

all birds remaining throughout the day at or immediately outside the roosting site had physical handicaps, some of which were not apparent in field observations.

Those birds remaining near the roosting site were noticeably less gregarious than others of the same species not remaining there, particularly the Common Grackles. The Common Grackles feeding in the peanut field beside the roosting site often fed widely scattered over the field; whereas, those feeding at a greater distance from the roost usually fed in much more closely organized flocks.

Most of the birds with distinctive afflictions which served to identify them survived only short periods of time.

## BRIEFS FOR THE FILES

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(All dates 1972 except as noted)

- COMMON LOON:** Again this year summer stragglers were reported in the coastal waters of the Carolinas. An individual was seen in the Cape Fear River off Southport, N. C., on 8 July by Richard A. Rowlett, and three were seen off Cape Lookout, N. C., by the same observer on 9 July. Ted Beckett found two dead birds, both in breeding plumage, washed ashore at Deveaux Bank near Charleston, S. C., on 24 June.
- GREATER SHEARWATER:** An individual was found dead at Morgan Island in the Cape Lookout channel on 18 June by Henry Haberyan, and another at Oregon Inlet on 24 June by Gilbert Grant.
- SOOTY SHEARWATER:** A single bird was closely observed resting in the waters off Cape Lookout lighthouse on 15 June by Gladys and George Smith and George Smith Jr.
- AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER:** One was seen at Cape Hatteras on 11 July by Richard A. Rowlett.
- WILSON'S PETREL:** At least 100 were seen at Cape Lookout Bight on 3 June by Josiah Bailey, as reported by John Fussell. An onshore sighting of an individual was recorded at Rich's Inlet near Wrightsville Beach, N. C., 20 June by Robert Soots, James Parnell and Jay Carter. Two were also seen by Parnell and Carter at Carolina Beach 27 June, and five were noted off Cape Point at Cape Hatteras, N. C., on 11 July by Richard Rowlett.
- BROWN PELICAN:** A count of 287 pelicans was recorded from the Fort Fisher ferry in the Cape Fear River near Southport, N. C., on 8 July, Richard Rowlett.
- GANNET:** A sub-adult was seen off the tip of Cape Lookout on 9 July, Richard Rowlett.
- DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT:** Two were uncommon visitors at Roanoke Rapids Lake, Halifax County, N. C., 15 June, Chris Marsh and Merrill Lynch. Sixteen seen at Morehead City, N. C., on 21 June was an unusually high summer count for that coastal locality, John Fussell and Donald McCrimmon.
- ANHINGA:** Spring and early fall sightings were recorded well northward along the North Carolina coast, with an individual seen 15 April near Point Harbor on Currituck Sound by Plumer Wiseman and Fenton Day, and another at Pea Island on 11 August by Betty Lancaster et al. As many as 50 breeding pairs of Anhinga were noted by Evelyn Dabbs in May and June at a previously unreported nesting site on Lake Marion near Lone Star Landing in Calhoun County, S. C. The birds were nesting amidst a large and thriving Cattle Egret colony.
- MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD:** One was seen flying over Doe Hall Plantation, McClellanville, S. C., on 23 June by Jay Shuler.

- LITTLE BLUE HERON:** An early post-breeding-season wanderer was recorded at Raleigh, N. C., where Chris Marsh found an immature bird at Greenview Farm on 20 June. Another was found at North Wilkesboro, N. C., on 26 June by Wendell Smith.
- CATTLE EGRET:** Uncommon summer occurrences were noted at several inland locations following the nesting period. A single bird was sighted in Nash County, N. C., 5 miles NE of Bailey on 19 July by Henry Haberyan; three birds were seen near Raleigh on 3 August by Harry LeGrand and Ross Silcock; and four were found near Ringwood in Halifax County, N. C., on 9 August by Merrill Lynch.
- COMMON EGRET:** Dispersal into the piedmont after the nesting season resulted in the locally unusual appearance of a flock of 20 at a small pond near Clemmons, N. C., on 29 July (Marie Larsen, fide Ramona Snavely). Several other individuals were sighted in the Winston-Salem area during the period 13 through 18 July as reported by Alan Snavely, Diana Gorin, Robert Witherington, and Charles Frost. Several summer records were also reported from Buncombe County, N. C., where five Common Egrets were seen 2 July in Candler (Mrs. Roy L. Wilson), one at Swannanoa 10 July (Betty Ruiz), one near Black Mountain 15 July (Robert Ruiz), and one at the Biltmore Estate near Asheville on 11 August (William Cecil). Elsewhere Merrill Lynch noted five on 10 August at Roanoke Rapids, N. C.
- LOUISIANA HERON:** One was an uncommon visitor at Roanoke Rapids on 1 August, Merrill Lynch.
- WHITE IBIS:** Two immature birds were seen at Wildwood Lake in Caswell County, N. C., on 16 June by Plumer Wiseman. At other inland North Carolina locations, 40 immatures were seen flying over St. Pauls in Robeson County on 15 June by Jay Carter, and a single individual was seen at Kerr Lake in Vance County on 22 July by Haven and Minna Wiley.
- GADWALL:** An early fall migrant was observed at Raleigh on 10 August by Ross Silcock.
- BLUE-WINGED TEAL:** Three were sighted in North River Marsh, Carteret County, N. C., on 3 July by John Fussell.
- GREEN-WINGED TEAL:** Censuses of summering waterfowl at the West Onslow Beach impoundment, Onslow County, N. C., by Gilbert Grant and Edward Hudson showed a mated pair and a single male of this species present on 28 May and 12 June. However, there were no definite signs of nesting.
- AMERICAN WIDGEON:** A male and female, apparently paired, were seen at West Onslow Beach, N. C., on 28 May by Gilbert Grant and Edward Hudson.
- RING-NECKED DUCK:** One was present throughout the summer at Huntley's Impoundment in Carteret County, N. C., as noted by John Fussell.
- LESSER SCAUP:** Gilbert Grant and Edward Hudson found nine present at West Onslow Beach Impoundment, Onslow County, N. C., on 12 June and five were still present on 8 July. There was no evidence of nesting.
- COMMON SCOTER:** Three males were seen in the surf off Huntington Beach State Park in South Carolina on 5 June by Frederick Probst.
- RUDDY DUCK:** A late straggler was seen at Raleigh on 24 May by Edmund and Harry LeGrand.
- BLACK VULTURE:** For the third consecutive year, a pair was found nesting at Umstead State Park near Raleigh, N. C., by Edmund and Harry LeGrand. Two young were successfully reared.
- MISSISSIPPI KITE:** One was sighted well north of its normal range on 15 June in Northampton County, N. C., near the Roanoke River just 20 miles below the Virginia line by Merrill Lynch and Chris Marsh.
- COOPER'S HAWK:** Two juveniles, obviously not long out of the nest, were observed in Edgefield County, S. C., on 16 July by Calvin Zippler and Gerald Knighton Jr.
- MARSH HAWK:** A late lingerer was seen near Stumpy Point in Dare County, N. C., on 4 June by Gilbert Grant.
- OSPREY:** Uncommon inland sightings for June were reported from Raleigh, N. C., where two birds were seen at Lake Benson on 10 June by Bryan Taylor and Alan

- Eakes, and from Roanoke Rapids, N. C., where a single bird was seen on 15 and 19 June by Chris Marsh and Merrill Lynch.
- PEREGRINE FALCON:** One was seen on 5 August at Julian Price Memorial Park on the Blue Ridge Parkway, Watauga County, N. C., by Henry Haberyan.
- SPARROW HAWK:** Several sightings were reported during the last half of July and early August from six localities near the fall line. The specific records were: two birds at Roanoke Rapids on 16 July and one in the Oconeechee Neck area of Northampton County, N. C., on 18 July (Merrill Lynch); one at Aberdeen on 26 July and two at Lobelia on 31 July in Moore County, N. C. (Jay Carter); one at Chapel Hill on 2 August (James Pullman); and two in the vicinity of Aiken, S. C. on 27 July (Gerald Knighton). It is noted that all of these sightings occurred after the species' normal nesting period, indicating that the birds may have been early fall migrants rather than summer residents. No breeding records from the piedmont and coastal plain have been reported recently.
- AMERICAN COOT:** Up to 300 were present at the freshwater impoundment at West Onslow Beach, N. C., in mid-June, and 96 were still there on 8 July as reported by Edward Hudson and Gilbert Grant; however, there were no definite signs of nesting.
- PIPING PLOVER:** Several pairs were regularly observed in the Beaufort, N. C., area from late May through June and were believed to be nesting as evidenced by their strong territorial behavior, John Fussell.
- WILSON'S PLOVER:** Over 100 were counted along the length of Shakleford Bank on 8 July by John Fussell. The same observer also counted 98 in a loose flock on Bird Shoal off Morehead City, N. C., on 20 July.
- AMERICAN WOODCOCK:** Four were observed on 15 June at Fort Macon State Park near Atlantic Beach, N. C., by John Fussell. Merrill Lynch flushed two in Hoggard Swamp near Windsor, Bertie County, N. C., on 5 July. Summer records from the coast and coastal plain have been quite rare.
- LONG-BILLED CURLEW:** One was found on Shakleford Bank off Beaufort, N. C., on 17 July by John Fussell, and two were seen and photographed together on the tidal flats of Portsmouth Island, N. C., on 3 August by Richard Rowlett.
- WHIMBREL:** The presence of fall migrants was noted in the Beaufort-Morehead City, N. C. area as early as 22 June and at least 70 were counted on Shakleford Bank 8 July, John Fussell.
- SPOTTED SANDPIPER:** At least 50 early migrants were present on Shakleford Bank on 8 July, John Fussell.
- WILLET:** Three were found inland at Roanoke Rapids Lake, Halifax County, N. C., on 12 June, by Merrill Lynch.
- LESSER YELLOWLEGS:** A migratory flock of 40 was found by John Fussell on Shakleford Bank 8 July.
- KNOT:** Summer occurrences of a single bird on 24 June and 7 July at Bird Shoal off Morehead City, N. C., were reported by John Fussell.
- PECTORAL SANDPIPER:** An early fall migrant was seen at Shakleford Bank on 8 July by John Fussell.
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER:** Four late spring migrants were found inland at Raleigh, N. C., on 31 May and one on 3 June by Chris Marsh. A migrant or summer straggler was seen on the coast at Pea Island, N. C., on 24 June by Gilbert Grant, and two were present at Bird Shoal off Morehead City, N. C., 2 to 4 July as noted by John Fussell.
- LEAST SANDPIPER:** An individual was recorded inland at Whispering Pines, N. C., on 12 July by Jay Carter.
- STILT SANDPIPER:** One was seen at Raleigh, N. C., on 28 July by Ross Silcock and Chris Marsh. Along the coast at least 10 fall migrants were seen at Morehead City by John Fussell on 18 July, and 35 were counted at Pea Island on 14 August by Jackson Abbott and David Abbott.
- SEMPALMATED SANDPIPER:** Late spring migrants were recorded at Raleigh, with four noted at Greenview Farms on 31 May, and one still present on 3 June, Chris Marsh.

- WESTERN SANDPIPER:** Four were early and unusual inland fall visitors at Raleigh, N. C., on 24 July, Ross Silcock and Chris Marsh.
- BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER:** Chris Marsh and Ross Silcock found one present at Lake Raleigh, Raleigh, N. C., on 27 July.
- WILSON'S PHALAROPE:** An individual was seen several times during the period 8 July through 19 July at Shackleford Bank by John Fussell. This is believed to be the first local record for Carteret County, N. C.
- NORTHERN PHALAROPE:** Three were seen on mud flats at the north end of Portsmouth Island, N. C., 10 July by Richard Rowlett.
- LONG-TAILED JAEGER:** A single bird in light-phase plumage was observed under good conditions in waters off Cape Lookout, N. C., in the vicinity of WR6 buoy on 13 May by Henry Haberyan.
- LAUGHING GULL:** An adult was sighted inland at Roanoke Rapids, N. C., on 2 June by Merrill Lynch.
- FORSTER'S TERN:** One in winter or immature plumage was seen at Lake Wheeler near Raleigh, N. C., on 10 June by Chris Marsh. Gilbert Grant again noted small numbers of summering birds on the North Carolina coast in the Alligator Bay area, highlighted by an observation on 8 July of three young juveniles thought to be of local origin.
- SOOTY TERN:** One was sighted over Shackleford Bank, Carteret County, N. C., on 17 July by John Fussell.
- BLACK TERN:** Sightings of early fall migrants were noted at Morehead City, N. C., on 24 June (John Fussell) and at Wrightsville Beach, N. C., on 6 July (Jay Carter). Later, a record local count for Morehead City was recorded on 14 August when John Fussell saw an estimated 200 birds gathering to roost on Elijah Lump.
- GROUND DOVE:** The first definite nesting record for New Hanover County, N. C., has been reported by Ronald Outen, who saw an adult fly away from a nest containing three eggs at Fort Fisher on 5 August. Another observer, Plumer W. Wiseman, has provided information from his field notes for the past several years giving evidence of regular nesting on Sunset Beach Island in Brunswick County, N. C. He specifically cites the discovery of a nesting bird incubating two eggs on 20 July 1970 and states that two nests have been found since then.
- BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO:** An unusual late spring occurrence was recorded at Raleigh, N. C., where an individual was studied closely on 12 June by Pamela Wilcox and Chris Marsh.
- TRAILL'S FLYCATCHER:** On 29 May, Edmund and Harry LeGrand found a bird of the "fee-be-o" song type singing at Price Park on the Blue Ridge Parkway near Blowing Rock, N. C.
- TREE SWALLOW:** Jay Carter reported seeing an immature bird at Whispering Pines, N. C., on 26 July, an early and uncommon fall occurrence for that locality.
- COMMON RAVEN:** Five birds were seen on 30 May at Pilot Mountain in Surry County, N. C., by Edmund and Harry LeGrand, and three were seen at Hanging Rock, Stokes County, N. C., on 27 June by Alan Eakes and Robert Teulings. These sightings give rise to speculation about the local breeding status of the species at these northern piedmont sites, but so far no nesting evidence has been found.
- FISH CROW:** At Raleigh, N. C., a pair was found nesting in April by Edmund LeGrand, the first positive evidence of breeding in Wake County.
- CEDAR WAXWING:** Two were seen at Raleigh on 11 June by Chris Marsh and William Brown Jr.
- WARBLING VIREO:** Several singing males were noted in Ashe County, N. C., along the south fork of the New River in early June by Chris Marsh and William Brown Jr. Very little is known about the current breeding status of this species in the North Carolina mountains.
- BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER:** A female was seen at Moore's Creek Battleground in Pender County, N. C., on 28 June by Jay Carter.

- PROTHONOTARY WARBLER:** Two definite breeding records were reported from Forsyth County, N. C., this summer by Robert Witherington, Charles Frost, Olive Boice and Ramona Snavelly. This team of observers found two adults feeding young in a nest at Salem Lake on 8 June. Later, along the Yadkin River near Hwy 67, they saw another pair feeding young on 10 August.
- SWAINSON'S WARBLER:** A male was found singing at Kitty Hawk, N. C., on 23 June by Gilbert Grant.
- WORM-EATING WARBLER:** A male was seen and heard at White Oak Pocosin in western Gates County, N. C., on 13 June by Merrill Lynch.
- YELLOW WARBLER:** James Pullman found a nesting pair in May at Mason Farm in Chapel Hill, N. C., an uncommon local breeding record.
- AMERICAN REDSTART:** Singing males were common along the Roanoke River in the Occoneechee Neck area of Northampton County, N. C., in mid-June, as reported by Merrill Lynch and Chris Marsh. A male was also seen in Hertford County along the Meherrin River near Winton on 11 June by Merrill Lynch.
- BOBOLINK:** A lone male, apparently a very tardy spring transient, was seen near High Point, N. C., on 21 June by James Mattocks.
- RUSTY BLACKBIRD:** A late spring straggler was observed in the company of grackles in swamp habitat along the Roanoke River in the Occoneechee Neck area of Northampton County, N. C., on 16 June by Merrill Lynch and Chris Marsh.
- BALTIMORE ORIOLE:** A rare incidence of nesting in the North Carolina piedmont was recorded in Forsyth County where a pair was found feeding young in Tanglewood Park near Clemmons on 4 June by Paul Spain.
- WESTERN TANAGER:** A female tanager with clearly distinct white wing bars was observed for 10 minutes while perched on a power line at Black Mountain, N. C., on 19 July by Earl and Elizabeth Chandoin.
- SCARLET TANAGER:** On 11 June two males were seen in Gates County, N. C., in the upper coastal plain by Merrill Lynch. Sightings were also recorded by the same observer in Northampton County, N. C., in June and July.
- BACHMAN'S SPARROW:** A singing male was noted near Arcola in Warren County, N. C., on 4 June by Harry LeGrand.
- SONG SPARROW:** One found at Roanoke Rapids, N. C., on 22 July was an unexpected summer record for that locality, Merrill Lynch.

## **CBC ROUNDTABLE**

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Julian credits his own wide interests in natural history to the influence of E. Burnham Chamberlain, former Curator of Vertebrate Zoology at the Museum, who guided his early training in ornithology and herpetology, and to Miss Elizabeth Simons, the former Curator of Education who directed the Nature Trailers club.

Although Dr. Harrison greatly enjoys bird study, his professional research interests lie with the biology of amphibians and reptiles, their systematics, life histories, population ecology, and evolution. He will be on sabbatical leave next spring to complete a book on the amphibians of South Carolina.