

Birds 31:1140) merely mentioned Alder Flycatchers nesting in Westmoreland and Butler Counties, Pennsylvania.

Perhaps additional field work on high balds will clarify the nesting status of Alder Flycatchers in the southern Appalachians.

## **Ruby-crowned Kinglet Seen in Late July in Franklin County, N.C.**

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While bird watching at Zane's Mountain near Bunn in Franklin County, N.C., on 29 July 1978, I saw a Ruby-crowned Kinglet (*Regulus calendula*) being chased by a male Common Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis trichas*). I had good views of the kinglet three different times as it perched briefly in a thicket of shrubs and saplings beside a stream. The kinglet's small size, small bill, greenish coloration, and prominent wing bars were obvious field marks, but the eye ring was not distinct. All doubt about the identity of the bird was removed when the Ruby-crowned Kinglet scolded the warbler and then gave a series of typical call notes.

Zane's Mountain is a prominent hill beside Crooked Creek on SR 1731 just east of Bunn. Within a relatively small area there are recently cutover woodlands, pine woods, upland hardwoods, and fairly extensive floodplain hardwoods. Zane's Mountain is one of the best places I have found in Franklin County for fall migrant passerines.

The earliest published fall arrival date for the Ruby-crowned Kinglet in North Carolina is 19 August 1973 when Kitty Kosh (Chat 38:28) saw one at Wilmington. However, Barbara Lee of Raleigh, Ben Saunders of Asheville, and Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Wagner of Chapel Hill have told me about seeing Ruby-crowned Kinglets in the mountains "in summer" or "during July." They did not mention any evidence of breeding. Although the Golden-crowned Kinglet (*R. satrapa*) nests regularly in the southern Appalachians, I am not aware of a published nesting record for the Ruby-crowned Kinglet in the Carolinas or Tennessee. Apparently a few kinglets migrate southward much earlier than generally expected.