

BRIEFS FOR THE FILES

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(All dates 1979. Jordan Reservoir, in eastern Chatham County, N.C., is listed below as "JR" in order to save space.)

- COMMON LOON:** Douglas McNair observed three at Lake Murray, S.C., on 5 August, a rare inland summer report.
- RED-NECKED GREBE:** One was early and unusual at Lake Wylie, near Charlotte, N.C., on 27 October, as seen by Bill Brokaw.
- HORNED GREBE:** One seen by Tom Howard was very early on 6 September at Lake Surf, near Vass, N.C.
- CORY'S SHEARWATER:** Dave Lee reported 12 very late birds off Oregon Inlet, N.C., on 29 November.
- GREATER SHEARWATER:** One was seen by Bob Lewis from Bodie Island, N.C., on 6 October; the bird was flying N over the ocean approximately 2 miles from shore.
- AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER:** A total of 39 individuals was an excellent count on 9 November, as made by Dave Lee off Oregon Inlet.
- BLACK-CAPPED PETREL:** Mike Tove et al. reported eight birds on 19 August, and seven birds on 2 September, on pelagic trips off Hatteras Inlet, N.C.
- WHITE-TAILED TROPICBIRD:** Single individuals were seen on pelagic trips off Hatteras Inlet on 2 September (Mike Tove et al.) and off Beaufort Inlet, N.C. on 3 September (John Fussell).
- WHITE PELICAN:** One was seen at Morehead City, N.C., in mid-August, as reported by John Fussell. A group of four were observed in flight at Oregon Inlet on 19 September by Malcolm Simons, Jim Pullman, and Elizabeth Pullman. On 23 October two groups of four birds each were seen migrating WSW in coastal Carteret County, N.C., by Fentress Munden et al.
- BROWN PELICAN:** One of the few inland records for the Carolinas was that of an immature found on the roof of a house in Waynesville, N.C., on 6 August (fide Dave Lee).
- GREAT CORMORANT:** An immature was observed by Stanley and Mary Alford and by Pat and Renee Probst at Hunting Beach State Park, S.C., from 29 October to 3 November. Another immature was noted by Pat and Jim Culbertson at North Pond on Pea Island, N.C., on 5 November.
- DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT:** Single birds were seen inland at Lake Marion, S.C., on 23 August (Douglas McNair) and at Seven Lakes, Moore County, N.C., on 30 October (Dick Thomas). One to two were seen from 28 September to 5 October at JR by Bob Lewis et al.
- ANHINGA:** P.J. Crutchfield reported two individuals at an impoundment in north-eastern Pamlico County, N.C., on 4 October.
- MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD:** One was noted at Mount Pleasant, S.C., on 23 September by Gardner Miller et al.
- CATTLE EGRET:** Rare fall sightings for the piedmont were eight near Townville, S.C., on 26 August, with seven there on 5 September (Harry LeGrand). Bob Lewis reported one to three at JR from 4 to 23 November, very late dates for this species inland.
- REDDISH EGRET:** A white-phase bird was noted by Dennis Forsythe at Moore's

- Landing in Charleston County, S.C., on 13 October, and possibly the same bird was reported at the Savannah National Wildlife Refuge, S.C., on 4 November by Perry Nugent.
- GREAT EGRET:** The peak count at JR during the summer was an excellent 246 on 9 August, as noted by Bill and Margaret Wagner. Another was late there on 4 November (Bob Lewis).
- SNOWY EGRET:** One was seen by Douglas McNair at Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge, Anson County, N.C., on 16 August. As many as three were reported by many observers at JR from July to 26 August.
- LOUISIANA HERON:** Bob Lewis et al. observed one to three at JR from 22 July to 25 August.
- BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON:** A rare inland summer record was that of one seen by many observers at JR on 4 August.
- AMERICAN BITTERN:** Most unusual in summer was an individual observed at JR by many birders on 12 August.
- WOOD STORK:** Ken Knapp noted 12 at a pond near Sunset Beach, Brunswick County, N.C., on 24 August. This area is the only place in the state where the species has been seen regularly in recent years.
- GLOSSY IBIS:** Very rare inland were five birds at JR from 11 to 25 August (Marc Eisdorfer, Bob Lewis, et al.); five were also present there in mid-October, as noted by Bob Lewis.
- WHITE IBIS:** Three immatures were seen near Cane Creek Park, Union County, N.C., on 10 August by Bill Scott, and a maximum of 10 were noted at JR between 18 August and 15 September (Bob Lewis et al.). Ten birds at Pea Island on 10 November (Dave Lee) were a good count for that refuge.
- CANADA GOOSE:** Bob Lewis saw a flock of 150 in flight over JR on 3 November; this is a good count for the central part of North Carolina.
- BRANT:** John Fussell et al. saw 15 near Morgan Island in the Cape Lookout area on 4 November. This North Carolina locality is slightly to the south of the normal winter range.
- SNOW GOOSE:** Noteworthy North Carolina sightings were single white-phase birds near Fort Fisher on 20 October (Ricky Davis) and at Lake Surf on 4 and 12 November (Kevin Mason). David Barnes saw two blue-phase geese at Davis, Carteret County, N.C., on 4 November.
- FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK:** Eight were noted by Perry and Chris Nugent at Savannah N.W.R. on 4 November, and another was seen at Pea Island on 24 November by Claudia Wilds.
- PINTAIL:** A good inland count was the 60 birds noted by Bob Lewis at JR on 29 November.
- EUROPEAN WIGEON:** One was a good find made by Pat and Jim Culbertson at Pea Island on 5 November.
- REDHEAD:** Single males out of season were noted near Bunn, Franklin County, N.C., on 27 August (Eloise Potter) and all summer and fall at Fort Macon, Carteret County, N.C. (John Fussell).
- RING-NECKED DUCK:** Early reports were five seen at Lake Surf on 28 September by Tom Howard, and one noted by Eloise Potter near Bunn on 20 September.
- GREATER SCAUP:** Bob Lewis observed a female at JR on 19 November.
- LESSER SCAUP:** The peak count at JR was 260 on 11 November, as reported by Bob Lewis.

- WHITE-WINGED SCOTER:** A male seen by Ricky Davis at Carolina Beach, N.C., on 31 August was extremely early. A rare inland report was of two birds seen on Lake Wylie near Charlotte on 3 November by Bill Brokaw.
- SURF SCOTER:** Very rare inland were three individuals noted by Mike Tove et al. on Beaver Lake, near Asheville, N.C., on 18 November. Two were still there on 26 November, as reported by Dan McElroy.
- BLACK VULTURE:** Mike Tove observed two migrants along the Blue Ridge Parkway at Graveyard Fields, Haywood County, N.C., on 27 October. This species is seldom seen in the mountains of that state.
- MISSISSIPPI KITE:** An immature was carefully studied at JR on 20 September by Bill and Margaret Wagner and Johnnie Payne. Bill Brokaw noted an immature near Huntington Beach State Park on 17 October, and two immatures the next day at Oak Island in Brunswick County, N.C. Douglas McNair observed two adults on 16 August along the Pee Dee River in southeastern Anson County, N.C.; the species might be breeding at this locality.
- GOSHAWK:** An immature was seen by Mike Tove at the Graveyard Fields along the Blue Ridge Parkway on 27 October.
- ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK:** One was carefully studied by Gail Whitehurst as it flew over Raleigh, N.C., on the very early date of 1 October.
- GOLDEN EAGLE:** An immature was noted by P.J. Crutchfield on 17 August at Hanging Rock Mountain in Watauga County, N.C. An adult was notable near Lake Cammack in Alamance County, N.C., on 24 September (Allen Bryan).
- BALD EAGLE:** Noteworthy reports were single adults at Lake James in Burke County, N.C., on 18 August (Patricia Craig, Frances Bumgarner), near Fayetteville, N.C., in mid-September (fide P.J. Crutchfield), and near JR on 14 October (Steve Graves).
- OSPREY:** Two were late on 25 November in southern Chatham County, N.C., as seen by P.J. Crutchfield.
- PEREGRINE FALCON:** An excellent coastal migration occurred this fall, with several parties reporting 15 to 20 birds per day along the Outer Banks of North Carolina on 7 and 8 October. Inland migrants, one in each instance, were noted at Clemson, S.C., on 11 October (Harry LeGrand); at JR on 22 and 24 September (Ken Knapp, Bill Wagner, et al.) and again on 11 October (Bob Lewis); at the Graveyard Fields along the Blue Ridge Parkway on 29 September (Mike Tove); near Blowing Rock, N.C., on 1 October (Tom Haggerty); at Grandfather Mountain, N.C., on 8 October (Haggerty); and at Raleigh on 5 October (Gail Whitehurst).
- MERLIN:** Inland birds were seen at Clemson on 15 October by Sid Gauthreaux and Harry LeGrand as well as at JR on 8 October (Bob Lewis) and 25 November (James Coman, Steve Graves, Bill Wagner).
- KING RAIL:** A rare inland sighting was of one flushed at JR by Bob Lewis on 16 November.
- SORA:** One seen at JR by Jim and Owen McConnell on 12 August was quite early.
- BLACK RAIL:** Dick Brown found a bird killed at a TV tower near Charlotte on 21 September.
- COMMON GALLINULE:** A rare piedmont sighting was that of an individual noted at JR on 12 November by Fran and Wayne Irvin.
- AMERICAN AVOCET:** One was highly noteworthy inland at Lake Murray, S.C., on 7 August, fide Evelyn Dabbs. Rare for Carteret County were as many as three at Brant Island from 23 September to 21 October, as noted by John Fussell, and

one at North River marsh on 9 and 10 November (JoAnne Powell).

PIPING PLOVER: Casual inland was one observed by Dave Lee at Beaverdam Reservoir, in northern Wake County, N.C., on 30 August.

AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER: Bob Lewis et al. had excellent numbers this fall at JR, between 25 August and 4 November; notable totals were six on 19 September, 15 on 25 October, and 41 on 3 November. Other reports of interest were singles at Clemson from 9 to 19 September (Harry LeGrand) and at Pea Island on the late dates of 24 and 25 November (Tom Haggerty).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: Noteworthy inland were one at JR on 12 August (Angelo Capparella and Stanley Alford) and five there on 19 September, with at least one lingering until 19 November (Bob Lewis).

UPLAND SANDPIPER: Douglas McNair counted 58 individuals at Shaw Air Force Base near Sumter, S.C., on 22 August, an outstanding Carolina total.

GREATER YELLOWLEGS: Late were six birds at JR on 23 November, as seen by Bill and Margaret Wagner, and one noted by P.J. Crutchfield near Fayetteville on 30 November.

LESSER YELLOWLEGS: A count of 11 on 23 November at JR was excellent for such a late date (Bill and Margaret Wagner).

WILLET: Singles at JR on 25 and 26 August (Bob Lewis, Ken Knapp) and at Lake Marion on 1 September (Douglas McNair) were rare inland sightings.

RUDDY TURNSTONE: One was noted by Harry LeGrand at Clemson from 13 to 17 September, another was seen by Kevin Mason and P.J. Crutchfield at Lake Surf on 27 October, and one was seen by many birders at JR on 12 August. Four at JR on 19 September were especially exciting, and one remained to 25 September (Bob Lewis).

WILSON'S PHALAROPE: Bob Lewis et al. reported several from JR this fall: two on 5 August, with one until 14 August; one on 12 September; and another from 24 October to 2 November. Unusual numbers were also found at Brant Island, next to Fort Macon, with 8 to 12 there from 26 August to 9 September (John Fussell).

NORTHERN PHALAROPE: One seen on the salt flats at Pea Island by Bob Lewis was noteworthy on 6 October.

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER: Tom Haggerty saw and heard three in central McDowell County, N.C., on 24 August, and Harry LeGrand noted one near Townville, S.C., on 26 August. Birds were found at JR from 4 August to 6 September by many observers, with 13 individuals each on 12 August and 25 August.

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER: Jackson Abbott noted 260 at Bodie Island on 22 August, and a very rare inland bird was at JR on 24 October (Bob Lewis).

SANDERLING: One was observed by P.J. Crutchfield and M.E. Whitfield near Fayetteville on 31 August.

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: Rare inland in fall were three seen by Douglas McNair at Santee N.W.R., S.C., on 23 August. Another seen by John Fussell et al. at Brant Island from 11 to 22 November was very late.

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER: Two noted at Bodie Island on 22 August by Jackson Abbott were the only ones reported during the fall.

PECTORAL SANDPIPER: One seen by Tom Haggerty at Boone, N.C., on 23 September was a rare mountain record. Another was late at JR on 18 November (Jim Pullman).

DUNLIN: Bill and Margaret Wagner counted nine at JR on 22 November, a good

- inland total. Two were seen at Winston-Salem, N.C., on 11 October by Ramona Snavelly, Bob Witherington, et al.; and another was noted by Jim Mulholland near Raleigh from 25 to 27 October.
- CURLEW SANDPIPER:** Davis Finch et al. observed one in juvenal plumage at Oregon Inlet on 7 October; and John Fussell, Bill Moffitt, et al. noted another in partial breeding plumage at Brant Island on 26 and 28 August.
- STILT SANDPIPER:** Bob Lewis saw individuals at JR from 3 to 26 August, with eight there on 25 August. Another was at JR on the late date of 25 October (Bob Lewis). Douglas McNair noted three at Santee refuge on 23 August.
- BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER:** One was noted on the coast at Pea Island on 21 August by Jackson Abbott. Harry LeGrand found single birds near Pendleton, S.C., on 8 September, at Clemson from 9 to 17 September, and another at Clemson on 23 September.
- POMARINE JAEGER:** John Fussell observed one flying directly over him at Cape Lookout point, N.C., on 25 September, and Dave Lee had an excellent count of 35 off Oregon Inlet on 25 November.
- GLAUCOUS GULL:** An extremely early individual, in second-year plumage, was found by Jackson Abbott at Hatteras on 19 August.
- LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL:** One was rare and quite early in Pamlico Sound near Lowland, N.C., on 4 October, as seen by P.J. Crutchfield et al.
- HERRING GULL:** A first-year bird was unusually early on 18 August at Kerr Scott Reservoir in Wilkes County, N.C. (Tom Haggerty), and 11 provided a good count for JR on 12 November (Bob Lewis).
- LAUGHING GULL:** Three were rare at Clemson on 14 September, as noted by Harry LeGrand and Sid Gauthreaux. Douglas McNair observed at least 85 on 1 September at Lakes Marion and Moultrie, S.C.
- BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE:** Dave Lee collected an immature off Oregon Inlet on 23 October.
- FORSTER'S TERN:** Excellent inland counts were 42 seen at Lake Marion on 23 August and 65 on Lakes Marion and Moultrie on 1 September, as reported by Douglas McNair.
- COMMON TERN:** John Fussell counted 3928 birds coming to roost at Bird Shoal near Beaufort, N.C., on 28 September.
- ARCTIC TERN:** Three were observed on a pelagic trip off Hatteras inlet on 2 September, as noted by Mike Tove, Paul DuMont, et al.
- ROSEATE TERN:** Two were seen at Huntington Beach State Park on 11 August by Dennis Abbott and Perry Nugent, and another was seen by Jackson Abbott at the harbor in Hatteras on 19 August.
- SOOTY TERN:** A good offshore count was nine seen on a trip out of Hatteras Inlet on 2 September, fide Mike Tove.
- LEAST TERN:** Inland reports, not associated with Hurricane David, were one at Lake Marion on 23 August (Douglas McNair) and two near Townville at Lake Hartwell on 26 August (Harry LeGrand). Another was quite late at Cape Lookout on 27 September, as seen by John Fussell.
- CASPIAN TERN:** Several were noted at Clemson from 19 September to 2 October (Harry LeGrand) and at JR on 10 and 22 September (Bob Lewis). Perhaps a record inland count was the 60 seen by Douglas McNair at Lakes Marion and Moultrie on 1 September.
- BLACK TERN:** Tom Haggerty saw one from 11 to 14 August at Trout Lake, near Blowing Rock, N.C., a notable mountain record. As many as 12 were at JR in

- mid-August, according to many observers.
- RAZORBILL:** Rare and early was an individual seen at Cape Lookout on 9 November by Skip Prange and Chip Davis.
- GOUND DOVE:** Far out of range was a bird seen by Bob Lewis, R.J. Hader, Ken Knapp, and Allen Bryan at JR on 27 October.
- YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO:** John Fussell et al. estimated from 150 to 500 at Cape Lookout on 14 October.
- LONG-EARED OWL:** An injured bird was found at Columbia, S.C., on 20 October by Gary Tomlin and Gray Taylor, one of the few records for the Carolinas in the decade.
- SHORT-EARED OWL:** Douglas McNair studied an individual on 12 August at a plowed field 6 miles SE of Columbia; this record is more than 2 months earlier than the species would be expected in the Carolinas.
- WHIP-POOR-WILL:** Jay Carter saw one and heard two birds on 7 August in Bladen County, N.C., between White Oak and Garland. This possibly represents an extension of the known breeding range.
- RED-COCKADED WOODPECKER:** A rare report for Robeson County, N.C., was that of a colony found near Lumberton on 9 August by Jay Carter.
- GRAY KINGBIRD:** A very rare Outer Banks report was of one seen and photographed at the Cape Hatteras lighthouse on 6 October, as noted by Davis Finch et al.
- WESTERN KINGBIRD:** Eight individuals were reported from four coastal North Carolina counties on dates from 9 September to 16 November.
- SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER:** A highly noteworthy record was of an individual seen in flight at JR on 13 May, as reported by Ken Knapp and Clark Olson.
- OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER:** Tom Haggerty saw one near Blowing Rock on 28 August and another on 8 September at Linville Falls, N.C.
- HORNED LARK:** Three adults and four young were found at Shaw Air Force Base, near Sumter, on 4 August by Douglas McNair. This is at the eastern edge of the known range in the South Carolina coastal plain.
- BANK SWALLOW:** An excellent count was 500 made by Douglas McNair at Santee N.W.R. on 23 August. One bird was very late at Savannah N.W.R. on 4 November (Perry Nugent).
- PURPLE MARTIN:** Ricky Davis observed a female at Pea Island on the exceptionally late date of 18 November. It was with Barn Swallows, was larger than the Barns, and had a grayish breast and shallowly forked tail.
- FISH CROW:** Good counts for the upper coastal plain were 1000+ at Columbia, S.C., on 12 August and 165 at Hamlet, N.C., on 23 November, as noted by Douglas McNair. Numbers of this species have greatly increased in the lower piedmont and upper coastal plain over the past 10 years.
- BEWICK'S WREN:** A rare piedmont sighting was that of one noted by Steve Graves et al. near Chapel Hill, N.C., on 7 October.
- LONG-BILLED MARSH WREN:** One was noteworthy at Boone, N.C., on 16 October, as seen by Tom Haggerty.
- SHORT-BILLED MARSH WREN:** One was rare near Burlington, N.C., as noted by Allen Bryan on 29 September.
- WOOD THRUSH:** Libba Watson reported that an individual lingered at McCain, Hoke County, N.C., through 29 November.
- LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE:** John Fussell et al. noted a rare migrant at Cape Lookout

from 25 September to 14 October.

RED-EYED VIREO: One seen by Ricky Davis was late at Fort Fisher on 4 November.

PHILADELPHIA VIREO: Single birds were seen in North Carolina at Pinehurst on 2 September (Marion Jones), at JR on 16 September (Ken Knapp), near Chapel Hill on 20 September (Johnnie Payne), and at Fort Fisher on 11 October (Ricky Davis).

SWAINSON'S WARBLER: Jay Carter found a bird killed at the WECT-TV tower in Bladen County, N.C., on 28 September.

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER: Rare coastal reports were individuals seen on 12 August at Mount Pleasant, S.C. (Bill Winfield, Ed and Sandy Conradi) and at Pea Island on 6 October (Herbert Wilson, Bruce Lord).

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER: An early migrant was seen by Carol Hamilton at Chapel Hill on 14 August.

TENNESSEE WARBLER: One was rather early at Durham, N.C., on 23 August (Jim McConnell). Rare on the coast were one at Huntington Beach State Park on 7 October (Pat Probst) and two at Emerald Isle, Carteret County, N.C., on 9 October (Eloise Potter, Helenhill Dove).

NASHVILLE WARBLER: Noteworthy near the coast were singles at Sullivans Island, S.C., on 16 September (Perry Nugent), near Lowland, N.C., on 5 October (P.J. Crutchfield), at Isle of Palms, S.C., on 6 October (Bobbin Huff), and at Moore's Landing northeast of Charleston on 14 October (Perry Nugent, Gardner Miller).

YELLOW WARBLER: Perry Nugent noted excellent numbers in the Charleston area this fall, with 500 at Sullivans Island on 8 September, 200 there on 15 September, and 1000 at Mount Pleasant on 23 September. One feeding on broken sunflower seeds at a feeder near Charleston was noted from November until 2 December by Bruce Krucke.

CAPE MAY WARBLER: Jim Pullman observed one feeding at sapsucker holes in his yard near Durham in November, and the bird remained until 26 November.

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER: One seen by Libba Watson was early at McCain, N.C., on 3 September.

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER: Shuford Peeler observed an early individual at Charlotte on 17 September.

CERULEAN WARBLER: The peak of the migration of this species in the Carolinas is evident by sightings at Chapel Hill on 14 August by Carol Hamilton and on 23 August by Marc Eisdorfer.

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER: One seen at Emerald Isle, N.C., on 6 October by Eloise Potter and Helenhill Dove was a rare coastal report.

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER: Another rare coastal sighting was an individual noted at Folly Beach, S.C., on 6 October by Pete Laurie.

CONNECTICUT WARBLER: Single birds were seen by Harry LeGrand, Bob Lewis, et al. near Buxton, N.C., on 7 October and at Chapel Hill on 13 October by Steve and Maurice Graves.

WILSON'S WARBLER: Individuals were noted in North Carolina at JR on 26 August (Ken Knapp) and 20 September (Bill Wagner), near Burlington on 26 September (Allen Bryan), near Buxton on 7 October (Harry LeGrand), and near Charlotte on 11 October (Dick Brown).

BOBOLINK: Two were early at Pee Dee N.W.R., N.C., on 16 August, as seen by Douglas McNair.

- YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD:** Five reports for the season were an excellent number for the Carolinas. Single birds were noted at Hilton Head Island, S.C., on 23-24 July (Virginia Scheetz), at JR on 30 September (Bill Wagner et al.), at Cape Hatteras on 6 October (Davis Finch et al.), at Savannah refuge on 4 November (Perry Nugent), and near Rocky Mount, N.C., on 28 November (Tom Haggerty).
- BREWER'S BLACKBIRD:** A pair was extremely early at a feeder at Hilton Head Island on 10 August, as seen by Virginia Scheetz.
- DICKCISSEL:** A very rare mountain record was that of one seen near Boone on 12 October by Tom Haggerty. Ricky Davis observed two at Fort Fisher on 6 October, and a different individual there on 11 October.
- EVENING GROSBEAK:** Allen Bryan saw two at Beech Mountain, Avery County, N.C., on the unusual date of 11 August.
- HOUSE FINCH:** A second nesting record for South Carolina was indicated by the observation of three young in a Greenville yard during the summer (Mrs. Robert Ballard). One was early at Clemson on 13 September (Harry LeGrand), and rare for the Sandhills were singles at Southern Pines, N.C., on 29 October (Charlotte Gantz) and at Hoffman, N.C., on 21 November (Douglas McNair). A flock of 45 seen in a field near Burlington on 24 November by Allen Bryan was notable.
- SAVANNAH SPARROW:** One was early at Lake Surf on 5 September, as noted by Jay Carter.
- GRASSHOPPER SPARROW:** Douglas McNair observed a juvenile and an adult at Shaw A.F.B. near Sumter on 4 August, 10 pairs plus a juvenile at nearby McIntire base on 11 August, and an adult at Columbia on 12 August.
- LE CONTE'S SPARROW:** One seen well at Fort Fisher on 23 November by Mark Oberle was a very rare record for North Carolina.
- SHARP-TAILED SPARROW:** A noteworthy inland sighting was made by Jim Mulholland and R.J. Hader near Raleigh on 8 October.
- LARK SPARROW:** Six birds were noted along the coast of North Carolina (Dare and Carteret Counties) between 16 and 28 September by many observers. Very rare inland reports of single birds were made at Durham on 11 August (Jim and Owen McConnell), at Clemson on 30 September (Harry LeGrand, Patricia Gowaty), and at Raleigh on 15 October (Joshua Lee). Tom and Libbus Haggerty saw two late birds at Bodie Island on 25 November.
- BACHMAN'S SPARROW:** Jay Carter found a tower-killed bird in Bladen County on 19 September, and he saw another in northern Scotland County, N.C., on 26 October.
- CLAY-COLORED SPARROW:** An adult was very unusual at JR, as seen by Bob Lewis on 21 October and Ken Knapp on 28 October. Single birds along the coast, where the species is regular, were at Pea Island on 19 September (Jim and Elizabeth Pullman), at Fort Fisher on 8 October (Ricky Davis), and at Fort Macon on 12 October (Mike Tove).
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW:** Two were observed by Ricky Davis at Fort Fisher on 8 October; and single birds were noted at JR on 21 October (Bob Lewis) and on 28 October near Pendleton, S.C. (Harry LeGrand) and Winston-Salem (Kevin Hints).
- LAPLAND LONGSPUR:** Davis Finch noted a very early individual at Oregon Inlet on 4 October.
- TV TOWER KILL:** Mike Browne picked up approximately 1200 dead birds at a tower in Wake County, N.C., on 9 October. Among the 52 species were a Phil-

adelphia Vireo, a Connecticut Warbler, and a Lincoln's Sparrow.
HURRICANE DAVID: John O. Fussell III and Alice Allen-Grimes are summarizing records associated with this major tropical storm. Their paper is scheduled to appear in the Summer 1980 *Chat*.

BOOK REVIEWS

THE BACKYARD BIRD WATCHER

George H. Harrison. 1979. Simon and Schuster, New York. 200 photos in color and black-and-white; many drawings. 284 p. Price N.A.

This is primarily a book for the beginner or the more experienced observer who wants to make a true sanctuary of his own yard. There are detailed plans for landscaping, with specifics on plants attractive to birds as well as on construction and placement of feeders, birdhouses, and watering spots. There are helpful chapters on caring for injured birds (with a warning that "orphan" birds should often be left alone) and on bird photography. There is a list of "Organizations of Interest to Birders," which includes only two State bird clubs, as well as other lists of book publishers and of manufacturers of equipment. George Harrison is the son of the better-known Hal Harrison.—LCF

A FIELD GUIDE TO THE SEABIRDS OF BRITAIN AND THE WORLD

Gerald Tuck and Hermann Heinzel. 1978. Wm. Collins Son & Co., Ltd., Glasgow. 292 p. Illus. Index. \$8.00.

Not since Alexander's *Birds of the Ocean* (1954) has any volume attempted to cover all the world's seabirds. In view of the increased interest in oceanic birds, the book reviewed here is certainly needed. Over 280 species of seabirds are described, illustrated, and mapped to indicate their breeding and nonbreeding distributions. Additionally, a short, well-organized introduction provides information on seabird characteristics and feeding habits, pointers on identification of family groups, and some common-sense discussion on treatment of injured and oiled birds. The last 25 pages compose a section on the seabirds of the British Isles by John Parslow (thus the seemingly odd title).

The descriptions are not verbatim ones from already existing guides, and they may help bird students in further sorting out possibilities of species seen at sea. However, it is possible that the additional text that is needed to distinguish all the world species of a particular bird group may in fact further compound the problems beginners must face. The difficulty is further magnified by discussions of subspecies and the use of different common names for them. It is hoped that authors and journal editors will not regularly return to subspecific distinctions based on sight or photographic identifications. Many obvious field marks are omitted (e.g. neck ring of Bridled Tern) from the text, and the illustrations are generally inferior to those found in American field guides. Indiscriminant users could come up with some rather strange seabird identifications if they rely upon the Tuck and Heinzel guide as their only reference.

Perhaps the most valuable contribution this book could have made was its inclusion of distribution maps. These allow the reader to see at a glance the worldwide distributions of each seabird, including all the recorded nesting areas. The maps would have proven extremely useful and not simply of casual visual interest if they had been carefully researched. With the wealth of literature available on seabirds, there seems