



BRIEFS FOR THE FILES

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 (All dates 1972)

- COMMON LOON:** Two migrants were noted at Lake Hartwell near Clemson, S.C., on 29 October by Sidney Gauthreaux. At other inland locations, single birds were seen at Lake Wheeler near Raleigh on 22 October and 2 December by Robert Hader, and eight were found at Roanoke Rapids Lake, Halifax County, N.C., on 27 November by Merrill Lynch.
- HORNED GREBE:** Inland near Winston-Salem, N.C., Charles Frost found 12 at Beleys Creek Lake on 16 November and a flock of 104 at Salem Lake the following day.
- CORY'S SHEARWATER:** Two were seen at Cape Lookout, N.C., on 18 August by Richard Rowlett.
- SOOTY SHEARWATER:** Three were sighted by J.B. Kelley during an offshore cruise 15 miles SE of Charleston, S.C., on 10 November.
- WILSON'S PETREL:** One was seen at Hatteras Inlet on the North Carolina Outer Banks on 22 August by Richard Rowlett. Six were seen off Charleston, S.C., on 10 November by J.B. Kelley.
- WHITE-TAILED TROPICBIRD:** An adult circled within close range of the "Captain Stacey" cruising 70 miles off Morehead City, N.C., on 28 August, Claudia Wilds.
- GANNET:** An early fall sighting was recorded at Carolina Beach, N.C., where an immature was seen on 28 September by Edmund LeGrand and Sebastian Patti.
- DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT:** One made an uncommon appearance inland at Lake Wheeler near Raleigh, N.C., on 21 November, Ross Silcock.
- ANHINGA:** On 10 October, Joshua Lee observed an adult bird on Sunset Lake, about 3 miles N of Fuquay-Varina, Wake County, N.C., an unusual inland record.
- COMMON EGRET:** An individual was present at Salem Lake near Winston-Salem, N.C., on 3 November, Charles Frost.
- SNOWY EGRET:** Three were noted in the western piedmont near North Wilkesboro, N.C., on 31 August by Wendell Smith.
- LOUISIANA HERON:** One was an uncommon inland visitor at Lake Murray, Richland County, S.C., on 15 August, Robert Overing. Another inland wanderer was seen at Lake Raleigh in Wake County, N.C., on 19 September by Ross Silcock.
- WOOD IBIS:** One was seen at Twin Lakes, Sunset Beach, N.C., on 23 September by Jay Carter, Evelyn Dabbs, and Elizabeth Teulings.
- WHITE IBIS:** An immature bird was an uncommon visitor on the North Carolina Outer Banks at Pea Island 27 to 29 August, Merrill Lynch.
- AMERICAN FLAMINGO:** An accidental visitor was discovered in Pamlico Sound at Pea Island NWR on 4 November by Edmund LeGrand, Harry LeGrand, and Sebastian Patti. The bird remained on the refuge about three weeks, last reported on 24 November by James Pullman.
- WHISTLING SWAN:** Two birds at Roanoke Rapids Lake near Roanoke Rapids, N.C., on 20 October (Merrill Lynch) and three at Kerr Scott Reservoir in Wilkes County, N.C., on 30 November (Mary Blanz, fide Wendell Smith) were uncommon inland visitors.

- SNOW GOOSE:** An adult present for 2 weeks at Johnston's Farm in the Occoneechee Neck section of Northampton County, N.C., was an unusual fall visitor in that locality. The bird was first seen on 29 October and remained there through 12 November, Merrill Lynch.
- COMMON SHELDUCK:** Two drakes were at Pea Island NWR during the last week in November, reported by Tim Wilkins and several other observers. An earlier occurrence of possibly the same pair was noted there in early July by Wayne Irvin.
- GREEN-WINGED TEAL:** One made an unusually early fall appearance at Raleigh, N.C., on 19 August, Chris Marsh and Ross Silcock.
- REDHEAD:** Two were uncommon visitors at Lake Wheeler near Raleigh, N.C., on 28 October and six others were found there on 2 December, Robert Hader.
- GREATER SCAUP:** Two were at Salem Lake near Winston-Salem, N.C., on 17 November, an uncommon local occurrence, Charles Frost.
- OLDSQUAW:** Two were noted as inland visitors at Lake Wheeler, near Raleigh, N.C., on 30 October by Bruce Bolick. A flock of 12 was found at Roanoke Rapids Lake near Roanoke Rapids, N.C., on 12 November by Merrill Lynch.
- SURF SCOTER:** A rare inland occurrence was recorded at Roanoke Rapids Lake in Halifax County, N.C., where two were seen on 30 October by Merrill Lynch. One was also found at Lake Wheeler near Raleigh, N.C., on 13 November by Bruce Bolick and John Wright.
- COMMON MERGANSER:** Two were seen at Lake Wheeler near Raleigh, N.C., on 17 November by John Wright and Bruce Bolick.
- ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK:** One was observed at Belews Creek Lake north of Winston-Salem, N.C., on 12 October and again on 16 November by Ramona Snavelly, Ruth Hill, Robert Witherington and Charles Frost.
- BALD EAGLE:** Fall sightings were reported of single adults at Orton Plantation near Wilmington, N.C., on 9 October (Paul DuMont) and at Topsail Beach, N.C., 4 November (Gail Whitehurst). Four adults were seen on South Island near Charleston, S.C., 22 October by Ted Beckett. Two adults and an immature were seen in Francis Marion National Forest, S.C., 18 November by T. Dodd, fide Dennis Forsythe. In addition, an adult was seen 29 November and an immature 1 December at Brookgreen Gardens near Litchfield Beach, S.C., by Gordon Tarbox and F.M. Probst.
- PEREGRINE FALCON:** Two fall sightings were reported from the North Carolina Outer Banks where single birds were seen at Pea Island on 2 October by James Pullman and on 7 October by Mike Godfrey. Elsewhere, individuals were recorded at Fort Fisher, N.C., on 9 October by Paul DuMont and at Brookgreen Gardens, S.C., on 13 November by F.M. Probst and party. One was also seen at Magnolia Gardens near Charleston on 27 November by Ted Beckett.
- SANDHILL CRANE:** One was seen at Sullivan's Island near Charleston, S.C., on 19 September by Z.T. Ralston, as reported by Dennis Forsythe.
- PURPLE GALLINULE:** Three were a noteworthy find at Orton Plantation near Wilmington, N.C., 24 September, Edmund LeGrand et al.
- AMERICAN COOT:** Gilbert Grant reported an unusually large concentration of at least 10,000 at the West Onslow Beach, N.C., impoundment on 23 November.
- AMERICAN OYSTERCATCHER:** Two were unexpected visitors at Par Pond on the AEC Savannah River Reservation near Aiken, S.C., on 30 November, Tom Murphy, fide Gerald Knighton.
- SEMIPALMATED PLOVER:** During field work along the North Carolina Outer Banks in late August, Richard Rowlett found the species extremely abundant. Estimated numbers were 3,500 at Ocracoke Island on 20 August, 15,000 at Pea Island on 21 August, and 7,500 at Portsmouth Island on 22 August.
- AM. GOLDEN PLOVER:** Five records were reported by various observers from the Bodie-Pea Island, N.C., area from mid-August through early October, all of single birds. Two were also seen on 9 October at Fort Fisher, N.C., by Paul DuMont.
- LONG-BILLED CURLEW:** Two were found on tidal flats at Portsmouth Island, N.C., on 3 August by Richard Rowlett; another was seen at Oregon Inlet on 30 September by James Pullman.
- PURPLE SANDPIPER:** One was seen at Wrightsville Beach, N.C., as early as 25 October by Jay Carter.
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER:** Paul DuMont and Harvey Mudd recorded 11 in the Bodie-Pea Island, N.C., area on 20 August, and Merrill Lynch found seven at the Bodie Island lighthouse pond 28 August. A late migrant was noted inland at Occoneechee Neck in Northampton County, N.C., on 18 November by Merrill Lynch.
- BAIRD'S SANDPIPER:** A flock of at least 18 was found at the north pond of the Pea Island NWR on 1 August by Richard Rowlett. There were subsequent reports of a single bird seen there on 30 September by Gard Otis and Sebastian Patti and another at Oregon Inlet on 1 October by Paul DuMont, Robert Ake, et al.

- DUNLIN:** An inland occurrence of an individual was noted on 29 October at Occaneechee Neck in Northampton County, N.C., where the species has not heretofore been recorded, Merrill Lynch. A few were also recorded as inland migrants in the Raleigh, N.C., area during the last half of October, Harry LeGrand, Edmund LeGrand, Robert Hader and Ross Silcock.
- LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER:** Various observers reported finding migrants in small numbers among the commonly seen Short-billed Dowitchers along the North Carolina Outer Banks from August through the fall season. Typical counts ranged from 2 to 20, but as many as 40 were identified by Paul DuMont et al. in the Bodie-Pea Island area on 7 October.
- WESTERN SANDPIPER:** This was the most common shorebird on the flats at Portsmouth Island, N.C., in early August, with an estimated 4,000 present on 2 August, Richard Rowlett.
- BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER:** Two were seen at Ocracoke Island, N.C., on 20 August and one at Cape Hatteras, N.C., on 21 August by Richard Rowlett.
- HUDSONIAN GODWIT:** Several were present at Pea Island through the fall season. The earliest sighting was 21 August (Richard Rowlett), and at least one bird was still present as late as 4 November (Harry LeGrand, Edmund LeGrand, Sebastian Patti).
- WILSON'S PHALAROPE:** One was seen on 18 August at Bird Shoal off Morehead City, N.C., by John Fussell. Reports from several observers indicate that a few individuals were present at the Bodie Island lighthouse pond regularly from mid-August through September.
- POMARINE JAEGER:** One was seen over the beach at Oregon Inlet, N.C., on 4 October by James Pullman.
- PARASITIC JAEGER:** Ten were identified, including one in dark-phase plumage, along the beaches in the Bodie-Pea Island area on 7 October by Edmund LeGrand, Harry LeGrand, and Sebastian Patti. Other observers also reported small numbers seen near shore from Nags Head to Ocracoke during the first 2 weeks of October.
- LAUGHING GULL:** Four were seen at Lake Hartwell near Clemson, S.C., on 30 September, a rare occurrence of the species at that inland reservoir, Sidney Gauthreaux.
- LITTLE GULL:** An immature was seen well at Bodie Island, N.C., on 1 October by Paul DuMont, Harold Wierenga, and party.
- FORSTER'S TERN:** An individual was seen inland at Roanoke Rapids Lake, Halifax County, N.C., on 20 September by Merrill Lynch and another at Lake Wheeler near Raleigh, N.C., on 23 September by Robert Hader. At least 20 were also seen at Lake Hartwell near Clemson, S.C., on 30 September by Sidney Gauthreaux.
- COMMON TERN:** Near Wilmington, N.C., Jay Carter noted an unusually large flock of some 900 resting on a sand bar at Lockwood Folly Inlet on 23 September.
- ROSEATE TERN:** On the North Carolina Outer Banks at Oregon Inlet, an individual of this species was observed by James Pullman among a flock of Common Terns on 5 October.
- CASPIAN TERN:** Merrill Lynch recorded up to nine as inland migrants at Roanoke Rapids Lake, Halifax County, N.C., on 29 and 30 August and sighted another individual there on 15 November.
- BLACK TERN:** An impressive flight of at least 200 was seen coming in to roost at Elijah Lump near Morehead City, N.C., on 24 August by John Fussell.
- BLACK SKIMMER:** An estimated 6,500 were seen in the Morehead City, N.C., vicinity on 9 October by John Fussell and Paul DuMont.
- GROUND DOVE:** An occurrence was recorded as far north as Bogue Banks on the North Carolina coast where an individual was seen at Fort Macon State Park on 24 November, Robert Hader.
- BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO:** One was an early and uncommon migrant on the North Carolina Outer Banks at Nags Head on 18 August, Morgan Jones. Another was seen 9 October at Fort Fisher, N.C., by Paul DuMont.
- LONG-EARED OWL:** There were fall records of one seen in the coastal area at New Bern, N.C., during the second week of October by Robert Holmes, and another in the western piedmont at North Wilkesboro, N.C., on 18 November by Wendell Smith.
- SAW-WHET OWL:** One was banded near Sumter, S.C., on 7 November by Evelyn Dabbs.
- YELLOW-SHAFTED FLICKER:** On the coast James Parnell and Jay Carter observed a heavy southward movement at Fort Fisher, N.C., on 10 October involving hundreds of migrants.
- PILEATED WOODPECKER:** An observation of one on Bogue Banks, N.C., on 22 October by John Fussell was an uncommon record for that barrier island.
- WESTERN KINGBIRD:** One was seen near Morehead City, N.C., on 10 September by John Fussell. There were numerous other reports of fall migrants in the North Carolina coastal section with the largest numbers occurring, as usual, along the Outer Banks where high counts of 10 were recorded on Ocracoke Island on 23 October by Claudia Wilds and party, and eight at Duck on 28 October by Gilbert Grant.
- YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER:** A migrant was banded at Chapel Hill, N.C., on 4 September by Elizabeth and Robert Teulings. Sight records were reported of individuals at Occaneechee

- Neck in Northampton County, N.C., on 9 September (Merrill Lynch); at Greenfield Lake, Wilmington, N.C., on 28 September (Kitty Kosh); at Umstead State Park near Raleigh, N.C., on 2 October (Harry LeGrand); and at Fort Fisher, N.C., on 9 October (Paul DuMont)
- LEAST FLYCATCHER:** An early transient was noted at Roanoke Rapids, N.C., on 22 August by Merrill Lynch, and one was banded on 2 September at Chapel Hill, N.C., by Elizabeth and Robert Teulings. Among several other sightings reported, the latest was from the coastal area where an individual was seen by Paul DuMont at Fort Fisher, N.C., on 9 October.
- OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER:** A late sighting was recorded at North Wilkesboro, N.C., on 26 October by Wendell Smith.
- BARN SWALLOW:** Late fall stragglers were still present in the Bodie-Pea Island, N.C., area on 4 and 5 November, with at least 10 recorded by Edmund LeGrand, Harry LeGrand and Sebastian Patti.
- BANK SWALLOW:** Several early migrants were seen on 25 July at Whispering Pines, N.C., by Jay Carter.
- CLIFF SWALLOW:** One at Whispering Pines, N.C., on 25 July was an early fall record for that locality, Jay Carter.
- FISH CROW:** A locally unusual concentration was recorded inland at Roanoke Rapids Lake, Halifax County, N.C., where 178 were present on 18 October, Merrill Lynch.
- BEWICK'S WREN:** One seen on 4 November at Pea Island, N.C., by Edmund LeGrand was a rare Outer Banks record.
- SHORT-BILLED MARSH WREN:** A fall migrant was found inland near Raleigh, N.C., 16 September by Robert Hader.
- PHILADELPHIA VIREO:** Two records were reported from Bodie Island, N.C., where individuals were seen on 1 October by Robert Ake and Paul DuMont and on 8 October by Edmund LeGrand, Harry LeGrand, and Ross Silcock. Elsewhere along the coast, a fall transient was seen near Wrightsville Beach, N.C., on 23 September by Robert Teulings and another at Orton Plantation near Wilmington on 9 October by Paul DuMont. An inland migrant was seen at North Wilkesboro, N.C., on 18 September by Wendell Smith.
- WARBLING VIREO:** Individuals were noted on 22 August and 13 September at North Wilkesboro, N.C., by Wendell Smith.
- WORM-EATING WARBLER:** A migrant made an early appearance at Raleigh, N.C., on 20 August (Gail Whitehurst), and another was banded near Hillsborough, N.C., on 27 August (Russ Hoverman).
- GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER:** One was banded at Sumter, S.C., on 17 August by Evelyn Dabbs. Paul DuMont recorded a rare coastal occurrence of a fall migrant at Bodie Island, N.C., on 20 August.
- BLUE-WINGED WARBLER:** One was noted near the coast at Wilmington, N.C., on 4 September by Kitty Kosh. In the piedmont, a total of four were recorded in the Roanoke Rapids, N.C., area between 21 August and 9 September by Merrill Lynch.
- NASHVILLE WARBLER:** An unusually late migrant was recorded at Bodie Island, N.C., on 25 November by James Pullman.
- BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER:** One was recorded as an uncommon transient on the Outer Banks at Bodie Island, N.C., on 1 October by Robert Ake and Paul DuMont.
- CERULEAN WARBLER:** Individuals were seen in Northampton County, N.C., on 26 August by Merrill Lynch; near Raleigh, N.C., on 13 September by Edmund and Harry LeGrand; and at Fort Fisher, N.C., on 9 October by Paul DuMont.
- BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER:** One was an unusually early fall visitor at Raleigh, N.C., on 12 August, Ross Silcock. In the coastal area, rare occurrences were recorded at Orton Plantation where an individual was seen on 23 September by Jay Carter and on the Outer Banks where two birds were seen at Bodie Island on 1 October by Paul DuMont and Robert Ake.
- BAY-BREASTED WARBLER:** One was found dead on 10 September at Emerald Isle, N.C., by Russ Hoverman, the first well documented record for Carteret County.
- CONNECTICUT WARBLER:** An early fall sighting was recorded at Charlotte, N.C., on 24 August by Elizabeth Clarkson, and a late record at North Wilkesboro, N.C., on 7 November by Wendell Smith. Individuals were also seen at Bodie Island, N.C., on 7 October (Paul DuMont and party) and at Ocracoke Island, N.C., on 23 October (Claudia Wilds).
- MOURNING WARBLER:** Two records were reported from the coast where a transient was seen in the vicinity of Duck, N.C., on 1 October by Paul DuMont and another at Fort Fisher, N.C., by the same observer on 9 October.
- WILSON'S WARBLER:** An early fall migrant was seen on 3 September at Castle Hayne in New Hanover County, N.C., by Kitty Kosh. Other migrants were later noted in early October on the Outer Banks and at Fort Fisher, N.C., by several observers, and one was recorded inland at North Wilkesboro, N.C., on 13 October by Wendell Smith.

- AMERICAN REDSTART:** An early migrant was seen at Sunset Beach, N.C., on 13 August by Plumer Wiseman.
- BOBOLINK:** A flock of at least 500 was seen near Morehead City, N.C., on 10 September by John Fussell.
- DICKCISSEL:** One was seen on the Outer Banks near Duck, N.C., on 28 October by Gilbert Grant, and two appeared at a feeder in Elizabeth City, N.C., on 22 November, as reported by Frank Aycock.
- HOUSE FINCH:** Early arrival of winter visitors was noted at Greensboro, N.C., where Dot Garrett observed one at her feeder as early as 8 October. A sizable flock of 40 was counted in the Rose Garden at Raleigh, N.C., on 21 November by Robert Hader.
- HENSLOW'S SPARROW:** Two were seen in the vicinity of White Lake in Bladen County, N.C., on 19 October by Jay Carter.
- SHARP-TAILED SPARROW:** Two were found dead at the WECT-TV tower in Bladen County, N.C., 60 miles inland from the coast on 19 October by Jay Carter. Another inland occurrence was recorded in Northampton County, N.C., where an individual was seen at Johnston's Farm in the Oconeechee Neck area on 1 October by Merrill Lynch.
- SEASIDE SPARROW:** Two were among casualties found at the WECT-TV tower in Bladen County, N.C., on 19 October by Jay Carter. This locality is 60 miles from the coast.
- LARK SPARROW:** One appeared at F. M. Probst's feeder at Pawley's Island, S.C., on 10 August. Another early fall visitor was seen at Wright Brothers Memorial at Kitty Hawk, N.C., on 22 August by Richard Rowlett.
- BACHMAN'S SPARROW:** Two were noted singing near Atlantic in Carteret County, N.C., on 20 August by Richard Rowlett.
- CLAY-COLORED SPARROW:** Fall occurrences were recorded on the North Carolina Outer Banks where an individual was seen at Bodie Island marina on 7 October by Gilbert Grant, Robert Ake, et al., and two at Pea Island NWR on 8 October by Edmund LeGrand, Harry LeGrand, and Ross Silcock.
- WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW:** Three were found near Bethania in Forsyth County, N.C., on 26 October by Ramona Snavelly, Ruth Hill, et al.; and an individual was seen at Clemson, S.C., on 29 October by Sidney Gauthreaux. Elsewhere, seven were seen together in a small flock at Johnston's Farm in the Oconeechee Neck section of Northampton County, N.C., on 12 November by Merrill Lynch; and one was found near White Lake in Bladen County, N.C. on 19 October by Jay Carter.
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW:** In the coastal area an individual was seen at Pea Island, N.C., on 1 October by Robert Ake; one at Fort Fisher, N.C., on 9 October by Paul DuMont; and one at Wilmington, N.C., on 29 October by Kitty Kosh. Inland, one was recorded at Columbia, S.C., on 26 October by Bruce Mack.
- LAPLAND LONGSPUR:** One was closely observed near Wrightsville Beach, N.C., on 25 October by Frank Sessions, fide James Parnell.