

BRIEFS FOR THE FILES

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HORNED GREBE: Steve Graves noted a flock of 74 grebes at Lake Wheeler, near Raleigh, N.C., on 18 November.

CORY'S SHEARWATER: Five pelagic trips off North Carolina from 28 August to 7 October yielded at least 100 individuals each, with peak totals, both on 28 August, of 209 off Oregon Inlet (Dave Lee) and 366 off Cape Lookout (John Fussell).

GREATER SHEARWATER: The only North Carolina pelagic trip recording this species in double figures was one off Oregon Inlet on 28 August, when Dave Lee saw 46 birds. This species seems to have declined in numbers off the coast during the past few years, and in summer and fall it is not now the fairly common to common bird that the literature indicates.

AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER: Three seen from shore at Bodie Island, N.C., on 4 October by Bob Lewis were notable, and 50+ seen by Dave Lee off Hatteras, N.C., on 20 November were quite late. The higher counts in North Carolina were 130 off Cape Lookout on 28 August (John Fussell), 111 off Oregon Inlet on 10 September (Dave Lee), and 110 off Hatteras on 7 September (Will Russell et al.)

BLACK-CAPPED PETREL: Three or four were of interest on 20 November, as reported by Dave Lee off Hatteras; one of the birds lacked the white rump patch. Excellent counts for North Carolina were 161 off Capes Lookout and Hatteras on 7 October (Robert Pitman), 55 off Hatteras on 7 September (Will Russell, Davis Finch, et al.), and 41 off Hatteras on 31 August (Greg Massey et al.).

WILSON'S STORM-PETREL: The only North Carolina total in triple figures was 183 off Oregon Inlet on 28 August, as noted by Dave Lee.

BROWN PELICAN: Bob Holmes observed 600 to 700 at Hatteras Inlet, N.C., on 7 December, an excellent count for the state.

ANHINGA: Seven were noteworthy near Sunset Beach, N.C., as seen by Philip Crutchfield and Kevin Mason on 17 August.

GREAT CORMORANT: Several immatures were observed this fall in North Carolina: one at Wrightsville Beach on 14 October (Ricky Davis), one at Hatteras Inlet on 28 November (Claudia Wilds), and one at Pea Island on 31 October (Allen Bryan) and probably the same bird there on 28 to 30 November (Claudia Wilds, Merrill Lynch, Julie Moore).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT: Inland reports, all in North Carolina, were: one on Lake Cammack near Burlington from 3 to 11 August (Allen Bryan), one at Lake Surf near Vass on 4 September (Jay Carter, Tim Stamps), three near Fayetteville on 13 October (Philip Crutchfield), three near Raleigh on 25 October (Fran and Wayne Irvin), and one to two on Quaker Lake in Alamance County from 16 to 29 November (Bryan).

MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD: Very late for South Carolina was an immature observed by Gardner Miller and party at North Island on 16 November.

CATTLE EGRET: This species is rare in the piedmont and the mountains in summer and fall. Thus, noteworthy were one near Townville, S.C., on 23 August (Harry LeGrand); three near Simpsonville, S.C., on 26 August (Alan Avakian); 10 at Beaverdam Reservoir north of Raleigh, N.C., on 28 September (Bill Wagner, Angelo Capparella); and 18 far inland at Old Fort, N.C., on 18 October (Robert Ruiz).

- GREAT EGRET:** One seen by Kevin Mason and Philip Crutchfield was quite late on 7 December near Fayetteville.
- YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON:** One seen by Adair Tedards from 2 to 6 December, several miles E of Pendleton, S.C., was very late for a piedmont locality.
- LEAST BITTERN:** One seen on 9 August was noteworthy at Jordan Reservoir in eastern Chatham County, N.C., as reported by Allen Bryan and Bob Lewis.
- WOOD STORK:** The species was again present at the pond near Sunset Beach, N.C., this summer, with reports from 13 July to 30 August; the peak count was 12 on 13 July (Allen Bryan, Bob Lewis).
- GLOSSY IBIS:** One to two individuals were noted by Allen Bryan, Steve Graves, and others at Jordan Reservoir from 23 August to 28 September.
- WHITE IBIS:** Inland reports of note were 33 at Beaverdam Reservoir on 30 August (Steve Graves, Bill and Margaret Wagner) with one late there on 18 November (Wagners, Johnnie Payne), three at Holts Lake in Johnston County, N.C., on 11 August (Tom Haggerty), and one near Lenoir, N.C., on 28 August (Les Hines).
- WHISTLING SWAN:** One seen by Charlotte Gantz at Lake Surf on 26 November was a good find.
- SNOW GOOSE:** North Carolina reports away from the normal wintering range were: an immature in blue phase at Carolina Beach on 21 October (Ricky Davis), an immature white-phase bird at Cape Lookout on 1 November (Skip Prange), another immature white bird at Jordan Reservoir on 28 November (Jim McConnell et al.), and an adult in blue phase at Lake Pinehurst on 28 November (Marion Jones et al.).
- FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK:** The only fall report was that of six birds seen by Edmund Farrar at Magnolia Gardens near Charleston, S.C., on 20 September.
- NORTHERN SHOVELER:** One was very early at Clemson, S.C., on 7 September, as noted by Harry LeGrand and Sid Gauthreaux.
- WHITE-WINGED SCOTER:** An excellent inland find was a female seen by Jim McConnell and Michael Schultz at Jordan Reservoir on 1 December.
- SURF SCOTER:** Very rare inland was an immature seen by Allen Bryan on Lake Cammack on 20 October.
- COMMON MERGANSER:** A male was observed by Philip Crutchfield and party at Pamlico Point in Pamlico County, N.C., on 22 November.
- MISSISSIPPI KITE:** A good count for Sumter, S.C., was 16 birds, all immatures, seen on 28 August by Evelyn Dabbs and Ramona Snavely.
- BROAD-WINGED HAWK:** Tom Haggerty observed 446 hawks at Stone Mountain State Park, N.C., on 22 September, and Mike Tove counted 239 hawks on 26 September along the Blue Ridge Parkway in southern Haywood County, N.C. Perry Nugent and Gardner Miller noted a late immature at Santee National Wildlife Refuge on Lake Marion, S.C., on 22 November.
- GOLDEN EAGLE:** The only report for the fall was that of an adult seen flying SW over Swannanoa, N.C., on 16 October by Robert Ruiz.
- BALD EAGLE:** Adults were seen at three localities in Forsyth County, N.C.: on 23 August by Pat Culbertson and Jerry Shiffert, on 1 November by Bert Hollifield, and on 20 November by Ramona Snavely and party. An adult near Raleigh on 25 October was noted by Fran and Wayne Irvin.
- PEREGRINE FALCON:** Rare inland in North Carolina were single birds in southern Haywood County on 26 September (Mike Tove), at Beaverdam Reservoir on 29 September (Steve Graves), along the Chowan River south of Gatesville on 3 October (John Funderburg), and at Raleigh on 13 November (Rex Schmidt).

- MERLIN:** An excellent number of inland birds were reported this fall. In South Carolina one was near Townville on 5 October (Sid Gauthreaux, Harry LeGrand). In North Carolina were one at Crowders Mountain State Park on 24 September (Paul Hart, Jack Greene), two at Beaverdam Reservoir on 27 September (Steve Graves, et al.) and one there on 2 October (Mike Tove), one at Jordan Reservoir on 27 September (Fran and Wayne Irvin), one near Burlington on 20 October (Allen Bryan), and one near Chapel Hill on 7 November (Bill and Margaret Wagner).
- SANDHILL CRANE:** Gardner Miller and party observed four birds near Charleston on 14 December.
- VIRGINIA RAIL:** One at Jordan Reservoir on 2 August, and the same bird or another there on 30 August, as noted by Allen Bryan, might have been summer residents.
- YELLOW RAIL:** One flushed by John Fussell at North River marsh, near Beaufort, N.C., on 25 October was an outstanding find.
- BLACK RAIL:** Perry Nugent, Steve Compton, and Gardner Miller heard one that answered a taped call at dawn at Huntington Beach State Park, S.C., on 12 October.
- PURPLE GALLINULE:** A very late record was an immature seen at Sunset Beach, N.C., on 8 November by Philip Crutchfield and others.
- BLACK-NECKED STILT:** Rare for Huntington Beach State Park were two individuals seen by Pat and Renee Probst on 16 and 17 August.
- AMERICAN AVOCET:** A very rare inland record was an avocet at Beaverdam Reservoir, where it was seen on 31 August by Angelo Capparella, Jay and Lois Garner, and others. Notable coastal sightings were two at Huntington Beach State Park on 16 and 17 August (Pat and Renee Probst), five near Fort Macon State Park, N.C., on 17 August (John Fussell), eight at Charleston harbor on 6 October (Pete Laurie et al.), and nine at Charleston harbor on 25 November (Lynn DeMille).
- WILSON'S PLOVER:** Brainard Palmer-Ball observed 200 near Beaufort, N.C., on 2 August, an excellent Carolina total.
- AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER:** Single birds were seen along the coast this fall in North Carolina at Pea Island, Ocracoke Island, Cape Hatteras, Fort Macon, and Sunset Beach (on 8 November), and at two localities near Charleston. Ten were noted by Will Russell and party in the Bodie-Pea Island area on 6 September. At Beaverdam Reservoir this plover was seen from 25 September to 2 October, with a peak of 12 on 29 September (Bill and Margaret Wagner et al.).
- BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER:** Good inland finds were single birds seen by Alan Avakian and others at Clemson on 24 August, by Bill and Margaret Wagner at Beaverdam Reservoir on 2 September, and by Jim and Elizabeth Pullman at Parkwood Lake south of Durham, N.C., on 10 September.
- LONG-BILLED CURLEW:** Claudia Wilds observed one at the southwestern tip of Ocracoke Island on 28 November.
- UPLAND SANDPIPER:** One seen at Raleigh on 3 September by Fran and Wayne Irvin was a rare fall record for that city. The only coastal report of note was that of a large flock present at the Wilmington airport from 28 July to 28 August. Ricky Davis observed 20 there on 8 August and 31 on 14 August.
- GREATER YELLOWLEGS:** Steve Graves saw an individual on 7 November at Umstead State Park near Raleigh.
- WILLET:** Quite rare inland were single birds found at Jordan Reservoir on 22 August (Steve Graves), at Beaverdam Reservoir on 30 August (Steve Graves, Bill and

- Margaret Wagner), and at Santee refuge on 30 August (Evelyn Dabbs, Ramona Snavelly).
- SPOTTED SANDPIPER:** One noted by Steve Graves at Chapel Hill was late on 3 November.
- RUDDY TURNSTONE:** Dan Kaplan and others saw one at Beaverdam Reservoir on 1 September; five were seen there on 29 September by Steve Graves, and one was present on 2 October (Mike Tove).
- WILSON'S PHALAROPE:** The species has increased dramatically throughout the East in the last decade, and Carolina records this fall were almost too numerous to mention. Inland reports were of single birds at Jordan Reservoir on 6 September (Steve Graves et al.) and again from 20 to 28 September (m.ob.), and at Beaverdam Reservoir on 27 September (Steve Graves). Along the coast were eight at Bodie and Pea Islands on 16 August (Bob Lewis, Harry LeGrand, Allen Bryan), one at Ocracoke Island on 17 August (Ricky Davis), four at Fort Macon on 24 August (John Fussell), and two at Huntington Beach on 16 and 17 August (Pat and Renee Probst).
- NORTHERN PHALAROPE:** Good pelagic counts for North Carolina were 75 seen off Hatteras on 17 August by Paul DuMont and party, 93 seen off Oregon Inlet on 21 August by Dave Lee, and 89 in the latter area noted by Lee on 28 August. Along the coast were four seen at Huntington Beach State Park on 16 and 17 August (Pat and Renee Probst), one seen at the northeastern end of Ocracoke Island on 17 August (Ricky Davis), and another on Beacon Island in Ocracoke Inlet on 6 September (Davis).
- RED PHALAROPE:** An excellent find was an individual seen by Allen Bryan, Ken Knapp, and others at Beaverdam Reservoir on 28 and 29 September. Two seen off Hatteras by Paul DuMont and party on 17 August were somewhat early.
- COMMON SNIFE:** John Fussell noted an early snipe on 8 August at North River near Beaufort, N.C.
- SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER:** The only notable inland reports were as many as eight birds at Clemson on 23 and 24 August (Harry LeGrand), and individuals at Jordan Reservoir from 9 to 30 August, with eight on 11 August (Allen Bryan, Bill and Margaret Wagner).
- LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER:** One seen and heard near Townville on 21 September by Harry LeGrand and Sid Gauthreaux was the second record for the Clemson area.
- SANDERLING:** Good inland records were single birds at Jordan Reservoir on 22 and 23 August (Steve Graves, Allen Bryan) and at Clemson on 31 August and 7 September (Harry LeGrand, Sid Gauthreaux).
- SEMPALMATED SANDPIPER:** A good inland count of 80 birds was noted at Clemson on 7 September by Harry LeGrand.
- WESTERN SANDPIPER:** Harry LeGrand and Sid Gauthreaux observed 40 in the Clemson area on 23 August.
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER:** This species is seldom seen inland in fall; thus, one seen by Steve Graves at Jordan Reservoir on 22 August was notable.
- BAIRD'S SANDPIPER:** The only coastal report was of a single bird seen at South Pond on Pea Island on 18 August by Harry LeGrand, Bob Lewis, and Allen Bryan. LeGrand also noted one at Clemson on 23 and 24 August.
- DUNLIN:** Single birds on 9 September were observed at Jordan Reservoir by Angelo Capparella and at Beaverdam Reservoir by Bill and Margaret Wagner. An excellent inland count of 30 was made at Beaverdam on 2 November by Mike Tove.

- STILT SANDPIPER:** Noteworthy inland counts were six at Jordan Reservoir on 20 September (Allen Bryan), seven at Clemson on 21 September (Sid Gauthreaux, Harry LeGrand), and three at Beaverdam Reservoir on 2 October (Mike Tove).
- BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER:** Individuals were reported at Bodie and Pea Islands from 16 August to 6 October, with a peak of four birds; six were found near Charleston from 9 to 11 September by Perry Nugent. An exceptional inland count was 14 near Clemson on 14 September (Harry LeGrand, Sid Gauthreaux). Others inland were one at Santee refuge on 30 August (Evelyn Dabbs, Ramona Snavelly), one at Winston-Salem on 5 and 6 September (Ramona Snavelly et al.), a peak of three at Beaverdam Reservoir from 30 August to 8 September (Steve Graves, Bill and Margaret Wagner), and a peak of four at Lake Surf from 4 to 8 September (Jay Carter, Tim Stamps, et al.).
- LONG-TAILED JAEGER:** Extremely rare for the fall season was an adult observed by Paul DuMont, Richard Rowlett, and party off Hatteras on 17 August. A single unidentified jaeger was noted on the above trip as well as off Oregon Inlet on 28 August by Dave Lee.
- GLAUCOUS GULL:** A very early report was an individual in second-fall plumage at Morehead City, where it was seen by John Fussell from 21 September to 5 October.
- LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL:** Sightings of adults in northeastern Pamlico County on 24 October (Philip Crutchfield et al.) and Bodie Island on 6 December (Bob Holmes) added to the rapidly growing number of records for North Carolina.
- HERRING GULL:** One was quite early on 27 September, as seen by Tom Howard at Lake Surf.
- RING-BILLED GULL:** A good count for Lake Surf was 200+ noted on 13 November by Tom Howard.
- BONAPARTE'S GULL:** Renee Probst observed an early individual on 16 August at Huntington Beach State Park.
- GULL-BILLED TERN:** The species is seldom seen in North Carolina after September; thus, very late were two seen by John Fussell at Beaufort on 4 October.
- FORSTER'S TERN:** Tom Howard noted one at Lake Surf on 27 September, and Philip Crutchfield saw another at Fayetteville on 28 October.
- COMMON TERN:** One was seen by Dick Thomas near Southern Pines, N.C., on 7 August, and 17 birds were notable at Winston-Salem on 29 September, as recorded by Pat Culbertson. A good coastal count of 3000 was reported by John Fussell at Beaufort, N.C., on 22 September.
- SOOTY TERN:** Rare onshore was an immature seen by Skip Prange on mudflats at Portsmouth Island, N.C., on 21 August. The only offshore sighting was of three birds off Oregon Inlet on 10 September (Dave Lee).
- CASPIAN TERN:** From three to five individuals were noted at Beaverdam Reservoir from 31 August to 3 September by the Wagners and others; five were seen by Tom Howard on 27 September at Lake Surf.
- BLACK TERN:** Tom Haggerty observed one near Four Oaks, N.C., on 17 August.
- BLACK SKIMMER:** Casual inland was an immature seen at Jordan Reservoir from 30 August to 6 September by Allen Bryan and others.
- YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO:** One seen on 2 November at Clemson by Harry LeGrand and Sid Gauthreaux was several weeks late, and an excellent count was 50 at Cape Lookout, N.C., on 12 October (John Fussell, Larry Crawford, R.J. Hader).
- BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO:** Highly significant was the discovery of an active nest by Bill Duyck in the spruce-fir forest at Devil's Courthouse in northern Transylvania

- County, N.C., on 8 September. The adults were photographed. A migrant was rare near Fayetteville on 15 October (Philip Crutchfield).
- LONG-EARED OWL:** One seen by Gardner Miller and others on North Island, near Georgetown, S.C., on 16 November was an excellent find.
- CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW:** John Fussell heard one calling near Morehead City on 19 September, probably a representative departure date for the species.
- COMMON NIGHTHAWK:** A good coastal count of 200+ was noted by Steve Compton at Sullivans Island, S.C., on 6 September.
- RED-COCKADED WOODPECKER:** Three individuals and 11 cavity trees were observed by Tom Haggerty at Johnston Technical College near Four Oaks, N.C., during the fall.
- EASTERN KINGBIRD:** Ricky Davis noted a late bird on the campus at UNC—Wilmington on 1 November.
- GRAY KINGBIRD:** Single birds rare for South Carolina were along the coast near Georgetown on 31 July (Cliff Ester) and far inland at Santee refuge on 25 October (Jimmy Beatty, Lex Glover, John Paquet).
- WESTERN KINGBIRD:** There were six fall reports, all from coastal North Carolina, spanning the period from 9 October to 1 November.
- YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER:** Evelyn Dabbs mist-netted individuals at Sumter, S.C., on 8 and 9 September, and another was seen at Chapel Hill on 13 and 14 September by Steve Graves and others.
- "TRAILL'S" FLYCATCHER:** Individuals were netted by Evelyn Dabbs at Sumter on 13 and 20 September, but whether the birds were Alders or Willows could not be determined.
- LEAST FLYCATCHER:** Evelyn Dabbs netted two at Sumter on 9 September. Although observers in the field report *Empidonax* flycatchers rather infrequently in fall, these birds are far less uncommon than the records indicate, based on mist-netting results. Netting at Clemson throughout the fall yielded more than a dozen individuals of this genus, including a Yellow-bellied, many Traill's, and several Least's (Paul Hamel, Harry LeGrand, et al.).
- OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER:** A very rare record for South Carolina was an individual studied at leisure through a scope near Clemson on 23 August by Harry LeGrand.
- TREE SWALLOW:** Good numbers inland in the fall season were 100+ at Beaverdam Reservoir on 28 September (R.J. Hader et al.) and 100+ near Jordan Reservoir on the following day (Bill and Margaret Wagner).
- ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW:** An individual was exceptionally late near Pendleton, S.C., on 8 November. It was sitting on a telephone wire and was studied at very close range by Harry LeGrand and party.
- CLIFF SWALLOW:** Rather rare along the coast were single migrants seen at Wrightsville Beach on 7 August by Ricky Davis and near Beaufort, N.C., on 8 August by Brainard Palmer-Ball.
- COMMON RAVEN:** One was seen by Steve Compton at Caesar's Head, S.C., on 28 November. Most raven reports for the state's mountain region have been during the summer.
- FISH CROW:** A record count for northwestern South Carolina was a flock of 30 seen and heard near Townville by Paul Hamel and Harry LeGrand on the late date of 30 November.
- WINTER WREN:** One was extremely early on 14 September at Chapel Hill, as noted by Steve Graves and party.

- BEWICK'S WREN:** An individual seen well by Philip Crutchfield was quite unusual near Fayetteville on 30 August.
- SWAINSON'S THRUSH:** Gail Whitehurst observed a late bird at Raleigh on 2 November.
- VEERY:** One was found dead at Pine Knoll Shores on Bogue Banks, N.C., in mid-October by Larry Crawford. This species is quite scarce in fall along the coast.
- SOLITARY VIREO:** One was approximately 6 weeks early on 1 September in the Francis Marion National Forest, S.C. (Steve Compton).
- PHILADELPHIA VIREO:** Evelyn Dabbs banded individuals at Sumter on 11 and 22 September; others were seen near Burlington on 1 October by Allen Bryan, near Charleston on 4 October by Perry Nugent, and near Durham on 12 October by Johnnie Payne.
- WARBLING VIREO:** An exceptional report for the coast in fall was one seen at Fort Fisher, N.C., on 9 September by Ricky Davis. He observed the vireo bill, grayish upperparts without yellow sides, a lack of wing bars, and a light stripe over the eye without any dark facial markings.
- GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER:** Good finds for the coastal plain were individuals noted at McCain, Hoke County, N.C., on 20 August (Libba Watson) and near Brogden, Johnston County, N.C., on 30 August (Tom Haggerty).
- BLUE-WINGED WARBLER:** Notable for the coast were two seen by Skip Prange at Cape Lookout, N.C., on 5 September, and three observed near Charleston on 4 October by Perry Nugent.
- ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER:** One was seen by Steve Graves at Chapel Hill on 27 October, and another was late at Clemson on 29 November, when noted by Harry LeGrand. Several reports in mid-September were deemed to have been incorrectly identified, because this species is extremely rare in the Carolinas before October and because of confusion with several other species, especially the Tennessee Warbler.
- NASHVILLE WARBLER:** One was rather early at Chapel Hill on 13 September (Steve Graves), and a first North Carolina Sandhills record was an individual near McCain on 7 October (Jay Carter, Tom Howard). An excellent count was four seen by John Connors and Paul Smithson at Beaverdam Reservoir on 11 October. Perry Nugent noted birds at Charleston on 4 October and Huntington Beach State Park on 12 October.
- CAPE MAY WARBLER:** One seen by Gardner Miller, Perry Nugent, and others was very late at Seabrook Island, S.C., on 29 November.
- CERULEAN WARBLER:** Rare fall sightings were made by Sid Gauthreaux at Clemson on 7 September, by Perry Nugent near Charleston on 4 October, and by Philip Crutchfield at Fayetteville on 13 October.
- CONNECTICUT WARBLER:** One was observed in early October near Durham by Johnnie Payne, and one seen well (and described in full) by Perry Nugent and party was extremely late on 15 November at Seabrook Island.
- WILSON'S WARBLER:** Notable for the Asheville, N.C., area were two seen at Swannanoa on 27 September by Jean Gertz and party.
- BREWER'S BLACKBIRD:** A male and a female were rare at Raleigh on 25 October, as reported by Gail Whitehurst.
- DICKCISSEL:** Ricky Davis again noted this species in fall at Fort Fisher; one was there on 4 October.
- EVENING GROSBEAK:** A good flight occurred into the Carolinas this fall, being first noted in early November. Grosbeak numbers during the previous two winter

seasons had been rather low.

- HOUSE FINCH:** Noteworthy records for the Outer Banks of North Carolina were one seen at Buxton on 9 October by Greg Hanisek, and a male observed at Bodie Island on 24 November 1973 by Harry and Edmund LeGrand. Two were uncommon at Asheville on 7 to 9 November (Bill Duyck), as were six at Fayetteville on 28 October (Philip Crutchfield).
- PINE SISKIN:** As with the Evening Grosbeak, large numbers were present in the Carolinas by late fall, with the earliest arrivals occurring in mid-October.
- GRASSHOPPER SPARROW:** A rare record for Carteret County, N.C., was one seen by John Fussell along the boundary with Craven County on 3 October. Dennis Forsythe picked up a dead individual in Mount Pleasant, S.C., on 6 December.
- HENSLow'S SPARROW:** Approximately five were observed by John Fussell, Merrill Lynch, and others in western Carteret County on 12 and 13 November. This locality is the site where at least one wintered last year, and thus these birds were probably on their wintering grounds.
- LE CONTE'S SPARROW:** One seen by Gardner Miller and party was noteworthy on North Island, S.C., on 16 November.
- LARK SPARROW:** The first record for Forsyth County was an individual seen by Ramona Snavely and others at Winston-Salem on 5 and 6 September.
- DARK-EYED JUNCO:** One noted by Libba Watson was early at McCain, N.C., on 24 September.
- TREE SPARROW:** One was extremely early at Chapel Hill on 27 October, as observed by Steve Graves.
- CLAY-COLORED SPARROW:** For the fifth consecutive fall, Ricky Davis noted the species at Fort Fisher, with one seen on 1 November.
- WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW:** Good totals for Carteret County were four at Cape Lookout on 12 October and four again on 26 October (John Fussell et al.).
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW:** Six birds were netted at Clemson by Paul Hamel, Harry LeGrand, and others from 4 October to 6 November. The only other fall reports were one at Chapel Hill on 27 October (Steve Graves), and two near Townville on 2 November (Harry LeGrand).
- LAPLAND LONGSPUR:** Two were observed on Core Banks, N.C., by Chip Davis and Riley Hoggard on 4 November.
- SNOW BUNTING:** This species staged its best fall flight into the Carolinas in perhaps a decade, with all records being coastal. Approximately 90 were seen by Sue and Ecky Meadows at Pea Island in late November, 34 were noted at Salvo, N.C., on 19 November by Fran and Wayne Irvin, 22 were seen by Claudia Wilds at Ocracoke on 28 November, and one was seen at North Island on 16 November by Gardner Miller and party.
- PELAGIC TRIP OFF CAROLINA BEACH, N.C.:** A group of birders led by Greg Massey made a trip from this town to a point nearly 50 miles offshore on 4 October. Because most pelagic trips taken to the south of Beaufort Inlet have been disappointing, the noteworthy results of this very successful trip are presented in full. All the following species were observed at least 10 miles from shore: Cory's Shearwater 23, Greater Shearwater 2, Sooty Shearwater 1, Audubon's Shearwater 3, shearwater (sp.?) 14, Wilson's Storm-Petrel 1, Little Blue Heron 1, Snowy Egret 9, Marsh Hawk 1, Peregrine Falcon 1, Short-billed Dowitcher 1, Northern Phalarope 4, Arctic Tern 4 (underwing pattern compared with nearby Common Terns), Bridled Tern 2, Mourning Dove 1, Palm Warbler 2, American Redstart 1.