

General Field Notes

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First South Carolina Specimen of the Philadelphia Vireo

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On 29 September 1975 I found a Philadelphia Vireo (*Vireo philadelphicus*) dead under the ETV (television) tower 9.7 km. (6 miles), SE of Sumter, Sumter County, S.C. The tower is 368 m (1195 feet) high. I also found the carcasses of 52 other individuals of 19 species, mainly of the families Emberizidae and Vireonidae. All had apparently collided with the structure during the night of 28-29 September.

The bird, a female, is now in the Charleston Museum (No. 1975.188). With this specimen record, the Philadelphia Vireo may now be put on the definitive South Carolina state bird list.

[NOTE: Before this occurrence, the Philadelphia Vireo had been seen in South Carolina. The first published sight record was by Mrs. R.C. Tedards, who saw "several" at Anderson, S.C., from 10 to 16 October 1962 (Chat 27:25). A second record was published by H.E. LeGrand Jr., who saw an individual at Clemson, S.C., on 14 October 1974 (Chat 39:27).—WP]

First South Carolina Specimen of the Mourning Warbler

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The first specimen of the Mourning Warbler (*Oporornis philadelphia*) in South Carolina was obtained on 30 October 1968, 5 km N of Kingstree, Williamsburg County. The bird hit a car being driven by Rodgers. The collection site is 75 km from the Atlantic Ocean. The specimen is a male in juvenal plumage. Identification was confirmed by Alan R. Phillips. The skin has been deposited in the Charleston Museum (No.