



## BRIEFS FOR THE FILES

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(All dates 1971 unless otherwise indicated)

**RED-NECKED GREBE** - A late bird, still in winter plumage, was at Huntington Beach State Park, S. C., on 23 May, Frederick Probst.

**SOOTY SHEARWATER** - Three were observed  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile offshore at Pea Island, N. C., on 22 May by Gilbert Grant.

**SNOWY EGRET** - Single birds were found inland at Raleigh on 27 April and 5 May by Mike Browne and Robert Hader.

**GLOSSY IBIS** - An early flock of 47 was at North River Marsh in Carteret Co., N. C., on 12 March, John Fussell.

**OLDSQUAW** - One to three were inland at Roanoke Rapids Lake near Roanoke Rapids, N. C. between 4 April and 23 April, Merrill Lynch.

**COMMON MERGANSER** - One was seen on 11 March and two on 25 March in the Winston-Salem area by Charles Frost, Robert Witherington, and Ramona Snavelly. On 10 April, a flock of six was found at Lake Benson near Raleigh by Robert Hader.

**ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK** - One was sighted near Durham on 1 April by Mrs. Paul S. Payne.

**BLACK RAIL** - Charles Bennett closely observed a migrant at Greenview Farm near Raleigh on 23 April.

- PURPLE GALLINULE** - In May of 1966, children at Woodlawn Elementary School in North Wilkesboro, N. C., found a Purple Gallinule snared in the school's playground fence. Their teacher, Mrs. M. J. Ingram, recognized the fatally injured bird as unusual and preserved it after it died. Mark Simpson and Wendell Smith recently examined the mounted specimen and made details of the record known. Few previous occurrences have been reported from the interior of the state and this apparently is the westernmost record.
- SEMIPALMATED PLOVER** - Inland an early spring transient was found at Chapel Hill, N. C., on 17 March by Russell Hovenman. A late migrant was seen at North Wilkesboro on 21 May by Wendell Smith.
- AM. GOLDEN PLOVER** - Frederick and Renee Probst found one at Huntington Beach State Park, S. C., on 31 March.
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER** - One was at West Onslow Beach, N. C., on 30 April, Gilbert Grant.
- SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER** - Inland two were seen on 27 April and 10 on 16 May at Raleigh where the species is regarded as a rare spring transient, Mike Browne, Harry LeGrand, and Edmund LeGrand.
- LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL** - One was carefully studied at Oregon Inlet on 2 April by David Sonneborn and Don Backe, the third sighting on the North Carolina Outer Banks since the species was first recorded there in December 1968.
- LAUGHING GULL** - Single birds were found inland near Winston-Salem on 6 May by Charles Frost and at Roanoke Rapids Lake on 30 May by Merrill Lynch.
- BONAPARTE'S GULL** - Surprisingly large numbers appeared during spring at Roanoke Rapids Lake, where as many as 138 were seen in mid-April, Merrill Lynch.
- COMMON TERN** - Several were seen during the latter half of April at Roanoke Rapids Lake by Merrill Lynch.
- CASPIAN TERN** - A flock of nine at Lake Wheeler near Raleigh on 29 April was unusual at this inland location, Edmund and Harry LeGrand.
- BLACK TERN** - A single bird was at Whispering Pines, N. C., on 8 May, Jay Carter.
- YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER** - One was late and unusual at Ringwood, Halifax County, N. C., on 23 May, Merrill Lynch.
- BANK SWALLOW** - An early transient was at Whispering Pines on 27 March, Jay Carter.
- PURPLE MARTIN** - The first bird of the season was unusually early at Raleigh on 19 February, Joshua Lee.
- PHILADELPHIA VIREO** - Wendell Smith recorded a scarce spring migrant at North Wilkesboro on 4 May.
- WARBLING VIREO** - Individuals were seen near Durham on 12 April by Mrs. Paul S. Payne and on 8 May by James Pullman.
- WORM-EATING WARBLER** - An early transient was found near Eastover, S. C., on 7 March by Ted Beckett and Stan Langston.

- NASHVILLE WARBLER - One was seen near Durham. on 7 May by Mrs. Paul S. Payne.
- MAGNOLIA WARBLER - One was rather late at Southern Pines, N. C., on 26 May, Jay Carter.
- BLACK-TH. BLUE WARBLER - A late transient was seen at Chapel Hill on 31 May, James Pullman.
- CERULEAN WARBLER - Single birds were seen near Durham on 5 May by Mrs. Paul S. Payne and at Raleigh on 9 May by Harry and Edmund LeGrand.
- CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER - A late spring migrant was banded by Charles Blake at Hillsborough, N. C., on 30 May.
- YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT - An individual was present at R. M. Geist's feeder in Chapel Hill during the second week of March.
- CONNECTICUT WARBLER - Several sightings of this rare spring migrant were made in the piedmont section of North Carolina. One was seen on 7 May near Durham by Mrs. Paul S. Payne, on 9 May at Winston-Salem by Sue Moore, and on 27 May at Charlotte by Lee Jones.
- WILSON'S WARBLER - One was seen on 6 May at North Wilkesboro by Wendell Smith, and three were observed at Raleigh between 10 and 17 May by Harry LeGrand.
- CANADA WARBLER - One was late and unusual at Weymouth Woods Sandhills Nature Preserve near Southern Pines on 26 May, Jay Carter.
- BALTIMORE ORIOLE - Four migrants were on the coast at Knotts Island, N. C., on 9 May, Gilbert Grant.
- ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK - Three males and two females were found on the coast at Bodie Island, N. C., on 1 May by Frank B. Aycock Jr.
- PAINTED BUNTING - A hardy individual that wintered at Southern Pines, N. C., was last seen there on 12 April, Jay Carter.
- DICKCISSEL - Individuals were seen near Durham on 20 April by Mrs. Paul S. Payne; at Litchfield Beach, S. C., on 4 May by Frederick Probst; and at Raleigh on 9 May by Harry and Edmund LeGrand.
- HOUSE FINCH - Most of the wintering birds left North Carolina in late March and early April, but at Winston-Salem 75 House Finches were counted in Tanglewood Park on 24 April by Gardner Gidley and 2 were seen in that area as late as 16 May by Royce Hough.
- GRASSHOPPER SPARROW - Three were heard singing on territory at Roanoke Rapids airport, Halifax Co., N. C. on 29 May by Merrill Lynch.
- VESPER SPARROW - A transient was found unusually late at Roanoke Rapids on 29 May, Merrill Lynch.
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW - An individual in emaciated condition was trapped by Elizabeth Teulings at her banding station in Durham County east of Chapel Hill on 9 May. The sick bird did not survive and has been preserved as a specimen.