

[NOTE: With the acceptance of the Lewis and LeGrand notes on the Lesser Black-backed Gull, the North Carolina Records Committee added the species to the state bird list on the basis of publication of three detailed sight records.—DSL]

Alder Flycatcher Colony in Watauga County, N.C.

TOM HAGGERTY

Box 1029

Four Oaks, N.C. 27524

8 July 1980

A note on the Alder Flycatcher (*Empidonax alnorum*) reported the status of this bird in the southern Appalachians during the breeding season (Chat 43:35-36). Since that report, the first Tennessee and the southernmost nesting record for this species has been established (Migrant 50:34-36). This note is to record yet another probable nesting site for the Alder Flycatcher in the southern Appalachians.

On 7 June 1979, Eloise Potter, Harry LeGrand, and I found two singing Alder Flycatchers in a mountain bog near the southwestern border of Watauga County, N.C. The bog lies between Beech Mountain and Rocky Knob at an elevation of approximately 4600 feet.

On 6 and 7 June 1980, I returned to the Beech Creek bog and found five singing Alder Flycatchers. They appeared to be on territory because they were fairly evenly dispersed throughout the bog area. Their "pip" call notes and "fee-beer" songs were clearly heard at all hours of the day. Although I remained in the area more than 24 hours, I found no positive evidence of nesting.

BRIEFS FOR THE FILES

HARRY E. LeGRAND JR.

(All dates fall and winter 1979-80; CBC = Christmas Bird Count)

RED-NECKED GREBE: One was studied carefully on the ocean at Pea Island, N.C., on 23 February by Tom and Libbus Haggerty.

EARED GREBE: One seen on Lake Pinehurst in Moore County, N.C., from 19 December to 16 February, was one of the few inland records for the state. It was found by Tom Howard and was later seen by Jay Carter et al. Mark Galizio observed another at Orton Plantation, Brunswick County, N.C., on 1 December.

AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER: One in "partly fresh" condition was found dead at Fort Macon State Park, N.C., on 18 December by John Fussell III.

WHITE PELICAN: One was seen at a pond in Statesville, N.C., from 17 November to 16 December by Sam Cathey et al. Other single individuals were observed at Fort Fisher, New Hanover County, N.C., during most of January and February (Robert Needham et al.), and at Huntington Beach State Park, S.C., on 19 January (Stan and Mary Alford).

GREAT CORMORANT: Jackson Abbott saw three adults at Kiawah Island, S.C., on 8 March, and an adult and an immature there on 9 March.

GANNET: Blizzard conditions in early March were responsible for pushing at least 75 birds into Bogue Sound, N.C., on 2 March, as noted by John Fussell III and Mike Tove.

ANHINGA: A pair was rather far inland in winter at Santee refuge on Lake Marion,