

BRIEFS FOR THE FILES

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- COMMON LOON:** At Lake Keowee, S.C., Douglas McNair counted 23 on 10 April, with a late bird there on 26 May.
- PIED-BILLED GREBE:** An excellent inland count was 85, noted by Douglas McNair at Lake Keowee on 13 March.
- NORTHERN FULMAR:** Apparently regular in early spring off the North Carolina coast, single birds (or the same individual) were noted 40 miles SSE of Beaufort Inlet on 7 April by Ricky Davis and party and on 12 April by Lloyd Davidson.
- BLACK-CAPPED PETREL:** Ten were observed by Wayne Irvin, Dave Lee, and others on 3 March in the Gulf Stream off Cape Lookout, N.C. Very rare for South Carolina were four noted by Chris Haney on 11 May approximately 88 miles SE of Charleston.
- GREATER SHEARWATER:** Rather early was one seen by Dennis Forsythe off Charleston on 7 May.
- MANX SHEARWATER:** A good find was one, and possibly a second, off Cape Lookout on 3 March, as seen by Dave Lee, Harry LeGrand, and party.
- AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER:** Chris Haney had an excellent total of 169 on 11 May off Charleston.
- WILSON'S STORM-PETREL:** Dennis Forsythe observed one rather early on 7 May off Charleston.
- AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN:** One was seen in the Morehead City, N.C., area on 15 March and for a week thereafter by Allyn Powell and others. Another was noted by Charlie Walters and Perry Nugent in Charleston harbor on 27 April.
- DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT:** Migrants inland continue to increase, and counts in triple digits are not unusual on some lakes. Douglas McNair observed about 2200 at Lake Marion, S.C., and just below the dam, on 18 March. Counts of several hundred were made in central North Carolina at both Falls Lake and Jordan Lake in April and May (Ricky Davis et al.). Notable elsewhere were single birds in flight at Crowders Mountain State Park, N.C., on 28 April (Duane Crane et al.) and near Charlotte, N.C., on 5 May (Paul Hart party).
- ANHINGA:** Philip Crutchfield observed three adults, probably breeders, along Calabash Creek in southwestern Brunswick County, N.C., on 31 March and again on 27 April.
- LEAST BITTERN:** Extremely rare for the mountains was one seen at a marsh on the campus of Warren Wilson College in Swannanoa, N.C., by Ruth and Jerry Young on 10 May.
- GREAT EGRET:** The westernmost sighting for the spring was one at Tanglewood Park near Winston-Salem, N.C., from 8 to 12 April (Lee and John Carter, Charles Frost, Preston Stockton).
- SNOWY EGRET:** Unusual in the piedmont in spring were a flock of seven at Lake Wheeler near Raleigh, N.C., on 22 April (Harry LeGrand, Jim Mulholland) and another bird at Jordan Lake on 6 May (Ricky Davis).
- TRICOLORED HERON:** Ricky Davis saw one at Jordan Lake on 23 April for one of the few piedmont records in spring.
- REDDISH EGRET:** Notable, especially away from the immediate coast, was one seen at close range at Middleton Plantation, near Charleston, on 7 April by Dick Peake.
- BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON:** A good inland total was five, seen by Philip Crutchfield at Fayetteville on 23 April. A dead adult was found near Raleigh on 5 May by Harry LeGrand and Ricky Davis. Rare for the mountains was an adult seen and heard by Douglas McNair at Cashiers, N.C., on 3 May.

- YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON:** Along New Hope Creek near Chapel Hill, N.C., an adult was seen on 27 April, and two adults were there on the following day (Bill and Margaret Wagner et al.). Two were seen at Falls Lake on 13 May by Allen Bryan and Ricky Davis.
- GLOSSY IBIS:** A rare inland migrant was seen by Pat and Pete Hobson at Jordan Lake on 28 April.
- BRANT:** One was late at Portsmouth, N.C., on 10 May, as observed by Rich Boyd, John Fussell, and Ecky Meadows.
- NORTHERN SHOVELER:** Two males and a female were seen by Douglas McNair at Cashiers, N.C., on 5 May for a rare mountain report.
- AMERICAN WIGEON:** A good count for northwestern South Carolina was 80 at Lake Keowee, noted by Douglas McNair on 13 March.
- RING-NECKED DUCK:** Mike Schultz observed two late ducks at Falls Lake, near Durham, on 12 May.
- GREATER SCAUP:** Sidney Gauthreaux saw a female near Townville, S.C., on 1 March.
- SURF SCOTER:** Very rare inland was one seen by Douglas McNair on Lake Keowee on 13 March.
- WHITE-WINGED SCOTER:** Douglas McNair noted individuals at Lake Keowee on 13 March and on 4 April.
- HOODED MERGANSER:** Late migrants, both females, were seen by Ron Warner on 15 May at Lake Lure, N.C., and on 17 May in Hendersonville, N.C.
- COMMON MERGANSER:** Ricky Davis and Allen Bryan observed three at Jordan Lake on 23 March.
- BLACK VULTURE:** Infrequent in the mountains, perhaps only visitors, were two at Table Rock Mountain, S.C., at 3100 feet on 5 April (Douglas McNair); one at Cleveland Cliffs, S.C., at 3000 feet on 7 April (McNair); and two near the Asheville, N.C., airport on 16 March (Ron Warner).
- OSPREY:** The first Osprey nest ever reported for the piedmont of the Carolinas was discovered by Annie Leigh Broughton, Johnnie Payne, and party at Jordan Lake on 6 May. By mid-May, the nest was damaged, apparently by a severe storm, and appeared abandoned, even though the adults were still present, according to Barbara Roth. The nest tree, situated in a grove that had been killed by high water at the recently filled lake, was about 2 miles N of US 64. Also at this lake, Ricky Davis, Allen Bryan, and Harry LeGrand tallied 30 birds on 15 April, most migrating north. [See related article on page 92 of this issue.—ED.]
- AMERICAN SWALLOW-TAILED KITE:** Migrants having overshot their range, all in North Carolina, were at Ocracoke Island on 8 March (Larry Crawford), near Avon on 16 April (Dick Walton), near Winnabow in Brunswick County on 9 May (Jay Carter), and in the Cape Carteret area of western Carteret County on 16 and 31 May (Henry Haberyan). Another was seen on 7 April by Dick Peake at Four Holes Swamp near Harleyville, S.C., where the species could possibly breed.
- MISSISSIPPI KITE:** An excellent count for an early date was seven seen by Mary Ann Sunderlin and Warren Lloyd on 28 April near Norfleet in eastern Halifax County, N.C. A very rare migrant was an immature seen by Henry Haberyan and others at Cedar Point near Swansboro, N.C., on 16 May.
- BALD EAGLE:** The first successful nesting in the wild in North Carolina since 1970 occurred when a pair fledged two young from a nest on mainland Hyde County this spring. The nesting was carefully monitored by wildlife biologists and was reported by Melinda Welton. A remarkable count of 14 (2 adults and 12 immatures) was seen by Douglas McNair at a marsh below the dam at Lake Marion, S.C., on 18 March. A few were seen this spring, as usual, at Jordan and Falls lakes, fide Ricky Davis. Others inland were an immature seen in eastern Halifax County, N.C., on 28 April (Mary Ann Sunderlin, Warren Lloyd) and an adult just east of Asheboro, N.C., on 4 June (Ron Morris).
- NORTHERN HARRIER:** Allen Bryan noted a late harrier in central Guilford County, N.C., on 12 May.

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK: Late was an immature seen at Fayetteville on 16 May by M.E. Whitfield.

COOPER'S HAWK: Rare and late was an immature seen by John Fussell at Cedar Island, N.C., on 20 May. Suggestive of nesting was a pair in courtship flight near Jefferson, N.C., on 19 May, as noted by Harry LeGrand and Ricky Davis.

NORTHERN GOSHAWK: Seldom reported in spring was an adult seen soaring overhead in southeastern Alamance County, N.C., by Allen Bryan on 11 March.

BROAD-WINGED HAWK: Rare for the Outer Banks of North Carolina was one at Portsmouth on 12 May (John Fussell, Rich Boyd). A good spring flight was noted at Jordan Lake on 15 April, when Ricky Davis, Allen Bryan, and Harry LeGrand tallied 30 birds, migrating singly or in small groups.

AMERICAN KESTREL: Jay Carter again noted birds throughout May at several sites in western Fort Bragg, N.C., and he saw a juvenile on 28 May.

MERLIN: Inland Merlins were observed by Steve Compton and others near Columbia, S.C., on 5 May; and another was seen, feeding on prey, near Fayetteville on 5 May by Philip Crutchfield and party.

PEREGRINE FALCON: Jim Mulholland had a rare inland sighting near Raleigh on 1 May, whereas an immature was late near the coast at Cedar Island on 20 May (John Fussell et al.).

YELLOW RAIL: Extremely rare was one flushed from a marsh on the Warren Wilson College campus at Swannanoa, N.C., on 10 May by Andrew Brown and Judy Arthur. The bird was "clearly smaller than the Soras that were also seen that day," and it "appeared greyish with short bill, in flight wings showed a distinct white patch on secondary feathers" (according to Brown).

SORA: Normally scarce in the mountains, six to eight were flushed from a marsh at Swannanoa from 9 to 12 May by Andrew Brown and others.

KING RAIL: Individuals were heard calling in marshes at Falls Lake near Durham on 22 April by Andy Towle and 12 May by Mike Schultz.

PURPLE GALLINULE: A straggler was noted at Merchants Millpond State Park, N.C., from 26 May to 3 June, as reported by Floyd Williams.

LESSER GOLDEN-PLOVER: The only report for the spring was three seen by Sidney Gauthreaux, Charlie Wooten, and others near Townville, S.C., on 31 March.

SEMPALMATED PLOVER: Noteworthy for the mountains were three seen at Black Mountain, N.C., on 12 May by Ron Warner and party.

LESSER YELLOWLEGS: An excellent count for the mountains was 33 on the Hendersonville, N.C., spring count on 9 May, fide Ron Warner. Allen Bryan noted 21, along with 11 Greater Yellowlegs, at Roxboro City Lake, N.C., on 3 May.

WILLET: Inland individuals were seen at a water-treatment plant near Pineville, N.C., on 9 May (Harriet Whitsett) and at Falls Lake in Durham County on 12 May (Mike and Lois Schultz).

SPOTTED SANDPIPER: A late migrant was observed by Doug Pratt, P.R. Ford, and Eloise Potter at Southport, N.C., on 3 June.

UPLAND SANDPIPER: Near Raleigh, two were noted on 15 April by Harry LeGrand and Ricky Davis, and Jim Mulholland had another in that area on 28 April. Davis saw another at Falls Lake on 22 April, and one was near Pineville, N.C., on 21 April (Heathy Walker). In South Carolina, one was at Creech's Pond in northern York County from mid-April to 5 May (David Wright, Flo Cobey), and two were at Clemson on 21 April (Sidney Gauthreaux).

WHIMBREL: John Fussell saw an individual of the Eurasian race (with white on the lower back and rump) at Atlantic Beach, N.C., on 10 April.

SANDERLING: Rare inland was one seen by Allen Bryan at Jordan Lake on 4 May. Perhaps the same bird was there on 6 May, as noted by Ken Knapp.

WESTERN SANDPIPER: Notable inland in spring was one seen by Ricky Davis at Falls Lake on 20 May.

- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER:** The only reports away from the coast were from Raleigh, where a peak of seven was counted at Lake Wheeler on 8 May (Harry LeGrand), and near Pineville, where two to four were seen at the McAlpine Waste Treatment Plant from 5 to 9 May (Paul Hart et al.).
- PECTORAL SANDPIPER:** A good mountain total was eight at Fletcher, N.C., on 7 May, as observed by Ruth and Jerry Young.
- DUNLIN:** Near Pineville, two were seen on 5 May by Heathy Walker and party, and Paul Hart saw three there on 9 May. Ricky Davis saw another at Jordan Lake on 6 May.
- CURLEW SANDPIPER:** Always noteworthy was an individual, in breeding plumage, observed by John Fussell and Rich Boyd at Portsmouth Island, N.C., on 12 May.
- SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER:** Inland sightings for the spring were two seen by Jim Mulholland at Beaverdam Reservoir, in northern Wake County, N.C., on 16 May, and one seen by Heathy Walker at Pineville on 5 May.
- STILT SANDPIPER:** Quite early were two on 7 April at Cedar Island, N.C. (John Fussell, Henry Haberyan, C.W. Van Buren). An outstanding spring count was the 40 seen by Douglas McNair on South Island, S.C., on 13 May.
- WILSON'S PHALAROPE:** John Fussell and Rich Boyd observed one on 11 and 12 May at Portsmouth.
- RED-NECKED PHALAROPE:** Three were seen 85 miles SE of Charleston on 11 May by Chris Haney.
- RED PHALAROPE:** A pelagic trip led by Wayne Irvin tallied 65 off Cape Lookout, N.C., on 3 March. Dennis Forsythe noted the species on all five trips he took off Charleston from 10 March to 22 April; the peak was 135 on 18 March.
- POMARINE JAEGER:** A fairly good count was five seen by Chris Haney off Charleston on 11 May.
- PARASITIC JAEGER:** Dennis Forsythe observed two Parasitics, as well as two Pomarine Jaegers, off Charleston on 15 April.
- LAUGHING GULL:** Outstanding inland counts were made on several South Carolina lakes by Douglas McNair: 800 at Lake Marion on 10 May, 180 at Lake Moultrie on 10 May, and 150 at the latter lake on 18 March. At Jordan Lake, Ricky Davis saw one on 23 April, and another (or the same) individual was there on 6 May (Andy Towle et al.).
- BONAPARTE'S GULL:** Good counts for the western piedmont were 100 at Lake Keowee on 4 April, and 85 there on 21 April, as observed by Douglas McNair.
- HERRING GULL:** Douglas McNair had notable inland totals of 70 on 18 March at Lake Marion and 45 on 10 April at Lake Keowee.
- ICELAND GULL:** John Fussell and others carefully observed a second-winter bird in Beaufort, N.C., on 4 and 5 March.
- LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL:** Dennis Forsythe noted a second-winter individual off Charleston on 18 March. In Carteret County, John Fussell saw a second-winter gull at Beaufort on 6 March and an adult at a landfill near Newport on 28 March.
- GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL:** Very rare away from the tidewater zone was an immature seen by Allen Bryan at Jordan Lake on 4 May.
- BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE:** Dennis Forsythe observed an adult and an immature approximately 50 miles off Charleston on 18 March.
- CASPIAN TERN:** Unusually large numbers were seen in central North Carolina during the spring, highlighted by Jordan Lake counts of 27 on 23 April (Ricky Davis) and 20 on 21 April (Barbara Roth). At Lake Wheeler near Raleigh, birds were seen from 13 April to 10 May with a peak of nine on 22 April (Jim Mulholland). Nine were also seen near Durham at Falls Lake on 22 April (fide Mike Schultz), two were at Woodlake near Vass on 29 April (Tom Howard), and two were near Fayetteville on 6 May (Jarvis Hudson, Roy Parker, et al.).

COMMON TERN: Douglas McNair noted a total of five at two places on Lake Keowee on 30 April, and Ricky Davis observed one at Jordan Lake on 23 April.

FORSTER'S TERN: Small numbers were seen most of April at Jordan Lake, with a peak of five on 23 April (Ricky Davis). Mike Schultz and Andy Towle observed two on the Durham spring count on 22 April.

BRIDLED TERN: Rather early was one seen by Chris Haney off Charleston on 11 May.

RAZORBILL: Probably the latest spring record for the Carolinas were three Razorbills carefully studied by Dick Peake in Charleston harbor, near Fort Sumter, on 8 April.

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO: Rather rare in central North Carolina were singles (seen and heard) near Raleigh on 28 April by Jim Mulholland and on 12 May by Harry LeGrand, and near Fayetteville on 15 May by Philip Crutchfield.

NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL: Noteworthy for the piedmont was one found, nearly dead, at Durham on 3 April by Janine Heffner, fide Bill Wagner. At established summer locations, Wayne Irvin heard calling birds at eight stations along the Blue Ridge Parkway between Richland Balsam and the Shining Rock Wilderness Area, N.C., on 26 May.

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER: At an unusually high elevation was one noted at 3000 feet on Sassafras Mountain, S.C., on 7 April by Douglas McNair.

RED-COCKADED WOODPECKER: A nesting pair was discovered this spring near New Hill in southwestern Wake County, N.C., by Robbie Blue and party. The pair raised two young, which were banded by wildlife biologists.

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER: A migrant was a good find in northeastern Ashe County, N.C., on 19 May, as seen by Ricky Davis and Harry LeGrand.

WILLOW FLYCATCHER: A singing bird was noted by Marc Eisdorfer on 22 May at Chapel Hill. There was no indication whether or not it was on territory.

LEAST FLYCATCHER: A migrant was observed singing near Jordan Lake on 6 May by Andy and Patty Towle, Tony Shrimpton, and Melinda Welton.

EASTERN PHOEBE: Near the edge of its breeding range was one on territory near Fayetteville on 15 May (Philip Crutchfield).

EASTERN KINGBIRD: Dick Thomas observed early kingbirds near Pekin, Montgomery County, N.C., on 28 March and near Whispering Pines, Moore County, N.C., on 29 March.

GRAY KINGBIRD: Suggestive of nesting was a pair seen daily from 11 to 13 May at Fripp Island, S.C., by T.K. Patterson.

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER: Always exciting were individuals seen on 18 and 19 April at Hilton Head Island, S.C. (Grace Belford, Jan Kissling); at Cedar Island, N.C., on 29 April (Wayne Irvin); at Swannanoa, N.C., on 10 May (Sharon Sloan, photo examined by Gordon Mahy); and near Oriental, N.C., on 24 May (Ricky Brandon, Dorothy and Roger Foy, John Fussell).

TREE SWALLOW: Possible breeders were two seen along the New River north of Sparta, N.C., on 19 May by Harry LeGrand and Ricky Davis.

COMMON RAVEN: Douglas McNair observed nonbreeding ravens in the South Carolina mountains at Table Rock Mountain (a pair on 5 April) and at 3000 feet on Cleveland Cliffs (one on 7 April).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: Late was one in Gail Whitehurst's yard at Raleigh in early May, last seen on 11 May. At a low elevation for the breeding season was one at 3100 feet at Linville Falls, N.C., on 23 May (Harry LeGrand).

SEDGE WREN: Douglas McNair observed single birds on 17 and 18 March, at two locations at Santee National Wildlife Refuge, S.C. These dates might be somewhat early for migrants; perhaps the species winters regularly there.

MARSH WREN: Perhaps wintering were four noted by Douglas McNair at Santee National Wildlife Refuge on 17 March and one seen near Fayetteville on 12 March by Philip Crutchfield.

- GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET:** At a rather low location were at least four singing on territory at 3100 feet elevation at Linville Falls on 23 May (Harry LeGrand).
- BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER:** Douglas McNair observed one at the high elevation of 3500 feet at Cashiers, N.C., on 5 May.
- GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH:** Rare for the eastern coastal plain was one seen from 16 to 18 May at Merchant's Millpond State Park, N.C., by Floyd Williams.
- WATER PIPIT:** Rather late were 15 to 20 seen near Swannanoa from 9 to 12 May by Dennis Moore and Andrew Brown.
- CEDAR WAXWING:** Bill Williams noted two birds, perhaps a mated pair, "behaving unusually agitated" in a stand of Bald Cypresses near Rockyhock in Chowan County, N.C., on 10 June. The species currently breeds in the state only in the mountains and sparingly in the northern piedmont. Probably late migrants were four seen by Tom Howard at Falls Lake on 3 June.
- SOLITARY VIREO:** Quite early was a nest found on 16 April by Libba Watson at Drowning Creek, west of Pinebluff, N.C. For the second consecutive summer, Eloise Potter had vireos in her yard near Zebulon, N.C., noting two singing from 9 May into June.
- WARBLING VIREO:** Probably the best influx of migrants ever seen in North Carolina occurred this spring. In the Sandhills, where there was only one previous record, Sybil and Faust D'Ambrosi saw one near Vass on 25 April, and they had one there on 29 April, the same date Charlotte Gantz had one at nearby Southern Pines. In the Raleigh area, where warbling vireos are very rare, Jim Mulholland observed one on 25 April, and Ricky Davis saw and heard another on 27 April. Presumably a record piedmont count was the eight tallied on the Winston-Salem count on 5 May (fide Ramona Snavelly).
- PHILADELPHIA VIREO:** Allen Bryan observed a very rare migrant at Burlington, N.C., on 5 May.
- GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER:** Rather rare were individuals seen by Ricky Davis near Raleigh on 27 April and by Paul Hart at Crowders Mountain State Park, N.C., on 4 May.
- TENNESSEE WARBLER:** Rare and somewhat late were one noted singing at Raleigh on 15 May (Harry LeGrand) and another seen at Chapel Hill on 17 May (Hugh Craft).
- NASHVILLE WARBLER:** Haven Wiley saw one on 29 April at Chapel Hill and Charlie Wooten saw one along the Wateree River in Kershaw County, S.C., on 20 May.
- YELLOW WARBLER:** Two showing nesting behavior were seen by Marc Eisdorfer at Mason Farm near Chapel Hill on 22 May. Yellow Warblers have become quite rare as breeders in the eastern piedmont.
- CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER:** One seen by JoAnne Powell and Nancy Merringer in central Carteret County, N.C., on 5 May provided a first spring record for the county.
- YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER:** Most unusual for the northern mountains of North Carolina was one singing on territory at Roaring Gap (3000 feet in elevation), as noted on 19 May by Ricky Davis and Harry LeGrand.
- BAY-BREASTED WARBLER:** This migrant species was unusually numerous in the piedmont this spring. Notable for the Sandhills was one seen by Tom Howard near Vass, N.C., on 29 April and another by Libba Watson near Southern Pines on 13 May.
- CERULEAN WARBLER:** A first record for the North Carolina Sandhills was one seen near Vass on 29 April by Jay Carter and Julie Moore. Perhaps on the breeding grounds was one at Bull Creek Overlook, northeast of Asheville, N.C., on 13 May, as noted by Ruth and Jerry Young. It, or another bird, was also there last year. The 3500-foot elevation is much higher than other breeding-season locations in the state.
- PROTHONOTARY WARBLER:** Dave Lee noted a very early individual at White Lake, N.C., on 17 March, and another was early at Cape Lookout, N.C., on 30 March (Skip Prange).
- WORM-EATING WARBLER:** Seldom seen in the breeding season in central North Carolina, one on territory at Hemlock Bluffs near Cary on 14 and 27 May was unusual (Harry LeGrand), as were two singing on territory near Wade, Cumberland County, on 15 and 26 May (Philip

- Crutchfield, M.E. Whitfield).
- SWAINSON'S WARBLER:** Harry LeGrand noted two singing along the Deep River in Lee County, N.C., on 28 April. One was still there on 6 May, singing on territory in a small ravine with hardwoods and Mountain Laurel in the understory. Ricky Davis had a singing individual just east of Raleigh on 5 May; he believed it was not on territory.
- CONNECTICUT WARBLER:** The only report for the spring was a migrant noted singing along Bent Creek in Buncombe County, N.C., on 5 May by Ruth and Jerry Young.
- WILSON'S WARBLER:** Scarce for the mountains was one seen by Ron Warner near Hendersonville, N.C., on 9 May. There were scattered sightings this spring for the North Carolina piedmont, as usual, with four on the Raleigh count on 5 May being an excellent number (fide Robert Hader).
- WESTERN TANAGER:** A male wintered in the yard of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Hammonds in Fayetteville and was last seen on or about 10 May, when it was coming into breeding plumage.
- ROSE-BREADED GROSBEAK:** An excellent total of 125 were seen by Douglas McNair in the Highlands, N.C., vicinity on 4 May. He believed that most were migrants.
- BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK:** An immature male was well studied at a feeder by McDuffy Wade, John Fussell, and many others near Morehead City from 19 March to 21 April. A female was unusual at High Point, N.C., on 6 May, as thoroughly described by Robert Odear.
- BLUE GROSBEAK:** About a week early was one near Chapel Hill on 15 April (Harry LeGrand, Ricky Davis, Allen Bryan).
- DICKCISSEL:** Wayne Irvin observed a male on territory at Raleigh on 12 May, and up to four birds (including several females) were seen there through 15 May by Jim Mulholland and others. Unfortunately, the field was mowed a few days later, and the birds disappeared.
- BACHMAN'S SPARROW:** Five singing males were a fairly good count, noted by Philip Crutchfield near Calabash, N.C., on 31 March.
- SONG SPARROW:** Several weeks late was one seen by Douglas McNair at Santee Coastal Reserve, S.C., on 11 May.
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW:** One seen by Bill Hilton Jr. near York, S.C., on 5 May was the only spring report.
- DARK-EYED JUNCO:** Eleanor Carter observed a late junco at Southern Pines on 5 May.
- YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD:** Henry Haberyan and John Fussell observed a female at Cedar Island, N.C., on 7 April. It remained to 29 April.
- BREWER'S BLACKBIRD:** A male was seen by Sidney Gauthreaux and party on 21 April near Townville. This portion of extreme western South Carolina is the only place where the species has been reported regularly over the last 10 years.
- HOUSE FINCH:** Several birds nested again this spring on the Clemson University campus in Clemson, fide Charlie Wooten. At a high elevation was one noted by Douglas McNair at 3000 feet on Sassafras Mountain, S.C., on 7 April.
- EVENING GROSBEAK:** Quite late was one seen at Pine Knoll Shores, N.C., on 21 and 22 May by Kathy Kirkman.