

BRIEFS FOR THE FILES

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(All dates 1989; sightings of waterbirds associated with Hurricane Hugo are included in a separate paper starting on page 73.)

- COMMON LOON:** Two were noted by David Wright from 28 July to late November at Cowan's Ford Dam at Lake Norman, N.C.
- RED-NECKED GREBE:** On 4 November, individuals were seen at both Bodie Island (Ricky Davis) and Pamlico Point (Philip Crutchfield, Morris Whitfield) in North Carolina. Another bird in that state was seen on 24 November near the Cedar Island ferry terminal (Paul Saraceni).
- EARED GREBE:** Eric Dean again noted the species at the Goldsboro, N.C., water treatment plant ponds. He considers that four different birds were present from 21 September into December; as many as three were present at one time in late October and early November. Another was seen at the large pond at Cape Hatteras point, N.C., from 27 October to 5 November (Derb Carter, Ricky Davis, Marcia Lyons). Perry Nugent submitted a photo to the department editor of one he observed at a golf course pond at Mount Pleasant, S.C., on 28 October.
- CORY'S SHEARWATER:** A very good tally of 952 was made on a pelagic trip off Oregon Inlet, N.C., on 26 August by Harry LeGrand and others.
- LEACH'S STORM-PETREL:** The only pelagic report for the fall was one noted by Paul DuMont and party off Oregon Inlet on 2 September.
- BAND-RUMPED STORM-PETREL:** Two were observed, one being photographed by Ned Brinkley, off Oregon Inlet on 18 August (Simon Thompson, Harry LeGrand, Ricky Davis, et al.).
- NORTHERN GANNET:** Rather early for the season was a sub-adult found weakened on the beach at Fort Macon SP, N.C., on 23 September by John Fussell.
- AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN:** A large number for North Carolina was a group of eight that spent the period from 4 November into early December at Pea Island (many observers); nine were counted there in late November by Herb Hendrickson. One was at Hatteras Inlet, N.C., on 25 November (Jeff Pippen).
- GREAT CORMORANT:** Ricky Davis noted three flying south over the ocean at Bodie Island on 4 November. Also on that date, Philip Crutchfield and Morris Whitfield saw a subadult at the mouth of Oyster Creek and the Pamlico River, N.C.
- DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT:** Counts of 100+ were each made near Greenville, N.C., on 8 October (Veronica Pantelidis) and at Goldsboro, N.C., throughout the fall (Eric Dean).
- ANHINGA:** A good total of 14 was noted by Kitty Kosh at Greenfield Lake at Wilmington, N.C., on 18 August. One was rare near Goldsboro, N.C., on 4 August (Wesley Cureton), and another was seen at a pond along I-20 in Kershaw County, S.C., near the Wateree River on 18 November (Robin Carter, Caroline Eastman).

- AMERICAN BITTERN:** Rare in the mountains was one seen on 5 October by Norma and Bill Siebenheller and on 10 October by an unnamed observer at Sherwood Forest in Transylvania County, N.C.
- GREAT BLUE HERON (WHITE PHASE):** Quite unusual for North Carolina was one that was carefully studied by Wayne Irvin and Jim Mulholland at Greenview Farm south of Raleigh, N.C., on 21 April.
- SNOWY EGRET:** Rare for Mecklenburg County, N.C., were two immatures seen in the northern part of the county from 29 August to 10 September (David Wright, Heathy Walker). A good inland count of four was made by Philip Crutchfield at Fayetteville, N.C., on 25 August.
- REDDISH EGRET:** One was seen at Fort Fisher, N.C., on 13 August (Eric Dean). Two birds, an adult and an immature, were there on 2 and 3 September (Derb Carter, Sam Cooper, Jeremy Nance). Two immatures were seen in the North Inlet area, S.C., on 16 September by Lex Glover and Chris Marsh.
- CATTLE EGRET:** Rather late were two at Aurora, N.C., on 9 November (Sam Cooper), whereas 31 was a good count on the late date of 26 November at Bettie in Carteret County, N.C. (John Fussell).
- GREEN-BACKED HERON:** Herb Hendrickson observed a late heron on 19 November near Greensboro, N.C.
- BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON:** The only inland report for the fall was an adult seen at Fayetteville on 2 September by Philip Crutchfield and Doris Chambers.
- YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON:** An immature was notable at Winston-Salem, N.C., on 16 September (Ramona Snavelly, et al.).
- WHITE IBIS:** Remarkably late inland was an immature seen on 21 November at Winston-Salem by Ramona Snavelly and party. A flock of 60 to 70 was seen near Goldsboro in early August by Bill Massengill; Eric Dean counted 24 immatures at that site on 5 August.
- GLOSSY IBIS:** Always of interest inland, two were seen by Ricky Davis near Zebulon, N.C., on 8 September; and two others were noted at Goldsboro by Eric Dean on 24 September.
- FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK:** This southern species is usually a rare but regular late fall visitor to the Carolinas, but there was a notable influx into eastern North Carolina in 1989. Kelly Davis reported that John Farley and Robert Hester saw flocks of 50, six, and five at private impoundments near Lake Mattamuskeet on 25 November. Seven were seen on 4 November at the Goldsboro water treatment plant (Eric Dean, Gene Howe, Sue Greenberg, Robert Raffel); six were seen at Bodie Island on 18 November (Haven Wiley party); two were shot on 23 November at an impoundment near the Neuse River in Lenoir County (reported by Veronica Pantelidis); and two were seen at an impoundment near Otway in Carteret County on several dates in November (John Fussell, Bob Holmes).
- TUNDRA SWAN:** This species has increased dramatically in parts of South Carolina. Noteworthy counts for the fall season were 13 near Beaufort on 23 November (Frederick Pratt, Richard Rickard), 12 at Santee NWR on 25 November (Lex Glover, et al.), and 60 at Huntington Beach SP on 25 November (Robin Carter, Caroline Eastman).

- MUTE SWAN:** Of uncertain origin was one that arrived in the fall with other waterfowl at an impoundment near Otway, N.C.; it was observed on 27 November by John Fussell and Bob Holmes.
- GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE:** Two immatures were seen with five blue phase Snow Geese at the U.S. Vegetable Lab near Charleston, S.C., on 2 November by Perry Nugent.
- SNOW GOOSE:** One white phase adult was rare near Chapel Hill, N.C., where seen by Maurice Graves, Anson Cooke, and others on 21 October.
- ROSS' GOOSE:** An adult was present again at Pea Island in late fall, first noted on 11 November by Haven Wiley and seen on numerous other dates later in the month.
- BRANT:** Seldom reported from Pamlico County, N.C., a group of eight was noted on 6 and 7 November at Mouse Harbor, and 30 were there on 23 and 24 November (Mike Brannen Jr., Mike Brannen Sr., Morris Whitfield).
- EURASIAN WIGEON:** Individuals were seen at Pea Island from 7 October (Allen Bryan, Bob Lewis) to late November, with a peak count of four there on 4 November (Ricky Davis). Another wigeon was present along the causeway at Lake Mattamuskeet from mid- to late November, as reported by John Wright and Kelly Davis.
- COMMON EIDER:** Somewhat early was an immature male seen by Ricky Davis at Bodie Island, N.C., on 4 November.
- HARLEQUIN DUCK:** Last winter, two females spent the season under the Oregon Inlet, N.C., bridge. This fall, a female, perhaps one of the birds from last winter, was noted there on 27 November by David Disher and party.
- BLACK SCOTER:** A first record for Mecklenburg County, N.C., was a female seen at Lake Norman on 4 November by David Wright and Roy Beddard.
- SURF SCOTER:** Eric Dean observed a female at Goldsboro from 25 to 31 October.
- WHITE-WINGED SCOTER:** A fairly good count was 20 seen among 6000 Surf and Black scoters on 22 November in northeastern Pamlico County (Mike Brannen Jr., Mike Brannen Sr., Morris Whitfield).
- COMMON GOLDENEYE:** A good find was three goldeneyes at catfish ponds near Ayden, N.C., on 24 November (Russ Tyndall).
- COMMON MERGANSER:** A female noted by Ricky Davis at Jordan Lake, Chatham County, N.C., was very early on 21 October. Another female was rare on salt water at Oregon Inlet on 25 November (Davis, Harry LeGrand).
- BLACK VULTURE:** An excellent mountain count was 11 birds seen with 20 Turkey Vultures at Sparta, N.C., on 17 August by James Coman.
- AMERICAN SWALLOW-TAILED KITE:** One seen by Paula Wright east of Wilson, N.C., on 24 September might have been displaced northward by Hurricane Hugo. Simon Thompson saw an immature at Landrum, S.C., on 12 August and perhaps the same bird on 27 August at Columbus, N.C.
- MISSISSIPPI KITE:** Most unusual for the mountains was one seen over the French Broad River between Rosman and Brevard, N.C., on 26 September by Norma and Bill Siebenheller. Likely the same bird was reported the next day near Brevard by Betty McIlwain, who saw it "flycatching" at dusk. An adult was notable at Fort Fisher, N.C., on 7 October (Robin

- Carter, Sam Cooper), as was another adult at Sesquicentennial SP, S.C., on 30 September (Carter, Caroline Eastman).
- BROAD-WINGED HAWK:** Peter Worthington observed 100 migrating past Caesars Head, S.C., in two hours on 23 September. However, an outstanding count was the 2335 tallied by Simon Thompson on 27 September at Landrum, S.C.
- ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK:** An immature of the dark phase was well described at Savannah NWR, S.C., on 21 November by Frederick Pratt and Richard Rickard.
- GOLDEN EAGLE:** Philip Crutchfield and party had the rare experience of watching an adult or subadult Golden Eagle chasing a Bald Eagle, noticeably smaller than the Golden, in northeastern Pamlico County on 21 October. An immature Golden was seen on 24 November and several later dates in early winter at Lake Mattamuskeet by Kelly Davis and others.
- MERLIN:** Inland reports were made near Raleigh on 24 April by Jim Mulholland, near Charlotte on 28 September by David Wright, at Jordan Lake on 21 October and near Zebulon on 31 October by Ricky Davis, and at Eutawville, S.C., on 14 November by Dennis Forsythe.
- PEREGRINE FALCON:** Formerly quite rare inland, the species has increased in numbers in the Carolinas, in part due to hacking projects in eastern North America. One to two birds were seen regularly most of the fall season in downtown Charlotte (fide David Wright). Others in inland North Carolina were birds at two sites near Goldsboro on 30 September and 10 October (Eric Dean), at Brevard on 6 October (Norma Siebenheller), at Chimney Rock from August to 13 October (Simon Thompson), at Raleigh on 15 October (Jim Mulholland), and at Greenville on 16 October (Russ Tyndall). Two were observed at Caesars Head SP, S.C., on 23 September by Peter Worthington, and one was noted on 19 September at Landrum, S.C., by Simon Thompson.
- YELLOW RAIL:** A most unusual, and very significant, record was of a Yellow Rail flushed from the side of a road by Ruth Young while she was jogging on 10 November. She saw the "white wing-patch on the secondaries" as the bird flushed from Brush Creek Road near Fairview, Buncombe County, N.C.
- CLAPPER RAIL:** Greg Deering found an injured bird in downtown Fayetteville on 22 September, an obvious "victim" of Hurricane Hugo, which passed through the Carolinas on that day.
- PURPLE GALLINULE:** An immature was seen by Sam Cooper at Sunset Beach, N.C., on 17 September.
- SANDHILL CRANE:** Simon Thompson reported that an unnamed observer provided a good description of five birds seen on 23 October at Columbus, N.C. Another flock of migrants was nine seen at the Savannah spoil area, S.C., on 22 November by Frederick Pratt and Richard Rickard.
- BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER:** The better inland counts were nine at Goldsboro on 11 November (Eric Dean) and four in a plowed field at Mayesville, S.C., on 3 November (Lex Glover, Evelyn Dabbs).
- LESSER GOLDEN-PLOVER:** Two were noted by Paul DuMont at Pea Island on 4 September. Single plovers were seen, all in North Carolina, at Cape Hatteras point on 8 September (Marcia Lyons, Joan Bartlett) and again on

13 October (Lyons), near Aurora on 14 September (Sam Cooper), at Cowan's Ford Refuge at Lake Norman on 19 September (David Wright), at Fort Macon SP on 22 September (John Fussell), at Bogue Inlet on 22 September (Fussell, John Wright), and at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington on 22 September (Cooper).

AMERICAN AVOCET: Always of note inland, one was found by Eric Dean at Goldsboro on 7 September, and as many as eight were seen near Aurora from mid-October to 16 November by Sam Cooper. Locally rare on the coast were one at Fort Fisher on 3 September (Cooper, Jeremy Nance) and four at Pritchard's Island in Beaufort County, S.C., on 1 September (Kevin Calhoun, Kim Gundler).

SOLITARY SANDPIPER: Rather late inland was one on 15 October near Rocky Mount, N.C., as seen by Ricky Davis.

SPOTTED SANDPIPER: Quite late was one seen at Pactolus, Pitt County, N.C., from 4 to 24 November by John Wright, Veronica Pantelidis, and others.

UPLAND SANDPIPER: A very good inland count for the fall migration was nine found by Eric Dean at Cherry Hospital near Goldsboro on 29 September, a surprisingly late date for such a number. The only other inland report for the fall was two present at the Greenville, N.C., airport for several days in early August (John Wright, Russ Tyndall).

LONG-BILLED CURLEW: There were four reports, each of single birds along the North Carolina coast, for the fall season: at Portsmouth Island on 10 August (John Wright), at Long Beach on 10 August (Bill Brokaw), at Fort Fisher on 7 October (Carolina Bird Club participants), and perhaps the last individual again at Zeke's Island on 23 October (John Fussell).

HUDSONIAN GODWIT: Very rare in South Carolina were 10 birds seen at the Savannah spoil area on 21 October by Steve Calver. He also saw two there on 24 September and three on 22 October. Notable records for North Carolina included surprisingly late individuals at North River just north of Beaufort on 12 November (John Fussell) and at Pea Island on 24 and 25 November (Peter Worthington, Ricky Davis, Harry LeGrand).

SANDERLING: High water levels at inland lakes during the summer and fall kept reports and numbers of this species and other shorebirds generally at a minimum in 1989. Two individuals each were reported at Winston-Salem on 10 September (Ramona Snively, Barbara Page), Goldsboro on 19 September (Eric Dean), and northern Mecklenburg County on 20 September (Heathy Walker).

WESTERN SANDPIPER: Very late inland was one seen at Lake Julian in Buncombe County, N.C., on 19 November by Ruth and Jerry Young.

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: Rare inland in fall were two at Winston-Salem on 24 September (David Disher), one near Rocky Mount on 15 October (Ricky Davis), and two at Pactolus, N.C., on 22 October and one there on 28 October (John Wright, Veronica Pantelidis).

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER: Disappointingly, there were just two fall sightings -- one at Cape Hatteras point on 3 September by John Kelly, and two at South Pond at Pea Island on 4 September by Paul DuMont.

PECTORAL SANDPIPER: Sam Cooper had a good inland count of 210 near Aurora on 24 August.

- CURLEW SANDPIPER:** One seen at South Pond on Pea Island on 6 August (Merrill Lynch, Derb Carter) was presumably one of the handful of birds reported there in July.
- STILT SANDPIPER:** The only inland count of multiple birds was nine at Goldsboro on 26 September (Eric Dean). At Aurora, in the tidewater region, Sam Cooper had an outstanding peak count of 184 at impoundments on 14 September. Another Stilt Sandpiper was quite late on 26 November at a spoil pool at Beaufort, N.C. (John Fussell).
- BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER:** Two were noted by John Kelly at Cape Hatteras point on 3 September. The only other fall sightings, each of single birds in North Carolina, were at New Topsail Inlet on 5 September (John Fussell, Debbie Mignogno), at Goldsboro on 6 September (Eric Dean), near Charlotte on 9 September (David Wright), and at Pea Island on 17 September (Ricky Davis, et al.).
- LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER:** One was rare inland near Greenville, N.C., as noted by John Wright on 24 September. The first sighting of the fall at Aurora was on 18 August (Sam Cooper), and six were locally unusual at Brittlebank Park in Charleston on 30 August (Dennis Forsythe).
- WILSON'S PHALAROPE:** The peak count at Pea Island, where regular in fall, was 14 on 19 August (Harry LeGrand, et al.). Inland were two near Aurora on 14 September (Sam Cooper) and one to two at Goldsboro from 20 to 31 August (Eric Dean, Ricky Davis). In South Carolina, where a rare migrant, singles were seen along the coast near Georgetown (Perry Nugent) and at the Savannah spoil area (Steve Calver), each on 16 September.
- RED-NECKED PHALAROPE:** Always of interest inland, two were seen by Russ Tyndall at the water treatment plant at Goldsboro on 30 September. Others seen along the coast, all single birds, were at Pea Island on 17 September (Harry LeGrand, Ricky Davis, et al.), at Cape Hatteras point on 23 September (Jeremy Nance), at Ocracoke Island on 5 September (Jerry Via, et al.), and at the Savannah spoil area on 16 September (Steve Calver).
- POMARINE JAEGER:** The best pelagic counts were six each off Oregon Inlet on 18 August, as noted by Harry LeGrand and others, and on 2 September, as reported by Paul DuMont.
- PARASITIC JAEGER:** There were several pelagic reports off Oregon Inlet in the fall, with the best total being three on 2 September (Paul DuMont).
- LONG-TAILED JAEGER:** Always notable, though not unexpected offshore in fall, were a full-plumaged adult off Oregon Inlet on 27 August, as seen by Harry LeGrand and others, and an immature off that inlet on 2 September, as noted by Paul DuMont.
- SOUTH POLAR SKUA:** An excellent find was one seen by the Paul DuMont party off Oregon Inlet on 2 September.
- COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL:** One was reported at Hatteras, N.C., by Chris Foster in late November.
- ICELAND GULL:** Rather early for this species was the sighting of an immature on the beach at Avon, N.C., on 15 November (Derb Carter).
- LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL:** Quite early was one seen by Eric Dean, John Wright, and others at Cape Hatteras point on 17 September.

- BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE:** The only fall report was an immature seen flying past Cape Hatteras point on 4 November (Ricky Davis).
- SABINE'S GULL:** Always noteworthy, a Sabine's was seen in flight over the surf at the Cape Hatteras lighthouse by Herb Hendrickson and Benton Basham on 9 September.
- CASPIAN TERN:** Sam Cooper had a notable inland total of 27 birds on 14 September near Aurora. Two were rare for the mountains at Lake Julian near Asheville, N.C., on 22 September (Ruth and Jerry Young).
- SANDWICH (CAYENNE) TERN:** One yellow-billed tern, apparently of this taxon, was seen by Bob Lewis and Allen Bryan at Cape Hatteras point on 7 October. [This is the third report of a "Cayenne" Tern, if indeed an all yellow-billed Sandwich Tern is this form, from North Carolina and perhaps the United States; all sightings have been at Cape Hatteras. -- HEL]
- ROSEATE TERN:** The individual reported in July at Cape Hatteras was seen on several dates in August, the last on 19 August by David Wright and Taylor Piephoff.
- ARCTIC TERN:** One was reported at Cape Hatteras point on 3 September by Paul DuMont. Onshore sightings of this species are very rare.
- FORSTER'S TERN:** Despite this species occurring in winter on some of the larger lakes in South Carolina, it is seldom reported in the colder months from such sites in North Carolina. Thus, notable was one at Jordan Lake on 15 November, as seen by Doug Shadwick.
- LEAST TERN:** A good inland sighting was one on 14 August, and two on the following day, at Lake Glenwood near Greenville, N.C. (Veronica Pantelidis).
- SOOTY TERN:** Surprising numbers were seen off Oregon Inlet this fall, where it is usually uncommon. Harry LeGrand and others saw 28 on 26 August, 21 on 27 August, and 39 on 16 September. Bridled Tern counts for these three dates were only three, three, and 25; a count of 34 on 18 August in these waters (LeGrand) was the best fall total.
- BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO:** The only sightings were of single birds at Fairview, Buncombe County, N.C., on 1 August (Ruth and Jerry Young); near Winston-Salem on 16 September (Ed Mulvey); at Table Rock SP, S.C., on 3 October (Simon Thompson); in northeastern Pamlico County, N.C., on 21 October (Philip Crutchfield, et al.); and at Santee NWR, S.C., on the extremely late date of 3 December (Harry Snavely, Zack Bynum).
- SHORT-EARED OWL:** Hartsell Cash saw one in the daytime near Hillsborough, N.C., on 7 November.
- NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL:** The owl that wintered last year at Buxton, N.C., was seen again on 29 November in the same yard (Bonnie and Frank Terrierri).
- COMMON NIGHTHAWK:** One was observed at Greensboro, N.C., on the late date of 29 October by Don Allen.
- SELASPHORUS HUMMINGBIRD:** One hummingbird with a "green back, rufous sides of the breast, rufous tail with a black strip and white dots" was at Betty McIlwain's feeder in Brevard, N.C., from 8 October to at least 15 December. Another bird of this genus, an immature, was reported by Simon Thompson at Tryon, N.C., from 16 November to 1 December.

- OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER:** Individuals were observed in North Carolina at Duck on 4 September (Paul DuMont) and near Raleigh on 13 October (Jim Mulholland).
- YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER:** Sightings were scarce this fall, with the following reports, all from North Carolina: at Duck on 4 September (Paul DuMont), near Fayetteville on 8 September (Philip Crutchfield), and on 17 September and 29 September in Mecklenburg County (David Wright).
- ALDER FLYCATCHER:** David Wright had a rare and late bird, giving its characteristic "pip" or "peep" call, in Mecklenburg County on 10 October.
- WESTERN KINGBIRD:** Single birds were seen at four coastal North Carolina sites in October, plus one was at Fort Fisher on 24 November (Doug Shadwick).
- GRAY KINGBIRD:** Always of interest was one seen on telephone wires at Fort Fisher on 22 September by Sam Cooper.
- SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER:** One was seen at Buxton, N.C., from 4 to 14 October by Marcia Lyons, Merrill Lynch, and other birders. One seen a few miles to the west near Frisco on 18 November (Charlie Alston) might have been the same bird as above.
- PURPLE MARTIN:** Seldom seen after mid-September, one was late on 7 October at Fort Fisher, as noted by Ricky Davis.
- NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW:** John Wright observed 100+ on the late date on 24 September near Greenville, N.C. This large number was likely displaced by the passage of Hurricane Hugo two days earlier.
- BANK SWALLOW:** Although at times fairly common to common in early fall, a count of 1400+ on powerlines near Aurora on 17 August (Sam Cooper) was an exceptional number. About 200 were seen at Goldsboro on 10 August by Eric Dean.
- RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH:** Possibly on territory were several seen along the trail between Burrell's Ford and the Walhalla Fish Hatchery in Oconee County, S.C., on 20 August (Robin Carter, Caroline Eastman). These observers also saw several at the hatchery on 3 September.
- BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER:** Although not unusual inland in November, a count of seven on 25 November at New Bern, N.C. (Bob Holmes, John Fussell, Rich Boyd, Ken Wilkens) was quite a surprise.
- SWAINSON'S THRUSH:** Several weeks early was one seen by Paul Saraceni near Jordan Lake on 18 August.
- LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE:** One was rare, perhaps an early migrant, in the mountains near Piney Creek, Alleghany County, N.C., on 10 August (James Coman).
- WARBLING VIREO:** Seldom reported in fall migration was one observed well by Simon Thompson on 16 September at Columbus, N.C.
- PHILADELPHIA VIREO:** Fall reports were made in North Carolina at Fairview in Buncombe County on 22 September (Ruth and Jerry Young), at Buxton on 24 September (Jeremy Nance), in northern Mecklenburg County on 29 September (David Wright), and at Greenville on 8 October (John Wright). Simon Thompson saw another on 27 September at Landrum, S.C.
- BREWSTER'S WARBLER:** David Wright and Heathy Walker saw this hybrid in northern Mecklenburg County, N.C., on 14 September. Unlike the

- majority of Brewster's, this individual had no apparent yellow on the underparts.
- NASHVILLE WARBLER:** As usual, there were a handful of sightings this fall in North Carolina, including coastal reports. Quite late was an adult male seen by Bob Holmes at New Bern on 19 November; another at Fort Fisher on 4 November (Sam Cooper) was also later than usual.
- BLACKPOLL WARBLER:** Jeremy Nance and Greg Massey noted surprisingly large numbers in the Corolla and Duck areas of the North Carolina Outer Banks, reporting 200 on the weekend of 14 and 15 October.
- CERULEAN WARBLER:** Probably a local breeding bird, a male seen at Chimney Rock, N.C., on 26 August by Simon Thompson was the only fall report.
- PROTHONOTARY WARBLER:** Merrill Lynch and Randy Yelverton noted a late bird at Conoho Creek near Williamston, N.C., on 9 October.
- CONNECTICUT WARBLER:** This species is seldom found in the fall except on the Outer Banks, and this season's only report was from that region. Bob Lewis saw an immature female at Buxton on 8 October.
- MOURNING WARBLER:** This rare and elusive migrant was observed by Paul DuMont at Duck on 4 September and at Calvert in Transylvania County, N.C., on 26 September by Norma and Bill Siebenheller.
- WILSON'S WARBLER:** In addition to several reports during the usual migration period, one was very late on 22 November at the Savannah spoil area (Frederick Pratt, Richard Rickard).
- YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT:** Two birds, perhaps at a wintering site, were seen at a quarry near New Bern on 25 November by Bob Holmes and party.
- SUMMER TANAGER:** One was late at Johns Island, S.C., on 4 November, as reported by Pete Laurie.
- DICKCISSEL:** An excellent migration count was seven birds seen flying north at Pea Island on 22 October by Ricky Davis. Other Dickcissels were single birds seen on 15 October near Raleigh (Jim Mulholland), on 29 and 31 October in northern Mecklenburg County (David Wright, Heathy Walker), and on 4 November at Fort Fisher (Sam Cooper).
- BACHMAN'S SPARROW:** Rarely reported from Harnett County, N.C., one was noted singing on 13 August by Harry LeGrand near Spout Springs.
- CLAY-COLORED SPARROW:** Seldom reported in the mountains, an immature was seen on the surprising date on 12 December in Sherwood Forest in Transylvania County, N.C., by Bill and Norma Siebenheller. Along the coast, where rare but regular in fall, were two at Pea Island on 22 October (Ricky Davis), one at that site on 14 October (Merrill Lynch, et al.), and one at Mount Pleasant, S.C., on 28 October (Perry Nugent, Charlie Walters).
- LARK SPARROW:** All fall sightings came from the North Carolina coast, with the only report of multiple birds being three at Duck on 4 September (Paul DuMont).
- SAVANNAH (IPSWICH) SPARROW:** Rarely reported away from the immediate coast was one seen in typical dune habitat near the Cedar Island, N.C., ferry terminal on 24 November by Paul Saraceni.
- GRASSHOPPER SPARROW:** Records for the coastal plain of North Carolina, all suggestive of local breeding, were a few on territory all summer at the

New Hanover County airport, with two still singing on 5 August (Sam Cooper, David Wright); three to six near Grantham in Wayne County on 6 and 8 August (Wesley Cureton); and two males and a female or immature at a Fort Bragg landfill near Fayetteville on 26 August (Philip Crutchfield).

LE CONTE'S SPARROW: Excellent finds were individuals seen by Paul Hart on 24 October at the southern boundary of Raven Rock SP, N.C., and by David Wright in Mecklenburg County on 1 November.

LINCOLN'S SPARROW: Eloise Potter noted one singing, rare behavior for the species in migration, along Moccasin Creek at the Wake-Franklin County line, N.C., on 29 October and 5 November. Other fall sightings were at Fairview, N.C., on 15 October (Ruth and Jerry Young); at Mount Pleasant, S.C., on 4 November (Perry Nugent); and in Mecklenburg County on 6 November (Taylor Piephoff).

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: Rarely seen on mainland Dare County, N.C., was one at the bombing range in the southern part of the county on 15 October (Merrill Lynch, Vaughn Morrison).

LAPLAND LONGSPUR: Unusual in southern South Carolina was one seen and heard giving the rattle call at the Savannah spoil area on 18 November by Steve Calver and Pat Young. In North Carolina, three were seen at Cape Hatteras point on 19 October (John Fussell) and one was noted near Goldsboro on 23 November (Eric Dean).

SNOW BUNTING: The only reports for the fall were of single birds at Fort Macon SP on 27 October (Neill Lee) and at Cape Hatteras point on 4 November (Ricky Davis).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: An immature male was observed by Paul DuMont at Pea Island on 4 September.

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD: Perry Nugent provided a thorough description of a male and a female at his feeder at Charleston on 15 November. Also unusual were two males and a female at cattle feeding pens near Charlotte, as seen by David Wright on 17 November.

COMMON GRACKLE: Quite rare on the Outer Banks away from the Buxton area, a group of 200 was notable at Salvo on 26 November (Harry LeGrand, Ricky Davis).

RED CROSSBILL: Small groups were seen by Robin Carter and Caroline Eastman in the South Carolina mountains near Burrell's Ford on 20 August and at the Walhalla Fish Hatchery on 3 September.

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH: Lex Glover noted a pair at a feeder with a fledgling at Lugoff, S.C., on 5 September.