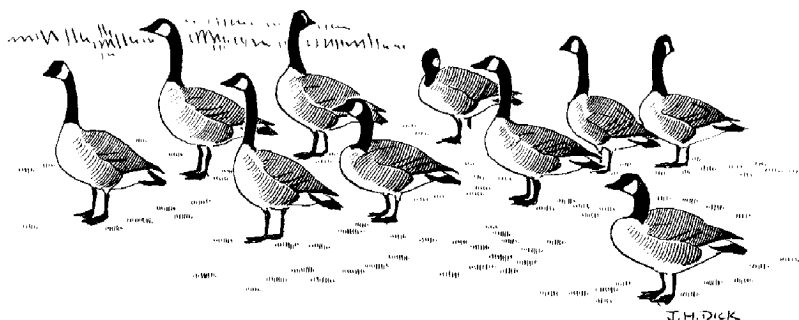


of the eggs remained. By 24 June the nestling was well feathered and occupied practically the entire nest; and on 27 June the young bird had left the nest and was seen in a nearby shrub.

As pointed out by Stupka (*Notes on the Birds of Great Smoky Mountains National Park*, 1963) the Junco ordinarily nests on the ground, choosing the edge of a bank, rock ledge, or the base of a tree trunk for its building site. Occasionally, nests are placed in trees or shrubs, however, ranging as high as 30 feet, according to Garner (*J. Tenn. Acad. Sci.*, 1:31-40, 1926). Apparently the only records of the birds' utilizing sites other than the ground or low vegetation were reported by Sprunt (*Auk*, 41:610-612, 1924; *Auk*, 47:568, 1930) who described three such nests: one in a tin can at the edge of a tennis court, another on the rafter of a garage, and a third in a fern basket, all 3 records coming from Blowing Rock, N.C.



## Briefs for the Files

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(all dates 1969 unless otherwise listed)

**COMMON LOON**—One was present near North Wilkesboro, N.C., on the Kerr Scott Reservoir between 10 September and 1 December, Wendell Smith.

**RED-THROATED LOON**—One was inland at Raleigh, N.C., on 6 December, Robert Hader.

**HORNED GREBE**—Flocks of 12 and 35 were found near Raleigh on 22 November by Robert Hader.

**GREATER SHEARWATER**—A single bird found freshly dead on the beach at Avon, N.C., on 3 November was late for North Carolina waters, Kenneth Parkes.

**DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT**—Individuals were seen near Raleigh on 28 October and on 11 and 12 December by Robert Hader.

**WHITE IBIS**—Three immature birds were found well inland at High Point, N.C., on 14 August by David Burney and John Austin, with single birds seen there on 23 August and 13 September by James Mattocks. Two were also found at Raleigh on 16 August

- by Harry and Edmund LeGrand, and one was seen there on 23 August by Robert Hader.
- GLOSSY IBIS**—Ten were late on 28 November at West Onslow Beach, N.C., Gilbert Grant.
- WOOD IBIS**—Small numbers were seen regularly in late August at Ocean Drive Beach, S.C., by Jackson M. Abbot.
- COMMON EGRET**—One, apparently sick, was found on 4 January 1970 at Lake Wheeler near Raleigh by Mike Browne, Gilbert Grant, and Darryl Moffett.
- CATTLE EGRET**—One was late at Ocracoke, N.C., on 2 November and at the Pea Island Natl. Wildl. Refuge just south of Nags Head, N.C., on 16 November, T. F. Wisboldt.
- BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON**—A late bird was found on 2 November at Lake Wheeler near Raleigh by Harry and Edmund LeGrand.
- WHISTLING SWAN**—One adult and 1 immature bird were found at Lake Benson near Raleigh on 15 November and 13 December by Robert Hader. Two were present on Lake Baggart in Richmond County, N.C., on 21 November, seen by Lyles Morgan and reported by Jay Carter.
- SNOW GOOSE**—A single Snow Goose in company with a Blue Goose was found at Wrightsville Beach on 24 November by Dot Earle and Kitty Kosh.
- AMERICAN WIDGEON**—One was seen at West Onslow Beach, N.C., on 8 September was somewhat early, Gilbert Grant.
- GREEN-WINGED TEAL** were early at Ocean Drive Beach, S.C. on 18 August, Jackson M. Abbot.
- HOODED MERGANSER**—One was seen daily on a farm pond near Chapel Hill, N.C., between 19 and 23 June by James Pullman.
- RED-BREASTED MERGANSER**—Four were very early at Ocean Drive Beach, S.C., on 22 August, Jackson M. Abbot.
- BALD EAGLE**—Three were seen at the Lake Mattamuskeet Natl. Wildl. Refuge near Swan Quarter, N.C., on 7 to 9 November by the ornithology class of N.C. State University and reported by Jay Carter. A single eagle was seen there on 25 November, James Parnell. A single eagle was also seen by Eugene Pond between Davis and Stacy in eastern North Carolina in late December.
- PEREGRINE FALCON**—A single bird was found on 25 August at Cedar Island, N.C., by Jackson M. Abbot. At the Pea Island Refuge Royce Hough observed an immature Peregrine Falcon with a Cattle Egret kill during the second week of October.
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER**—Several small flocks numbering at least 30 individuals were found at Pea Island between 10 and 12 October by Royce Hough.
- DUNLIN**—Five were found inland at High Point, N.C., on 25 October by James Mattocks.
- STILT SANDPIPER**—Approximately 45 were found at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore on 11 October by Harry and Edmund LeGrand.
- LONG-BILLED CURLEW**—One was found at Fort Fisher just south of Carolina Beach, N.C., on 2 and 3 November by James Pullman.
- NORTHERN PHALAROPE**—One was found inland at High Point on 25 October by James Mattocks.
- BONAPARTE'S GULL**—Six were found inland near Raleigh on 14 November by Robert Hader.
- RING-BILLED GULL**—One adult and 2 immatures were seen in the North Carolina mountains at Swannanoa on 19 September by Bob Ruiz.
- BLACK TERN**—One was early at Raleigh on 20 June, Robert Hader; as was one at Georgetown, S.C., on 6 July, John Cely.
- DOVEKIE**—One found dead on the highway about 1½ miles S of Salvo, N.C., on 3 November was the only early winter record received, Kenneth C. Parkes.
- RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH** arrived early in North Carolina. They were first found on 24 September at Raleigh by Harry LeGrand and on 27 September at North Wilkesboro by Wendell Smith.

- BANK SWALLOW**—Thirty-six were seen near Bullock in Granville County, N.C., on 9 July by Carl Johnson and Gilbert Grant. A flock of 50 was found near Raleigh on 9 and 10 August by Harry LeGrand.
- BARN SWALLOW**—Three were late at the Pea Island Refuge on 4 November, Kenneth C. Parkes.
- SHORT-BILLED MARSH WREN**—At Raleigh 2 were seen on 21 September and 2 on 30 September by Harry LeGrand. One was found there on 18 October by Robert Hader. At Southern Pines a single bird was found on 23 August by Jay Carter.
- ROBIN**—Eight nests were found at Greenfield Lake in Wilmington during the summer of 1969 by Kitty Kosh. This species appears to be increasing in numbers as breeding birds at Wilmington.
- EASTERN BLUEBIRD**—A male was seen carrying nesting material to a box at Swannanoa, N.C., on 26 and 28 October while a female perched nearby, Bob Ruiz.
- WHITE-EYED VIREO**—One was late at Chapel Hill on 8 November, Robert Teulings.
- PROTHONOTARY WARBLER**—One found at Raleigh on 24 September by Harry LeGrand was somewhat late.
- SWAINSON'S WARBLER**—A bird found dead at a Raleigh TV tower on 20 September was only the second local record, Will Post.
- NASHVILLE WARBLER**—Individuals were seen at Chapel Hill on 10 and 14 September by Robert Teulings and on 21 September by James Pullman.
- YELLOW WARBLER**—Eight were seen on the late date of 21 September by Harry and Edmund LeGrand at Raleigh; and 2 were at Southern Pines on 5 October, Jay Carter.
- CERULEAN WARBLER**—One was seen at North Wilkesboro on 14 September by Wendell Smith.
- CONNECTICUT WARBLER**—One at Chapel Hill on 4 October was very unusual, James Pullman.
- YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT**—One on 9 November at Chapel Hill was very late, Robert Teulings.
- BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD**—A single egg was found in the nest of a Yellowthroat on 1 June at Sneads Ferry, in eastern North Carolina. An adult male Yellowthroat was seen feeding a young cowbird in the same vicinity on 14 June, Gilbert Grant. On 27 May a Yellow-throated Warbler was seen feeding a cowbird at Wilmington, Kitty Kosh.
- SCARLET Tanager**—A male in breeding plumage was seen singing on 9 July about 30 miles S of Charlotte, N.C., in the Landsford Canal area by Louise Lacass and Betty E. Moore.
- BLUE GROSBEAK**—A single bird was late at Chapel Hill on 1 November, Robert Teulings.
- LARK SPARROW**—A single adult was found at the Wright Memorial near Nags Head, N.C., on 9 and 10 November by James Pullman.
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW**—One was seen daily between 16 March and 12 April at Merritt, N.C., by Geraldine Cox. A single bird was also found at Chapel Hill on 2 October by Robert Teulings.
- SNOW BUNTING**—Unusually large numbers were found along the North Carolina coast in early November. Twelve were at Ocracoke on 2 November, 30 were at the Pea Island Refuge on 3 November, and 30 were at Oregon Inlet on 4 November, Kenneth C. Parkes. At Wrightsville Beach 18 were found on 5 November by James Pullman.
- CORRECTION:** The brief concerning Common Mergansers at Southern Pines in the June 1969 *Chat* should read: **RED-BREASTED MERGANSER**—Nine females were found inland at Southern Pines, N.C., on 1 December 1968 by Jay Carter.