



BRIEFS FOR THE FILES

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(All dates 1977)

- HORNED GREBE:** An impressive inland count of 146 was recorded at South Carolina's Lake Murray, 20 November, by Bob Lewis.
- GREAT CORMORANT:** One was seen at Fort Fisher, N.C., on 20 November by Ricky Davis.
- ANHINGA:** Two were found north of their usual range on Milltail Creek in Dare County, N.C., on 6 October by Jack Donnelly and Ed Weaver.
- CATTLE EGRET:** A fall wanderer was sighted in Buncombe County, N.C., along Route 280 near Avery Creek on 8 October by John Funderburg and David Lee.
- WOOD STORK:** A good count of 65 was recorded at Hobcaw Plantation, Georgetown County, S.C., on 27 June by John Cely.
- GLOSSY IBIS:** An inland visitor was seen at the Tar River Reservoir near Rocky Mount, N.C., on 4 July by Louis Fink. Another inland wanderer was present at the Becker sand pits near Fayetteville 9 August through 16 August, observed by Phil Crutchfield.
- WHITE IBIS:** Ten immatures were seen on 5 August at Lake James in Burke County, N.C., reported by Patricia Craig. One was seen earlier at Price Lake on the Blue Ridge Parkway in Watauga County, N.C., on 15 July by Tom Haggerty and Libbus Carter. Both are unusual records from the western section of the state.
- WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE:** Three were seen in South Carolina at Santee N.W.R. on 5 November by Brian Cassie and Chuck Whitney.
- FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK:** As many as 80 were seen in early November at Huntington Beach, S.C., fide F.M. Probst. On 5 November Phil Crutchfield observed a flock of 50 at Pamlico Point in Beaufort County, N.C.
- OLDSQUAW:** An unusually good count of 11 was recorded at Beaverdam Reservoir north of Raleigh, N.C., on 27 November by Bill Lezar. Five were also seen on 12

- November on Lake Gaston, Warren County, N.C., and three on Roanoke Rapids Lake, Halifax County, N.C., on 12 November by Merrill Lynch.
- WHITE-WINGED SCOTER:** Merrill Lynch closely observed a lone female at Roanoke Rapids Lake in Halifax County, N.C., on 13 November, a rare inland record.
- SURF SCOTER:** Five were unusual inland visitors at Beaverdam Reservoir near Raleigh, N.C., on 22 October, observed by Clark Olson and Kenneth Knapp.
- BLACK SCOTER:** An inland migrant, a female, was found at Raleigh's Beaverdam Reservoir on 29 October by Robert Hader.
- SWALLOW-TAILED KITE:** One was an unexpected visitor at Rocky Mount, N.C., sighted on 8 June by Louis Fink.
- BROAD-WINGED HAWK:** A migratory flight of 250 was seen passing over Pilot Mountain, Surry County, N.C. on 30 September, fide Ramona Snavelly.
- ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK:** One was sighted near Black Mountain, Buncombe County, N.C., on 3 December by Mike Tove and party.
- GOLDEN EAGLE:** One was seen at Nags Head, N.C., on 10 September by Robert Fleischer. Elsewhere along the coast, another was seen at Moores Landing, S.C., on 1 October by Jay Shuler, and one at Oak Island, N.C., on 1 November by Michael Schultz and Nancy Clark.
- BALD EAGLE:** On the coast two adults were seen at Manteo, N.C., on 14 August by Mike Tove. An individual (age not specified) was seen at Davis impoundment near Morehead City, N.C., on 27 September by Eugene Pond, and an immature at Huntington Beach, S.C., on 22 October by Pat Probst. At least five migrants (two adults and three immatures) were seen inland in the Raleigh, N.C., area during the fall period, fide Robert Hader; and there were reports of immatures seen near Vulture, N.C., on 16 October by Merrill Lynch and at Greenwood, S.C., on 14 November by Bob Lewis.
- MARSH HAWK:** Early sightings of individuals were noted at Bodie Island, N.C., on 12 August by Mike Tove and at Raleigh, N.C., on 14 August by Jim Mulholland.
- PIPING PLOVER:** One was an unusual inland visitor at Lake Surf near Vass, Moore County, N.C., on 9 September, observed by Jay Carter.
- AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER:** Two were present at Clemson, S.C., 10 to 16 September, observed by Sidney Gauthreaux and Harry LeGrand.
- BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER:** A late fall migrant was seen on 5 November at Lake Wheeler near Raleigh, N.C., by Robert Hader.
- RUDDY TURNSTONE:** Observers reported three rare inland appearances in early fall. A migrant was seen at Lake Hartwell near Clemson, S.C., on 6 August by Harry LeGrand. Another was seen at Beaverdam Reservoir near Raleigh, N.C., on 8 August by Mike Tove and party, and a third individual was recorded near Fayetteville, N.C., at Becker sand pits on 9 August by Phil Crutchfield.
- RED KNOT:** One was found at Lake Hartwell near Clemson, S.C., on 10 September by Sidney Gauthreaux, the first record for that western piedmont reservoir. Another rare inland sighting for the species was recorded at Lake Surf near Vass, N.C., on 9 September by Jay Carter.
- BAIRD'S SANDPIPER:** Two were a good find at Townville, S.C., on 25 August by Harry LeGrand.
- CURLEW SANDPIPER:** Three were seen feeding together alongside Highway 12 at Pea Island on North Carolina's Outer Banks on 19 October by Floy Burford and Gisela Grimm.
- LAUGHING GULL:** Two were seen inland at Lake Wheeler near Raleigh, N.C., on 25 November by Robert Hader.
- FORSTER'S TERN:** A surprising inland count of 31 was recorded at Raleigh's Lake Wheeler on 26 November by Jim Mulholland.
- SOOTY TERN:** Fourteen were seen during a pelagic cruise off Cape Hatteras, N.C., on 3

September by Paul DuMont and party.

- BRIDLED TERN:** Record counts of 59 were recorded on 3 September and 64 on 4 September in the Gulf Stream off Cape Hatteras, N.C., by Paul DuMont and party.
- CASPIAN TERN:** Over 100 were seen at Oregon Inlet on the North Carolina Outer Banks on 5 October by David Lee. Inland, two were recorded at Lexington Reservoir in Davidson County, N.C., on 18 August by Pat Culbertson and Ramona Snavelly, and four at High Point Reservoir in Guilford County, N.C., on 15 September by Pat Culbertson. Later two were seen at Lake Gaston in Halifax County, N.C., on 7 November by Merrill Lynch.
- DOVEKIE:** One was seen in waters off Oregon Inlet, N.C., on 7 November by David Lee, an early record.
- YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO:** A late lingerer was seen at Bull Island, S.C., on 11 November by F.M. Probst.
- WHITE-WINGED DOVE:** One was shot by a hunter near Parkton, Robeson County, N.C., on 24 September, fide John Fussell.
- COMMON NIGHTHAWK:** A flight of an estimated 500 was seen over Hawk Rock on the Blue Ridge Parkway near Boone, N.C., on 5 September by Tom Haggerty.
- EASTERN KINGBIRD:** Over 4000 were seen migrating south at Fort Fisher, N.C., during a 2-hour period on 8 September by Ricky Davis.
- COMMON RAVEN:** Ten were seen in a single flock at Black Balsam Knob on the Blue Ridge Parkway in Haywood County, N.C., on 19 November by Mike Tove et al.
- BEWICK'S WREN:** One was closely seen near Townville, S.C., on 26 November by Bob Lewis.
- LONG-BILLED MARSH WREN:** Two were late and unusual at Lake Benson near Raleigh, N.C., on 3 December, observed by Robert Hader.
- PHILADELPHIA VIREO:** Four were seen at Stevens Creek Natural Area near Clark Hill, S.C., on 2 October by Gerald Knighton.
- NASHVILLE WARBLER:** A late transient was seen at Chapel Hill, N.C., on 23 October by James Pullman.
- YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD:** A male was present at Cornelia Chapin's feeder on Hilton Head Island, S.C., on 24 October. Another was seen at North Litchfield Beach, S.C., on 19 September by F.M. Probst.
- COMMON REDPOLL:** Eighteen were seen in a mixed flock with Pine Siskins on Currituck Banks near Duck, N.C., on 19 October by Floy Burford.
- LARK SPARROW:** One was seen at Pea Island, N.C., on 8 October by James Pullman and Elizabeth Teulings, and another near Morehead City, N.C., on 28 November by Bill Moffitt.
- CLAY-COLORED SPARROW:** Two were seen at Clemson, S.C., on 28 September by Harry LeGrand, a rare inland record. On the coast, single birds were seen by Ricky Davis at Fort Fisher, N.C., on 29 September and at Pea Island, N.C., on 1 October. Three were also seen at Cape Lookout, N.C., on 20 October by Skip Prange and Keith Voges.
- HARRIS' SPARROW:** One was present on 14 November and for several days thereafter at Huntington Beach, S.C., first observed by Bobby DesPorte and John Bacon.
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW:** Four were seen in Watauga County, N.C., in a thicket near Hounds Ear on 30 October by Tom Haggerty. Another was seen at Columbia, S.C., on 12 November by Brian Cassie.
- LAPLAND LONGSPUR:** Seven were seen in the Pendleton, S.C., area on 27 November by Harry LeGrand.
- SNOW BUNTING:** Small numbers were noted in the coastal area during the fall period with two seen at Cedar Island, N.C., on 10 November by Eugene Pond and three at Huntington Beach, S.C., on 18 November by F.M. Probst.