

First Wilson's Warbler Collected on the Coast of South Carolina

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In 1984-1986, we mist-netted two Wilson's Warblers (*Wilsonia pusilla*), in Charleston County, South Carolina. The first was caught by Green on 18 October 1984 at Hog Island, Mount Pleasant, in coastal scrub (*Celtis-Myrica-Baccharis*) at the edge of a salt marsh. The bird (ChM 1987.3.231) was an immature female; weight, 7.1 g; wing chord, 51.7 mm. The second bird (ChM 1987.3.232), a male of undetermined age, weighed 6.5 g and had a wing length of 54.5 mm. Coleman caught the bird in a wax-myrtle (*Myrica cerifera*) coppice near Fort Moultrie, Sullivan's Island on 14 October 1986.

Although three specimens of Wilson's Warbler have been secured in the Piedmont, at Clemson and Chester (Contr. Charleston Museum XI:484-485, 1949), we can find no evidence that a coastal specimen has been taken before, and indeed Burton (Suppl. Contr. Charleston Museum XI:626, 1970) says that "on the coast it is extremely rare." Norris (Contr. Charleston-Museum XIV:58, 1963) reports that J.B. Hatcher picked up a specimen under a TV tower near Aiken (Beech Island) on 17 October. The location of this specimen is unknown, and it would be the only specimen for the upper coastal plain.

The little information that we now have on this species indicates that it is a rare transient throughout the state, 5 September-9 November and 25 March-19 May.



Attempted Nesting of Marsh Wren in Guilford County, N.C.

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On the morning of 3 July 1987, the distinctive song of a Marsh Wren (*Cistothorus palustris*), was heard by one of us (HTH) in a clump of cattails (*Typha latifolia*), at the point where Horsepen Creek empties into Lake Brandt, approximately 6 miles northwest of Greensboro, Guilford County, N.C. The bird was singing from one corner of a band of marsh that totals no more than four acres at the west end of one reservoir in the city water system. The vegetation is dominated by Yellow Water Buttercup (*Ranunculus flabellaris*), and a variety of grasses. Cattails occur in four clumps of about two thousand square feet each.