











CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT 1974	COAST				COASTAL PLAIN				PIEDMONT								MOUNTAINS															
	Boide-Pea Island, N.C. 30 December	Morehead City, N.C. 22 December	Wilmington, N.C. 14 December	Hitchfield-Pawleys Is., S.C., 28 December	Charleston, S.C. 29 December	Hilton Head Is., S.C. 28 December	Baufort Co., N.C. 29 December	Palmetto Co., N.C. 26 December	Dillon, S.C. 31 December	Southern Pines, N.C. 16 December	Roanoke Rapids, N.C. 18 December	Columbia, S.C. 14 December	Aiken, S.C. 22 December	Raleigh, N.C. 21 December	Durham, N.C. 15 December	Chapel Hill, N.C. 22 December	Rockingham Co., N.C. 15 December	Greensboro, N.C. 28 December	Winston-Salem, N.C. 28 December	Fredell Co., N.C. 29 December	Charlotte, N.C. 28 December	Greenville, S.C. 28 December	Clemson, S.C. 14 December	Elkin-Ronda, N.C. 26 December	CalDWELL Co., N.C. 30 December	Tyron, N.C. 30 December	Buncombe Co., N.C. 14 December	Brevard, N.C. 28 December	G.S.M.N.P. 29 December			
Total Individuals	4	2	177	8	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Le Conte's Sparrow	279	81	117	8	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Henslow's Sparrow	365	17	6	330	4	12	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Seaside Sparrow	130	1	7	...	3	73	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Vesper Sparrow	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Lark Sparrow	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Dark-eyed Sparrow	11,823	17	104	90	349	45	33	180	56	182	778	1,038	64	154	997	1,100	889	1,485	893	314	325	311	514	148	59	84	222	514	157	...		
Tree Sparrow	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Chipping Sparrow	298	34	5	47	19	45	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Field Sparrow	3,005	75	78	38	150	81	88	5	40	34	153	257	15	128	148	158	115	50	173	48	41	32	378	2	5	30	58	35	64	...		
White-cr. Sparrow	279	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
White-th. Sparrow	14,754	66	233	457	411	681	39	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Fox Sparrow	2,084	483	217	168	28	143	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Song Sparrow	2,084	246	225	275	67	538	69	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Lapland Longspur	6,783	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
White-th. Sp. x Junco	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total no. species	221	150	155	142	151	152	70	71	61	84	92	73	77	101	76	74	65	75	81	66	77	58	98	52	43	51	62	55	51	...	...	
Total no. individuals††	1,518,420	103,911	18,218	21,991	10,282	19,134	16,573	4,419	3,797	2,469	10,782	28,427	4,062	3,821	28,709	12,621	569,000	4,720	20,543	536,670	3,971	7,618	1,060	10,548	21,154	1,241	61,365	2,903	4,327	3,084	...	
Field observers	562	36	15	29	20	40	46	8	13	4	9	5	11	7	33	37	24	22	30	33	12	19	11	5	11	12	13	43	23	...	...	
Yard observers	124	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	3	5	3	2	4	7	2	6	13	3	3	3	4	1	0	7	16	5	14	11	2	...	...	
Field parties	218	10	8	10	9	10	13	4	5	2	7	4	4	5	14	12	11	7	9	14	4	8	4	7	3	4	3	6	10	11	...	...
Field-hours	1,666	160	78	119	39	77	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Field-miles by foot	982	179	38	65.5	26	43	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Field-miles by car, boat	4,761	152	217	230	95	236	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

\*Seen in count area during count period but not on count day.  
 †Included in Blackbird (sp.) count.  
 ††Does not include counts published in paragraph form.

# CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT—1974

HARRY E. LeGRAND JR.

Birders in the Carolinas tallied 221 species on the 1974 Christmas Bird Count, well below the record 230 species in 1972 (before the lumping of several species) but an improvement over the 215 species reported last year. A notable improvement this year was that 31 counts were submitted to *The Chat*, a record high for the Carolina Bird Club Christmas Count. New or renewed counts were taken at Rockingham County and Tryon in North Carolina and Clemson in South Carolina.

Five of the six coastal counts broke 150 species this year, with Wilmington leading all counts with 155. However, the plaudits of the 1974 count must go to the observers on the Raleigh and Clemson counts. Raleigh, with 101 species, became the first count wholly west of the Fall Line to record at least 100 species, despite considerable fog and intermittent rain in the morning. Clemson took its first Christmas count since 1961 and tallied a remarkable 98 species. Surprisingly, only three other inland counts were able to break 80 species.

A total of 1,518,000+ birds were reported on the 1974 count, the lowest number of individuals on a Christmas count since 1970. As usual, most of these birds were Starlings and blackbirds; and because these species winter in large flocks that often shift roosts from one location to another between winters, the rather "low" total number of individuals probably was due to the shifting of major roosts to the outside of count circles where they were present in previous winters. Chapel Hill and Winston-Salem were locations of major roosts, and each count tallied in the vicinity of 550,000 birds.

Temperatures during the count period were somewhat above normal, as most counts had highs reading in the 50s and 60s. On the other hand, a majority of the counts (especially those in the piedmont) were plagued by intermittent rain, drizzle, and/or fog. Most of the counts held from 27 through 29 December were hampered by inclement weather.

Many rarities were sighted on the 31 counts this year. Although no first state records were reported, the *Eared Grebe* at Raleigh (first inland record for North Carolina), *White-rumped Sandpiper* at Litchfield-Pawleys Island, *Wilson's Warbler* at Charleston, two *Le Conte's Sparrows* at Bodie-Pea Island, and *White-winged Dove* and *Prothonotary Warbler* at Hilton Head Island were exceptionally noteworthy. The White-rumped Sandpiper and White-winged Dove are additions to the All-time Christmas Bird Count List, bringing the total to 279 species found on count days. Other exciting records were single *Long-billed Curlews* at Bodie-Pea Island and Morehead City, a *Glaucous Gull* at Litchfield-Pawleys Island, a *Ruffed Grouse* and two *Yellow-billed Cuckoos* at Rockingham County, two *Short-eared Owls* at Roanoke Rapids, an *Eastern Kingbird* at Beaufort County, and a *Lark Sparrow* at Morehead City. Please see the Compilers' Comments section for further information on these and other sightings.

Two major trends are evident on this count. First, nearly all of the rarities were late-lingering summer resident or transient species. Far northern visitors, such as several species of gulls, alcids, owls, and winter finches, were scarce on the count. Second, the irregularly-occurring winter finches (*Evening Grosbeak*, *Pine Siskin*, and *Red Crossbill*) all had off-years in the South this winter, as did the *Red-breasted Nuthatch*. In the previous few winters, at least one of these four species had a major invasion during a given winter. Fortunately, *Purple Finches* were common as usual at most localities.

## SPECIAL NOTICES TO COMPILERS AND OBSERVERS

1. A question about the identification of Semipalmated and Western Sandpipers on Christmas counts was brought up by Allan R. Phillips in *Birding*, Vol. 6, p. 172-173.

He states that he knows of no valid record (specimen) of the Semipalmated Sandpiper north of Florida between 10 December and 1 March, and that all of the specimens labeled Semipalmated Sandpipers are actually Westerns. Also, a specimen taken from a small flock of birds originally called Semis on this year's Bodie-Pea Island count was later identified as a Western, according to Paul Sykes. Despite these facts, coastal Christmas counts north of Florida consistently report Semis, often in much greater numbers than Westerns. Based on such information and my own field experience, I am certain that Semis do winter regularly north of Florida but are apparently outnumbered by the Westerns. I do not intend to throw out all records of Semis on Carolina Christmas counts; rather, the purpose of this notice is to make observers and compilers take a closer and longer look at small "peep" sandpipers recorded on their counts. In the future, observers should no longer assume that some of the birds in a flock of "peep" *must* be Semis. Try to see the short, straight, and fairly thick bill, and the absence of rusty on the scapulars of the Semi. Also, listen for a *krip* call note (an "i" or "ē" sound, as opposed to the "ēē" sound of the Western's call) before you mark the Semi on your Christmas count list.

2. Most compilers and observers correctly followed the new count policies printed in the September 1974 *Chat*, and it was encouraging to see compilers sending one to three pages of details with their count forms. However, as expected, a few problems did arise. Some observers and compilers did not send full and convincing details on rare species. Even though a number of details for a single observation were over one-half page long, some of these did not even mention field marks, *by far* the major criterion for judging the validity of a sighting. I reluctantly accepted a number of records of birds with less than convincing details. All of these had details of some kind, but the field marks (if mentioned) were too brief to thoroughly convince me of the record's validity. Only two records were rejected, due to a total lack of details—a *Yellow-billed Cuckoo* at one location and 5 *Common Terns* at another. A second reason for my insistence upon full details is to reduce my having to send out postcards to observers and compilers requesting further details, a process that delays the publication of the count by at least 3 weeks.

3. I would like to thank the observers and especially the compilers for their efforts on the 1974 Christmas count. As mentioned earlier, a record 31 counts were received, with 29 published in the table and the North Wilkesboro and Avery County counts printed under the Compilers' Comments. Being a compiler must be one of the most thankless and unappreciated jobs anyone could ever undertake. Perhaps to many people, all a compiler does is add up the species totals and submit them for publication in a journal. Actually, compiling the list is the easy part—organizing the count beforehand and requesting and typing details afterwards are the difficult jobs, not to mention the collection of participation fees and listing of observers' addresses required by *American Birds*. Also, the compiler usually is the person a count editor embarrasses or irritates by questioning a sighting. For these reasons and more, I praise the efforts of the compilers for putting so much of their time, energy, and money into making this count a success.

## COMPILERS' COMMENTS

### COAST

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

30 December. The three *Brown Pelicans* were in the Oregon Inlet area, and the *Green Heron* was near the Bodie Island Lighthouse pond. The adult and immature *White Ibis*, along with the 25 *Glossy Ibis*, were observed by Wayne Irvin, Paul Spain, and the Compiler near South Pond on Pea Island. The brown-plumaged *Common Eider* (Compiler and party) was seen in the surf on Pea Island. Light phase *Rough-legged Hawk* (Robert Kennedy, Robert Tripican) was seen well on Pea Island. The



large size and long decurved bill of the *Long-billed Curlew* (Richard Rowlett, Bonnie Bowen, Kennedy, Tripican) were noted; bird was on flats just north of North Pond on Pea Island. The same four observers also found the *Marbled Godwits*. The *Parasitic Jaeger* (Wavell Fogleman) was chasing gulls 200 yards off Bodie Island; the pointed rectrices were seen. The adult and seven immature *Black-legged Kittiwakes* (Robert Ake) were seen well offshore. Two parties observed the four *Common Terns*, noting the black band extending completely around the back of the head. *Red Crossbill* (Richard Peake) was seen and heard in flight near Bodie Island Lighthouse. The two *Le Conte's Sparrows* (Ray Chandler, Paul McQuarry) were studied carefully in a grassy sedge marsh with scattered waxmyrtle north of the Bodie Island Lighthouse; white median crown stripe, purplish color of the nape, orange face wash, and fine streaks on the sides of the breast were seen. Interestingly, the *Common Eider*, *Rough-legged Hawk*, *Long-billed Curlew*, and *Le Conte's Sparrow* had been seen several weeks earlier in the area. Outstanding species counts were 2100 *Gannets*, 13,600 *Red-breasted Mergansers*, 62 *Ring-necked Pheasants*, 39 *Piping Plovers*, 101 *American Avocets*, 248 *Short-billed Marsh Wrens*, and 17,000 *Yellow-rumped Warblers*.—PAUL W. SYKES JR., P.O. Box 2077, Delray Beach, Florida 33444.

MOREHEAD CITY, N.C. (center: 0.7 miles NW of Crab Point).

22 December. A female *Common Merganser* (Compiler) was seen on a small pond on 19 December. The *Long-billed Curlew* (Compiler, Edmund LeGrand) was on flats in Beaufort Inlet and compared with nearby *Marbled Godwits*. *Whip-poor-will* (LeGrand, Chris Marsh, Lisa Marsh, David Whitehurst) was attracted to a taped call just before dawn at Pine Knoll Shores; a number of records for this area over the past few winters indicates that the species may winter regularly in Carteret County. Both the *Blue-gray Gnatcatcher* (Ray Winstead) and the *White-eyed Vireo* (Compiler) were seen at very close range. The *Lark Sparrow* (John Wright, Tom Howard), seen near Newport, was identified by the white tail edging, chestnut crown, black face markings, and breast spot. The seven unidentified *scoters* were either *Surfs* or *Blacks* and were counted in the species total.—JOHN FUSSELL III, Box 520, Morehead City, N.C. 28557.

WILMINGTON, N.C. (center: Monkey Junction).

14 December. *Rough-legged Hawk* (Edna Appleberry, Harry Latimer, Greg Massey) was a light phase bird studied carefully near the New Cape Fear Bridge. The same observers found the *Spotted Sandpiper*. One *Sandwich Tern* was seen by the Compiler and Doug Nunnally, and two were seen by James Parnell. The *Northern Parula* (C. Willard Greene) was at Orton with a mixed flock of songbirds; all field marks were seen. The large numbers of *Seaside* and *Sharp-tailed Sparrows* were partly due to greater marsh coverage by observers and partly to high tides on Masonboro Island, where 325 birds were found.—FRANCES B. NEEDHAM, Box 81, Wilmington, N.C. 28401.

LITCHFIELD-PAWLEYS ISLAND, S.C. (center: entrance to North Litchfield Beach on US 17).

28 December. The *White-rumped Sandpiper* (Compiler, Evelyn Dabbs, David McLean Jr.) was excellently described in detail; white rump, dark legs, mottled breast, whitish stripe over eye, size about that of a *Sanderling*. *Glaucous Gull* (Arch McCallum, Wenda McCallum) was seen in the surf with other gulls and was identified by size (as large as or slightly larger than *Great Black-backed Gulls*), large and dark-tipped bill, and overall dusky-white appearance. The *Whip-poor-will* (Arch McCallum) was flushed from an oak-pine scrub. Pete Laurie observed the *Prairie Warbler* and the two *Le Conte's Sparrows*.—FREDERICK PROBST, Route 2, Box 80-C2, Pawleys Island, S.C. 29585.

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

29 December. Weather conditions and visibility were poor. Three boat parties provided better coverage of the upper Wando River and tidal creeks, tidal marshes,

and mudflats. Such coverage was partly responsible for the high counts of *scaup*, *oystercatchers*, *dowitchers*, *godwits*, and *wigeons*. More *kinglets* were found on the mainland than usual. Rare species were a *Gull-billed Tern* (Arthur Wilcox, Peter Manigault, and party), a *Yellow-breasted Chat* (Manigault), and a *Wilson's Warbler* (Perry Nugent, Arch McCallum). The *Wilson's* was observed for about 5 minutes at close range and was reported in full detail; major marks noted were the olive back, bright yellow underparts, absence of tail spots, pale olive cheek patch, yellow eye ring and stripe over the eye, a blackish-olive crown, and size of *Common Yellowthroat*. The remarkable 29 *Prairie Warblers* were seen and well documented by Perry Nugent and party. The birds were in large flocks of *Yellow-rumped*, *Pine*, and *Yellow-throated Warblers*, mainly in small to medium loblolly pines with some underbrush. The black and yellow stripes around the eye, dark side streaks, and wagging tail were noted.—JULIAN R. HARRISON, Biology Department, College of Charleston, Charleston, S.C. 29401.

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

28 December. The *Red-necked Grebes* (Seward Bowers) were seen in Baynard Cove at 75 feet. The *White-winged Dove* (Caroline Newhall, Frank Arnold) was seen perching and in flight; six were seen during the count period. The two observers also found the *Great Crested Flycatcher*; rufous tail was seen. Mildred Lawrence saw the *Eastern Wood Pewee* in a wooded yard, perched in a tree and noted the wing bars, light bill, and lack of tail wagging. The orange-yellow head and breast, plain bluish wings, and white belly of the *Prothonotary Warbler* were well seen by Helen Loriot and Kip Berhorst.—W. WALLACE ROY and BETTY ROY, Dogwood Lane, Hilton Head Island, S.C. 29928.

#### COASTAL PLAIN

BEAUFORT COUNTY, N.C. (center: entrance of Upper Goose Creek into Pamlico River).

29 December. The *Common Gallinule* (Compiler, Anne and Bruce Reynolds) was in a dredged marsh channel on the south shore of the Pamlico River and was apparently a first winter record for Beaufort County.—DAVID MORRIS, Camp Don-Lee, Arapahoe, N.C. 28510.

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

26 December. The count day was quite windy. The *Eastern Kingbird* (Margaret Conderman) was on a roadside wire, and all field marks, including the distinct white end of the tail, were noted. The flock of *Boat-tailed Grackles* (Compiler) was in a corn field near Whortonsville.—DAVID MORRIS, address as above.

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

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

SOUTHERN PINES, N.C. (center: 1 mile NE of Skyline).

16 December. The *Common Loon* (Chris Marsh) was seen at close range on Lake Surf. *Herring Gulls* (Marsh, John Wright, Edmund LeGrand) were a mixed flock of adults and immatures at Lake Surf. John Fussell observed all field marks of the *Solitary Vireo*.—J.H. CARTER III, P.O. Box 891, Southern Pines, N.C. 28387.

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

18 December. The *American Bittern* (Chris Marsh, Rhodes Robinson) was flushed from the marshy edge of a beaver pond. An adult *Snow (Blue) Goose* was observed by the Compiler in a large flock of *Canada Geese* on Stevenson's Goose Pond. The two *Short-eared Owls* were discovered by Marsh and Robinson in a wet cattle pasture at Occoneechee Neck. The birds were observed at close range in flight and resting on

the ground by all count observers; the excellent details included all field marks. *White-crowned Sparrows* continue to increase in numbers on the Christmas counts. *Lapland Longspurs* have been seen for four consecutive winters in a limited area of Occaneechee Neck, and the species is now considered a regular winter resident in this locality.—J. MERRILL LYNCH, 539 Henry Street, Roanoke Rapids, N.C. 27870.

COLUMBIA, S.C. (center: intersection of Gills Creek and Bluff Road).

14 December. The *American Bittern* (Kay Sisson, Miriam Davis, Ebba Van, Emma Walker) was approached within 10 feet; black neck mark was seen. The two *Wood Thrushes* (Glenn Smith) had a reddish head and nape and duller back and tail. The *Blue-gray Gnatcatcher* (Compiler, Nina and Mary Reid) was studied at close range in excellent light. Most of the *Red-headed Woodpeckers* were seen in a few acres of river swamp, and over half were immatures.—GILBERT BRISTOW, 2921 Blossom Street, Columbia, S.C. 29205.

AIKEN, S.C. (center: Couchton).

22 December.—JEANNINE ANGERMAN, 1326 Evans Road, Aiken, S.C. 29801.

#### PIEDMONT

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

21 December. The outstanding find was an *Eared Grebe* on Lake Benson, first seen by the Compiler and party and subsequently seen by many other observers; all field marks were noted and described in detail. The female *Northern Shoveler* (Chris Marsh) was on Lake Wheeler, and the male *Common Goldeneye* (Ken Knapp, Betty and Lloyd Davis) was on Lake Benson. Fifteen *Red-breasted Mergansers* on Lake Wheeler and 39 on Lake Benson were an exceptional number for the winter season. Harry LeGrand found the *Virginia Rails* and the *Sora* in a cattail marsh near Lake Raleigh. The adult and immature *Herring Gulls* (Marsh) were with a *Ring-billed Gull* on Lake Wheeler. Singing *Solitary Vireos* were found by two parties. The *Yellow-breasted Chat* (Marsh and party) was well studied and all field marks were noted. An immature *Black-crowned Night Heron* during count period was unusual.—R.J. HADER, 3313 Cheswick Drive, Raleigh, N.C. 27609.

DURHAM, N.C. (center: 1 mile N and 1 mile E of junction of Eno River and US 501).

15 December. The Compiler and Robert Ridgely observed a hybrid *Dark-eyed Junco* x *White-throated Sparrow* that had regularly visited a feeder for two weeks prior to the count. It had the gray head, pink bill, white belly, and white outer tail feathers of a *Junco* combined with the brown back and wing, dark head striping, and white throat of the *White-throated Sparrow*. Since the markings were quite distinct, they believe the bird probably was an adult.—NORMAN BUDNITZ, Dept. of Zoology, Duke University, Durham, N.C. 27706.

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

22 December. With no lingerers and a lackluster performance by winter finches, the count was just typical, but with a good list of the expected winter species. For waterfowl-poor Chapel Hill, the six *Canvasbacks* were quite unusual, and the *Bufflehead* was the first for count day (both by Barbara Roth, later by other observers). The half-million-plus total of blackbirds was a useful addition to the count, even though most were unidentified as to species.—JAMES O. PULLMAN, Route 6, Box 149, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, N.C. (center: Rockingham County Community College Student Center in Wentworth).

15 December. The *Ruffed Grouse* was seen by Donna Cook, who saw the large size and broad banded tail. In fact, she has seen grouse in the same area for many

years, including a hen with chicks a few years ago. [Cook should write a field note for *Chat* on her *Ruffed Grouse* observations in Rockingham County, for these records are well to the east of the normal range of the species.—HL] Donna Cook also observed the two *Yellow-billed Cuckoos* as they were feeding on caterpillars that were trapped under burlap wrapped around the trunks of apple trees in her yard. The large spots on the underside of the tail were easily seen at 40 feet.—EDWARD BURROUGHS, 921 Seymour Court, Eden, N.C. 27288.

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

28 December. The *Palm Warbler* was seen by Edwin Blitch III.—DONALD ALLEN, 2611 David Caldwell Drive, Greensboro, N.C. 27408.

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

28 December. There is a notable scarcity of waterfowl in the area. *Black* and *Turkey Vultures* were seen in a common roost near Lewisville. The *Long-billed Marsh Wren* (James Orgain) was found in a marsh at the Nature Science Park; it had been seen by other birders in the area for several weeks.—C. ROYCE HOUGH, 713 Lankashire Road, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27106.

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

29 December. The *Broad-winged Hawk* was seen by Lois Goforth on her farm. She has observed the species there all year, as has the Compiler, who has also seen this species in winter near a museum on the northern edge of Statesville. The singing *Short-billed Marsh Wren* was heard by Mrs. Goforth, who is familiar with the song of this species. An unusually large number of *kinglets* were recorded on the count. Rain, heavy at times, continued most of the day and probably was responsible for the lack of numbers and species of hawks usually seen on the count.—JANE S. MULLEN, 908 West Front Street, Statesville, N.C. 28677.

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

28 December. The 31 *Red-tailed Hawks* were a noteworthy number for this area. The *Merlin* (David Wright) seen in the count week was the second reported for Mecklenburg County. Other than the six *House Finches* at a feeder on count day, none have been reported this year. The *Vesper Sparrow* (Doug Pratt) was a noteworthy sighting, as it is seldom seen in winter.—BECKY and JOE NORWOOD, 1329 Goodwin Avenue, Charlotte, N.C. 28205.

GREENVILLE COUNTY, S.C. (center: intersection of highways 29 and 291).

28 December.—ROSA LEE HARDIN, Star Route, Cleveland, S.C. 29635.

CLEMSON, S.C. (center: 3 miles W of intersection of US 76 and SC 28 in Pendleton).

14 December. *American Bittern* (Compiler) was heard calling from a marsh near Pendleton. Adair Tedards and Vivian Smith observed the dark phase *Rough-legged Hawk* and the *Osprey*. The large expanses of mudflats around Lake Hartwell were responsible for the lingering *Spotted Sandpiper* (Charlie Gage, Gaston Gage), *Least Sandpipers* (Bill Alexander, Frank Moore), and *Dunlins* (Edwin Stearns). The two *Bewick's Wrens* (Sidney Gauthreaux, Alan Peltz) were in brush piles near old barns in the Townville area; all field marks seen as close as 10 feet. *Catbirds* (two parties) were probably late stragglers rather than winter residents. The three male and two female *House Finches* (Tedards, Smith) were in rural country on telephone wires near Sandy Springs, at the same location where the Compiler found them in late November. Gauthreaux observed the *Grasshopper Sparrow* at very close range in a roadside brushy thicket.—HARRY E. LeGRAND JR., Department of Zoology, Clemson University, Clemson, S.C. 29631.

ELKIN-RONDA, N.C. (center: 3 miles N of Elkin at intersection of US 21 and US 21 Bypass).

26 December. Two *Rusty Blackbirds* were unusual on the count, though the species should not be as rare here as our observations indicate.—LIN HENDREN, P.O. Box 148, Elkin, N.C. 28621.

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

1 January. Ring-necked Duck 4, Sharp-shinned Hawk 1, Ring-billed Gull 4, Mourning Dove 4, Great Horned Owl 1, Common Flicker 1, Pileated Woodpecker 1, Blue Jay 11, Common Crow 36, Tufted Titmouse 9, White-breasted Nuthatch 1, Winter Wren 1, Carolina Wren 7, American Robin 1, Hermit Thrush 3, Starling 59, House Sparrow 14, Rusty Blackbird 1, Cardinal 2, *House Finch* 2, Rufous-sided Towhee 2, Savannah Sparrow 1, Dark-eyed Junco 8, Song Sparrow 6. 24 species; 174 individuals; 2 field observers in 1 party; 9 field-hours; 12 miles by foot; 30 miles by car. Louise P. Smith, Wendell P. Smith. [This count badly needs additional observers. Surely someone can give the Smiths a helping hand!—HL]—WENDELL P. SMITH, 911 E Street, North Wilkesboro, N.C. 28659.

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

30 December.—HELEN MYERS, 310 Beall Street NW, Lenoir, N.C. 28645.

## MOUNTAINS

TRYON, N.C. (center: Tryon).

30 December. A large blackbird roost was present along Howard Gap Road near Tryon. Neil and Margaret Skelton censused the roost on the afternoon of 5 January. The count of 60,650 included *Starlings*, *Red-winged Blackbirds*, *Rusty Blackbirds*, *Common Grackles*, and *Brown-headed Cowbirds*.—BETTY FROST, Box 271, Tryon, N.C. 28782.

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

27 December. Mallard 1, Ruffed Grouse 3, Belted Kingfisher 2, Pileated Woodpecker 2, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 2, Hairy Woodpecker 2, Downy Woodpecker 10, Eastern Phoebe 1, Blue Jay 23, Common Raven 5, Common Crow 32, Carolina Chickadee 47, Tufted Titmouse 33, White-breasted Nuthatch 13, Red-breasted Nuthatch 12, Brown Creeper 1, Carolina Wren 10, American Robin 2, Eastern Bluebird 6, Golden-crowned Kinglet 17, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 4, House Sparrow 16, Cardinal 23, Evening Grosbeak 33, Purple Finch 5, Pine Siskin 3, American Goldfinch 23, Rufous-sided Towhee 6, Dark-eyed Junco 151, Field Sparrow 3, White-throated Sparrow 36, Song Sparrow 11. 32 species; 538 individuals; 7 field observers in 3 parties, plus 2 yard observers; 22.5 field-hours; 5 miles by foot; 70.5 miles by car. Nat Clement, Frank Mendoza, Hugh Morton, Margery Plymire, Russell Pratt, Sally Southerland, Louise Winstead.—MARGERIE PLYMIRE, R.D. 2, Chestertown, Maryland 21620.

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

14 December. The male *Canvasback* (Richard Price, Compiler, Roland Sargent, Plumer Wiseman) was with *Ring-necked Ducks* on Burnett Reservoir. *Barn Owl* (Gordon Mahy) was in a silo on the Warren Wilson College grounds in Swannanoa; birds have nested here for 2 years and have raised nine young. *Orange-crowned Warbler* (Mary Sawyer) was seen as close as 10 feet in the observer's yard. The *Rusty Blackbirds* (Margaret Finch, Eddie Stearns) were seen in the Haw Creek area. *White-crowned Sparrows* (Vertice Wood) were in the observer's yard at Lakey Gap, south of Black Mountain.—ROBERT C. RUIZ, 300 Wilson Avenue, Swannanoa, N.C. 28778.

BREVARD, N.C. (center: 7 miles SE of Brevard at Rich Mountain Lookout Tower).

28 December. The addition of a highly successful 16-mile canoe trip yielded Brevard's first *Horned Grebe* (Walter and Gail Holland, Harold Sims). Other new species for the count were *Marsh Hawk* (Susan and Curt Holland, Walter McKelvey) and *Canada Goose* and *Red-winged Blackbird* (both by Ercel and George Francis, Genevieve Lilly). Notably absent were *Killdeer*, *Evening Grosbeak*, and *Pine Siskin*.—WALTER C. HOLLAND JR., 290 Maple Street, Brevard, N.C. 28712.

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

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

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same observers, and one was found on 30 November at Oregon Inlet by Paul McQuarry.

**SNOW BUNTING:** A flock of 30 was seen at Ocracoke Inlet on the North Carolina Outer Banks on 30 November by John Fussell, Wayne Irvin, and Ray Winstead. An individual was also present for 2 weeks at Doe Hall Plantation near McClellanville, S.C., in late October and early November, reported by Jay Shuler. A rare inland record was noted on 23 October near Chapel Hill, N.C., where a single bird was seen feeding in a barnyard by Stanley Alford and Angelo Capparella.

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