

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT 1972	COAST				COASTAL PLAIN				PIEDMONT							MTN.															
	Boole-Flag Island, N.C. 30 December	Morhead City, N.C. 31 December	Wilmington, N.C. 16 December	Litchfield-Pawley's Is., S.C. 20 December	Charleston, S.C. 30 December	Hilton Head Island, S.C. 28 December	Beaufort Co., N.C. 31 December	Southern Pines, N.C. 26 December	Dillon, S.C. 26 December	Columbia, S.C. 16 December	Aiken, S.C. 24 December	Roanoke Rapids, N.C. 1 January	Henderson, N.C. 27 December	Raleigh, N.C. 23 December	Chapel Hill, N.C. 31 December	Greensboro, N.C. 30 December	Winston-Salem, N.C. 30 December	Tredell Co., N.C. 1 January	Stanly Co., N.C. 30 December	Charlotte, N.C. 30 December	Grenville, S.C. 30 December	Elkin-Ronda, N.C. 24 December	North Wilkesboro, N.C. 16 December	Salisbury, N.C. 16 December	Avery Co., N.C. 28 December	Vance/McDowell Co., N.C. 16 December	Burcombe Co., N.C. 30 December	Brandy, N.C. 30 December	Great Smoky Mtn. Natl. Park, 31 December		
Total Individuals	113	4	4	6	36	17	9	25	5	87	128	23	72	4	6	15	14	9	14	9	14	9	14	9	14	9	14	9	14	9	
Pine Siskin	424																														
Am. Goldfinch	2,743	55	85	98	125	198	9	27	5	87	128	374	11	172	65	174	360	47	92	76	61	103	16	22	29	164	45	49	8		
Red Crossbill	151																														
Ruf.-sided Towhee	1,971	119	141	85	215	90	16	27	43	11	47	144	31	171	98	77	92	23	121	125	14	14	34	4	47	21	37	14	14		
Lawson Sparrow	14																														
Savannah Sparrow	1,320	288	54	133	14	16	77			185	9	303		51	85	3	9														
Groshopper Sp.	7																														
La Comtes Sparrow	1																														
Henslow's Sparrow	1																														
Sharp-tailed Sp.	87	46	30	4	1	1																									
Seaside Sparrow	32	8	1	19	3	1																									
Vesper Sparrow	129		47		8	29	5		13	19																					
Lark Sparrow	1																														
Bachman's Sp.	7		2		5	1																									
State-col. Junco	10,883	41	22	257	341	241	190	32	24	307	33	64	106	2,261	188	772	448	783	563	37	594	353	127	94	48	108	589	1,271	250	536	113
Tree Sparrow	1																														
Chipping Sparrow	481	14	17	20	17	10	66	29	5	3	1	7	122	75	1	45	10		1	5											
Field Sparrow	3,500	16	10	76	62	59	28	2	68	29	145	121	604	3	301	93	109	281	4	142	392	35	1	4	20	6	2				
White-cr. Sparrow	1																														
White-thr. Sparrow	11,008	175	27	989	93	248	269	15	72	100	37	420	88	3,481	82	1,341	520	433	456	50	439	272	43	220	15	197	13	379	4	2	
For. Sp. Sparrow	279	25	6	52	4	35	26	30	3	22																					
Lin. Sp. Sparrow	2																														
Song Sparrow	1,170	302	13	165	37	187	2	8	5	13	2	6	133		172	41	8	8		7		2									
Song Sparrow	4,307	266	51	378	29	113	44	11	9	33	16	81	63	559	4	876	177	189	368	9	71	82	1	9	8	22	73	162	365	76	159
Lepid Longspur	5																														
Total no. species	230	157	138	161	128	147	160	64	63	87	57	64	74	103	54	96	74	87	84	62	79	79	48	53	30	45	53	74	67	63	60
Total no. individuals	2,231,735	48,332	27,560	25,857	7,130	11,387	17,121	2,636	3,471	3,501	1,221	7,009	28,884	43,888	1,811	166,170	7,795	14,794	7,407	1,447	7,996	8,829	967	2,678	310	2,344	3,022	4,741	1,763,884	6,217	3,348
Field observers	545	41	4	22	13	31	47	5	4	6	2	9	11	13	12	21	20	40	26	5	22	27	9	11	3	30	19	10	13	40	29
Yard observers	108	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	6	0	0	1	3	2	0	0	2	3	4	44	2	0	3	1	17	0	0	3	11	3	
Field parties	180	9	3	12	3	7	13	2	2	3	1	5	5	8	3	8	11	10	9	3	7	8	4	3	1	3	7	3	6	9	12
Party-hours	1,478.5	125	23.5	125	27	56	106	22	21	40	9	29	43	68	24	50	56	97	82	18	47	48	36	24	8	33	52	27	55	42	85
Party-miles	5,583	208	113	508	140	238	222	120	98	209	55	151	196	215	56	194	183	361	355	35	189	191	50	42	28	95	237	293	228	340	

*Seen in count area during count period but not on count day.

†Figure below includes some Black-capped Chickadees.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT—1972

ELOISE F. POTTER

230 SPECIES! Yes, CBC birders found 230 species on count days in the Carolinas during the 1972 Christmas Bird Count. This total is eight more than the record of 222 set in 1971.

Wilmington led with 161 species, closely followed by Hilton Head Island (160), Bodie-Pea Island (157), and Charleston (147). Roanoke Rapids set a new piedmont record with 103 species while Raleigh tied its previous high of 96. Yancey-McDowell Counties set a new mountain record with 74 species despite below freezing temperatures throughout the count day.

The total number of individuals recorded is 2,231,735, a surprisingly low figure considering that Charlotte alone listed nearly that many birds in 1971. This year Buncombe County was the only locality reporting a major blackbird roost and thus the only one having more than a million birds.

Among the 30 count areas are five from the mountains, including a new one centered near Brevard in Transylvania County, N.C. Although the total number of observers increased from 507 to 653 and field parties increased from 159 to 180, the party-hours remained about the same and party-miles decreased slightly. Apparently the success of the 1972 Christmas Bird Count can be attributed at least in part to having many small parties afield on foot and lots of competent observers really beating the bushes for the rare and secretive species. Proof of this is the sighting of both Black and Yellow Rails at Bodie-Pea Island and Le Conte's, Henslow's, and Lincoln's Sparrows at Charleston.

Weather conditions during the count period were generally pleasant. The coldest weather occurred on 16 December, which found birders in the Yancey-McDowell area braving 0 to 24 F temperatures and winds up to 75 mph atop Mt. Mitchell. This was the only place that the thermometer stayed below freezing throughout the count day, but at North Wilkesboro the high for the day was only 34 F. Rain, ranging from a morning drizzle at Aiken to all-day precipitation in Beaufort County, N.C., somewhat hampered birders in various count areas on 23, 24, 30, and 31 December.

The present census adds four species to the All-time Christmas Bird Count List for the Carolinas and offers the first count day record of the Long-eared Owl (Charleston, heard only). The list now stands at 276 species with this year's 230 species representing 83% of the total for 1937 through 1972. Additions are the Black Rail (Bodie-Pea Island), American Golden Plover (Bodie-Pea Island), Ringed Turtle Dove (Winston-Salem), and Le Conte's Sparrow (Charleston). The Ringed Turtle Doves, according to C. Royce Hough, are introduced birds that have bred successfully in the wild for at least 3 years. The *A.O.U. Check-list* (1957) recognizes the presence of similar colonies at various sites across the United States.

Three trends appear in a comparison of the present count with those of recent years. 1) Gulls continue to increase as winter residents of the Carolinas. The number of Ring-billed Gulls found this year is more than double last year's total. Inland Roanoke Rapids reported 5,722 while Columbia, Henderson, and Stanly County listed 210, 163, and 145 respectively. 2) Evening Grosbeaks and Purple Finches are visiting the Carolinas this winter in unprecedented numbers, but Pine Siskins are relatively scarce. 3) The House Finch continues to increase as a winter resident in piedmont North Carolina. The only new recording point is Caldwell County (four birds); however, Greensboro reported 82 House Finches, Winston-Salem 49, Raleigh 35, and Charlotte 32. In 1970 eight counts listed a total of 60 House Finches, and just 2 years later the total is 214 from nine areas.

Finally, the 1972 Christmas Bird Count lists a large number of lingering migrants, some of them unusually far inland such as the Common Egret at Brevard, the Tree Swallow at Greenville, S.C., and the American Redstart in Iredell County. Other

CBC CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT STATISTICS

	1972	1937-1971
Total number species	230	222 (1971)
Total number individuals	2,231,735	7,636,868 (1960)
Number count areas	30	29 (1966)
Total number observers	653	507 (1971)
Field parties	180	159 (1971)
Party-hours	1,478.5	1,465 (1971)
Party-miles	5,583	5,623 (1971)
Highest number species:		
Coast	Wilmington 161 .. .	Wilmington 164 (1961)
Coastal Plain	Southern Pines 87 .. .	New Bern 95 (1966)
Piedmont	Roanoke Rapids 103 .. .	Raleigh 96 (1968)
Mountain	Yancey-McDowell 74 .. .	Great Smoky Mt. 71 (1965)
Highest number		
individuals	Buncombe Co. 1,763,884 .. .	Clemson 5,504,288 (1960)

stragglers are Broad-winged Hawks (four localities including inland Chapel Hill), Wilson's Plover (Morehead), Whimbrel (Wilmington), Parula Warbler (Southern Pines), Summer Tanager (Charleston), Rose-breasted Grosbeak (Wilmington), Blue Grosbeak (Charlotte), and Lark Sparrow (Hilton Head Island). Details of these and other particularly interesting sightings appear below in the Compilers' Comments.

COMPILERS' COMMENTS

COAST

BODIE-PEA ISLAND, N.C. (center: 2.7 miles SSE of Bodie Island Lighthouse).

30 December. *White-fronted Goose* and *Ross' Goose* were associated with a flock of 20 Canada Geese near the highway between the North and South Ponds on the Pea Island NWR. Both were adults, and the Ross' Goose had a crippled right foot, indicating it is the same individual that has been present in the area every winter since 1968. This year the bird arrived one week prior to the count date, according to Refuge Manager John Williamson. *Common Teal* (H.P. Langridge et al.) was present for the fourth consecutive year in North Pond on Pea Island NWR. *Yellow Rail* (Dwight E. Peake) was seen at 25 feet as it walked out of dense marsh vegetation on the edge of the pond at Bodie Island Lighthouse. *Black Rail* (J.R. Hoverman, Elizabeth Teulings) was flushed twice from a flooded marsh between the highway and an open pond north of the lighthouse pond. *American Golden Plover* (Paul G. DuMont) was flushed with four Black-bellied Plovers from a grassy sand flat just north of North Pond. The bird had no white in wings or on rump and did not have black axillaries. Both *Pomarine Jaegers* (Henry Armistead; Robert Anderson and Paul G. DuMont) were dark phase, and both were over the ocean off Pea Island as also were the two *Parasitic Jaegers* (Anderson and DuMont; Jay Carter, Edmund LeGrand, Harry LeGrand, William Russell). One Parasitic Jaeger was in light phase, the other dark. *Common Terns* were reported by five parties; identifications were based on black mark extending from the eye around the back of the head. *Whip-poor-will* (Richard Peake Jr.) called three times just before dawn while

observer was calling Screech Owls at Wanchese on Roanoke Island. A *Little Gull* was seen at Bodie Island Lighthouse pond several days prior to the count by David Sonneborn.—PAUL W. SYKES JR., P.O. Box 2077, Delray Beach, Florida 33444.

MOREHEAD CITY, N.C. (center: 0.7 mile NW of Crab Point in lower Newport River).

31 December. *Least Bittern* (Tom Wade) was flushed at close range in a small fresh-water marsh at Fort Macon. Another *Least Bittern* was found elsewhere in the count circle on 29 December by J.F. Parnell. These are first winter records for area. *Wilson's Plover* (compiler) was on Bird Shoal where it was watched for 20 minutes and compared with Sempalmated and Piping Plovers; first local winter record for November through February. *Long-billed Dowitcher* (compiler) was at Huntley's Impoundment; identified by voice. *Swainson's Thrush* (Charles Lincoln) was well studied. *Painted Bunting* was an adult male that had been present at L.J. Klein's feeder in Beaufort since early December. *Ground Doves* (Wade) appear to be resident at Fort Macon. A *Whip-poor-will* was seen by compiler on Bogue Bank before light the morning of 25 December in response to tape-recorded goatsucker calls. This bird had also been called up in November when it perched on the trunk of a tree woodpecker fashion and flicked its tail revealing white outer rectrices. This is a record count for Morehead City. The habitat has changed significantly since the first census was taken 10 years ago. There is now a fresh-water impoundment, and bird feeders are more numerous than several years ago. Eight species on the present list were found only at feeders.—JOHN O. FUSSELL III, Box 520, Morehead City, N.C.

WILMINGTON, N.C. (center: Myrtle Grove Junction).

16 December. *Bald Eagle* (Jay Carter, Elizabeth and Robert Teulings) was an adult in flight; first local Christmas count record since 1965. *Whimbrel* (John Fussell) was near Masonboro Inlet. *Rose-breasted Grosbeak* (Kitty Kosh, Betty and Lloyd Davis) was at Oakdale Cemetery feeding with Purple Finches in a privet hedge. *Painted Bunting* (Mary Ulrich) was at a feeder. *Grasshopper Sparrow* (A.G. Massey) was at Echo Dairy Farm. *Henslow's Sparrow* (A.G. Massey) was in overgrown weed field in abandoned farm area; bird was seen well in good light at about 20 feet for almost a full minute.—FRANCES B. NEEDHAM, Box 204, Wrightsville Beach, N.C. 28480.

LITCHFIELD-PAWLEY'S ISLAND, S.C. (center: entrance to North Litchfield Beach at US 17).

20 December. *Least Bittern* (Julian Harrison, Evelyn Dabbs, Jacque Salisbury, Smith Salisbury) was studied carefully.—FREDERICK PROBST, P.O. Box 386, Pawley's Island, S.C. 29585.

CHARLESTON, S.C. (center: 14 miles NE of Mt. Pleasant and 0.5 mile E of US 17).

30 December. *Long-eared Owl* (Perry Nugent) was heard but not seen; call was compared to recordings. The majority of the 578 *Pine Warblers* (Probsts and Wilcoxes) were in two large flocks of about 400 and 100 birds each. The compiler has noticed an unusual number of this species in his own field work this winter. *Summer Tanager* (Robert Wilcox) was an adult male seen in good light with a binocular for about a minute. The bird was in mixed forest, feeding with a variety of other species. There is one previous Christmas count record from Bull's Island by Dick and Sprunt (*South Carolina Bird Life*, 1970, p. 629). *Le Conte's Sparrow* (Perry Nugent) is the first Christmas count record for the Carolinas; however, this secretive species appears to be a fairly common winter resident around Charleston some seasons. *Lincoln's Sparrow* (Perry Nugent) was seen well in good light. Note: The section of the Charleston count area consisting of marshes, tidal flats, and estuaries behind Caper's and Dewee's Islands was not covered in the present count.—JULIAN R. HARRISON, Biology Department, College of Charleston, Charleston, S.C. 29401.

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (center: Spanish Wells Landing, Hilton Head Island).

29 December. Unusually warm fall weather is probably the reason we found several lingering summer resident and fall transient species. Some unusual species for our area or

for the season were a light phase *Rough-legged Hawk* (Frank Arnold), *Least Tern* (Orion Hack, Alva Cunningham), *Wood Thrush* (Frank Arnold, Tommy Sasser, Sally Nunally), *Swainson's Thrush* (Dorothy Hitchcock), and *Lark Sparrow* (Helene Parry, Robert and Elizabeth Whitney). The 30 *Purple Sandpipers* (Cunninghams and Rogers) were on an oyster shell bank at north end of Hilton Head Island; rock jetties are within 3 to 4 miles of site. The male *Western Tanager* returned to Jarvis Depkin's feeder 12 December 1972. A bird presumed to be the same individual was present from 28 January to 8 April 1972.—DAVID AND VIRGINIA HARRALL, 15 Plantation Drive, Hilton Head Island, S.C. 29928.

COASTAL PLAIN

BEAUFORT COUNTY, N.C. (center: where Upper Goose Creek enters Pamlico River).

31 December. *Red Crossbills* (Geraldine Cox, Glenn Paul) were seen in flight and while feeding on pine cones; full song was heard several times.—GERALDINE COX, Route 1, Box 151A, Merritt, N.C. 28556.

PAMLICO COUNTY, N.C. (center: in Florence at intersection of 1324 and 1329).

21 December.—MARVIN TURNAGE, Route 1, Box 25, Bayboro, N.C. 28515.

SOUTHERN PINES, N.C. (center: 3 miles NE of Southern Pines at Niagara).

26 December. *Spotted Sandpiper* (Laurence and Roberta Davis) was again at Whispering Pines where it has been found on three of our last four Christmas counts. House Wren (Elizabeth and Robert Teulings) was present for third consecutive Christmas count. *Parula Warbler* (Teulings) was either a female or an immature bird; first winter record for area. *Yellowthroat* (three parties) appears to be becoming of increasingly regular occurrence in early winter in this vicinity. *Red Crossbills* (Teulings) consisted of a flock of 18 feeding in a pine tree plus other individuals identified by call notes.—J.H. CARTER III, P.O. Box 891, Southern Pines, N.C. 28387.

DILLON, S.C. (center: Dillon).

26 December.—JOHN H. WILSON, Box 535, Dillon, S.C. 29536.

COLUMBIA, S.C. (center: 33° 57' N, 80° 59' W).

16 December. All parties counted some Evening Grosbeaks.—GILBERT BRISTOW, 2921 Blossom Street, Columbia, S.C. 29205.

AIKEN, S.C. (center Couchton).

24 December. Scaup (Jeannine Angerman, Tom Rial) is considered uncommon because count area has no large lakes or rivers.—GERALD E. KNIGHTON, 304 Kirby Drive, North Augusta, S.C. 29841.

PIEDMONT

ROANOKE RAPIDS, N.C. (center: 1.4 miles SE of Weldon).

1 January. *Black-crowned Night Heron* (Betty and Lloyd Davis, Joyce Bennett) was an immature flushed twice at Stevenson's Goose Pond near Garysburg; first winter record for area. Most of the *Canada Geese* were at Stevenson's Goose Pond where they are protected. One *Red-cockaded Woodpecker* (compiler, Davises) was heard calling at the site of a colony discovered just 4 weeks prior to count. *Fish Crows* (three parties) were in Oconeechee Neck area; first winter records for Roanoke Rapids. *Catbird* (Jack Potter) is also first local winter record. *Black-and-white Warbler* (Lloyd Davis) was well studied. *House Finches* have been at Louise Hutchinson's feeder for weeks. *Red Crossbills* (two parties) were at Oconeechee Neck. Edmund LeGrand found the *Lapland Longspurs* with a flock of about 600 Horned Larks in same section of Oconeechee Neck where Lynch found them last winter. [See General Field Notes this issue for details of previous longspur sightings near Roanoke Rapids.—EFP]—J. MERRILL LYNCH, 539 Henry Street, Roanoke Rapids, N.C. 27870.

HENDERSON, N.C. (center: Henderson).

27 December. *House Finches* are present for fourth consecutive winter.—A.W. BACHMAN, 111 Jeanette Avenue, Henderson, N.C.

RALEIGH, N.C. (center: Norfolk Southern RR and Lake Wheeler Road crossing).

23 December. *American Bittern* (Mary Smith) was at Greenview Farm on 1 January. Two adult *Whistling Swans* (Bruce Bolick) were at Lake Benson 29 December. *Greater Scaup* (compiler) was a male at Lake Wheeler. Male *Oldsquaw* (Bruce Bolick) was on Lake Wheeler 17 December. *Catbirds* (Edmund LeGrand) were seen 20 December and on count day; species was formerly more numerous in winter than in past few years. *Blue-gray Gnatcatcher* (E. LeGrand) was in a thicket at Lake Raleigh. *Black-and-white Warbler* (compiler) was a female. *House Finches* were counted at a roost at the Raleigh Rose Garden where up to 40 had been seen earlier in December. *Red Crossbills* (Elizabeth and Robert Teulings) were at Umstead Park.—HARRY E. LeGRAND, 331 Yadkin Drive, Raleigh, N.C. 27609.

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (center: intersection of Columbia and Franklin Streets).

31 December. Charles H. Blake sighted the immature *Broad-winged Hawk*. *Common Gallinule* (compiler, David Barnes) was found in exactly the same place as on the 1970 count. Total of 1,262 *Brown-headed Cowbirds* is more than 12 times our highest in 11 previous counts.—JAMES O. PULLMAN, Route 6, Box 149, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514.

GREENSBORO, N.C. (center: transmitter of Radio Station WBIG).

30 December. The 82 *House Finches* are the largest number recorded to date at one locality in North Carolina.—DONALD ALLEN, 2611 David Caldwell Drive, Greensboro, N.C. 27408.

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (center: intersection of I-40 and Silas Creek Parkway).

30 December. *Ringed Turtle Doves* (Ramona Snavely), descendants of penned birds, have been feral for 6 years and have bred successfully in the wild for at least 3 years. *Lincoln's Sparrow* (compiler, Fred Hill) was studied and compared to Song, Swamp, and Savannah Sparrows.—C. ROYCE HOUGH, 713 Lankashire Road, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27106.

NORTH IREDELL COUNTY, N.C. (center: South Yadkin River bridge on Chipley Ford Road).

1 January. Yellow wing and tail patches were plainly seen on the *American Redstart* (compiler).—JANE MULLEN, 408 Salisbury Road, Statesville, N.C. 28677.

STANLY COUNTY, N.C. (center: 2 miles NW of Badin).

30 December. *Black-and-white Warbler* (Anne Hatley) was seen well. *House Finches* are present for third consecutive winter.—VIVIAN WHITLOCK, Box 219, Albemarle, N. C. 28001.

GREENSBORO, N.C. (center: intersection of South Boulevard and Woodlawn Road).

30 December. *Common Snipe* count was unusually high for this area. *Bonaparte's Gull* (Dale Arvey et al.) was a first for a local count. Number of *Red-breasted Nuthatches* was surprisingly high. The most unexpected find was a female *Blue Grosbeak* (David Wright), possibly a bird of the year, found in a thicket bordered by an open field on one side and a gravel road on the other. *House Finches* (Elizabeth B. Clarkson, compilers) were in two flocks at widely separated feeders; present for fourth consecutive winter.—JOE AND BECKY NORWOOD, 1329 Goodwin Avenue, Charlotte, N.C. 28205.

GREENVILLE, S.C. (center: Hwy 291 and 29).

30 December. *Tree Swallow* was unusually late for our area. Although we had only six Evening Grosbeaks on the count day, flocks of up to 25 birds have visited feeders since that date.—ROSA LEE H. HARDIN, Cleveland, S.C. 29635.

ELKIN-RONDA, N.C. (center: 3 miles N of Elkin on US 21).

24 December. *White-fronted Goose* (compiler, Jerry Tysinger, Fred Masten Jr.) was a

mature bird carefully studied with a flock of 300+ Canada Geese resting beside a pond in protected feeding area.—LIN HENDREN, Box 148, Elkin, N.C. 28621.

NORTH WILKESBORO, N.C. (center: North Wilkesboro).

16 December. *Horned Grebe* was seen by Linville Hendren, C. Garvin Hughes, and compiler.—WENDELL P. SMITH, 911 E Street, North Wilkesboro, N.C. 28659.

CADWELL COUNTY, N.C. (center: Lenoir).

29 December. This appears to be the westernmost record of the *House Finch* in North Carolina to date.—HELEN MYERS, 310 Beall Street, Lenoir, N.C. 28645.

MOUNTAINS

AVERY COUNTY, N.C. (center: entrance to Grandfather Mountain toll road).

28 December. In 1971 this count area was reported in *American Birds* but not in *Chat. Common Redpolls* (Walter Hall), all males, were feeding in a weedy field with Purple Finches and American Goldfinches. Observer had seen the species earlier in the week in northern Ohio.—MARGERY PLYMIRE, RD 2, Chestertown, Maryland 21620.

YANCEY-McDOWELL COUNTIES, N.C. (center: 2.3 miles S of Buck Creek Gap on NC 80).

16 December. The immature *Whistling Swan* (Joyce E. Hall, Mark Hall, Walter Hall, Daniel McKay) was seen well at close range on Morgan Lake. It was no longer present several hours later. *Shovelers* and a male *Blue-winged Teal* were found by same field party.—JOSEPH L. HALL, Route 8, Box 1136, Asheville, N.C. 28806.

BUNCOMBE COUNTY, N.C. (center: intersection US 70 and SR 2740, Swannanoa, N.C.).

30 December. *Catbirds* (Halls) were in Fairview area. Majority of the Starlings, blackbirds, and grackles were in a large roost on the south side of the Swannanoa River at the intersection of US 74 and NC 81 (Halls). *Common Redpoll* (Mary Frances Sawyer) was in the western end of Beaverdam Valley. Three *White-crowned Sparrows* (Sawyer) were in western Beaverdam Valley, and one in Fairview area (Halls).—ROBERT C. RUIZ, 300 Wilson Avenue, Swannanoa, N.C. 28778.

BREVARD, N.C. (center: 7.5 miles SE of Brevard at junction of US 276 and Transylvania County SR 1536 at Cedar Mountain).

30 December. This new count area is centered near the Eastern Continental Divide and has an altitude range of about 950 to 3,800 feet. Heavy fog restricted visibility at higher elevations. Sightings of the following unexpected species may be attributed to the lack of sustained periods of truly cold weather in the fall of 1972: *Common Egret* (Joyce and Joseph Schatz), *Brown Thrasher* (Louise Davidson and others), *Savannah Sparrow* (Harold Zimmerman).—WALTER C. HOLLAND JR., 290 Maple Street, Brevard, N.C. 28712.

GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK, N.C.-Tenn. (center: Bull Head of Mt. Le Conte).

31 December.—DONALD H. DeFOE, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Gatlinburg, Tennessee 37738.

OBSERVERS

BODIE-PEA ISLAND, N.C.: Robert Ake, Robert Anderson, Henry Armistead, Mike Browne, Jay Carter, Paul G. DuMont, Philip A. Dumont, Wavell Fogleman, John Fussell, Clay Gifford, Sam Gifford, Gilbert Grant, Robert J. Hader, J. Russel Hoverman, David Hughes, Howard P. Langridge, Karla Lawler, Palmer Lawler, Edmund LeGrand, Harry E. LeGrand, Merrill Lynch, Holly Overton, Dwight E.

Peake, Richard Peake Jr., Eloise Potter, Jack Potter, H. Douglas Pratt, David A. Pugh, William Russell, Ross Silcock, David Sonneborn, Paul Sykes Jr., Elizabeth Teulings, Robert P. Teulings, Vaud Travis, Robert J. Tropician, Vee Weggel, Claudia Wilds, Gary Williamson, John Williamson, Mark Williamson.

MOREHEAD CITY, N.C.: John Fussell Jr., John Fussell III, L.J. Klein, Charles Lincoln, Tom Wade.

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