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OUR COVER—An adult Great Black-backed Gull posed for Mike Browne on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. According to figures in the 1971 Christmas Bird Count, this species is visiting the Carolinas in winter in larger numbers than ever before.