

BRIEFS FOR THE FILES

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- COMMON LOON:** A late lingerer was found at Roanoke Rapids Lake near Roanoke Rapids, N.C., on 23 June by Merrill Lynch, and another at Oregon Inlet on the North Carolina Outer Banks on 15 July by Morgan Jones.
- RED-THROATED LOON:** A summer straggler was seen off the ferry dock at Hatteras Island, N.C., on 28 June by Mike Browne.
- HORNED GREBE:** One was observed as late as 18 June at Beaufort Inlet near Morehead City, N.C., by T.L. Quay et al.
- CORY'S SHEARWATER:** Two were seen in South Carolina coastal waters off Myrtle Beach on 18 July by Royce Hough.
- GREATER SHEARWATER:** At least 12 were seen off the harbor jetties at Charleston, S.C., on 3 July by Bill Elliott and Perry Nugent.
- SOOTY SHEARWATER:** An individual, obviously sick or exhausted, was found on the beach at Cape Lookout, N.C., on 21 June by Robert Hader. Offshore, up to 10 were sighted outside Charleston Harbor on 24 July by P.J. Crutchfield and party.
- AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER:** One was observed at Surf City, Pender County, N.C., on 4 July by Merrill Lynch.
- WILSON'S STORM-PETREL:** Sixty were seen in Gulf Stream waters off Cape Hatteras, N.C., on 5 July by Richard Rowlett. Inshore sightings of single birds were noted at Beaufort Inlet near Morehead City, N.C., on 1 July by David Lee and 15 July by John Fussell, and another at Surf City, N.C., on 4 July by Merrill Lynch.
- WHITE-TAILED TROPICBIRD:** One was sighted at sea about 40 miles SE of Charleston, S.C., on 14 June by T.A. Beckett IV and party; and another was seen some 45 miles SE of Morehead City, N.C., on 18 July, observed by Allyn Powell and reported by John Fussell.
- MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD:** One was observed near shore off Pawleys Island, S.C., on 4 July by R.A. DesPortes. Along the coast farther north at Kitty Hawk, N.C., another was seen on 14 July by Morgan Jones.
- DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT:** Single summer vagrants were found on 29 June at Huntington Beach State Park near Murrells Inlet, S.C., by F.M. Probst, and inland at Roanoke Rapids Lake, Northampton County, N.C., on 27 July by Merrill Lynch.
- BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON:** An immature was seen at Townville, S.C., on 12 July by Harry LeGrand and Sidney Gauthreaux, a first summer record for that inland area.
- YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON:** Locally rare inland summer occurrences were reported from Townville, S.C., where an immature bird was seen on 12 July by Sidney Gauthreaux and Harry LeGrand, and from Winston-Salem, N.C., where two immatures were present at Reynolda Park in late July and early August, observed by Fran Baldwin, Charles Frost, and Ramona Snavely.
- WOOD STORK:** Small flocks were present in the coastal area of the Carolinas this summer with the northernmost occurrence noted at Sunset Beach, N.C., where twelve were seen on 15 July by Royce Hough. Inland, one was seen in Kershaw County, S.C., near Boykin on 21 June by Sidney Gauthreaux.

- WHITE IBIS:** In late June and July wandering immatures turned up at several inland locations. One was observed at Clemson, S.C., on 30 June by Larry Luckett; another near Roanoke Rapids, N.C., on 13 July by Merrill Lynch; and six at Southern Pines, N.C., on 14 July by Jay Carter. The latter two sightings were first local records.
- FULVOUS TREE DUCK:** One was seen at the USDA Vegetable Research Farm near Charleston, S.C., on 11 July by Perry Nugent.
- BLACK DUCK:** Ten were surprisingly early fall visitors at Greenview Farm near Raleigh, N.C., on 19 July, observed by Mike Browne. Elsewhere 25 were seen at Roanoke Rapids Lake near Vulture, N.C., on 27 July by Merrill Lynch.
- GADWALL:** A small flock of four females, presumably early transients, were seen on a farm pond in Nash County, N.C., on 27 July by Louis Fink.
- GREEN-WINGED TEAL:** In the Raleigh, N.C., area one was seen at Lake Raleigh on 7 July by Clyde Smith and four at Greenview Farm on 19 July by Mike Browne.
- RUDDY DUCK:** Two were observed at New River Inlet near Topsail Beach, N.C., on 23 July by Steve Plantania and Will Thompson.
- BLACK SCOTER:** Eight were reported by Louise Lacoss to have lingered through June at Hilton Head Island, S.C. Other summer stragglers were seen in the Cape Fear River near Wilmington, N.C., in mid-July by T.L. Quay and James Parnell; and at least five were still present in the Morehead City, N.C., area on 29 July, fide John Fussell.
- SWALLOW-TAILED KITE:** One was sighted at Pea Island N.W.R. on North Carolina's Outer Banks on 24 May by Alan Gallagher.
- MISSISSIPPI KITE:** One was seen in North Carolina on the Pee Dee River in Anson County on 12 July by Stanley Alford and Robin Carter. Twenty-one were seen soaring above Interstate 20 east of Columbia, S.C., on 4 August by Vernon Pond and Paul McKenzie.
- SHARP-SHINNED HAWK:** Individuals were recorded on 22 June at Lake Brandt near Greensboro, N.C., by Robin Carter and 29 July near Nelson in Durham County, N.C., by Robert Teulings. No reports of nesting were received.
- COOPER'S HAWK:** A pair was reported by Ted Beckett to have successfully fledged two young at Magnolia Gardens near Charleston, S.C., this summer. This was the only nesting record noted.
- BALD EAGLE:** Ted Beckett reported three active nest sites in the vicinity of Charleston, S.C., during the 1975 breeding season. No other eagle nestings were reported from the Carolinas, although immature birds were seen during the summer period at North Litchfield Beach, Wilmington, and Morehead City by various observers. An inland sighting of an immature was recorded at Lake Hartwell near Clemson, S.C., on 14 July by Gene Hayes; and single adults were seen at Carolina Sandhills N.W.R. in Chesterfield County, S.C., on 10 June by Paul McKenzie and at Tuckertown Lake in Davidson County, N.C., on 3 July by Michael Massey.
- MARSH HAWK:** A summer sighting of a single bird was noted at Pea Island N.W.R. on 30 July by N.F. Williamson.
- OSPREY:** Two were seen at Belews Creek Lake NW of Winston-Salem on 8 June by Jerry Shiffert. Another was seen at Roanoke Rapids Lake on 27 July by Merrill Lynch, and a pair was reported by Wendell Smith to have summered at Kerr Scott Reservoir near North Wilkesboro, N.C. No definite indications of nesting have so far been observed at these large piedmont reservoirs.
- AMERICAN KESTREL:** Individuals were observed in mid-June near Pendleton, S.C., by Harry LeGrand and in early July in the Fort Bragg Military Reservation and at Pinebluff, N.C., by Jay Carter. Elsewhere, one was seen on 27 July in Halifax County, N.C., near Aurelian Springs by Merrill Lynch.

- BLACK RAIL:** One was seen at Johns Island, Charleston, S.C., on 23 July by Chris and Perry Nugent.
- PURPLE GALLINULE:** One wandered as far northward as Bells Island, Currituck County, N.C., where it was seen on 31 May by Gisella Grimm and Floy Burford.
- COMMON GALLINULE:** One was seen at a sewage pond near Pendleton, S.C., on 10 May by Harry LeGrand, Sidney Gauthreaux et al, and another was seen near Townville, S.C., on 6 July by Harry LeGrand. Both are unusual records for that interior location.
- SEMPALMATED PLOVER:** An inland visitor was seen at Greenview Farm near Raleigh, N.C., on 4 May by Ken and David Knapp; and another was seen at Winston-Salem on 30 July, reported by Ramona Snavelly.
- BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER:** Two were found inland at Wildwood Lake, Caswell County, N.C., on 15 May by Plumer Wiseman.
- AMERICAN WOODCOCK:** An adult with young was seen on 16 May in Orange County, N.C., near Chapel Hill by Margaret Wagner.
- COMMON SNIBE:** At least 60 were counted at Greenview Farm near Raleigh, N.C., on 6 April by Robert Hader.
- LONG-BILLED CURLEW:** Two early fall migrants were seen in the Charleston, S.C., area on 21 July by Dennis Forsythe and party. Another was seen on 9 August at Bird Shoal near Morehead City, N.C., by John Fussell.
- UPLAND SANDPIPER:** One was seen at Clemson, S.C., on 18 and 19 April and another there on 28 April by Harry LeGrand. Two were also found at Townville, S.C., on 8 May by Sidney Gauthreaux and Frank Moore.
- GREATER YELLOWLEGS:** One was an unusual find in the Asheville, N.C., area at Kenilworth Lake on 10 May by Chris Rustay. An inland visitor was also present at the Winston-Salem, N.C., city sewage treatment ponds 6-8 June, fide Ramona Snavelly.
- LESSER YELLOWLEGS:** One was seen on 16 and 17 July and two on 26 July at the Winston-Salem, N.C., sewage treatment ponds, reported by Ramona Snavelly.
- PECTORAL SANDPIPER:** A good inland count of 30 was recorded at Winston-Salem, N.C., on 3 April by Charles Frost and up to 12 were present there 26-30 July, observed by Ramona Snavelly et al. Elsewhere in the piedmont, one was seen near Pendleton, S.C., on 12 July by Harry LeGrand.
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER:** One was an unusual spring visitor on 15 May at Clemson, S.C., seen by Harry LeGrand, Sidney Gauthreaux, and Frank Moore. At the Winston-Salem, N.C., sewage treatment ponds, five were found on 21 May and six on 22 May by Fran Baldwin, Charles Frost, James Orgain, and Ramona Snavelly. Four more were seen there on 16 June as well as a single bird on 7 July by the same observers.
- LEAST SANDPIPER:** A good inland count of 25 was recorded at Wildwood Lake in Caswell County, N.C., on 18 May by Plumer Wiseman, and one was seen near Townville, S.C., on 6 July by Harry LeGrand. At Winston-Salem, N.C., up to 12 were seen at the city's sewage treatment ponds during July as reported by Ramona Snavelly.
- DUNLIN:** Twelve were recorded inland at Winston-Salem, N.C., on 9 May by Fran Baldwin et al., and another at Raleigh, N.C., on 10 May by Clyde Smith and Chris Marsh.
- SEMPALMATED SANDPIPER:** Two were seen on 6 June and one on 30 July at the Winston-Salem, N.C., sewage treatment ponds, fide Ramona Snavelly.
- SANDERLING:** Three were present, along with three Western Sandpipers, at the Winston-Salem, N.C., sewage treatment ponds on 16 July, Ramona Snavelly.

- GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL:** One was seen at the Hatteras Island, N.C., ferry dock on 28 June by Mike Browne.
- RING-BILLED GULL:** Three birds, all immatures, were seen on 18 May near Asheville, N.C., by Robert Ruiz, an uncommon sighting at that inland location.
- BONAPARTE'S GULL:** Very unusual summer occurrences were recorded at Morehead City, N.C., where individuals were seen on 21 and 29 June by John Fussell.
- BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE:** One was seen at Pea Island N.W.R. on the North Carolina Outer Banks on 17 May by N.F. Williamson.
- GULL-BILLED TERN:** An individual was seen on 15 and 16 July at Salem Lake near Winston-Salem, N.C., by Fran Baldwin, Charles Frost and Ramona Snavelly, an unexpected inland occurrence and the first for Forsyth County.
- COMMON TERN:** Three were seen inland at Lake Gaston, Warren County, N.C., on 3 June by Harry LeGrand.
- LEAST TERN:** One was found well inland at Lake Hartwell near Clemson, S.C., on 3 June by Sidney Gauthreaux and Gene Hayes.
- BLACK TERN:** Two were seen near Bennettsville, S.C., on 12 July by Robin Carter and Stanley Alford, and one was seen at Salem Lake near Winston-Salem, N.C., on 16 July by Wayne Irvin.
- GROUND DOVE:** Nesting was reported during the 1975 summer season at Topsail Beach, N.C., by Mrs. Emma Thomson, fide David Lee. The species is said to have been breeding there for the past three years.
- YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER:** Eleven were seen and heard in the vicinity of Wayah Bald in western Macon County, N.C., on 1 July by Harry LeGrand. This tally is noteworthy because sapsuckers are generally thought to be rather uncommon as breeders in the southern Appalachians.
- GRAY KINGBIRD:** One was seen on 13 June at Topsail Beach, N.C., by Gail Whitehurst.
- WILLOW FLYCATCHER:** Three individuals were heard singing in Jackson County, N.C., in the vicinity of Cullowhee on 8 June by Harry LeGrand.
- HORNED LARK:** An individual was seen on 4 June at Carolina Sandhills N.W.R., Chesterfield County, S.C., by Paul McKenzie. Elsewhere, one was seen at Seaforth Lake, Chatham County, N.C., on 26 June by Robin Carter. No evidence of nesting was indicated at either location.
- BANK SWALLOW:** Two early fall transients were seen at Clemson, S.C., on 12 July by Harry LeGrand.
- BARN SWALLOW:** This species is continuing to increase as a summer resident in eastern North Carolina. It is reported to be breeding commonly in Nash County by Louis Fink, and field work this summer by Merrill Lynch established nesting records for Bertie, Hertford, Gates, Perquimans, Washington, Tyrrell, and Dare Counties.
- CEDAR WAXWING:** A few apparently summered in the Winston-Salem, N.C., area as evidenced by eight sightings of individuals during the period mid-June through mid-July, reported by Kevin Hints and Ramona Snavelly.
- LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE:** A pair was seen feeding young near Morehead City, N.C., in late May by John Fussell, a rare nesting record for that coastal locality.
- RED-EYED VIREO:** One was found in spruce-fir forest above the 6600-foot elevation near the summit of Mount Mitchell in Yancey County, N.C., on 17 July by David Lee.
- PROTHONOTARY WARBLER:** A rare spring record for the Asheville, N.C., area is represented by a specimen found dead after hitting a window there on 21 April,

- fide Robert Ruiz (specimen to Warren Wilson College).
- SWAINSON'S WARBLER:** Singing males were found to be very common along US 178 near Rocky Bottom in Pickens County, S.C., where 16 were counted on 5 June by Sidney Gauthreaux, Paul Hamel, and Harry LeGrand. Elsewhere, a new summer record for the piedmont was noted at Stone Mountain in Wilkes County, N.C., where a singing male was found on 16 July by David Lee.
- WORM-EATING WARBLER:** Two males were heard singing near East Lake in Dare County, N.C., on 11 June by Merrill Lynch. Elsewhere in the coastal plain, a singing male was found near Merrimon in Carteret County, N.C., on 19 June by John Fussell.
- BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER:** One was seen and heard at Moore's Knob in Hanging Rock State Park, Stokes County, N.C., on 7 June by Robert Teulings.
- BOBOLINK:** An unusual late-June occurrence was recorded at Seaforth Lake in Chatham County, N.C., where a male was seen on 26 June by Robin Carter.
- NORTHERN ORIOLE:** An uncommon piedmont nesting was recorded at Winston-Salem, N.C., where a pair was seen feeding young on 5 June by Ramona Snavelly.
- DICKCISSEL:** A nesting attempt was reported at Pendleton, S.C., by Harry LeGrand, who found a male on territory there in May and later observed a female carrying nesting material on 27 May. Subsequent observations indicated, however, that the attempt failed and the site was abandoned; no birds were seen after 14 June.
- RED CROSSBILL:** One was found in the western area of Fort Bragg Military Reservation, Hoke County, N.C., on 8 July by Jay Carter.
- WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW:** An individual in adult plumage was seen on 26 July at Braswell's Farm near Rocky Mount, N.C., by Louis Fink.

