

BRIEFS FOR THE FILES

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(All dates 1971)

- COMMON LOON:** An early fall migrant was noted at Roanoke Rapids Lake near Roanoke Rapids, N. C., on 14 August by Merrill Lynch. Four were seen on Lake Julian near Asheville, N. C., on 16 November by Robert Ruiz and Roland Sargent.
- RED-THROATED LOON:** One was found at Wrightsville Beach, N. C., as early as 27 August by Frances Needham.
- HORNED GREBE:** Charles Bennett recorded 150 at Texas Gulf Sulfur Company's settling pond near Aurora in Beaufort County, N. C., on 22 November.
- GREATER SHEARWATER:** One was sighted at Kill Devil Hills, N. C., on 25 October by Carl Carlson.
- SOOTY SHEARWATER:** Three of this species were clearly identified among 10 shearwaters seen close to shore at Kill Devil Hills during the period 23 to 25 October, Carl Carlson.
- AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER:** A small shearwater believed to be an Audubon's was sighted over Bogue Sound near Atlantic Beach, N. C., on 3 October by John Fussell.
- BROWN PELICAN:** One was an unexpected visitor at Lake Wylie near Charlotte, N. C., on 19 June, Mrs. William Cobey.
- DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT:** Two on 29 August and four on 8 October were uncommon visitors at Roanoke Rapids Lake, Merrill Lynch. Fall occurrences of at least five cormorants were also recorded on inland lakes in the vicinity of Raleigh during the period 2 October through 13 November by several observers.
- GREAT BLUE HERON:** Charles Bennett regularly found 12 or more at the Texas Gulf Sulfur settling pond near Aurora, N. C., during September and October, with an unusually large aggregation of 21 recorded there on 5 October.
- LITTLE BLUE HERON:** A locally uncommon flock of 10 was noted on 5 August at McKinney Lake Fish Hatchery in Richmond County, N. C., by Jay Carter.
- CATTLE EGRET:** Two were seen in western North Carolina near Old Fort on 23 and 25 October by Robert Ruiz and the John Hall family.
- COMMON EGRET:** Two were seen on 20 November and six on 25 November inland near Halifax, N. C., by Merrill Lynch.
- SNOWY EGRET:** An inland wanderer was seen at Raleigh on 22 August by Harry and Edmund LeGrand.
- LOUISIANA HERON:** One found on 29 August at Roanoke Rapids Lake by Harry LeGrand, Edmund LeGrand, and Merrill Lynch was the first local record.
- WOOD IBIS:** Eleven were seen near Calabash, in Brunswick County, N. C., on 27 July by Sebastian C. Sommer. Inland, one was an unexpected visitor at Rembut's Pond near Sumter, S. C., on 23 August, Evelyn Dabbs.
- GLOSSY IBIS:** An individual displaced inland by hurricane Ginger was found at Lake Wheeler near Raleigh on 2 October by Harry and Edmund LeGrand.
- WHITE IBIS:** An adult wanderer was found inland as far as Winston-Salem, N. C., on 5 August by Wayne Irvin, fide Ramona Snavelly.
- WHISTLING SWAN:** Uncommon occurrences were reported from the South Carolina coast where three individuals were seen at Huntington Beach State Park on 14 November by Frederick Probst and the arrival of a flock of 30 was noted on 9 November at Doe Hall Plantation near McClellanville by Jay Shuler.
- BLUE GOOSE:** An immature Blue Goose, together with an adult Snow Goose, arrived at a pond in Forsyth County, N. C., near Winston-Salem on 8 October and remained there for about two and a half weeks, Charles Frost, Robert Witherington and Ramona Snavelly.
- PINTAIL:** A flight of 35 was seen inland over the Cape Fear River in the vicinity of

Raven Rock State Park, Harnett County, N. C. on 2 October by Howard Hodges.

COMMON TEAL: A drake was carefully identified in a raft of Green-winged Teal at Pea Island Refuge on 25 November by Joseph A. Grom.

GREEN-WINGED TEAL: Two were very early at Raleigh on 13 August, Harry LeGrand.

BLUE-WINGED TEAL: A flock of 19 were swimming in a rain puddle at Finley Golf Course, Chapel Hill, N. C., on 19 October, James Pullman.

EUROPEAN WIDGEON: A drake was present from late October through mid-November at Pea Island, as reported by Refuge Manager N. R. Williamson.

AMERICAN WIDGEON: Two were early at Roanoke Rapids Lake on 12 September, Merrill Lynch.

SHOVELER: One was found as early as 7 September at Bodie Island, N. C., by Dennis L. Carter.

REDHEAD: Seven were unusual visitors at Lake Julian near Asheville, N. C., on 10 November, Roland Sargent.

SCOTERS: An estimated 9,000 to 10,000 scoters were seen off the beaches at Pea Island on 30 October by David Hughes, Gary Williamson, and Jay Robbins. The observed flocks were predominantly Surf Scoters, but all three species were present, including at least 50 to 60 White-winged Scoters.

COMMON MERGANSER: A lone female was seen at Lake Benson near Raleigh on 20 November by Robert Hader.

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK: One was seen at Pea Island Refuge on 10 and 11 November by N. R. Williamson. Another, in dark plumage, was observed near Bowman, Orangeburg County, S. C., on 29 October by Dennis Forsythe.

BALD EAGLE: An adult was sighted inland near Raleigh on 19 August by Robert Hader.

MARSH HAWK: One on 15 August near Chapel Hill was unusually early for that locality, James Pullman.

OSPREY: During a 2-hour period on 4 October, Jay Carter observed 90 Ospreys passing southward over Wrightsville Beach, N. C.

PEREGRINE FALCON: Sightings totaling at least 18 individuals were reported by observers at nine coastal locations from Nags Head, N. C., to Cape Romain Refuge, S. C., during the period 21 September through 24 October. Inland at Raleigh, single birds were seen on 18 September by Mike Browne and on 2 October by Harry and Edmund LeGrand.

SPARROW HAWK: No less than 99 (an average of 5 per mile) were seen perched on wires along the road between Oregon Inlet and Salvo, N. C., on 27 September by David Christie and party.

VIRGINIA RAIL: A migrant was found out of normal habitat in dry woods at Umstead State Park near Raleigh on 17 September by Edmund LeGrand.

BLACK RAIL: Two were seen at a marsh creek on Bodie Island, N. C., 25 September by Kitty Kosh and Lou Overman, and one was flushed near the same spot the following day by Geraldine Cox and Elizabeth Ball.

COMMON GALLINULE: Two were uncommon visitors at Lake Wheeler near Raleigh on 2 October, Jeanne and Ray Halsey.

PIPING PLOVER: On 25 September an unusually large concentration of at least 100 Piping Plovers was noted at Oregon Inlet, N. C., by Elizabeth and Robert Teulings.

AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER: Five were carefully studied at Oregon Inlet on 10 October by Gilbert Grant, and a single bird was seen at Nags Head on 24 November by Joseph Grom. Inland, one was a rare visitor at Raleigh on 11 September, reported by Robert Hader.

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: At least 500 were seen at Oregon Inlet on 3 October, by Mike Browne.

WHIMBREL: Two late migrants were found at Bird Shoal off Morehead City, N. C., on 31 October by John Fussell.

GREATER YELLOWLEGS: A large and unusual influx of 80 was recorded at Lake

- Raleigh near Raleigh on 12 September by Chris Marsh. Ten, identified by call, were found near Halifax, N. C., on the late date of 25 November by Merrill Lynch.
- PECTORAL SANDPIPER:** A migrant was found lingering at Raleigh as late as 22 November by Harry and Edmund LeGrand.
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER:** One was seen at Greenview Pond near Raleigh 18 September by Mike Browne.
- LEAST SANDPIPER:** A late individual was seen at Raleigh on 16 and 22 November by Harry and Edmund LeGrand.
- DUNLIN:** A single bird was recorded at Raleigh on 23 October by Robert Hader.
- STILT SANDPIPER:** Fall migrants were quite common in the Bodie-Pea Island area from late August through September, with a peak count of 50 at Pea Island reported by Robert Ake on 21 August. A late lingerer was seen at Cape Hatteras lighthouse on 20 November by Mitchell Byrd.
- WESTERN SANDPIPER:** Three were observed at Lake Raleigh, Wake County, N. C., on 5 and 9 September by Harry LeGrand; two were seen there on 12 September by Chris Marsh.
- BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER:** Several field parties enjoyed close-up observations of as many as seven birds feeding in mud flats adjacent to the north pond of Pea Island Refuge during the weekend of 25 and 26 September. An inland sighting was also recorded at Raleigh where a single bird was seen at Greenview Farm on 2 September by Harry LeGrand, Edmund LeGrand, and John Fussell.
- HUDSONIAN GODWIT:** James Parnell and other observers found two at Pea Island north pond on 25 and 26 September. Elsewhere, John Fussell saw one at Bird Shoal off Morehead City, N. C., on 3 October and later sighted at least two there on 27 November.
- AMERICAN AVOCET:** On 28 August, two were seen at Bird Shoal off Morehead City, N. C., by John Fussell; and 25 were found at Hog Island near Mt. Pleasant, S. C., on the same date by Dennis Forsythe. An uncommonly large flock of 150 was seen by CBC observers at the north pond of Pea Island Refuge on 25 September. On 8 November an individual was found at Carolina Beach, N. C., by James Pullman.
- NORTHERN PHALAROPE:** A single bird in winter plumage was an unexpected visitor at Lake Wheeler near Raleigh, 2 October, in the wake of hurricane Ginger, Harry and Edmund LeGrand.
- POMARINE JAEGER:** One was sighted close to shore at Kill Devil Hills, N. C., on 25 October by Carl Carlson; another was also seen by the same observer at Oregon Inlet on that date.
- PARASITIC JAEGER:** One was seen in the company of five unidentified jaegers off Coquina Beach on Bodie Island, N. C., 25 October by Harold Wierenga and party. The same observers also saw seven jaegers, two clearly identifiable as Parasitic, off the beach near Oregon Inlet the following day. Three individuals of this species were seen well at Pea Island on 30 October by Sebastian Patti, Harry LeGrand, and Edmund LeGrand.
- GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL:** A late summer count of 80 was recorded at Hatteras Inlet on 7 September by Dennis L. Carter.
- HERRING GULL:** On 2 October following passage of hurricane Ginger, a mixed flock of adults and immatures was seen at Lake Wheeler near Raleigh by Harry and Edmund LeGrand. On that day 11 were also seen at Roanoke Rapids Lake in northern Halifax County, N. C., by Merrill Lynch.
- LAUGHING GULL:** A flock of 26 were uncommon visitors at Roanoke Rapids Lake on 10 October, Merrill Lynch.
- BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE:** An immature bird was sighted just off the beach at Kill Devil Hills, N. C., on 23 October by Carl Carlson.
- FORSTER'S TERN:** About 30 were observed by Harry and Edmund LeGrand at Lake Wheeler near Raleigh on 2 October following passage of hurricane Ginger.
- COMMON TERN:** Simultaneous occurrences were recorded at three inland North

- Carolina locations, 2 October, in the wake of hurricane Ginger, with counts of 12 at Raleigh by Jeanne and Ray Halsey, 21 at Roanoke Rapids by Merrill Lynch, and at least 20 at Chapel Hill by James Pullman.
- SOOTY TERN:** One was recorded at Bogue Inlet near Morehead City, N. C., on 28 August by John Fussell.
- ROYAL TERN:** An individual, very likely swept inland by hurricane Ginger, was sighted at Lake Gresham near Raleigh on 2 October by Jeanne and Ray Halsey, the first record for Wake County. Another (or perhaps the same bird) was seen by Robert Small the following day at Lake Johnson, as reported by Robert Hader.
- SANDWICH TERN:** Two late-lingering individuals were seen in the Morehead City, N. C., area on 26 November by John Fussell.
- CASPIAN TERN:** Fall migrants were seen regularly in small numbers at Roanoke Rapids Lake from late August through early October by Merrill Lynch. Peak counts there were seven on 29 August and nine on 1 October.
- BLACK SKIMMER:** At least 4,000 were gathered on the sand flats at Oregon Inlet on 3 October, as reported by M. F. Majka; at least 2,000 were seen at Bird Shoal near Morehead City on 27 November by John Fussell.
- GROUND DOVE:** Two were seen north of their usual range on 25 September and 3 October at Fort Macon State Park near Atlantic Beach, N. C., by Ray Winstead, John Fussell, and others.
- YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO:** A late migrant was seen at Sneads Ferry in Onslow County, N. C., on 7 November by Gilbert Grant.
- BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO:** One was seen at North Wilkesboro, N. C., on 20 September by Wendell Smith, and one was found dead at Morehead City, N. C. on 3 October by C. J. Spears, verified by John Fussell.
- COMMON NIGHTHAWK:** A flight of a dozen early migrants was seen moving southward over the Blue Ridge Mountains near West Jefferson, N. C., on 17 August by Mildred F. Hartmann; and a very late migrant was observed on the coast at Pea Island, N. C., on 30 October by Sebastian Patti, Harry LeGrand, and Edmund LeGrand.
- RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD:** One was present regularly at a feeder in Morehead City as late as 27 November, fide John Fussell.
- YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER:** One was seen at Bodie Island, N. C., as early as 25 September, Elizabeth and Robert Teulings.
- WESTERN KINGBIRD:** Hal Wierenga and party observed a total of eight on wires along the Ocracoke Island, N. C., highway on 12 October. Elsewhere on the Outer Banks fall migrants were seen with regular frequency by observers in the Bodie-Pea Island area during the period 25 September through 20 November, including three in the vicinity of Bodie Island lighthouse by James Pullman on 11 November. Two were also seen on the coast at Emerald Isle, N. C., on 3 October by John Fussell, and another at Brookgreen Gardens south of Myrtle Beach, S. C., on 6 November by Frederick Probst. Inland, a single bird was seen near Fayetteville, N. C., on 10 November by James Parnell and Jay Carter.
- SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER:** An individual described as an immature was present for two days on 5 and 6 August at Pea Island Refuge, N. R. Williamson.
- YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER:** One was closely observed and clearly heard singing on 15 September near Raleigh by Edmund LeGrand.
- OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER:** One was seen just north of Devil's Courthouse on the Blue Ridge Parkway on 5 September by Mike Browne; Wendell Smith sighted another at North Wilkesboro, N. C., on 13 October.
- SWALLOWS:** Harry and Edmund LeGrand noted an unusual influx at Raleigh on 2 October, apparently related to the passage of hurricane Ginger. The tally included 2 Bank Swallows, 5 Cliff Swallows, and 750 Tree Swallows. In addition, an exceptionally late Tree Swallow was seen there on 26 November by James Pullman.
- SHORT-BILLED MARSH WREN:** A transient was found at Roanoke Rapids, N.C. on 12 October by Merrill Lynch.

- BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER:** A late fall straggler was seen at Roanoke Rapids, N. C., on 21 November by Merrill Lynch.
- CEDAR WAXWING:** On 14 July, Ramona Snavely observed two adults feeding four very young fledglings at Salem Lake near Winston-Salem, a rare local breeding record.
- WARBLING VIREO:** One was sighted on 15 September at North Wilkesboro, N. C., by Wendell Smith, a very uncommon fall record for the Carolinas.
- PHILADELPHIA VIREO:** Gilbert Grant observed single birds on the coast at Duck, N.C., on 10 and 26 September; and one was seen at Bodie Island on 25 September by John Wright and Harry LeGrand.
- PROTHONOTARY WARBLER:** Eight were among an early coastal movement of passerines observed on 6 August at Duck, N. C., by Gilbert Grant.
- SWAINSON'S WARBLER:** A specimen was found dead at a television tower near Columbia in Tyrrell County, N.C., on 23 September by Mike Browne; and a migrant was banded by Gilbert Grant at Duck, N.C., on 9 October.
- WORM-EATING WARBLER:** Two early fall transients were seen near Southern Pines, N. C., on 15 August by Jay Carter.
- GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER:** Three were seen at Umstead State Park near Raleigh between 13 and 18 September by Edmund LeGrand, John Wright, and Harry LeGrand; and two were seen at Fort Macon State Park near Atlantic Beach, N. C., on 2 October by John Fussell.
- BLUE-WINGED WARBLER:** Uncommon fall occurrences were recorded by observers in the eastern area of North Carolina at Roanoke Rapids, Raleigh, Singletary Lake, and Wilmington during the period 19 August through 24 September.
- WARBLER HYBRIDS:** A well-marked Brewster's Warbler was seen near Asheville, N. C., on 4 May by Joseph Hall, and another was found on 27 September at Winston-Salem by Ramona Snavely. At Raleigh, Edmund LeGrand reported seeing a possible back-cross hybrid that looked like a Golden-winged Warbler except for a yellow Brewster's breast patch below the black throat. This latter sighting occurred at Umstead State Park on 13 September.
- ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER:** One was an uncommon fall visitor at Umstead State Park near Raleigh on 15 October, Harry and Edmund LeGrand.
- NASHVILLE WARBLER:** One was banded at Hillsborough, N.C., on 9 October by Charles Blake.
- BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER:** Jay Carter reported seeing two at Southern Pines on 4 September, an early fall record for that locality.
- CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER:** An early migrant was banded on 25 August by Charles Blake at Hillsborough, N. C.
- LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH:** One was seen at Roanoke Rapids, N. C., as late as 2 October, Merrill Lynch.
- CONNECTICUT WARBLER:** Elizabeth Teulings banded a transient at Chapel Hill on 9 October. At Raleigh, individuals were found dead at a television tower on 23 September and 20 October by Mike Browne.
- HOODED WARBLER:** Charles Blake banded a late-lingering individual at Hillsborough, N. C., on 29 October.
- WILSON'S WARBLER:** One was recorded as a scarce transient on the coast at Bodie Island 25 September by John Fussell, Sebastian Patti, Harry LeGrand, and Edmund LeGrand.
- CANADA WARBLER:** An early fall visitor was banded at Hillsborough, N. C., on 23 August by Charles Blake.
- BOBOLINK:** An estimated 1,500 to 2,000 were seen moving southward over Halifax, N.C., early on the morning of 18 September by Merrill Lynch and Bill Collier.
- SCARLET TANAGER:** A late individual was noted at Raleigh on 23 October by Gail Whitehurst.
- SUMMER TANAGER:** On 6 August, eight were observed by Gilbert Grant among an early movement of migrants at Duck, N. C., on Currituck Banks.

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CHARLOTTE, N. C.: Genevieve Barber, Sue Bell, Elsie Brewer, Elizabeth B. Clarkson, Flo Cobey, Adrain and Beth Dykema, Susan Ennett, Jack Fehon, Gwen Fenninger, Lucius Gage Jr., Jack Hamilton, Bowman Kelly, Irene Kittinger, Brem Mayer, Elizabeth Millwee, Joe and Becky Norwood, Mary Nowlin, Sam Parker, Shuford and Katherine Peeler, Doug Pratt, Al Ross, Bill Sayward, Bill Smith, Hallam Walker, Polly Weathers (Mecklenburg Audubon Society).

ELKIN-RONDA, N. C.: J. H. Beeson, Alex Biggs, T. R. Bryan, H. F. Cochrane, Sidney Fletcher, Lin Hendren, Ola Hendren, Tom Hendren, Clara Henderson, E. M. Hodel, Fred Masten Jr., Lewis Petree, Wendell P. Smith, Bobby Tysinger, Jerry Tysinger, Jim Ulbrick.

NORTH WILKESBORO, N. C.: Wendell P. Smith.

CALDWELL COUNTY, N. C.: Nancy Alexander, Miriam Bachar, Mrs. Glen Barnes, Isabel Bernhardt, Mrs. Murray Bruner, Mrs. Horace Craig, Iolita Ersland, Lois Gossler, Mary Greer, Mrs. Mason Hollifield, Mrs. Ben Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Garvin Hughes, Lois Laxton, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Manchester, Mr. and Mrs. Fred May, Helen Myers, Thomas Parks, Mrs. Carl Prestwood, Mrs. C. S. Warren, Joyce Whitman, Ann Wilcox, (Miss) George Wilcox, Mrs. Jim Wood.

YANCEY-McDOWELL COUNTIES, N. C.: Marjorie Davis, Bill Duyck, John Hall, Joseph Hall, Joy Hall, Joyce Hall, Mark Hall, Walter Hall, Blaine Ray, Robert Ruiz, Peter Sargent, Roland Sargent.

BUNCOMBE COUNTY, N. C.: T. J. Enright, John Hall, Joseph Hall, Joy Hall, Joyce Hall, Mark Hall, Walter Hall, Walter Holland Jr., Daniel McKay, Gordon Mahy, Mrs. E. T. Merrick, Sue Merrick, Ellen Penford, William Penford, Betty Ruiz, Robert Ruiz, Doris Sargent, Roland Sargent, Thomas Wood, Keith Wright.

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- INDIGO BUNTING: Harry LeGrand noted rather late individuals at Raleigh on 27 October and at Pea Island on 30 October.
- DICKCISSEL: One was present at Mrs. P. M. Hunt's feeder in Wilmington, N. C., on 27 October, fide Dot Earle.
- HOUSE FINCH: A single male was a regular visitor, usually in the company of House Sparrows, at Susan and Bill Hammond's backyard feeder in Winston-Salem from 17 May through 6 July. No female was seen.
- GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: One was unusually late at Raleigh on 12 November, Harry and Edmund LeGrand.
- LARK SPARROW: One was seen by several groups of observers at Bodie Island lighthouse on 25 September, and another was seen at the north end of Pea Island on 10 October by Robert Ake and party. Elsewhere, one was sighted at Orton Plantation in Brunswick County, N. C., on 28 August by Jay Carter and Frances Needham.
- BACHMAN'S SPARROW: A rare local occurrence was recorded at Chapel Hill, N. C., where a single bird was carefully studied by James Pullman at Mason Farm on 16 October.
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW: A specimen was found dead at Wrightsville Beach on 24 October by Jay Carter. Another fall occurrence was noted on the coast at Bodie Island where a single bird was seen on 10 October by Robert Ake and party. Inland, one was seen at North Wilkesboro, N. C., on 12 October by Wendell Smith.
- SNOW BUNTING: Jay Carter and Frances Needham sighted two at Wrightsville Beach, N.C. on 17 November.