2	W. Harrington#
26	Cashes L.	15	BBC (S. Perkins)	Green-winged Teal			
Northern Gannet				7	P.I.	2	C. Ralph
5	Cape Ann	13	M. Rines	24, 31	P.I.	120, 190	M. Lynch#
23	Stellwagen	10	R. Heil	24	E. Boston	2	R. Stymeist#
24	P.I.	1 ad	M. Lynch#	31	S. Monomoy	40	S. Perkins#
American White Pelican				Northern Pintail			
1-29	S. Dartmouth	1	v.o.	23	S. Monomoy	6	R. Donovan
Great Cormorant				31	P.I.	3	S. + L. Hennin
26	Cashes Ledge	1	S. Perkins#	Blue-winged Teal			
26	Plymouth	1	BBC (I. Giriunas)	21	P.I.	48	R. Heil
31	S. Monomoy	1 imm	S. Perkins#	31	S. Monomoy	150	S. Perkins#
American Bittern				Northern Shoveler			
25	Holden	1	M. Lynch#	31	S. Monomoy	8	S. Perkins#
29	P.I.	1	R. Heil	Gadwall			
Least Bittern				17, 31	P.I.	7, 4	M. Lynch#
7-31	P.I.	1	v.o.	29	Dorchester	1	R. Donovan
"Great White" Heron				31	S. Monomoy	15	S. Perkins#
thr	Nauset Marsh	1 ph	v.o.	American Wigeon			
Great Egret				21	P.I.	2	R. Heil
3, 21	P.I.	184, 286	R. Heil	31	GMNWR	3	E. Taylor
3, 25	Rowley	21, 44	J. Berry	Ring-necked Duck			
10	Stellwagen	3	L. Healey	18	Waltham	1 m	R. Forster
14, 29	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	20, 10	LCES (J. Hill)	Greater Scaup			
18	Fall River	1	G. d'Entremont#	3	P.I.	1	R. Heil
19-31	GMNWR	1	M. Rines	Common Eider			
25	N. Monomoy	21	B. Nikula	18	Acoaxet	10	M. Lynch#
Snowy Egret				23	Gloucester	25	R. Heil
thr	Saugus/Revere	90 max	J. Berry	Surf Scoter			
3, 21	P.I.	965, 1415	R. Heil	9	Chatham H.	1	J. Gottsche
3, 25	Rowley	42, 225	J. Berry	26	S. Monomoy	3	R. Donovan
3	E. Boston (B.I.)	20	E. Taylor	White-winged Scoter			
4	Squantum	15	M. Rines	10	Rockport	2	J. Berry
14, 29	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	32, 46	LCES (J. Hill)	22	Nant. Sound	1	S. Perkins

White-winged Scoter (continued)				Red-shouldered Hawk			
25	S. Monomoy	1	R. Donovan	thr	E. Middleboro	1-2	K. Anderson
27	Provincetown	1	W. Petersen#	4, 11	Rutland S.P.	1	M. Lynch#
Bufflehead				25	Westport	1	M. Lynch#
21	Newbypt H.	1	L. Hennin	Broad-winged Hawk			
Hooded Merganser				4, 11	Rutland S.P.	3, 3	M. Lynch#
3	P.I.	1	J. Center	19	Worc. (BMB)	2	J. Coyne#
9	Essex	1	M. Hoar	23	Lexington	1	M. Rines
Red-breasted Merganser				26	E. Boxford	2	K. Disney
2	P.I.	2	S. + L. Hennin	American Kestrel			
9	Chatham H.	1	J. Gottsche	2	Westboro	2	A. Boover
27	S. Monomoy	4	R. Donovan	11	Bedford (Hanscom)	3	M. Rines
Ruddy Duck				25	Saugus-Everett	5	J. Young
31	S. Monomoy	2	W. Harrington#	Merlin			
Black Vulture				3	Acoaxet	1	M. Lynch#
17, 20	Oak Bluffs	1	D. Carr, D. Shreiber	9	Stow	1	L. Hennin
Turkey Vulture				16	Maynard	1	L. Nachtrab
	Truro	2	G. d'Entremont#	25	Squantum	1	F. Bouchard
20	Lexington	1	M. Rines	31	P.I.	2	G. d'Entremont#
23	Brockton	2	K. Anderson	31	Newbypt	1	P. + F. Vale
31	Mt. Wachusett	4	E. Taylor	Peregrine Falcon			
31	Haverhill	6	M. Lynch#	22	Scituate	1	D. Clapp
Osprey				28	Revere	1	BBC (P. + F. Vale)
4	WBWS	4	G. d'Entremont#	30	P.I.	1	B. Gette
3, 10	Rowley	3, 2	J. Berry	Ruffed Grouse			
3	P.I.	2	R. Heil	14	ONWR	6	L. Hennin
6	S. Carver	1 or 2	K. Anderson	Wild Turkey			
8	Medford	1	M. Rines	4	Rutland S.P.	1 + 7 yg	M. Lynch#
17	Rowley	1	P. + F. Vale	31	N. Andover	6 + 4 yg	J. Hogan
18	Belmont	1	M. Rines	Northern Bobwhite			
20	GMNWR	1	M. Rines	11	F. H.	2	G. d'Entremont#
25	Acoaxet	8	M. Lynch#	Clapper Rail			
25	P.I.	2	J. Berry	24	P.I.	1	M. Lynch#
31	S. Monomoy	1	S. Perkins#	Virginia Rail			
Bald Eagle				3	P.I.	4	BBC (R. Petersen)
3	Westport	1	M. Lynch#	18	GMNWR	1	G. Cranna
3	Newburyport	1 imm	R. Heil	19	Worc. (BMB)	1	J. Coyne#
6	S. Carver	1 imm	K. Anderson	30	DWWS	1 imm	D. Clapp
11, 14	Edgartown	1	J. Verner	Sora			
31	Lincoln	1 imm	K. Calmer	2	P.I.	1	S. + L. Hennin
Northern Harrier				22, 29	Dorchester	1	R. Donovan
3	E. Boston (B.I.)	1	E. Taylor	Common Moorhen			
8	Sandwich	1	S. + E. Miller	21	P.I.	2 ad + 2 yg	S. + L. Hennin
10	Eastham	1	M. Lynch#	Black-bellied Plover			
17	Rowley	1	P. + F. Vale	10	Ipswich	130	J. Berry
19	P.I.	4	R. Heil	24	Newbury	500	H. Wiggin#
23	Nantucket	3	S. Perkins	28	Chatham (S.B.)	3000	W. Petersen#
23	Scituate	1	D. Clapp	28	Revere	50+	BBC (P. + F. Vale)
24	Gardner	1	T. Pirrou	29	Edgartown	450	V. Laux
Sharp-shinned Hawk				American Golden-Plover			
4	Rutland S.P.	1 ad	M. Lynch#	3, 25	Katama	1, 6	A. Keith, V. Laux
11	W. Barnstable	1	S. + E. Miller	24	Newbury	6	H. Wiggin#
24	Gardner	2	T. Pirrou	25	Nantucket	3	E. Ray
25	Sherborn	1	E. Taylor	29	Edgartown	9	V. Laux
26	Worc. (BMB)	1	J. Coyne#	31	S. Monomoy	1	S. Perkins#
31	Mt. Wachusett	1	E. Taylor	Semipalmated Plover			
31	P.I.	2	M. Lynch#	3	Westport	403	M. Lynch#
Cooper's Hawk				9	Scituate	1200	D. Ludlow
4, 10	E. Boxford	2	J. Brown#	9	Squantum	225	R. Donovan
4	E. Harwich	3+ imm	B. Nikula	11	Katama	110	V. Laux#
7	Bedford	1	M. Rines	11	Revere	500+	P. + F. Vale
8	Wellesley	1 ad	R. Forster	19	Newbypt H.	1300	R. Heil
11	Worcester	1	M. Lynch#	23-25	Nantucket	240	S. Perkins
17	P.I.	1	P. + F. Vale	23	Chatham (S.B.)	1900	B. Nikula
18	Maynard	1 ad	L. Nachtrab	24	Ipswich	730	J. Berry
23	S. Boston	1	R. Donovan	26	Cashes Ledge	3	BBC (G. Gove)
24, 31	P.I.	1, 1	M. Lynch#	Piping Plover			
25	P.I.	1	J. Berry#	3	Westport	9	M. Lynch#
28	WBWS	1	W. Petersen#	17	Chatham (S.B.)	15	S. Perkins#
28	Orleans	1	W. Petersen#	24	Ipswich	7 juv	J. Berry
29	Dorchester	2	R. Donovan				

Killdeer				19	Revere	150+	BBC (P. + F. Vale)
9	Scituate (3rd Cl)	20	D. Ludlow	23	Chatham (S.B.)	2800	B. Nikula
10	Ipswich	113	J. Berry	24	Ipswich	410	J. Berry
10	Newton	21	R. Stymeist	Semipalmated Sandpiper			
24	West Newbury	44	SSBC(M. Emmons)	3, 25	Acoaxet	770, 17	M. Lynch#
31	Ipswich	49	G. d'Entremont#	8	N. Monomoy	1600	B. Nikula
American Oystercatcher				9	Squantum	650	R. Donovan
8, 25	N. Monomoy	80; 100	B. Nikula	9	Scituate (3rd Cl)	2200	D. Ludlow
12	New Bedford	1	P. Benac	12, 26	P.I.	715, 900	W. Drew#
American Avocet				17	Newburyport	3000	M. Lynch#
19-27	Nauset Marsh	1	R. Hall + v.o..	18	Lynn B.	1200	C. Floyd
Greater Yellowlegs				23	Chatham (S.B.)	1000	B. Nikula
4	Squantum	10	M. Rines	27	Cumb. Farms	75+	R. Finch
17	P.I.	30	P. + F. Vale	Western Sandpiper			
Lesser Yellowlegs				9	Squantum	1	R. Donovan
4	Squantum	1	M. Rines	17	Chatham (S.B.)	1 basic pl	S. Perkins#
17	Newburyport	70	M. Lynch#	31	Newbypt	1	P. + F. Vale
19	Revere	1	BBC (P. + F. Vale)	Least Sandpiper			
31	P.I.	45	M. Lynch#	3	Rowley	125	J. Berry
Solitary Sandpiper				11	Lynnfield	18	P. + F. Vale
11	Sandwich	3	G. d'Entremont#	26	Cashes Ledge	2	BBC (S. Perkins)
18	GMNWR	1	G. Cranna	27	Cumb. Farms	100+	R. Finch
19-22	Mt. A.	1	R. Stymeist	White-rumped Sandpiper			
15, 23	Arlington	1, 4	M. Rines	9	Squantum	5	R. Donovan
24	Pembroke	1	W. Petersen	10	Rowley	3	J. Berry
24	West Newbury	3	SSBC (M. Emmons)	11, 28	Revere	1, 10	P. + F. Vale
27	Cumb. Farms	3	R. Finch	12, 26	P.I.	27, 211	W. Drew#
27	Gardner	8	T. Pirrou	12	N. Monomoy	5	J. Gottsche
28	WBWS	1	W. Petersen	16	E. Sandwich	2	S. + E. Miller
Willet				19	Newbypt/P.I.	37	R. Heil
8, 25	N. Monomoy	4, 6	B. Nikula	22	Nauset Marsh	20+	B. Nikula #
17	Chatham (S.B.)	25	S. Perkins#	23	Chatham (S.B.)	20	B. Nikula
Spotted Sandpiper				31	S. Monomoy	65	S. Perkins#
5-31	Mt. A.	1-3	R. Stymeist#	Baird's Sandpiper			
11, 24	Wakefield	6, 3	P. + F. Vale	24	Newbury	1	H. Wiggin#
Upland Sandpiper				25	S. Monomoy	1	H. Ferguson
6, 29	Katama (M.V.)	6, 14	V. Laux#	29, 31	P.I.	1	C. Floyd, L. Hennin
8	DWWS	2	D. Ludlow	Pectoral Sandpiper			
23-25	Nantucket	2	S. Perkins	10	P.I.	1	H. Wiggin
24	Newbury	3	H. Wiggin#	12	M.V.	12	A. Keith#
30	P.I.	1	D. Chickering	17	Chatham (S.B.)	2	R. Stymeist#
Whimbrel				24	West Newbury	3	SSBC (M. Emmons)
	WBWS	75	G. d'Entremont#	25	Nantucket	2	S. Perkins
4	GMNWR	1	C. Ralph	27	Cumb. Farms	4	R. Finch
9	Scituate (3rd Cl)	3	D. Ludlow	29	Edgartown	12	V. Laux
14	Chatham (S.B.)	140	V. Laux	30	P.I.	6	B. Gette
29	P.I.	12 juv	R. Heil	31	S. Monomoy	1	S. Perkins#
Hudsonian Godwit				Dunlin			
3	Newburyport	3	H. Wiggin#	8	N. Monomoy	2	B. Nikula
3	Westport	39	M. Lynch#	30	Chatham (S.B.)	3	W. Petersen#
17	P.I.	1	P. + F. Vale	Stilt Sandpiper			
19	Newburyport	21	R. Heil	3	P.I.	2	R. Heil
23	Chatham (S.B.)	95	B. Nikula	9	Scituate (3rd Cl)	1	D. Ludlow
Marbled Godwit				14	Chatham (S.B.)	3	V. Laux
9	Scituate (3rd Cl)	1	D. Ludlow	18	M.V.	1	A. Keith#
10-30	Chatham (S.B.)	2-5	v.o.	25	P.I.	1	J. Berry
11-28	Revere	1	P. + F. Vale + v.o.	Buff-breasted Sandpiper			
17	Squantum	2	P. Fitzgerald	24	Nantucket	1	S. Perkins
25	Saugus	1	P. + F. Vale	25, 30	Katama	3, 1	V. Laux, A. Keith
Ruddy Turnstone				29	Edgartown	4	V. Laux
3, 25	Acoaxet	9, 12	M. Lynch#	30	Newbury	2	B. Gette
9	Scituate (3rd Cl)	50	D. Ludlow	31	S. Monomoy	2	S. Perkins#
10	P.I.	2	P. + F. Vale	31	P.I.	3	M. Argue#
17	Chatham (S.B.)	150	S. Perkins#	Short-billed Dowitcher			
19	Revere	2	BBC (P. + F. Vale)	17	Chatham (S.B.)	500	S. Perkins#
Red Knot				18	Revere	75	P. + F. Vale
thr	Chatham (S.B.)	900 max	8/23 B. Nikula	23-24	Gardner	1	T. Pirrou
9	Scituate (3rd Cl)	20	D. Ludlow	23-25	Nantucket	11	S. Perkins
10	P.I.	1	H. Wiggin#	Long-billed Dowitcher			
19	Revere	12	BBC (P. + F. Vale)	14	Chatham (S.B.)	1	V. Laux
Sanderling				31	S. Monomoy	1	S. Perkins#

Long-billed Dowitcher (continued)				30	Eastham	10	W. Petersen#
31	P.I.	2	M. Lynch#	31	Newbypt H.	3	J. Berry
Common Snipe				Least Tern			
10	P.I.	1, 3	H. Wiggin, B. Gette	14	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	52	LCES (J. Hill)
27	Cumb. Farms	1	R. Finch	17	Rowley	2	P. + F. Vale
American Woodcock				24	Ipswich (C.B.)	11	J. Berry
24	Everett	1	R. Stymeist#	Black Tern			
Wilson's Phalarope				10	P.I.	3	P. + F. Vale
14	Katama	1	N. Asher#	17	Chatham (S.B.)	6	S. Perkins#
28, 30	Chatham (S.B.)	1	W. Petersen#	19	S. Dart. (A.P.)	13	F. Thurber
Red-necked Phalarope				22	Nauset Marsh	6	B. Nikula #
3	Stellwagen (NW)	3	J. Berry#	23	Nantucket	5	S. Perkins
26	Cashes/Phipennies	45	BBC (E. Salmela)	24	Ipswich (C.B.)	1	J. Berry
31	Stellwagen	7	L. Healey	24	Plymouth H.	1	C. Floyd
Pomarine Jaeger				26	Cashes L.	2	BBC(S. Perkins)
3	Stellwagen	1	S. Moore#	28	Eastham	3	W. Petersen#
23	Stellwagen	1	imm lt R. Heil	29	S. Monomoy	30	R. Donovan
Parasitic Jaeger				31	Nant. Sound	14	S. Perkins#
7	Stellwagen	11	P. Trull	31	Off P.I.	6	M. Rines#
10	Chatham (S.B.)	1	E. Taylor	Black Skimmer			
17	Essex Bay	1	D. Brown#	10	W. Dennis	1	S. Hedman
19	P.I.	1	lt R. Heil	10	Chatham (Morris I.)	2	S. Hedman
24	Plymouth B.	4	C. Floyd	17	Chatham (S.B.)	1	M. Rines#
27	Stellwagen	8	W. Petersen#	28	Edgartown	2	J. Verner#
Jaeger species				Atlantic Puffin			
26	Cashes Ledge	2	BBC (R. Donovan)	24	Stellwagen	1	C. Floyd
Laughing Gull				Mourning Dove			
4	Squantum	5	M. Rines	24	Newbury	81	H. Wiggin#
7, 24	Ipswich (C.B.)	5, 4	J. Berry	Black-billed Cuckoo			
10	Rockport (H.P.)	1	imm J. Berry	24	W. Newbury	1	P. + F. Vale
17	Revere B.	2000	H. Wiggin#	4, 11	Rutland	7, 3	M. Lynch#
Little Gull				Eastern Screech-Owl			
10	Lynn	1	1S J. Quigley	23	MNWS	1	R. Stymeist
18	Lynn Beach	1	ad C. Floyd	25	E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson
25	Beverly	1	ad F. Gardner	thru	Watertown	1	L. Cocca
Black-headed Gull				Great Horned Owl			
14	Sandwich	1	R. Carlson	12-14	Mt.A.	1	R. Stymeist#
Bonaparte's Gull				14	Westboro	1	A. Boover
18	Lynn Beach	250	C. Floyd	30	S. Monomoy	2	R. Donovan
19	Newburyport	585	R. Heil	31	E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson
24	Ipswich (C.B.)	29	J. Berry	Barred Owl			
28	Revere	200	P. + F. Vale	14	E. Middleboro	1	K. Anderson
31	Newbypt H.	350	J. Berry	Common Nighthawk			
Lesser Black-backed Gull				11	Wellesley	1	R. Forster
21	Lynn	1	ad J. Quigley	12, 17	Mt.A.	1, 1	R. Stymeist
Sabine's Gull				13	GMNWR	1	M. Pelikan
14	Stellwagen	1	imm P. Trull	19, 30	Methuen	2, 19	J. Hogan
Sandwich Tern				20-31	Mt.A.	217 total	R. Stymeist
18	M.V. (Norton Pt)	1	A. Keith#	24, 26	Maynard	53, 106	L. Nachtrab
Roseate Tern				24	Westboro	54	A. Boover
3	Gloucester H.	2	J. Berry#	25, 27	Worcester	11, 70	M. Lynch#
9	Scituate (3rd Cl)	5	D. Ludlow	26	Leominster	100s	T. Pirrou
11	Stellwagen	40	P. Trull	26	Lincoln	45	K. Calmer
18	P.I.	3	J. Center	29	Dorchester	58	R. Donovan
23-25	Nantucket	1000	S. Perkins	31	W. Newbury	40	R. Heil
28	Chatham (S.B.)	1400	W. Petersen#	31	Waltham	100	W. Petersen
Common Tern				31	GMNWR	45	E. Taylor
9	Scituate (3rd Cl)	200	D. Ludlow	31	Wakefield	69	P. + F. Vale
11	Ipswich (C.B.)	32	J. Berry	31	W. Newton	18	M. Murphy
19	Revere	40	BBC (P. + F. Vale)	Whip-poor-will			
23-25	Nantucket	1200	S. Perkins	15	Wellfleet	3	S. + E. Miller
26	Stellwagen	2500	+BBC (S. Perkins)	Chimney Swift			
31	Newbypt H.	50	J. Berry	8	Woburn	14	M. Rines
Forster's Tern				14	Wakefield	40	P. + F. Vale
6, 25	M.V.	1, 1V.	Laux, A. Keith	Ruby-throated Hummingbird			
11	Stellwagen	1-2	J. Berry	thr	E. Boxford	4-7	J. Brown#
12	Lynn	1	J. Quigley	9	Maynard	1	L. Nachtrab
15	P.I.	1	L. Hennin	15	Wendell	2	K. Heard
23	Nantucket	1	S. Perkins	19	Lincoln	1	W. Petersen
25	Acoaxet	6	M. Lynch#	24	P.I.	1	G. d'Entremont#
28	S. Monomoy	4	R. Donovan	4, 11	Rutland S.P.	1, 1	M. Lynch#

Red-headed Woodpecker	thr	Sherborn	2 ad + 4 imm	E. Taylor
Red-bellied Woodpecker	thr	E. Boxford	1 f + 1 yg	J. Brown#
	thr	Medford	pr + 1 yg	M. Rines
	16	Lincoln	1	S. Perkins
	18	Berkley	1	G. d'Entremont#
	25	Northboro	1	A. Boover

Hairy Woodpecker	thr	E. Boxford	2-4	J. Brown#
	11	Medford	3	M. Rines
Pileated Woodpecker	4	Rutland S.P.	2	M. Lynch#
	6	Tyngsboro	1	J. Siopels
	15	Wendell	2	K. Heard

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH GROSBEAKS

The fall migration of passerines began quietly in early August and was well underway by month's end, despite the fact that no northwest winds were recorded all month. A total of 26 species of warblers were noted during the month, with highlights being Golden-winged and Hooded warblers, and Yellow-breasted Chat. Among the more unusual species recorded were a Yellow-headed Blackbird in Randolph and two Evening Grosbeaks that spent several days at a feeder in Essex.

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Olive-sided Flycatcher	4	Rutland S.P.	1	M. Lynch#
	11	Rutland S.P.	1	S. + L. Hennin
	17	Newton	1	H. Miller
	25	M.V.	1	V. Laux
Eastern Wood-Pewee	thr	Medford	11 max	M. Rines
	4, 11	Rutland S.P.	25, 20	M. Lynch#
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	21	Lexington	1	M. Rines
	24	Chelsea	1	M. Rines
	29	Brookline	1 m	H. Wiggin#
	29	P.I.	1	R. Heil
	31	MNWS	1	G. d'Entremont#
Acadian Flycatcher	4	Quabbin (G45)	1	S. + L. Hennin
Alder Flycatcher	4	Rutland S.P.	3	M. Lynch#
Least Flycatcher	4, 11	Rutland S.P.	2, 2	M. Lynch#
	22	Medford	1	M. Rines
	31	MNWS	1	G. d'Entremont#
Eastern Phoebe	4, 11	Rutland S.P.	12, 5	M. Lynch#
Great Crested Flycatcher	8	Woburn	1	M. Rines
	11	Lexington	1	M. Rines
	11	Medford	1	M. Rines
	11	Sandwich	2	G. d'Entremont#
Eastern Kingbird	11	Wakefield	19	P. + F. Vale
	19	P.I.	41	R. Heil
Purple Martin	25	Acoaxet	4 imm	M. Lynch#
	31	P.I.	6	G. d'Entremont#
Tree Swallow	19	P.I.	50,000	R. Heil
	24	Ipswich (C.B.)	10,000	J. Berry
	31	Newbypt H.	5000	J. Berry
	26	Cashes Ledge	1	BBC (R. Donovan)
N. Rough-winged Swallow	1	Wakefield	15	R. Heil
	8	Wellesley	15	R. Forster
Bank Swallow	11	Rutland S.P.	1	M. Lynch#
Barn Swallow	10	Chatham (S.B.)	200	E. Taylor
	10	GMNWR	300	E. Taylor
	15	Methuen	500	J. Hogan#
Fish Crow	10	Orleans	2	W. Petersen
	11	E. Middleboro	34	K. Anderson

28	Eastham	2	W. Petersen	
Common Raven	4, 11	Rutland S.P.	1, 2	M. Lynch#
	4	Quabbin (G45)	1	S. + L. Hennin
	19	Pepperell	1	M. Resch
Black-capped Chickadee	4, 11	Rutland S.P.	147, 178	M. Lynch#
Red-breasted Nuthatch	thr	Mt.A.	3 max	R. Stymeist
	4, 11	Rutland S.P.	23, 27	M. Lynch#
	11	Sandwich	2	G. d'Entremont#
	18	Stow	5	S. + L. Hennin
	18	Berkley	2	G. d'Entremont#
	18	MNWS	2	P. + F. Vale
Brown Creeper	25	Northboro	2	A. Boover
Carolina Wren	11	Lexington	3	M. Rines
	14	Waltham	1	C. Ralph
	18, 25	MNWS	1	P. + F. Vale
	21	Brookline	2 ad + 1	fH. Wiggin#
	25	Acoaxet	10	M. Lynch#
	25	Nantucket	5	S. Perkins
	29	W. Newbury	1	R. Heil
	29	Stow	1	L. Hennin
House Wren	4, 11	Rutland S.P.	6, 7	M. Lynch#
	31	Medford	8	M. Rines
Marsh Wren	19	P.I.	12	R. Heil
	29	Dorchester	7	R. Donovan
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	thr	Medford	10 max	M. Rines
	8	GMNWR	2	L. Hennin
	24	E. Boston	2	R. Stymeist#
	25	M.V.	1	V. Laux
Eastern Bluebird	9	Bolton	2	L. Hennin
	11	Rutland S.P.	3	M. Lynch#
Hermit Thrush	4, 11	Rutland S.P.	40, 38	M. Lynch#
	6	Milton	1	J. Young
Wood Thrush	thr	Medford	1-2	M. Rines
	2	E. Sandwich	2	E. + S. Miller
	19	Worc. (BMB)	1	J. Coyne#
Gray Catbird	4, 11	Rutland S.P.	47, 29	M. Lynch#
	8	Woburn	41	M. Rines
	19	P.I.	85	R. Heil
Brown Thrasher	thr	Medford	7 max	M. Rines

Brown Thrasher (continued)				31	P.I.	10	M. Lynch#
8 Woburn	3		M. Rines	Worm-eating Warbler			
15 Wellfleet	3		S. + E. Miller	18 Acoaxet		1	M. Lynch#
18 MNWS	1		P. + F. Vale	Ovenbird			
24 P.I.	2		SSBC (M. Emmons)	4, 11 Rutland S.P.	9, 17		M. Lynch#
White-eyed Vireo				11 Medford	1		M. Rines
18, 25 Acoaxet	9, 4		M. Lynch#	13 S. Boston	1		R. Donovan
Solitary Vireo				25 Northboro	1		A. Boover
4, 11 Rutland S.P.	8, 14		M. Lynch#	Northern Waterthrush			
Yellow-throated Vireo				3 MNWS	3		R. Stymeist#
4 Rutland S.P.	2		M. Lynch#	24 Plum Island	3		SSBC (M. Emmons)
Warbling Vireo				25 MNWS	2		P. + F. Vale
19 Lexington	4 juv		M. Rines	3-31 Reports of individuals from 12 locations			
30 DWWS	4		D. Clapp	Louisiana Waterthrush			
Philadelphia Vireo				6 Lexington	1		M. Rines
30 DWWS	1		D. Clapp	17 Winchendon	1		R. Forster
Red-eyed Vireo				18 MNWS	1		P. + F. Vale
thr Medford	9 max		M. Rines	Mourning Warbler			
4, 11 Rutland S.P.	89, 67		M. Lynch#	17 Cummaquid	1		S. + E. Miller
Blue-winged Warbler				22 Nahant	1		M. Rines
1-22 Medford	1		M. Rines	25 Nantucket	1		S. Perkins
21 Lexington	1		M. Rines	29 Stow	1		S. + L. Hennin
25 Acoaxet	6		M. Lynch#	Common Yellowthroat			
25 MNWS	2		P. + F. Vale	4, 11 Rutland S.P.	44, 54		M. Lynch#
Golden-winged Warbler				Hooded Warbler			
19 P.I.	1 juv		R. Heil	11 Westport	1 f		M. Resch
Nashville Warbler				Wilson's Warbler			
31 P.I.	1		S. + L. Hennin	25 MNWS	1		P. + F. Vale
Northern Parula				31 MNWS	3+		G. d'Entremont#
22 Medford	1		M. Rines	Canada Warbler			
Yellow Warbler				4, 11 Rutland S.P.	4, 10		M. Lynch#
3 MNWS	3		R. Stymeist#	7 Lexington	1		M. Rines
8 Woburn	8		M. Rines	10 Boxford	1		T. Martin#
8, 24 Medford	4, 1		M. Rines	25 MNWS	3		P. + F. Vale
11 F. H.	2		G. d'Entremont#	31 Medford	1		M. Rines
17 P.I.	5		G. d'Entremont#	Yellow-breasted Chat			
18 MNWS	3		P. + F. Vale	29 Newton	1		H. Miller
24 Chelsea	5		M. Rines	Scarlet Tanager			
Chestnut-sided Warbler				4, 11 Rutland S.P.	23, 18		M. Lynch#
4, 11 Rutland S.P.	10, 13		M. Lynch#	11 Wakefield	4		P. + F. Vale
25 Nantucket	1		S. Perkins	11 Medford	2		M. Rines
31 P.I.	2		M. Lynch#	25 Northboro	1		A. Boover
Magnolia Warbler				Rose-breasted Grosbeak			
11 Rutland S.P.	4		M. Lynch#	4, 11 Rutland S.P.	3, 7		M. Lynch#
24 P.I.	2		SSBC (M. Emmons)	12 Mt.A.	1		R. Stymeist
31 Medford	1		M. Rines	16 Worc.(BMB)	11		L. Hennin
Black-throated Blue Warbler				Indigo Bunting			
4, 11 Rutland S.P.	1, 3		M. Lynch#	4, 11 Rutland S.P.	5, 5		M. Lynch#
Yellow-rumped Warbler				24 Medford	1		M. Rines
4, 11 Rutland S.P.	16, 56		M. Lynch#	Dickcissel			
Black-throated Green Warbler				30 W. Peabody	2		R. Heil
4, 11 Rutland S.P.	19, 7		M. Lynch#	31 S. Dartmouth	2		F. Thurber
Blackburnian Warbler				Eastern Towhee			
4, 11 Rutland S.P.	3, 7		M. Lynch#	2 Medford	42		M. Rines
Pine Warbler				4, 11 Rutland S.P.	17, 26		M. Lynch#
4, 11 Rutland S.P.	11, 17		M. Lynch#	Chipping Sparrow			
Prairie Warbler				4, 11 Rutland S.P.	40, 50		M. Lynch#
18 Freetown	2		G. d'Entremont#	27 Wellfleet	30		M. Lynch#
31 S. Monomoy	2		S. Perkins#	Field Sparrow			
Blackpoll Warbler				4 Rutland S.P.	8		M. Lynch#
31 Medford	1		M. Rines	Vesper Sparrow			
Black-and-white Warbler				27 Wellfleet	3		W. Petersen#
thr Medford	2-4		M. Rines	Savannah Sparrow			
3 MNWS	1		R. Stymeist#	2 Westboro	10		A. Boover
4, 11 Rutland S.P.	18, 26		M. Lynch#	10 P.I.	6		P. + F. Vale
18, 25 MNWS	8, 1		P. + F. Vale	25 Nantucket	20		S. Perkins
American Redstart				Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow			
thr Medford	15 max		8/31M. Rines	12 N. Monomoy	3		J. Gottsche
11 Rutland S.P.	8		M. Lynch#	14, 29 S. Dart. (A.Pd)	15, 10		LCES (J. Hill)
13 S. Boston	2		R. Donovan	24 P.I.	10		M. Lynch#
25, 31 MNWS	5, 4		P. + F. Vale				

Seaside Sparrow			31	Wakefield	1676	P. + F. Vale
11 Barnstable	2	G. d'Entremont#	Orchard Oriole			
14 S. Dart. (A.Pd)	4	LCES (J. Hill)	2 E. Sandwich	1	S. + E. Miller	
White-throated Sparrow			Baltimore Oriole			
4, 11 Rutland S.P.	3, 8	M. Lynch#	6 Maynard	7	L. Nachtrab	
Dark-eyed Junco			19 P.I.	24	R. Heil	
17 Mt. Wachusett	3	E. Taylor	23 Lexington	17	M. Rines	
Bobolink			25 Worcester	50	M. Lynch#	
2 Westboro	6	A. Boover	31 MNWS	6	G. d'Entremont#	
25 Nantucket	35	S. Perkins	Purple Finch			
27 Cumb. Farms	10	R. Finch	thr E. Boxford	4	J. Brown#	
Yellow-headed Blackbird			3 Essex	2	M. Rines#	
10 Randolph	1 m	D. Clements	Evening Grosbeak			
Common Grackle			1-9 Essex	2	M. Hoar	

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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	BBS	Breeding Bird Survey
v.o.	various observers	BMB	Broad Meadow Brook, Worcester
W	winter (2W = second winter)	CBC	Christmas Bird Count
w/	with	CCBC	Cape Cod Bird Club
yg	young	DFWS	Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary
#	additional observers	DWWS	Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary
A.A.	Arnold Arboretum	EMHW	Eastern Massachusetts Hawk Watch
A.P.	Andrews Point, Rockport	GMNWR	Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge
A.Pd	Allens Pond, S. Dartmouth	HRWMA	High Ridge Wildlife Management Area, Gardner-Westminster
Arl.	Arlington	IRWS	Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary
B.	Beach	LCES	Lloyd Center for Environmental Studies
B.I.	Belle Isle, E. Boston	MARC	Massachusetts Avian Records Committee
B.R.	Bass Rocks, Gloucester	MAS	Massachusetts Audubon Society
Buzz.	Buzzards Bay	MBO	Manomet Observatory
Cambr.	Cambridge	MBWMA	Martin Burns Wildlife Management Area, Newbury
C.B.	Crane Beach, Ipswich	MDFW	MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
Corp. B.	Corporation Beach, Dennis	MNWS	Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary
C.P.	Crooked Pond, Boxford	MSSF	Myles Standish State Forest
Cumb. Farms	Cumberland Farms, Middleboro-Halifax	NAC	Nine Acre Corner, Concord
E.P.	Eastern Point, Gloucester	NBC	Needham Bird Club
F.E.	First Encounter Beach, Eastham	NEHW	New England Hawk Watch
F.H.	Fort Hill, Eastham	ONWR	Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge
F.M.	Fowl Meadow	SRV	Sudbury River Valley
F.P.	Fresh Pond, Cambridge	SSBC	South Shore Bird Club
F.Pk	Franklin Park, Boston	TASL	Take A Second Look Harbor Census
G40	Gate 40, Quabbin	USFWS	US Fish and Wildlife Service
G45	Gate 45, Quabbin	WBWS	Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
		WMWS	Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary