

BRIEFS FOR THE FILES

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- HORNED GREBE:** One seen at Beaufort, N.C., in May was noted there through 20 June by John Fussell and Dana Carter.
- PIED-BILLED GREBE:** Merrill Lynch reported an adult with six young on 24 June in a Carolina bay near Wagram, Scotland County, N.C., possibly a first nesting in the state in that habitat. One in breeding plumage was notable on the White Oak River, along the Onslow-Jones County line, N.C., on 19 June (Mike Alford).
- GREATER SHEARWATER:** Eight were rare at Cape Lookout, N.C., on 26 June, as seen by Skip Prange, and John Fussell found eight dead on the beach at nearby Shackleford Banks, along 3.5 miles of beach, on 7 July.
- SOOTY SHEARWATER:** One was observed by John Fussell at Atlantic Beach, N.C., on 13 June, after 3 days of NE winds.
- AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER:** Observers in the Beaufort Inlet—Atlantic Beach area noted individuals from shore on many occasions from 21 to 27 July, with an excellent count of 60 on 23 July (Brainard Palmer-Ball). Ricky Davis and Bud Needham saw two Audubon's flying just off the beach on Ocracoke Island, N.C., on 26 July.
- WILSON'S STORM-PETREL:** Skip Prange noted petrels in the bight at Cape Lookout several times in June, with a peak of 14 on 14 June.
- WHITE-TAILED TROPICBIRD:** One was seen by Duncan Dawkins approximately 50 miles SE of Cape Lookout in June.
- ANHINGA:** A pair seen at a pond near Fayetteville, N.C., on 16 June by M.E. Whitfield and Tim Playforth was outside the known breeding range; however, a female seen by Merrill Lynch at Catfish Lake in Croatan National Forest, N.C., on 9 July might have been a breeder.
- CATTLE EGRET:** John Cely reported a new rookery, containing 1200 nests, approximately 15 miles E of Columbia, S.C., in July.
- SNOWY EGRET:** A good post-breeding count was six birds seen by Dennis Alwon at Jordan Reservoir in eastern Chatham County, N.C., on 10 August.
- LOUISIANA HERON:** Single birds were noted in the piedmont in July and early August at Winston-Salem, N.C. (Ramona Snavelly et al.), Jordan Reservoir (Bob Lewis, Bill Wagner), and Clemson, S.C. (Harry LeGrand).
- YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON:** Rare for the piedmont was a nest, with an adult in attendance, seen on 24 June along the Neuse River in extreme eastern Durham County, N.C., by Bobby Klutz. A helpless young was found on the ground near the Neuse River in the Kinston, N.C., area in late July (fide John Fussell). Other records that suggested breeding were five adults and an immature seen on 2 June by Tom Haggerty in extreme southern Bertie County, N.C.; two adults and a juvenile noted by Merrill Lynch and Julie Moore at Elkton Swamp near Clarkton, N.C., on 19 June; and two adults and an immature seen 5 miles away from the latter site at Brown Marsh on 20 June (Lynch and Moore). In the piedmont, up to three immatures were seen at three locations: Winston-Salem on 4 July (Ramona and Harry Snavelly), Jordan Reservoir from 5 to 26 July (Bob Lewis, Allen Bryan), and Pendleton, S.C., on 19 and 27 July (Harry LeGrand).
- GLOSSY IBIS:** As many as four birds were present at Jordan Reservoir from 15 to 24 July, as reported by Bob Lewis and Bill Wagner.

- WHITE IBIS:** Perhaps record piedmont counts were the ibises noted by Bob Lewis et al. at Jordan Reservoir this summer: 80 on 11 July, 100+ on 2 August, and 140+ on 14 August. Other notable records were 25 seen in flight by Allen Bryan in eastern Guilford County, N.C., on 29 June, five noted by Jay Carter near Raeford, N.C., on 10 July, and up to four at Winston-Salem from 31 July to early August (Charles Frost, Harry Snavelly, Ramona Snavelly).
- AMERICAN FLAMINGO:** Ricky Davis and Bud Needham observed one near Ocracoke, N.C., on 10 June, and possibly the same bird was noted at Morgan Island, near Cape Lookout, on 15 July (Keith Voges) and 22 July (John Thompson), and near Cedar Island on 26 July (Roy Styron).
- MALLARD:** A female with eight ducklings was reported by Merrill Lynch on a Carolina bay near Wagram, N.C., on 24 June.
- BLUE-WINGED TEAL:** A nesting of this species was noted near Fairplay, Anderson County, S.C., during the summer (fide Stanlee Miller), and John Fussell had a nesting record (five young plus adults) at Brant Island, in Fort Macon State Park, N.C., in June. A male was unusual at Huntington Beach State Park, S.C., on 12 June (P.J. Crutchfield, Kevin Mason), and seven were very early at Jordan Reservoir on 2 July (Bob Lewis).
- RING-NECKED DUCK:** Individuals were seen by Allen Bryan on 1 and 3 July near Burlington and by R.J. Hader on 19 July at Beaverdam Reservoir in northern Wake County, N.C.
- WHITE-WINGED SCOTER:** An injured scoter was notable at Kiawah Island, S.C., on 22 June, as seen by Steve Compton and Gardner Miller.
- RED-BREASTED MERGANSER:** An individual was rare at Fort Moultrie, in the Charleston, S.C., area on 22 June, as noted by Perry Nugent.
- SWALLOW-TAILED KITE:** One was seen flying over North River marsh in central Carteret County, N.C., on 4 June by Ted Best.
- MISSISSIPPI KITE:** A good population was again present in eastern Halifax County, N.C., near the Roanoke River, as witnessed by a count of 14 by Ed Reimann on 13 June, and an adult was seen there by Merrill Lynch on 20 July.
- SHARP-SHINNED HAWK:** Rare in summer in North Carolina were single hawks noted by Merrill Lynch and Julie Moore on 30 June along the New River at the Ashe-Alleghany County line and by Mike Tove near Henderson on 6 July.
- COOPER'S HAWK:** Merrill Lynch observed single adults near Eure, Gates County, N.C., on 17 June and near Lilesville, N.C., on 1 July.
- BROAD-WINGED HAWK:** Most unusual near the North Carolina coast in summer were an adult seen and heard south of Shallotte by Ricky Davis on 22 June and one noted by Larry Crawford between Swansboro and Jacksonville on 29 and 31 July. Other sightings of interest in that state were one at Arcola, Warren County, on 9 June (Merrill Lynch, Julie Moore), one east of Maxton on 19 June (Jay Carter), one at Fayetteville on 23 June (P.J. Crutchfield), and several in eastern Anson County on 1 and 2 July (Merrill Lynch).
- BALD EAGLE:** An active nest was reported at Colington, Dare County, N.C., this spring (fide Lance Peacock), and single adults were observed at Alligator River in western Dare County on 29 July by Dave Lee and at a pond in the southern part of Croatan National Forest, N.C., on several dates in June and July (fide John Fussell).
- MARSH HAWK:** Individuals in eastern North Carolina at Cedar Island on 2 June (John Fussell) and in early June on the Dare County mainland (Dave Lee) might have been breeders. A very early migrant was observed by Johnnie Payne on 4 July at Jordan Reservoir.

- OSPREY:** Rather far inland was an active nest seen by Merrill Lynch and Wayne Irvin on 1 June on Holiday Island in northwestern Chowan County, N.C.
- SANDHILL CRANE:** The first record for the North Carolina piedmont was an adult seen by Bob Lewis at Jordan Reservoir on 8 July. It was seen the following day by Allen Bryan and again on 10 July by Bill and Margaret Wagner.
- SORA:** One seen well by Bob Lewis at Jordan Reservoir on 28 July was probably a very early migrant.
- BLACK RAIL:** Bob Lewis flushed an individual in the Farrington area of Jordan Reservoir on 3 June, and he had one calling in response to a tape in the same area on 10 June.
- PURPLE GALLINULE:** Very rare for the mountains was one in emaciated condition captured by hand near Hazelwood, N.C., on 18 April by Andrew Bryan. The bird was later released.
- PIPING PLOVER:** This species breeds south to Beaufort Inlet, N.C.; thus, quite unusual was a territorial pair seen by Ed Reimann at the east end of Sunset Beach, Brunswick County, N.C., on 16 June.
- COMMON SNIBE:** Completely out of season were two birds noted by Bob Lewis on 10 June at Jordan Reservoir.
- LONG-BILLED CURLEW:** One was rare, though not unexpected, at Ocracoke, N.C., on 14 July, as seen by Ricky Davis, Bud Needham, and Jim Parnell.
- WHIMBREL:** Notable in early summer was one on 12 June at Huntington Beach State Park, S.C. (P.J. Crutchfield, Kevin Mason).
- UPLAND SANDPIPER:** Very rare inland in fall was an individual seen by Bob Lewis on 7 August at Jordan Reservoir and again on 11 August by Bill and Margaret Wagner. A report of one there on 16 August, by many observers, may have been the same bird. An excellent count of 25 was noted by Evelyn Dabbs at Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter County, S.C., on 2 August.
- WILLET:** Noteworthy inland was one seen by Bob Lewis at Jordan Reservoir on 28 July.
- GREATER YELLOWLEGS:** Most unusual in June was an individual seen on the 10th of that month at Jordan Reservoir by Bob Lewis.
- LESSER YELLOWLEGS:** Very early fall arrivals were reported by Ramona Snavelly et al. at Winston-Salem on 26 June and by Bob Lewis at Jordan Reservoir on 2 July.
- PECTORAL SANDPIPER:** One near Fort Macon State Park on 6 July, as noted by John Fussell, was a rather early fall migrant.
- CURLEW SANDPIPER:** An exciting find was an individual in full breeding plumage near Southport, N.C., on 10 July, as observed by Jay Carter, Jim Parnell, Ricky Davis, Bud Needham, and others.
- DUNLIN:** Completely unseasonable was a breeding-plumaged bird at Jordan Reservoir, where Bob Lewis noted it on 29 June and 2 July.
- SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER:** The first arrival at Jordan Reservoir was noted by Bob Lewis on 9 July, rather early for an inland site.
- LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER:** Uncommon for the Sunset Beach area were six to eight noted there by P.J. Crutchfield and Kevin Mason on 17 August.
- SANDERLING:** Very rare inland in spring were five at the sewage treatment plant in Winston-Salem on 22 May, as seen by Bob Witherington, Ramona Snavelly, and Charles Frost; and two were noted there on 24 May by Evelyn Dabbs and Ramona Snavelly.

- STILT SANDPIPER:** Early along the North Carolina coast were single birds at Shackleford Banks on 7 July (John Fussell) and near Southport on 9-10 July (Jay Carter, Jim Parnell, et al.). One to three were present at Jordan Reservoir from 21 July to mid-August (many observers).
- BLACK-NECKED STILT:** Six stilts at North River marsh in Carteret County on 22 June, as reported by John Fussell, probably were breeding birds.
- WILSON'S PHALAROPE:** One in winter plumage was seen by Ricky Davis at the north end of Ocracoke Island, N.C., on 11 June. Inland, rare were single birds observed by Wayne Irvin near Raleigh on 22 July and by Bob Lewis and Harry LeGrand at Jordan Reservoir on 14 August.
- POMARINE JAEGER:** A first July record for North Carolina was a dark-phase bird that flew directly over John Fussell at Shackleford Banks on 7 July.
- CASPIAN TERN:** R.J. Hader found one, freshly dead, at Beaverdam Reservoir on the early date of 19 July.
- BLACK TERN:** One was very early at Jordan Reservoir on 20 June (Bob Lewis), and others seen inland were four at Lake Cammack on 22 July (Allen Bryan), five near Fayetteville on 23 July (P.J. Crutchfield), and one near Raleigh on 23 July (fide R.J. Hader). Three were somewhat early at Folly Beach, S.C., as reported by Gardner Miller on 13 July.
- YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER:** A rare nesting report, especially for the northern half of the North Carolina mountains, was that of adults seen feeding young at a nest at Moses Cone Memorial Park, near Blowing Rock, on 22 June by Tom Haggerty.
- RED-COCKADED WOODPECKER:** Merrill Lynch had a conclusive breeding record at an established site near Eure, Gates County, N.C., in mid-June, and he saw an adult depart a cavity approximately 0.5 mile S of the above locality on 17 June. He also observed two adults and two juveniles near Como in Hertford County, N.C., on 18 June. This species is rare and local in the state's northern coastal plain.
- SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER:** Kay Sisson reported on the observation of two individuals of this species in central South Carolina. One was seen along SC 261 in the vicinity of Poinsett State Park by Tony Veccio on 20 July, and another was noted by Virginia Barron for 3 days in May 1972 in southeastern Richland County.
- WILLOW FLYCATCHER:** Tom Haggerty found a nest with four eggs along the Watauga River near Valle Crucis, N.C., on 21 June. Ramona Snaveley et al. noted singing individuals in North Carolina's piedmont section at Roaring River in Wilkes County on 8 June, at Oak Hollow Reservoir in High Point on 10 June, and at the sewage treatment plant in Winston-Salem on 26 June.
- HORNED LARK:** Noteworthy for the upper coastal plain were a pair seen and heard on several occasions, through 21 July, near Mayesville, S.C. (Evelyn Dabbs), and one heard singing near Raemon in Robeson County, N.C., on 19 June (Jay Carter).
- TREE SWALLOW:** One seen by Jay Carter on 10 July near Southport was a rather early fall migrant.
- BANK SWALLOW:** One was early near Southport on 9 and 10 July, as noted by Jay Carter.
- CLIFF SWALLOW:** Allen Bryan observed seven at Lake Cammack in June, and during the same month he saw two birds at a bridge 3 miles away; nesting is likely at both places. At least nine nests and 15 adults were counted at Clemson, S.C., in early June by Harry LeGrand.
- PURPLE MARTIN:** Large post-breeding concentrations were noted in the North Carolina coastal plain by P.J. Crutchfield (peak of 1500 near Fayetteville on

- 14 July) and by Merrill Lynch (1000+ at Catfish Lake on 9 July and 1800 at Suggs Millpond in Bladen County on 22 July).
- COMMON RAVEN:** Merrill Lynch reported a pair of ravens at Bat Cave, Henderson County, N.C., on 7 August, and another pair at Bluff Mountain in Ashe County, N.C., on 29 June and 18 July.
- SHORT-BILLED MARSH WREN:** One was noted singing on 10 August by Dennis Alwon at Jordan Reservoir, and Harry LeGrand and Bob Lewis heard two calling there on 14 August.
- SOLITARY VIREO:** Along the eastern edge of the breeding range was a singing male seen just southwest of Littleton, N.C., on 8 June by Merrill Lynch.
- SWAINSON'S WARBLER:** Although this species has been noted previously in summer at Walker's Mill Pond near Newport, N.C., John Fussell observed an adult feeding a young bird there on 5 July.
- WORM-EATING WARBLER:** A good count for the coastal plain was three singing males in western Gates County, N.C., noted by Merrill Lynch on 12 June. He has found the species in that area every summer since 1972.
- BLUE-WINGED WARBLER:** Early migrants were reported from Poinsett State Park, S.C., on 18 July (Bryan Glover, *vide* Kay Sisson), and at Fayetteville on 11 August (P.J. Crutchfield).
- BREWSTER'S WARBLER:** Mike Tove observed a male, with a yellow patch on its breast, singing a Blue-winged Warbler song near Fontana Village, Graham County, N.C., on 3 May.
- MAGNOLIA WARBLER:** Joshua Lee reported that he saw and heard an individual singing in June "a few years back" at Richland Balsam, N.C., along the Blue Ridge Parkway. This is the farthest south that the Magnolia has been noted during the breeding season in the southern Appalachians, but this mountain has been worked extensively in recent years without any further reports of the species.
- WILSON'S WARBLER:** An adult male seen at Graveyard Fields, in southern Haywood County, N.C., on 19 July by Sarah Harrison was extremely early. The round black cap was clearly noted.
- NORTHERN ORIOLE:** An adult pair was seen feeding young at a nest along the Watauga River near Valle Crucis, N.C., on 21 June by Tom Haggerty. Possibly breeding were a male observed by Allen Bryan near Burlington on 22 June and a female seen by Pat Culbertson, Barbara Page, and Ramona Snavelly on 13 June at Tanglewood Park near Winston-Salem.
- SCARLET TANAGER:** There were three reports of this species during the summer from Gates County, N.C.: one singing near Eure on 1 June (Harry LeGrand), three singing males in the western part of the county on 12 and 17 June (Merrill Lynch), and two males heard at Merchants Millpond State Park on 19 July (Tom Haggerty).
- BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK:** Highly unusual for the summer months was a male seen eating sunflower seeds at the feeder of Mrs. John Kelly in Greenville, S.C., on 14, 15, and 21 July (*vide* Pat Waller).
- PAINTED BUNTING:** These buntings have a very spotty and poorly known breeding distribution in South Carolina's inner coastal plain; thus, notable was a report of a family group seen at a feeder 6 miles east of Sumter this summer (*vide* Evelyn Dabbs).
- HOUSE FINCH:** As many as 40 were seen by Tom Hallowell at his feeders at Hendersonville, N.C., from 10 January to 1 February. Carol Hamilton and Mary Pyne saw adults and young at two locations in mid-July at Durham, N.C.

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: One seen and heard in a grassy field next to Beech Creek bog, western Watauga County, N.C., on 7 June by Tom Haggerty was at a very high elevation (4600 feet) for this species. Far out of range were three observed singing at the New Hanover County airport near Wilmington, N.C., on 28 July by Ricky Davis. This species breeds sparingly along the extreme western edge of the state's coastal plain, but nowhere near the coast.

BACHMAN'S SPARROW: One to three were noted on several dates this summer at Fort Bragg near Fayetteville by P.J. Crutchfield.

SONG SPARROW: John Fussell observed five birds, including three singing males, on 3 June at Portsmouth, N.C., at the southern limit of breeding for the Atlantic race.

CORRIGENDUM: A Golden Eagle near Burlington, N.C., reported in *Chat* 44:47, was actually observed on 24 October, and not in September.

CORRECTION: One line of type was inadvertently omitted from the paper "Bird Sightings Associated with Hurricane David" by John O. Fussell III and Alice Allen-Grimes (*Chat* 44:89-100). In the Bridled Tern section (p. 95), the first three sentences of the third paragraph should read: "Bridled Terns also returned offshore quickly, no healthy individuals being seen on *land after the sixth. However, they did linger a little longer than the Sooty Terns.* On the morning of the sixth, virtually all closely approached birds at Southport and Wrightsville Beach were Bridled Terns. . . ." Please correct your copy by adding the words italicized above as the second line of the third paragraph under the heading of Bridled Tern.—EFP

