

Field Records:

June 1981



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June, 1981, was warm, sunny and dry; the temperature averaged 70.7° , 2.7° above normal, and the highest since the record warm June of 1976 (73.4°). The high mark was 92° on the 16th and the lowest, 54° , on the 2nd. Rain totaled only 1.65 inches, 1.54 below normal for Boston. Rain in the greater Boston area and the rest of Massachusetts was quite variable, ranging to well above normal in some places. Washing and flooding rains came on the 20th to Cape Cod where some reports were in excess of $\frac{1}{4}$ inches that day alone. Many north shore areas also had excessive rain on the 20th. A passage of a squall on the 22nd brought a damaging tornado to the Hubbardston area.

Another nature highlight for the month was the record outbreak of gypsy moths this year. Officials at the Bureau of Insect Pest Control estimated that half the land in our commonwealth was defoliated. They estimated that the caterpillars munched through 2.5 million acres this year compared with 907,000 acres damaged last year. This must surely have had a damaging effect on the breeding success of a number of woodland passerines. The Greater Boston Breeding Bird Census was held on June 13 and recorded 110 species. Most of the results are included in the records below. It is interesting to note that several birds did in fact show a marked decrease compared with the censuses of other years suggesting a relationship to the gypsy moth infestation; e.g., Red-eyed Vireos were reported in far fewer numbers within the oak-dominated Middlesex Fells Reservation and also in the extensive oak areas of Waltham. It is hoped that more thorough breeding bird censuses can be carried out in future years patterned on the areas covered by the Christmas Count circles with more individuals participating. Bird Observer wants your records! Observations of numbers (actual counts) whether high or low as well as sightings of unusual birds whether it is the species, number, location, or time of year that seems notable are welcome. We want to hear about them. Please send all your reports to Ruth P. Emery, 225 Belmont St., Wollaston, MA, 02170.

LOONS THROUGH HERONS

A Red-necked Grebe was well described off Rockport on the unusual date of June 21. The only other recent June record was a partially breeding-plumaged bird found at Westport on June 7, 1975 (SSBC-S.Higginbotham). The month of June marks the general arrival of the southern hemisphere pelagic species in New England waters; note the high count of 2000 Cory's Shearwaters recorded off Martha's Vineyard. This is by far the largest concentration of this species so early in the season.

An adult White Pelican was seen for twelve straight days on Plum Island. This is the first record for June and the second record for Plum Island; the first was October 26, 1946. The only recent spring record was on May 12, 1975, at Wareham. The bird this year was seen in various parts of the island, often harassed by the gulls.

Great Egrets probably nested on Spectacle Island in Boston Harbor, and Snowy Egrets were found breeding on Monomoy; other breeding reports included at least six nests of Black-crowned Night Herons on Plum Island, and a Least Bittern was heard calling from the reeds in Hammond Pond in Chestnut Hill during the breeding bird census. R.H.S.

<u>SPECIES/DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OBSERVERS</u>
Common Loon:			
13	Revere-Winthrop	3	GBBBC
<u>Red-necked Grebe:</u>			
21	Rockport	1	P.Stangel
<u>Pied-billed Grebe:</u>			
29	P.I.	1	BBC
<u>Cory's Shearwater:</u>			
28	50 mi. south of M.V.	<u>2000</u>	V.Laux

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Greater Shearwater: 26,28	off Gloucester, off M.V.	1, 200	H.Wiggin#, V.Laux
Sooty Shearwater: 28	50 mi. south of M.V.	15	V.Laux
Manx Shearwater: 14	Stellwagen	1	B.Nikula
Wilson's Storm-Petrel: 20	off Gloucester	50	J.Grugan#
<u>White Pelican:</u> 4-15	P.I.	1 ad.	v.o. + refuge personnel
Gannet: 20	off Gloucester	2	J.Grugan#
Double-crested thr.	Cormorant: Belmont	max. 9	L.Robinson
6,9	Wayland, Newton	1, 1	R.Forster, N.+ O.Komar
13	Gr.Boston, P.I.	800, 100+	GBBBC, J.Berry
Great Blue Heron: thr., 5	P.I., Belmont	max. 5, 2	v.o., L.Robinson
Green Heron: thr., 13	P.I., Gr.Boston	max. 5, 7	v.o., GBBBC
Little Blue Heron: thr., 13	P.I., Boston	max. 3, 2 ad.	v.o., P.Stevens
17,26	W.Harwich, Westport	1, 1	B.Nikula, A.Ellis
Cattle Egret: thr., 12	Ipswich, Muskeget	max. 5, 1	v.o., R.Heil
Great Egret: 3	Milton, Westport	3, 2	T.Raymond, M.Argue#
5,9	Wayland, Harwich	1, 1	R.Forster, D.Arvidson#
13,21	Squantum, Newton	3, 2	GBBBC, N.+ O.Komar
Snowy Egret: thr., 13	P.I., Gr.Boston	max. 75, 54	v.o., GBBBC
22	Monomoy	breeding	P.Trull
Louisiana Heron: thr., 13	P.I., Sandwich	max. 2, 2	v.o., J.Aylward#
Black-crowned Night Heron: thr.	Belmont (Alewife)	max. 45	L.Robinson
thr.	Newton, P.I.	11, 6+ nests	N.+ O.Komar, J.Berry
13,29	Gr.Boston, P.I.	84, 38	GBBBC, BBC
Yellow-crowned Night Heron: thr.	P.I.	max. 3 ad.	v.o.
4,9	Annisquam, Sandwich	1 imm., 1	H.Wiggin, J.Aylward
Least Bittern: thr., 13-21	P.I., <u>Chestnut Hill</u>	1+, 1	v.o., N.+ O.Komar + v.o.
13	Wayland	1	R.Forster
American Bittern: 3, 13	Stow, Wayland	1, 1	D.Roy, R.Forster
Glossy Ibis: thr.	P.I., Revere	max.22, max. 13	v.o., J.Berry

WATERFOWL

The European Wigeon continued at Plum Island through the 12th; it was found on May 23. The American Wigeon remained at Plum Island only through the 1st, and a female with young was noted from Monomoy. An immature male King Eider was observed among summering Common Eiders off Wasque, Martha's Vineyard, on the 20th. A Hooded Merganser with ten young was noted at the Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge. R.H.S.

Mute Swan: thr.	Ipswich	2 ad. + 1 yg.	J.Berry
Pintail: 13	P.I.	2 m. + 1 f. w/ 11 yg.	J.Berry
Green-winged Teal: thr., 13	P.I., Wayland	max. 20+, 1	v.o., R.Forster
European Wigeon: 1-12	P.I.	1	v.o.
American Wigeon: 1,24	P.I., Monomoy	2, 1 f. w/ yg.	BBC, A.French
Northern Shoveler: thr.	P.I.	2	v.o.

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Wood Duck:			
13	Waltham, P.I.	29, 19	R.Stymeist, J.Berry
21,27,30	Newton,GMNWR,Woburn	12, 50, 9	N.+ O.Komar,J.Kenneally,G.Gove
	All the above totals include young birds.		
Common Eider:			
12,13	Muskeget I., Boston	35+, 9	R.Heil, GBBBC
<u>King Eider:</u>			
20	M.V.	1 imm. m.	V.Laux
White-winged Scoter:			
13	Revere, Rockport	26, 4	GBBBC, P.Stangel
Surf Scoter:			
13	Rockport	4	P.Stangel
Ruddy Duck:			
thr.	P.I.	max. 7	v.o.
Hooded Merganser:			
20	Harvard (Oxbow)	1 w/10 yg.	G.Soucy#
Red-breasted Merganser:			
thr.,24	P.I., Monomoy	max. 10, 19	v.o., B.Nikula

RAPTORS THROUGH COOT

An immature Golden Eagle was observed several times over Plum Island on June 1, and immature Bald Eagles were noted in Westboro and Lakeville. A Yellow Rail was reported flying across Pike's Bridge Road in West Newbury on June 2.

Turkey Vulture:			
7	W.Newbury, Barnstable	1, 14	R.Emery#, D.Reynolds
14,24	Muskeget, Essex	2, 1	R.Heil, P. Stangel
Goshawk:			
1,18	E.Townsend, E.Middleboro	pr.nesting, 1	J.Quinn, K.Anderson
Red-tailed Hawk:			
thr.	Ipswich, Newton	nest w/3 yg., 3 ad.+ 1 imm.	J.Berry, N.+ O.Komar
Red-shouldered Hawk:			
7	Framingham,Littleton,W.Newbury	1 ad., 1, 1	R.Forster,J.Baird,D.+ D.Oliver
Broad-winged Hawk:			
13,15	Gr.Boston, Muskeget	9, 1 imm.	GBBBC, R.Heil
<u>Golden Eagle:</u>	(well described)		
1	P.I.	1 imm.	H. D'Entremont#
Bald Eagle:			
25,29	Lakeville, Westboro	1, 1 imm.	J.Fernandez, B.Blodget
Osprey:			
thr.,12	Nantucket, P.I.	1 pr.nesting, 1	Nan Jenks-Jay,F.Bouchard
American Kestrel			
thr.,13	Newton, Gr.Boston	4, 21	N.+ O.Komar, GBBBC
Ruffed Grouse:			
13,21	Middlesex Fells, Newton	1, 1	P.Roberts#, N.+ O.Komar
Bobwhite:			
14,19	Boxford, Lincoln	1, 1	W.Drummond, R.Forster
Virginia Rail:			
13,22	Saugus, P.I.	4, 1 ad. + 2 yg	G.Jackson, W.Drummond
<u>Yellow Rail:</u>	(no details received)		
2	W.Newbury	1	E.Pyburn+S.Garrett+J.Soucy
Common Gallinule:			
thr.	P.I.	max. 8+w/chick	J.Berry + v.o.
American Coot:			
thr.	P.I.	2	v.o.

SHOREBIRDS THROUGH TERNS

American Oystercatchers were doing well on Monomoy where at least seven territorial pairs were noted and four nests were located. A Lesser Golden Plover was well described in full breeding plumage on June 6 at Rowley. Willets were present on Monomoy and a maximum of five were noted in the Plum Island area where hope for the presence of breeding Wilson's Phalaropes continued; at least five individuals were reported though no nest was found. The report of two Ruffs on Plum Island June 28 was interesting! The fifteen Red Knot noted on Monomoy on June 6 included one color-marked bird banded in Argentina by MBO in mid-April!

A Great Black-backed X Herring Gull was present throughout the month at Muskeget further complicating the picture of Lesser Black-backed Gull identification.

A Thayer's Gull was reported from Low Beach, Nantucket, where one was seen earlier this year. A Sandwich Tern found on Monomoy on the 6th was a winter-plumaged bird and hence not the same individual as either of the adult-plumaged terns reported in late May from Muskeget and Plymouth Beach. It is interesting that one was reported from Monomoy on the same date last year. It is discouraging to note the reduced number of breeding terns on Monomoy. A total of only 1975 pairs of Common Terns was censused compared to over 3000 pairs last year. Black-crowned Night Herons, Great Horned Owls, and gulls have apparently taken a toll of them this year. Southern terns included twelve Royal Terns and three Black Skimmers.

A census of terns on the cape and at Plymouth Beach resulted in the following numbers:

	Plymouth Beach	New I. Nauset	Monomoy	Grays Beach, Yarmouth	Bird I. Marion	
Common Tern	550 prs.	520 prs.	1975 prs.	860 prs.	600 prs.	
Arctic Tern	13	-	6	-	-	
Roseate Tern	5	-	35	40	1500	R.H.S.

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American Oystercatcher:			
thr.	Monomoy	15+ (7+ terr.prs. + 4 nests)	v.o.
14	Nauset	15	P.Trull
Semipalmated Plover:			
6	P.I.	1	BBC (McHales)
Piping Plover:			
thr., 3,13	P.I., Dartmouth, Revere	2, 2, 2	v.o., R.Emery#, S.Zendeh
Killdeer:			
13	Gr. Boston	50	GBBBC
Lesser Golden Plover:	(excellent description)		
6	Rowley	1 ad. br. pl.	J.Berry
Black-bellied Plover:			
13	Boston Harbor	27	GBBBC
Ruddy Turnstone:			
13	Boston Harbor	2	GBBBC
American Woodcock:			
8,13	Ipswich, Neponset	3, 3	J.Berry, D.Brown
Whimbrel:			
1	Muskeget	1	R.Heil
Upland Sandpiper:			
thr.	Newbypt	max. 8	v.o.
Spotted Sandpiper:			
13,27	Gr. Boston, P.I.	10, 2 ad. + 4 yg.	GBBBC, G.Gove
Willet:			
thr.	Monomoy, P.I.	max. 20+, max. 5	v.o., v.o.
13,14	Squantum, Muskeget	1, 1	D.Brown, R.Heil
Greater Yellowlegs:			
6;13,27	P.I.	9; 2, 10	R.McHale; J.Berry
13	E. Boston	3	GBBBC
Lesser Yellowlegs:			
1+6,13	P.I., E. Boston	1 + 1, 2	BBC, GBBBC
Red Knot:			
1,6,20	Muskeget, Monomoy, Ipswich	3, 15, 1	R.Heil, W.Petersen#, J.Nove#
White-rumped Sandpiper:			
thr., 1,6	Monomoy, P.I., Newbypt	max. 8+, 3, 2	B.Nikula#, H.D'Entremont, BBC
Dunlin:			
13	P.I.	5-6	J.Berry
Stilt Sandpiper:			
22+24	Monomoy	1	P.Trull, B.Nikula
Semipalmated Sandpiper:			
1,13	P.I., Boston Harbor	11, 9	BBC (Hales), GBBBC
Marbled Godwit:			
10	Monomoy	1	B.Nikula
Ruff:			
28	P.I.	2	N.Mueller
Wilson's Phalarope:			
thr., 29	P.I., Monomoy	max. 5, 1	v.o., H.D'Entremont#
Parasitic Jaeger:			
14	P'town	2	B.Nikula
Great Black-backed X Herring Gull:			
thr.	Muskeget	1 ad. ph.	R.Heil, R.Veit

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<u>Thayer's Gull:</u>			
24	Nantucket (Low Beach)	1	Nan Jenks-Jay
<u>Bonaparte's Gull:</u>			
thr.	P.I.	max. 250+ imm. 6/23	v.o.
<u>Black-legged Kittiwake:</u>			
6,29	Monomoy	9 imm., 6	W.Petersen, N.+ O.Komar
20	off Gloucester	1 imm.	J.Grugan#
<u>Sandwich Tern: (carefully described)</u>			
6	Monomoy	1 winter pl.	W.Petersen + B.Harrington
<u>Forster's Tern:</u>			
2,23-29	Monomoy	1, 1	B.Nikula, P.Trull + v.o.
13	P.I.	1 winter pl.	G.Gove
<u>Common Tern:</u>			
thr.,29	Nantucket, Great Pt.	1 pr. nesting, 27	Nan Jenks-Jay
13,27	P.I.	100+, 20+	J.Berry
8,13	Ipswich, E.Boston	24, 32	J.Berry, S.Zendeh
<u>Arctic Tern:</u>			
thr.	Monomoy	max. 100+ portlandica	v.o.
<u>Roseate Tern:</u>			
29	Nantucket	9	Nan Jenks-Jay
<u>Least Tern:</u>			
thr.,8	P.I., Ipswich	max. 8+, 10+	v.o., J.Berry
<u>Royal Tern:</u>			
1,13,18	Muskeget	1, 1, 2	R.Heil
6	Marion (Bird I.)	2	I.Nisbet
9,23	Monomoy, Nantucket	1, 1	P.Trull, Nan Jenks-Jay
25,29	Woods Hole, P.I.	4, 1	G.Kelley, D.Spencer#
<u>Black Tern:</u>			
6,29	Monomoy	2, 1	W.Petersen#,H.D'Entremont#
10,12	Chatham, Plymouth	1, 3	D.Arvidson, W.Petersen
27	Newburyport	1	G.Gove
<u>Black Skimmer:</u>			
23-29,24	Monomoy, Yarmouth	1-2, 1	P.Trull# + v.o., P.Trull

CUCKOOS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

There were many cuckoos reported but fewer this year than last; one explanation suggests that the gypsy moth caterpillar infestation south of New England kept them satisfied there. A Barn Owl was seen flying over Quincy Market on the 19th. Four juvenile Saw-whet Owls were present at IRWS, Topsfield. At least three Chuck-will's-widows were present throughout the month at Chappaquiddick and another was found on the mainland of Martha's Vineyard at Katama. R.H.S.

<u>Yellow-billed Cuckoo:</u>			
thr.	Newton, Annisquam	7, 1+	N.+ O.Komar, H.Wiggin
13	Gr.Boston, Wayland	16, 4	GBBBC, R.Forster
			Many other reports of single birds from various locations.
<u>Black-billed Cuckoo:</u>			
thr.; 1	Newton; P.I., W.Newbury	6;1,2	N.+ O.Komar,D.Arvidson#,H.D'Entremont
6,9	Cambridge, Eastham	1, 1	F.Bouchard, D.Arvidson#
13	Gr.Boston, Wayland	17, 3	GBBBC, R.Forster
27	Wayland (different locs.)	1 ad. 3 yg.	J.Hines
			Other reports of single birds totalling 12 individuals.
<u>Barn Owl:</u>			
19	Boston (Quincy Market)	1	G.d'Entremont
<u>Screech Owl:</u>			
13	Gr.Boston	7	GBBBC
<u>Great Horned Owl:</u>			
13	Gr.Boston	4	GBBBC
<u>Short-eared Owl:</u>			
thr.	Monomoy, Muskeget	1, nest w/7 yg.	P.Trull + v.o., R.Heil
<u>Saw-whet Owl:</u>			
25	Topsfield IRWS	4 juv.	R.Scott
<u>Chuck-will's-widow:</u>			
thr.	Chappaquiddick, Katama	3, 1	V.Laux + v.o.
<u>Whip-poor-will:</u>			
1,8	Muskeget, Ipswich	1, 3	R.Heil, BBC
<u>Common Nighthawk:</u>			
thr.	Cambridge, Brookline	6, 8	R.Stymeist

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Ruby-throated Hummingbird:			
thr.,1	Duxbury, P.I.	pr.nesting, 1	fide W.Petersen, D.+ D.Hale
4,6	Stellwagen, Chatham	1, 1	W.Petersen
Common Flicker:			
thr.13	Newton, Gr.Boston	21, 84	N.+ O.Komar, GBBBC
Pileated Woodpecker:			
15,30	Canton, Carlisle	1, 1	F.Hamlen, C.Jung
Hairy Woodpecker:			
thr.,13	Newton, Gr.Boston	5, 10	N.+ O.Komar, GBBBC
Downy Woodpecker:			
thr.,13	Newton, Gr.Boston	27, 64	N.+ O.Komar, GBBBC

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH SPARROWS

The tail end of the spring migration continued through the first week in June. The 5th was a particularly good day for Mourning Warblers with good numbers seen at coastal sites. Empidonax flycatchers were also seen in numbers on that day and the next.

Population levels for some of our more common flycatcher species bear watching. Reports of Eastern Phoebes have been generally low all year and that trend continued in June. In addition, Eastern Wood Pewees were scarce. Pewees seem to prefer oaks as nesting sites and so may have been affected by the Gypsy Moth larvæ onslaught. Optimistically, it is possible that they simply shifted to areas less afflicted. Red-eyed Vireos' nesting success could also have been negatively affected by the munching hoards. The trend of slightly low counts of warblers continued from May with fewer than usual reports of Ovenbird and very few American Redstarts.

Rarities for the month were in the flycatcher and large fringillid departments. The Scissor-tailed Flycatcher at Rockport occurred at an unusual time of year for a vagrant. The Scituate Olive-sided Flycatcher was also a surprise, turning up in the eastern part of the state at breeding time.

Another species not expected near the coast in June is Evening Grosbeak, one of which was banded in Rockport. The Blue Grosbeak at World's End in Hingham was an interesting sighting though not too surprising in light of the several birds seen farther north in late May.

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Eastern Kingbird:			
1-15,8-20	P.I., Ipswich	75 max., 8 max.	BBC
13, thr.	Gr.Boston, Newton	54, 19	GBBBC, N.+ O.Komar
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher:			
26-27	Rockport	1	P.Stangel#
Great Crested Flycatcher:			
13, thr.	Gr.Boston, Newton	48, 15	GBBBC, N.+ O.Komar
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:			
1, 2	P.I.	1, 3	BBC, L.Jodrey#
5	MNWS, Nahant	5, 1	R.Heil
13	Muskeget	1	R.Heil
Acadian Flycatcher:			
2,6	Mt.A., P.I.	1, 1	R.Stymeist#, G.Gove
Willow Flycatcher:			
thr.	P.I., Newton	3 max. 6/27, 4	v.o., N.+ O.Komar
thr.	Chatham	1	B.Nikula#
13	Gr.Boston, Wayland	12, 14	GBBBC, R.Forster
13,27	Newbury, GMNWR	7, 4	J.Berry, BBC
Older Flycatcher:			
2,7	P.I., W.Newbury	1, 1	L.Jodrey, W.Drummond#
5	MNWS, Nahant, S.Peabody	1, 1, 1 singing	R.Heil
13	Neponset, Waltham; Wayland	1, 1; 1	GBBC; R.Forster
Least Flycatcher:			
7,13	Boxford, Wayland	1, 1	T.Leverich#, R.Forster
14	N.Andover	2	BBC
Eastern Wood Pewee:			
7,13	W.Newbury, Gr.Boston	3, 9 (low)	R.Emery#, GBBBC
Olive-sided Flycatcher:			
thr.	Scituate	1 m. singing	G.Bartlett#
Tree Swallow:			
thr.,27	P.I., GMNWR	200 max. 6/15,, 25	v.o., BBC

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Bank Swallow: 20,27	Middleboro, P.I.	100+ pr., 15	W.Petersen#, J.Berry
Rough-winged Swallow: 13,29	Gr.Boston, W.Harwich	34, 8 (mostly juv.)	GBBBC, J.Hines
Cliff Swallow: thr.	P.I.	16 max.	v.o.
Purple Martin: 1-15, 5	P.I., S.Peabody	200 max., 4	v.o., R.Heil
Blue Jay: 11,13	Nantucket, Gr.Boston	45, 196	N.Jenks-Jay, GBBBC
Fish Crow: 13, thr.	Gr.Boston, Newton	15, 6 max.	GBBBC, N.+ O.Komar
Red-breasted Nuthatch: 1-6,20	Wayland, Ipswich	2 ad. 4 yg., 2 ad. 2 yg.	T.Hart, BBC
23	Weston	2 ad. 3 yg.	J.Hines
Brown Creeper: 23	Weston	1 ad. 1 yg.	J.Hines
House Wren: 7,13	W.Newbury, Gr.Boston	20, 42	T.Leverich#, GBBBC
thr.	Newton	10	N.+ O.Komar
Carolina Wren: 20,27	E.Middleboro, Weston	1, 1 singing	W.Petersen#, J.Brooly
Marsh Wren: (Long-billed Marsh Wren) 1-6, thr.	P.I., GMNWR	50+, 30 max.	BBC
Mockingbird: thr., 13	Newton, Gr.Boston	34, 120	N.+ O.Komar, GBBBC
Gray Catbird: 6,13,20	P.I., Gr.Boston, Ipswich	27, 161, 26	BBC, GBBBC, BBC
Brown Thrasher: thr., 13	P.I., Gr.Boston	3 max., 41	v.o., GBBBC
American Robin: thr.,13	Newton, Gr.Boston	113, 299	N.+ O.Komar, GBBBC
Wood Thrush: thr.,13	Newton, Gr.Boston	16, 32	N.+ O.Komar, GBBBC
Gray-cheeked Thrush: 1	Muskeget	1	R.Heil
Veery: 8,13	Ipswich, Gr.Boston	2, 1	BBC, GBBBC
14	Topsfield, Boxford	2, 1	L.Taylor, BBC
Eastern Bluebird: thr.	WBWS, Sharon, Tyngsboro	1, 1, 3	v.o., W.Allen, L.Files
1,3	All pairs nesting Rockport, Sudbury	1, 1	R.Norris, G.Abrahamson
4,10	Plymouth, Lynn	2 m., 1 pr. w/ yg.	R.Becchi, J.Roderick
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 3,5-21	Abington, Wayland	1, 1 pr. nesting	W.Petersen, R.Forster
28	GMNWR	2	BBC
Cedar Waxwing: thr.,13	Newton, Gr.Boston	9, 27	N.+ O.Komar, GBBBC
White-eyed Vireo: 3,26	Milton, Westport	1, 1	T.Raymond, A.Ellis
Yellow-throated Vireo: 1-13,20	Wayland, Harvard	1 pr. nesting, 1	R.Forster, L.Jodrey#
Red-eyed Vireo: thr.,13	Newton, Gr.Boston	10, 46	N.+ O.Komar, GBBBC
Philadelphia Vireo: 8	Chatham	1	R.Clem
Warbling Vireo: thr.;13	Newton; Wayland, Gr.Boston	10; 12, 43	N.+O.Komar;R.Forster,GBBBC
Black-and-white Warbler: 13	Wayland, Gr.Boston	1 m. w/ 1 yg., 3	J.Hines, GBBBC
Worm-eating Warbler: thr., 13	Weston, Acoaxet	2 pr., 2	L.Robinson, W.Drummond
26-28	Westport	2	A.Ellis
Nashville Warbler: 27	E.Middleboro	1 singing	K.Anderson
Golden-winged Warbler: 21,23	Ipswich, Newbury	1 m., 1 pr. w/ yg.	J.Berry, R.Heil

<u>SPECIES/DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OBSERVERS</u>
Blue-winged Warbler:			
1-13,13	W.Newbury, Wayland	3 max., 1 pr.	v.o., J.Hines
14,21	Boxford, Lexington	1, 1	W.Drummond, J.Andrews
Northern Parula:			
12,14	Dedham, Topsfield	1, 1	J.Marshall, L.Taylor
29-30	W.Harwich	3 m. singing	J.Hines
Yellow Warbler:			
6,13	P.I.-W.Newbury, Gr.Boston	100+, 157	BBC, GBBBC
thr.	Newton	37	N.+ O.Komar
Magnolia Warbler:			
1,7	P.I., Newton	1, 1	BBC, N.+ O.Komar
Chestnut-sided Warbler			
21,23	Lexington, Newbury	2 feeding cowbirds, 7	J.Andrews, R.Heil
Pine Warbler:			
13,9	Gr.Boston, Cape Cod	4, 4	GBBBC, D.Arvidson#
18-26,23	Lincoln, Weston	2, 1	R.Forster, J.Hines
Prairie Warbler:			
13,14	Gr.Boston, Boxford	19, 4	GBBBC, BBC
21	Lexington	3 m. singing	J.Andrews
Ovenbird:			
13,21	Gr.Boston, Ipswich	3, 10 m.	GBBBC, J.Berry
Northern Waterthrush:			
20	E.Middleboro	1 m.	W.Petersen
Mourning Warbler:			
2,5	Rockport, Brookline	1 b., 1 singing	O.Norris, H.Coolidge
5	Dover, Wayland	1 singing, 1	F.Hamlen, R.Forster
5	Provincetown	1	B.Nikula
5;8	MNWS, Nahant; Chatham	7, 6; 1	R.Heil; R.Clem
Common Yellowthroat:			
6,13	P.I. + W.Newbury, Wayland	33, 32	BBC, R.Forster
13, thr.	Gr.Boston, Newton	126, 51	GBBBC, N.+ O. Komar
Yellow-breasted Chat:			
6-7,8	Wayland, Rockport	1 m., 1 b.	R.Forster, O.Norris
Hooded Warbler:			
3	Westport	1 m. singing	M.Argue#
Canada Warbler:			
1,20	P.I., Middleboro	1, 2 residents	BBC, W.Petersen#
American Redstart:			
13,27	Gr.Boston, P.I.	2, 4	GBBBC, J.Berry
Bobolink:			
6,20	W.Newbury, Rowley	41, 25	BBC, J.Berry
Eastern Meadowlark:			
13	Gr.Boston, Newbury	9, 9	GBBBC, J.Berry
Redwinged Blackbird:			
thr., 13	Newton, Gr.Boston	71, 568	N.+ O.Komar, GBBBC
Orchard Oriole:			
6-19,2	5 locations, Hingham	5 ind., 1 pr. nesting	v.o., R.Campbell
13,21-30	Gr.Boston, Newton	7, pr. w/ 4 yg.	GBBBC, N.+ O.Komar
Northern Oriole:			
thr. 13	Newton, Gr.Boston	33, 134	N.+ O.Komar, GBBBC
Common Grackle:			
thr., 13	Newton, Gr.Boston	108, 510	N.+ O.Komar, GBBBC
Brown-headed Cowbird:			
thr., 13	Newton, Gr.Boston	25, 64	N.+ O.Komar, GBBBC
Scarlet Tanager:			
thr. 13	Newton, Gr.Boston	5, 19	N.+ O.Komar, GBBBC
14,21	Boxford, Ipswich	4, 6	BBC, J.Berry
Summer Tanager:			
12	Cambridge	1 m.	J.Clancy
Cardinal:			
thr.,13	Newton, Gr.Boston	38, 105	N.+ O.Komar, GBBBC
18	<u>Muskeget</u>	1 f.	R.Heil
Rose-breasted Grosbeak:			
thr., 13	Newton, Gr.Boston	20, 17	N.+ O.Komar, GBBBC
Blue Grosbeak:			
1	Hingham (World's End)	1 m.	R.Campbell
Indigo Bunting:			
thr., 13	Newton, Gr.Boston	19, 79	N.+ O.Komar, GBBBC
Evening Grosbeak:			
12	Rockport	1 b.	O.Norris

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Purple Finch: thr., 13	P.I., Newton	5 pr., 4	R.Stymeist#, N.+ O.Komar
House Finch: thr.	Newton, Annisquam	50, 40	N.+ O.Komar, H.Wiggin
13,14	Gr.Boston, Haverhill	101, 18	GBBEC, BBC
Pine Siskin: 13,24	Rockport, Wayland	1 b., 1	O.Norris, T.Hart
American Goldfinch: thr., 13	Newton, Gr.Boston	21, 106	N.+ O.Komar, GBBEC
Rufous-sided Towhee: 1,8	P.I., Ipswich	4, 10	BBC, J.Nove
13, thr.	Gr.Boston, Newton	69, 7	GBBEC, N.+ O.Komar
Grasshopper Sparrow: 1,8 on	Squantum, Medfield	1, 2	D.Brown, P.Hallowell + v.o.
Sharp-tailed Sparrow: 1,13	Muskeget, Gr.Boston	19, 15	R.Heil, GBBEC
Seaside Sparrow: thr.	Monomoy	1-2	v.o.
13	Neponset, S.Dartmouth	2, 4	GBBEC, W.Drummond#
15	Barnstable (S.N.)	1	D.Arvidson#
Field Sparrow: 13	Gr.Boston	19	GBBEC
White-throated Sparrow: 20,21	Ipswich (2 loc.)	1, 1	J.Berry, J.Nove#
Song Sparrow: thr.	Newton, Belmont	102, 19	N.+ O.Komar, L.Robinson
thr.	Annisquam	8-10	H.Wiggin
13,15	Gr.Boston, P.I.	384, 20	GBBEC, BBC

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Corrigenda

Field Records: April 1981

The April 25 records of O. Komar for Black-throated Blue, Bay-breasted, and Wilson's warblers in Newton and for Lincoln's Sparrow in Needham should read May 25.

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List of Abbreviations

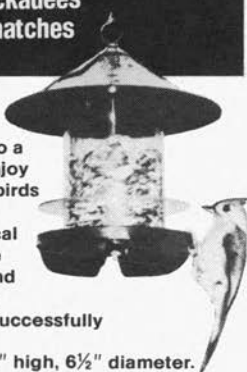
ad.	adult	F.M.	Fowl Meadow, Milton
alt.	alternate (plumage)	Gr.	greater as in Gr. Boston area
b.	banded	I.	Island
br.	breeding	M.V.	Martha's Vineyard
dk.	dark (phase)	Mt.A.	Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge
f.	female	Nant.	Nantucket
fl.	fledge	Newbypt.	Newburyport
imm.	immature	ONWR	Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge
ind.	individuals	P.I.	Plum Island
loc.	locations	P'town	Provincetown
lt.	light (phase)	R.P.	Race Point, Provincetown
m.	male	S.N.	Sandy Neck, Barnstable
max.	maximum	Stellw.	Stellwagen (Bank)
migr.	migrating	ABC	Allen Bird Club
ph.	photographed	BBC	Brookline Bird Club
pl.	plumage	BOEM	Bird Observer of Eastern Massachusetts
pr.	pair	CBC	Christmas Bird Count
thr.	throughout	DFWS	Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary
v.o.	various observers	FBC	Forbush Bird Club
W	winter (2W = second winter)	GBBEC	Greater Boston Breeding Bird Census
w/	with	GMNWR	Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge
yg.	young	IRWS	Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary
#	additional observers	MAS	Massachusetts Audubon Society
A.A.	Arnold Arboretum	MBO	Manomet Bird Observatory
A.P.	Andrews Point, Rockport	MNWS	Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary
Buzz.	Buzzards (Bay)	NBBC	Newburyport Breeding Bird Census
C.Cod	Cape Cod	SSBC	South Shore Bird Club
E.P.	Eastern Point, Gloucester	TASL	Take a Second Look (BOEM project)
F.E.	First Encounter Beach, Eastham	WBWS	Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
F.H.	Fort Hill, Eastham	WMWS	Wachusett Meadows Wildlife Sanctuary

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