

## BRIEFS FOR THE FILES

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(All dates 1976)

- WILSON'S STORM-PETREL: Three were noted off Oregon Inlet, N.C., on 5 May by Joe Hudick.
- WHITE PELICAN: One was present 25-26 May at Pea Island N.W.R. on the North Carolina Outer Banks, reported by Larry Lewis (fide N.R. Williamson).
- GREAT CORMORANT: An adult was seen at Cape Lookout, N.C., on 25 March by Joel Clark.
- DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT: Inland occurrences of single birds were noted at Raleigh's Lake Johnson on 1 May by Joshua Lee and at City Lake, Rocky Mount, N.C., on 25 May by Steve Howell.
- LITTLE BLUE HERON: Individuals were noted as locally rare spring visitors at Southern Pines, N.C., on 29 April by Jay Carter and at Pendleton, S.C., on 22 May by Harry LeGrand.
- GREAT EGRET: Two were found inland near Eden, N.C., on 11 April by Edward Burroughs.
- LOUISIANA HERON: One was observed on 16 May at Pendleton, S.C., by Sidney Gauthreaux, an apparent first spring record for that western piedmont locality. Another was seen inland near Raleigh, N.C., on 20 May by David Whitehurst.
- WHITE IBIS: A flock of 15 was seen on the Roanoke River SE of Scotland Neck in Halifax County, N.C., on 29 May by Merrill Lynch.
- GLOSSY IBIS: An unexpected piedmont record was reported from Winston-Salem, N.C., where two birds were seen on 5 May by Robert Odear (fide Ramona Snavelly).
- ROSEATE SPOONBILL: An immature was observed and photographed at Baruch Plantation, Georgetown County, S.C., on 7 April by Stu Ballard. Another individual, or quite possibly the same bird, was seen later at Huntington Beach State Park on 3 June, fide F.M. Probst.
- FULVOUS TREE DUCK: One was seen at Bulls Island, S.C., on 15 April by F.M. Probst.
- LESSER SCAUP: A late straggler was seen at Brookgreen Gardens near Murrells Inlet, S.C., on 2 June by F.M. Probst.
- RING-NECKED DUCK: A late occurrence of two pairs was noted near Weldon, N.C., on 28 May by Merrill Lynch.
- HOODED MERGANSER: A single female was seen near Pendleton, S.C., on 11 May by Sidney Gauthreaux and Harry LeGrand.
- SURF SCOTER: Three were seen at Long Beach, N.C., on 30 May by Mike Tove.
- BLACK SCOTER: A late lingerer was noted near Davis, N.C., on 1 June by John Fussell.
- SWALLOW-TAILED KITE: A good count of 12 was recorded at Fairlawn Plantation, Charleston County, S.C., on 17 April by Sidney Gauthreaux.
- COOPER'S HAWK: A nesting pair brooding eggs was found at Magnolia Gardens near Charleston, S.C., on 1 March by Ted Beckett. Individuals thought to be possible breeding residents were seen at Clemson, S.C., on 12 May and Pendleton, S.C., on 15 May by Harry LeGrand.
- BROAD-WINGED HAWK: Two were seen in I'on Swamp, Francis Marion National Forest, S.C., on 4 April by Perry Nugent. Another uncommon coastal plain oc-

currence was noted near Clarkton, N.C., where an individual was seen on 6 May by David Lee.

**GOLDEN EAGLE:** One was observed in Uwharrie National Forest, Montgomery Co., N.C., on 25 March by Barbara Lee, and another in the Shining Rock Wilderness Area, Haywood Co., N.C., on 2 April by Mike Tove. On the coast, an adult was present at Topsail Island, N.C., during the first week of June, observed by Will Thomson (fide David Lee).

**BALD EAGLE:** An adult and immature were seen on 25 April in the Santee Coastal Reserve near McClellanville, S.C., by Perry Nugent. Elsewhere an immature was sighted near Raleigh, N.C., on 18 April by James Mulholland and another at Morehead City, N.C., on 25 May by John Fussell.

**PEREGRINE FALCON:** One was present as late as 9 May at Oregon Inlet on the North Carolina Outer Banks, observed by Robin Carter et al.

**SORA:** A late transient was seen at Clemson, S.C., on 17 May by Harry LeGrand. At Asheville, N.C., observers were surprised to find an individual out of its normal habitat in a residential neighborhood on 10 April, fide Royce Hough.

**PURPLE GALLINULE:** One was an uncommon visitor found at Lake Wheeler near Raleigh, N.C., on 13 May by Robert Hader.

**SEMPALMATED PLOVER:** An estimated 400 were seen among a large concentration of shorebirds at Oregon Inlet, N.C., on 18 May by Richard Rowlett and Robert Ake. At inland locations in North Carolina, spring migrants were observed at Eden, Fayetteville, North Wilkesboro, Raleigh, Southern Pines, and Winston-Salem.

**BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER:** Nine were seen on 25 May at a drained pond site near Eden, N.C., by Ed Burroughs. Another inland visitor was found on 8 May at Raleigh, N.C., by Clark Olson.

**RUDDY TURNSTONE:** An estimated 1200 were seen at Oregon Inlet on the North Carolina Outer Banks on 18 May by Richard Rowlett and Robert Ake.

**WHIMBREL:** A rare inland occurrence of 20 was noted at Hibernia Point, Kerr Lake, Vance County, N.C., on 24 May by Ron Johnson, Howard Stewart, and Steve Henson.

**WILLET:** An uncommon inland sighting of a single bird was recorded on 7 May near Eatons Ferry bridge at Lake Gaston in Warren County, N.C., by Merrill Lynch, Kevin Hintsä and Mike Tove.

**UPLAND SANDPIPER:** An early spring migrant was found on the Clemson University campus, Clemson, S.C., on 8 April by Harry LeGrand. At Raleigh, N.C., one was seen on 10 April by Ken Knapp and later several were seen there on 17 May by Clark Olson.

**PECTORAL SANDPIPER:** Three were seen near Eden, N.C., on 22 May by Edward and Carol Sue Burroughs, a first local record. Other inland sightings were noted at Chapel Hill, N.C., and Pendleton, S.C., with 10 recorded at the latter location on 16 May by Sidney Gauthreaux.

**WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER:** Fifteen were unusual inland visitors at Pendleton, S.C., on 16 May and a lingerer was still present there on 29 May, reported by Sidney Gauthreaux.

**BAIRD'S SANDPIPER:** Two were seen at Mt. Pleasant, S.C., on 29 March by John Lynnes (fide Perry Nugent).

**LEAST SANDPIPER:** A count of 2000 was recorded at Oregon Inlet, N.C., on 18 May by Richard Rowlett and Robert Ake. Eight inland migrants were noted on 29 April at Seaforth marsh, Chatham County, N.C., by Robin Carter and Stanley Alford, and other inland sightings were reported from North Wilkesboro, N.C., and Pendleton, S.C., during the spring period.

- CURLEW SANDPIPER:** An individual in nearly full breeding plumage was observed and photographed at Oregon Inlet, N.C., on 18 May by Richard Rowlett.
- DUNLIN:** Over 8500 were among massive numbers of shorebirds found at Oregon Inlet, N.C., on 18 May by Robert Ake and Richard Rowlett.
- SEMPALMATED SANDPIPER:** Large flocks totalling an estimated 17,500 migrants were seen on the North Carolina Outer Banks at Oregon Inlet on 18 May by Richard Rowlett and Robert Ake.
- SANDERLING:** The above-mentioned concentration of shorebirds at Oregon Inlet, N.C., on 18 May included at least 3500 Sanderlings as reported by Robert Ake and Richard Rowlett.
- BLACK-NECKED STILT:** One was found at Magnolia Gardens near Charleston, S.C., as early as 3 April by Michael Hull and Edmund Farrar.
- NORTHERN PHALAROPE:** Four were seen feeding at the Oregon Inlet, N.C., sandflats on 18 May by Richard Rowlett and Robert Ake.
- PARASITIC JAEGER:** One was seen off Atlantic Beach, N.C., on 4 April by Robert Holmes.
- BONAPARTE'S GULL:** Up to 15 inland migrants were seen at Lake Benson near Raleigh, N.C., on 3 April and at least 30 at Clemson, S.C., on 9 April by Sidney Gauthreaux.
- LAUGHING GULL:** An individual was sighted at Lake Hartwell near Clemson, S.C., on 13 May by Harry LeGrand, a rare inland spring record for that locality.
- CASPIAN TERN:** Two were seen inland on 17 April and one on 27 April by Harry LeGrand at Clemson, S.C. Several sightings were recorded in the Raleigh, N.C., area during the spring season highlighted by a count of 14 on 28 March by David Whitehurst.
- COMMON TERN:** A flock of 35 was seen at Roanoke Rapids Lake near Vulture, N.C., on 7 May by Kevin Hintsa, Merrill Lynch, and Mike Tove. Another inland visitor was observed at Clemson, S.C., on 1 May by Harry LeGrand.
- SANDWICH TERN:** Early arrival of 12 was noted on 9 April at Cape Hatteras, N.C., by Joe Hudick.
- MOURNING DOVE:** A full albino was seen on 12 April at Bethania in Forsyth County, N.C., by Charles Frost et al.
- GROUND DOVE:** Nesting has been reported at Topsail Island, N.C., by Will Thomson (fide David Lee). The species may be breeding as far north as Bogue Banks along the North Carolina coast where an individual was seen at Fort Macon State Park on 25 April by Robert Hader.
- BUDGERIGAR:** According to a local newspaper report, four were present at the coastal community of Atlantic in Carteret County, N.C., during May (fide John Fussell). At North Litchfield Beach, S.C., a flock of nine was seen on 14 May by F.M. Probst.
- SHORT-EARED OWL:** One was observed at close range, perched and in flight, at North Wilkesboro, N.C., on 29 April by Wendell Smith. Although this species is a regular winter resident along the coast, inland occurrences are rare.
- EASTERN KINGBIRD:** First spring arrivals were noted as early as 10 April at Rocky Mount, N.C., by Louis Fink and on 11 April at Southern Pines, N.C., by Jay Carter.
- ALDER FLYCATCHER:** A singing male was found by a CBC field trip party (Joshua Lee, Walter Holland et al.) on 22 May in Haywood County, N.C., adjacent to the Shining Rock Wilderness Area off the Blue Ridge Parkway near milepost 420. The characteristic "fee-bee-o" song was heard. It could not be determined whether the bird was on an established territory.
- LEAST FLYCATCHER:** Two migrants were found at Reynolda Park in Winston-Salem, N.C., on 6 May by Fran Baldwin and Ramona Snavelly.

- BANK SWALLOW:** Two late transients were seen on 25 May at Lake Wheeler near Raleigh, N.C., by Chris Marsh and Mike Tove.
- SHORT-BILLED MARSH WREN:** Inland observations of spring migrants were reported from North Wilkesboro, N.C., where an individual was seen on 17 April by Wendell Smith and from Clemson, S.C., where three were found in early May by Harry LeGrand.
- WOOD THRUSH:** One was noted as early as 29 March at Clemson, S.C., by Sidney Gauthreaux and Kenneth Able.
- SWAINSON'S THRUSH:** At Winston-Salem, N.C., a late transient was observed on 30 May by Fran Baldwin, Wayne Irvin, and Kevin Hints.
- WATER PIPIT:** A late-lingering flock of five winter visitors was seen at Charleston, S.C., on 2 May by Perry Nugent.
- PHILADELPHIA VIREO:** One was recorded as a rare spring transient at Chapel Hill, N.C., on 3 May by Annie Leigh Broughton, and another at North Wilkesboro, N.C., on 20 May by Wendell Smith.
- PROTHONOTARY WARBLER:** An early individual was present on 5 April in Uwharrie National Forest, Montgomery County, N.C., observed by Barbara Lee.
- WORM-EATING WARBLER:** An early migrant was recorded on 5 April in Uwharrie National Forest, Montgomery County, N.C., by Barbara Lee. Four were seen on 17 April in South Carolina's Four Holes Swamp by Peter Laurie and Perry Nugent.
- TENNESSEE WARBLER:** An early transient was seen at Raleigh, N.C., on 7 April by Gail Whitehurst.
- ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER:** Two early and uncommon spring visitors were recorded at Clemson, S.C., on 7 April by Sidney Gauthreaux, and another was seen there by the same observer on 19 April.
- NASHVILLE WARBLER:** Single migrants were noted at Winston-Salem, N.C., on 3 May by Royce Hough and at Raleigh, N.C., on 4 May by Mike Tove and Kevin Hints.
- NORTHERN PARULA:** An unusually early 24 March sighting was recorded at Raleigh, N.C., by Kevin Hints.
- MAGNOLIA WARBLER:** One was seen as late as 30 May at Winston-Salem, N.C., by Fran Baldwin, Kevin Hints, and Wayne Irvin.
- CAPE MAY WARBLER:** Late individuals were seen on 23 May at Morehead City, N.C., by John Fussell and on 1 June at North Litchfield Beach, S.C., by Renee Probst.
- BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER:** One was recorded as early as 31 March at Raleigh, N.C., by Kevin Hints.
- CERULEAN WARBLER:** Single migrants were observed at Clemson, S.C., on 16 April and 20 April by Harry LeGrand; two at Chapel Hill, N.C., on 26 April by Robin Carter; one at Winston-Salem, N.C., on 3 May by Fran Baldwin and party; and one at Huntington Beach, S.C., on 22 May by Jim and David McConnell.
- BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER:** A late transient was seen on 30 May at Winston-Salem N.C., by Fran Baldwin et al.
- CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER:** A late migrant was recorded at Raleigh, N.C., on 23 May by Jan Heard.
- NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH:** One was found as late as 30 May at Winston-Salem, N.C., by Fran Baldwin, Wayne Irvin, and Kevin Hints.
- KENTUCKY WARBLER:** An early individual was present on 5 April in Uwharrie National Forest, Montgomery County, N.C., observed by Barbara Lee.
- CONNECTICUT WARBLER:** One was seen along the Blue Ridge Parkway near

Oteen, N.C., on 8 May by Jim McConnell. Other individuals were observed at Seneca, S.C., on 12 May by Paul Hamel and at Clemson, S.C., on 13 May by Harry LeGrand.

**BOBOLINK:** A late migrant was seen on 30 May in Halifax County, N.C., by Merrill Lynch.

**DICKCISSEL:** Two singing males were found at Pendleton, S.C., on 16 May by Sidney Gauthreaux. Another individual was observed near Clemson, S.C., on 21 May by Harry LeGrand.

**PURPLE FINCH:** Two late-lingering males were seen at a feeder in Winston-Salem, N.C., on 27 May by Barbara Page.

**RED CROSSBILL:** At Raleigh, N.C., Gail Whitehurst observed a pair of adults feeding three fledged young on 20 April, and another pair with a fledgling was

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## BOOK REVIEW

### Bird Sounds

Gerhard A. Thielcke. 1976. Ann Arbor Science Series. University of Michigan Press, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 190 p., ill. \$6.96, paperback \$2.95.

This is a concise, well organized, modestly priced book with little duplication of other recent books on avian vocalization. Most of the information presented is based on studies of European birds (over a third of the references cited are German), and perhaps its main value is to acquaint the reader with research efforts being conducted on the other side of the Atlantic. Much of this derives from Thielcke's own studies, and as an active researcher he is able to provide insight into the interpretation of bioacoustical research and provide excellent examples of the concepts discussed. A fair number of these appear to be from Thielcke's unpublished observations, and his enthusiasm for interpreting bird sounds is apparent even to the most casual reader.

The opening chapters provide a good summary of the present methods and goals of the study of avian sounds, but are somewhat marred by jargon. The chapter on calls is excellent. Most researchers have focused their attention on species-specific songs of male passerines, and consequently most books on bird sounds contain very limited discussions of the ethological role of calls. Subjects which have been treated in detail by other authors have been wisely limited to a few paragraphs, and the reader is referred directly to their works.

This book was first published in 1970 (Vogelstimmen, Springer-Verlag, Berlin-Heidelberg-New York) and a lot of pertinent ornithological research has taken place in the 6 years between publication and the appearance of this translation. Consequently, the book is not as current as its publication date would imply. Some minor problems appear to be artifacts of translation. I found the consistent use of words like "born" for "hatched" to be annoying. Apparently no attempt was made to match many of the German terms with their English counterparts, and I fear this will only perpetuate a major problem faced by the young science of bioacoustics—a general lack of standardization of terminology.

Finally, those of us who grew up thinking that buzzard is synonymous with vulture, that blackbirds are Icterids, and that yellow hammers are large woodpeckers, had best keep a field guide to European birds handy while reading this book.—DAVID S. LEE, North Carolina State Museum of Natural History

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seen by Ron Johnson at his Raleigh feeder on 24 May. Evidence of early spring breeding was also reported from Southern Pines, N.C., where three juveniles were seen in the company of two adults at Weymouth Woods Nature Preserve on 15 May by Jay Carter.

**HENSLow'S SPARROW:** One was a good find at Clemson, S.C., on 10 April by Harry LeGrand.

**SHARP-TAILED SPARROW:** Rare inland occurrences were recorded in piedmont South Carolina by Harry LeGrand who observed an individual near Pendleton on 17 May and two birds at Clemson on 21 May.

**LINCOLN'S SPARROW:** An individual was seen in the Clemson, S.C., area in early April by Harry LeGrand and another at Raleigh, N.C., on 8 May by Clark Olson.