

BIRD SITINGS OFF MONHEGAN ISLAND'S LOBSTER COVE, JULY 2, 2010 TO OCTOBER 16, 2010

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TOM MAGARIAN:

Monhegan July 11, 2010 Today there was a group of about 20 greater shearwaters off from **Lobster Cove** following a school of fish that were breaking the water after baitfish. Yellow warblers, house wrens, song sparrows, common yellow-throats, common grackles, american robins, cedar waxwings, american goldfinches, and american crows are all making there presence known.

Cheers!

-Tom M.

Monhegan July 11, 2010

Tom M. I just did about an hour of seawatching off **Lobster Cove**. There were some shearwaters, gulls, and a few terns working over a school of bait that was being pushed up by something. I did not see any whales or dolphins, but did see some big splashes. Puffins were mostly heading out to sea. Some guillemots and eider were in the surf and near the island. Sooty shearwater was most numerous followed by greater, and a couple of cory's were in the mix. Here is the list.

sooty shearwater - 25

greater shearwater - 15

cory's shearwater - 2

wilson's storm-petrel - 10

atlantic puffin - 15
black guillemot - 3
common eider - 5
laughing gull- 13
common tern - 7
unknown large alcid - 2 (most likely puffins)
Cheers!
-Tom M.

Monhegan July 12, 2010

This morning I seawatched at **Lobster Cove** for 45 min and clinched the fourth species of shearwater in less than 24 hours from shore. The first shearwater was a wonderful looking manx heading east and not all that far out. And then the only other shearwaters were five cory's!

Here is the rest.

common tern - 35
black guillemot - 6
wilson's storm-petrel - 7
arctic tern - 2
roseate tern - 2
laughing gull - 6
common loon - 1
northern gannet - 2

Interesting sighting of 3 medium sized shorebirds heading south. I got on them heading away and could not put a name to them, one looked different from the other two.

Mid day I walked the trails up to the north end and back and picked three swainson's thrushes, one was singing near Black Head. It was great to hear one again, it has been a long time. There were a handful of black-throated green warblers, a couple of common yellowthroats, one flock of golden crowned kinglets, a couple of singing winter wrens, and a singing brown creeper.

This evening I seawatched again from **Lobster Cove** for a half as it was getting late and there was a bit of sea mist. I did see one cory's, two greater, and one sooty shearwater. One puffin was heading west. That was about all worth noting here.

Cheers!
-Tom M.

July 14, 2010

Yesterday evening from **Lobster Cove**

northern gannet - 30

atlantic puffin - 16

greater shearwater - 7

cory's shearwater - 16

sooty shearwater - 36

manx shearwater - 1

common tern - 14

black guillemot - 5

wilson's storm-petrel - 11

laughing gull - 18

Cheers!

-Tom M

JULY 15, 2010 one immature sharp-shinned hawk.

The evening of the 15th from **Lobster Cove**

Black Guillemot - 4

Atlantic Puffin - 22

Sooty Shearwater - 2

Greater Shearwater - 2

Northern Gannet - 39

Laughing Gull - 17

Wilson's Storm-petrel - 3

Common Tern

Harbor seal - 3

Harbor Porpoise - 5

All but one puffin heading west.

July 16, 2010

This evening an hour spent seawatching from **Lobster Cove** turned up few shearwaters, but was good for gannets and west bound puffins.

black guillemot - 4

atlantic puffin - 22

northern gannet - 39

sooty shearwater - 2

greater shearwater - 2

wilson's storm-petrel - 3

laughing gull - 17
common tern
common eider
double-crested cormorant
harbor seal - 3
harbor porpoise ~5
Cheers!
-Tom M.

July 17, 2010 Morning

In the morning on the 17th from **Lobster Cove**
Atlantic Puffin - 3
Northern Gannet - 18
Laughing Gull - 13
greater shearwater - 14
Black Guillemot - 4
Razorbill - 1
Wilson's Storm-petrel - 1
Common Tern
Roseate Tern - 1
Arctic Tern - 4

Monhegan July 17, 2010 PM

The evening of the 17th **Lobster Cove**
Cory's Shearwater - 2
Sooty Shearwater - 5
common Tern
Northern Gannet - 17
Laughing Gull - 6

Monhegan July 18, 2010

On the 9am boat on the 18th
Black Guillemot - 52 (most were at the north end of Manana in two big flocks)
Northern Gannet - 25
Great Cormorant - 1
Common Tern
Arctic Tern - 3
Monarch Butterfly - 1

On the 3pm boat back
Black Guillemot - 8
Great Cormorant - 2
Northern Gannet - 10
Common Tern
Laughing Gull

MONHEGAN July 19, 2010 This morning the 19th
One Semi-palmated Plover heard over the harbor and a female kestrel
near Lobster Cove.
Cheers!
-Tom M.

Monhegan July 23, 2010

There have been sporadic migrants the last few days. Eastern phoebe,
Short-billed Dowitcher, semi-palmated plover, and a few others.

Today there was a great blue heron on Manana and possibly a turkey
vulture (I went out without my bins). Also today there was a male
purple finch and a killdeer which were new. Also of note were about
125 wilson's storm-petrels off from Lobster Cove. Also, there are a
few carolina wrens on the island. I was not expecting these here.
does anyone know how regular they are this far north?
Cheers!
-Tom M.

Monhegan July 24,2010

Today i took the 9am to the mainland and the 3pm back out. They trip
in was the better trip. both were fogged in, but it was thicker in
the afternoon. the early trip surprised me with all four shearwaters!
am boat
cory's shearwater - 1
greater shearwater - 1
manx shearwater - 1
sooty shearwater - 1
wilson's storm-petrel - 16
black guillemot - 20
northern gannet - 1
arctic tern - 1

pm boat
wilson's storm petrel - 6
black guillemot - 9
Cheers!
-Tom M.

Monhegan July 25, 2010

This morning seawatching from **Lobster Cove** (for 45mins) again proved worth while. I was also treated to a decent look at a fin whale and saw a distant blow, but was unable to ID that one.

wilson's storm-petrel - 16
northern gannet - 12
sooty shearwater - 3
greater shearwater - 30
black guillemot - 1
common eider
common tern
laughing gull - 13

Other migrants

yellow warbler - 3
yellow-rumped warbler- 1?

This evening a brief watch at **Lobster Cove** for 15 minutes

atlantic puffin - 3
wilson's storm-petrel - 20
northern gannet - 8
balck guillemot - 2
common eider
common tern
laughing gull - 14

And to end the evening a migrating great blue heron flew south down the island headed for the open sea just before 8pm.

Cheers!
-Tom M

July 30, 2010

This morning from **Lobster Cove**:

manx shearwater - 1
northern gannet - 5
greater shearwater - 6
wilson's storm-petrel - 8

Some of the above migrants this morning, mostly the shorebirds and

yellow warblers.

But last night was the biggest migration event of the fall so far!!!!!! And I slept in! Anyways, after missing a great morning and completing some of my duties this afternoon I was all stressed out, but then miraculously, during the height of stress, I hear what sounds like....could it really be? After asking about another southern, but pushing north species and get a lot of feedback. (which I really enjoyed) Carolina wrens are hear this far north.

But white-eyed vireo? I almost blew it off at first. But after listening to the bird sing for 5-10 minutes what else could it be? Oh, and for anyone who did not know the "4 letter code", Richard Crossley's new guide will be a godsend! So, I maybe jumping the gun here, but I am pretty sure that WEVI is not all that common this far north??? Anyways, I have heard plenty to know the song. It was not a mimic (ie thrasher, cat bird, or mocker). Having no seen the bird is suspect i know, but hey, I do not want to piss off the land owners out here.

All I know is when I here "QUICK! waitor, check please, CHECK! that there are not many other songs that compare, but please enlighten me if there are.

Cheers!

-Tom M.

Monhegan AUGUST 3, 2010

Today I spent a half hour seawatching from Lobster Cove and have the following to report

manx shearwater - 1

greater shearwater - 16

sooty - shearwater - 1

wilson's storm petrel - 13

northern gannet - 12

laughing gull - 2

common tern

Then a couple "in passing" sightings from later in the day

1445 - eastern kingbird - 3

1930 - BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE - 1(young bird seen flying around the harbor)

Cheers!

-Tom M.

August 6, 2010

[Today] I hit the mainland and took the 1230 boat to Port Clyde. Three puffins flying out to sea were a real treat and an excellent look as well!

black guillemot - 5

ATLANTIC PUFFIN - 3

sooty shearwater - 1

harbor porpoise and seals were seen.

Yesterday evening in downtown Camden after the heavy rain I was treated to at least seven osprey soaring overhead!

Monhegan August 7, 2010

Today on the 3pm out of Port Clyde

great cormorant - 1 (about a mile or two out on one of the small islands)

black guillemot - 5

northern gannet - 25

greater shearwater - 1

manx shearwater - 1

osprey - 2

harbor porpoise and seals

This evening in the southern part of the village I was treated to a young OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER. I presume that they do not nest on the island, so no doubt that this was a migrant. And then I seawatched for about a half hour from Lobster Cove very late in the day.

black guillemot - 1

greater shearwater - 6

manx shearwater - 1

northern gannet - 48

laughing gull - 1

common tern

Cheers!

-Tom M.

AUGUST 10, 2010

A brief mid morning bit of seawatching was rather uneventful. There was more action in the trees around the village. In the evening seawatching was slightly more fruitful.

am seawatching
northern gannet - 20
laughing gull - 2
common eider
wilson's storm-petrel - 1

Around town
magnolia warbler - 1
northern cardinal
carolina wren
golden-crowned kinglet
blue jay
blackpoll warbler - 1
blackburnian warbler - 1
gray catbird
red-breasted nuthatch
semi-palmated plover - 1

pm seawatching
least sandpiper - 6
tree swallow - 5
northern gannet - 13
CORY'S SHEARWATER - 1
wilson's storm-petrel - 1
mourning dove
Cheers!
-Tom M.

AUGUST 11, 2010

Yesterday the 11th proved to be an excellent morning to be out. There have been a few good migration events out here since mid/late July, but they keep getting better. There were warblers in the air calling and the diversity has increased, however it was hard to see them and I am lacking in the flight call dept, but the bulk of what I heard were yellow warblers. There also seemed to be a good push of red-breasted nuthatches, as their numbers were much higher than any other time I have walked the village, and the season's first "farting" dickcissel was a nice treat!

red-breasted nuthatch - 18
american robin - 4
mourning dove - 4

blue jay - 5
carolinia wren - 7
american crow - 8
american goldfinch - 14
cedar waxwing - 80
northern cardinal - 5
common yellowthroat - 5
herring gull
great black-backed gull
ring-necked pheasant - 4
purple finch - 3
red-winged blackbird - 6
golden-crowned kinglet - 8
song sparrow - 6
northern gannet - 22
double-crested cormorant
black guillemot - 14 (1st juv seen on the water in the harbor)
common eider - 8
laughing gull - 1
black-capped chickadee - 10
house wren - 1
gray catbird - 6
chipping sparrow - 1
lesser yellowlegs - 2
least sandpiper - 30
baltimore oriole - 1
yellow warbler - 20 (definitely a big under count)
blackpoll warbler - 3
semi-palmated plover - 2
DICKCISSEL - 1 (heard in flight over harbor headed south towards
Manana, but never saw it)
semi-palmated sandpiper - 3
mallard
common grackle - 1
bobolink - 3
savannah sparrow - 1
blackburnian warbler - 1
black-throated green warbler - 3
american redstart - 1
black and white warbler - 1
trails flycatcher - 1
barn swallow - 1
downy woodpecker - 1
dark-eyed junco - 2

Cheers!
-Tom M.

AUGUST 16, 2010

I seawatched mid afternoon from **Lobster Cove** and the change of weather has got the shearwaters moving again. I wish I gotten out there earlier and had more time to spend. Cory's and greater's were passing by heading NE. Some gannets were in the mix, but mostly headed SW or milling about.

cory's shearwater - 10
greater shearwater 34
northern gannet - 35
black guillemot - 1
common eider
unidentified shorebird - 2 (heading NE, possibly phalaropes)

Cheers!
-Tom M.

AUGUST 18, 19, 20, 2010

Migration is starting to pick up out here on the island. This morning I saw my first peregrine and osprey, and yesterday my first harrier of the season. Also this morning I heard numerous semi plovers calling as they headed south, mostly single birds I presume. I did see one flock of about four. I heard them as I was getting things together out the window, and the first southbound flock of double-crested cormorants went winging by. Last evening while catching mackerel from the wharf after dark I heard a handful of yellow warblers and a few call notes that I did not know. The best was hearing an oystercatcher call twice as it flew by to the west and was headed south! Here are the last few days recap:

AUGUST 18, 2010

solitary sandpiper - 1

On the 9am boat leaving the island

wilson's storm-petrel - 15
black guillemot - 6
laughing gull

common eider
great cormorant - 1 (adult)
northern gannet - 300

On the 3pm boat back
osprey - 1
common eider
black guillemot - 8
common loon - 1
northern gannet - 20

Harbor porpoise and seals were easy to see on both trips.

19 AUG

northern harrier - 1 (imm)
-After sunset-
yellow warbler - 5
AMERICAN OSYTERCATCHER - 1

20 AUG

osprey - 1
northern gannet - 10
peregrine falcon - 1 (imm)
laughing gull - 7
black guillemot - 1
tree swallow - 5
common eider
double-crested cormorant - 50 (one flock headed south of about 40)
Cheers!
Tom M.

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AUGUST 21, 2010

This morning I got a late start, but still saw some interesting birds. Warblers were hard to come by, I only heard a few call notes that might have been yellows. Red-breasted nuthatches seemed more abundant again this morning. I only birded the south end of town down to **Lobster Cove**.

red-breasted nuthatch - 6
carolina wren - 2
chipping sparrow - 1
eastern kingbird - 12
purple finch - 4
eastern phoebe - 1
laughing gull - 35
black guillemot - 16
bobolink - 1
double-crested cormorant - 50 (one southbound flock of 20)
common eider - 75 (a couple of decent rafts)
northern gannet - 12
parasitic jaeger - 1 (non-breeding adult chasing a laughing gull, then
a herring gull attempted to chase it!)
spotted sandpiper - 6
great cormorant - 1 (adult on one of the rock outcrops)

Cheers!

-Tom

AUGUST 22, 2010

Last night after it got dark I heard a few warblers and one veery while fishing from the wharf for mackerel. This morning i had a flyby pectoral sandpiper and there was a flock of about 50 tree swallows at the same location. Then mid afternoon from **Lobster Cove**, a brief bit of seawatching turned up three shearwaters.

Last evening at the wharf

veery - 1
yellow warbler - 3
american redstart - 3
unknown warbler - 5

This morning from the wharf

pectoral sandpiper - 1
tree swallow - 50

Seawatching from **Lobster Cove**

CORY'S SHEARWATER - 1

MANX SHEARWATER - 1
greater shearwater - 3
northern gannet - 25
laughing gull - 10
bonapartes gull - 1
black guillemot - 3
black-bellied plover - 1 (still in alternate plumage)
common eider

Cheers!
-Tom M.

AUGUST 23, THROUGH 27, 2010

Migration seems to be picking out here. There have been a couple of recent days with shearwaters. Waterbirds have started moving down from the north. The warblers are arriving. At night it is quite easy to hear call notes. (I wish I knew more of them). The last couple of days I heard dickcissels in the morning and today there may possibly be more than one around. I finally saw one perched atop a spruce across from The Trailing Yew about an hour ago. Here is a recap of the last few days.

23 Aug

northern gannet - 12
greater shearwater - 1
black guillemot - 4
common eider
blue-winged teal - 1
ring-billed gull - 1
belted kingfisher - 1
tree swallow - 30
american redstart - 1
yellow warbler - 1
semi-palmated plover - 7
spotted sandpiper - 1

24 Aug

merlin - 1
peregrine falcon - 1
eastern kingbird - 10

northern gannet - 40
common eider
great blue heron - 1
sharp-shinned hawk - 1

25 Aug

sharp-shinned hawk - 1
northern gannet - 20
black - guillemot - 5
osprey - 1
common raven - 2

26 Aug

DICKCISSEL - 1 (heard from The Trailing Yew while I was eating breakfast, could have been two birds?)

northern gannet - 60
greater shearwater - 21
cory's shearwater - 3
red-necked grebe - 8 (one flock heading NE the same as the shearwaters)
unknown large shearwater - 1
Listening to night migrants:
veery - 2
wood thrush - 1
yellow warbler - 5
american redstart - 2
semi-palmated plover - 1
-numerous other call notes went unidentified

27 Aug

DICKCISSEL - 2? (one heard from The Trailing Yew this morning, one heard further south along the road later, and one heard and seen mid day across from The Trailing Yew)

lesser yellowlegs - 1
bobolink - 7
tree swallow - 25
red-breasted nuthatch - 6
cape may warbler - 1
white-winged scoter - 1
purple finch - 4
eastern kingbird - 2

eastern phoebe - 2
blue-winged teal - 1
wilson's warbler - 3
common raven - 2
red-eyed vireo - 1
merlin - 1
semi-palmated sandpiper - 1

Harbor porpoise - 3
harbor seal - 2
grey seal - 1

Cheers!
-Tom M.

AUGUST 27, 2010

This morning was rather birding on the island. I bumped into a couple birding and they told me I had missed a lark sparrow by minutes by the school house. There were a number of warblers and others around. Another blue-gray gnatcatcher by the Winter Works. It could have been the same as the one the evening before. Here is the tally:

coopers hawk - 1
merlin - 1
sharp-shinned hawk - 1
purple finch - 5
northern gannet - 15
black guillemot - 3
bobolink - 12
black-throated green warbler - 3
yellow warbler - 8
american redstart - 1
BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER - 1
baltimore oriole - 7
eastern kingbird - 3
red-eyed vireo - 4
belted kingfisher - 1
blackpoll warbler - 1
northern waterthrush - 4
least sandpiper - 3

Cheers!

-Tom M.

AUGUST 29, 30, 11, 2010

The last few days have been good out on the island. The mornings are relatively birdy. The accipiters and falcons are around now. Warblers are about and bobolinks are more common. The seabirding has been slow, but gannets are easy to see. Here is a recap.

29 AUG

northern waterthrush - 1
yellow-rumped warbler - 1
common yellowthroat - 1
red-breasted nuthatch - 1
carolina wren - 1
bobolink - 1
northern gannet
gray catbird - 1

30 AUG

american kestrel - 2
eastern wood-peewee - 1
sharp-shinned hawk - 3
merl - 1
common eider
northern gannet - 15
black guillemot - 2
eastern kingbird - 2
red-breasted nuthatch - 1
one unidentified medium passerine came in off the water to **Lobster Point** from the SW at 0920. It makes you wonder how far offshore it was and how long it had been flying to find land.

31 AUG

downy woodpecker - 1
blue jay - 5
common grackle - 2
red-winged blackbird - 2
purple finch - 5
cape may warbler - 7

red-breasted nuthatch - 10
european starling - 4
cedar waxwing - 100
eastern kingbird - 4
wilson's warbler - 1
american warbler - 17
common yellowthroat - 1
carolina warbler - 2
gray catbird - 1
yellow warbler - 2
yellow-rumped warbler - 2
bobolink - 30
american kestrel - 4
merlin - 3
peregrine falcon - 1
sharp-shinned hawk - 1
black guillemot - 2
northern gannet
unidentified warbler - 15

Cheers!
-Tom M.

AUGUST 31 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 6, 2010

This morning was rather birdy on the island. The last few days have been good for bobolinks. Not too much was blown by the storm. The number of gulls did increase after though. Here is a recap.

31 AUG

chimney swift - 1 (late in the day)

1 SEP (before and after sunset at the wharf while fishing for mackerel)

veery - 1
wilson's snipe - 1
yellow warbler - 3
blackpoll warbler - 1
unknown warbler - 6

2 SEP

purple finch - 8
blue jay - 10

brown-headed cowbird - 1
yellow warbler - 1
eastern kingbird - 13
unknown warbler - 6
carolina wren - 2
bobolink - 3
BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER - 1 (by the Trailing Yew)
european starling - 3
red-breasted nuthatch - 1
sharp-shinned hawk - 1
gray catbird - 1
laughing gull - 1
black-crowned night heron - 2 (after sunset)

3 SEP

bobolink - 35
pectoral sandpiper - 2

4 SEP

unknown large shearwater - 1
cory's shearwater - 2
northern gannet - 60
common eider
black guillemot - 1
laughing gull - 12
sterna spp - 4 (common/arctic/roseate/forster's)
ring-billed gull - 1
semi-palmated plover - 1

6 SEP

red-breasted nuthatch - 3
bobolink - 27
LARK SPARROW - 3 (one up the hill from The Novelty, and two together
by the Lupine Gallery that flew up to the school house, all immatures)

american robin - 6
carolina wren - 2
semipalmated plover - 1
baltimore oriole - 1
purple finch - 20
purple martin - 1
black guillemot - 7
chipping sparrow - 1
solitary sandpiper - 1

yellow warbler - 1
great blue heron - 1
BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER - 1 (by the Trailing Yew)
merlin - 2
eastern kingbird - 1
blackpoll warbler - 3
gray catbird - 2
osprey - 1
great cormorant - 4 (one flock heading south)

Cheers!
-Tom M.

SEPTEMBER 9, 10, 2010

Today was decent with good variety on the island. Yesterday was most likely as good, but I did not get out. I was out both nights and there were numerous flight calls, as well as this evening. These seem to be the best movements of the fall so far. Hopefully, tomorrow will be as good as today!

9 SEP

wilson's snipe - 2 (after sunset)

10 SEP

In the morning

american kestrel - 2
american redstart - 3
greater yellowlegs - 1
common yellowthroat - 2
red-breasted nuthatch - 2
blackpoll warbler - 4
purple finch - 1
blackburnian warbler - 3
black-throated green warbler - 2
red-eyed vireo - 3
chipping sparrow - 1
bobolink - 15
northern parula - 1

common raven - 1
solitary sandpiper - 1
gray catbird - 2

This afternoon

rose-breasted grosbeak - 1
nashville warbler - 1
american redstart - 3
carolina wren - 3
red-eyed vireo - 5
black-throated green warbler - 1
common yellowthroat - 3
yellow-rumped warbler - 1
northern waterthrush - 1
magnolia warbler - 2
black and white warbler - 2
western palm warbler - 1
merlin - 1
purple finch - 1
brown thrasher - 1
bobolink - 1

Cheers!
-Tom M.

SEPTEMBER 11, 12, 13, 2010

It was a great weekend to be out on the island, just ask the 13 year old kid who must tracked every bird on the island that was present. He reported a handful of philadelphia vireos, a couple of yellow-throated vireos, a few lincoln's sparrows, and a scarlet tanager. He and I saw possible mourning warbler, it was a quick look and fleeting look.

The legendary Tom Martin has arrived on the island. He got settled in on Friday. So the seed is being puy out and he keeping is constant vigil from the porch.

Here is most of what was around, or at least what I saw.

11 SEP

belted kingfisher - 3
blackpoll warbler - 3 (definitely an under count as many zip call notes were heard)
red-breasted nuthatch - 3
purple finch - 22
blue jay - 3
cedar waxwing - 12
merlin - 3
carolina wren - 3
least flycatcher - 2
yellow-rumped warbler - 1
american goldfinch - 12
semi-palmated plover - 1
gray catbird - 7
downy woodpecker - 1
black-capped chickadee - 12
red-eyed vireo - 5
black-throated green warbler - 6
common yellowthroat - 4
ruby-throated hummingbird - 3
bobolink - 15
black guillemot - 11
bald eagle - 3
cooper's hawk - 1
black and white warbler - 3
american black duck - 1
northern harrier - 2
swamp sparrow - 1
canada warbler - 1
chestnut-sided warbler - 1
northern flicker - 1
eastern kingbird - 2
sharp-shinned hawk - 2
ruby-crowned kinglet - 1
rose-breasted grosbeak - 1
brown thrasher - 1

12 SEP

american goldfinch - 3
northern flicker - 5
common raven - 2
gray catbird - 3
black-capped chickadee - 6

least flycatcher - 2
red-eyed vireo - 3
black guillemot - 1
american black duck - 1
belted kingfisher - 1
blue jay - 2
baltimore oriole - 3
common yellowthroat - 2
american kestrel - 1
merlin - 2
wilson's snipe - 1
northern harrier - 2
red-breasted nuthatch - 3
purple finch - 4
cedar waxwing - 18
sharp-shinned hawk - 1
canada warbler - 1
cooper's hawk - 1
brown creeper - 1
american robin - 1
semi-palmated plover - 4
northern gannet - 4

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northern flicker - 8
blue jay - 9
gray catbird - 6
black-capped chickadee - 19
carolina wren - 2
purple finch - 4
brown thrasher - 1
red-eyed vireo - 6
merlin - 1
red-breasted nuthatch - 6
least flycatcher - 1
white-winged scoter - 2
chestnut-sided warbler - 1
northern parula - 1
american robin - 3
sharp-shinned hawk - 1
carolina wren - 1
belted kingfisher - 1
semi-palmated plover - 1
brown creeper - 1

golden-crowned kinglet - 4
common yellowthroat - 1
whimbrel - 1 (flying NE seen from Hornes Hill)

Cheers!
Tom M.

SEPTEMBER 15, 2010

Hello Maine Birders:

The highs were high and the lows were low out on Monhegan yesterday (9/15/10).

It started off really challenging but in the end we all left with big smiles on our faces.

It was painful trying to scare up songbirds. It was the slowest I've seen on my trips to Monhegan (spring or fall). We walked for ten minutes before encountering our first passerine - a chickadee. But there were a few gems to be had. A Blue-gray Gnatcatcher was doing its thing in an apple tree next to the church and the Lark Bunting was very cooperative (thanks Bryan and co.!) at White head.

The non-songbirds were the real highlights. A Blue-winged Teal and a Solitary Sandpiper in the Ice Pond. An American Bittern posed at the edge of the reeds down by the pump house. There was an amazing Northern Gannet show off White Head: 100+ birds soaring and plunging. I could have stayed there all day.

The most dramatic bird activity was the raptors. By mid-morning the NW winds really kicked up and there wasn't a moment after that when you couldn't spot a Sharp-shinned or a Merlin overhead. When we were down at **Lobster Cove**, 6-10 raptors were in the sky at all times dog-fighting, soaring, and pursuing prey. A few Peregrines, harriers, and Osprey rounded out the species list. A Merlin narrowly missed picking off the Lark Bunting while we watched it.

Good birding,
Eric Hynes

SEPTEMBER 27, 2010

Kristen Lindquist Cold and rainy this afternoon but last night's wind blew in some new birds. We spent this Morning watching a great falcon show (mostly merlins) at **Lobster Cove** and finding a few more songbirds.

Highlights:

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER-bright and beautiful amid a plum bush, presumably the one first found on Saturday by

Blair Nikula. Thanks to Doug Hitchcox for pointing it out!

LARK SPARROW-with two dickcissels, chipping sparrows, a clay-colored sparrow, etc. Behind the school.

Baltimore oriole in full summer male plumage.

Lots more palm warblers, including a brown Western palm.

Not seen by me but also here:

WHITE-EYED VIREO-found by Derek Lovitch near the Ice Pond the morning.

Derek also had a marsh wren and a Canada warbler on the way to Lobster Cove this morning. Sora in the Meadow.

BLUE GROSBEAK-found by Eric Hynes in the Meadow.

And lots of other stuff despite the weather!

Kristen

SEPTEMBER 30. 2010

Robin Robinson

This morning had a 'Get-Your-Hard-Hat" massive fall out on the leading edge of the storm. mild breeze about 5mph

at the time, overcast and warm. Lasted 45 min, then fog bank rolled in and rain. Birches referenced are off a deck, two of them which seem to catch lots of passerines
Numbers of warbs are conservative. Got lots of pics, always fun! Robin Robinson
<http://robins-chaos.blogspot.com>

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Then, I went to Lobster Cove:

Snowies 2

GHB 1

GLOSSY IBIS!!! 1

Greater Yellow Legs, 1 hanging with above
more Yellow rumps, 5

Flickers 3

Kingfisher 1

Marsh Cove Rd

Wild turkeys 3

Wat'ah Lake/Sebasco resort

Canadas 100

Herring gulls

RT Hummer zoomed by

GBH 1

Crazy day!

Robin Robinson

OCTOBER 7, 2010

Now that most of the birders are gone I will resume my posts. They did a much better job of searching the island than I do. Today had a few birds still kicking around, but a lot have moved along.

magnolia warbler - 1
golden-crowned kinglet - numerous
white-throated sparrow - numerous
yellow-rumped warbler - numerous
northern flicker - 2
yellow-bellied sapsucker - 2
red-breasted nuthatch - numerous
red-eyed vireo - 2
black and white warbler - 2
brown creeper - 4
purple finch
baltimore oriole - 1
osprey - 2
merlin - 2
peregrine falcon - 2
ruby-crowned kinglet - 1
black duck - 3
white-crowned sparrow - 2
clay-colored sparrow - 2
common yellowthroat - 1
yellow palm warbler - 2

cheers!
Tom M.

OCTOBER 8, 2010

This morning there were a smattering of interesting birds around. Most noteworthy was a WORM-EATING WARBLER that came into my pishing after viewing a chat briefly. This was just up the hill from the Trailing Yew. I watched it for five minutes or so, then it disappeared back into the brush.

red-bellied woodpecker - 1
yellow-rumped warbler

red-breasted nuthatch - 8
baltimore oriole - 2
ruby-crowned kinglet - 3
northern flicker - 6
golden-crowned kinglet
brown thrasher - 1
osprey - 1
white-throated sparrow
sharp-shinned hawk - 2
winter wren - 1
brown creeper - 2
red-eyed vireo - 4
swamp sparrow - 2
peregrine falcon - 5
black duck - 4
black-throated green warbler - 1
wilson's warbler - 1
yellow-bellied sapsucker - 2
chipping sparrow - 6
white-crowned sparrow - 4
pine siskin - 2
northern gannet
merlin - 2
pine warbler - 2
blackpoll warbler - 2
great blue heron - 1
palm warbler - 2
yellow-breasted chat - 1
WORM-EATING WARBLER - 1

Cheers!

-Tom M.

OCTOBER 8, 2010 #2

Paul Corcoran

Oct 9, 7:43 am

Yesterday I went over to Monhegan Island for the first time. The wind was blowing 15 to 20 mph. I was joined by Jonathan, Ellen and Bryce. We had 49 species by lunch and then added guillemot in the afternoon. We went to **Lobster Cove** and then continued past the ship wreck to the back side of the island. We were treated to 450+ Northern Gannets they were diving repeatedly.

Paul from Bangor

OCTOBER 16, 2010

There have been some good birds around this week. It seems a lot have left the island with the strong winds. Warblers and vireos are getting scarce. I saw only one red-eyed vireo today. The yellow-rumps are way down, and the blackpolls were almost as numerous. The 14th was a good day all around, as you will see. A few black-throated-blue and green-warblers were seen on the 14th as well as a few common yellowthroats, and northern waterthrush was a surprise. Today I saw my first orange-crowned warbler. Palm warblers were less scarce today. Only yellows were present, the westerns were most abundant on 14th. I heard a chat on the 14th. On the 12th I saw a scarlet tanager. One blue headed vireo on the 13th.

The sparrows were very abundant since the 12th with the 14th seeming to be the peak. Today there were many less white-throats. There was however a nice lark sparrow coming to the seed in Tom's yard. A field sparrow has been seen the last few days. White-crowned sparrows peaked on the 14th with 17 being seen. My first fox sparrow was on the 14th, and a lincoln's was seen on the also.

Pine siskins were in good numbers on the 14th. Three wood ducks were on Ice Pond on the 14th, as well as a mallard/black duck hybrid, which is hanging with black ducks. Baltimore orioles were seen up til the yesterday. Four rusty blackbirds were seen on the 14th. A lone yellow-billed cuckoo was seen on the 14h and I found feathers of a yellow-billed in the same area today, so I fear it has come the way of the hooded warbler. Both kinglets are less numerous and I only turned up one sapsucker today. Great cormorants are picking up though. Peregrines and merlins are still terrorizing the skies.

All and all it is still relatively birdy and the time is here for any wayward vagrant to show. Who will come out find them?

Cheers!
-Tom M.

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