

# BIRD SIGHTINGS

## JULY 1997

### SUMMARY



South Polar Skua

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#### LOONS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

Whereas (mostly subadult) Common Loons annually over-summer at the coast, over-summering Red-throated Loons are much more unusual. So three reports of Red-throateds, including one in breeding plumage, were noteworthy. For the second consecutive summer, the birding on Stellwagen Bank was excellent. Highlights included a high count of Cory's Shearwaters and an **Audubon's Shearwater**. Both of these species are more typically found in the warmer waters south of Cape Cod; Audubon's almost exclusively so. A count of ten Audubon's over Oceanographer Canyon, at the edge of the Continental Shelf, was exemplary. A report of four **Black-capped Petrels** south of Nantucket was not accompanied by details. However, the observer was a veteran fishing boat captain who is familiar with the more common pelagic species. An **American White Pelican** was sighted at several coastal localities before it finally settled at Plum Island for the rest of the month.

Unseasonal ducks included single Greater Scaup, King Eider and Oldsquaw. The eider was present throughout the month. A **Swallow-tailed Kite** was seen on successive days at Nantucket and Tuckernuck. A **Swainson's Hawk**, originally discovered in June, continued to be seen in Provincetown throughout the month. This species, rare in any month in Massachusetts, has never been reported in summer, and never for such an extended period of time (*Birds of Massachusetts*, Veit and Petersen). A Peregrine Falcon at Nantucket represented a rare summer record for that locale.

A pair of Clapper Rails at Nantucket was unusual for that locale, and a **Purple Gallinule** on Nantucket continued from June, through the first few days of July. Upland Sandpipers continued to nest at Hanscom Field, and two pairs were also noted on the former Fort Devens property in Lancaster. The rarity of the month was a **Bar-tailed Godwit** that spent most of the month at South Beach in Chatham.

As with other pelagics, jaegers were more numerous than usual during the month. A **South Polar Skua** on Georges Bank was carefully observed and photographed. The few reports of this species in the state have been from far offshore, especially from Georges Bank. An adult Little Gull delighted many observers in Nahant. Royal Terns are scarce but regular visitors in July, and are, generally, seen only on one day, usually around the Cape and Islands. One (or more?) Royal Tern, seen in the Plum Island and Newburyport area, was reported for nearly two weeks. A well-described **Sandwich Tern** in Eastham was reported by a visiting out-of-state birder. By the end of the month, numbers of Roseate Terns at South Beach in Chatham had built to above-average numbers at this important post-breeding staging spot.

Chuck-will's-widows have been reported regularly from Martha's Vineyard during the breeding season at least since the early 1970s, though breeding has never been confirmed anywhere in the state. This July, a report of ten on the Vineyard, and additional reports of singles from Nashawena Island and Wellfleet, further fueled the hope that, eventually, they may be found nesting in the Commonwealth. A pair of Red-headed Woodpeckers, observed feeding young in Melrose, furnished the only known nesting record, this year, in the eastern part of the state. A single Red-headed was also noted in Sherborn, where the species has nested in recent years.

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Date	Location	Number	Observers	Date	Location	Number	Observers
Red-throated Loon				20	Scituate	5	M. Lynch#
5	P.I.	1	R. Heil	Pied-billed Grebe			
20	Katama	1	A. Keith#	9	P.I.	1	R. Donovan
22	Wareham	1 br pl	M. LaBossiere	Northern Fulmar			
Common Loon				7	Georges Bank	2	M. Gooley
11	Gardner	ad + 1 yg	T. Pirro	<b>Black-capped Petrel</b> * (no details)			
11	Ashburnham	2 ad	T. Pirro	13	South of Fishing Rip	4	F. Blount
18	Rockport	10	M. Flor				

<b>Cory's Shearwater</b>				<b>Little Blue Heron</b>			
5	Stellwagen	1	N. Samson	26	P.I.	3	M. Lynch#
7	Georges Bank	5	M. Gooley	26	Rowley	1	R. Finch
7	Lydonia Canyon	4	M. Gooley	27	Ipswich	2 imm	P. + F. Vale
8	Oceanogr. Can.	3	M. Gooley	<b>Tricolored Heron</b>			
30	Stellwagen	8	R. Donovan	5	P.I.	2	R. Heil
<b>Greater Shearwater</b>				26	Rowley	1	M. Lynch#
5	M.V.	2 dead	K. Baum#	<b>Cattle Egret</b>			
5	N. Monomoy	1	J. Gottsche	12	Ipswich	6	C. Cook
7	Georges Bank	190	M. Gooley	12	Hamilton	3	C. Cook
7	Lydonia Canyon	89	M. Gooley	<b>Green Heron</b>			
8	Oceanogr. Can.	119	M. Gooley	13	GMNWR	6	J. Hoye#
9	Gt. S. Channel	70	M. Gooley	19	ONWR	3	R. Lockwood#
12	Stellwagen	30	M. Lynch#	24	DWWS	4	D. Furbish
30	Stellwagen	450	R. Donovan	26	P.I.	6	M. Lynch#
<b>Sooty Shearwater</b>				<b>Black-crowned Night-Heron</b>			
7	Georges Bank	11	M. Gooley	5	Wayland	21	E. Taylor
9	Gt. S. Channel	50	M. Gooley	13	P.I.	6	R. Lockwood#
12	Stellwagen	140	M. Lynch#	28	Sudbury	16	M. Reed
<b>Manx Shearwater</b>				<b>Yellow-crowned Night-Heron</b>			
2	Stellwagen	8	M. Lynch#	20	Chatham (S.B.)	1 imm	F. Mantlik#
5	M.V.	1	A. Keith#	27	Chappaquiddick	1	A. Keith
7	Georges Bank	5	M. Gooley	27	P.I.	1 imm	W. Petersen
9	Gt. S. Channel	3	M. Gooley	<b>Glossy Ibis</b>			
26	Eastham (F.E.)	2	B. Nikula	11	Squantum	2	R. Donovan
30	Stellwagen	15	R. Donovan	14	Ipswich	35	J. Berry
<b>Audubon's Shearwater (no details) *</b>				16	Peabody	5	D. Hill
7	Lydonia Canyon	1	M. Gooley	19	E. Boston (B.I.)	10	R. Cressman
8	Oceanogr. Can.	10	M. Gooley	27	Chatham (S.B.)	23	H. Ferguson
<b>Audubon's Shearwater (details submitted) *</b>				27	Randolph	11	G. d'Entremont
12	Stellwagen Bank	1	R. Lockwood#	27	P.I.	65	W. Petersen
<b>Wilson's Storm-Petrel</b>				<b>Whooper Swan</b>			
7	Lydonia Canyon	135	M. Gooley	thr	P.I.	4 ad	R. Heil
7	Georges Bank	91	M. Gooley	<b>Wood Duck</b>			
8	Oceanogr. Can.	96	M. Gooley	5	Oak Bluffs	f + 4 yg	A. Keith
9	Gt. S. Channel	32	M. Gooley	13	GMNWR	60	J. Hoye#
10	Gloucester	50	J. Soucy	13	Wakefield	12 ad, 9 yg	P. + F. Vale
12	Stellwagen Bank	800	R. Lockwood#	26	Cumb. Farms	7	R. Finch
30	Stellwagen	1200	R. Donovan	<b>Green-winged Teal</b>			
<b>Leach's Storm-Petrel</b>				13	P.I.	13	R. Lockwood#
7	Lydonia Canyon	7	M. Gooley	<b>Blue-winged Teal</b>			
7	Georges Bank	7	M. Gooley	19	P.I.	11	M. Lynch#
8	Oceanogr. Can.	10	M. Gooley	<b>Northern Shoveler</b>			
25	Barnstable (S.N.)	12	S. Miller#	26	E. Boston	1	R. Stymeist
26	Eastham (F.E.)	1	B. Nikula	<b>Gadwall</b>			
<b>Northern Gannet</b>				21	P.I.	34	W. Drew#
7	Georges Bank	1	M. Gooley	<b>Greater Scaup</b>			
12	Stellwagen Bank	2	R. Lockwood#	5	M.V.	1 m	T. Rivers
24	Rockport	4	J. Soucy	<b>Common Eider</b>			
26	Eastham (F.E.)	420	B. Nikula	4	Duxbury	90	D. Clapp
<b>American White Pelican * (details submitted)</b>				5	Gloucester H.	20	J. Berry
13	Kingston	1	T. Lloyd-Evans	12	P'town H.	57	M. Lynch#
14	Hull	1	H. Cross	26	Chatham	7	G. d'Entremont#
14	Boston H.	1	F. Christian	27	Boston H.	107	R. Stymeist
18	Scituate	1	D. Clapp	<b>King Eider</b>			
21-31	P.I.	1	v.o.	thr	Nantucket	1 f	E. Ray
<b>Double-crested Cormorant</b>				<b>Oldsquaw</b>			
20	Scituate	690	M. Lynch#	19	P.I.	1 m	R. Heil
31	Chatham (S.B.)	850	R. Heil	<b>Surf Scoter</b>			
<b>American Bittern</b>				12	Vineyard Haven	1 m	A. Brown
19-26	Halifax	1	R. Finch	26	Chatham	1 imm m	W. Petersen#
30	Reading	1	D. Williams	29	Nantucket	2	E. Ray
<b>Least Bittern</b>				<b>White-winged Scoter</b>			
thr	P.I.	1-2	v.o.	4	Yarmouth	2	L. High
13	GMNWR	1	R. Finch	18	Rockport	2	M. Flor
<b>Great Egret</b>				<b>Hooded Merganser</b>			
27	Randolph	5	G. d'Entremont	8	Stow	5	L. Hennin
28	Sudbury	6	M. Reed	<b>Red-breasted Merganser</b>			
30	P.I.	100	D. Chickering	4	Rockport (H.P.)	1 f	J. Berry
30	Middleton	11	R. Heil	<b>Turkey Vulture</b>			
<b>Snowy Egret</b>				11	Sharon	5	K. Holmes
28	P.I.	235	R. Heil	30	Worc. (BMB)	2	J. Liller

Osprey			
thr	Westboro	pr + 3 yg	E. Taylor
20	Wellfleet	4	S. Perkins#
20	P.I.	3	G. d'Entremont#
<b>Swallow-tailed Kite</b>			
21	Nantucket	1	P. Carl, fide E. Ray
22	Tuckernuck	1	E. Andrews#
Bald Eagle			
thr	Truro	2 imm	fide J. Young
20	Wellfleet	2 imm	S. Perkins#
Northern Harrier			
5	Rowley	1	J. Berry
19	N. Monomoy	1 juv	S. Perkins#
20	Chatham (S.B.)	1 f	R. Lockwood
28	P.I.	2	R. Heil
Sharp-shinned Hawk			
9	N. Middleboro	1	K. Holmes
13	Orleans	1	M. Lynch#
19	Marshfield	1	D. Furbish
20	Medfield	1	E. Nielsen
26	E. Boxford	1	J. Brown#
Cooper's Hawk			
7	Bourne	1	E. Pierce
Northern Goshawk			
18	Lincoln	2 imm	M. Rines
Red-shouldered Hawk			
thr	E. Boxford	3	J. Brown#
11	Plympton	1 ad	J. Young
Broad-winged Hawk			
thr	Kingston	1	D. Ludlow
6	Barre	3	M. Lynch#
30	Worc. (BMB)	2	J. Liller
<b>Swainson's Hawk * (details submitted)</b>			
thr	Provincetown	1 lt ad	K. Jones + v.o.
American Kestrel			
26	Cumb. Farms	3	R. Finch
27	Randolph	3	G. d'Entremont
28	Newbypt	3	B. Parker
30	DWWS	7	D. Furbish
thr	Bedford	3	R. Lockwood
Peregrine Falcon			
11	Squantum	1	R. Donovan
28	Nantucket	1	E. Ray
Ruffed Grouse			
4	Quabbin (G40)	4	R. Lockwood
18	Lancaster	1	R. Lockwood#
19	ONWR	1	R. Lockwood#
Wild Turkey			
14	Weston	ad + 12 yg	J. Punch
15	Lancaster	7 fl	R. Lockwood
24	Boxborough	1f w/6 ygC.	Calcagni
29	Worc. (BMB)	13	J. Liller
Northern Bobwhite			
1	Sharon	25	K. Holmes
2	DWWS	2	D. Furbish
16	Kingston	2	D. Furbish
17	Bedford	1	R. Lockwood
19	Lancaster	1	R. Lockwood#
Clapper Rail			
thr	Nantucket	pr	D. Sutherland
King Rail			
4	P.I.	1	C. Floyd
Clapper/King Rail			
5	P.I.	1	R. Heil
Virginia Rail			
8	Stow	5	L. Hennin
13	GMNWR	2	J. Hoye#
23	P.I.	1	T. Leverich
26	Lexington	2	M. Rines
26	Wakefield	1 juv	P. + F. Vale
<b>Purple Gallinule</b>			
1-4	Nantucket	1	v.o.
Black-bellied Plover			
6	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	5	T. Raymond
30	E. Boston	10	P. + F. Vale
31	Chatham (S.B.)	550	R. Heil
27	P.I.	50	W. Petersen
Semipalmated Plover			
6	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	1	T. Raymond
19	Chatham (S.B.)	70	S. Perkins#
23	Revere	35	P. + F. Vale
27	Randolph	17	G. d'Entremont
30	P.I.	225	R. Heil
31	Chatham (S.B.)	500	R. Heil
Piping Plover			
20	P.I.	3	S. + L. Hennin
27	Westport	7	S. + L. Hennin
31	Chatham (S.B.)	23	R. Heil
American Oystercatcher			
6	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	2	T. Raymond
11	Monomoy	25	E. Pierce
13	Nauset	4	M. Lynch#
20	Chatham (S.B.)	16	R. Lockwood#
Greater Yellowlegs			
5, 19	P.I.	1, 16	M. Lynch#
6	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	5	T. Raymond
16	Lexington	7	M. Rines
26	Quincy	29	D. Clapp
27	Newbypt	22	P. + F. Vale
27	Randolph	2	G. d'Entremont
30	E. Boston	3	P. + F. Vale
31	Chatham (S.B.)	45	R. Heil
Lesser Yellowlegs			
6	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	2	T. Raymond
13	P.I.	15	R. Lockwood#
19	Cumb. Farms	5	R. Finch
20	Newbypt	920	R. Heil
26	Lexington	1	M. Rines
27	Randolph	5	G. d'Entremont
30	E. Boston	25	P. + F. Vale
27	P.I.	400	W. Petersen
Solitary Sandpiper			
12	Chilmark	1	A. Keith
16	Lexington	1	M. Rines
26	Wakefield	3	P. + F. Vale
27	Wayland	2	J. Hoye#
31	DWWS	2	D. Furbish
Willet			
4	Duxbury B.	10+	D. Clapp
5	Newbypt/P.I.	106 ad	R. Heil
8	N. Monomoy	150	B. Nikula
Spotted Sandpiper			
5	Pepperell	3	M. Rines
16	Lexington	8	M. Rines
19	P.I.	8	M. Lynch#
26	Arlington	5	M. Rines
27	Wayland	8	J. Hoye#
30	DWWS	4	D. Furbish
Upland Sandpiper			
thr	Lancaster	5	R. Lockwood#
thr	Bedford	18 max	R. Lockwood
3	Nantucket	1	C. Leahy
Whimbrel			
4	Yarmouth	3	L. High
12	P.I.	2	C. Cook
13	WBWS	10	M. Lynch#
22	Newbypt	15	R. Heil
26	N. Monomoy	548	W. Harrington#
27	Westport	19	S. + L. Hennin
Hudsonian Godwit			
19	Falmouth	2	R. Farrell
22	Newbypt	19	R. Heil
23, 31	Chatham (S.B.)	110, 55	R. Heil
26	P.I.	10	R. Lockwood#

<b>Bar-tailed Godwit</b> * (no details)					
7-31 Chatham (S.B.)	1	V. Laux + v.o.		25 Barnstable (S.N.)	6 S. Miller#
<b>Marbled Godwit</b>				26 Chatham (S.B.)	2 W. Petersen#
19 Chatham (S.B.)	1	S. Perkins#		<b>Jaeger Species</b>	
26 N. Monomoy	1	Wi. Harrington		26 Eastham (F.E.)	3 B. Nikula
28 P.I.	1	R. Heil		<b>South Polar Skua</b> * (photo submitted)	
<b>Ruddy Turnstone</b>				7 41.13.44N, 68.27.33W	1 M. Gooley
23 Chatham (S.B.)	90	R. Heil		<b>Laughing Gull</b>	
23 P.I.	54	R. Heil		13 Nauset Marsh	1000 M. Lynch#
<b>Red Knot</b>				<b>Little Gull</b>	
23 Chatham (S.B.)	2400	R. Heil		5-31 Nahant	1 L. Pivacek + vo
<b>Sanderling</b>				<b>Black-headed Gull</b>	
22 Nahant	200+	L. Hennin		19-31 P.I.	1 L. de la Flor + v.o.
28 P.I.	110	R. Heil		<b>Bonaparte's Gull</b>	
31 Chatham (S.B.)	1900	R. Heil		20 P.I.	150 G. d'Entremont#
<b>Semipalmated Sandpiper</b>				23 Revere	18 P. + F. Vale
6 S. Dart. (A.Pd)	4	T. Raymond		<b>Lesser Black-backed Gull</b>	
11 Squantum	10	R. Donovan		8 N. Monomoy	1 2S B. Nikula
22 M.V.	250	V. Laux		22 P.I.	1 1S R. Heil#
22 Nahant	800	L. Hennin		<b>Royal Tern</b>	
23 Revere	250	P. + F. Vale		7 Wellfleet	1 ad E. Pierce
31 Chatham (S.B.)	900	R. Heil		8 Eastham	1 ad E. Pierce
27 Newbypt	5000+	W. Petersen		15-20 Newbypt H.	1 ad R. Heil + v.o.
<b>Western Sandpiper</b>				20-26 P.I.	1 J. Soucy + v.o.
30 P.I.	1	R. Heil		24-29 Chatham (S.B.)	1 R. Clem + v.o.
<b>Least Sandpiper</b>				<b>Sandwich Tern</b> (details submitted)	
11 P.I.	500	R. Heil		8 Eastham	1 ad E. Pierce
12 Stellwagen	5	R. Lockwood#		<b>Roseate Tern</b>	
16 Lexington	29	M. Rines		12 Stellwagen	7 R. Lockwood#
27 Randolph	25	G. d'Entremont		23, 31 Chatham (S.B.)	850, 3200 R. Heil
27 Cumb. Farms	96	R. Finch		30 P.I.	5 ad R. Heil
<b>White-rumped Sandpiper</b>				<b>Common Tern</b>	
19 Chatham (S.B.)	1	T. Maloney#		12 Stellwagen	27 R. Lockwood#
30 E. Boston	1	P. + F. Vale		22 Newbypt/P.I.	250 R. Heil
30 P.I.	27	R. Heil		23, 31 Chatham (S.B.)	1400, 2700 R. Heil
<b>Pectoral Sandpiper</b>				24 Arlington	2 M. Rines
15 P.I.	1	R. Heil		<b>Arctic Tern</b>	
26 Cumb. Farms	1	R. Finch		26 Chatham (S.B.)	2 imm W. Petersen#
26 Cotuit	2	M. Partridge		<b>Forster's Tern</b>	
<b>Dunlin</b>				20 Newbypt	1 W pl R. Heil
19 P.I.	2	M. Lynch#		27 Chappaquiddick	1 A. Keith
19 Chatham (S.B.)	1	S. Perkins#		<b>Least Tern</b>	
<b>Stilt Sandpiper</b>				23 Chatham (S.B.)	220 R. Heil
26 Quincy	2	D. Clapp		28 P.I.	25 R. Heil
30 P.I.	48	R. Heil		<b>Black Tern</b>	
31 S. Monomoy	14	R. Prescott		1 Nantucket	1 fide E. Ray
<b>Short-billed Dowitcher</b>				8 N. Monomoy	1 B. Nikula
4 Duxbury B.	13	D. Clapp		12 Stellwagen	1 M. Lynch#
8 N. Monomoy	850	B. Nikula		21 P.I.	1 W. Drew#
11 Squantum	12	R. Donovan		26 Eastham (F.E.)	1 B. Nikula
12 Stellwagen	33	R. Lockwood#		26 Chatham (S.B.)	5 G. d'Entremont#
13 Boston H.	23	K. Hartel		<b>Black Skimmer</b>	
22 M.V.	120	V. Laux		13 Nauset Marsh	3 M. Lynch#
23 Chatham (S.B.)	2700	R. Heil		19 Chatham (S.B.)	2 J. Paluzzi
28 P.I.	700	R. Heil		20 Plymouth B.	2 L. Torella
30 E. Boston	12	P. + F. Vale		26 N. Monomoy	2 W. Harrington
<b>Long-billed Dowitcher</b>				<b>Mourning Dove</b>	
28 P.I.	12	R. Heil		thr DWWS	465 max D. Ludlow
<b>American Woodcock</b>				<b>Black-billed Cuckoo</b>	
28 Lancaster	2	R. Lockwood		2 Marshfield	1 D. Furbish
<b>Wilson's Phalarope</b>				4 Rockport	1 M. Flor
5, 11 P.I.	1 m, 3 f	R. Heil		6 Barre	5 M. Lynch#
5 Rowley	1 f	R. Heil		6 E. Boxford	1 J. Brown#
<b>phalarope species</b>				13 P.I.	1 R. Lockwood#
26 Eastham (F.E.)	1	B. Nikula		19 Lancaster	1 R. Lockwood#
<b>Pomarine Jaeger</b>				<b>Yellow-billed Cuckoo</b>	
7 Lydonia Canyon	2	M. Gooley		4 Ipswich	3 J. Berry
12 Stellwagen	2 dk	M. Lynch#		6 Andover	1 J. Berry
12 Mass. Bay	1	R. Finch		6 Barre	1 M. Lynch#
<b>Parasitic Jaeger</b>				13 GMNWR	1 J. Hoye#
12 Mass. Bay	3	J. Young		16 Marshfield	1 D. Furbish#
12 Stellwagen	3	M. Lynch#		17 Groveland	1 R. Heil
				27 E. Sandwich	1 M. Partridge

Barn Owl				16	Newbury	2	M. Rines
26	N. Middleboro	2	K. Holmes	Chimney Swift			
Eastern Screech-Owl				thr	Sherborn	15	E. Taylor
11	Rockport	1	M. Flor	24	Wakefield	21	P. + F. Vale
26	Melrose	1	R. Stymeist	27	Waltham	20	E. Taylor
Great Horned Owl				Ruby-throated Hummingbird			
8	Wellfleet	1	E. Pierce	thr	N. Middleboro	8 pr	K. Holmes
Barred Owl				thr	E. Boxford	2-4	J. Brown#
7	Concord	1	R. Lockwood	18	W. Newbury	2	R. Heil
7	Holliston	2 w/2 yg	H. Platt	27	S. Dartmouth	2	S. + L. Hennin
18	Acton	1	J. Center	thr	Concord	3	R. Lockwood
19	W. Newbury	3	R. Heil	Red-headed Woodpecker			
Northern Saw-whet Owl				thr	Sherborn	1	E. Taylor
12	Wellfleet	1	R. Stymeist#	thr	Melrose	pr n	C. Jackson
Common Nighthawk				Red-bellied Woodpecker			
12	Brookline	2	C. Cook	thr	E. Boxford	2	J. Brown#
<b>Chuck-will's-widow</b>				thr	Marlboro	2	B. Parker
thr	Edgartown	10+	V. Laux	thr	Medford	3 pr n	M. Rines
7	Nashawena I.	1	R. Hoping	Hairy Woodpecker			
14	Wellfleet	1	E. Pierce	4	Ipswich	3	J. Berry
Whip-poor-will				21	Medford	3	M. Rines
1	Tyngsboro	4	J. Center	Pileated Woodpecker			
11	Gardner	1	T. Pirro	6	Barre	3	M. Lynch#
11	Lancaster	25	R. Lockwood	18	Sherborn	3	E. Taylor
12	Wellfleet	6	R. Stymeist#				

#### FLYCATCHERS THROUGH GROSBEAKS

Breeding bird surveys were continued at Barre Falls Dam, a 557-acre Army Corps of Engineers property located in the towns of Barre, Rutland, Oakham and Hubbardston, composed of a mix of woodlands, open fields, and riverine and other wetland habitats. These types of surveys, and others such as those conducted weekly at the Broad Meadow Brook Audubon Sanctuary in Worcester, provide valuable information about the breeding status of summering songbirds at a time when most of our attentions are being directed toward more coastal localities. Let's see more of these next summer.

Acadian Flycatchers are very local breeders in Massachusetts, especially in eastern portions. So the discovery of a single Acadian in West Townsend, at a site where the species has not been known to breed previously, was intriguing. The same could be said for the four Cliff Swallows in Pepperell. Another very scarce and local nester, Golden-crowned Kinglet, was actually confirmed breeding in Barre. White-eyed Vireos were well reported from their stronghold in the Westport area, and, although breeding of this species on Martha's Vineyard has never been confirmed, the report of an individual on Chappaquiddick, Edgartown, July 20th, suggested they might have nested there this summer. Unfortunately, no Golden-winged Warblers were reported during the month. Their apparent absence provided sad commentary on the plight of this rapidly disappearing species. Inexplicable was the presence of a singing male Blackpoll Warbler in Rockport and a singing male Bay-breasted Warbler in Lincoln. At the old Fort Devens in Lancaster and Ayer (now designated "Devens"), 23 adult and 18 young Grasshopper Sparrows, plus two adult and four young Vesper Sparrows, were counted, as part of a statewide effort on the part of the Massachusetts Audubon Society to survey state-listed species of grassland birds.

Red Crossbills have been found nesting in the state only following certain winters in which major irruptions occurred, and no such event took place during the winter of '96-'97. Yet, among reports of this species from three different localities was a pair with three young in Rockport. Since the juveniles had well-developed feathers (the observer commented that the juveniles' tails were the same length as the adults'), they could have arrived from out of state, but a local, natal origin could not be ruled out. An additional four adult Red Crossbills were noted in W. Newbury. Consistent with a recent summertime trend, the occurrence of Evening Grosbeaks at three different localities included a pair in Boxford that was present throughout the month.

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Eastern Wood-Pewee				19	P.I.	5	M. Lynch#
4	Quabbin (G40)	16	R. Lockwood	22	Lancaster	6	R. Lockwood
5	Barre	16	M. Lynch#	23	Bolton Flats	8	L. Hennin
7	Concord	9	R. Lockwood	26	Lexington	4	M. Rines
19	Boxford (C.P.)	18	R. Heil	Least Flycatcher			
23	Worc. (BMB)	9	J. Liller	4	Quabbin (G40)	20	R. Lockwood
29	Medford	7	M. Rines	6	Barre	24	M. Lynch#
Acadian Flycatcher				Great Crested Flycatcher			
4	W. Townsend	1	B. Nikula	4	Quabbin (G40)	3	R. Lockwood
Willow Flycatcher				16	DWWS	6	D. Furbish
6	Andover	3	J. Berry	19	ONWR	3	R. Lockwood
13	Wakefield	4	P. + F. Vale	21	Medford	3	M. Rines

31	Worc. (BMB)	3	J. Liller	19	ONWR	6	R. Lockwood
Horned Lark				19	Groveland	3 m	R. Heil
26	Chatham (S.B.)	4	G. d'Entremont#	Wood Thrush			
Purple Martin				4	Ipswich	5	J. Berry
19	P.I.	85+	M. Lynch#	6	Andover	4	J. Berry
29	Chatham (S.B.)	2	J. Brown#	10	Medford	5	M. Rines
Northern Rough-winged Swallow				12	Concord	6	R. Lockwood
5	P.I.	7	R. Heil	16	N. Marshfield	4	D. Furbish
13	Wakefield	11	P. + F. Vale	Brown Thrasher			
31	Chatham (S.B.)	5	R. Heil	5	Pepperell	4	M. Rines
Bank Swallow				10	Medford	8	M. Rines
8	Stow	20	L. Hennin	16	Worc. (BMB)	5	J. Liller
11	P.I.	200	R. Heil	26	P.I.	5	M. Lynch#
16	Acton	85	J. Center	30	Bedford	5	R. Lockwood
18	Lancaster	7	R. Lockwood#	White-eyed Vireo			
19	Chatham (S.B.)	70	S. Perkins#	20	Chappaquiddick	1	A. Keith
Cliff Swallow				27	Westport	9	M. Lynch#
4	Pepperell	4	E. Stromsted	Solitary Vireo			
12	DWWS	2	D. Furbish#	4	Quabbin (G40)	9	R. Lockwood
Fish Crow				6	Barre	9	M. Lynch#
4	Mt.A.	6	R. Stymeist	19	Boxford (C.P.)	2	R. Heil
17	Marshfield	3	D. Furbish	Yellow-throated Vireo			
26	Bedford	1	M. Rines	4	Quabbin (G40)	1	R. Lockwood
Red-breasted Nuthatch				6	Barre	1	M. Lynch#
thr	Marlboro	4	B. Parker	8	Stow	2	L. Hennin
4	Ipswich	2	J. Berry	19	Boxford (C.P.)	3	R. Heil
4	Quabbin (G40)	8	R. Lockwood	19	ONWR	1	R. Lockwood
6	Barre	10	M. Lynch#	Warbling Vireo			
8	Stow	3	L. Hennin	6	Barre	5	M. Lynch#
17	Groveland	3	R. Heil	12	Wakefield	5	P. + F. Vale
Brown Creeper				26	Arlington	3	M. Rines
4	Quabbin (G40)	14	R. Lockwood	Red-eyed Vireo			
Carolina Wren				4	Quabbin (G40)	37	R. Lockwood
thr	Ipswich	1	J. Berry	6	Barre	146	M. Lynch#
4	Mt.A.	1	R. Stymeist	19	ONWR	11	R. Lockwood
7	Worcester	1	M. Lynch#	Blue-winged Warbler			
17	Groveland	3	R. Heil	16	Worc. (BMB)	3	J. Liller
21	Medford	1	M. Rines	21	Medford	3	M. Rines
27	Westport	12	M. Lynch#	Nashville Warbler			
Winter Wren				6	Barre	2	M. Lynch#
4	Quabbin (G40)	4	R. Lockwood	Yellow Warbler			
6	Barre	3	M. Lynch#	5	P.I.	22	M. Lynch#
7	Concord	4	R. Lockwood	6	Barre	22	M. Lynch#
12	Ashburnham	2	T. Pirro	thr	Bedford	20	R. Lockwood
25	Lexington	1	M. Rines	Chestnut-sided Warbler			
Marsh Wren				4	Quabbin (G40)	16	R. Lockwood
4	DWWS	1	D. Furbish	6	Barre	37	M. Lynch#
12	GMNWR	20	G. d'Entremont#	Magnolia Warbler			
13	Wakefield	10	P. + F. Vale	6	Barre	9	M. Lynch#
19	P.I.	24	M. Lynch#	Black-throated Blue Warbler			
23	Bolton Flats	3	L. Hennin	4	Quabbin (G40)	2	R. Lockwood
Golden-crowned Kinglet				6	Barre	5	M. Lynch#
6	Barre	ad + 3 yg	M. Lynch#	Yellow-rumped Warbler			
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				4	Quabbin (G40)	13	R. Lockwood
2	Concord	3	R. Lockwood	6	Barre	31	M. Lynch#
5	Pepperell	3	M. Rines	Black-throated Green Warbler			
19	Boxford (C.P.)	8	R. Heil	4	Quabbin (G40)	9	R. Lockwood
Eastern Bluebird				6	Barre	26	M. Lynch#
17	Ayer	4	G. d'Entremont#	Blackburnian Warbler			
17	Lancaster	4	R. Lockwood#	4	Quabbin (G40)	11	R. Lockwood
31	Worc. (BMB)	6	J. Liller	6	Barre	9	M. Lynch#
Veery				Pine Warbler			
4	Ipswich	7	J. Berry	4	Quabbin (G40)	31	R. Lockwood
4	Quabbin (G40)	33	R. Lockwood	6	Barre	29	M. Lynch#
6	Barre	53	M. Lynch#	Prairie Warbler			
7	Concord	6	R. Lockwood	5	Pepperell	4 pr	M. Rines
17	Groveland	14	R. Heil	10	Lancaster	10	R. Lockwood
19	ONWR	4	R. Lockwood	19	Groveland	8	R. Heil
Hermit Thrush				19	Barre	6	M. Lynch#
4	Quabbin (G40)	4	R. Lockwood	Bay-breasted Warbler			
6	Barre	35	M. Lynch#	18	Lincoln	1 m	K. Calmer
7	Concord	4	R. Lockwood	Blackpoll Warbler			

1-3	Rockport	1 m	M. Flor	17	Bedford	5	R. Lockwood
	Black-and-white Warbler			17	Marshfield	7	D. Furbish
4	Quabbin (G40)	4	R. Lockwood		Vesper Sparrow		
6	Barre	8	M. Lynch#	12	Wellfleet	8+	R. Stymeist#
28	E. Sandwich	2	S. + E. Miller	18	Lancaster	2 ad + 4 yg	R. Lockwood
	American Redstart				Savannah Sparrow		
4	Quabbin (G40)	22	R. Lockwood	2	Bedford	89	R. Lockwood
6	Barre	27	M. Lynch#	8	Stow	15	L. Hennin
20	P.I.	5	D. Furbish#	10	Lancaster	20	R. Lockwood
	Ovenbird				Grasshopper Sparrow		
4	Quabbin (G40)	33	R. Lockwood	19	Pepperell	2	E. Stromsted
4	Ipswich	22	J. Berry	24	Lancaster	23 ad + 18 yg	R. Lockwood
6	Barre	68	M. Lynch#	thr	Bedford	6	R. Lockwood
6	Andover	10	J. Berry		Sharp-tailed sparrow species		
7	Concord	11	R. Lockwood	27	P.I.	10	P. + F. Vale
	Northern Waterthrush			30	E. Boston	3	P. + F. Vale
4	Ipswich	1	J. Berry		Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow		
7	Concord	2	R. Lockwood	6	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	5	T. Raymond
19	Boxford	1	R. Heil	26	Rowley	25+	M. Lynch#
23	Worc. (BMB)	1	J. Liller	26	P.I.	30+	M. Lynch#
27	S. Dartmouth	1	S. + L. Hennin		Seaside Sparrow		
	Common Yellowthroat			23	P.I.	2	T. Leverich
4	Quabbin (G40)	38	R. Lockwood		Swamp Sparrow		
5	P.I.	45	M. Lynch#	6	Barre	21	M. Lynch#
6	Barre	117	M. Lynch#	23	Bolton Flats	14	L. Hennin
8	Stow	20	L. Healy		White-throated Sparrow		
16	Worc. (BMB)	24	J. Liller	4	Quabbin (G40)	4	R. Lockwood
	Canada Warbler			6	Barre	8	M. Lynch#
6	Barre	6	M. Lynch#		Bobolink		
17	W. Newbury	1 m	R. Heil	8	Stow	15	L. Hennin
	Scarlet Tanager			9	Bedford	5	R. Lockwood
4	Ipswich	6	J. Berry	12	Pepperell	42	E. Stromsted
4	Quabbin (G40)	4	R. Lockwood	13	P.I.	10	R. Lockwood#
6	Barre	25	M. Lynch#	22	Lancaster	78	R. Lockwood
7	Concord	9	R. Lockwood		Eastern Meadowlark		
16	Worc. (BMB)	4	J. Liller	9	Bedford	14	R. Lockwood
19	ONWR	5	R. Lockwood	13	P.I.	5	R. Lockwood#
	Rose-breasted Grosbeak			15	Lancaster	14	R. Lockwood
6	Barre	5	M. Lynch#		Common Grackle		
7	Concord	4	R. Lockwood	7	Wellfleet	500	R. Stymeist
16	Worc. (BMB)	3	J. Liller	31	Framingham	2000	E. Taylor
17	Bedford	4	R. Lockwood		Orchard Oriole		
17	Groveland	12	R. Heil	13	Wayland	1 m	S. Perkins#
18	Lancaster	4	R. Lockwood	15	Woburn	2 f	M. Rines
19	ONWR	4	R. Lockwood	17, 19	Groveland	1 m, 1 f	R. Heil
	Indigo Bunting			24	Boxborough	1 m	C. Calcagni
4	Quabbin (G40)	3	R. Lockwood	27	S. Dartmouth	6	S. + L. Hennin
5	Pepperell	7 m	M. Rines		Baltimore Oriole		
6	Andover	3	J. Berry	17	Groveland	32	R. Heil
17	Marshfield	6	D. Furbish	23	Worc. (BMB)	18	J. Liller
18	Lancaster	6	R. Lockwood		Purple Finch		
24	Sharon	3	D. Furbish	thr	E. Boxford	6 pr	J. Brown#
	Eastern Towhee			6	Barre	7	M. Lynch#
4	Quabbin (G40)	14	R. Lockwood		Red Crossbill		
17	Groveland	32	R. Heil	6	Barre	2	M. Lynch#
23	Worc. (BMB)	38	J. Liller	19	Rockport	2 ad + 3 yg	M. Flor
	Field Sparrow			26	W. Newbury	4	R. Heil
5	Pepperell	4 pr	M. Rines		Evening Grosbeak		
13	P.I.	5	R. Lockwood#	1-30	E. Boxford	pr	J. Brown#
15	Lancaster	17	R. Lockwood	4	Quabbin (G40)	2	R. Lockwood
16	Worc. (BMB)	10	J. Liller	5	Westford	2	G. Marley
17	Groveland	16	R. Heil				