

THE BIRD OBSERVER SUMMARY FOR JULY 1975

The first ten days of July were unseasonably cool with no recorded precipitation. The temperature rose gradually during the following five days, and east to southeast winds brought fog banks to the coastal plain. The latter part of the month averaged ten degrees above normal; the heat wave was finally broken by rain squalls from the east on the 24th.

Easterly and southeasterly winds during midmonth blew Greater, Cory's, Manx and Sooty Shearwaters to within sight of land at several southeastern localities, the only large numbers of birds being observed on a crossing from Boston to Provincetown on the 29th. In addition, a tiny dark-and-white shearwater observed by this writer on the 22nd would seem most likely to be Audubon's, although the possibility of the probably conspecific Little Shearwater (*Puffinus Assimilis*) cannot be eliminated with certainty.

Thirteen Cattle Egrets were reported from Dartmouth on the 15th, a good count for mid-summer, as were 10 recorded in Ipswich on the 25th. Reports for nesting herons were received from Clark's Island, Duxbury. The absence of nesting Cattle Egrets this year was noteworthy.

American Oystercatchers were recorded breeding as far north as Barnstable this summer, representing the furthest recent northward extension of their breeding range, while birds breeding on the Cape and Islands continued to nest successfully. Twenty individuals were present on Monomoy.

Amongst the regular migrant shorebird arrivals during the month was Golden Plover at Plymouth on the 15th; both Ruff and Curlew Sandpiper were observed; and species of a western affinity such as Long-billed Dowitcher and Western Sandpiper - both arrived rather early, the dowitcher for the third year running.

Arctic Terns nested on Nantucket this summer, and 160 Least Terns were observed in Ipswich. Royal Terns typically reached their maximum this month with 10 birds reported.

A Red-headed Woodpecker was observed in Burlington on the 2nd. Unfortunately, no details were received concerning its age. Whether this bird was a breeding bird or a stray immature is anyone's guess, considering the unusual date. Also of interest was a Yellow-bellied Flycatcher singing in Annisquam on the 4th.

Worm-eating Warblers were present in suitable nesting habitat in Weston and Dover in localities where they have been observed previously during the summer months. A migrant Chat occurred on Plum Island on the 28th.

Finally, two pairs of Dark-eyed Juncos nested in Weston.

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Common Loon:			
thr.,2	Monomoy, Lincoln	6-30(July 8),2	v.o., F.Work
12,21	Ipswich, P.I.	3,1	J.Berry, H.Merriman
Cory's Shearwater:			
13	Nantucket, Westport	45+,19	R.Veit, D.Brown#
20&31	Tuckernuck Island	12&2	R.Veit
Greater Shearwater:			
13,20	Westport, Tuckernuck I.	10,20+	D.Brown, R.Veit
29	Boston-Provincetown (aboard the SS Provincetown)	300-350	J.Murphy
Sooty Shearwater:			
13,16	Nantucket, Tuckernuck I.	70+,1	R.Veit
29	Boston-Provincetown	200	J.Murphy
Manx Shearwater:			
4;13,14	Nauset, Westport	8;2,4 (dead)	V.Laux; D.Brown#
29	Boston-Provincetown	5	J.Murphy
<u>Audubon's Shearwater:</u> (details submitted)			
22	Tuckernuck Island	1	R.Veit
Wilson's Storm-Petrel:			
wk. of 27,29	Rockport, Boston-Provincetown	1,400	C.Leahy, J.Murphy
Double-crested Cormorant:			
26,31	Marblehead, Clinton	250+,1	J.Berry, H.Merriman

Great Blue Heron:			
7-28,16	P.I.,Marshfield	1-6,1	v.o.,B.Cassie
Green Heron:			
4,12	Ipswich(Crane's Beach)	5 yg. in nest, 1 yg. 1 dead (others not seen)	J.Berry
Little Blue Heron:			
thr.	Duxbury(Clark's Island)	10 nests	B.Harrington
12-31,16	P.I.;Plymouth	1 ad.,1 imm.;1	v.o.;H&D Carmichael
19-21,30	Tuckernuck I.,Nauset	1 imm.,1	R.Veit,V.Laux
Cattle Egret:			
13&20	Marshfield	1	W.Petersen#
15 on,25	Dartmouth,Ipswich	13,10	H.Atkinson#,J.Berry
Great Egret:			
thr.	Duxbury(Clark's Is.)	3 nests	B.Harrington
16,21	Marshfield,P.I.	2,1	B.Cassie,H.Merriman
Snowy Egret:			
thr.	Duxbury(Clark's Is.)	150 nests	B.Harrington
thr.,15 on	P.I.,Dartmouth	25-85(July 21),12	v.o.,P.Regan
15,17	Plymouth,Quincy	30,36	H&D Carmichael,P.Kenney
27,28	Monomoy,Rowley	14,40	W.Petersen#,R.Emery#
Black-crowned Night Heron:			
thr.	Duxbury(Clark's Is.)	350 nests	B.Harrington
thr.,5,19	P.I.,Brookline,Lancaster	max.13,9,2	v.o.,A.Agush,H.Merriman
Yellow-crowned Night Heron:			
7,12	Chatham,S.Wellfleet(WBWS)	1 imm.,1 imm.	V.Laux#,V.Laux
16	Nantucket,Marshfield	1 imm.,1 ad.	R.Veit,B.Cassie
Least Bittern:			
5,7-27,16	Rowley,P.I.,Marshfield	1,3-5,1	W.Petersen,v.o.,B.Cassie
American Bittern:			
thr.;16	Lancaster;P.I.,Marshfield	1+;1,1	H.Merriman;R.Emery,B.Cassie
Glossy Ibis:			
thr.	Duxbury(Clark's Is.)	40 nests	B.Harrington
thr.,12,16	P.I.,Essex,Marshfield	2-35(July 21),2,2	v.o.(J.Berry),G.Soucy
22,28	Nantucket,Rowley	1,28	C.Andrews#,R.Emery#
Canada Goose:			
thr.	P.I.	max.100+(July 21)	BBC(G.Soucy)
Gadwall:			
13	Ipswich	1 ad.&1 yg.	J.Berry
19	Concord(GMNWR)	3 ad.&16 yg.	BBC(E.Taylor)
Pintail:			
21	P.I.	12	BBC(G.Soucy)
Green-winged Teal:			
thr.,20	Lancaster,Marshfield	1-4,3	H.Merriman,W.Petersen
7&14	P.I.	5&20	BBC(E.Pyburn & W.Drummond)
Blue-winged Teal:			
7&14	P.I.	8&35	BBC(E.Pyburn & W.Drummond)
Northern Shoveler:			
21	P.I.	1	BBC(G.Soucy)
Wood Duck:			
thr.	Lancaster	2-3 ad.,20 yg.	H.Merriman
6,19	Ipswich,Concord(GMNWR)	12,28(18 yg.)	J.Berry,BBC(E.Taylor)
7&14	P.I.	4&10	BBC(E.Pyburn & W.Drummond)
Oldsquaw:			
27	So.Dartmouth	1	D.Brown
Surf Scoter:			
7,24	Chatham,North Beach	3,2	V.Laux#
Ruddy Duck:			
1-26	P.I.	2-5(1 ad.,4 yg.)	R.Emery# & v.o.
Goshawk:			
10,14,22	Weston,Medfield,Lancaster	2,1,1	J.Hines,B.Regan,H.Merriman
Cooper's Hawk:			
1	Lancaster	1	H.Merriman
Red-shouldered Hawk:			
17	Plymouth	1 ad.	B.Sorrie
Marsh Hawk:			
16;21	Tuckernuck I.;Nantucket	4 ad.,3 yg.;20	R.Stymeist#;C.Jackson
Osprey:			
thr.	Westport	9 yg.in 10 nests	G&J Fernandez
thr.	Edgartown(M.V.)	7 yg. in 3 nests	G.Ben David
19,27	Concord(GMNWR),Plymouth	1,2	BBC(E.Taylor),B.Sorrie

Sharp-tailed Grouse:			
thr.	Tuckernuck Island	1	R.Veit
Bobwhite:			
6,20	Dorchester,Burlington	1,2	J.Murphy,B.Nolan
Clapper Rail:			
7	Chatham(North Beach)	1	V.Laux#
16,27	Nauset,P.I.	1,1	V.Laux#,A.Horn
Virginia Rail:			
5,7,10	Weston,P.I.,Lancaster	3,3 yg.,1-2	L.Robinson,E.Pyburn#,H.Merriman
17,25	Concord(GMNWR),Brookfield	2 ad.5 yg.,1	BBC(E.Taylor),R.Stone#
<u>Purple Gallinule:</u>			
early July	Wellfleet(Cove Road)	1(picked up dead)	Robert McClellan
Common Gallinule:			
13,17	Marshfield,Concord(GMNWR)	1-2,4	W.Petersen,E.Taylor#
20	Rowley	1 ad.4 yg.	J.Berry
American Coot:			
23	P.I.	2 ad.3-4 yg.	R.Emery#
American Oystercatcher:			
thr.	Monomoy	5-20(July 8)	V.Laux & v.o.
thr.	Tuckernuck Island	4 ad.5 yg.	R.Veit#
Semipalmated Plover:			
7&21	P.I.	1&10	BBC(E.Pyburn & G.Soucy)
23,24	Dartmouth,Eastham	12,15	P.Regan,H.Merriman
Piping Plover:			
thr.;19&27	Ipswich;Monomoy	10+(several yg.),14&60	J.Berry;R.Stymeist#,W.Petersen#
19,21	Nauset,P.I.	100,5 ad.3 yg.	B.Nikula#,H.Merriman
Killdeer:			
25	Wayland	15 & downy yg.	J.Hines
Golden Plover:			
15&24	Plymouth	1	H&D Carmichael,H.Merriman
Black-bellied Plover:			
14,19	P.I.,Monomoy	1,300	BBC(W.Drummond & R.Stymeist)
Ruddy Turnstone:			
19,26	Monomoy	16,50	BBC(R.Stymeist),S.Zendeh#
21,27;27	P.I.;Monomoy	25,80;175	R.Heil,B.Cassie#;W.Petersen
American Woodcock:			
5,20,26	Ipswich,Burlington,Weston	1,6,1	J.Berry,B.Nolan,E.Taylor
Common Snipe:			
16,28	P.I.,Concord(GMNWR)	1,1	M&A Argue,W.Petersen
Whimbrel:			
7&26,16	Newburyport,P.I.	1&8,2	M.Gardler & W.Petersen,M.Argue#
19,23	Monomoy,Nantucket	6,1	BBC(R.Stymeist),C.Jackson#
24,27	S.Wellfleet(WBWS),S.Dartmouth	35,4	H.Merriman,D.Brown
Upland Sandpiper:			
9,13	Duxbury,Marshfield	1,1 ad.1 yg.	J.Lund,W.Petersen
14,27	Medfield,Monomoy	2,1	B.Regan,W.Petersen#
Spotted Sandpiper:			
11	Westport(Gooseberry Neck)	8	R.O'Hara
Solitary Sandpiper:			
5,12	Concord,Essex	1(early),1	E.Pearson,G.Soucy
19	Weston,Lancaster	2,1	L.Robinson,H.Merriman
24,29	Concord(GMNWR),Woburn	3,1	R.Forster#,C.Jackson#
Willet:			
17,24	Ipswich,Plymouth	1,1	R.Dwellely,H.Merriman
27	P.I.,Monomoy	1,2(Western race)	B.Cassie,W.Petersen#
Greater Yellowlegs:			
7,27	P.I.,Monomoy	35,100+	BBC(E.Pyburn),W.Petersen#
Lesser Yellowlegs:			
5,19,26	Newburyport	85,315+,625	W.Petersen#
19,23	Concord(GMNWR),Hingham	3,1	BBC(E.Taylor),C.Clark
Red Knot:			
15,16,17	Plymouth	60,70,150+	H&D Carmichael & M.B.O.Staff
19&27	Monomoy	86&1000+	R.Stymeist & W.Petersen
21&26,27	P.I.,Scituate	19&60+,600+	H.Merriman & W.Petersen#,C.Clark
Pectoral Sandpiper:			
5,22	Concord,Monomoy	1(early),25	E.Pearson,C.Goodrich#
24,30	Concord(GMNWR)	7,8	R.Forster#,BBC(E.Taylor)

<u>White-rumped Sandpiper:</u>			
19,21	Monomoy, Concord(GMNWR)	1,5	BBC(R.Stymeist), J.Baird# & v.o.
24,30	Plymouth	2,1	M.B.O.Staff
<u>Baird's Sandpiper:</u>			
19-26,24	Nauset, Concord(GMNWR)	1,2	C.Goodrich# & v.o., R.Forster#
27	S.Dartmouth, P.I.	2,1	D.Brown, A.Horn#
<u>Least Sandpiper:</u>			
7&21	P.I.	2&25	BBC(E.Pyburn & G.Soucy)
11,19	Westport, Monomoy	6,42	R.O'Hara, BBC(R.Stymeist)
19&24	Concord(GMNWR)	25&300	BBC(E.Taylor) & R.Forster
<u>Curlew Sandpiper:</u>			
26-29	Newburyport	1 ad.	W.Petersen & v.o.
<u>Dunlin:</u>			
21	P.I.	1	R.Heil
<u>Short-billed Dowitcher:</u>			
5,19,26	Newburyport	250,1000+,1200+	W.Petersen# & v.o.
17,20	Plymouth, Marshfield	150,175+	M.B.O.Staff, W.Petersen#
12,24	Squantum, Concord(GMNWR)	48,9	G.Wilson, R.Forster
<u>Long-billed Dowitcher:</u>			
26	P.I.	4(close study)	W.Petersen, R.Emery
<u>Stilt Sandpiper:</u>			
7-28,22	P.I., Monomoy	2-12,70	M.Gardler & v.o., C.Goodrich# & v.o.
23,24	Nantucket, S.Wellfleet(WBWS)	1,2	C.Jackson, H.Merriman
27,30	S.Dartmouth, Concord(GMNWR)	6,2	D.Brown, BBC(E.Taylor)
<u>Semipalmated Sandpiper:</u>			
19;26	Newburyport	3000+;12,000+	W.Petersen#
24,27	Concord(GMNWR), Ipswich	300,1000+	R.Forster, J.Berry
<u>Western Sandpiper:</u>			
27,30	S.Dartmouth, Plymouth	1,1	D.Brown, M.B.O.Staff
<u>Marbled Godwit:</u>			
2-11	Monomoy	3	C.Goodrich# & v.o.
<u>Hudsonian Godwit:</u>			
thr.	Monomoy	max.80(July 27)	v.o.
5 on	P.I.	max.20(July 27)	v.o.
<u>Ruff:</u>			
18,27-31	Monomoy, Concord(GMNWR)	1,1	C.Goodrich#, P.Buckley# & v.o.
<u>Sanderling:</u>			
21,24	P.I., Plymouth	55,20	BBC(G.Soucy), H.Merriman
<u>Wilson's Phalarope:</u>			
26,28-29	Rowley, Concord(GMNWR)	1,1	R.Emery#, W.Petersen# & v.o.
<u>Northern Phalarope:</u>			
29	Boston-Provincetown	130	J.Murphy#
<u>Pomarine Jaeger:</u>			
14	Nantucket	2	R.Veit
<u>Parasitic Jaeger:</u>			
13	Barnstable(S.N.)	3	A.Rios#
13,22	Ellisville Beach, Ipswich	3,5	D.Casoni, M.Baird#
23&30;25	Tuckernuck I.; Monomoy	1&11+;3-4	R.Veit; V.Laux, W.Bailey
<u>Herring Gull:</u>			
22	Natick(dump)	29	E.Taylor
<u>Laughing Gull:</u>			
1,19	Eastham, Monomoy	1,40+	H.Merriman, BBC(R.Stymeist)
22,23	Hingham, Tuckernuck I.	1,2	C.Clark, R.Veit
<u>Bonaparte's Gull:</u>			
12,14	Ipswich, Newburyport	27,10	J.Berry, BBC(W.Drummond)
<u>Little Gull:</u>			
23	Monomoy, Nauset	1 ad., 2 ad.	J.Harris & v.o., H.Smith
<u>Black-legged Kittiwake:</u>			
13	Nantucket	1 sub adult beach	R.Veit
<u>Forster's Tern:</u>			
16,22&24	Nauset, Tuckernuck I.	1,1	V.Laux, R.Veit
24	Wellfleet(WBWS)	1	V.Laux, H.Merriman
<u>Common Tern:</u>			
19,21	Monomoy, P.I.	1000+,75	BBC(R.Stymeist), BBC(G.Soucy)
22	Nantucket	300	C.Jackson
27	Ipswich(Crane's Beach)	100+	J.Berry

Arctic Tern:			
thr.	Plymouth Beach	22(11 pairs)	G.Brown, fide H.D'Entremont
13	Nantucket	12(16 nests)	E.Andrews, R.Veit
19	Eastham, Monomoy	1,3	S.Garrett, R.Stymeist#
24,27	S.Weilfleet(WEWS), Monomoy	1,1 yg.	V.Laux#, W.Petersen#
Roseate Tern:			
12&27, 21&27	Ipswich(Crane's Beach), P.I.	1&10+, 1&1	J.Berry, H.Merriman & B.Cassie#
19	Monomoy	18	BBC(R.Stymeist)
Least Tern:			
thr.,22	Tuckernuck I., Nantucket	80,50	R.Veit, C.Jackson
thr.,23	Ipswich(Crane's B.), Dartmouth	160+,30	J.Berry, P.Regan
Royal Tern:			
thr.,1-18	Nauset, Plymouth	2,1	v.o., D&H Carmichael & v.o.
17,18	Monomoy, Eastham	1,1	J.Harris, B.Blodget
21-28,27	P.I., Newburyport	1-4,1	R.Heil#, A.Horn
Black Tern:			
13,14-15	Barnstable(S.N.), Plymouth	2,1	A.Rios#, H&D Carmichael
18-19,19	Monomoy, Chatham	1,1	C.Goodrich & v.o., S.Garrett#
24,31	Eastham, Tuckernuck I.	1,1	H.Merriman, R.Veit
Black Skimmer:			
11-18,18-21	Plymouth, Monomoy	2,4	H&D Carmichael, C.Goodrich# & v.o.
18&29,21-27	Ipswich, P.I.	1&2,2	G.Soucy, J.Barton & v.o.
22&27,30	S.Dartmouth, Nauset	4&8,3	D.Brown, V.Laux
Canary-winged Parakeet:			
12	Boxford	2	G.Gove
Black-billed Cuckoo:			
17	Littleton	1	V.Sprong
Screech Owl:			
5-29,26	Dorchester, Weston	1,1	J.Murphy, E.Taylor
<u>Great Horned Owl:</u>			
30	Monomoy	1	J.Harris, V.Laux
Barred Owl:			
thr.	Lancaster	3+	H.Merriman
Short-eared Owl:			
thr.	Tuckernuck Island	9(1 pr.raised 3 yg.)	R.Veit
7&24	Chatham(North Beach)	1 & 2-3	V.Laux
Saw-whet Owl:			
26	Scituate	1	B.Litchfield
Whip-poor-will:			
16	Dover	2	E.Taylor
Common Nighthawk:			
thr.;10	Cambridge, Boston; Plymouth	6,15+;1	R.Stymeist, T.Leverich; B.Sorrie
Ruby-throated Hummingbird:			
31	Cambridge	1	L.Gilmore
Pileated Woodpecker:			
2	Lancaster	1	H.Merriman
Red-headed Woodpecker:			
2	Burlington	1	B.Nolan
Eastern Kingbird:			
2,4	Wayland, P.I.	4 juv.,25	J.Hines, R.Rains
Great Crested Flycatcher:			
thr.,1	Nantucket, Weston	8 prs.,4+	R.Veit#, L.Robinson
Eastern Phoebe:			
thr.,2	Lancaster, Weston	5+,5	H.Merriman, L.Robinson
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:			
4;23,28,31	Annisquam; Manomet	1 singing; 1,1,1	H.Wiggin; M.B.O.Staff
Alder Flycatcher:			
1-19	Lancaster	3-4	H.Merriman
Willow Flycatcher:			
4,29,30	Ipswich, Woburn, Concord	1-2,1,1	J.Berry, C.Johnson, E.Taylor
Eastern Wood Pewee:			
2,4,31	Wayland, Hopkington, Nantucket	1,1,1	J.Hines, E.Taylor, S.Perkins
thr.,19	Lancaster, Ipswich	2+,1-2	H.Merriman, J.Berry
Horned Lark:			
3,4	W.Dennis	4	B.Holdridge
Tree Swallow:			
21	P.I.	400	BBC(G.Soucy)
Bank Swallow:			
thr.,21	Ipswich, P.I.	"dozens nesting",15	J.Berry, BBC(G.Soucy)

Rough-winged Swallow:			
21	P.I.	1	H.Merriman
Cliff Swallow:			
7,12	Nauset,Essex	1,15	V.Laux,G.Soucy
13	Ipswich	3 nests(1 successful)	J.Berry
Purple Martin:			
thr.,7	Middleboro,P.I.	<u>150</u> prs.,25	D.Briggs,BBC(E.Pyburn)
Fish Crow:			
thr.	Beverly	2+	G.Soucy
Tufted Titmouse:			
20;27	S.Orleans;Weston	1 ad.,1 juv.;9	J.Fisk;L.Robinson
Red-breasted Nuthatch:			
thr.,8	Lancaster,Hanson	3-5,pr.w/yg.	H.Merriman,W.Petersen
Carolina Wren:			
thr.,25	Taunton,Manomet	2 nesting,1	D.Emerson,M.B.O.Staff
Long-billed Marsh Wren:			
19,28	Concord,P.I.	8,4	E.Taylor,BBC
Catbird:			
19-25,21	Nantucket,P.I.	30,20	C.Jackson,S.Garrett
Hermit Thrush:			
thr.	Sherborn	4	E.Taylor
Eastern Bluebird:			
thr.	7 localities	10 birds	v.o.
Brown Creeper:			
July	S.Carver,S.Orleans	10,5 yg.in nest	B.Sorrie,J.Fisk
White-eyed Vireo:			
13,16	Marshfield,P.I.	2-3,1 calling	W.Petersen,R.Emery
Yellow-throated Vireo:			
16	Middleboro	2	R.Maxim
Warbling Vireo:			
8	Brookline	1 pr.	A.Agush
Worm-eating Warbler:			
12	Weston	1	L.Robinson
Golden-winged Warbler:			
26	W.Newbury	1	W.Petersen,R.Emery
Blue-winged Warbler:			
3,21&22	Lancaster,Wayland	1,1	H.Merriman,J.Hines
26	W.Newbury	1	R.Emery,W.Petersen
Black-throated Green Warbler:			
6	Weston	4	L.Robinson
Chestnut-sided Warbler:			
4,5	Hopkinton,Sterling	1,3+	E.Taylor,H.Merriman
16	P.I.	1	R.Emery
Pine Warbler:			
4,19	Ipswich,Clinton	10+,2+	J.Berry,H.Merriman
Prairie Warbler:			
4,5	Ipswich,Sterling	1,1-2	J.Berry,H.Merriman
Northern Waterthrush:			
27	Dartmouth	1 yg.(banded)	H.Atkinson
Yellow-breasted Chat:			
28	P.I.	1	M.Argue,R.Emery
Wilson's Warbler:			
1	Littleton	1	V.Sprong
Bobolink:			
25,26	Leicester,Worcester	25+,30+	M.Yenlin,E.Taylor
Rose-breasted Grosbeak:			
15,20	Littleton,Ipswich	1 juv.,1 juv.	V.Sprong,J.Berry
Indigo Bunting:			
thr.,6,20	Belmont,Tewksbury,Weston	6,3 prs.,6	R.Stymeist,M.Wilson,L.Robinson
Grasshopper Sparrow:			
thr.,27	Tuckernuck I.,S.Dartmouth	8+ prs.,18	R.Veit,D.Brown
Sharp-tailed Sparrow:			
25	Squantum	23	D.Brown
Seaside Sparrow:			
7,27	Newburyport,S.Dartmouth	1 singing,8	M.Gardler,D.Brown
Vesper Sparrow:			
21,22	P.I.,Nantucket	2,1	R.Heil,C.Jackson
Dark-eyed Junco:			
12,27	Weston	4 ad.,2 yg.	L.Robinson, E.Taylor