

# General Field Notes

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## NEW ASSOCIATE EDITOR

We are pleased to announce that Julian R. Harrison of the Department of Biology at The College of Charleston has accepted the position of Associate Editor of the General Field Notes for *Chat*. Notes pertaining to bird records for South Carolina should be sent directly to Dr. Harrison, who also serves on the CBC Records Committee. Dr. Harrison is a past president of Charleston Natural History Society and currently is compiler for the Charleston bird counts. He and Dr. Parnell worked together closely during their student days at North Carolina State University, and their new collaboration will undoubtedly prove beneficial to bird students in the Carolinas.—EFP

## Heronry Found Near Ehrhardt, S. C.

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The heronry is located about 100 yards NW of SC 64, 1.7 miles S of US 301, and 8 miles W of Ehrhardt in Bamberg County, S. C. It is about 5 acres in size and located in a pond cypress (*Taxodium ascendens*) bay, commonly known as a Grady pond or Carolina Bay. A few black gums (*Nyssa sylvatica*) occur in the cypress dominated overstory. Button-bush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*) and black willow (*Salix nigra*) are the main understory species. Lotus (*Nelumbo lutea*) and duckweed (*Lemna minor*) are prevalent aquatic plants along with pickerelweed (*Pontederia cordata*), arrowhead (*Sagittaria* sp.), and blue flag (*Iris virginica*).

I first noticed the heronry in 1969, but no nest counts were made that year. James Preacher and I counted 25 White Ibis (*Eudocimus albus*) nests in May 1970. Fifteen pairs of White Ibises were nesting in the heronry 27 May 1971. On 8 June 1971 Robert Beach and I estimated that there were 30 pairs of Cattle Egrets (*Bubulcus ibis*), 20 pairs of Little Blue Herons (*Florida caerulea*), 5 pairs of Common Egrets (*Casmerodius albus*) and 2 pairs of Anhingas (*Anhinga anhinga*) nesting there. Also on 8 June 1971, 27 White Ibises were nesting there, and a single Wood Ibis (*Mycteria americana*) was observed soaring over the heronry. On 16 June 1971 a few of the White Ibises were still incubating eggs.

[DEPT. ED. - This heronry appears to be 25 to 30 miles from the one found by Post in 1968 near Springfield, S. C. (*Chat*, 34: 31:33.)]