

These data indicate that the Yellow-bellied Flycatcher is a regular, though rare, early-fall migrant on the immediate coast. In the field, it is probably not possible to separate the species of *Empidonax* that regularly occur in South Carolina unless the subjects are singing, which they usually do only in the spring and summer.

### **Vermillion Flycatcher at Pea Island Refuge, N.C.**

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A male Vermillion Flycatcher (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*) was found at Pea Island Refuge on the North Carolina Outer Banks on 4 October 1986. It was seen initially around 1600 by R.J. Hader, who was birding alone. Subsequently it was seen by a number of others attending the Carolina Bird Club fall meeting. Photographs were taken by Ricky Davis and Chris Marsh. Copies have been submitted to the North Carolina Records Committee and the State Museum of Natural Sciences in Raleigh.

When first seen, the flycatcher was feeding from small shrubs along the edge of North Pond impoundment. Hader studied the bird for only a few minutes at close range (40 feet) to confirm the rather obvious field marks—small flycatcher, vermilion red underparts with crown, back, wings and tail all dark. Hader then left to post the sighting on the clipboard maintained for this purpose at Refuge Headquarters. Ricky Davis, Chris Marsh, Harry LeGrand, John Fussell, and several other CBC members found the bird about an hour later, and after more thorough study judged it to be a second-year male. The crown, though basically dark, had scattered red feathers. In addition there was faint dark streaking against the otherwise bright red breast and belly. These observers stayed with the bird until sunset. The following morning attempts to locate it were unsuccessful. It was speculated that the presence of several Merlins (*Falco columbarius*) in the immediate area may have been the reason for its disappearance.

There is one previous record of a Vermillion Flycatcher for North Carolina. An immature male was found 1 October 1972 at Nags Head by DuMont and Ake (Amer. Birds 27:43). It was later seen by Edmund LeGrand, Gard Otis, and Sebastian Patti. Details were not reported until 1981 (Chat 45:45). On the basis of this report, the Vermillion Flycatcher was accorded Provisional I status on the Checklist of North Carolina Birds (Chat 48:86).

### **Black-throated Gray Warbler at Wilmington, N.C.**

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On the morning of 5 January 1986, I observed a Black-throated Gray Warbler (*Dendroica nigrescens*) in my back yard at Wilmington, New Hanover County, N.C.