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To the Editor:

I read with interest the fine article by Blair Nikula on Massachusetts' non-resident terns in your most recent issue. It clearly summarizes the status of these terns to date. However, I would like to point out that the spring maxima for Black Tern occurred on 15 May 1967 when 25 were noted in Littleton and 30 in North Hadley. As the article accurately states, inland Black Terns are noted primarily in spring when heavy rains force them down.

In no way is this comment meant to detract from Blair Nikula's excellent article.

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