

BRIEFS FOR THE FILES

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- COMMON LOON:** Good inland counts were 47 recorded at Lake Greenwood near Greenwood, S.C., on 30 March by Bob and Lisa Lewis, and 17 found at Lake Hartwell near Clemson, S.C., on 30 April by Harry LeGrand.
- RED-NECKED GREBE:** One was present from early February through mid-March on Forest Lake near Fayetteville, N.C., reported by Phil Crutchfield.
- DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT:** A large flock of over 600 was seen congregated on South Carolina's Santee River just below Lake Marion Dam on 2 April by Bob and Lisa Lewis.
- GANNET:** A late individual was seen off Cape Point, Hatteras Island, N.C., on 30 May by Joe Hudick.
- GLOSSY IBIS:** One was an unexpected inland visitor near Chapel Hill, N.C., 3 April, observed by Helmut Mueller; and another was seen flying over Wallace's Pond near Fayetteville, N.C., on 7 June by Phil Crutchfield.
- AMERICAN FLAMINGO:** Five were seen at Morris Island near Charleston, S.C., on 8 May by J.W. Nichols.
- NORTHERN SHOVELER:** Two were an uncommon find at Lake James in Burke County, N.C., on 21 March by Tom Haggerty.
- HARLEQUIN DUCK:** Four were rare and unexpected visitors on Lake Hartwell near Madison, S.C., on 8 March, identified by Lewis Stubbs, Henry Stubbs and Linda Shivers. This appears to be the first inland record of the species for the Carolinas.
- BLACK SCOTER:** An unusual inland occurrence of three was recorded at Lake Greenwood, S.C., on 30 March by Bob and Lisa Lewis. A late coastal straggler was seen at Morehead City, N.C., on 27 May by Clark Olson.
- COMMON MERGANSER:** In western South Carolina flocks of 10 and 14 were observed at Lake Hartwell off Oconee Point, Oconee County, on 5 March and near Clemson on 12 March by Sid Gauthreaux, Harry LeGrand, et al.
- RED-BREADED MERGANSER:** Jim Mulholland reported over 100 present at Lake Wheeler near Raleigh, N.C., on 30 March. Other notable inland counts were 32 recorded at Lake James in Burke County, N.C., on 21 March by Tom Haggerty, and 47 seen at Lake Greenwood, S.C., on 1 May by Bob Lewis.
- SWALLOW-TAILED KITE:** Joe Hudick reported two present in the Buxton, N.C., vicinity during May, again giving an indication of possible nesting on the Outer Banks. Elsewhere along North Carolina's coast, an early and locally unusual sighting of a single bird was noted at Long Beach on 19 March by Sam and Isabel Tipton, and another individual was seen at Harkers Island by Skip Prange and two other observers on 14 May.

- GOSHAWK:** One was a noteworthy find at Oak Island, N.C., near Long Beach on 9 March, observed and photographed by Bill Brokaw. The bird seen was an immature.
- GOLDEN EAGLE:** An adult was seen soaring over a residential section of Greenville, S.C., on 15 April by Bill and Ruth Grimm.
- PEREGRINE FALCON:** One was observed near Clemson, S.C., on 27 April by Patty Go-warty, a rare non-coastal sighting.
- MERLIN:** One was a good find in the Clemson vicinity on 22 April by Harry LeGrand.
- SANDHILL CRANE:** One was recorded as a rare spring visitor near Townville, S.C., on 12 March by Sidney Gauthreaux, Harry LeGrand, et al.
- SORA:** A migrant was late and locally unusual on 16 May at Winston-Salem, N.C., observed by Charles Frost et al.
- SEMPALMATED PLOVER:** Individuals were recorded as uncommon inland spring mi-grants on 1 May at Beaverdam Reservoir north of Raleigh, N.C., by Clark Olson; at Roanoke Rapids Lake near Vulture, N.C., on 15 May by Merrill Lynch; and at the Becker gravel pits near Fayetteville, N.C., on 9 May by Phil Crutchfield and M.E. Whitfield.
- AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER:** One was present in the Columbia, S.C., area 10-13 April, observed by Brian Cassie, Charles Whitney, and Jeannine Angerman. Another rare inland transient was found on 10 April by Harry LeGrand at Clemson, S.C., where the bird lingered for more than a week.
- BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER:** An inland transient was found at the Winston-Salem, N.C. sewage treatment plant 27-28 May by Ramona Snavelly and Charles Witherington.
- LONG-BILLED CURLEW:** One was seen at Ocracoke Island, N.C., on 13 May by Joe Hudick.
- UPLAND SANDPIPER:** Surprising numbers of this uncommon migrant were seen in the Carolinas during the spring period. Reports were received from 11 coastal and inland locations, highlighted by observations of three visitors at Fayetteville, N.C., on 25 March by Phil Crutchfield, 11 in the Columbia, S.C., area on 9 April by Brian Cassie and Charles Whitney, and a tally of eight in the Clemson vicinity by several observers between 30 March and 21 April.
- WILLET:** A flock of 25 was seen at Lake Hartwell near Clemson, S.C., on 9 May a remark-able inland count.
- RED KNOT:** An estimated 2000 were seen on the sand flats at Ocracoke Island, N.C., on 13 May by Joe Hudick.
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER:** Four were present 26-27 May at the city sewage treat-ment plant in Winston-Salem, N.C., observed by Royce Hough et al.
- DUNLIN:** An individual was found well inland near Pendleton, S.C., on 30 March by Harry LeGrand, a first local spring record. Another inland migrant was seen at Beaverdam Reservoir near Raleigh, N.C., on 1 May by Clark Olson.
- NORTHERN PHALAROPE:** A female in full breeding plumage was seen at Winston-Salem's sewage treatment plant 25-26 May by Ramona Snavelly, Fran Baldwin, et al.

Another was seen inland near Fayetteville, N.C., on 23 May by Phil Crutchfield, Henry Rankin, and M.E. Whitfield.

GLAUCOUS GULL: An individual in adult plumage was seen near Frisco, N.C., on 13 March by Joe Hudick, and an immature gull believed to be of this species was seen by the same observer at Cape Point on Hatteras Island, N.C., on 27 March.

ICELAND GULL: One was present at Cape Point, Hatteras Island, N.C., 5-13 March, observed by Joe Hudick.

LAUGHING GULL: Three were recorded inland at Greenwood Lake near Greenwood, S.C., on 19 April by Bob and Lisa Lewis, and one at Raleigh's new Beaverdam Reservoir on 24 April by Jim Mulholland.

BONAPARTE'S GULL: Approximately 100 migrants were seen at Lake Greenwood, S.C., on 1 March by Bob and Lisa Lewis. Elsewhere at least 200 were seen at Lake Wheeler near Raleigh, N.C., on 30 March by Jim Mulholland.

FORSTER'S TERN: One was an uncommon inland visitor at Lake Greenwood, S.C., on 20 April, observed by Lisa and Bob Lewis. Another was seen on 11 April and two on 29 April at Lake Wheeler near Raleigh, N.C., by Jim Mulholland.

COMMON TERN: Five were uncommon inland visitors on 16 April at Roanoke Rapids Lake, N.C., observed by Merrill Lynch.

CASPIAN TERN: Two were seen at Lake Hartwell near Clemson, S.C., on 14 April by Harry LeGrand, and another there on 30 April by Sidney Gauthreaux. At other inland lakes, single migrants were seen at Beaverdam Reservoir near Raleigh on 24 April by Jim Mulholland and at Lake Greenwood near Greenwood, S.C., on 1 May by Bob and Lisa Lewis. Three were seen at Roanoke Rapids Lake, N.C., by Merrill Lynch on 15 May.

GRAY KINGBIRD: One was seen at Isle of Palms, S.C., on 31 March by Patty Gowarty, and another at Atlantic Beach, N.C., on 3 June by John Fussell.

BANK SWALLOW: Six were late and uncommon migrants at Chapel Hill, N.C., on 11 May, observed by Jim Pullman.

CLIFF SWALLOW: An individual seen on 10 May at Southern Pines, N.C., by Jay Carter was late and locally unusual.

PHILADELPHIA VIREO: One was seen at Harkers Island near Beaufort, N.C., on 14 May by Skip Prange, a rare coastal spring sighting.

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER: Early individuals were found at Greenwood State Park near Greenwood, S.C., on 25 March by Bob Lewis and 31 March at Pendleton, S.C., by Harry LeGrand.

SWAINSON'S WARBLER: A singing male was present as early as 2 April at Fairlawn Plantation, Charleston Co., S.C., reported by John Cely and Paul Hamel.

NORTHERN PARULA: A locally early migrant was noted on 19 March at Raleigh, N.C., by Clark Olson.

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: An adult male was observed near Piedmont in Anderson County, S.C., on 30 March by Mary Reeves, Gretchen Ellison, and Dorothy Manges.

PINE GROSBEAK: A lone male was seen near Greensboro, N.C., on 17 April by Charlotte Dawley et al.

BACHMAN'S SPARROW: A singing male was observed near Greenwood, S.C., on 1 May by Bob and Lisa Lewis. Individuals also were seen near Louisburg, N.C., on 9 April by Eloise Potter and near Chapel Hill, N.C., on 20 April by Annie Lee Broughton and Johnnie Payne.

LINCOLN'S SPARROW: One was seen at Clemson, S.C., on 13 April by Harry LeGrand. Single transients also were noted at Raleigh, N.C., on 1 May by Clark Olson and at Winston-Salem, N.C., on 12 May by Kevin Hintsä.

BOOK REVIEWS

The Living Land: An Outdoor Guide to North Carolina. Marguerite Schumann. 1977. Dale Press of Chapel Hill, 210 Hillsborough Street, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514. 178 p. Paperback. 3 maps, 90 black-and-white photos, index. \$4.25 (plus 4% N.C. sales tax if ordered from publisher).

This attractive and practical guide to 78 natural areas in North Carolina gives for each the location, route, recreational and interpretive facilities, and pertinent facts of geological, biological, and historical interest. Approximately one-third of the book is devoted to each of the three major geographic regions of the state. Many of the lovely photographs are the work of CBC members David and Lida Burney, and the author also acknowledges the assistance of Robert P. Teulings. Miss Schumann writes clearly, concisely, and with great enthusiasm for her subject. If you enjoy being out-of-doors in North Carolina, you should buy two copies of her book: one for your bookshelf and one for the glove box of your car, or one for yourself and one for a friend.

Another book that will add to the pleasure of traveling about the state is *The North Carolina Gazetteer, a Dictionary of Tar Heel Places* by William S. Powell (1968, U.N.C. Press, Chapel Hill, \$5.50, paperback). It even tells how Lizard Lick got its name!—ELOISE F. POTTER

The Web of Adaptation. David W. Snow. 1976. Quadrangle/The New York Times Book Co., 10 East 53 Street, New York, N.Y. 10022. 176 p. Cloth. \$8.95.

Subtitled "Bird Studies in the American Tropics," this book allows the reader to go afield with Dr. and Mrs. Snow in search of bellbirds, manakins, the famous Cock-of-the-Rock, and many other species that perform elaborate courtship displays. Not content just to describe the rituals, the author examines the relationship of various tropical species to their environment. He concludes that fruit-eating birds have a different social organization from insect-eaters because fruit is easily obtained and allows much time to be devoted to courtship. Most of the techniques for bird study described by Dr. Snow can be adapted to the species in our own yards. As the author points out, one does not have to go to the tropics to find a species whose behavior is not well known. This is a delightfully readable book full of ideas about bird behavior expressed so they can be understood by the novice bird watcher and yet appreciated by the professional ornithologist.—ELOISE F. POTTER