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RECORDS FROM GREAT GULL ISLAND — 1972

For the past four summers, intensive netting and observation has been conducted on Great Gull Island, Suffolk County (Duffy 1970, 1971; Pasquier, Poole 1972). This paper is a summation of interesting records for the spring and summer of 1972. Bull's *Birds of the New York Area* (1964) and *Supplement* (1970) were used for evaluation of status of the species mentioned.

Cory's Shearwater: 1-May 25. Seen during a day of extremely high east wind; this is the fourth record before July and the earliest sighting for the area by four days.

Great Cormorant: 2-June 5; 3-June 6; 1-June 9. Bull lists the previous spring extreme as May 3.

Common Scoter: 24-July 20. Bull lists this species as rare in summer but this flock and others seen in past summers in Gardiner's Bay indicate that it may not be uncommon in the vicinity.

Pomarine Jaeger: 1-June 21 (Hays) and 1-June 24 (Pasquier).

Parasitic Jaeger: 2-June 24 (De la Torre) Also three unidentified jaegers on June 24 and 2 on June 30. Although possibly not rare offshore (Wynne-Edwards, 1935; Alperin 1958) they are probably rather casual as far inshore as Gull Island early in the season, despite their frequency later (Pasquier, Poole 1972, Pasquier in prep.) These birds were probably the result of Hurricane Agnes, on June 21.

Royal Tern: 1-May 7 (Hays and Donaldson); 3-June 16; 1-July 1. The previous earliest spring record for this species is June 20.

Monk Parakeet: 1-June 4.

Swallow sp.: 1000-June 1. Estimated total for species: 500 Tree; 300 Barn, 200 Bank, 10 Cliff, 1 Rough-winged, 3 Purple Martins; and one Chimney Swift. Rather late for a migrating flock, the birds appeared on the day of a *Chironomid* midge swarm and vanished immediately after.

Acadian Flycatcher: 1-June 12-13, banded and keyed (Phillips et al. 1966) there seems to be a regular occurrence of this species in early June.

Short-billed Marsh Wren: 1-May 17-singing, little known as a migrant.

Philadelphia Vireo: 1-banded May 30, Bull regards it as very rare in spring.

Worm-eating Warbler: 1-banded August 13, generally rare migrant in fall.

Wilson's Warbler: 1-June 11, a late extreme by four days.

Summer Tanager: 1-July 9, an adult male banded and released, third summer record for the island.

Vesper Sparrow: 1-August 10, found freshly dead, specimen preserved. Apparently an early migrant or possibly a vagrant from the small remaining population on eastern Long Island.

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