

second known record of Harris' Sparrow in South Carolina. On 5 January 1962, an adult was observed by Mrs. Edgar N. Woodfin at her feeder in Gramling, Spartanburg County, S.C. (Davis, Chat 26:22; Audubon Field Notes 16:321); it remained in the area until 26 April 1962 (Shuler, Chat 32:78-79). The Gramling bird was photographed by Jay Shuler (Chat 32:78, Fig. 1).

It may be of interest to note that while most records of the Harris' Sparrow from the southeastern United States represent individuals associated with flocks of White-crowned Sparrows (Shuler, Chat 20:65-71), such was not the case with the Huntington Beach bird.

BRIEFS FOR THE FILES

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(All dates 1978)

- HORNED GREBE:** Over 1000 were seen along the Outer Banks in the Bodie-Pea Island, N.C., area on 23 March by Kathleen Anderson and Trevor Lloyd-Evans.
- DOUBLED-CRESTED CORMORANT:** Observers reported a good inland count of 33 at Beaverdam Reservoir in northern Wake County, N.C., on 28 April (fide Bob Hader). One was an early and locally uncommon visitor at Lake Hartwell near Clemson, S.C., on 31 March, observed by Harry LeGrand and Sidney Gauthreaux, and another was seen at Salem Lake near Winston-Salem, N.C., on 20 April by Pat Culbertson.
- ANHINGA:** One was seen on the North Carolina Outer Banks at Pea Island NWR on 21 May by Herb Wilson.
- GLOSSY IBIS:** An estimated 1500 were counted near Charleston, S.C., on 10 April by Perry Nugent. One turned up as a rare inland visitor at Beaverdam Reservoir near Raleigh, N.C., on 23 April, observed by Bill Lezar. Another inland wanderer was found in Lenoir County, N.C., on 5 May by Bob and Mary Simpson.
- BRANT:** A raft of 10 late winter stragglers was seen at Hatteras Inlet, N.C., on 26 May by Guy Tudor.
- BUFFLEHEAD:** A late individual was still present at Hatteras Inlet, N.C., on 20 May, observed by Cliff and Randy Stringer.
- COMMON EIDER:** Royce Hough saw three at Cape Lookout bight off Beaufort, N.C., on the late day of 28 May.
- COMMON MERGANSER:** One was a late and unusual visitor at Pea Island NWR, N.C., on 19 May, reported by Robert and Peter Tripician. Twenty, all females, were seen on Lake Hartwell at Clemson, S.C., on 18 March by Harry LeGrand.
- SCOTERS:** Five Surf Scoters and 35 Black Scoters were late lingerers observed off Bogue Banks at Pine Knoll Shores, N.C., on 5 June by Bob Hader.
- SWALLOW-TAILED KITE:** On North Carolina's Outer Banks an individual was seen in Nags Head Woods on 19 April by David Lee and John Funderburg, and two were found at Bodie Island on 19 May by Robert and Peter Tripician.
- BROAD-WINGED HAWK:** Eight were seen circling over Ocracoke Island, N.C., on 26 May by Guy Tudor, an interesting spring record from the Outer Banks.
- ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK:** One was observed by Tom Haggerty in coastal Dare County, N.C., on 23 March. Another, in light-phase plumage, was seen in Haywood County, N.C., west of Asheville on 28 April by David Lee.
- GOLDEN EAGLE:** An immature was present at Fairlawn Plantation near Charleston, S.C., on 8 April, seen by Sidney Gauthreaux, Harry LeGrand, Bob Lewis, et al.
- BALD EAGLE:** Ricky Davis found two adults and two immatures at Beaverdam Reservoir north of Raleigh, N.C., on 17 May.
- OSPREY:** Four were observed soaring over Shining Rock Mountain, Haywood County, N.C., on 11 March by Roger Stone, an unusual spring record for the mountain area.

- MERLIN:** A transient was seen at Durham, N.C., on 22 April by Mike Schultz, and another at Winston-Salem on 30 May by Charles Frost and Ramona Snavelly.
- BLACK RAIL:** One was seen by John Fussell at Greenview Farm near Raleigh, N.C., on 25 May, a rare piedmont record. Fussell and other observers found a bird there again on 30 May.
- AMERICAN COOT:** A hen was found incubating six eggs at a nest in a marsh near Lowland, N.C., in Pamlico County on 19 May by Tim Playforth and M.E. Whitfield. Several other adults were seen in the vicinity, but only one nest was located.
- AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER:** One was a noteworthy find near Greenwood, S.C., on 12 April by Bob Lewis.
- RUDDY TURNSTONE:** Two were unusual inland visitors at Glenville Lake in Fayetteville, N.C., observed on 3 May by Ned McIntosh and M.E. Whitfield.
- PECTORAL SANDPIPER:** Three were seen at Lake James in Burke County, N.C., on 19 March by Tom Haggerty. Another migrant was found in North Carolina's western section at Julian Price Park on the Blue Ridge Parkway in Watauga County on 21 May by Ricky Davis.
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER:** Two were seen at Beaverdam Reservoir north of Raleigh, N.C., on 7 May by Clark Olson. Up to 20 were found at a farm pond near Sandy Springs, S.C., on 5 and 6 May by Harry LeGrand, Bob Lewis, and Sidney Gauthreaux. Sixteen were also present at Winston-Salem's sewage treatment plant on 9 May, fide Ramona Snavelly.
- STILT SANDPIPER:** An individual in breeding plumage was seen near Sandy Springs, S.C., on 9 May by Harry LeGrand, a rare inland spring record for the Carolinas.
- RED PHALAROPE:** Over 1100 were seen in the Gulf Stream off Oregon Inlet, N.C., on 17 April by David Lee and John Funderburg.
- WILSON'S PHALAROPE:** Four were found inland by Bob Lewis and other observers at a farm pond near Sandy Springs, S.C., on 5 May. Up to seven were reported by Ramona Snavelly to have been seen by Winston-Salem observers at the city's sewage treatment plant in early May, and one was seen at Raleigh, N.C., on 10 May by Jim Mulholland et al.
- NORTHERN PHALAROPE:** A female in partial breeding plumage was seen at Winston-Salem, N.C., on 8 May by Pat Culbertson, a second record for Forsyth County.
- BLACK-NECKED STILT:** Caroline Newhall, Louise Lacoss and Tom Smith counted 140 at a dredge spoil area on the South Carolina side of the Savannah River opposite Savannah, Ga., on 22 May. The birds are nesting there.
- BONAPARTE'S GULL:** Sizeable numbers of spring migrants were seen at several piedmont reservoirs. Highest reported counts were 60 at Lake Greenwood, S.C., on 17 March (Bob Lewis); 50 at Belews Creek Reservoir, Forsyth County, N.C., on 1 April (Ramona Snavelly); and up to 50 at Beaverdam Reservoir in northern Wake County, N.C., on 26 and 27 March (Bob Hader). There was also a mountain area record of one seen at Bass Lake in Watauga County, N.C., on 1 April by Tom Haggerty.
- LONG-EARED OWL:** A specimen of this seldom reported winter visitor was found dead on Highway 94 just north of Lake Mattamuskeet in Hyde County, N.C., on 22 March by Kathleen Anderson and Trevor Lloyd-Evans.
- RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD:** Two were quite early at Edisto Beach, S.C., on 22 March, Henrietta McWillie.
- GRAY KINGBIRD:** One was sighted near Atlantic Beach, N.C., on 16 May by Bob Holmes.
- BANK SWALLOW:** Over 100 migrants of this species were noted at South Carolina's Lake Greenwood on 27 April by Bob Lewis.
- WARBLING VIREO:** A rare coastal observation was recorded at Greenfield Park in Wilmington, N.C., where a migrant was closely studied on 18 April by Ricky Davis.

- HOODED WARBLER:** An early individual was noted at Aiken, S.C., on 15 March, fide Anne Waters.
- YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD:** One was present for several days at Beaufort, N.C., in early May, observed by John Fussell, Norm Reigle and Ola Riddle.
- NORTHERN ORIOLE:** Nesting in Watauga County, N.C., is strongly indicated by Tom Haggerty's reported observations of several singing males and two females in the Triplett area on 12 and 14 May.
- BREWER'S BLACKBIRD:** Twelve were seen feeding in a pasture near Townville, S.C., on 18 March by Harry LeGrand. Both males and females were observed in the flock.
- TREE SPARROW:** Tom Haggerty noted one on the Appalachian State University campus in Boone, N.C., on 11 March.
- WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW:** One was observed on Core Banks on the North Carolina coast on 25 May by Skip Prange, a late and unusual spring record from that locality.

STAFF CHANGES

As many *Chat* readers already know, Robert P. Teulings has resigned as South Atlantic Regional Editor for *American Birds*. At the same time he relinquished the duty of compiling the "Briefs for the Files" for *Chat*. His final set of Briefs appears in this issue. Bob has held these dual posts since the summer of 1970, and we sincerely appreciate his unselfish service to bird study in the Carolinas and Georgia.

Taking Bob's place in both positions is Harry E. LeGrand Jr., of the Department of Zoology at Clemson University. Harry is well known to CBC members as our Bird Count Editor and a frequent guest compiler of the Briefs. He has served as guest editor of the regional report for *American Birds* and has written a number of papers for *Chat* and other journals. Harry's new responsibilities have forced him to resign as the Bird Count Editor of *Chat*.

John O. Fussell III of Morehead City, N.C., is the new Bird Count Editor. John assumes this post at a very trying time. The Executive Board of CBC has not yet decided how to handle future publication of the bird counts. Cost estimates are still being sought, and it may be early 1979 before a decision can be announced. John has compiled the table for the 1978 Spring Bird Count, but he did not want to publish the compilers' comments without the table in the present issue of *Chat*. A large number of count enthusiasts have requested that we run the count table and omit the compilers' comments, perhaps incorporating details of notable records into the Briefs. If a satisfactory method can be found for reproducing the count table from handwritten or typewriter copy, the counts could be published as a supplement to *Chat*. Other possibilities are being investigated. Please be patient while John and the other members of the Executive Board try to work out a practical and affordable method of making the bird count data readily available to the membership.

Harry and John are two of the most capable and enthusiastic bird students in the Carolinas. Since high school days they have been active in CBC, which John now serves as vice-president. Both hold M.S. degrees from North Carolina State University, and Harry is working toward a doctorate at Clemson. John and Harry bring to their new jobs a remarkable comprehension of the seasonal distribution of birds in the Carolinas and eastern North America. We are fortunate that they, like all the other members of our staff, are willing to volunteer their services to CBC.—EFP