



General Field Notes

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Destruction of the Rich's Inlet, N.C., Heronry

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The Rich's Inlet heron colony is located about 3 miles SE of Hampstead in Pender County, N.C., and is described by Funderburg (*Chat*, 23:17-18, 1960).

This was a formerly productive colony. Funderburg and Quay (*Jour. Elisha Mitchell Sci. Soc.*, 75:13-18, 1959) found 17 Green Heron (*Butorides virescens*) nests, 40 Little Blue Heron (*Florida caerulea*) nests, 105 Common Egret (*Casmerodius albus*) nests, 132 Snowy Egret (*Leucophoyx thula*) nests, and 198 Louisiana Heron (*Hydranassa tricolor*) nests there in 1955. Funderburg (*Chat*, 23:17-18, 1960) found an average of 20 pairs of Green Herons, 35 pairs of Little Blue Herons, 50 pairs of Common Egrets, 125 pairs of Snowy Egrets, and 150 pairs of Louisiana Herons in this heronry.

Jack Dermid, James F. Parnell, and I visited the colony on 4 July 1969. We found about 25 pairs of Green Herons nesting in this once-thriving colony. No other species of long-legged waders were observed in the vicinity. A summer home had been built adjacent to the nesting area and a path had been cut through the site.

Similar destruction of other colonies can be prevented if annual surveys are conducted and conservation groups are kept abreast of developments that may cause harmful changes in the habitat.

Goshawk at Franklin, N.C.

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Following low temperatures during most all of January and February (zero on 5 January), four snows piled up on each preceding one and kept a blanket of snow on the