



THE SPRING MIGRATION MARCH — MAY 1980



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March was wet and a bit on the cool and cloudy side. The first month of spring began with two very cold days more characteristic of midwinter. The low of 7° on the first was the coldest March reading since 1967. Not until the third did the mercury rise above 32°. The month averaged 36.9°, 1.2° below normal, yet mild days predominated with 17 days above normal and only 12 below normal. The month's high mark was 59° on March 20. Precipitation totaled 5.37 inches, 1.36 inches above normal. This tied with 1972 as the nineteenth wettest March in 110 years. Snowfall was 3.6 inches, 4.5 under average. The most in any day was 3.0 inches on March 14. The seasonal total stands at 12.7 inches, 28.8 inches under average and the third least in 90 years of record. Miscellaneous phenomena included a thunderstorm on March 11 and ice glazing on March 14.

April showers were plentiful this year: precipitation totaled 4.36 inches, the most in April since 5.65 inches fell in 1973. Measurable amounts fell on 13 days. The mercury averaged 48.7°; the high of 75° was recorded on April 20; the low of 33° came on the first. Strong southwest winds were recorded on April 12, 15, and 20. The final days of the month were cold with the last nine days averaging 5° below normal with raw east and northeast winds. Birders were wondering if the migration would ever get under way.

May was on the warm, dry, and sunny side. The temperature averaged 59.4°; the high mark was 80° on May 22; the low was 41° on the third. Rainfall totaled only 2.3 inches, 1.17 under normal. Strong south or southwest winds were infrequent, but heavy migration occurred with favorable winds on May 11, 13, and 18. The best day was May 13 with a light mist and fog according to the watchers at Mount Auburn. R.H.S.

LOONS THROUGH BREEDING

Common Loons were migrating in early May with small numbers observed moving on a NE track in the Provincetown-Turo area, apparently bound for the Canadian Maritimes. Additionally, 20+ were noted leaving the bay and crossing overland at N. Turo on a NE course May 9. A count of 600 Red-throated Loons moving north past the southeast corner of Nantucket March 23 was typical of spring flights observed there and at Gayhead-Martha's Vineyard in recent years. A breeding plumaged Eared Grebe was present at the Wachusett Reservoir in Clinton, May 19-24. There exists at least one prior inland record: from Horn Pond, Woburn, October 20-November 13, 1968. Louisiana Herons totaled 16 individuals during April and May, too many to describe individually. This is the highest spring total since the species' expansion into our region and its subsequent first breeding record in 1976 (cf. spring totals since 1975: 0, 16, 7 4-5, 3). A Least Bittern was found and captured alive in Scituate on the early date of March 18, probably a result of the big southerly storm of November 17-18. R.S.H.

Common Loon:

5/3,9	C.Cod Bay, N. Turo	30, 20+	W.Petersen#, R.Heil
	Above migrants on NE track.		
5/10,11	Nt.A., Framingham	5, 3 migrating	R.Forster#
5/25	Monomoy	20	W.Petersen

Arctic Loon:

3/23	Gay Head (M.V.)	1	B.Kleiner#
	Good details received. Plumage description that of breeding bird.		

Red-throated Loon:

3/23	Nant.(Low Beach)	600 migrating N	R.Veit, M.Litchfield
5/3,11	C.Cod Bay, Framingham	10 migr.NE, 1 migr.	W.Petersen#, R.Forster

Red-necked Grebe:

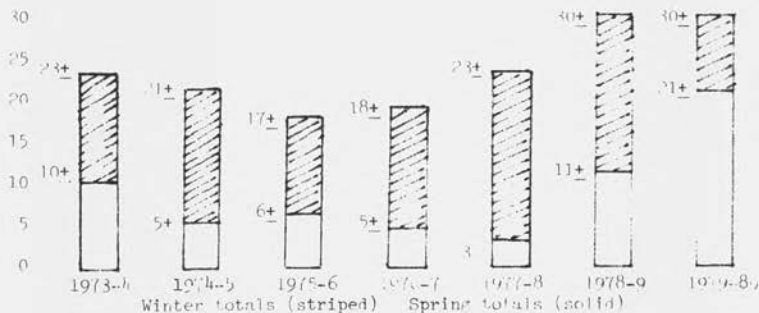
3/9,20	Gloucester, Cohasset	30, 11	R.Heil, S.Higginbotham
3/15,23	Nant.(Low Beach)	55, 70+ migr. N	R.Veit, M.Litchfield

Yellow-crowned Night Heron:			
5/2,8	WBWS, Lexington	1, 1	W.Bailey, B. McKres#
5/9,14	Willis, Dover	1 ad., 2 imms.	B.Cassie, F.Hamlen
5/16-20	Wellesley	1-2	E.Durkee#
Least Bittern:			
3/18	Scituate	1 (caught alive)	J.Keating, Eide W.Petersen
5/12-18,17	Wayland, Lynnfield	1, 1	R.Forster#, H.Wiggin#
American Bittern:			
3/2,16	Quincy, Eastham(F.H.)	1, 1	D.Brown#, D.Reynolds
3/17,23	Nantucket, P.I.	1, 1	M.Litchfield#, J.Nove
4/11,19	Eastham(F.H.), P.I.	2, 3	M.Ciccarelli+R.Barber, G.Gove
4/thr.,5/thr.	4 locales, 6 locales	4, 10 inds.	v.o.
5/18	Wayland	max. 5	R.Forster
Glossy Ibis:			
4/7,9	Halifax, Squantum	2, 1	J.Flaherty, D.Brown
4/23,26	Manchester, Marshfield	88, 33	P.Parsons, SSBC
5/5,14	S.Peabody, Manomet	28 migr.N, 10 migr.N	R.Heil, '80 staff

WATERPOWL

Two orange-breasted Brant in a flock of 675 at Squantum were color-dyed on Long Island, New York, this past winter. Large numbers of Brant again lingered late at Newburyport; 900+ were still present there on May 14. A dead Fulvous Whistling Duck found on Nantucket on March 20 was probably one of the two remaining individuals from the flock of four (of which two were shot) on the island last December 14. The Barrow's Goldeneye concentration at Newburyport peaked in late March when twelve (6 adult males, 2 immature males, and 4 females) were viewed from a single vantage point on March 23. Statewide totals of 21+ this spring and 30+ this past winter reflect this species' observed, if not actual, increase here in recent years. The following table shows the steady, nearly 80% increase in wintering Barrow's Goldeneye in eastern Massachusetts since a low point during the winter of 1975-6, according to B.O.E.' records:

Individuals 30



An immature male Common Eider far inland at Charlton, Worcester County, must have been a startling sight. The origin of any inland eider is certainly open to question since eiders, unlike scoters, are virtually unknown away from the coast.

Brant:			
3/7,10	Wollaston, Squantum	450, 675	S.Higginbotham
3/19	Squantum	2 (orange-dyed breasts)	R.Emery#
3/29	Salisbury, Duxbury Bay	70, 1400	R.Heil, B.Sorrie#
4/8,27	Winthrop, Newburyport	300, 640	M.Sharpe, R.Veit#
5/11,14	Scituate, Newburyport	200+, 900+	W.Petersen#, R.Heil
Snow Goose:			
3/5,22	Wareham, Milton	1, 1	D.Briggs, O.Wallen
3/29,4/3	Falmouth, P.I.	1, 80	S.Higginbotham, K.French
4/12,27	P.I., N.Scituate	280 migr., 7	P.Roberts, D.Brown
Fulvous Whistling Duck:			
3/20	Nantucket	1 (found dead)	K.Reilly, L.Tooker
Black Duck:			
3/16	Lynn, Quincy Bay	460, 561	TASL

3/26,29	Manomet, Dennis	125+, 150+	MBO staff, B.Nikula#
4/13,5/4	Thompsons I., N.Scituate	2, 1	D.Brown, J.Grugan
Horned Grebe:			
3/1,23	Randolph, Boston(Jam.Pd.)	1 road kill, 1	W.Petersen, A.Agush
3/16,29	Hingham Bay, Lakeville	27, 3	TASI, J.Kricher
4/12	P.I.	5h	P.Roberts
4/13	Quincy, Hingham	64, 48	TASI
Eared Grebe:			
5/19-24	Wachusett Reservoir(Clinton)	1 br. pl.	B.Blodget et al.
Pied-billed Grebe:			
3/15-23,16	Nantucket, Lakeville	1, 2	R.Veit#, BBC
3/22,23	Rockport, Sudbury	1, 1	G.Soucy, R.Forster
4/thr.	7 locales	11 inds.	v.o.
5/17	S.Hanson	pair on territory	W.Petersen
Northern Fulmar:			
3/22,4/15	Rockport, Stellw. Bank	1, 1	G.Soucy, B.Nikula
5/3,8	Stellw. Bank	35+(all light), 3	W.Petersen
Gannet:			
3/22	Barnstable, P'town	36, 42	BBC
3/30,4/5	Nahant Bay, Salisbury	15, 300+	S.Zendeh, P.Roberts
Great Cormorant:			
3/10,16	Nahant, Hull area	140, 266	S.Zendeh, TASI
4/12,26	N.Scituate	75, 12+	W.Petersen#
5/3,10	Stellw.Bank, Plymouth	3 imm. migr., 1	W.Petersen#
5/11	Millis, N.Scituate	1 ad., 10	B.Cassie, W.Petersen
5/16	Manomet	1 imm.	MBO staff
Double-crested Cormorant:			
3/4,21	Somerville, Nantucket	1(from Feb.), 1 imm.	J.Berry, R.Veit#
3/23,26	Lakeville, S.Dartmouth	9 migr.NE, 1	F.Correia, D.Briggs
4/12,19,21	Sudbury Valley	96, 22, 180	R.Forster
4/13	Nahant, Hingham	300, 452	TASI
4/12,27	W.Newbury, N.Scituate	75, 1300	G.Soucy, D.Brown
5/8,18	Rockport, Ipswich	300, 400+	J.Grugan, J.Berry
5/11,14	Millis	39, 157	B.Cassie
Great Blue Heron:			
3/thr.	6 locales	7 inds.	v.o.
4/11,12	W.Bridgewater, Sudbury V.	59, 9 migr.	S.Higginbotham, R.Forster
5/3	Cape Cod Bay	4 migr. NE	W.Petersen
5/5,10	GMNWR, P.I.	10, 7	L.Taylor, BBC
Green Heron:			
4/14,16	Mt.A.	1,2	L.Crofoot, F.Bouchard#
4/19 on	9 locales	16 inds.	v.o.
Little Blue Heron:			
3/30	Yarmouth	1	J.Aylward
4/12-13,27-30	Manchester, Squantum	1-2, 1	H.Weissberg, D.Brown
4/27,5/31	Marshfield	1, 2	D.Brown, SSBC
5/18	Saugus	1 ad.	C.Jackson
Cattle Egret:			
4/6,9	Bridgewater, Saugus	12, 5	J.Flaherty, P.Willis
4/19 on,20	Marshfield, Wopsfield	max. 4, 4	B.Sorrie#, G.Gove
5/14,18	Walpole, Ipswich	20, 14	D.Clapp, BBC
Great Egret:			
3/28-4/12,6	P.I., Westport	1-3, 1	H.Weissberg#, D.Davis
4/12-23,25-30	Marshfield, Nant.	1-2, 1	W.Petersen#, C.&E.Andrews
5/4,18	WBWS, Westport	1, 6	W.Bailey, BBC
5/22,31	Squantum, Marshfield	2, 1	G.Wilson, SSBC
Snowy Egret:			
3/18,28 on	Essex, P.I.	1, 1	P.Parsons, H.Weissberg#
3/29,4/7	Rowley	1, 25	R.Heil, R.Alexander#
4/7,13	Squantum, Scituate	11, 14	S.Higginbotham, M.F.Litchfield
5/23-26	Cape Pogue-M.V.	35	BBC
Louisiana Heron:			
4/5,8-9	Osterville, Wareham	1, 1	R.Barber, E.Akers
4/12 on,27	P.I., Cape Pogue-M.V.	max.4, 2	G.Gove#, V.Laux
4/10-5/31	8 other locales	singles	v.o.
Black-crowned Night Heron:			
3/16-30,4/20	6 locales, P.I.	16 inds., 40	v.o., F.Hallan
5/9,23-26	Milton, M.V.	10+, 37	U.Nania, BBC
5/31	Monomoy	18 nests found	P.Trull#

Gadwall:			
3/2	Salem, Gloucester	14, 25+	R. Heil, BBC
3/16, 19	Nantucket, W. Harwich	8, 8	M. Litchfield#, B. Nikula
4/26, 27	Ipswich, Rowley	30, 30	M. Argue#, R. Veit#
Pintail:			
3/9, 15-23	Marshfield, Nantucket	4, 2	W. Petersen#, M. Litchfield#
3/15, 24	P.I., W. Bridgewater	25, 35	BBC, S. & R. Higginbotham
4/11	W. Bridgewater	20	S. Higginbotham
Green-winged Teal:			
3/21, 24	Nantucket, W. Bridgewater	50, 30	R. Veit#, S. & R. Higginbotham
3/22, 4/5	Sudbury Valley, P.I.	8, 75	R. Forster, J. Berry
4/26, 5/3	Rowley, P.I.	29, 10	R. Veit#, BBC
4/27	Rowley (Stilt Pd.)	1 m. (Eurasian race)	Veit, Perkins, Litchfield
Blue-winged Teal:			
3/20	Marshfield, P.I.	4, 2	S. Higginbotham, H. Merriman
3/24, 29	W. Bridgewater, Wayland	12, 4	S. Higginbotham, R. Forster
4/5, 26	S. Hanson, Rowley	4, 5	SSBC, BBC
European Wigeon:			
5/31	Newburyport	1 m.	L. Crofoot, G. Gove#
American Wigeon:			
3/6, 15-23	Belmont; Nantucket	100+; 300	M. Dodder; R. Veit#, M. Litchfield
4/5, 26	Belmont, Ipswich	45, 9	R. Stymeist, BBC
Northern Shoveler:			
3/18-19, 3/23-4/5	Needham, S. Hanson	1-2, pr.	O. Komar#, W. Petersen#
4/12, 21	P.I., Canton (P.M.)	15, 1 m.	v.o., D. Brown
5/17	Squantum	1 m.	W. Petersen#
Wood Duck:			
3/8, 9	S. Hanson, Belmont	4, 1	SSBC, L. Taylor
3/7-10, 30	W. A., G. NWR	3, 27	R. Stymeist, P. Roberts#
4/6	IRWS	30	R. Heil
Redhead:			
3/1, 16	Salisbury, Lakeville	1, 2	BBC
3/15-23	Nantucket	300	R. Veit, M. Litchfield#
4/6, 13	Braintree, Boston Harbor	1, 1	BBC, TASL
Ring-necked Duck:			
3/15, 23	W. Carver, IRWS	180, 37	K. Powers#, R. Heil
3/30	W. Newbury, S. Hanson	34, 100	I. Girunas, W. Petersen
4/5, 24	W. Bridgewater, S. Hanson	66, 75	SSBC
Greater Scaup:			
3/16	Nant; Hingham, Lynn	250; 601, 2030	M. Litchfield; TASL
4/5, 5/17	Newburyport	500, 2	BBC, G. Gove#
Lesser Scaup:			
3/9, 30	Newburyport, P.I.	1 m., 1 f.	J. Berry, I. Girunas
4/5, 24	S. Hanson	1, 2 m.	W. Petersen
4/24	Braintree (Great Pd.)	3	D. Brown
Common Goldeneye:			
3/2, 16	Cape Ann, Newburyport	450+, 300	BBC
3/15-23, 22	Nantucket, Woburn	350+, 8	R. Veit#, BBC
Barrow's Goldeneye:			
3/15-23, 16	Nantucket, Hull	6+, 1 f.	R. Veit#, W. Petersen#
3/thr.	Newburyport	max. 12 (6 ad. m., 2 imm. m., 4 f. - 3/23)	R. Heil#
3/23	Plymouth	1 ad. m.	B. Sorrie, E. Strawn
4/1, 5	Chatham, Newburyport	1, 4	J. Aylward, J. Berry
Bufflehead:			
3/16	5 Greater Boston locales	1351	TASL
5/17, 25	S. Hanson, Lynn	1 f., 1 f.	W. Petersen#, R. Stymeist#
Oldsquaw:			
3/29, 4/25	Duxbury, Newburyport	100, 1200	B. Sorrie, W. Petersen
5/14	Newburyport	300	R. Heil
Harlequin Duck:			
3/2-18, 19-4/3	Magnolia, Nantucket	3, max. 5	BBC#, S. Perkins#
4/9, 27	Rockport, N. Scituate	4, 1	C. Leahy, D. Brown
5/8, 25	Rockport, Lynn	2, 1 m. slightly oiled	J. Grugan, R. Stymeist#
Common Eider:			
3/9, 22	Plymouth, Manomet	8000, 2000	H. Wiggin#, SSBC
4/27	N. Scituate	850	D. Brown
5/3-4	Charlton (Worcester Co.)	1 imm. m.	R. Meservey, B. Blodgett
King Eider:			
3/1, 4/13	Rockport, Hull	1 f., 1 f.	BBC, S. Higginbotham

4/24,26-27	N.Scituate (Glades)	2 f., 1 f.	BBC, S.Higginbotham
5/25	Monomoy	1 imm. m.	W.Petersen, B.Sorrie
White-winged Scoter:			
4/12,27	P.I., N.Scituate	500, 102	P.Roberts, D.Brown
5/3,8	P.I., Winthrop	85, 200	H.'erriman,C.Jackson#
Surf Scoter:			
4/19,27	Nantucket,N.Scituate	200, 21	C.Jackson, D.Brown
Black Scoter:			
4/19,27	Nantucket,N.Scituate	100, 42	C.Jackson, D.Brown
Hooded Merganser:			
3/15,30	Eastham, Halifax	32, 7	J.Aylward,W.Petersen
Common Merganser:			
3/1,14	Newburyport, Wayland	127, 91	BBC, R.Forster
3/26	Plymouth, Littleton	50+, 60+	'BO staff, J.Baird
4/5	Lincoln	68	R.Stymeist
4/9,11	Braintree, Milton	180, 500	D.Brown
5/5	S.Peabody	3	R.Heil
Red-breasted Merganser:			
3/16,21	Hingham Bay,Nantucket	500+,1800+	W.Petersen#,R.Veit#
4/5	P.I., Harwich	225,500	BBC, J.Bird
5/17	Manchester	10	BBC

RAPTORS

The continued increase and expansion of the Turkey Vulture was never more apparent than with this spring's total of 170+ individuals reported. Last year there were 129+, a very hearty jump in numbers from only 35 reported during the spring of 1976. Certainly the Eastern Massachusetts Hawk Watch (EMHW) spearheaded by Paul Roberts has had its effect on the new improved totals of all our raptor species. The following list represents the EMHW totals from April 5 through May 10, 1980.

Turkey Vulture	81	Broad-winged Hawk	341
Goshawk	7	Rough-legged Hawk	2
Sharp-shinned Hawk	132	Marsh Hawk	28
Cooper's Hawk	10	Osprey	65
Red-tailed Hawk	111	Merlin	12
Red-shouldered Hawk	12	American Kestrel	528

Paul Roberts reports that the spring of 1980 hawk migration was rather sparse, and he hopes that the fall migration will be the best thus far for the EMHW.

It is also encouraging to see fair numbers of Red-shouldered Hawks in our area with 37 individuals reported. Also on the upswing are the Westport River Ospreys. Gil Fernandez reports that 21 pairs were on nests there; this is the most since there were 22 pairs in 1968.

The rarer species reported during the spring included two immature Golden Eagles, nine Bald Eagles, 17 Peregrine Falcons (including the downtown Boston winter resident), and a light phase Gyr Falcon at Salisbury. R.H.S.

Turkey Vulture:

3/18,29	Belmont, Milton	1, 1	P.Butler, D.Davis
3/30	W.Newbury, Quabbin	2, 3	E.Pyburn#, BBC(Drummond)
4/5-13,6	Framingham, Bridgewater	6(total), 2	R.Forster,K.Hamilton+W.Petersen
4/6,12	W.Newbury, Ashburnham	4, 4	R.Heil, R.Stymeist#
4/6,12	P'town, W'anomet	3, 2	B.Nikula, 'BO staff
4/18,20	Middleboro, Canton	3, 2	K.Holmes, D.Brown
5/27,29	Eastham, WBWS	6, 8	C.Smith, W.Bailey
May reports	various locales	25 ind.	v.o.
April reports	various locales	17 ind.	v.o.
Goshawk:			
early Mar.,3/23	Newburyport, Amesbury	1, 1	H.Weissberg, J.Grugan
4/19,24	Mt.Wachusett, Boxford	1, 1 m.(display flight)	W.Petersen#,R.Forster#
5/4 on	E.Middleboro	1 or 2	K.Anderson
5/16,25	Sharon, Norwell	1, 1	D.Clapp, B.Litchfield
5/26	Bridgewater, Framingham	1 ad.,pr. w/yg.	W.Petersen, K.S.Hamilton
Sharp-shinned Hawk:			
3/16,24	Nantucket, Lincoln	1, 1	'Litchfield#, R.Forster
3/28,30	Middleboro, Quabbin	1, 1	D.Briggs, BBC

4/20,5/3	Canton, W.Newbury	4, 12	D.T.Brown, P.Alden#
5/4	Milton, Framingham	24, 3	R.Veit#, R.Forster
5/4	Ipswich, E.Middleboro	1, 2	J.Berry#, K.Anderson
5/9,10,24	P.I.	19, 6, 1	J.Grugan,G.d'Entremont#,BBC
Cooper's Hawk:			
3/9,4/6	Bridgewater, Lexington	1, 1	H.Wiggin#, J.Andrews#
4/12,16;19	P'town; P.I., 't.Wachusett	1, 2; 1, 1	B.Nikula#; G.Gove, SSBC
4/22,27	Lincoln, N.Scituate	1 ad., 1	R.Forster, D.Brown
5/10	W.Newbury, Rowley	1, 1	BBC(G.d'Entremont), R.Stymeist
Red-tailed Hawk:			
3/8	Sudbury-Bolton	22 (11 at Bolton)	R.Stymeist+P.+J.Roberts
3/2,9	'edfield, Bridgewater	5, 5	H.Robbins, H.Wiggin#
3/23	Rowley, G'NWR, W.Newbury	5, 4, 6	R.Heil,P.Hallowell,R.'cHale
4/11,12,20	'illis, Ashburnham, Canton	9, 13, 14	B.Cassie,R.Veit#,D.Brown
4/19	Wellesley	1 nest w/chicks on 8th fairway	J.Burns
5/23-26	Tisbury('V.)	10	BBC(Drummond)
Red-shouldered Hawk:			
3/9,10	Truro, Brewster	1, 1	B.Nikula#, P.Trull
3/6,8,	Braintree, Bridgewater	1, 1	R.Campbell, J.Flaherty#
3/13,16	Peabody, Rowley	1, 1	W.Drummond#, R.Heil
3/22;23	Norwell; S.Hanson, 'edfield	1; 1, 1	B.Litchfield;W.Petersen,H.Robbins
3/28	Norton	2 displaying + 4 at same time	J.Kricher
4/1+5;6	'illis; Boxford, IRWS	2; 1-2, 1	B.Cassie, R.Veit#, R.Heil
4/12,20	'arshfield, Canton	1, 1	W.Petersen, D.Brown
5/9, 14 on	Truro, E.Middleboro	1 imm., 1-2	R.Heil, K.Anderson
5/18	Ipswich, 't.A.	2, 1	I.Giriunas, L.Taylor
Broad-winged Hawk:			
4/12	Wayland, Ashburnham	1, 9	R.Forster#, R.Stymeist#
4/19,20	't.Wachusett, E.Middleboro	37, 3	SSBC, K.Anderson
4/20,21	Canton (P.M.)	37, 10	D.Brown
1/23,26	Manchester, WBWS	1, 1	P.Parsons, W.Bailey
5/4,5	Ipswich, Norton	4, 4	J.Berry#, J.Kricher
5/9,10	P'town, Truro	12, 25	R.Heil, B.Nikula
Rough-legged Hawk:			
3/1,10	P.I., Saugus	2, 1	F.Bouchard#, J.Berry
3/15,18	'arshfield, Nantucket	3, 2-3	W.Petersen, R.Veit#
3/23,4/6	'iddleboro, P.I.	1, 1	S.Higginbotham,P.Roberts
Golden Eagle:			
3/23,5/4	W.Newbury, 'Milton	1 imm.; 1 imm.	R.'cHale#, R.Veit
Bald Eagle:			
3/2,5 on	Orleans, Amesbury-Newbrypt	2 imm., 2-3 imm.	B.Nikula#,D.Alexander#+v.o.
4/15,24	W.Newbury, G'NWR	1 ad., 1 imm.	P.Parsons, 'G.Greenwald
5/3,10	W.Newbury, Truro	1, 1 imm.	SSBC, B.Nikula
Northern Harrier:			
1hr.spring	Newburyport-P.I.	1-2 + 11 on 4/6	P.Roberts# + v.o.
3/15-23	Nantucket	15+	R.Veit#
4/5	Taunton, Framingham	1 m., 1 m.	J.Kricher, R.Forster
4/20	'arshfield, Nantucket	2, 6	S.+N.Osborne,P.Hallowell
5/3; 4	W.Newbury; 't.A., 'Milton	2; 1, 2	P.Alden#+D.Sipher,R.Veit#
Osprey:			
3/29	Lakeville	1-2	J.Kricher + v.o.
4/1	Wareham	2 nesting	N.+S.'acDonald + v.o.
spring	Westport River	21 prs. on nests	fide G.Fernandez
	This is the most since 22	pairs in 1968.	
4/3;5	Concord; Lincoln, W.Newbury	1; 2, 3	C.Lipson;R.Sty'eist#,BBC
4/12	Ashburnham	12	R.Veit#
Apr. migrants		13 ind.	v.o.
May migrants		11 ind.	v.o.
5/23-26	Chappaquiddick ('V.)	7	BBC(Drummond)
Gyr Falcon:			
3/2	Salisbury	1 "light phase"	R.'cHale, fide R.Forster
Peregrine Falcon:			
early 'ar.	W.Newbury	1	E.Pyburn, S.Garrett
3/20	'onomoy, Nauset	1 ad.m., 1 imm.	B.Nikula, R.Prescott
4/3	Boston(Saks Fifth Avenue)	on roof eating pigeon	L.Apicella
4/14+17	Boston(State Street Bank)	1	T.Raymond
4/4,11	Eastham, W.Bridgewater	1, 1	T.Barber,S.Higginbotham
4/19+26	'onomoy	1, 1	B.Nikula#
4/20	N.Scituate, Newburyport	3, 1	S.+R.Higginbotham,P.Roberts

4/24	Gloucester	1	J.Baird
5/4,6	Milton, Mt.A.	1, 1	R.Veit#, S.Perkins#
5/15,18	P'town, S.Orleans	1, 1	C.Goodrich, B.Nikula#
Merlin:			
3/9+23	Salisbury	1 + 1	M.McClellan#, G.Gove
3/9,15+21	Duxbury, Nantucket	1, 1 + 1	W.Petersen#, M.Litchfield# +R.Veit#
3/16,19	Hingham, Beverly	1, 1	W.Petersen#, J.Nove#
3/23,27	P.I., Danvers	1, 1	T.Martin, R.Heil
4/5 on	P.I.	14 migr.	v.o.
4/22,27	MBO, N.Scituate	1, 1	MBO staff, D.Brown
5/14	Mt.A.	1	O.Komar#
5/18,24	Squantum, P.I.	1, 1	C.Jackson,BBC,H.Weissberg
American Kestrel:			
4/5,6	Rowley, W.Newbury	10-12, 20	J.Berry, R.Heil
4/5,6,11,12,19	P.I.	23, 57, 195, 38, 28	P.Roberts#, M.Schoene on 4/11
5/9	Truro	22	R.Heil

SHOREBIRDS

A very early American Oystercatcher arrived at Eel Point, Nantucket, by March 16 although the general arrival of the local breeders occurred in mid-April. A record count of 122 Willets at Chatham, April 24, occurred in conjunction with NE winds and fog April 23-24. Apparently these were Nova Scotia bound migrants which normally pass by far offshore but were intercepted by the concurrent northeaster. Red Knots and Pectoral Sandpipers were notably scarce with only eleven and sixteen individuals, respectively, reported. White-rumped and Semipalmated sandpipers both peaked around May 25-28 at Monomoy and Newburyport. Two winter-plumaged Long-billed Dowitchers in April and two Stilt Sandpipers and a Marbled Godwit in May were rare spring migrants this far northeast. Palearctic shorebirds this spring included a "Eurasian Whimbrel" at Muskeget Island on April 11 and an average complement of three Curlew Sandpipers and four Ruffs.

American Oystercatcher:

3/16	Eel Pt.-Nantucket	1	M.Litchfield,S.Perkins
4/thr.-5/thr.	Monomoy	max.14 (2 nests)	B.Nikula,P.Trull#
4/26	Bird I.-Marion, Eastham	2, 3	I.Nisbet#,J.Kricher
5/11,23-26	Scituate, Cape Pogue-M.V.	1, 6	W.Petersen#,BBC

Semipalmated Plover:

5/17,24	Newburyport	1, 27	BBC
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Piping Plover:

3/23-31,28	P.I.,Plymouth Beach	1-2,2	M.McClellan#,MBO staff
4/6,24	Plymouth, Scituate	14, 6	MBO staff,W.Petersen
4/thr.	Monomoy	max. 50(4/19)	B.Nikula
5/11;26	P.I.; Plymouth	5; 6 ads.,4 chicks	BBC; R.Stymeist#

Killdeer:

3/1,2	Squantum, Salem	1, 1	G.Gove, R.Heil
3/13 on	14 other locales	46 inds.	v.o.
4/5,6	Tyngsboro,Newburyport	20, 36	R.Stymeist, R.Veit#

American Golden Plover:

3/20-4/1,17-26	Salisbury, Monomoy	1, 1 (both winter pl.)	H.Merriman#,B.Nikula#
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Black-bellied Plover:

3/16-23,29	Nantucket, Duxbury	1, 4	M.Litchfield#,W.Petersen#
4/23,thr.	Duxbury, Monomoy	80, max.400+	W.Petersen, B.Nikula
5/16,18	Monomoy, E.Boston	1500, 1000	B.Nikula, C.Jackson
5/6, 28	Newburyport	450, 3500	R.Heil

Ruddy Turnstone:

5/14,18	Squantum, off S.Boston	10, 50	R.Emery#, C.Jackson#
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American Woodcock:

3/1	Amesbury, N.Chatham	1, 1	BBC, W.Cordes
3/16 on,25	11 other locales, Sudbury	19 inds., 5	v.o. R.Forster
4/21	Norwood to Milton	<u>22</u>	D.Brown
5/4,23-26	Hamilton,Chappaquiddick I.	6-8, 5	J.Berry, BBC

Common Snipe:

3/16,20	Bridgewater, Nantucket	8, 3	BBC, R.Veit
3/24,29	Newburyport, Ipswich	6, 5	L.Crofoot, R.Heil

4/12	W.Newbury,Sudbury Valley	40, 103	R.Heil#,R.Forster#
4/21	Norwood to Milton	83	D.Brown
5/10 on	E.Bridgewater	pair on territory	W.Petersen
Whimbrel:			
4/6,17;19	P.I.	1, 1; 1	R.Veit#;M.McClellan#
4/11	Muskeget I.	1 (<u>Eurasian type</u> -no details)	C.&E.Andrews
4/15,19	Squantum, Monomoy	1, 3	D.Brown,B.Nikula
4/20,20-21	S.Chatham,Nantucket	1, 1	B.Sorrie#,P.Hallowell
4/26-5/4	WBWS	3	W.Bailey
Upland Sandpiper:			
4/19-26	4 locales	5 inds.	v.o.
5/3	Lancaster, Newburyport	3, 5	H.Merriman,H.Wiggin#
Spotted Sandpiper:			
4/20	P.I. basin, Nantucket	1, 1	F.Hamlen#,C.Jackson#
4/26-27	3 locales	singles	v.o.
5/18	Medford, Wayland	6, 9	C.Jackson#,R.Forster#
Solitary Sandpiper:			
4/16-20,21	Concord, F.M.	1, 2	J.Baird#, D.Brown
5/3-17	8 locales	9 inds.	v.o.
Willet:			
4/20,23	S.Chatham, Duxbury	1, 1	W.Petersen#
4/20,24	Nantucket, Chatham	4, 122	P.Hallowell,B.Nikula
5/6-25,14	Newburyport,Squantum	1-3, 8	R.Heil#, G.Wilson#
5/23	Monomoy	12	B.Nikula#
Greater Yellowlegs:			
3/20,29	Newburyport,Rowley	1, 8	H.Merriman,R.Heil
4/5,6	Concord,Newburyport	1, 14	R.Forster, R.Veit
4/19,30	Marshfield, Squantum	48, 82	B.Sorrie, D.Brown
5/6,14,28	Newburyport	500, 230, 150	R.Heil
Lesser Yellowlegs:			
4/12-23,14-24	Marshfield,Nantucket	1-2, 3	W.Petersen#,E.Andrews
4/14,27	Newburyport	1, 12+	M.McClellan#,R.Veit#
4/20,26	Squantum, Rowley	4, 2	D.Brown, BBC
5/11,14	Marshfield,Newburyport	7, 3	W.Petersen, R.Heil
Red Knot:			
3/9,4/23	N.Scituate,Duxbury	1, 3	H.Coolidge#,W.Petersen
5/thr.	Only 7 singles reported		v.o.
Purple Sandpiper:			
3/7,16	N.Scituate,Hingham	100+, 100	S.Higginbotham, TASH
4/13,26	Winthrop,Acoaxet	300, 35	R.Stymeist, BBC
5/18,26	Winthrop,Scituate	5-10, 25	C.Jackson#,W.Petersen
Pectoral Sandpiper:			
3/23	P.I.	1	WBO staff
4/5 on	4 locales	5 inds.	v.o.
4/17,21	P.I., F.M.	4, 3	M.McClellan#, D.Brown
5/17-24	3 locales	singles	v.o.
White-rumped Sandpiper:			
5/6,28	Newburyport	1, 10+	F.Heil
5/16,25	Monomoy	30+,50	B.Nikula#,W.Petersen#
Least Sandpiper:			
4/27	Newburyport	1	R.Veit#,Litchfield
5/6,14,28	Newburyport	900, 800, 275	R.Heil
5/11,16	Scituate, Monomoy	300, 500	W.Petersen#,B.Nikula#
Curlew Sandpiper: (all breeding plumage)			
5/16-19	Monomoy	1	B.Nikula, R.Forster#
5/23-28,24	Newburyport	1, 2	L.Crofoot#,C.Gove#
Dunlin:			
3/16	Lynn Harbor, Quincy Bay	120, 93	TASH
4/23,27	Duxbury,Newburyport	450, 70	W.Petersen, R.Veit
5/6,14,28	Newburyport	400, 600, 200	R.Heil
5/16	Monomoy	3500	B.Nikula
Short-billed Dowitcher:			
4/11,12	Newburyport	1, 1	S.Perkins, R.Heil#
4/17,26	Monomoy, WEWS	10+, 20	B.Nikula, W.Bailey
5/6,14,28	Newburyport	50, 400, 100	R.Heil
Long-billed Dowitcher:			
4/6,13	E.Boston, Chatham	1, 1(both winter pl.)	R.Veit#,B.Nikula
Stilt Sandpiper:			
5/11,17	Marshfield, P.I.	1 breeding pl., 1	W.Petersen, BBC

Semipalmated Sandpiper:			
5/6,14,28	Newburyport	4, 2200, 6000	R.Heil
5/28	'onomoy	2000	B.Nikula
<u>Mottled Godwit:</u>			
late May	Cockle Cove-Chatham	1	R.Pyler, D.Reynolds
Ruff:			
4/12,21	W.Bridgewater, Canton(F.M.)	1 m., 1 m.	S.Higginbotham#, D.Brown
4/27-5/14,3	Newburyport	1 m., 1 f.	R.Veit#, G.Gove#
Sanderling:			
3/16,5/16	Lynn, 'onomoy	90, 3500	TASL, B.Nikula#
Wilson's Phalarope:			
3/11 on	P.I.	max. 2 pairs	v.o.
5/22-31,23-25	Cockle Cove-Chatham, 'onomoy	max. 2 prs., 2	H.Rich#, B.Nikula
Northern Phalarope:			
5/3,23	Stellwagen Bank, 'onomoy	6, 15	W.Petersen#, B.Nikula#
5/19	Wachusett Reservoir, Clinton	1	B.Blodget

JAEGERS THROUGH ALCIDS

Four Lesser Black-backed Gulls were found on Nantucket: one adult, one third winter, and two second winter plumaged birds. For more information on these sightings and the identification of Lesser Black-backed Gulls, see Richard Veit's paper in this issue. At Revere, an adult Common Gull was well photographed on May 9, and another was well observed in Hull on the TASL Boston Harbor survey on April 13. An adult Sabine's Gull was found on 'onomoy where a Forster's Tern, a rare spring visitor, was also found. This was only the fourth satisfactory report of a spring Forster's Tern in Massachusetts. A Royal Tern, the seventh spring record for this species in the state, was also found on 'onomoy on May 25. Finally, another Sooty Tern, long dead, was found in Chatham bringing the total to 88 individuals that were blown up during Hurricane David in 1979. R.H.S.

Parasitic Jaeger:			
5/3,10	Stellwagen Bank	1-2, 2	W.Petersen#
Glaucous Gull:			
3/7,13	N.Scituate	1, 1	S.Higginbotham
3/9	P.I., Gloucester	1(1W), 2(2W)	R.Heil
3/19-22	Nantucket(Low Beach)	3(1W)	R.Veit#, Litchfield
4/23,25	Duxbury, P.I.	1(2W), 1 imm.	W.Petersen#
5/11,24	Newburyport, Nauset	1, 1(2W)	L.Crofoot#, T.Leverich
5/25	'onomoy	1 imm.	W.Petersen#
Iceland Gull:			
3/19-22,22	Nantucket, Gloucester	35,15	R.Veit#, L.Jodrey#
3/23,4/13	P.I., Dover	15-20, 1	J.Grugan, F.Hamlen
4/20,27	Gloucester,Cape Pogue--"V.	2, 2	BBC, V.Laux
5/9,25	Provincetown, 'onomoy	1(2W), 1 imm.	R.Heil,W.Petersen#
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull:</u>			
3/19-23	Nantucket(Low Beach)	4(1 ad.,1(3W),2(2W)	Veit,Perkins,Litchfield
Herring Gull:			
3/19-23	Nantucket(Low Beach)	3000+	R.Veit#
Ring-billed Gull:			
4/11,27	Quincy Bay,Newburyport	280, 650	D.Brown, R.Veit
5/8	Revere	860	C.Jackson#
<u>Common Gull:</u>			
4/13,5/9	Hull, Revere	1 ad.(W pl.), 1 ad.(well ph.)	W.Petersen#,S.Zendeh
Black-headed Gull:			
3/1-2:thr.	Gloucester; Newburyport	1 ad; 1 ad, 1(1W)	M.McClellan#,R.Heil#
4/15,21	Dorchester	1 ad., 1 imm.	D.Brown
4/19,27	Newburyport	2 ad., 3(1 ad.,2(1W)	D.Alexander,R.Veit
4/24-5/22	Chatham	1-3 imm.	B.Nikula#
5/8,14	Plymouth, Newburyport	1, 2(first yr.)	W.Petersen, R.Heil#
Laughing Gull:			
4/5,20	Chatham, Nantucket	1, 2-3	J.Bird, C.Jackson
4/26,5/17	'ashpee, Newburyport	6+, 2 ad.	B.Cassie, G.Gove
5/7	Chatham	800+	R.Heil
Bonaparte's Gull:			
3/18-23	Nantucket (Low Beach)	150	R.Veit, S.Perkins#
4/27,5/6	Newburyport	62+, 350	R.Veit#, R.Heil

Little Gull:			
3/1-2, thr.	Gloucester, Newburyport	1 ad., 2(1 ad., 1(1W)	M. McClellan#, R. Heil#
5/14	Newburyport	4(2 hooded ad., 2(1W)	R. Heil
5/14, 16-31	Truro, Monomoy	1 dead(1W), 2 imm.	D. Minsky, v.o.
Black-legged Kittiwake:			
5/17, 25	P'town (R.P.), Monomoy	400 imm., 12	B. Nikula, W. Petersen#
<u>Sabine's Gull:</u>			
5/19, 22	Monomoy	1 ad.	D. Clapp + R. Forster#, W. Bailey + C. Goodrich
<u>Forster's Tern:</u>			
5/23-31	Monomoy	1-2 winter pl.	B. Nikula, W. Petersen#
Common Tern:			
4/22, 26	M.V., Bird I.-Marion	6, 40	V. Laux, I. Nisbet#
4/27	Monomoy	100	P. Trull
5/9, 21	Provincetown, Wayland	750+, 1	R. Heil, R. Forster
Arctic Tern:			
5/10, 26	Monomoy, Plymouth	6, 15 (6 nests)	R. Heil#, R. Stymeist#
Roseate Tern:			
4/26	Bird I.-Marion, Mashpee	85, 156	I. Nisbet#, B. Cassie
<u>Sooty Tern:</u>			
4/27	Chatham	1 (long dead)	P. Trull
Royal Tern:			
5/25	Monomoy	1	B. Sorrie, W. Petersen
Caspian Tern:			
4/30	Hull	1	B. Treat#
5/3, 8	Squantum, Rockport	1, 1	K. Winston#, J. Grugan
5/17, 24	Squantum, Plymouth	1, 1	W. Petersen#, B. Sorrie#
Black Tern:			
5/8	Wayland (Heards Pd.)	12	R. Forster
5/16, 23	Monomoy	1, 2	B. Nikula
5/19, 24	Wachusett Res.-Clinton	1, 1	H. Merriman, FBC
Razorbill			
3/15, 4/18	Nantucket	25, 82	M. Litchfield#, S. Perkins
4/10, 27	Nantucket Sound, N. Scituate	5, 2	C. Jackson, D. Brown
Black Guillemot:			
3/2, 23	Rockport, Nantucket (Low Beach)	5, 12	BBC, R. Veit#
3/26, 4/13	Acoaxet, P'town Harbor	1, 12	D. Briggs, P. Trull#
4/27	N. Scituate	16	D. Brown
4/28	C. Cod Bay, Rockport	1-2, 1	W. Petersen#, J. Grugan



Common Gull (left) in Revere (5/19/80). Photographed by Soheil Zendei

CUCKOOS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

Cuckoos were reported in good numbers again this year; however Black-billed Cuckoos outnumbered Yellow-billed. Note the very early arrival date of April 18 of a Yellow-billed Cuckoo banded at 'anomet. Four active nests of Barn Owls were located on the Vineyard this summer with others reported from Orleans and Nantucket. The Great Gray Owl, first found on February 7, was still present in Oakham on March 1.

The highlight of the month was a Burrowing Owl found on Plymouth Beach on May 13. The last time this bird was reported in Massachusetts was on May 15, 1875 in Newburyport where it was collected. It is now in the Boston Museum of Science. A more recent New England record was a bird which appeared in New Haven, Connecticut, December 19-28, 1979.

At least three Chuck-will's-widows were seen and heard on Chappaquiddick Island. Chucks have been reported for several years on the Vineyard and Nantucket although no nests have yet been found. Thirty-seven Ruby-throated Hummingbirds were banded at 'anomet during May, and at least twenty were seen on May 24 on Plum Island. A Pileated Woodpecker was observed in Mount Auburn Cemetery, a strange sight indeed! Ten Red-bellied Woodpeckers were reported as compared to only one last spring and there were eight Red-headed Woodpeckers noted. For the second year in a row Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were scarce with only fourteen reported all spring. R.H.S.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo:

4/18	'anomet	1 (b)	MBO
4/27,5/17	Cape Pogue ('V.), Willis	1(early), 1	V.Laux, R.Cassie
5/18,20	'iddlesex Fells,E.'iddleboro	2, 1	P.Roberts,K.Anderson
5/26,27	G'NWR,Winchester	1, 1	BBC, G.Gove
5/31	Scituate,'ilton	2, 1	SSBC, F.Harlan

Black-billed Cuckoo:

5/14	Lexington,'ilton,W.Newbury	3, 2, 2	J.Andrews,R.Vernon,D.Bridge
5/15,16,17	Winchester,Wayland,Whitman	2, 1, 1	G.Gove,R.Heil,W.Petersen
5/18 on	various locales	29 inds.	v.o.

Barn Owl:

3/2,17-23	Pochet I., Nantucket	1, 1	v.o., R.Veit#
4/7	'V.	nest w/3 yg.	V.Laux
thr.'ay	'V.	4 active nests	fide V.Laux

Screech Owl:

3/2,9	IRWS,'iddleboro	4, 7	R.Heil,W.Petersen
thr.'ay	't.A.	nest w/2+ yg.	T.Giriunas + v.o.

Great Horned Owl:

3/9	'iddleboro	4	W.Petersen
5/2	Lancaster	1 flightless yg.	H.Merriman

Burrowing Owl:

5/13	Plymouth Beach	1 studied for ½ hr.	B.Harrington
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Barred Owl:

4/11	Boston(Beacon Hill)	1	D.Gearon
5/26	Lakeville	4-6(2-3 prs.)	W.Petersen
'ay	Boxford,Bridgewater,Stow	nesting pairs	J.Berry#,W.Petersen,R.Miller

Great Gray Owl:

3/1(from 2/1)	Oakham	1	D.Shepherd
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Long-eared Owl:

3/16,17-23	Salisbury,Nantucket	1, 6-7	R.Clayton#,R.Veit#
4/1	Quincy	1	D.Brown

Short-eared Owl:

3/23,24	Scituate,P.I.	1, 2	S.Higginbotham,L.Crofoot
4/5,12	Barnstable,Squantum	1, 1	J.Bird,R.Clayton#
5/10	'onoroy	1	R.Heil

Saw-whet Owl:

3/2,9	IRWS,E.'iddleboro	1, 1	R.Heil, W.Petersen#
4/25 + 5/18-22	Brewster	1, 4	P.Trull, v.o.
5/18-24	Wellfleet	1(at hole)	N.Proctor

Chuck-will's-widow:

5/23-26	Chappaquiddick I.('V.)	3	BBC(W.Drummond)
Heard and seen on road; well described: H.D'Entremont.			

Whip-poor-will:

5/4,4 on	Hamilton, E.'iddleboro	1, 1	J.Berry, K.Anderson
5/13,14	W.'ansfield,'illis	1, 1	J.Kricher, B.Cassie

5/17,23-26,25	Rowley, W.V., W.Newbury	10, 16, 6	R.Stymeist#, BBC, T.Lawrence#
Common Nighthawk:			
5/7	Manomet	1	WBO staff
5/12,13	E.Middleboro, Wayland	1, 3	K.Anderson, R.Forster
5/14 on, 15	on Brookline, Cambridge	4-5 pr., 3-4 pr.	R.Stymeist
5/17,22,25	W.Newbury, Lexington, P.I.	9,21,17	H.Wiggin#, J.Carter, R.Stymeist#
Chimney Swift:			
4/24	Lynnfield, Randolph	2, 8	R.Forster, D.Brown
4/27,5/14	Brookline	1, 1 dead on tree	H.Wiggin#, R.Stymeist#
5/18	Ipswich	36	BBC
Ruby-throated Hummingbird:			
5/5,10-31	Sharon, WBO	1, 37 (10 m., 17 f.)	D.Clapp, WBO staff
5/11	Plymouth, Winchester	1, 1	W.Brewster, G.Gove#
5/17-31	"T.A.	max. 10 (5/25)	v.o.
5/13,14	Needham, E.Middleboro	1, 2	B.Cassie, K.Anderson
5/16,5/17 on	Salem, P.I.	3, max. 20(5/24)	C.Blasczak, v.o.
5/17	Nahant, W.Peabody	6, 4	H.Wiggin#, H.Coolidge#
Belted Kingfisher:			
late May	"T.A.	Pr.nesting in future monument hole.	R.Stymeist#
Common Flicker:			
3/16	Nantucket	15	M.Hitchfield#
Pileated Woodpecker:			
4/19,23	Beverly, Winchester	1, 1	J.Nove#, P.Parsons#
3/29,4/19	Norton, "T.Auburn	1, 1	J.Kricher, J.Hill
April	8 locales	singles	v.o.
5/13,23,29	Manchester, Concord, Dover	1, 1, 1	R.Heil#, J.Taylor, J.Marshall
Red-bellied Woodpecker:			
thr. Mar.-Apr.	Brewster	1	R.Pyle
3/1-29, thr. Mar.	Rehoboth, Adamsdale	1, 1	fide R.Forster
mid-March on, 3/14	Needham, Millis	1, 1	VanAartsen, B.Cassie
4/12,13	Sandwich, Middleboro	1, 1	J.Aylward, fide K.Anderson
5/10-18, 23-26	WBWS, "Isbury (W.V.)	max. 2, 1	C.Goolrich# + v.o., BBC
Red-headed Woodpecker:			
3/1,3/14-5/17	Lanesville, "Illis	1, 1	F.Rouchard#, B.Cassie
5/12,14-16	Wayland, P'town	1, 1	B.Boyer, B.Nikula#
5/22	Lynn	pair at nest	R.Heil
5/25	Boxford, Monomoy	1, 1	T.Lawrence#, R.Finch
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:			
4/10,15;24	"T.A.	1, 1; 1	R.Stymeist; S.Zendeh
4/17,18	Lynn, Millis	2, 1	R.Heil, B.Cassie
4/19	"Milton, P.I.	1, 1	G.Wilson, G.Gove
4/20,26	Squam, Newburyport	1, 1	D.Brown, G.Soucy#
5/4,9	Danvers, Lexington	1, 1	L.Taylor#, J.Andrews
5/14,17	"T.A., Newburyport	1, 1	v.o., M.Noland#

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH SHRIKES

An Ash-throated Flycatcher was found in Rowley where it remained from May 18-24; this is the second spring record for the northeast and the fourth record for the state. Speculation as to whether this bird was one of the several reported last fall and winter was raised. Could this bird have wintered in the southeast somewhere? Only two Acadian Flycatchers were noted this spring, both banded at Manomet. A Western Wood Pewee was seen and heard at Morris I., Chatham, on May 23, only the fourth state record. The other three records are from nearby Monomoy Island.

A concentration of Bank Swallows extending from the Plum Island airport to the Plum Bush and southward to Pine Island was carefully estimated at 1200+ individuals. On the airport runway, 450 were actually counted and at least 10 were killed by airplane traffic. These birds were observed around 2 P.M. on May 28, and there were virtually none at 4:30 P.M. A pair of Ravens was watched for twenty minutes or so at Nutting Hill, Ashburnham. They were seen diving and rolling in a spectacular flight show, oblivious of the 30 Common Crows that were constantly harassing them. Another Raven was heard and the call recorded in nearby Baldwinville.

Certainly the highlight of the month was a Mountain Bluebird that came aboard a ship about 70 miles south southeast of Nantucket. J. Cherry of the Manomet Bird Observatory was able to get the specimen when the bird died of exhaustion. Another highlight was a Northern Wheatear on Cape Cod, a first spring record. R.H.S.

Eastern Kingbird:			
4/19-21,21	P'town, Canton(F.M.)	2, 1	B.Nikula + v.o.,D.Brown
5/3,4 on	Lexington, Mt.A.	1, max 12 (5/25)	J.Andrews, v.o.
5/17	P.I.	20	BBC
Fork-tailed Flycatcher:			
5/22	Wellesley	1	C.Quinlan
No details.			
Great-crested Flycatcher:			
4/26,27	Holbrook, Canton	1, 1	D.Brown
5/9	G'NWR,Newburyport	1, 1	L.Taylor,J.Grugan
5/10	E.Middleboro,Dover	1, 1	K.Anderson,F.Hamlen
5/10 on	Mt.A.	max. 6 (5/25)	v.o.
Ash-throated Flycatcher:			
5/18-24	Rowley	1 ph.	A.Blaisdell,I.Giriunas
Last seen on 5/24 by BBC-H.Weissberg.			
Eastern Phoebe:			
3/14,17	Willis,Newbury	1, 1	B.Cassie,D.Alexander#
3/23	Sharon,IRWS,Middleboro	1, 1, 1	D.Clapp,R.Heil,D.Briggs
3/29	8 locales	13 inds.	v.o.
4/6	3 locales	30 inds.	v.o.
5/2 + 28	E.Middleboro	5 eggs in nest, 5 yg.(b)	K.Anderson
5/21	Willis	1 melanistic	B.Cassie
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:			
5/18,19	Newton, Mt.A.	1, 1	O.Komar,S.Higginbotham
5/20,25	Hingham,Nahant	1, 1	R.Campbell,R.Stymeist#
5/31	Mt.A.,P.I.	1 1	O.Komar, J.Berry
Acadian Flycatcher:			
5/17,30	Manomet	1(b), 1(b)	MBO staff
Willow Flycatcher:			
5/9,14,16	Newburyport,Milton,Bolton	1(early), 1, 2	J.Grugan,R.Veit,H.Merriman
5/17,19	Lynnfield,G'NWR	1, 1	H.Wiggin#,L.Taylor
5/22,25	Newton,Lynnfield	2, 6	O.Komar,R.Stymeist#
5/26;31	G'NWR;Lexington,P.I.	4; 4, 3-4	A.+N.Clayton;J.Andrews,J.Berry
Alder Flycatcher:			
5/11,19	Mt.A., G'NWR	1, 1	M.Lynch#,L.Taylor
5/25	Lynnfield,Nahant	1, 1	R.Stymeist#,T.Lawrence#
5/26,31	Lexington,P.I.	1, 4-5	J.Andrews,J.Berry
Least Flycatcher:			
5/9	Manomet, Harvard	1(b), 1	MBO staff, H.Merriman
5/11,11-16	N.Scituate, Mt.A.	1-2,max.3(5/11)	W.Petersen, v.o.
5/13	MNWS, Nahant	5, 3	R.Heil
5/14,16	S.Peabody, Wayland	6, 5	R.Heil
5/14	P'town, Milton	5, 12	B.Nikula, R.Veit
Eastern Wood Pewee:			
5/8,14 on	Squibnocket (M.V.), Mt.A.	1, max. 4 (5/22)	V.Laux#, v.o.
5/15,18	Sharon, Westport area	1, 9	D.Clapp, BBC
Western Wood Pewee:			
5/23	Chatham (Morris I.)	1 heard	W.Bailey
Olive-sided Flycatcher:			
5/16; 17	P'town; P.I.,E.Middleboro	1; 1, 1	C.Goodrich;BBC,K.Anderson
5/18	Mt.A.,W.Newbury,Middlesex Fells	3, 1, 1	v.o.,B.Cassie,P.Roberts#
5/19,25,29	Lexington	1, 1, 1	J.Andrews
5/22;31	Manomet;Scituate,Annisquam	1, 1, 4	MBO;SSBC,H.Wiggin
Horned Lark:			
3/15	Nantucket	44	M.Litchfield,S.Perkins
Tree Swallow:			
3/21,23	Halifax, G'NWR	12, 3	G.Flaherty,P.Hallowell
3/30,31	G'NWR, Carver	60+, 150+	R.Stymeist#, R.Turner
4/5	G'NWR,W.Carver,Hamilton	100+, 350, 120	P.Roberts#,K.Anderson,R.Heil
4/12, 19	Sudbury Valley, P.I.	600, 300	R.Forster#,S.+ E.Wilson#
Bank Swallow:			
4/5,12	N.Carver, Sudbury	1, 1	W.Petersen, R.Forster#
4/13, 19	Nahant, Sudbury	3, 50	R.Stymeist, R.Forster
thr."ay	Willis	130 active nests	B.Cassie
5/28	Newburyport	1200+	R.Heil
Rough-winged Swallow:			
4/13, 16	Wayland, Marshfield	4, 3	R.Forster, B.Sorrie
4/19, 21	P.I., Milton	1, 12	R.Emery#, D.Brown
5/17, 31	Manchester, Marshfield	7, 5	BBC, SSBC

Barn Swallow:			
4/6,11	Plymouth, Scituate	1, 4	'BO, M.Litchfield
4/12	Hanover, P.I.	2, 5-6	W.Petersen,P.Parsons#
5/11	N.Scituate	50+	W.Petersen
Cliff Swallow:			
4/5	Plymouth, Hamilton	1, 1	'BO, R.Heil
4/26,27	W.Newbury, Essex	1, 1	H.Wiggin#, J.Nove#
5/25	P.I.	15	BBC
Purple Martin:			
4/3,5	Middleboro, Nantucket	6, 2	D.Briggs, E.Andrews
4/5,19	Hamilton, P.I.	1, 1	R.Heil, R.Emery#
5/25	P.I.	100	BBC
Blue Jay:			
thr. 'ar.	Essex Co.	very low numbers	fide R.Heil
5/11	N.Scituate, Winchester	100 migr., 23	W.Petersen#, BBC
5/22	Scituate, 'BO	1500 in 1 hr., 40(b)	G.Flaherty, 'BO
5/22,23	't.A.	29, 30 migr.	R.Stymeist
5/25	P.I.	250	BBC (Olivers)
Northern Raven:			
4/12	Ashburnham(Nutting Hill)	2	O.Komar, 't.+M.McClellan
	Excellent details from all observers.		R.Stymeist, R.Veit
4/14	Baldwinville	1	J.O'Regan
	Call recorded.		
Fish Crow:			
thr. Apr.-'ay	't.A.	pair nesting	R.Stymeist + v.o.
4/21,26	Canton(F.'.), 'arshfield	7, 25	D.Brown, W.Petersen#
5/9,11	'BO, S.Carver	10, 5	'BO staff, B.Sorrie#
5/11,22	Wareham, Hingham	3, 2	B.Sorrie#
Red-breasted Nuthatch:			
3/23,4/6,22	IRWS,Boxford,'t.A.	1, 1, 1	R.Heil,R.Veit#,W.Drummond#
5/3	FallRiver, E.'Middleboro	1, 1	R.Stymeist#,K.Anderson
5/26	Lakeville, Framingham	2, 1	W.Petersen, R.Forster
Brown Creeper:			
3/26,28	Needham, Lynn	3, 3	O.Komar, R.Heil
4/3, 6	Canton, Boxford	8, 4	D.Brown, R.Veit#
5/3	Boxford, Wakefield	nest w/eggs,pr.nesting	R.Forster,C.Jackson#
House Wren:			
4/21	Rowley,'arshfield,'BO	1, 1, 1	R.Alexander,B.Sorrie,'BO
4/26,27	Fall River, Brookline	1, 1	H.Willoughby#,H.Wiggin
5/3	Boxford, Winchester	1, 1	P.Alden#, N.King#
5/11,16	Winchester, Sharon	5, 5	BBC, D.Clapp
Winter Wren:			
3/20,22	Nantucket, Falmouth	1, 1	S.Perkins, BBC
4/12-5/3	Boxford S.F.	1	V.Kovsky# + v.o.
4/18,19	P.I., 't.Wachusett	1, 2	F.Bouchard, SSBC
4/24;26	N.Scituate;FallRiver,'arshfield	1; 1, 1	W.Petersen;BBC,SSBC
5/1,4	Millis, Phillipston	1, 2	B.Cassie,J.O'Regan
Carolina Wren:			
3/1-28	Brookline	1	D.Arvidson#
4/11	Nahant	1	J.Cort
5/23-26,25	M.V., Westport	20, 3	BBC(Drummond),J.'arshall
Long-billed 'arsh Wren:			
3/9 + 4/5	W.Harwich	2, 2	B.Nikula, J.Aylward
4/20,27	Nantucket, Milton	1, 1	S.Perkins, R.Veit#
5/25,26	P.I., G'NWR	25, 6	BBC, BBC
Gray Catbird:			
3/2,4/26	Milton, Fall River	1, 1	BBC, BBC
5/3	'BO, Saugus	1, 1	'BO, C.Jackson
5/4,6 on	MNWS, 't.A.	1, max.15(5/14)	C.Blasczak, v.o.
5/11,17	Winchester, Millis	17, 106	G.Gove#, B.Cassie
5/23-26,25	M.V., P.I.	150, 50	BBC, BBC
Brown Thrasher:			
thr.'ar.,3/2	Brookline, 'NWS	1, 1	R.Stymeist#, R.Heil
4/21,23	Lexington, Holbrook	1, 1	J.Andrews, D.Brown
4/24,25	P.I., 't.A.	1, 1	M.McClellan,F.Bouchard#
5/11	Millis	27	B.Cassie
American Robin:			
mid-'arch	First arrivals in good numbers		v.o.
4/21	Neponset Valley	1535	D.Brown

Wood Thrush:			
5/4,5	WBWS, G'NWR	1, 1	W.Bailey, L.Taylor
5/6,7-25	Dover, 't.A.	1, max. 3	F.Hamlen, v.o.
5/18,24	FallRiver area, Nahant	12, 6	BBC, BBC
Hermit Thrush:			
3/2, 16	'NWS, Mt. A.	1, 1	R.Heil, P.Butler
4/17,22	Lynn, 't.A.	7, 16	R.Heil, W.Drummond#
thr.'ay	E.'iddleboro	1 singing	K.Anderson
5/11,22	't.A., Nahant	1, 1	v.o., M.Noland
Swainson's Thrush:			
5/10 on	't.A.	max.10(5/13 + 5/25)	v.o.
5/12,13	'BO, Wollaston	1(b), 1	'BO, R.Emery
5/14	Brighton, S.Peabody	1, 6	O.Komar, R.Heil
5/17,18	Newburyport, Needham	6, 6	W.Drummond#, J.'arshall#
Gray-cheeked Thrush:			
5/11,14	't.A., S.Peabody	1, 1	v.o., R.Heil
5/17,18	Nahant, 't.A.	3, 1	H.Wiggin#, L.Taylor
5/24,25	Dover, Brookline	1, 3	F.Hamlen, R.Stymeist#
Veery:			
4/20,22,27	P.I.,Boxford,N.Scituate	1, 1, 1	D.Alexander#, R.Emery#, D.Brown
5/3	Boxford, 'iddleboro	1, 1	P.Alden#, D.Briggs
5/5-25	Mt.A	max.5(5/13)	v.o.
5/14	Needham, 'illis	4, 9	J.'arshall, B.Cassie
5/16	Dedham	5	J.'arshall
Eastern Bluebird:			
3/23,31	Woburn, Tyngsboro	1, 2	G.Gove, L.Files
Apr.	7 locales	12 inds.	v.o.
5/8,15	Carver, 'iddleboro	pr., 1	R.Harju#, E.Akers#
Mountain Bluebird:			
4/28	About 70 m. SSE Nantucket 40°08' 69°34' -- Bird came aboard and died.	1 m.	J.Cherry-MBC Specimen.
Northern Wheatear:			
5/21(?)23	Osterville, Chatham	1, 1	N.Proctor, B.Nikula#
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:			
4/11,12	'BO, P.I.	1, 2	'BO, BBC
4/13,16-30	N.Scituate, 't.A.	1, max.4	M.Litchfield,R.Stymeist#+v.o.
4/20 on	many locales	1-2 inds.	v.o.
4/21	P'town	8	B.Nikula
thr.'ay	W.Newbury	pr. at nest	v.o.
5/9	P'town, 'illis, G'NWR	10, 1, 1	R.Heil,B.Cassie,L.Taylor
5/13 on	Bridgewater, 'anchester	pr.on terr., pr. at nest	W.Petersen, R.Heil
5/11 on,20 on	Sharon, Lincoln	pr.building nest, pr.at nest	D.Clapp, R.Forster
Golden-crowned Kinglet:			
3/26,thr.Apr.	Needham, 't.A.	4, max.30(4/6)	O.Komar#, R.Stymeist#+v.o.
4/17,30	Lynn, 'NWS	5, 10	R.Heil, R.Heil
5/18	Fall River	3	BBC
Ruby-crowned Kinglet:			
3/3,8,24	S.Peabody,Bridgewater,Ipswich	2, 1, 1	R.Heil,SSBC,R.Alexander#
4/5 on	't.A.	4-90(max. 4/22)	R.Stymeist#, v.o.
4/6	many locales	small numbers	v.o.
4/17,20	Lynn, P.I.	45, 25	R.Heil, D.Alexander#
4/20,21	Gloucester, P'town	26, 30	J.Nove#, B.Nikula#
5/1-16,27	't.A.	max.25(5/5 + 5/7), 1	v.o., F.Bouchard
5/1, 3	P'town Boxford	100, 20	B.Nikula, P.Alden#
Water Pipit:			
3/20	Nantucket	1 (excellent details)	R.Veit
4/12	Concord (9 Acre Corner)	1	R.Veit,R.Stymeist,O.Komar
5/12,16	Plymouth, Wayland	1, 2	R.Heil
5/24	Chatham	1	R.Stymeist, B.Nikula
Cedar Waxwing:			
3/19	Beverly	40	J.Nove#
5/24,25	Framingham, Boxford	160, 100+	R.Forster, T.Lawrence#
Migrating flocks.			
Northern Shrike:			
3/2,13 + 15	Ipswich, P.I.	1, 1 + 1	McClellan#, McClellan#
3/23	G'NWR	1	P.Hallowell
Loggerhead Shrike:			
3/23,4/17	Boxford, WBWS	1, 1	G.Soucy#, W.Bailey

VIREOS THROUGH WARBLERS

Spring migration was slow with warbler watchers (hundreds of them!) at Mt. Auburn Cemetery wondering if the migration would ever begin. There was no real early spring storm to bring up some of the southern strays that we have been getting accustomed to during the past few springs. Early, however, were a reported Red-eyed and a Yellow-throated Vireo at Provincetown on April 13. Only three Philadelphia Vireos were noted this spring as compared to six last year.

Six Prothonotary Warblers were reported with the bird in Needham being present into June and seen by many, many observers. Apparently this bird had an injured wing and could be found in the same area each day. Again, Golden-winged Warblers were hard to find with just ten reported. There was no great flight of Yellow-rumped Warblers reported this year. Last year on April 28, 600 were seen at Provincetown compared with a high of only 150 there this year; at Mt. Auburn on May 5, 1979, 150 were seen but only 65 were noted this year on the same date.

Highlights include 4 Cerulean, 3 Yellow-throated, 5 Kentucky, and 8 Hooded warblers and 2 Yellow-breasted Chats. The big day at Mt. Auburn Cemetery was May 13 when 24 species were recorded in good numbers; in fact, the week of May 11-18 was hailed as the best week in many, many years by a number of observers. R.H.S.

White-eyed Vireo:

4/23	Manchester	1	P.Parsons
5/4,6,12,13	WWS	1, 1, 1, 1	C.Blasczak + R.Heil
5/10,11 + 14	Dover, Mt.A.	2, 1 + 1	F.Hamlen, v.o.
5/13,17	Nahant, P'town	1, 2	R.Heil, C.Goodrich
5/24	P.I., Marshfield, Rochester	1, 1, 1	W.Drummond#, W.Petersen#, G.Mock
5/26	Plymouth, Yarmouth	1, 2	J.Grugan

Yellow-throated Vireo:

4/13 + 5/1	P'town	1, 1	J.Aylward, B.Nikula#
5/15,18	Milton, Wayland	1, 1	G.Wilson, R.Forster#
5/18,19	Holliston, Mt.A.	2, 1	T.Raymond, J.Berry#

Solitary Vireo:

4/19-20,24	P.I., Mt.A.	1, 3	BBC, F.Bouchard
4/22,24	IRWS, Boxford	1, 3	R.Emery#, R.Forster#
5/1-22	Mt.A.	max. 6(5/11)	v.o.
5/13,14	WWS, P'town	6, 10+	R.Heil, B.Nikula
5/14,25	S.Peabody, Boxford	10, 2	R.Heil, T.Lawrence#

Red-eyed Vireo:

4/13	P'town	1	B.Nikula
5/9,10	Wayland, P.I.	1, 1	R.Forster, G.d'Entremont#
5/11,11 on	Littleton, Mt.A.	1, max. 6(5/25)	J.Baird, v.o.
5/17,23-26	Millis, M.V.	16, 35	B.Cassie, BBC(Drummond)

Philadelphia Vireo:

5/10,14,17	Dover, Mt.A., N.Scituate	2, 1, 1	F.Hamlen, M.Greenwald, G.Wilson
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Warbling Vireo:

4/17,20	Lincoln, Gloucester	1, 1	F.Richardson, D.Briggs
5/6	Cambridge, Dedham	2, 1	L.Taylor, H.Robbins
5/9,11-16	Harvard, Mt.A.	7, 1-3	H.Merriman, v.o.
5/14,19-21	Needham, Woburn	4, 6-8	O.Komar, G.Gove

Black-and-White Warbler:

4/13,20-30	Millis, Mt.A.	3, 1-3	B.Cassie, F.Bouchard#
4/21,27	Middleboro, Milton	3, 8	K.Anderson, R.Veit
5/1-30	Mt.A.	max.25(5/11)	v.o.
5/7-28	Middlesex Fells	max.20(5/14)	G.Gove
5/3	Fall River, Dartmouth	18,10	R.Stymeist#, D.Arvidson#
5/11,14	Millis, S.Peabody	13, 40	B.Cassie, R.Heil
5/14,17	P'town	40+, 25	B.Nikula
5/17	Manchester, Melrose	11, 15	G.Hotz#, C.Jackson#

Prothonotary Warbler:

4/28-5/1	WWS	1-2	W.Bailey# + v.o.
5/7-8,11-31	M.V., Needham	1, 1	V.Laux#, J.Marshall#+v.o.
5/19,22	Lincoln, Scituate	1, 1	J.Cousins, J.Flaherty

Worm-eating Warbler:

5/6-11,16	Mt.A.	1, 2	I.Giriunas+v.o., P.Roberts#+v.o.
5/11, 14	Scituate, Brighton	1, 1	G.Wilson, O.Komar
5/14,15,19	Millis, Dover, Sharon	1, 1-2, 1	B,Cassie,F.Hamlen,R.Forster

Golden-winged Warbler:			
5/3,14	Boxford; Millis, Milton	1; 1, 1	R.Forster; B.Cassie, R.Veit
5/16,18	W.Newbury, Holliston	1+, 2	R.McHale, T.Raymond
5/18,25	Framingham, Wellesley	1, 1	R.Forster, K.Winkler
5/26	Lincoln, G.NWR	1, 1	R.Forster, A.+N.Clayton
Blue-winged Warbler:			
5/3,5	Fall River, Lincoln	1, 1	R.Stymeist#, W.Harrington
5/9	Lancaster, Middlesex Fells	3-4, 1	H.Merriman, G.Gove
5/12,13,25	Mt. A.	1, 2, 1	J.Berry# + v.o.
5/15,25	Millis, W.Newbury	17, 15	B.Cassie, T.Lawrence#
Brewster's Warbler (hybrid):			
5/10-31	W.Newbury	1-2	G.d'Entremont# + v.o.
Lawrence's Warbler (hybrid):			
5/4+5	S.Natick (Broadmoor)	1	E.Smith
5/18,19	Carlisle	1	B.Valentine
Tennessee Warbler:			
4/30 (early)	WBWS	1	C.Goodrich
5/11-28	Mt.A.	max.12(5/25)	v.o.
5/13,13-23	Needham, Middlesex Fells	4, max.16(5/20)	J.Marshall, G.Gove
5/14	Milton, S.Peabody	8, 11	R.Veit#, R.Heil
5/17	P'town, Melrose	20, 10	B.Nikula, C.Jackson#
Orange-crowned Warbler:			
5/9-11;13,14+17	Littleton; Mt.A.	1; 1+	J.Baird; J.Grugan, R.Emery#
5/15,17	Newburyport, Lynnfield	1, 1	R.Emery#, H.Wiggin#
Nashville Warbler:			
5/1,6-25	Millis, Mt.A.	1, max.6(3 dates)	B.Cassie, v.o.
5/9;11,14 + 17	Lancaster; M.Fells	9; 1, 5, 2	H.Merriman; G.Gove
5/14,16	S.Peabody, W.Bridgewater	12, pr. breeding	R.Heil, B.Sorrie#
Northern Parula:			
4/27,5/1-25	Mt.A.	1, max. 20(5/14)	L.Taylor, v.o.
5/2-21	Middlesex Fells	max. 20(5/16)	G.Gove
5/10,13	Lancaster, MWS	9, 22	H.Merriman, R.Heil
5/14	P'town, S.Peabody	40+, 50+	B.Nikula, R.Heil
Yellow Warbler:			
4/27,5/5 on	Mt.A.	1, max 10(5/14)	L.Taylor, v.o.
5/3	S.Dartmouth, Newburyport, MBO	1, 1, 1	R.Stymeist#, P.Alden#, MBO
5/9 on	Wayland (Heard's Pond)	max.7(5/11,23)	R.Forster
5/11,14	G.NWR, P'town	32, 25	BBC, B.Nikula
5/17,25	P'town, P.I.	35, 50	B.Nikula, BBC
Magnolia Warbler:			
5/3,4	P.I., MWS	1, 3	P.Alden#, C.Blasczak#
5/9 on,11-23	Mt.A., M.Fells	max.18(5/14), max.25(5/14)	v.o., G.Gove
5/13	MWS, Nahant; Sharon	13, 10; 2	R.Heil; D.Clapp
5/14	S.Peabody, Needham, Milton	22, 7, 15	R.Heil, J.Marshall, R.Veit
5/14,17	P'town	40+, 25+	B.Nikula
5/17,18	Newburyport, W.Newbury	25, 14	BBC
Cape May Warbler:			
5/5-25	Mt.A.	max.8(5/11, 13)	v.o.
5/10,14,16	Lancaster, Lynn, Dedham	6, 3, 3	H.Merriman, C.Blasczak, J.Marshall
5/14,17	S.Peabody, P'town	9, 40	R.Heil, B.Nikula
Black-throated Blue Warbler:			
4/27	N.Scituate (Glades)	1	D.Brown
5/3,4,5	Newburyport, Ipswich, Halifax	1, 1, 2	P.Alden#, J.Berry, D.Briggs
5/5-25	Mt.A.	max.10(5/13,14+19)	v.o.
5/11-21	Middlesex Fells	max.4(5/13, 21)	G.Gove
5/14,17	S.Peabody, Newburyport	5, 10	R.Heil, BBC
Yellow-rumped Warbler:			
3/4,15	E.Middleboro, Nantucket	1, 45	K.Anderson, M.Litchfields#
4/5,6	N.Carver, Mt.A.	100, 2	SSBC, R.Stymeist
4/20,26	P'town, Fall River	150, 10	W.Cornwell, BBC
5/1-27	Mt.A.	max.65+(5/5)	v.o.
5/2-18	Wayland (Heard's Pond)	35 on 5/5, 48 on 5/9	R.Forster
5/3	Boxford, S.Dartmouth	15, 35	P.Alden#, R.Stymeist#
5/3-16	Middlesex Fells	35 on 5/5, 30 on 5/11	G.Gove
5/3,14,17	P'town	300+, 150, 300	B.Nikula
5/10	Lancaster	130+	H.Merriman
Black-throated Green Warbler:			
4/24,5/3	Boxford	1, 8-10	R.Forster#, J.Berry
5/3,5-26	Lexington, Mt.A.	1, max.18(5/18)	J.Andrews, v.o.

5/9-21	Middlesex Fells	max.16(5/14)	G.Gove
5/10,14	Lancaster, S.Peabody	6, 15	H.Merriman, R.Heil
Cerulean Warbler:			
5/10;14,15,17	"t.A.; P'town	1; 1	"t.Argue#; B.Nikula#
5/15,25	Attleboro, Chatham	1, 1	E.Keil, J.Alyward
Blackburnian Warbler:			
5/3,5	Boxford, Boston	2, 1	L.Crofoot, F.Bouchard
5/7-31	"t.A.	max. 23(5/13)	v.o.
5/12-23	Wayland (Heard's Pond)	total 7	R.Forster
5/13-20	Middlesex Fells	max.8(5/16)	G.Gove
5/14	Lynn, S.Peabody	3, 12	C.Blaszczak, R.Heil
5/17	Dover, Manchester	6, 6	F.Hamlen, G.Hotz
Yellow-throated Warbler:			
5/10-11	Seekonk	1	D.Emerson, C.Wood
5/11,16	"t.A., Scituate	1, 1	D.Kurz, G.Bartlett
Chestnut-sided Warbler:			
5/7-25	"t.A.	max.11(5/13)	v.o.
5/11-21	Middlesex Fells	max.7(5/14)	G.Gove
5/12,13	Manomet, Sharon	1(b), 2	"t.O., D.Clapp
5/17	Newburyport, Manchester	3, 6	BBC
Bay-breasted Warbler:			
5/10-25	"t.A.	max.30(5/18)	v.o.
5/12-18	Wayland(Heard's Pond)	9+	R.Forster
5/13,14,19	Middlesex Fells	6, 5, 12	G.Gove
5/14,17	S.Peabody, P'town	8, 15	R.Heil, B.Nikula
5/17	Dover, Millis	20+, 5	H.Robbins, B.Cassie
Blackpoll Warbler:			
5/11-31	"t.A.	max.20(5/25)	v.o.
5/13-23	Middlesex Fells	max.10(5/13 + 14)	G.Gove
5/17	Dover, Newburyport	6, 5	F.Hamlen, BBC
5/23,25	Wayland, Dedham	11, 6	R.Forster, J.Marshall
5/23-26	Oak Bluffs ("t.V.)	25	BBC(Drummond)
Pine Warbler:			
4/11	Lincoln, "t.O.	1, 5	R.Forster#, "t.O.
4/12	Wayland; P.I., Manchester	1; 1, 1	R.Forster#; BBC
4/12,13	"t.A., Middleboro	1, 2	L.Crofoot, K.Anderson
4/13	P'town, Marshfield	30+, 1	B.Nikula, B.Sorrie
4/18,27	Plymouth-Wareham, Lincoln	11, 3	B.Sorrie, R.Forster
5/3,4	Fall River, Pocasset	2, 4	R.Stymeist#, P.Hallowell
5/8,17-25	Mt.A., Dedham	1, 1+	BBC, J.Marshall
5/23-26	Chappaquiddick I.	12	BBC(Drummond)
Prairie Warbler:			
5/3	Fall River, WBWS, Newburyport	1, 1, 1	D.Arvidson, W.Bailey#, P.Alden#
5/9,10	Manomet, Saugus	1, 5	"t.O., C.Jackson#
5/11,12	"t.A., Lexington	4, 3	v.o., J.Andrews
5/18,25	Fall River, W.Newbury	12, 8	BBC
5/23-26	"t.V.	25	BBC(Drummond)
Palm Warbler:			
3/23	Middleboro	1	D.Briggs
4/10-5/13	"t.A.	max.20(4/20), last on 5/13	v.o.
4/13,17	P'town, Lynn	25+, 25	B.Nikula, R.Heil
4/21,25	Wayland, Lexington	15, 8	R.Forster, J.Andrews
5/3	Boxford, P'town	6, 12+	P.Alden#, B.Nikula
Ovenbird:			
5/3	Fall River, P.I.	2, 1	R.Stymeist#, P.Alden#
5/4,5	E.Middleboro, Lexington	4, 1	K.Anderson, J.Andrews
5/5-30,7	"t.A., Sharon	max.6(5/15), 8	v.o., D.Clapp
5/14,15,19,20	Middlesex Fells	8 each day	G.Gove
5/14	S.Peabody	22	R.Heil
Northern Waterthrush:			
4/20,21	"t.V., E.Middleboro	1, 1	V.Laux, K.Anderson
4/25,27	Millis, Canton	3, 1	B.Cassie, D.Brown
5/3	Boxford, Fall River	1, 1	J.Berry, R.Stymeist
5/4,5	E.Middleboro, Hamilton	2, 1	K.Anderson, J.Berry
5/5-25,11	"t.A., Millis	max.6(5/5), 11	v.o., B.Cassie
5/13+17	P'town	20, 20	C.Goodrich, B.Nikula
5/14,15,28	Needham	8, 8, 2	J.Marshall
5/15,15 on	MNWS, Middlesex Fells	12, 5	R.Heil, G.Gove

Louisiana Waterthrush:			
4/11-12,15-23	WBWS, Dover	1, 1-2	C.Goodrich#, F.Hamlen
4/22 on	Boxford State Forest	max. 4	R.Emery# + v.o.
4/20,25-30	Medfield, Brookline	1, 1	H.Robbins, D.Arvidson#
4/27	Marshfield	1	D.Brown
5/5,13+14	Mt.A., Millis	1, 1	P.Hallowell, B.Cassie
Kentucky Warbler:			
5/11,16	N.Scituate, P'town	1, 1	B.Smyth#, C.Goodrich#
5/17,18,24	P.I., Holliston, Mt.A.	1, 1, 1	P.Roberts#, T.Raymond, R.Rabinov#
Mourning Warbler:			
5/15,17	Needham, P'town	1, 1	R.Forster, C.Goodrich
5/24,25	Annisquam, Mt.A.	1, 1	H.Wiggin, v.o.
5/27,28	MBO, Rockport	1(cat kill), 1(b)	MBO, R.Norris
5/29;31	Winchester; P.I., Ipswich	1; 2, 1	G.Gove; L.Crofoot, J.Berry
Common Yellowthroat:			
4/28	MBO	1(b)	MBO
5/5,5-30	G'NWR, Mt.A.	4, max.13(5/15)	L.Taylor, v.o.
5/7 on	Middlesex Fells	max.12 (5/19+21)	G.Gove
5/9-29	Wayland(Heard's Pond)	max.9(5/11)	R.Forster
5/10,15	P.I., Millis	10, 85	BBC, B.Cassie
5/23-26,25	M.V., P.I.	50, 30	BBC, BBC
Yellow-breasted Chat:			
5/15,22	Eastham, Nahant	1, 1	B.Nikula, M.Noland
Hooded Warbler:			
4/22,25	Hingham, MBO	1, 1(b)	K.Groh, MBO
4/26,30	Lexington, WBWS	2, 1	J.Andrews, C.Goodrich
5/4,15	MBO, WBWS	1(b), 1	MBO, B.Nikula#
c.5/15	Needham	1	W.Allan + v.o.
Wilson's Warbler:			
5/10,11	Saugus, G'NWS	2, 1	C.Jackson#, R.Vernon
5/11-30	Mt.A.	max.8(5/14)	v.o.
5/13,14	Manomet, Newton	3(1b), 6	MBO, O.Komar
Canada Warbler:			
5/11-30	Mt.A.	max.7(5/14)	v.o.
5/14	Needham, Middlesex Fells	5, 12	J.'arshall, G.Gove
5/19	Manomet	7(b)	MBO
American Redstart:			
5/3,9-31	Newburyport, Mt.A.	1, max.26(5/25)	P.Alden#, v.o.
5/11,14-20	Middlesex Fells	10, 25, 25	G.Gove
5/12,14	Needham	12, 16	J.'arshall
5/14,18	S.Peabody, Ipswich	30, 14	R.Heil, I.Giriunas#
5/23,25	Wayland, P.I.	8, 25	R.Forster, BBC

BLACKBIRDS THROUGH SNOW BUNTING

Two adult Yellow-headed Blackbirds were reported this spring bringing the total of spring records to just 14 since 1973. Orchard Orioles continue to increase each year with at least 37 individuals noted as compared with 33 last year. The Western Tanager continued in Dover through early May; it had been reported at a feeder there since December. Seven Summer Tanagers were noted, way down from 15 reported last spring. Certainly the appearance of an adult male Painted Bunting at a feeder on Nantucket and one week later in Hull was most interesting. The last early record was of an adult male at a feeder in Hyannis through March 5, 1978.

A Dickcissel found on the Christmas Bird Count remained in Newton until April 8. Another holdover from the Marshfield CBC, a Harris' Sparrow, remained at Bruce Sorrie's feeder until May 1. Bruce was able to document the molt and follow this bird to nearly full adult plumage (see photograph). A Golden-crowned Sparrow was present at an Orleans feeder for a week; the last spring record was an adult at Mt. Auburn from April 25 through May 7, 1966. (See photograph.) R.H.S.

Bobolink:			
5/3,6	Newburyport, Plymouth	1, 1	P.Alden#, MBO
5/7,11	S.Natick, Mt.A.	1, 18	F.Hamlen, R.Stymeist
5/14	S.Peabody, Medfield	100+, 100+	R.Heil, J.Goldthwait
5/14	Newton, Needham	24, 11	O.Komar#
5/15,17	Sharon, Millis	26, 56	D.Clapp, B.Cassie
Eastern Meadowlark:			
3/16,24	Bridgewater, Wollaston	14, 31	BBC, G.Wilson

4/25	Mt.A.	5	F.Bouchard#
<u>Yellow-headed Blackbird:</u>			
3/16	Needham	1	R.Jones
4/5	Quincy	1	M.Robinson
<u>Red-winged Blackbird:</u>			
early 'arch	First arrivals in small numbers.		v.o.
3/5	Sudbury	400	J.Baird
mid-'arch	Good numbers reported throughout.		v.o.
3/13,16	Needham, Bridgewater	1200+, 1700+	J.Clancy, BBC
<u>Orchard Oriole:</u>			
5/6,11,14	Mt.A.	2, 1, 1	v.o.
5/6,9 on	Lexington, Newton	1, 1-2	J.Andrews, O.Komar
5/12 on	Woburn (Horn Pond)	3	G.Gove
5/13	Winchester, Framingham	1, 1	G.Gove, R.Forster
5/13 on,14	Bridgewater, S.Peabody	2, 3	W.Petersen, R.Heil
5/15-29,15 on	'anomet, Rowley	7(4 b), 2	MBO, v.o.
5/16,17	Wayland, Melrose	3, 1	R.Heil, C.Jackson
5/24	W.Newbury, Hingham	2, 1	R.Stymeist#, R.Campbell
5/25,26	Truro, Natick	1, 1	J.Grugan, E.Taylor#
5/28,31	Hanover, Marshfield	1, 1	W.Petersen,N.+S.Osborne
<u>Northern Oriole:</u>			
4/30	'iddleboro	1	D.Briggs
5/2-31	Mt.A.	max.35(5/13)	v.o.
5/11,18	Winchester, Ipswich	8, 12+	G.Gove#, I.Giriunas#
<u>Rusty Blackbird:</u>			
3/6,8	Braintree, Lincoln	25-30, 1	R.Campbell#, R.Stymeist#
3/9,11	Wayland, S.Hanson	2, 3	R.Forster,S.+R.Higginbotham
3/29,30	Byfield, G'NWR	22, 18	E.Pyburn#, P.Roberts#
4/6,23	Mt.A.,Framingham	2, 139	R.Stymeist, R.Forster
5/1,9(last)	'illis	30, 1	B.Cassie
5/4	Ipswich River	25	L.'aylor,R.Stymeist
5/4	'anomet	1(b-first since 1973)	'BO
5/9	Wayland	6	R.Forster
<u>Common Grackle:</u>			
early 'arch	First arrivals in small numbers.		v.o.
3/6	Bridgewater	2300+	BBC(Davis)
4/6	Newburyport	1100	R.Veit#
<u>Brown-headed Cowbird:</u>			
3/16	Bridgewater	600	BBC(Davis)
4/5,20	'yngsboro, Marshfield	120, 200	R.Stymeist,N.+S.Osborne
<u>Western Tanager:</u>			
Mar.-early 'ay	Dover	1 from winter	fide P.Hallowell
<u>Scarlet Tanager:</u>			
5/7,10	Haverhill, Dover	1, 2	K.Carpenter, F.Hamlen
5/11,11-25	'BO, Mt.A.	1, max.6(5/13)	MBO, v.o.
5/11	N.Scituate, Winchester	1, 5	G.Wilson, G.Gove#
5/12,14	'arblehead, Annisquam	3, 3	C.Blasczak, L.Duca
5/16,22	Lynn, Scituate	2, 4	C.Blasczak, G.Flaherty
<u>Summer Tanager:</u>			
4/9-30	M.V.	1	V.Laux
5/2-4	'BO	1	MBO
5/6,12	Mt.A.	2, 1	P.Roberts#, J.Berry#
5/17,24	Princeton, P'town	1, 1	T.Raymond, B.Nikula
<u>Rose-breasted Grosbeak:</u>			
4/11,13 on	Manomet, outer Cape Cod	1 road kill, 4-5	'BO, B.Nikula
4/15,16-21	'anchester, Taunton	1, 2	P.Parsons, D.Emerson
4/17,21	Nantucket, Neponset	1, 1	E.Andrews, D.Brown
4/30	'arshfield, Cohasset	1, 1	M.Corbett, M.'cNeil
5/3,6-31	WBWS, Mt.A.	2, max.12(5/11)	W.Bailey, v.o.
5/7,9,10	G'NWR, P.I., Norfolk	1, 1, 1	L.Taylor,J.Grugan,J.Kricher
5/11,14	Winchester, Milton	8, 20	G.Gove#, R.Veit
5/14,15	S.Peabody, 'illis	16, 12	R.Heil, B.Cassie
5/14+17	P'town	20, 20	B.Nikula
<u>Indigo Bunting:</u>			
4/11,16	Rockport, Mt.A.	2, 1	L.Jodrey, F.Bouchard
4/20	Orleans, Nantucket	1, 4	B.Sorrie#, P.Hallowell
4/23	'anchester	1	P.Parsons
5/3,4	WBWS, Pocasset	1, 3	W.Bailey#, P.Hallowell
5/6-31	Mt.A.	max.3(5/13)	v.o.

5/12,13	W.Roxbury, Wayland	3, 2	R.'ullins, D.Warner
5/15,24	Oak Bluffs, Milton	8, 3	P.Carter, P.O'Neil#
<u>Painted Bunting:</u>			
5/7	Nantucket.	1 m.	K.'ock
5/14	Hull	1 m.	Mrs.S.Gahn
At feeder one day only; photograph on file at M.A.S.			
<u>Dickcissel:</u>			
3/1-4/8	Newton	1(from 12/16)	S.Denison#
4/1	P.I.	1	F.Bouchard#
<u>Evening Grosbeak:</u>			
3/12,22	Baldwinville, Marshfield	35, 25	J.O'Regan, BBC
3/23,4/5	IRWS, Tyngsboro	30+, 50	R.Heil, R.Stymeist#
5/4	Baldwinville	2	J.O'Regan
<u>Purple Finch:</u>			
3/23,4/26	IRWS, Lexington	40, 15	R.Heil, J.Andrews#
<u>American Goldfinch:</u>			
3/29	a Beverly feeder	30	R.Heil
<u>Rufous-sided Towhee:</u>			
thr.'Mar.,3/31	Middleboro, Nahant	1, 1	F.+E.Cushman,D.Arvidson#
4/13,16	Winchester, Brookline	1, 2	M.'cClellan, R.Stymeist#
5/23-26	M.V.	300	BBC(Drummond)
<u>Savannah Sparrow-Ipswich race:</u>			
thr.'Mar.	P.I. (behind church)	max.4	R.Heil
3/29	Duxbury	2	W.Petersen
<u>Savannah Sparrow:</u>			
4/21,23,29	Squantum, P.I., Ipswich	45, 10, 12	D.Brown, 'BO, R.Heil
5/13,16	Newton, Wayland	35, 25	O.Komar, R.Heil
<u>Grasshopper Sparrow:</u>			
5/18,19	Dartmouth, Newburyport	1, 1	BBC(Davis), C.Leahy
5/23-26,25	M.V., P.I.	3, 1	BBC, R.Stymeist#
<u>Sharp-tailed Sparrow:</u>			
3/19	Nantucket	1	R.Veit, M.Litchfield
4/26	Monomoy	1 (possible <u>A.c.ãltera</u>)	B.Nikula
5/10,24	Monomoy, Chatham	3, 5	R.Heil#, J.Grugan
5/25,30	S.Dartmouth, Rockport	11, 1(b)	J.Marshall, R.Norris
<u>Seaside Sparrow:</u>			
3/19	Nantucket	1	R.Veit, M.Litchfield
5/25	Monomoy	2 m. on territory	W.Petersen#
<u>Vesper Sparrow:</u>			
4/18,20	Plymouth, Salisbury	1, 1	B.Sorrie, F.Hamlen
4/21,25	Squantum, P.I.	1, 1	D.Brown, W.Petersen#
5/17,31	Plymouth, Wellfleet	3+, 3 m.	W.Petersen#, R.Stymeist#
<u>Dark-eyed Junco:</u>			
5/5,10	Mt.A., Saugus	2, 2	v.o., C.Jackson
5/16,22	'BO, Lexington	1(b), 1	'BO, J.Andrews
<u>Tree Sparrow:</u>			
4/6,12	Framingham, P.I.	20, 1	R.Forster, B.M.(P.Campbell)
<u>Chipping Sparrow:</u>			
3/6	E.Middleboro	1(from Feb.)	K.Anderson
4/14,17 on	P.I., Mt.A.	2, max.15(4/30)	M.'cClellan, v.o.
4/18,19	Plymouth, Wayland	1, 1	B.Sorrie, R.Forster
<u>Field Sparrow:</u>			
3/22,23	Woburn, S.Peabody	6, 10	BBC, R.Heil
4/12,16	P.I., W.Roxbury	2, 4	BBC, M.Greenwalt
4/18,26	Plymouth, Rowley	4, 1	B.Sorrie, BBC
<u>Harris' Sparrow:</u>			
'Mar.-5/1	Marshfield	1(at feeder)	B.Sorrie# + v.o.
<u>White-crowned Sparrow:</u>			
3/3 on	Danvers	1 ad. + 2 imm.	E.Pyburn
3/20,4/21	Nantucket, Milton	1, 1	S.Perkins, D.Brown
4/26-5/2,13	Mt.A.	1, 3	P.Alden#, v.o.
5/5-19	Rockport	22(b)	R.Norris
5/13-18	Wellfleet-P'town	10+	fide B.Nikula
5/17-23	Manomet	4(b)	'BO
5/17	Willis, Mt.A., P.I.	5, 5, 12	B.Cassie, J.Berry#,R.Stymeist#
<u>Golden-crowned Sparrow:</u>			
4/18-24	Orleans	1 ad.	Mrs.L.Brown + v.o.
<u>White-throated Sparrow:</u>			
5/5	S.Peabody	150	R.Heil
5/22,25	Mt.A., Nahant	1, 2	v.o., M.Lawrence#

Fox Sparrow:			
3/15,25	Mt.A., Sharon	7, 4	R.Stymeist, D.Clapp
3/28,31	S.Peabody, Newton	6, 2	R.Heil, S.Denison
4/1,6	E.Middleboro, IRWS	1, 5	K.Anderson, R.Heil
Lincoln's Sparrow:			
5/9;12	P.I.; 'NWS, Weston	1; 1, 1	J.Grugin;C.Blasczak,R.Forster
5/12-31	'Manomet	21(b)	'MBO
5/12-31	Rockport	13(b)	R.Norris
5/13	WBWS, P'town	2, 2	C.Goodrich
5/13-21	't.A.	4 inds.	v.o.
5/14	S.Peabody, Needham, 'Milton	8, 3, 1	R.Heil, O.Komar, S.Higginbotham
5/15,16	'NWS, Wayland	2, 2	R.Heil
5/17-31	11 locales	15 inds.	v.o.
Swamp Sparrow:			
3/4,30	E.'Middleboro, G'NWR	6, 7	K.Anderson, R.Stymeist#
Song Sparrow:			
3/29	Sudbury Valley, Ipswich	38, 75	R.Forster, R.Heil
4/16	W.Roxbury	50	'N.Greenwalt
Lapland Longspur:			
3/23	Salisbury	35-40	J.Grugin
5/10+16	'ononoy	1	B.Nikula
5/18	Westport	1	BBC(Davis)
Snow Bunting:			
3/11,17	Groveland, Rowley	120, 50	R.Veit, R.Alexander
3/31	Squantum	2	W.Cornwell
4/5,20	Plymouth, P'town	1, 2	'MBO, W.Cornwell

List of Abbreviations

ad.	adult	I.	Island
b.	banded	't.V.	'Martha's Vineyard
br.	breeding	't.A.	'Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge
dk.	dark phase	Nant.	Nantucket
f.	female	P.I.	Plum Island
imm.	immature	P'town	Provincetown
ind.	individual	R.P.	Race Point, Provincetown
lt.	light phase	S.N.	Sandy Neck, Barnstable
m.	male	Stellw. B.	Stellwagen Bank
max.	maximum	ABC	Allen Bird Club
migr.	migrating	BBC	Brookline Bird Club
ph.	photographed	BOE'	Bird Observer of Eastern Massachusetts
pl.	plumage	CEC	Christmas Bird Count
thr.	throughout	DFWS	Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary
v.o.	various observers	FBC	Forbush Bird Club
W	winter (e.g., 2W = second winter)	G'NWR	Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge
yg.	young	IRWS	Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary
#	additional observers	'AS	Massachusetts Audubon Society
A.A.	Arnold Arboretum	'BO	Manomet Bird Observatory
A.P.	Andrews Point, Rockport	'MNWS	'Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary
C.Cod	Cape Cod	SSBC	South Shore Bird Club
E.P.	Eastern Point, Gloucester	TASL	'Take A Second Look (Boston Harbor project sponsored by BOE')
F.E.	First Encounter Beach, Eastham	WEWS	Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
F.H.	Fort Hill, Eastham	W'WS	Wachusett Meadows Wildlife Sanctuary
F.'.	Fowl Meadow, 'Milton		