

Ash-throated Flycatcher: A New Species for South Carolina

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On 18 February 1976 on my farm in the Beulah Community of Kingstree, Williamsburg County, S.C., I saw a strange flycatcher foraging in a bramble on the edge of an orchard. The specific habitat was an ecotone of mixed secondary growth, with an overstory of gums, pines and oaks, and a sparse understory of catbrier (*Smilax* sp.) and huckleberry (*Vaccinium* sp.). The bird was flycatching among the green leaves of the catbrier, at about 6 m. I was able to secure this individual, which proved to be a male, and, in consultation with W. Post, tentatively identified it as an Ash-throated Flycatcher (*Myiarchus cinerascens*). My identification was confirmed by W.E. Lanyon and J. Bull.

This is the first record of the species from South Carolina. The Ash-throated Flycatcher is a casual visitor to the Southeast, mainly in the winter. Although there are no reports from Georgia, the species is on the North Carolina Provisional I list (one published sight record; Silcock, W.R. 1975. *Chat* 39:40-43) and Virginia has five records, including two photographs (Virginia's Birdlife, An Annotated Checklist, Virginia Avifauna No. 3, 1987). The present record appears to be the most southerly on the Atlantic Coastal Plain (A.O.U. Checklist, 1983). The study skin is now in the Charleston Museum (ChM # 1988.12.02).

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