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A moribund Red-footed Booby (*Sula sula*) was picked up on 27 July 1986 on the beach at Edisto Island State Park, Charleston County, S.C. The bird was kept alive for 2 days, and was then brought to the Charleston Museum. The specimen (ChM 1987.3.011) is a male of the brown color phase. It weighed 516.8 g when received. The specimen was prepared as a standard study skin with detached, flattened wing, and is accompanied by color photographs of the soft parts. Identification was confirmed by comparison with the series of specimens in the U.S. National Museum.

On the Atlantic coast, the Red-footed Booby has been recorded only as far north as southern Florida (AOU Check-list, 1983). This individual was therefore far beyond its normal range. The nearest breeding colony is on Mona Island, west of Puerto Rico. During the period of its appearance, we know of no unusual weather conditions that would explain this accidental occurrence.

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Anhinga, a Breeding Confirmation from Cumberland County, N.C.

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Although the finding of Anhingas (*Anhinga anhinga*) in Cumberland County is noteworthy, such sightings are not unexpected as this area is situated well inside the reported range of the species in North Carolina (Potter et al. 1980). Although the Anhinga was listed in the county as hypothetical during the late 1950s (Hauser 1957), the first positive identifications were not made until the spring and summer