

BRIEFS FOR THE FILES

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- COMMON LOON:** Late was one on a pond in Clemmons, N.C., on 31 May (Pat Culbertson, Barbara Page, Ramona Snively), as was one near Fayetteville, N.C., on 15 May (P.J. Crutchfield), and up to three at Lake Pinehurst, N.C., from 22 May to the end of the month (Jay Carter).
- HORNED GREBE:** One was late on a farm pond near Cary, N.C., on 6 May, as noted by Ricky Davis.
- PIED-BILLED GREBE:** Nesting was again reported from newly constructed Jordan Reservoir in northeastern Chatham County, N.C., where Bill and Margaret Wagner saw an adult with three young on 14 June.
- NORTHERN FULMAR:** Rare were six seen by Dave Lee off Oregon Inlet, N.C., on 22 April, and nine were seen there the following day.
- CORY'S SHEARWATER:** Allen Bryan and Kevin Hintsu observed a very early individual at Oregon Inlet on 8 March. It was seen resting on the ocean and in flight, and the large yellow bill, dusky body color, and a small amount of white at the base of the tail were noted. Dave Lee reported four off Oregon Inlet on 23 April, and three in this area on 16 May.
- GREATER SHEARWATER:** Two noted by Dave Lee on 23 April off Oregon Inlet were somewhat early.
- AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER:** Surprising numbers for spring off Oregon Inlet were 22 on 23 April, 40 on 10 May, and 42 on 16 May, all seen by Dave Lee.
- BLACK-CAPPED PETREL:** Dave Lee had 13 off Oregon Inlet on 23 April, an excellent count; and two were seen there on 10 May.
- LEACH'S STORM-PETREL:** One seen by Dave Lee off Oregon Inlet on 16 May was a good find.
- WILSON'S STORM-PETREL:** Counts off Oregon Inlet (Dave Lee) were 79 on 23 April, 71 on 10 May, and 32 on 16 May.
- GREAT CORMORANT:** One was seen near Wrightsville Beach, N.C., on 10 March and again on 17 March by Alan Snively and Sarah Tichnor.
- DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT:** Quite unusual was a flock of 25 seen by Jay Carter between Red Springs and Lumberton, N.C., on 12 April. Other good inland counts were a peak of ten at Beaverdam Reservoir in northern Wake County, N.C., on 26 April (Steve Graves); a peak of five at Jordan Reservoir on 29 April (Jim Pullman, Elizabeth Teulings, Bob Lewis); and seven at White Lake, N.C., on 22 May (Douglas McNair). One was rare at Winston-Salem, N.C., on 12 May (Jim and Pat Culbertson), and late were singles near Pinehurst, N.C., on 24 May (Tom Howard) and at Jordan Reservoir on 11 June (Bob Lewis).
- ANHINGA:** John Fussell suspects nesting at Walker's Mill Pond near Newport, N.C., where he saw two males on 15 April and a female on 28 April.
- MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD:** One was rare and early at Wrightsville Beach, where it was seen by James Parnell, Robert Needham, and Frances Needham on 10 May.
- CATTLE EGRET:** Single individuals were noted at the upper end of Roanoke Rapids Lake, N.C., on 1 April (Frank Enders); at Clemson, S.C., on 13 April (Heyward Douglass, Sidney Gauthreaux, Harry LeGrand); at Hoffman, N.C., on 15 May (Jay Carter); and near Raleigh, N.C., on 19 May (Jim Mulholland).
- GREAT EGRET:** Rare in the piedmont in spring were single birds at the upper end of Roanoke Rapids Lake on 1 April (Frank Enders), near Townville, S.C., on 7 April

- (Harry LeGrand), and at the Jordan Reservoir on 29 April (Jim Pullman, Elizabeth Teulings).
- SNOWY EGRET:** Very rare in spring were two seen at the Jordan Reservoir by Jim Pullman and Elizabeth Teulings on 26 May, and another was a good find on 1 April near Fayetteville, as noted by P.J. Crutchfield.
- BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON:** Rather rare inland reports were three seen by Frank Enders in mid-April along the Roanoke River near Williamston, N.C.; an adult observed from 13 to 20 April in Winston-Salem by Jim and Pat Culbertson et al.; and one seen quite late near Fayetteville on 29 May by P.J. Crutchfield.
- AMERICAN BITTERN:** A bird presumed to be a very late migrant was seen at Pullen Park in Raleigh on 30 May by Jim Mulholland. However, one heard calling at Buxton, N.C., on 3 June by James Parnell, Robert Soots, and Leon Jernigan was probably a breeding individual.
- GLOSSY IBIS:** Remarkable were 24 seen in flight over Fayetteville on 4 April by P.J. Crutchfield. Another rare sighting was that of one noted near Raleigh on 21 April by Clyde Smith.
- AMERICAN FLAMINGO:** An excellent count of eight was made by John Cely at Bulls Island, S.C., on 16 May; and four were seen the next day by John Andre on Bird Island, S.C.
- FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK:** One was quite unusual, especially in summer, at a pond at Buxton on 15 June, as noted by Sherman Suter and Terri Weyrauch.
- BLACK DUCK:** Merrill Lynch observed a pair near the Scuppernong River in Tyrrell County, N.C., on 7 June; and P.J. Crutchfield saw two at Fayetteville on 14 June.
- PINTAIL:** A male was late at Pea Island, N.C., as seen on 12 May by Bob Lewis and Mike Tove.
- REDHEAD:** Two females seen at Pea Island by Bob Lewis and Mike Tove were late on 12 May.
- LESSER SCAUP:** P.J. Crutchfield noted a male that was late near Fayetteville on 10 May.
- COMMON EIDER:** Very rare for South Carolina were one female observed by Bob Lewis at Huntington Beach State Park on 8 March and two females seen by Perry Nugent at Fort Moultrie on Sullivans Island on 14 April.
- SWALLOW-TAILED KITE:** Two were noted in the Holly Shelter swamp in Pender County, N.C., on 26 April by Mark and Cathy Galizio.
- MISSISSIPPI KITE:** A flock of 29 adults, a record North Carolina count, was observed in eastern Halifax County on 2 June by Merrill Lynch and Dwight Lee. This is the fourth consecutive year the species has been seen at this location, and breeding is likely occurring there.
- ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK:** One was late and rare near Chapel Hill, N.C., on 5 April, as reported by Bill and Margaret Wagner.
- BALD EAGLE:** Many inland reports were received, including several at Beaverdam Reservoir, where the best count was two adults and an immature on 26 May (Allen Bryan, Kevin Hints). Elsewhere an adult was seen in flight near Clinton, N.C., on 27 March by M.E. Whitfield; an immature was noted by P.J. Crutchfield near Fayetteville on 29 April; an immature was seen flying over Raleigh on 14 April by Kevin Hints; and Dennis Alwon saw two in the Jordan Reservoir area on 29 April and one of those two a week later at Chapel Hill.
- MARSH HAWK:** Possible breeding is indicated by a pair seen at Cedar Island, N.C., on 2 June, and another pair at Ocracoke, N.C., on 3 June, by James Parnell, Robert Soots, and Leon Jernigan. Another individual was late at Fayetteville on 10 May, as seen by P.J. Crutchfield.
- PEREGRINE FALCON:** Jay Carter noted one, or possibly two, very late near Hoffman, N.C., on 15 May.

MERLIN: Bob Lewis and Mike Tove reported a late sighting at Pea Island on 13 May; possibly the same bird was seen there on 22 May by James Parnell and Ricky Davis.

SANDHILL CRANE: One was noted by Donna Goodwin on 1 April near Shallotte, N.C., and it was seen several days later by Wayne Irvin and Fran Baldwin.

KING RAIL: Nesting may have occurred at Greenview Farm near Raleigh, where four were seen and heard on 5 May; one or more were still there on 26 May, as reported by Allen Bryan and Kevin Hints.

COMMON GALLINULE: Good inland finds were single birds seen at Winston-Salem from 12 to 26 May by John and Lee Carter and Bill and Susan Hammond; one was also seen at Jordan Reservoir near Farrington on 15 May by Bob Lewis.

AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER: Bob Lewis observed two birds at Jordan Reservoir on 21 April, a rare spring report.

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: At Jordan Reservoir near Farrington, Bob Lewis found two on 15 May, and Dennis Alwon saw three there on 20 May.

RUDDY TURNSTONE: A very rare inland report was that of a bird seen at Jordan Reservoir on 15 May by Bob Lewis. Dennis Alwon noted two there on 20 May.

LONG-BILLED CURLEW: An excellent count was three curlews at Morgan Island near Cape Lookout, N.C., on 13 March (Skip Prange). Two were also seen by Perry Nugent at Sullivans Island on 20 May.

UPLAND SANDPIPER: Five seen by Chuck Whitney and George McCoy near Columbia, S.C., on 21 April was a good count for this uncommon species.

GREATER YELLOWLEGS: At the Jordan Reservoir area, Bob Lewis had an excellent count of 50 on 20 April, and one was seen very late there on 3 June by Jim Pullman and Elizabeth Teulings.

LESSER YELLOWLEGS: Bob Lewis noted 200 at the Jordan Reservoir on 20 April, an outstanding inland total; and one was late there on 27 May, as seen by Dennis Alwon.

PECTORAL SANDPIPER: A good spring tally of 30 birds was made by Bob Lewis at Jordan Reservoir on 21 April.

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: Bob Lewis and Mike Tove counted 200 birds, and estimated that 1000 were present, from Bodie Island to Cape Hatteras, N.C., on 11, 12, and 13 May. Inland, a good count was 15 at Jordan Reservoir noted by Lewis on 15 May, with six still there on 20 May (Dennis Alwon).

DUNLIN: Rare inland in spring were individuals at Clemson on 4 April (Harry LeGrand), and at Beaverdam Reservoir (R.J. Hader) and Jordan Reservoir (Bob Lewis) on 21 April.

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER: Dennis Alwon saw two at Jordan Reservoir on 20 May, a very rare inland spring record.

NORTHERN PHALAROPE: Dave Lee tallied 91 on a pelagic trip off Oregon Inlet on 10 May, and another was seen onshore at Pea Island on 22 May by James Parnell, Ricky Davis, and Leon Jernigan.

RED PHALAROPE: A good count of 1000+ was made by Dave Lee off Oregon Inlet on 23 April. Several other trips in previous years have also reported at least 1000 birds during April off the North Carolina coast.

POMARINE JAEGER: Dave Lee noted five off Oregon Inlet on 23 April.

LONG-TAILED JAEGER: An outstanding record was a sighting of an adult off Oregon Inlet on 23 April by Dave Lee. Most spring records have been in late May.

GLAUCOUS GULL: Kevin Hints and Allen Bryan observed an immature at Buxton on 7 March, perhaps the same bird that was seen there in February. Another immature was seen by Skip Prange at Cape Lookout on 22 March.

HERRING GULL: One was very late at Lake Wheeler near Raleigh on 3 June, as noted by Clark Olson. Jay Carter saw 10 in flight near Hoffman on 26 April.

BLACK-HEADED GULL: Two were seen on the beach at Oregon Inlet, with 20 Bonaparte's

- Gulls for comparison, on 6 March by Steve and Marie Graves.
- LAUGHING GULL:** A rare inland report was one in breeding plumage seen at the upper end of Roanoke Rapids Lake on 1 April by Frank Enders.
- BONAPARTE'S GULL:** John Fussell and Bill Moffitt counted at least 5000 birds at Bird Shoal near Beaufort, N.C., on 8 April, an excellent total. Frank Enders had a good inland count of 120 at Roanoke Rapids Lake on 1 April.
- LITTLE GULL:** One in winter plumage was a surprising find on North Pond at Pea Island on 20 August 1978, as seen by Bill Drummond and Sherman Suter.
- FORSTER'S TERN:** Bill Wagner saw one at Beaverdam Reservoir on 24 March.
- COMMON TERN:** A late migrant was observed by P.J. Crutchfield near Fayetteville on 25 and 29 May.
- SOOTY TERN:** Wayne Klockner carefully studied an adult at the town of Hatteras, N.C., on 1 May, a noteworthy onshore report.
- CASPIAN TERN:** This species was noted in the eastern piedmont of North Carolina at Jordan Reservoir (29 March to 27 April), Beaverdam Reservoir (15 April), Prospect Hill (20 March), and Lake Surf near Vass (13 April). The peak count was six at Jordan Reservoir on 27 April, as noted by Dennis Alwon. This is the most regularly seen tern inland in the spring.
- BLACK TERN:** P.J. Crutchfield saw one near Fayetteville on 10 May. This tern has been reported less frequently inland in recent years than previously.
- YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO:** One was extremely early at the west end of Bogue Banks, N.C., on 26 March, as seen by John Fussell et al.
- BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO:** A migrant was seen near Blanch in northern Caswell County, N.C., on 9 May by James Coman.
- CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW:** Tom Howard heard an early individual near Southern Pines, N.C., on 5 April.
- COMMON NIGHTHAWK:** Douglas McNair found a nest with one egg in the Sandhills Game Management Area near Hoffman on 23 May. Inland nesting away from cities and towns is rare.
- SCREECH OWL:** Mike Tove heard one calling at Richland Balsam, N.C., at an elevation of 6053 feet, on 5 May. This may be a high altitude record for the state.
- RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER:** One seen at 4200 feet on Big Ridge Road near Glenville, N.C., on 6 May by Harry LeGrand might be a high elevation record for the state.
- GRAY KINGBIRD:** Three individuals were observed along the South Carolina coast this spring. Jay Shuler noted one near McClellanville in mid-April, Perry Nugent et al. saw another at Awendaw Lake on 29 April, and Tom Reeves saw one on 20 May at Sullivans Island.
- WESTERN KINGBIRD:** Quite unexpected was an individual seen on a telephone wire at Ocracoke, N.C., on 13 June by Sherman Suter and Terri Weyrauch. Excellent details were received.
- EASTERN PHOEBE:** Douglas McNair found an adult at a nest along the Cape Fear River at Elizabethtown, N.C., on 22 May. This is presumably at the southeastern edge of the species' breeding range.
- YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER.** A rare report was one seen and heard calling near Lake Keowee, S.C., on 19 May by Ramona Snavely, Evelyn Dabbs, et al.
- ALDER FLYCATCHER:** The species was noted again in southern Haywood County, N.C., near the entrance to the Shining Rock Wilderness Area. Two singing males and two presumed females were seen there on 20 May by Bob Lewis, Mike Tove, et al.
- WILLOW FLYCATCHER:** Perry Nugent and Dennis Abbott saw and heard three migrants at Fairlawn Plantation near Charleston on 12 and 13 May, a very rare record for the coast.
- OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER:** One was a good find in northern Caswell County on 20 May, as noted by James Coman.

- HORNED LARK:** Douglas McNair noted adults in late May at four localities in the Sandhills of the Carolinas, where the species is at the edge of its breeding range. In Richmond County, N.C., he saw a pair at the Rockingham-Hamlet airport, with one bird carrying food, and he noted three adults at Mangum. Also, McNair found three adults in northwestern Marlboro County, S.C., and he saw an adult carrying food at McBee, S.C.
- COMMON RAVEN:** One was at a low elevation (1800 feet) in Nantahala Gorge, N.C., on 10 April, noted by Mike Tove et al.
- FISH CROW:** Harry LeGrand and Sid Gauthreaux had three adults all spring and summer in a pine forest at Clemson, but the birds apparently did not breed. Jim Pullman and Elizabeth Teulings saw four in flight in southern Durham County, N.C., on 7 April, and two over the Duke University campus in Durham on 13 April. Durham lies along the western edge of the breeding range.
- BANK SWALLOW:** Ramona Snavely reports that the nesting colony first discovered near Roaring River, N.C., in 1977 appears considerably larger in 1979 than in the past two summers. This is the only currently known breeding site in the state.
- CLIFF SWALLOW:** Rare coastal migrants were single birds seen by Joel Hornstein at Huntington Beach on 13 May, and by Mike Tove on 3 June approximately 40 miles off Topsail Island, N.C.
- BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE:** Harry LeGrand and Mike Tove watched an adult gathering nest material (fibers from a cigarette filter) at Newfound Gap, N.C., on 5 May.
- SHORT-BILLED MARSH WREN:** The first record for the Fayetteville area was two seen and heard there on 29 April by P.J. Crutchfield.
- SWAINSON'S THRUSH:** One seen by Gail Whitehurst at Raleigh was very late on 1 June.
- CEDAR WAXWING:** Jay Carter noted late flocks (20 and 12 birds) of this species in Southern Pines on 27 May.
- BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER:** Merrill Lynch found a singing male in cut-over pinewoods in central Gates County, N.C., on 1 June. Douglas McNair noted singing birds in Richmond County, N.C., on 21 May near Hoffman, 25 May at Cordova, and 27 May near the Pee Dee River. All of these reports probably represent breeding individuals.
- PROTHONOTARY WARBLER:** A rare mountain record was one seen by Duncan Hollar and Mike Tove near Cullowhee, N.C., on 23 April. Early arrivals were noted at Cape Lookout, N.C., on 28 March by Skip Prange, and in central Chatham County on 4 April by Bob Lewis.
- SWAINSON'S WARBLER:** Though well within the breeding range, one noted singing near White Lake, N.C., on 22 May by Douglas McNair adds to the somewhat sparse number of reported nesting sites in the coastal plain. One near Newport, N.C., was rather early on 12 April, as reported by John Fussell.
- WORM-EATING WARBLER:** John Fussell noted an early individual near Newport on 11 April. Merrill Lynch found two singing birds in western Gates County, N.C., on 1 June, and another just east of East Lake, Dare County, N.C., on 16 June.
- GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER:** One was rare and somewhat late at Chapel Hill on 12 May, as seen by Mark Crotteau.
- ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER:** Single individuals were seen in North Carolina at Orton Pond in Brunswick County on 13 April by Mike Tove, near Newport on 15 April by John Fussell, and near Cary from 15 to 28 April by Clark Olson.
- NASHVILLE WARBLER:** A very rare spring record was a singing male studied carefully by Gail Whitehurst at Raleigh on 30 April.
- BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER:** Two singing males were noted by John Fussell at Brown's Island in Carteret County, N.C., on 14 April. Merrill Lynch reported six or seven singing birds in a white cedar forest in the Green Swamp in northern Brunswick

- County, N.C., in April 1978. Lynch also had another in a white cedar bog forest along NC 211 near the Green Swamp on 9 April (1979). Although the sightings were in April, they probably represent breeding individuals.
- CERULEAN WARBLER:** A singing bird was rather rare at Raleigh, as seen by Jim Mulholland on 7 May.
- BAY-BREASTED WARBLER:** A rare spring coastal report was that of a male seen by John Andre on Bulls Island, S.C., on 11 May.
- CONNECTICUT WARBLER:** Clark Olson saw a female at Fort Macon State Park, N.C., on 26 May, an exceptional coastal report for the spring. Another was heard singing at Boone, N.C., on 27 May by Tom Haggerty.
- WILSON'S WARBLER:** The peak of the migration of this species through the Carolinas is in mid-May, as clearly evidenced by the reports of single birds at Clemson on 16 May (Harry LeGrand) and at Raleigh on 19 May (Gail Whitehurst) and 20 May (Clark Olson).
- CANADA WARBLER:** Douglas McNair saw a male on 22 May at Elizabethtown, N.C., somewhat east of the migration route for this species.
- AMERICAN REDSTART:** A subadult male seen by John Cely at Pawleys Island, S.C., on 5 June was probably a late migrant. On the other hand, four singing males along a one-mile stretch of the Cape Fear River at Elizabethtown on 22 May, as noted by Douglas McNair, were probably summer residents.
- BOBOLINK:** Douglas McNair noted individuals in Richmond County as late as 29 May.
- WESTERN Tanager:** Daniel Kaplan and Steve Graves saw a female at close range near the Jordan Reservoir dam on 29 April, a very rare piedmont occurrence.
- BLUE GROSBEAK:** Jim Mulholland saw two in female plumage near Raleigh on 12 March. This date suggests wintering individuals.
- HOUSE FINCH:** The first South Carolina breeding record was detected by William Grimm in a residential section of Greenville. On 4 June, a begging young bird was seen with its parents, and two fledglings were with the adults on 9 June. Two adult males were seen by Grimm on 6 June. Nesting was again reported in Raleigh and Winston-Salem.
- RED CROSSBILL:** Duncan Hollar and Mike Tove noted 20 to 25 at Newfound Gap, N.C., on 17 March. The only downstate report for the winter-spring period was a banded individual that appeared in William Grimm's yard in Greenville, S.C., on 23 March and remained until 3 June.
- GRASSHOPPER SPARROW:** Rare Sandhills reports were single birds seen and heard near Fayetteville on 29 April (P.J. Crutchfield) and seen in a Pinehurst, N.C., yard from February through 17 March (Marion Jones).
- DARK-EYED JUNCO:** The first nest discovered in South Carolina was found by Ethel Floyd, Sid Gauthreaux, et al. on 19 May at the summit of Sassafras Mountain. Paul Hamel photographed and collected the empty nest a few days later. Several young were believed to have been successfully fledged.
- LARK SPARROW:** The first record for Cumberland County, N.C., was an individual studied at close range near Fayetteville on 18 May by P.J. Crutchfield.
- CLAY-COLORED SPARROW:** An extremely rare winter record was reported by Jay Shuler at his home near McClellanville, S.C. One to three birds were studied by him, as well as by other birders, from 28 February to 9 March.
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW:** One was seen near Chapel Hill on 7 April by Bill Wagner, Margaret Wagner, and Johnnie Payne.