

- where). One previous, but unpublished, sight record for North Carolina.
- Water Pipit (*Anthus spinoletta*): A high count of 125 was recorded on 21 December (JF, CM; SPCC).
- Bachman's Sparrow (*Aimophila aestivalis*): One was flushed from a weed patch along the golf course on 21 September. This species is very uncommon in the Sandhills area. (Carter, 1971)
- Lapland Longspur (*Calcarius lapponicus*): One was seen on 17 November (JHC, JF, CM, DM), and 5 were seen on 21 December (JF, CM; SPCC). First records for area.

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Sandhill Crane at Charleston, S.C.

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On the morning of 2 February 1974, while standing on the lawn of 8 Huguenot Avenue, St. Andrew's Parish, Charleston, S.C., I watched a single Sandhill Crane (*Grus canadensis*) for about 30 seconds as it flew in a southwesterly direction over Huguenot Avenue, disappearing over a stand of pines beyond the intersection of Huguenot Avenue and Farmfield Road. When first noted, the bird was passing over the western end of Farmfield Pond, a diked saltmarsh area of about 2 acres. Now brackish, this pond contains good stands of cattail and *Juncus*. At the time of observation (09:15), the sky was overcast and the temperature 64 F. When first seen, the crane appeared to be at a height of about 100 feet, and a distance of approximately 250 feet. It showed the extended neck and characteristic crane flight, but did not soar or call when within sight.

[Several records of this unmistakable bird are summarized by Sprunt and Chamberlain (*South Carolina Bird Life*, 1970, p. 191-192 and 595-596). More recently, one adult was observed 4 March 1973 near Chester (*Chat*, 37:53) and another 19 September 1973 on Sullivan's Island (*Chat*, 37:30). The present sighting is the only one known from South Carolina in early February.—JRH]

Saw-whet Owls Found in Carteret County, N.C.

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On 18 December 1973, I found a dead Saw-whet Owl (*Aegolius acadicus*) on Ft. Macon Road, 1 mile E of Atlantic Beach, N.C. The bird, although badly mutilated, appeared to have been killed recently, possibly the night before. On 6 January 1974, before dawn, I observed a Saw-whet Owl at a distance of about 10 feet with the aid of a 6-volt flashlight. This sighting also occurred on Bogue Banks east of Atlantic Beach at a location about 1/4 mile from the road kill. The bird was not calling, and it may have been attracted by a Screech Owl tape recording that was being played. These are the first records of the Saw-whet Owl from Carteret County.

[It is likely that this small owl is more common in eastern North Carolina in winter than is realized. Observers should be on the lookout for this bird throughout the eastern part of the