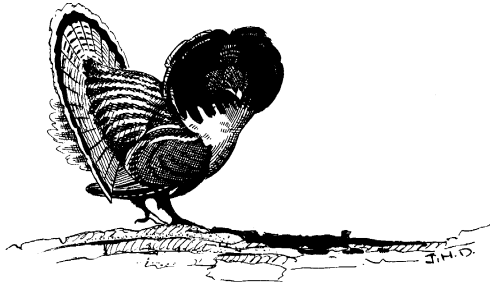


These observations were made along Morgan Creek at the Mason Farm, a wildlife preserve of the University of North Carolina, adjacent to the North Carolina Botanical Garden.

Plumage characters included a bright yellow crown, thin black eye line, entirely white underparts, and a diffuse yellow wing patch with no clear division into separate bars. The song, given repeatedly, was typical of the Golden-winged Warbler (*V. chrysoptera*).

The above comprises a first record for the Brewster's Warbler on Mason Farm, and this hybrid is quite scarce in our area. A recent comprehensive summary by R.J. Hader (*Chat*, 33:53-71) of many years of observations at Raleigh, N.C., 25 miles to the southeast, gives just two records, for 1888 and 1963 respectively. There is a recent report from Moore County by Jay Carter (*Chat*, 33:27). For the State as a whole, the 1959 revision of *Birds of North Carolina* gives three additional dates, for Chapel Hill, Montreat and Greensboro respectively.

It is interesting that the dates of the seven records noted above fall within rather narrow ranges, 26 April and 1 and 3 May in spring and 25, 28, and 29 August and 6 September (1888) in the fall.



BRIEFS FOR THE FILES

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GREATER SHEARWATER - One was seen floating and preening in the surf off Nags Head, N.C., on 24 October by Carl W. Carlson.

CATTLE EGRET - Three were found inland near New London in Stanly Co., N.C., on 16 October by Vivian Whitlock, and 6 were found near Durham, N.C., on the late date of 18 November by Mrs. Paul S. Payne.

BLUE GOOSE - Four were seen at Creech's Pond in northern York Co., S.C., on 24 October by William and Flo Cobey. One was present for a month after 9 November at Hilton Head Island, S.C., as reported by Stewart Rush and Caroline Newhall. One was at Lake Edgar Brown, Barnwell Co., S.C., on 2 and 3 November, Gerald E. Knighton.

SURF SCOTER - An unusual inland occurrence was recorded at Lake Wylie near Charlotte, N.C., where an immature male was found on 18 October by William and Flo Cobey.

GOLDEN EAGLE - Two were seen at Magnolia Gardens near Charleston, S.C., on 21 November by T.A. Beckett.

- BALD EAGLE** - A pair was reported by Dan Benfield to be engaged in nest building activities at Mattamuskeett N.W.R., New Holland, N.C., during November. Another pair was observed repairing a nest on South Island near Charleston on 22 November by Ted Beckett. Bald Eagles sighted elsewhere were an adult at Savannah N.W.R. near Hardeeville, S.C., on 4 November by J.O. Pullman, an immature near Hampstead, Pender Co., N.C., on 8 November by Frank Chapman, and an immature at Hobcaw Plantation near Georgetown, S.C., on 13 and 14 November by F.M. Probst.
- PIGEON HAWK** - On 24 October, Kenneth Able and Sidney Gauthreaux observed a heavy hawk flight moving south over Folly Beach, S.C. In approximately 1 hour during the morning they counted 11 Pigeon Hawks along with 10 Sharp-shinned Hawks, 4 Red-tailed Hawks, 4 Marsh Hawks, 2 Osprey, and 85 Sparrow Hawks.
- VIRGINIA RAIL** - One was a late and unusual visitor at North Wilkesboro, N.C., on 5 November, Wendell Smith.
- BLACK RAIL** - One was flushed from a weed field south of High Point in Guilford Co., N.C., on 25 November by James and Clarence Mattocks.
- AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER** - William and Flo Cobey observed a flock of 17 at Creech's Pond in northern York Co., S.C., on 1 November.
- WILLET** - Along the shores of Hartwell Reservoir near Clemson, S.C., single birds were seen on 11, 12, and 29 August and 5 September by Sidney Gauthreaux. One was also seen on 23 August near Fair Play, S.C., by Kenneth Able and Sidney Gauthreaux. These sightings are noteworthy because Willets are decidedly a coastal species and have seldom been recorded in the Carolinas away from salt marshes and ocean beaches.
- PURPLE SANDPIPER** - One was found at Isle of Palms near Charleston on 24 October by Kenneth Able and Sidney Gauthreaux.
- LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER** - Fifteen were identified among some 1,200 Short-billed Dowitchers in the Bodie-Pea Island area on 21 August by Paul Sykes. Inland, one was found at Hartwell Reservoir on 12 August by Sidney Gauthreaux, who identified the bird by its call.
- BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER** - Sightings of at least 25 birds were recorded by various observers at Kitty Hawk, Bodie Island, Pea Island, Smith Island and Wrightsville Beach during the period 7 September through 7 November. Generally, one or two birds were seen at a time, but eight were found at the north impoundment on Pea Island, 12 September, by Marcia Lakeman, Marcia Nelson, and Gene Evans. One was also found inland at Raleigh by Robert Hader on 12 September.
- MARbled GODWIT** - In the Bodie-Pea Island area 25 to 30 were seen on 20 September by David Sonneborn. A flock of 30 was present at Oregon Inlet on 16 November, T.L. Quay et al.
- HUDSONIAN GODWIT** - A single bird was seen on 4 October at Pea Island by Jeanne and Ray Halsey, and one was later sighted in the same locality on 24 October by Carl W. Carlson.
- POMARINE JAEGER** - Individuals were seen at Bodie Island on 20 September by David Sonneborn and at Nags Head on 24 October by Carl W. Carlson.
- PARASITIC JAEGER** - One was seen on shore at Pea Island, 24 October, by Carl W. Carlson.

LAUGHING GULL - An immature bird was found inland at North Wilkesboro on the night of 10-11 August. It was picked up in an exhausted condition from a roadside by a policeman who took the bird to Wendell Smith for identification. This unusual incident occurred during a period of unsettled weather and strong easterly winds.

BONAPARTE'S GULL - One was observed inland at Roanoke Rapids Lake, Roanoke Rapids, N. C., on 21 November by Merrill Lynch.

FORSTER'S TERN - One was found inland at Raleigh on 10 September by Robert Hader.

SANDWICH TERN - Paul Buckley reported some 300 pairs nesting at Hatteras Inlet in June.

BLACK TERN - An estimated 400 were seen at West Onslow Beach, N.C., on 18 August by Gilbert Grant.

PILEATED WOODPECKER - Paul Sykes, Elizabeth Teulings, and Robert Teulings tallied 64 birds during a 38-mile canoe trip down the Congaree River from Columbia, S.C., on 15 September. A similar census on 18 September along 25 miles of the Wateree River below Hwy 378 resulted in a tally of 26 Pileateds.

WESTERN KINGBIRD - One was seen on 29 September and two on 24 October at Greenfield Lake in Wilmington, N.C., by Kitty Kosh and Mary Newhaus.

YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER - One was banded at Hillsborough, N.C., on 23 September by Charles Blake.

LEAST FLYCATCHER - Four were banded by Charles Blake at Hillsborough between 6 and 14 September. Dr. Blake commented that these were the first he had banded at his station since 1958. Migrants of this species also appeared at Umstead Park near Raleigh where single birds were seen and heard on 5, 19, and 30 September by Harry LeGrand.

SHORT-BILLED MARSH WREN - Transients were recorded inland at Chapel Hill, N.C., where two were seen on 19 September by James Pullman and one on 17 October by David Barnes. At Raleigh one was seen on 26 September by Robert Hader.

PHILADELPHIA VIREO - One was seen near Durham, N.C., on 13 September by Mrs. Paul Payne. On that same date one was also found at Cape Hatteras near Frisco by Rudolph Keller.

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER - Individuals were banded on 1 and 10 September at Hillsborough, N.C., by Charles Blake. In addition, rare fall sightings were recorded at Southern Pines on 20 and 24 August by Jay Carter, at Chapel Hill on 19 September by James Pullman, and at Raleigh on 23 September by Harry and Edmund LeGrand.

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER - Five were seen in the vicinity of Southern Pines, N.C., during the period 16 August through 1 September by Jay Carter. These are believed to be the first fall season records for that locality.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER - An immature bird was banded at Chapel Hill on 18 October by Elizabeth and Robert Teulings.

NASHVILLE WARBLER - An early fall migrant was seen at Durham, N.C., on 11 August by Mrs. Paul Payne.

- BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER** - A mid-summer sighting was recorded near Sumter, S.C., on 12 July by Evelyn Dabbs, Elizabeth and Robert Teulings.
- CERULEAN WARBLER** - In Wake County, N.C., near Raleigh, two were seen on 19 August and one on 20 August by Jeanne Halsey.
- BAY-BREASTED WARBLER** - One found at Folly Beach, S.C., on 25 October by Kenneth Able and Sidney Gauthreaux was an unusual coastal record.
- CONNECTICUT WARBLER** - An early fall transient was banded on 18 August at Hillsborough, N.C., by Charles Blake. Two were found dead at the WUNC television tower on Terrell's Mountain, Chatham Co., N.C., on 28 September by Wiley Sanders and Wallace Patterson (specimens to the State Museum). Another bird was banded at Chapel Hill on 3 October by Elizabeth and Robert Teulings.
- MOURNING WARBLER** - One was banded by Eloise F. Potter on 11 September at Zebulon, N.C.
- WESTERN Tanager** - One was carefully identified by Wendell Smith at North Wilkesboro, N.C., on 22 September.
- DICKCISSEL** - One was found at the CBC Sanctuary near Tryon, N.C., on 11 October by Gerald Knighton, Calvin Zippler, and Ray Holzworth. At Raleigh one was seen on 31 October by Robert Hader, and another was observed at Pea Island on 15 November by Elizabeth and Robert Teulings.
- LARK BUNTING** - A female was seen on repeated occasions between 8 and 10 September near Wanchese on Roanoke Island, N.C., by Marcia Lakeman, Marcia Nelson, and Gene Evans.
- HENSLOW'S SPARROW** - Several were found dead at the WECT television tower near Singletary Lake in Bladen County, N.C., on 30 October by Jay Carter. The specimens are deposited in the collection of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.
- LARK SPARROW** - One was seen at Huntington Beach State Park, Georgetown Co., S.C., on 30 August by F.M. Probst. Ted Beckett reported seeing two others at Bull's Island in the Cape Romain N.W.R. on 27 September and two at Magnolia Gardens near Charleston on 29 September.
- CLAY-COLORED SPARROW** - Two were observed at close range on Bodie Island, 6 October, by Carl W. Carlson.
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW** - Single birds were observed at Raleigh on 10 October by Robert Hader and 26 October by Harry LeGrand. At Chapel Hill, four birds were banded by Elizabeth and Robert Teulings, two on 3 October, one on 17 October, and one on 24 October.

CORRECTION—Photographs in the December 1970 *Chat* attributed to Geraldine Cox (cover, page 91) were taken by Dale Lewis, author of the paper "Summer Birds at a Coastal Marsh Impoundment in North Carolina." To prevent future errors involving photographs, contributors are requested to indicate on each photo the name of the photographer, subject, and top. Marking the top is particularly important if the subject is a nest or a scene reflected in water.—ED.