

## BRIEFS FOR THE FILES

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(All dates 1971)

- COMMON LOON:** One in winter plumage was still present off Pea Island on 9 July, Gilbert Grant; three were off Elijah Lump near Morehead City on 21 July, John Fussell; and one was at Cedar Island Refuge (N.C.) on 15 July, Roger Steiner. An individual was noted inland on Roanoke Rapids Lake, Halifax County, N.C., on 14 August by Merrill Lynch.
- RED-THROATED LOON:** Five, along with a Common Loon, were offshore at Atlantic Beach, N.C., on 15 July as reported by Edward J. Reimann. Two were present on that same date at Cedar Island, Roger Steiner; and one was at Bird Shoal near Morehead City on 3 August, John Fussell.
- HORNED GREBE:** One was rather late at Cedar Island Refuge on 4 June, Roger Steiner; and one remained at Smith Island, N. C., as late as 14 June, James Parnell.
- PIED-BILLED GREBE:** A late migrant was seen at Highlands, N.C., on 29 May by Robert Hader, Harry LeGrand, and Edmund LeGrand. Evidence of breeding was noted at three coastal locations this summer. Gilbert Grant counted 14 adults and located 6 nests (4 empty, 2 with eggs) at the West Onslow Beach (N.C.) impoundment on 10 July. Ten birds including two young were seen at Huntington Beach State Park, S.C., on 18 July by Merrill Lynch. An adult and two juveniles were found at Long Beach, N.C., on 24 July by Harry and Edmund LeGrand.
- GREATER SHEARWATER:** One was sighted on 11 June off Charleston in the vicinity of C-2 buoy by Dennis Forsythe.
- AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER:** A crippled bird was found on Bird Shoal at Morehead City 30 July by John Fussell.
- WILSON'S PETREL:** Six were seen in the vicinity of C-2 buoy off Charleston on 11 June by Dennis Forsythe.
- CATTLE EGRET:** Three were seen in early summer, 3 July, at Raleigh by Harry and Edmund LeGrand.
- LEAST BITTERN:** One was found inland near Ringwood in Halifax County, N. C., on 7 July by Merrill Lynch.
- WHITE IBIS:** Harry LeGrand recorded an immature at Raleigh on 3 August.
- BLACK DUCK:** One was an unexpected summer visitor at Chapel Hill, N.C., on 16 and 17 July, James Pullman. On the coast, evidence of breeding was noted at West Onslow Beach impoundment where an adult and 4 young were seen on 10 July by Gilbert Grant.
- GADWALL:** Two were seen at Lake Raleigh in Wake County, N.C., on 13 and 15 June by Chris Marsh; Robert Hader and Harry LeGrand found one still present there on 10 July. Four were found at West Onslow Beach on 10 July by Gilbert Grant, the first summer record for that locality.
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER:** A late spring migrant was found inland at Raleigh on 13 June by Chris Marsh. On the coast about 20 were seen in the Bodie Island area on 13 and 14 June by Harry LeGrand, and up to six were present at Bird Shoal off Morehead City from early June through early July as reported by John Fussell and Peter Graham.
- AMERICAN AVOCET:** Four birds in breeding plumage were seen at Bodie Island, N.C., on 9 July by Gilbert Grant; and Ted Beckett reported avocets present through the summer on South Island, S.C. Although observers have been looking for nesting evidence at these sites, the species has not been found breeding.
- BLACK-NECKED STILT:** Breeding activity was noted at West Onslow Beach impoundment where Gilbert Grant found six nests (2 with eggs, 4 empty) on 9 July.

- WILSON'S PHALAROPE:** A female in breeding plumage was seen on 6 June in the Savannah River Refuge, Jasper County, S.C., by Calvin Zippler and Gerald Knighton.
- NORTHERN PHALAROPE:** A female in breeding plumage was found at Bird Shoal off Morehead City on 11 July by John Fussell and Donna Goodwin.
- GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL:** Roger Steiner counted 38 summering birds on 15 July at Cedar Island Refuge.
- COMMON TERN:** Three pairs nested successfully on Bird Key near Charleston, Ted Beckett.
- BLACK TERN:** One was seen at Elijah Lump off Morehead City on 20 June, a month before the start of the regular fall migration, John Fussell, Peter Graham, and T.L. Quay. Another early migrant was seen inland at Lake Wheeler near Raleigh on 8 July by Robert Hader.
- BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO:** Mark Simpsom reported sighting a single bird near Chapel Hill on 4 August.
- SAW-WHET OWL:** Two birds were heard calling early on the morning of 13 April at Lake Gaston, Warren County, N.C., by Henry Haberyan.
- HORNED LARK:** A small colony was present through the summer at Roanoke Rapids airport in Halifax County, N.C. Several juveniles were seen there in July, indicating that nesting occurred, Merrill Lynch.
- CLIFF SWALLOW:** On 9 June James Pullman counted about 20 birds circling above High Rock Bridge at Tuckertown Lake in Stanly County, N.C. Nesting activity was first reported at this site in 1967 (*Chat*, 31:72).
- BEWICK'S WREN:** One was observed singing on territory at 5,300 ft. elevation on the Blue Ridge Parkway near Mt. Pisgah, 28 to 31 May, by Robert Hader, Harry LeGrand, Edmund LeGrand, and others.
- ROBIN:** Nesting apparently occurred within 2 miles of the coast in Carteret County, N.C., where a pair was found with fledglings at Morehead City Country Club in June by John Fussell. This record is of interest because Robins are uncommon summer residents in the eastern section of the state and their breeding status near the coast is not well defined.
- BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER:** One was found in northeastern Tyrrell County, N.C., on 15 June by Harry LeGrand; another was seen in late June at Mann's Harbor, N.C., by Glen Mahler; and several were noted during the summer in Croatan National Forest by John Fussell. Breeding season records from the coastal plain have been rare.
- WORM-EATING WARBLER:** Harry LeGrand found singing males at three different stations in NE Tyrrell and NW Dare Counties, N.C., on 15 June.
- CANADA WABLER:** A late spring migrant was banded at Hillsborough, N.C., on 1 June by Charles Blake.
- AMERICAN REDSTART:** An adult male was seen on 27 June at Great Lake in Croatan National Forest, Craven County, N.C., by John Fussell. Summer occurrences were also recorded in South Carolina east of the fall line where single males were seen in two areas along the Wateree River in Sumter County on 16 and 17 July by Jay Shuler, Evelyn Dabbs, Lee Jones, and others.
- SCARLET TANAGER:** A male and female were seen along Fishing Creek near Ringwood, N.C., in the SW corner of Halifax County in late June and early July, indicating possible breeding in that locality, Merrill Lynch. An adult male visited Eloise Potter's yard near Zebulon, N.C., on 29 July.
- AMERICAN GOLDFINCH:** Gerald Knighton found a male and female at Savannah Refuge in Jasper County, S.C., on 17 July and later saw a male at the same location on 8 August. Goldfinches are rare summer residents on the South Carolina coast.
- BACHMAN'S SPARROW:** Five birds, including a juvenile, were found on the grounds of McKinney Fish Hatchery in the North Carolina Sandhills, Richmond County, on 7 July by Jay Carter and Robert Teulings.