



BRIEFS FOR THE FILES

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(all dates 1970 unless otherwise listed)

COMMON LOON - Individuals were sighted inland at Southern Pines, N.C., on 15 and 28 April by Jay Carter; at Raleigh on 2 May by Harry and Edmund LeGrand; and at Sumter, S.C., on 8 May by Evelyn Dabbs.

SOOTY SHEARWATER - Four were seen at Pea Island on 16 May, Harry and Edmund LeGrand.

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT - Single bird found inland at Raleigh, 5 April, Harry and Edmund LeGrand.

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON - One found early at Umstead Park, Raleigh on 31 March by Harry and Edmund LeGrand.

AMERICAN BITTERN - Scarce spring visitor at Chapel Hill, N.C., 4 April, James Pullman.

WHISTLING SWAN - Six were found inland near Reidsville, N.C., on 8 March, William and Ruth Noonan. Late straggler was reported at Pea Island on 16 May by Harry and Edmund LeGrand.

REDHEAD - A single bird was seen inland at North Wilkesboro, N.C., on 21 April, Wendell Smith.

CANVASBACK - One was found near Taylorsville, N.C., on 21 March by Wendell Smith.

COMMON GOLDENEYE - One was an unusual visitor at North Wilkesboro on 28 March, Wendell Smith.

UPLAND PLOVER - Four were observed at Wrightsville Beach, N.C., on 4 April by Frances Needham. One was also found at Chapel Hill, 27 April by Alex Hull and Joe Jones.

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER - One was seen inland at North Wilkesboro 19 May by Wendell Smith.

LEAST SANDPIPER - Two were found at North Wilkesboro on 15 May by Wendell Smith, and one was seen late at Raleigh on 31 May by Harry and Edmund LeGrand.

- MARBLED GODWIT - A single bird was seen near Carolina Beach, N.C., on 25 April by Harry and Edmund LeGrand.
- AMERICAN AVOCET - Three were sighted near Carolina Beach on 25 April by Harry and Edmund LeGrand, and a flock of 30 was found at Bodie Island on 23 May by Plumer W. Wiseman.
- BLACK-NECKED STILT - Two birds were present at Hilton Head Island, S.C., 1-3 May, reported by Caroline Newhall.
- NORTHERN PHALAROPE - A single bird, a female, was found on Lake Wheeler near Raleigh on 3 May by Harry and Edmund LeGrand.
- BLACK TERN - Single birds were seen on 16 and 17 May at Pea Island by Harry and Edmund LeGrand.
- WESTERN KINGBIRD - One was perched on a dead tree on the shoulder of Silas Creek Pkwy, Winston-Salem, N.C., on 17 August 1969, an unusual inland sighting by Ramona R. Snively.
- TRAILL'S FLYCATCHER - One was observed and heard calling on 8 April near Durham, N.C., by Mrs. Paul Payne.
- BANK SWALLOW - At least 15 were found by Harry and Edmund LeGrand on Bodie Island, 16 May. This species is seldom reported from the coast in spring.
- ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW - One was early at Lake Johnson at Raleigh on 14 March, Robert Teulings.
- RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH - One lingered until 15 May at Southern Pines, N.C., Jay Carter.
- SHORT-BILLED MARSH WREN - One was a rare spring visitor at Raleigh 29 April, Robert Hader.
- WATER PIPIT - One was late at Raleigh, 9 May, Darryl Moffett and Harry LeGrand.
- PHILADELPHIA VIREO - Good study was made by Mrs. Paul Payne near Durham, N.C., on 22 April.
- ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER - Single bird was seen near Durham 19 May by Mrs. Paul Payne.
- CERULEAN WARBLER - One was seen at Chapel Hill on 20 April by James Deaton and George Patterson, and one on 16 May at North Wilkesboro by Wendell Smith.
- WILSON'S WARBLER - Single birds seen by Wendell Smith on 4 May in North Wilkesboro and by James Pullman on 17 May near Chapel Hill.
- DICKCISSEL - One male was seen in Raleigh on 20 May by Robert Hader. A wintering bird in Southern Pines was last noted 9 April, Jay Carter.
- RUFIOUS-SIDED TOWHEE - A male of the white-eyed race was seen 19 April in Raleigh, Robert Hader.
- TREE SPARROW - Single bird seen 20 April near Durham by Mrs. Paul Payne.