



## BRIEFS FOR THE FILES

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**COMMON LOON:** Very rare inland in summer was an individual seen on 6 August 1977 on Lake Robinson, Chesterfield County, S.C., by John Castrale and party. Two seen by Steve Graves were early at Jordan Reservoir, eastern Chatham County, N.C., on 10 October.

**HORNED GREBE:** Members of the Chapel Hill Bird Club noted an early grebe on 26 September in eastern Durham County, N.C.

**PELAGIC OBSERVATIONS:** John Bazuin spent the period from 3 to 16 September at least 40 miles offshore, between Cape Hatteras, N.C., and the Virginia line. Grand totals of pelagic species within 100 miles of shore were 718 Cory's Shearwaters, 13 Greater Shearwaters, 455 Audubon's Shearwaters, 30 Black-capped Petrels, one Leach's Storm-Petrel (11 September), 134 Wilson's Storm-Petrels, 1 White-tailed Tropicbird (5 September approximately 75 miles E of Cape Lookout), 4 phalaropes (sp. ?), 1 Parasitic Jaeger (6 September), and just 1 Bridled Tern. Other birds seen were 8 early White-winged Scoters on 6 September; 2 Red-breasted Nuthatches on 9 September (81 miles E of Oregon Inlet); and 4 Cape May Warblers, 2 Black-throated Blue Warblers, 4 Black-throated Green Warblers, a Northern Waterthrush, and a Northern Oriole on 10 September (all 85+ miles E of Oregon Inlet).

**SOOTY SHEARWATER:** Rare in fall was one seen off Hatteras, N.C., on 5 September by Paul DuMont and party.

**AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER:** Two disabled birds were found on the beach at Bogue Banks, N.C., in late July and early August by Brainard Palmer-Ball.

- BLACK-CAPPED PETREL:** This species was observed on all four of the Ake-DuMont pelagic trips out of Hatteras: 10+ on 6 September, 20+ on 5 September and 18 October, and 82 on 11 October.
- LEACH'S STORM-PETREL:** One was noted by Paul DuMont and party off Hatteras on 6 September.
- WHITE PELICAN:** What was likely a single individual was observed at three sites in the Charleston, S.C., area in October by Sidney Gauthreaux, Harry LeGrand, Perry Nugent, and others.
- BROWN PELICAN:** An excellent count was 100+ birds at the northern edge of the range at Whalebone Junction, N.C., on 22 October (Jim and Elizabeth Pullman).
- BLUE-FACED BOOBY:** An adult was present at a Brown Pelican nesting colony in the lower Cape Fear River, N.C., all summer, and it was last seen on 3 October by Greg Massey. Ricky Davis and Bud Needham have submitted a note and photograph for publication in a national journal.
- GREAT CORMORANT:** Quite rare for Carteret County, N.C., was an immature noted by Helenhill Dove near Cape Lookout on 2 November.
- DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT:** Unusual for the mountains was a cormorant seen on a high-tension cable tower at Lake Julian, near Skyland, N.C., on 8 November (Roland Sargent, Jerry and Ruth Young). Two were seen at Jordan Reservoir by Steve Graves on 10 October; and John Fussell noted this species regularly during the summer on the Neuse River near Croatan, N.C., with a peak of 22 on 14 August.
- ANHINGA:** A good piedmont find was an individual at Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge, N.C., on 30 July (Douglas McNair). Other records of note in North Carolina were four at an impoundment in southeastern Jones County on 13 August (John Fussell, Merrill Lynch, Lance Peacock), and one until 22 September near Fayetteville, where breeding may be taking place (Philip Crutchfield).
- MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD:** Gary Williamson observed an immature over the US 64 bridge at Roanoke Sound, N.C., on 15 June.
- CATTLE EGRET:** Very late inland was an egret in a field near Piedmont, Anderson County, S.C., on 1 December, as seen by Phillip Waggett.
- SNOWY EGRET:** Two were seen by Sidney Gauthreaux and others in western Anderson County, near Fairplay, S.C., from 23 August to 6 September; and Allen Bryan saw another near Burlington, N.C., from 8 to 20 September.
- LOUISIANA HERON:** In inland North Carolina were individuals at two sites near Fayetteville on 15 and 18 August (Philip Crutchfield), near Beaverdam Reservoir in northern Wake County on 29 August (Steve Graves, Bill and Margaret Wagner), and near Burlington from 30 August to 20 September (Allen Bryan).
- BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON:** Notable inland was an immature seen by Philip Crutchfield near Fayetteville on 26 August.
- GLOSSY IBIS:** One was rare near Fayetteville on 23 October, as noted by Philip Crutchfield, who also reported three late birds in impoundments in Pamlico County, N.C., on 15 November.
- WHITE IBIS:** The first good nesting evidence for this ibis at the Emerald Isle, N.C., heronry was a juvenile with two adults on 7 August (John Fussell).
- MUTE SWAN:** Perhaps "wild" were two seen at Avon, N.C., on Pamlico Sound on 1 August, by Vicki Little.
- WHISTLING SWAN:** Bill and Margaret Wagner noted four adults on Jordan Reservoir on 22 November.
- CANADA GOOSE:** Two were early at Pee Dee refuge, N.C., on 24 September

(Douglas McNair).

- WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE:** An immature was seen by Derb Carter at Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge, N.C., on 3 December.
- AMERICAN WIGEON:** Exceptionally early were five seen on Santeetlah Lake in Graham County, N.C., by Jim McConnell on 16 August. A good count of 200 was made by Steve and Maurice Graves on 28 November at Umstead State Park, N.C.
- NORTHERN SHOVELER:** Rather early inland was one in eastern Durham County on 12 October (Bill and Margaret Wagner).
- REDHEAD:** David Barnes and party observed five early individuals at Jordan Reservoir on 17 October.
- GREATER SCAUP:** Uncommon were five at Jordan Reservoir on 30 October, as noted by Bill and Margaret Wagner.
- COMMON GOLDENEYE:** Two males and a female were seen by Bill and Margaret Wagner on 23 November at Jordan Reservoir.
- OLDSQUAW:** An exciting find was six birds at Jordan Reservoir on 10 November (Bill and Margaret Wagner).
- RUDDY DUCK:** Very early were six seen by Robert Clark and Jack Dermid on 14 September at Fort Fisher, New Hanover County, N.C.
- BLACK VULTURE:** Noteworthy in the mountains were two near Fairview, Buncombe County, N.C., on 7 September (Robert Ruiz, Jerry and Ruth Young).
- MISSISSIPPI KITE:** A first record for Dare County, N.C., was an adult observed at Buxton Woods on 6 October by Greg Hanisek.
- GOLDEN EAGLE:** Adults were seen on 30 September at Catawba, York County, S.C. (June Conway), and at Swannanoa, N.C., on 22 October (Robert Ruiz).
- BALD EAGLE:** In addition to several reports from Beaverdam and Jordan reservoirs in North Carolina, where the species has been seen frequently in the past several years, other reports in the state were: an immature at Lake Surf, near Vass, on 20 August (Jay Carter, Tom Howard), an adult in southwestern Fort Bragg on 16 and 18 September (Carter, R.T. Stamps), an immature in the lower Cape Fear River during September and October (Greg Massey), and an adult near Southport on 22 October (Carter).
- MERLIN:** A good tally of migrating Merlins was 21 in 1.5 hours at Edisto Beach State Park, S.C., on 28 September (Mike Homoya). Birds seen inland in South Carolina were at Clemson on 25 September and 11 October (Sidney Gauthreaux et al.) and near Fairplay on 20 September (Gauthreaux, Harry LeGrand, et al.); and in North Carolina at Jordan Reservoir on 16 September (Bill and Margaret Wagner, Johnnie Payne), near Burlington on 3 October (Allen Bryan), at Chapel Hill on 4 November (Wagners), and near Godwin in Cumberland County on 15 September and again 6 days later (M.E. Whitfield, Philip Crutchfield).
- SANDHILL CRANE:** Highly unusual for central North Carolina was a crane seen at a gravel-pit pond a few miles west of Lillington, N.C., by Tommy Wagoner, Megan Lynch, Tom Howard, and others from early November through 19 December.
- BLACK RAIL:** Steve Graves saw one at a pond at Bodie Island, N.C., on 19 October.
- COMMON GALLINULE:** A rare inland migrant was seen by Douglas McNair at Andrews Pond in northwestern Richmond County, N.C., on 19 September.
- AMERICAN COOT:** An excellent count was 1000 at Jordan Reservoir on 21 November, as reported by Steve Graves.
- AMERICAN AVOCET:** The species is rare in North Carolina away from the Bodie-Pea Island area; thus, noteworthy were nine at an impoundment in Pamlico

- County on 15 November (M.E. Whitfield, Philip Crutchfield), a peak of four at Davis from 5 to 13 August (John Fussell et al.), one at Beaufort on 20 October (Fussell), three at Cedar Island on 1 November (Fussell), and two on the lower Cape Fear River on 12 September (Ricky Davis).
- WILSON'S PLOVER:** Good post-breeding counts of 110 on 10 August and 120 on 2 September were made by John Fussell at Bird Shoal near Beaufort, N.C.
- PIPING PLOVER:** First records for the Clemson, S.C., area were one in breeding plumage on 23 August, one in winter plumage on 6 September, and a different bird in winter plumage from 20 September to 15 November, all seen on Lake Hartwell near Fairplay by Harry LeGrand, Sidney Gauthreaux, and others.
- AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER:** Five were observed near Fairplay on 18 October by Sidney Gauthreaux, Harry LeGrand, and party. In North Carolina were four at Bodie Island on 23 October (Jim and Elizabeth Pullman), two at Lake Surf on 14 November (Tom Howard), singles at New Topsail Inlet on 2 September (Ricky Davis) and at Jordan Reservoir on 17 October (Bill and Margaret Wagner), and different birds at North River near Beaufort on 21 October and 2 November (John Fussell).
- BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER:** Rather rare inland was one in eastern Durham County where I-85 crosses the Neuse River, on 14 October, as noted by Bill and Margaret Wagner.
- UPLAND SANDPIPER:** The New Hanover County Airport is apparently the best spot in North Carolina to look for this species, as Ricky Davis had a peak tally this fall of 46 on 20 August. Of interest inland were five seen by Evelyn Dabbs near Sumter, S.C., on 19 August.
- GREATER YELLOWLEGS:** Late sightings were one near Fayetteville on 10 November (Philip Crutchfield), four near Fairplay on 15 November (Sidney Gauthreaux et al.), and three east of Durham on 5 and 6 December (Jim McConnell).
- LESSER YELLOWLEGS:** Two seen by Jim McConnell in eastern Durham County were very late on 5 and 6 December.
- WILLET:** A good inland find was a Willet at Wallace, Marlboro County, S.C., on 3 August, as reported by Douglas McNair.
- RUDDY TURNSTONE:** Individuals were observed at a sewage treatment plant at Winston-Salem, N.C., from 5 to 7 September by Royce Hough and others, and east of Durham on 12 September by Andy Towle.
- WILSON'S PHALAROPE:** Notable for Carteret County were two to four at Davis from 2 to 13 August and two at North River on 13 August (John Fussell et al.).
- SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER:** Uncommon inland were one at the Falls of the Neuse Lake dam, Wake County, N.C., on 29 August (Steve Graves, Bill and Margaret Wagner); two near Fairplay on 6 September, with one there on 13 September (Alan Avakian, Jeff Beacham, et al.); and two at Winston-Salem from 6 to 7 September (Jim and Pat Culbertson, et al.).
- SANDERLING:** Jim and Pat Culbertson saw one at the Winston-Salem sewage treatment plant on 5 September.
- WESTERN SANDPIPER:** One was very late near Fairplay on 1 November, as noted by Sidney Gauthreaux.
- LEAST SANDPIPER:** Jim McConnell saw seven late Least east of Durham from 4 to 6 December.
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER:** At least 12 was a good count on 22 October at Bodie Island, as seen by Jim and Elizabeth Pullman. Quite rare inland in fall were three noted by Royce Hough, Ramona Snaveley, and Bob Witherington at

- Winston-Salem on 6 and 7 September.
- BAIRD'S SANDPIPER:** The only fall reports were of individuals at the Wright Brothers Memorial at Kill Devil Hills, N.C., on 5 September (Steve Graves) and near Fairplay on 6 September (Harry LeGrand).
- DUNLIN:** Twenty were counted by Sidney Gauthreaux and Harry LeGrand near Fairplay on 1 November, and two were noted by Steve Graves at Jordan Reservoir on 24 October.
- CURLEW SANDPIPER:** Rare and apparently the latest ever for North Carolina was an individual in winter plumage carefully studied by Jim and Elizabeth Pullman at the Bodie Island lighthouse pond on 22 October.
- STILT SANDPIPER:** An excellent count a way from the North Carolina Outer Banks was 150+ at Davis on 7 August (Brainard Palmer-Ball). Noteworthy inland was one at Winston-Salem on 5 to 7 September (Jim and Pat Culbertson et al.) and another near Durham on 12 September (Andy Towle).
- BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER:** The only inland report was of four near Fairplay, as seen by Sidney Gauthreaux, Harry LeGrand, and party on 30 August. Coastal reports were of one at the Wright Brothers Memorial at Kill Devil Hills on 23 August (Bob Lewis) and four there on 10 September (Herb Wilson), one on an island in the lower Cape Fear River on 12 September (Ricky Davis, Robert Ake, et al.), and one at Bodie Island on 3 and 10 October (Wilson).
- RUFF:** An excellent find was a male with some trace of breeding plumage at a rain pool at Cape Hatteras point, N.C., as noted by Steve Graves on 5 September.
- PARASITIC JAEGER:** Out of place was one seen by Herb Wilson as it chased a Herring Gull over the Bodie Island lighthouse pond on 10 October. Ricky Davis noted a light-phase Parasitic at Carolina Beach, N.C., on 27 November.
- GLAUCOUS GULL:** Unusual for the summer months was an immature observed at Pea Island on 1 August by Luise and Breton Ely.
- GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL:** A good count for early fall was 415+ from the Cedar Island, N.C., ferry on 18 September (Ricky Davis, Jim Parnell, Bud Needham).
- BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE:** One was noted off Hatteras on the early date of 11 October by Paul DuMont and party, and an adult was seen over the breakers at Fort Fisher on 14 November by Ricky Davis.
- FORSTER'S TERN:** Bob Lewis counted 186 at Lake Marion, S.C., on 29 August, and Bill and Margaret Wagner noted one at Beavertdam Reservoir on 7 September.
- COMMON TERN:** Inland sightings were three at Lake Surf on 6 August (Douglas McNair), three at Lake Marion on 29 August (Bob Lewis), and one at Kerr Scott Reservoir in Wilkes County, N.C., on 7 September (Tom Haggerty).
- ROSEATE TERN:** Three were rare on a sand spit near Masonboro Inlet at Wrightsville Beach, N.C., as seen by Greg Massey and Jim Pearson on 9 August.
- CASPIAN TERN:** Seven were seen by Bob Lewis at Lake Marion on 29 August, and Allen Bryan observed two at Lake Cammack, near Burlington, on 19 October.
- BLACK TERN:** Inland sightings were 20 near Fayetteville on 10 August (Philip Crutchfield), two at Jordan Reservoir on 17 August (Ricky Davis), three at Lake Surf on 20 August (Jay Carter, Tom Howard), three at Lake Marion on 29 August (Bob Lewis), and one near Fairplay on 6 September (Alan Avakian, Harry LeGrand, et al.).
- BROWN NODDY TERN:** Louise Lacoss noted a dark tern with white on top of the head, at Port Royal Sound, adjacent to Hilton Head Island, S.C., on 21 July. The bird was presumably this species of noddy tern.

- DOVEKIE:** One was a good find between 35 and 40 miles S of Beaufort Inlet, N.C., on 6 November, as made by Wayne Irvin. It has been at least 15 years since a flight of this species has been detected in the Carolinas.
- MOURNING DOVE:** Tom Haggerty reported that a pair of doves that he discovered nesting near Four Oaks, N.C., in October 1980 fledged two young on the extremely late date of 19 November.
- BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO:** Rare near the coast were individuals seen at an island near Beaufort, N.C., on 19 September by Tom Haggerty and at Santee Coastal Reserve, S.C., on 11 October by Phyllis Bell and Mitch Feller.
- BARN OWL:** Lex Glover found a nest near Columbia, S.C., in an abandoned house in September, as well as a nest in a tree only 200 yards away. The nest in the house produced four young; the tree nest produced three. Glover also hand-reared several more young from a nest found in October in a Columbia junkyard.
- SNOWY OWL:** The first South Carolina record in many years was an immature male present in Whitmire, seen perched on buildings, from 14 to 24 November. The sickly owl was captured on the 24th by wildlife personnel, but it died shortly afterward, according to John Cely. The bird is now a specimen at Clemson University.
- LONG-EARED OWL:** Greg Massey heard one in pinewoods near the University of North Carolina—Wilmington campus on 22 and 23 September. [As this species and the Saw-whet Owl are quite rare in the Carolinas, birders should attempt visual corroboration of all suspected vocalizations of these two species. Such confirmation is important because certain calls of the adults and/or juveniles of the much more common Great Horned, Barred, and Screech Owls can be confused with those of the rather silent (on the wintering grounds) Long-eared and Saw-whet Owls.—HEL]
- SHORT-EARED OWL:** Lex Glover flushed two from dunes at Huntington Beach State Park on 21 November and found another at North Island, S.C., on the following day.
- CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW:** The species is infrequently reported in fall; of interest were one calling on 10 September at Rockingham, N.C. (Douglas McNair), and one seen at Rock Hill, S.C., on 30 September (Albert and June Conway).
- COMMON NIGHTHAWK:** Good coastal-plain counts were 105 seen by Douglas McNair at Hoffman, Richmond County, N.C., on 24 August, and 160 seen (in one hour) migrating south at Carolina Beach on 12 August by Ricky Davis.
- RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER:** One heard calling in Boone, N.C., on 6 September by Tom Haggerty was his first personal record for Watauga County.
- WESTERN KINGBIRD:** Single birds, all along the coast, were found on 10 September at Cape Lookout, N.C. (Skip Prange); on 12 September at Fort Fisher (Ricky Davis); on 4 October at Sullivans Island (Sidney Gauthreaux, Harry LeGrand); on 17 October at Frisco, N.C. (Jim and Elizabeth Pullman); and on 24 October at Pea Island (Pullmans).
- SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER:** Always exciting was one seen well at Cape Hatteras point on 17 October by Stuart Tingley and others.
- YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER:** The seven fall reports from North Carolina were likely a record number for a single season. Individuals were noted at Lake Cammack near Burlington on 13 September (Allen Bryan), at Raleigh on 18 September (Gail Whitehurst), at Ocracoke Island on 19 September (Ricky Davis, Jim Parnell, Bud Needham), near Chapel Hill on 25 September (Bill and Margaret Wagner), at Wilmington on 25 September (Greg Massey, Kitty Kosh), in northern Cumberland County on 28 September (two birds—Philip Crutchfield), and at Carolina Beach on 3 October (Massey, Mark Galizio, Jane Brackett).

- LEAST FLYCATCHER:** Bill and Margaret Wagner saw individuals in the Chapel Hill area on 12 and 19 September.
- TREE SWALLOW:** A good inland count for the fall was 50 noted by Steve Graves and party at Jordan Reservoir on 24 October.
- BANK SWALLOW:** Tom Haggerty reported a flock of approximately 1500 swallows near Four Oaks, N.C., on 29 August. He estimated that half of the flock (750 birds) were Barns, and the others were Barns, with the exception of single Tree and Cliff swallows.
- CLIFF SWALLOW:** Uncommon for the coast was one seen by Ricky Davis at Sunset Beach, N.C., on 13 September.
- PURPLE MARTIN:** One near Boone on 5 September was a rare find for Watauga County (Tom Haggerty). Fairly late were 12 seen by Greg Massey at Wilmington on 12 September, and exceptionally late was a female or immature seen near Fayetteville on 26 October by Philip Crutchfield.
- BROWN-HEADED NUTHATCH:** One to two were seen on numerous occasions by Bill Duyck in his yard in Asheville, N.C., during late October and November.
- HOUSE WREN:** Perry Nugent observed an early wren at Charleston on 9 September.
- SHORT-BILLED MARSH WREN:** One was noted singing at North River marsh, near Beaufort, on 7 August by Brainard Palmer-Ball. Because one was heard singing at the identical site in May, there is the chance that a territorial bird was involved.
- BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER:** Over a month late was a gnatcatcher near Durham on 2 December, as seen by Jim McConnell.
- LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE:** A rare migrant was observed by Greg Hanisek on the North Carolina Outer Banks at Salvo on 8 October.
- PHILADELPHIA VIREO:** Ricky Davis and Jim Parnell saw one at Fort Fisher on 18 September, and they (and Bud Needham) noted two at Ocracoke Island on the next day. Inland sightings were of one near Chapel Hill on 12 September (Bill Wagner) and one in a Fayetteville yard on 30 September, 5 October, and 8 October (Philip Crutchfield).
- PROTHONOTARY WARBLER:** Evelyn Dabbs banded 89 birds between 29 July and 15 August near Mayesville, S.C.
- WORM-EATING WARBLER:** An early migrant was seen by Greg Massey on 4 August at Orton Plantation in Brunswick County, N.C.
- GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER:** Six were noted by Harry LeGrand and others in the Clemson area from 13 to 27 September. Sightings of singles were made along the Neuse River in Johnston County, N.C., on 15 September (Tom Haggerty), at Huntington Beach State Park on 20 September (Cheryl Phillips, Perry Nugent), near Fayetteville on 22 September (Philip Crutchfield), and at Mayesville, S.C., on 28 September (banded—Evelyn Dabbs).
- BLUE-WINGED WARBLER:** Reports of birds in North Carolina spanned the period from 16 August to 19 September and were noted in Johnston County (Tom Haggerty), Fayetteville (Philip Crutchfield), Sunset Beach (Crutchfield), Carolina Beach (Greg Massey et al.), and Jordan Reservoir (Margaret Wagner). South Carolina records fell between 17 and 27 September at Clemson (Sidney Gauthreaux), Charleston (Perry Nugent), and Huntington Beach State Park (Nugent).
- BREWSTER'S WARBLER:** This hybrid was carefully observed by Perry Nugent at Charleston on 17 September.
- TENNESSEE WARBLER:** This species was seen in considerably greater numbers in eastern North Carolina than usual in fall, especially at Southern Pines and Fayette-

- ville. Rare for the coast were one seen at Ocracoke Island on 19 September by Ricky Davis, Bud Needham, and Jim Parnell; one at Cape Lookout on 3 October by John Fussell; and three at Fort Fisher on 3 October by Greg Massey and party.
- ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER:** Philip Crutchfield noted one or two in a yard in Fayetteville on 8 October, and Allen Bryan noted one near Edenton, N.C., on 27 November and a different individual there on 28 November.
- NASHVILLE WARBLER:** Rare for eastern North Carolina were individuals at Ocracoke Island on 19 September (Ricky Davis), near Burlington on 20 September (Allen Bryan), at Chapel Hill on 28 September (Bill and Margaret Wagner), at Fort Fisher on 3 October (Greg Massey), and at Southern Pines on 4 October (Jay Carter).
- NORTHERN PARULA:** A month late was one seen by Tom Haggerty near Holts Lake in Johnston County on 15 November.
- CERULEAN WARBLER:** This species is quite rare in fall migration; thus, noteworthy were immatures or females seen near Blowing Rock, N.C., on 1 August (Tom Haggerty) and at Charleston on 17 September (Perry Nugent), and an adult male at Clemson on 12 and 13 September (Harry LeGrand).
- BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER:** One was rare along the coast at Fort Fisher, as seen by Greg Massey on 3 October. Another noted by Albert and June Conway was very late on 22 November at Catawba, S.C.
- YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER:** Rare for the northern mountains of North Carolina was a presumed migrant near Boone on 5 September (Tom Haggerty).
- CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER:** Rare for the coast were singles noted at Ocracoke Island on 19 September by Ricky Davis and Jim Parnell, and at Cape Lookout on 25 September by Skip Prange.
- PINE WARBLER:** Tom Haggerty had many records in the Boone area in September and early October, including five in one tree on 5 September.
- CONNECTICUT WARBLER:** A good find was an adult male observed by Tom Haggerty on 24 September along the South Fork New River, Watauga County, N.C.
- MOURNING WARBLER:** This is the rarest of the regularly occurring warblers in the Carolinas. Quite unusual were three well-described birds this fall: an adult male at Blowing Rock on 6 September (Tom Haggerty), a probable adult male at the U.S. Vegetable Lab in Charleston on 9 September (Perry Nugent), and a female or immature at Ocracoke Island on 19 September (Ricky Davis).
- WILSON'S WARBLER:** Individuals seen in eastern North Carolina were near Fayetteville on 22 September (Philip Crutchfield), Wilmington on 25 September (Kitty Kosh, Greg Massey), Chapel Hill on 6 October (Bill and Margaret Wagner), and Pea Island on 12 October (Herb Wilson).
- CANADA WARBLER:** Quite rare for the coast were birds noted by Skip Prange at Harkers Island, N.C., on 23 August, and by Kitty Kosh at Wilmington on 20 and 21 September.
- BREWER'S BLACKBIRD:** A male was a rare migrant near Pendleton, S.C., as seen by Sidney Gauthreaux and others on 8 November. [From time to time I receive reports of this species without details. As the species is rather difficult to identify and is rare in the Carolinas, full details should accompany all reports. Helpful field marks not emphasized in the field guides are the moderately thick bill (intermediate in shape between the slender bill of the Rusty Blackbird and the thick bill of the cowbird) and the brilliant white eye of the male (as opposed to the dull yellow eye of the Rusty).—HEL.]
- WESTERN Tanager:** An excellent find was a male, still retaining some rosy color



- on the head, seen by Allen Bryan in a woodland near Edenton, N.C., on 29 November.
- PAINTED BUNTING:** Philip Crutchfield observed a female or immature male in a hedgerow near Wade in Cumberland County on 24 August.
- PURPLE FINCH:** Extremely early were a female or immature at Cape Lookout (Skip Prange) and an adult male at Fayetteville (Philip Crutchfield), both on 10 September.
- HOUSE FINCH:** Bill Duyck noted a female in his yard in Asheville on 24 and 25 October. This species is still uncommon in the mountains.
- PINE SISKIN:** Jim McConnell noted flocks of 500+ in Graham County, N.C., in late November, with 1000 seen on 27 November.
- AMERICAN GOLDFINCH:** One was noted near Lumberton, N.C., on 24 May by Douglas McNair. He also found 12, mostly singing males, on 10 June at Maxton, N.C.; he believes these birds were late migrants.
- RED CROSSBILL:** Two were observed by Allen Bryan at Mount Mitchell, N.C., on 22 August. There were no fall reports away from the mountains.
- GRASSHOPPER SPARROW:** A probable immature, with streaks on the breast, was seen by Ricky Davis on 20 August at the New Hanover County, N.C., airport, further suggesting that the species is nesting at this locality. One was seen at Derby, Richmond County, N.C., on 13 October by Douglas McNair. As breeding occurred this year at Derby, this individual was probably present during the summer.
- HENSLOW'S SPARROW:** Two wintering birds were observed by John Fussell and Wayne Irvin in western Carteret County, N.C., on 8 November.
- LARK SPARROW:** The only fall report was one noted by Perry Nugent and others at Huntington Beach State Park on 20 September.
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW:** Single migrants were seen by Tom Haggerty near Four Oaks on 8 October; by Marc Eisdorfer and Mark Crotteau at Eno River State Park, N.C., on 18 October; by Allen Bryan at Jordan Reservoir on 22 October; and by Harry LeGrand at Clemson on 7 November and near Pendleton on the following day. In the mountains of North Carolina, where this secretive species is by no means rare in fall, Haggerty reported good numbers in the Boone area, with a peak of seven on 25 September.

### **Red-cockaded Woodpecker Newsletter Available**

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