

document any additional sightings and breeding evidence from the Yellowstone Prong area, which is easily accessible on foot from the Blue Ridge Parkway.

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### Say's Phoebe at Eastover, S.C.

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Early Saturday morning, 18 January 1969, Mrs. Emma Walker and Mrs. Jay Zimmerman came down from Columbia for a day of birding in lower Richland County. Between the Wateree and Congaree Rivers are broad flat fields at that time having just been planted with grain or in which grain was just coming up. This was an ideal area for sparrows and pipits and many other ground birds. Hawks were also present, particularly Marsh Hawks. Many flocks of blackbirds darkened some fields.

We had ridden in a wide circle, and at about 4:30 PM came to the J.C. Lanham pastures. We stopped at the watertrough to look for Brewer's Blackbirds. One large oak tree is by the roadside, with a vacant house nearby, around which was a low fence. On one of the posts was a phoebe. We sat and watched as it flew from post to post, then realizing that there was something decidedly different about this bird, we got out of the car and followed the bird from one side of the house to the other, thus getting to see it from every angle in the sunlight. The rusty underparts were clearly seen from the front, with the dark head and tail with lighter back visible from the rear. It was much too brown for our eastern bird. Having with us the book, *Birds of North America* by Robbins, Bruun, and Zim, we identified the bird as a Say's Phoebe (*Sayornis saya*). We did not hear its call, but it bobbed its tail in the typical phoebe manner.

[Dept. Ed. -- This appears to be the first record of this western flycatcher in South Carolina. There is also a single record from Wake County, North Carolina (*Chat*, 30:28-29), which also summarizes the bird's occurrence east of the Mississippi River. While collections or photographs are always desirable to verify unusual sightings, careful observation by three capable birders certainly gives considerable weight to this observation which has been accepted by Burton in the revised edition of *South Carolina Bird Life* published in 1970. Say's Phoebe can now be placed on the Carolina Bird Club's hypothetical list for South Carolina.]

### Traill's Flycatcher at Chapel Hill, N.C., in Breeding Season

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On 6 June 1971 I found a Traill's Flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii*) singing steadily at Mason Farm near Chapel Hill, N.C. The song was of the "fitz-bew" variety. The bird was observed again on 12 and 19 June. The usual perch was in willow trees growing between multiflora rose hedges on either side of a wet ditch, surrounded by weedy fields. When last noted on 19 June, the songs were much less frequent; and the bird could well have remained in the area undetected for the rest of the summer.

The bird was once seen in vigorous conflict with a pair of chickadees, suggesting territorial defense. Speculatively, the bird was a male who established a nesting territory