

## BRIEFS FOR THE FILES

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(CBC = Christmas Bird Count)

**COMMON LOON:** Herb Hendrickson observed 20 loons on Lake Townsend near Greensboro, N.C., on 16 April, a good total for that area.

**HORNED GREBE:** Very late was one in breeding plumage seen by David Disher at Huntington Beach State Park, S.C., on 28 May.

**RED-NECKED GREBE:** Seldom seen in breeding plumage in the Carolinas was one in the surf about two miles north of Corolla, Currituck County, N.C., on 7 and 8 April (John Fussell).

**NORTHERN FULMAR:** On pelagic trips, Dave Lee saw 100+ off Oregon Inlet, N.C., on 7 March, and Harry LeGrand and other observers saw three on 8 March off Beaufort Inlet, N.C. Jay Robinson reported that a Fulmar was caught in a balloon string and washed ashore on Portsmouth Island, N.C., on 26 April; it was released and flew away.

**BLACK-CAPPED PETREL:** Steve Dinsmore saw 16 off Cape Hatteras, N.C., on 27 March.

**SOOTY SHEARWATER:** Numbers of this species and other pelagic birds were seen from shore at Cape Hatteras Point, N.C., this spring by Harry LeGrand, Wayne Irvin, David Wright, and other birders. Sooties were seen from 15 to 28 May with a peak count of 55 on 23 May. Peak totals of other shearwaters were 14 Cory's on 25 May, two Greaters on 24 May, and three Audubon's on 28 May.

**MANX SHEARWATER:** On pelagic trips out of Morehead City, N.C., one was seen on 8 March by Harry LeGrand, Mike Tove, and others, and two were seen on 23-24 March by Derb Carter.

**AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER:** Seldom seen in the colder months were seven counted by Harry LeGrand and party off Morehead City on 8 March and 28 counted by Derb Carter in the same waters on 23 and 24 March.

**WILSON'S STORM-PETREL:** The species was seen daily from shore at Cape Hatteras Point in late May, with the peak count of 150 on 23 May (Harry LeGrand, Wayne Irvin, David Wright).

**LEACH'S STORM-PETREL:** Seldom seen from shore was one observed by Derb Carter over the ocean at Cape Hatteras Point on 14 May.

**GANNET:** Harry LeGrand, Wayne Irvin, and David Wright counted 60 northbound migrants at Cape Hatteras from 23 to 25 May, late dates for such a large number.

**AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN:** At least one was present all winter at Charleston, S.C., as reported by Dennis Forsythe and Steve Compton. Another was sighted at Hatteras Inlet, N.C., on 20 March by Bruce Mack.

**DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT:** Ricky Davis had an excellent piedmont total of 485 at Falls Lake, Durham County, N.C., on 17 April; and Eric Dean observed 30 in flight near Goldsboro, N.C., on 22 May, a notable total for the inner coastal plain.

**ANHINGA:** An excellent count of 25 to 30 birds was seen at a millpond in central Halifax County, N.C., on 23 April by J.B. Elder. Also in that county were one or two seen again near Weldon, by Randy Yelverton and Frank Enders on 28 April. Breeding has never been noted in that state's northern coastal plain. Also of interest were three seen soaring at Sneads Ferry, Onslow County, N.C., on 12 May by Gilbert Grant.

**LEAST BITTERN:** A pair was seen in a marshy pond on Oconeechee Neck, Northampton County, N.C., on 2 and 3 May by Merrill Lynch and party.

**GREAT EGRET:** Rather rare in spring in central North Carolina were one at Winston-Salem on 2 May (David Disher) and one at Greensboro on 21 May (Herb Hendrickson).

**SNOWY EGRET:** Single birds were unusual near Durham, N.C., on 16 and 17 April (Bill and Margaret Wagner, Johnnie Payne) and at Goldsboro, N.C., on 21 May (Eric Dean).

**TRICOLORED HERON:** Seldom found inland in spring was one seen by Herb Hendrickson and Peggy Ferebee at Lake Townsend, near Greensboro, N.C., on 16 April.

**BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON:** Ruth and Jerry Young noted two migrants at Beaver Lake near Asheville, N.C., on 19 April.

**YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON:** An adult was seen at Winston-Salem on 27 April by David and Susan Disher, and one, perhaps the same bird, was noted there on 3 May by Ann Pollard.

**GLOSSY IBIS:** Individuals in inland North Carolina this spring were found at Butner on 17 April (Ricky Davis), at nearby Falls Lake on 23 April (Ricky Davis—three birds), and at Goldsboro on 25 April (Eric Dean).

**WOOD STORK:** Robin Carter and James Haw noted one at Bear Island in Colleton County, S.C., on 11 April.

**CINNAMON TEAL:** A male in full breeding plumage was present at Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge, N.C., from 29 March to 11 April, fide Robert Ake. It was seen by John Fussell, Ricky Davis, Wayne Irvin, and Derb Carter. The bird was wary and presumably was a wild individual; there are perhaps five records for the state.

**NORTHERN SHOVELER:** A good mountain count was 10 birds seen by Douglas McNair at Cashiers, N.C., on 12 April.

**COMMON EIDER:** Extremely late was a female seen at Cape Hatteras Point on 22 May by John Fussell, Sam Cooper, Alan Barron, and Rosemary Bauman.

**HARLEQUIN DUCK:** One of the few records for South Carolina was a male observed by Terence Schiefer at Huntington Beach State Park on 1 March. Two males were seen at groins at the Cape Hatteras, N.C., lighthouse on 4 March by Marcia Lyons.

**OLDSQUAW:** Very late for an inland site was a male in breeding plumage seen by Lex Glover and Evelyn Dabbs near Sumter, S.C., on 21 April. (See p. 29 in this issue)

**COMMON GOLDENEYE:** A female was seen for much of March at Raleigh, N.C., as reported by Jim Mulholland.

**HOODED MERGANSER:** A female with a brood of young was seen by James Haw at Huntington Beach State Park on 22 March for one of the few nesting records for the Carolinas.

**RED-BREASTED MERGANSER:** Five females were late at Huntington Beach State Park on 28 May (David Disher), whereas one female was at Goldsboro on 26 May (Eric Dean).

**RUDDY DUCK:** Eric Dean noted two females lingering at Goldsboro from May to 13 June.

**BLACK VULTURE:** Derb Carter, Ricky Davis, and Harry LeGrand saw two at the Brevard Fish Hatchery, N.C., on 8 May and two others at Cheoah Lake in Graham County, N.C., on 9 May.

**AMERICAN SWALLOW-TAILED KITE:** Individuals were seen near the North Carolina coast on 15 March at Pea Island (Mike Tove, Wayne Irvin), on 20 April near Long Beach (Greg Massey, Jeremy Nance), on 4 May about 5 miles southwest of Newport (JoAnne Powell et al.), on 18 May at Buxton (Sam Cooper et al.), on 21 May near Hubert (Larry and Patti Crawford), and on 22 May at Frisco (John Fussell).

- NORTHERN HARRIER:** A female was seen by Merrill Lynch, Karen Lynch, and Harry LeGrand on 30 May near Roper, N.C.
- SHARP-SHINNED HAWK:** John Fussell noted a modest migration along the coast at Currituck Banks, N.C., one mile south of the Virginia line. He saw five birds in 15 minutes on 7 May. Suggestive of nesting was a pair seen feeding at 5000 feet elevation along the Blue Ridge Parkway in Haywood County, N.C., on 10 May by Mike Tove and party.
- ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK:** Floyd Williams carefully studied a light-phase hawk hovering over a field near Merchants Millpond State Park, N.C., on 13 March. [Convincing details were provided. —HEL]
- GOLDEN EAGLE:** An immature was observed at Devil's Courthouse in northern Transylvania County, N.C., on 11 April by Ruth and Jerry Young. Another immature, possibly the same bird as the one above, was seen by Douglas McNair on 4 May at Black Balsam Knob in nearby Haywood County.
- MERLIN:** Inland sightings, rare in spring, in North Carolina were from Goldsboro on 23 March (Rich Yarbrough), the Merchants Millpond State Park area on 26 March (Floyd Williams), at Jordan Lake on 14 April (Ricky Davis), near Raleigh on 23 April (Jay Carter), near the Tuscarora Boy Scout Camp in southeastern Johnston County on 25 April (Celia and Eric Dean), in central Halifax County on 26 April (three migrating northward — Frank Enders), on the Durham spring count on 27 April (two birds — fide Mike Schultz), and in downtown Fayetteville on 6 May (Philip Crutchfield). In inland South Carolina, Robin Carter watched a Merlin catch a Barn Swallow near the bridge to Dreher Island State Park on 29 March.
- YELLOW RAIL:** A rare sighting was a bird flushed from a grassy swale at Huntington Beach State Park, S.C., on 29 March by Tom and Ann Hankins.
- KING RAIL:** Philip Crutchfield saw one at Becker's Sand and Gravel Company near Fayetteville, on 9 May, for a first local record.
- VIRGINIA RAIL:** A new breeding season locality was reported by Gilbert Grant, who noted a pair on territory in salt marsh at Topsail Island, Onslow County, N.C., on 23, 27, and 29 May.
- COMMON MOORHEN:** An adult was found dead in Winston-Salem, N.C., on 28 April, fide Hop Hopkins.
- LESSER GOLDEN-PLOVER:** There were three spring records, all from South Carolina: five at a farm pond near Landrum on 4 April (Simon Thompson), a remarkable flock of 30 at Savannah National Wildlife Refuge on 5 April (David Sibley), and one at Huntington Beach State Park on 5 May (Tom and Ann Hankins). All birds were in winter plumage.

**WILSON'S PLOVER:** Lex Glover saw two rather early birds on 16 March at Huntington Beach State Park.

**BLACK-NECKED STILT:** Up to 16 were present out of habitat at sandy pools at Cape Hatteras Point, N.C., from 13 May into early June (Sam Cooper et al.); no evidence of nesting was noted. Robin Carter and James Haw had a good total of 50+ birds, probably breeders, at Bear Island Wildlife Management Area, Colleton County, S.C., on 11 April.

**AMERICAN AVOCET:** Locally scarce were three at Huntington Beach State Park on 16 March (Lex Glover) and one at Eagle Island near Wilmington, N.C., from 16 to 20 April (Greg Massey, Jeremy Nance).

**UPLAND SANDPIPER:** An unusual mountain record was a migrant heard calling overhead at night on 19 April at Grandfather Mountain, N.C., by Douglas McNair.

**HUDSONIAN GODWIT:** Just the second spring record for North Carolina was one in partial breeding plumage seen by Harry LeGrand, David Wright, and Wayne Irvin at the Bodie Island, N.C., lighthouse pond on 25 May. The black underwing coverts were seen to rule out other godwit species.

**SANDERLING:** Eric Dean observed one at Goldsboro, N.C., on 27 May, the only inland spring report.

**SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER:** A good inland spring total was 50+ at Goldsboro on 14 May (Eric Dean).

**PECTORAL SANDPIPER:** A notable total for the mountains was 45 tallied by Douglas McNair at Hendersonville, N.C. on 11 April.

**DUNLIN:** Single inland birds were found by Philip Crutchfield at Fayetteville on 14 May and by Eric Dean at Goldsboro on 21 and 22 May.

**CURLEW SANDPIPER:** Sam Cooper and others saw one in partial breeding plumage at Cape Hatteras Point on 13 and 14 May.

**STILT SANDPIPER:** Uncommon finds were three birds at Eagle Island near Wilmington on 25 April (Kitty Kosh) and two in northeastern Pamlico County, N.C., on the same date (Philip Crutchfield et al.).

**RUFF:** A very rare sighting was a female seen by Sam Cooper at a small pond at Cape Hatteras Point on 13 May.

**AMERICAN WOODCOCK:** One was seen at Wanchese, N.C., on 3 May by Merrill Lynch and others, and another was calling at the campground at Cape Hatteras Point on 16 May (Merrill and Karen Lynch).

**RED PHALAROPE:** In addition to several offshore reports, single birds were seen on the coast on 31 March at Carova Beach in Currituck County, N.C. (John Fussell) and at Cape Hatteras Point on 26 April (Derb Carter et al.).

**RED-NECKED PHALAROPE:** Two early birds, perhaps the earliest state record, were seen by Derby Carter, John Fussell, and Merrill Lynch at Cape Hatteras Point on 26 April; and Harry LeGrand observed several groups totalling 30 birds migrating past this point on 15 May.

**POMARINE JAEGER:** There were several reports, as expected, on North Carolina pelagic trips this spring, with the best count being 12 off Beaufort Inlet on 29 May (Derb Carter).

**PARASITIC JAEGER:** Derby Carter noted approximately 19 birds on his pelagic trip off Beaufort Inlet on 29 May, a very high total.

**LONG-TAILED JAEGER:** This rarity is a regular migrant off the coast during the last half of May. Derby Carter observed at least three off Beaufort Inlet on 29 May, and one was seen in this same general area on 24 May by Jeremy Nance. An exceptional record was a total of 12 seen flying past Cape Hatteras Point on 28 May by John Fussell; all but one of the jaegers was in full breeding plumage.

**SOUTH POLAR SKUA:** John Fussell saw two flying past Cape Hatteras Point on 28 May. On pelagic trips, four were seen (and at least one was photographed) off Beaufort Inlet on 29 May by Derby Carter, and Jeremy Nance saw another in this area on 24 May.

**LAUGHING GULL:** Inland birds were seen in North Carolina near Greensboro from 10 to 15 March and on 16 April (Herb Hendrickson), at Jordan Lake on 4 April (Anson Cooke), and at Falls Lake on 23 April (Ricky Davis). Four gulls were seen on 25 April by Merrill Lynch and Derby Carter near Garysburg, Northampton County, N.C.

**FRANKLIN'S GULL:** John Fussell observed an adult in breeding plumage along Currituck Banks, N.C., about 2 miles south of the Virginia line, on 13 April. This is the first spring record for the coast of that state and just the fifth overall record for North Carolina.

**LITTLE GULL:** A record count for North Carolina was the 16 birds found by John Fussell on 10 March at Cape Hatteras Point; 12 of the birds were adults, in winter plumage. Smaller numbers were seen (and photographed) there during the remainder of the month

by many other observers, including Harry LeGrand, Mike Tove, and Derb Carter. Fussell also counted 10 birds along 10 miles of beach north of Corolla, N.C., on 5 April, with six present in the area on 8 April. Other records, all by Fussell, were four Littles at Pea Island on 31 March and one adult at the campground in nearby Salvo on 31 March.

**COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL:** An adult in winter plumage was seen at Cape Hatteras Point on 10 March by John Fussell.

**BONAPARTE'S GULL:** A good count for the Raleigh area was 99 seen by Jim Mulholland at Lake Wheeler on 24 January.

**RING-BILLED GULL:** A high elevation record was one seen standing on the road to Clingmans Dome in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, N.C., on 11 May by Rick Knight.

**ICELAND GULL:** At Cape Hatteras Point, the species was noted from 10 to 31 March by John Fussell and other birders. On 12 March, Fussell saw one adult and two first-winter individuals at this site. Fussell also saw a first-winter gull on the beach just north of Corolla on 1 and 3 April.

**LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL:** One was rather late at Cape Hatteras Point on 26 April (Derb Carter et al.). The peak count for the spring was 12, as noted by John Fussell at the above location on 10 March.

**GLAUCOUS GULL:** John Fussell observed a first-winter bird at Cape Hatteras Point on 11 March.

**CASPIAN TERN:** Individuals were seen at several inland sites in North Carolina: Lake Norman (Dick Brown), Goldsboro (Eric Dean), Greensboro (Herb Hendrickson, Peggy Ferebee), and Jordan Lake (Ricky Davis); the best counts were 20 at Jordan Lake on 21 April and nine at Greensboro on 16 April.

**COMMON TERN:** Three early terns were seen by John Fussell at Cape Hatteras Point on 31 March, whereas another was rather rare inland at a gravel pit near Lillington, N.C., on 25 April (Steve Everhart).

**FORSTER'S TERN:** In addition to several piedmont records, three birds were noted in the mountains at Lake Julian near Skyland, N.C., on 21 April by Ruth and Jerry Young. These observers saw one Forster's there on 25 April.

**SOOTY TERN:** The species was again present at Cape Hatteras Point; this spring, as many as two adults were seen, being first noted on 17 May by Derb Carter, Robert Ake, and others.

- COMMON GROUND-DOVE:** Unusually far inland were two seen by Tom Hankins in eastern Lexington County, S.C., in early February.
- BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO:** Quite rare in the North Carolina coastal plain were two near Scotland Neck on 3 May (John Fussell et al.), two in the Green Swamp about 6 miles south of Bolton on 13 May (Jeremy Nance, Mike Tove, Keith Archibald), one near Jamesville in Martin County on 30 May (Merrill Lynch, Harry LeGrand), and one in central Hertford County on 31 May (Lynch, LeGrand). All these birds are presumed to be transients in this region.
- COMMON BARN-OWL:** Dorothy Foy reported that two downy young were rescued from a grain bin near Oriental, N.C., on 17 May and were taken to her for rehabilitation.
- NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL:** This species has been heard calling in spring in recent years at a site in Francis Marion National Forest, S.C. One bird was heard and briefly glimpsed at this site by Robin Carter, Steve Compton, and James Haw on 2 May, a very late date for the species outside the breeding range. One was seen and heard calling on territory on the night of 7 May on Pickens Nose (4800 feet elevation), southwest of Franklin, N.C., by Nora Murdock. [The location, considerably to the southwest of other breeding populations, and the hardwood forest habitat are most unusual; follow-up field work at this site is needed to determine if this is a regular nesting area. —HEL]
- CHIMNEY SWIFT:** Greg Massey saw two early swifts at Wilmington on 22 March.
- OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER:** Migrants were seen at two North Carolina locales on 10 May — along the Heintooga Road at the southeastern edge of Great Smoky Mountains National Park (Derb Carter, Harry LeGrand, et al.) and near the Zebulon Country Club in Wake County (Eloise Potter, Paula Ruth Ford-Potter).
- LEAST FLYCATCHER:** Simon Thompson noted a male on territory, in pines, near Tryon, N.C., from 6 May to late June.
- EASTERN PHOEBE:** A pair was seen at Lanier Swamp in extreme southeastern Martin County, N.C., on 30 May by Merrill Lynch and Harry LeGrand. This site lies along the eastern edge of the breeding range.
- HORNED LARK:** Merrill Lynch noted pairs of larks in Martin County, N.C., near Oak City and at two sites near Hamilton on 25 May.
- BANK SWALLOW:** A good coastal count of 150, along with a Cliff Swallow, was reported by Jeremy Nance near Wilmington on 25 April.
- FISH CROW:** Herb Hendrickson and others had numerous records in the Greensboro area from 5 March to 3 May. The breeding range of the species in the piedmont is poorly known; these crows have not yet been reported to nest in Guilford County.



**COMMON RAVEN:** The first recent nesting record of ravens in South Carolina was made by Irvin Pitts, who found a nest in 1986 at Caesars Head State Park. In 1987, he noted birds at the same nest, and three young were in the nest on 9 May.

**GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET:** John Fussell saw two rather late at Corolla, N.C., on 29 April.

**WATER PIPIT:** One was at a very high elevation (6000 feet) at Little Black Balsam Knob, Haywood County, N.C., on 4 May (Douglas McNair).

**PHILADELPHIA VIREO:** Highly unusual near the coast in spring was one carefully studied by John Fussell on 1 May at Pea Island.

**WARBLING VIREO:** There were three reports from the coastal plain, where very rare: near Fayetteville on 5 May (Philip Crutchfield), eastern Lexington County, S.C., on 7 May (Tom Hankins), and in eastern Halifax County, N.C., on 9 May (Merrill Lynch, Randy Yelverton). The last bird, probably on territory, was likely the same individual at that site during the previous summer.

**BLUE-WINGED WARBLER:** Haven Wiley observed a very early warbler near Chapel Hill, N.C., on 12 April.

**GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER:** In addition to several piedmont sightings this spring, one was seen near Southern Pines, N.C., on 9 May (Libba Watson).

**BREWSTER'S WARBLER:** One individual of this hybrid was seen by Irvin Pitts at Caesars Head State Park, S.C., on 29 April.

**TENNESSEE WARBLER:** One was far east at Raleigh on 28 April (Derb Carter). There were several sightings this spring in the Charlotte, N.C., area (fide Heathy Walker), as well as nine records this spring at Caesars Head State Park (Irvin Pitts).

**NASHVILLE WARBLER:** One was most unusual in spring on the coast at Buxton, N.C., where Derb Carter watched a singing male on 16 May.

**CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER:** Sam Cooper saw one singing at Pine Island Sanctuary on Currituck Banks, N.C., on 24 May.

**BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER:** A remarkable number was seen along the North Carolina coast this spring. On Currituck Banks, John Fussell noted two on 8 May, three on 20 May, and one on 27 May; and Sam Cooper observed one on 21 May. Cooper also saw three at Nags Head Woods Preserve on 31 May, Fussell saw one on Ocracoke Island on 30 May, and Alan Barron noted one at Buxton on 31 May. Also in the coastal plain was one seen near Vass, N.C., on 9 May by Tom Howard.

**BAY-BREASTED WARBLER:** Philip Crutchfield observed a singing male near Fayetteville on 9 May. Along the coast were single birds seen by John Fussell at Currituck Banks on 20 May and at Ocracoke Island on 30 May.

**CERULEAN WARBLER:** Presumably on territory were single singing males near Little Switzerland, N.C., from 20 to 22 May (Merrill Lynch, Lance Peacock) and near Craven Gap northeast of Asheville, N.C., on 22 May (Lynch, Peacock).

**BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER:** A good coastal plain count of breeding birds was five in eastern Martin and western Washington counties, N.C., on 30 May (Merrill Lynch, Harry LeGrand).

**WORM-EATING WARBLER:** Merrill Lynch noted a singing bird on territory in extreme eastern Edgecombe County, N.C., on 25 May. Irvin Pitts found two nests, each with five eggs, at Caesars Head State Park in May.

**MOURNING WARBLER:** Probably the first spring record for the North Carolina coast was a non-singing male seen about three miles south of the Virginia border in Currituck County on 20 May by John Fussell.

**AMERICAN REDSTART:** An excellent count of presumably breeding birds was 17 singing males in central Washington County, N.C., on 30 May (Merrill Lynch, Harry LeGrand).

**SCARLET Tanager:** Merrill Lynch noted singing males, probably breeders, near the edge of the range in North Carolina: near Hamilton on 25 May, near Williamston on 25 May, along the Martin-Washington county line on 30 May, and in central Gates County on 31 May.

**WESTERN Tanager:** Barbara Roth and Frances Covington saw a female or immature on 1 March at Huntington Beach State Park. A male was seen by Eric Dean in a rural setting near Goldsboro, N.C., on 10 March, whereas another was in a yard at Oriental, N.C., on 4 May (Dorothy Foy).

**ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK:** Sam Cooper noted late migrants on the coast at Currituck Banks on 1 June and at Nags Head on 3 June.

**DICKCISSEL:** Robin Carter and others saw a singing bird near Newberry, S.C., on 2 May, and John Fussell saw a non-singing male north of Corolla on 8 May.

**BACHMAN'S SPARROW:** Singing birds were heard at two sites near Parkersburg, Sampson County, N.C., on 30 April by Harry LeGrand and Merrill Lynch.

**HENSLow'S SPARROW:** Greg Massey and Jeremy Nance found a new "nesting colony" in a clear-cut pocosin in Columbus County, about 10 miles south of Bolton, N.C. They noted eight singing birds on 16 May.

**LECONTE'S SPARROW:** Very unusual for the mountains was one seen at close range by James Coman at Piney Creek, Alleghany County, N.C., on 26 April.

**SHARP-TAILED SPARROW:** Irvin Pitts, Robert Ruiz, and Bill Duyck saw a migrant in Caesars Head, S.C., on 15 May, a rare mountain record.

**LINCOLN'S SPARROW:** The only spring reports were of single birds near Georgetown, S.C., on 11 April (Robin Carter, James Haw) and at Chapel Hill on 9 May (James Haw).

**DARK-EYED JUNCO:** A pair was seen nest-building at Caesars Head State Park on 29 March by Irvin Pitts. Three young later fledged.

**NORTHERN (BULLOCK'S) ORIOLE:** Very rare for South Carolina was a second-year male seen singing near Sumter on 26 April by Evelyn Dabbs and Jimmy Beatty. Jim Mulholland reported a female at his feeders in Raleigh on 15 February. [Observers should take great care in identifying females of this subspecies, as female "Baltimore" Orioles can be quite pale on the breast and belly. —HEL]

**PINE SISKIN:** The species was quite common during the spring over much of the Carolinas, and a late individual was at Saluda, N.C., as late as 30 May (Simon Thompson).