

BRIEFS FOR THE FILES

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- RED-THROATED LOON: One on Lake Townsend near Greensboro, N.C., on 9 November was carefully compared with Common Loons by Herb Hendrickson and Roger McNeill.
- COMMON LOON: Ruth Young had a good mountain count of 30 on Lake Junaluska, N.C., on 11 and 12 November.
- HORNED GREBE: A total of 55 on Jordan Lake in Chatham County, N.C., on 10 November (Paul Saraceni) was a notable inland count.
- RED-NECKED GREBE: Always a good find, one was very rare inland on Lake Townsend near Greensboro. Henry Link, Herb Hendrickson, and others saw the bird from 9 to 17 November; it was photographed by Roger McNeill.
- EARED GREBE: Eric Dean again found the species on the water treatment ponds at Goldsboro, N.C., this fall. He believes about six different birds were present from 3 September to 7 October, with the peak count of three from 4 to 7 October. The only other fall report was at North Pond on Pea Island, N.C., where Harry LeGrand and John Wright saw one on 16 November.
- BLACK-CAPPED PETREL: An excellent count was 145 seen in the Gulf Stream off Oregon Inlet, N.C., on 24 August (Mike Tove party).
- GREATER SHEARWATER: A good count for late August was 22 birds seen off Oregon Inlet on 24 August (Mike Tove, Harry LeGrand).
- AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER: The distribution and abundance of this species during the cooler months is poorly known. Single birds were noted off Charleston, S.C., on 16 November (Dennis Forsythe) and off Beaufort Inlet, N.C., on 29 November (Harry LeGrand).
- BAND-RUMPED STORM-PETREL: Two were seen off Oregon Inlet on 24 August by Mike Tove and party.
- WHITE-TAILED TROPICBIRD: Two were observed by Mike Tove, Ricky Davis, and party in the Gulf Stream off Oregon Inlet on 7 September, for the only fall report.
- MASKED BOOBY: This rare offshore visitor was seen at close range in the Gulf Stream off Oregon Inlet on 3 August. A subadult was entangled in a line at a fishing boat; B.J. Rose, Clay Sutton, and others observed the booby at very close range as the bird was set free.
- NORTHERN GANNET: An immature seen plunge-diving into the waters at Falls Lake, Durham County, N.C., on 30 November (Leslie Todd) and 1 December (Ricky Davis) must have been an unusual sight. There are one or two far-inland records for that state, but this record appears to be the first with good details. A subadult was found dead on the beach at North Topsail Beach, N.C., on 3 September (Gilbert Grant).
- AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN: The only fall reports were two at Johns Island, S.C., on 26 October (B. Stringfellow) and one at Hatteras Inlet, N.C., on 27 November (Bob Righter).

- GREAT CORMORANT:** An immature seen by Roger McNeill was early on 12 October at Huntington Beach SP, S.C. A locally good count of five Greats was made at Oregon Inlet on 23 November (Haven Wiley et al.).
- ANHINGA:** A male was seen along I-20 near the Wateree River in Kershaw County, S.C., on 9 November by Robin Carter and Caroline Eastman.
- LEAST BITTERN:** One seen at the extensive sand flats at Portsmouth Island, N.C., on 14 October (Steve Dinsmore) was out of habitat and was rare for the Outer Banks.
- GREAT EGRET:** Jeff Pippen had a good local count of 80 egrets at a partly-drained Lake Michie, Durham County, N.C., on 13 August.
- TRICOLORED HERON:** One was rare east of Rocky Mount, N.C., on 9 September (Ricky Davis).
- REDDISH EGRET:** Gene Howe and Betty Grady observed and photographed an immature at Fort Fisher, N.C., on 1 September. Rather late for North Carolina was another immature seen on 15 October by Steve Dinsmore at New Drum Inlet on Core Banks.
- BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON:** An unusual concentration of migrants was seven adults and an immature seen at Bunn Lake near Zebulon, N.C., by Ricky Davis on 23 September.
- YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON:** An adult was seen on several dates in July at Lindley Park in Greensboro by Jeff Hole, who saw the bird capture a crayfish on one occasion. Kevin Hennings saw an immature at sewage ponds at Rock Hill, S.C., on 13 September.
- GLOSSY IBIS:** Always notable inland, four were observed in flight by Paul Saraceni at Kinston, N.C., on 15 September, and one was seen at Rock Hill, S.C., on 21 October by Kevin Hennings.
- ROSEATE SPOONBILL:** The birds seen at the Savannah spoil area in southern Jasper County, S.C., in summer remained at least to 26 October. The peak count was six spoonbills there on 17 August (Roger McNeill).
- WOOD STORK:** Good totals for each state, both at traditional post-breeding sites, were 31 at Sunset Beach, N.C., on 17 August (Ricky Davis) and 189 at Silver Bluff Audubon Sanctuary in Aiken County, S.C., on 12 August (Dan Connelly).
- FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK:** The only fall report was of a large flock at the spoil ponds at Eagle Island near Wilmington, N.C. Greg Massey saw 28 there on 26 September, and Sam Cooper observed 34 on 8 November.
- TUNDRA SWAN:** Locally rare were eight at Lake Wheeler near Raleigh, N.C., on 10 November (Jeremy Nance) and one near Pictolus in Pitt County, N.C., on 18 November (Harry LeGrand).
- SNOW GOOSE:** Single birds, each of the white phase, were notable on 26 October at the spoil area in Jasper County, S.C. (Robin Carter), on 31 October at a quarry in New Bern, N.C. (Rich Boyd, Bob Holmes, Wade Fuller), and on 29 November in central Carteret County, N.C. (John Fussell).
- ROSS' GOOSE:** Apparently a record state count was three adults seen on 25 October at Pea Island, N.C., by Steve Dinsmore, Jim Parnell, and Jeff Walters. Single birds were seen at that location as early as 20 October (Ned Brinkley) and as late as 23 November (Haven Wiley party).

- EURASIAN WIGEON:** This species is by no means rare on the Outer Banks in fall, as evidenced by a count of five males at North Pond on Pea Island on 8 and 9 November (Steve Dinsmore). There were numerous other fall sightings from this location, with the earliest being a male, probably just beginning to come into alternate plumage, seen at North Pond on 29 September by Mike Tove and others.
- REDHEAD:** Ruth Young observed small numbers on three lakes—Beaver, Junaluska, and Enka—in the Asheville, N.C., area on 11 and 12 November.
- COMMON EIDER:** A female seen at Huntington Beach SP, S.C., was a good find on 29 November, as noted by Dennis and Donna Forsythe, Robin Carter, and Caroline Eastman.
- KING EIDER:** Along the North Carolina Outer Banks, a female King was seen flying by the Cape Hatteras lighthouse on 16 November by John Wright and Harry LeGrand, and an immature male was seen flying by Coquina Beach on Bodie Island on 17 November by Ricky Davis.
- HARLEQUIN DUCK:** A female was seen in the surf and walking on the beach at Cape Hatteras point on 27 November by Bob Righter.
- OLDSQUAW:** The storm that forced down the Red-necked Grebe at Greensboro also produced a male Oldsquaw at Lake Townsend near Greensboro on 9 November (Roger McNeill, Herb Hendrickson). McNeill also saw a female at nearby Lake Brandt on 17 November. Far to the south was a female seen by George Reeves at the Savannah spoil area on 28 November.
- SURF SCOTER:** Always notable inland, one was surprisingly early on 24 September at the water treatment plant ponds at Goldsboro (Eric Dean); and Steve Dinsmore observed two birds on 17 November, and four birds on 19 November, at Jordan Lake.
- WHITE-WINGED SCOTER:** Very rare inland were an excellent five seen on 16 October at Goldsboro by Eric Dean and one seen from 1 to 16 November at the Furman University campus near Greenville, S.C., by John Batson and Peter Worthington.
- COMMON GOLDENEYE:** Somewhat early was a pair seen at Jordan Lake on 20 October by Paul Saraceni.
- COMMON MERGANSER:** The fallout of 9 November produced five female Commons at Lake Townsend near Greensboro (Roger McNeill, Herb Hendrickson).
- RUDDY DUCK:** Unseasonably early was a male in breeding plumage at the Savannah spoil area on 17 August (Roger McNeill) and one of unspecified sex and plumage at New Bern on 26 August (Rich Boyd, Bob Holmes).
- BLACK VULTURE:** Ruth Young observed large numbers migrating past Fairview, Buncombe County, N.C., during the fall, and 38 were counted by Irvin Pitts at Caesars Head SP, S.C., on 20 September. The migration status of this species is poorly known, as it is a permanent resident at most Carolina sites, though clearly there is an input of migrants into the region in fall.
- AMERICAN SWALLOW-TAILED KITE:** John Cely reported that an injured bird was found during the fall near Iva, Anderson County, S.C., and taken to Riverbanks Zoo in Columbia for rehabilitation.

- MISSISSIPPI KITE:** Somewhat late was an adult seen by Jack Peachey near Socastee, Horry County, S.C., on 12 October.
- NORTHERN HARRIER:** Robin Carter and Caroline Eastman saw one on 10 August at the Bear Island WMA, S.C. The species is not known to breed at present in that state, and perhaps this was an early migrant.
- SHARP-SHINNED HAWK:** James and Elizabeth Pullman had a pair in their yard in southern Durham County, N.C., during the summer, being seen on nine dates from 21 May to 20 July.
- BROAD-WINGED HAWK:** Excellent counts were noted by several observers along and near the Blue Ridge escarpment. Toby Gordon and party counted 984 flying over Pilot Mountain SP, N.C., on 20 September; Irvin Pitts counted 2827 flying over Caesars Head SP, S.C., on 20 September and 845 there on the following day; and Simon Thompson counted 953 flying over Bird Mountain near Landrum, S.C., on 20 September and 1031 flying over Chimney Rock Park, N.C., on 22 September. Rare along the coast was one seen by Todd Hass and Roger McNeill at Sunset Beach, N.C., on 17 October.
- ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK:** One was a very good find in Gates County, N.C., where Steve Dinsmore saw a light-phase hawk on 29 November.
- MERLIN:** Inland sightings, all in North Carolina, were made on 20 September at Zebulon (Ricky Davis), on 20 September at Carrboro (Paul Saraceni), on 18 October near Goldsboro (Eric Dean), and on 22 October near Goldsboro (Gene Howe).
- PEREGRINE FALCON:** This species continues to increase as a fall migrant, and inland birds were seen on 7 September at Roan Mountain, N.C. (Rick Knight), on four dates in September at Pilot Mountain SP, N.C. (Toby Gordon, Doug Shadwick), on 19 September at Landrum, S.C. (Simon Thompson), and on 27 October at Goldsboro (Eric Dean).
- YELLOW RAIL:** Sam Cooper flushed one from marsh grasses at Eagle Island near Wilmington on 20 October. Robin Carter heard one in response to nocturnal rock clicking near Gadsden, S.C., on 19 and 26 October.
- CLAPPER RAIL:** This species migrates, at least sparingly, over inland parts of the Carolinas at night but is usually found as a migration casualty at TV towers or skyscrapers. One such bird was found dazed in a parking lot on 14 October in Goldsboro; Eric Dean identified the rail.
- SANDHILL CRANE:** Two were seen at the Open Grounds Farm in central Carteret County, N.C., in the spring of 1989 by one of the owners (fide John Fussell). One was seen in fall (1991) in a drained Carolina bay just north of Marion, S.C., by Charles McRae.
- BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER:** Quite late for the interior was one seen on 12 November by Paul Saraceni at Jordan Lake.
- LESSER GOLDEN-PLOVER:** There were numerous reports from the region this season, with good totals being seven at Falls Lake, N.C., on 15 September (Ricky Davis), seven at the Cherry Hospital grounds near Goldsboro on the same date (Eric Dean), and five at the Orangeburg, S.C., sod farms from 20 to 26 November (Robin Carter, Dennis Forsythe). Other birds were reported from Corolla, Cape Hatteras point, Portsmouth Island, and Wilmington along the North Carolina coast, and inland at Beaverdam Reservoir in northern Wake County, N.C.

- SEMIPALMATED PLOVER:** One was late on 20 October at Lake Townsend near Greensboro (Herb Hendrickson).
- BLACK-NECKED STILT:** An outstanding Carolina count was 600 stilts noted by Robin Carter and Caroline Eastman at the Savannah spoil area on 8 September.
- AMERICAN AVOCET:** Fred Garrett and Herb Hendrickson noted a very rare inland bird at Lake Townsend near Greensboro on 2 August. Another was locally rare at a spoil pond along the Morehead City - Beaufort, N.C., causeway on 6 September (Bob Holmes).
- WILLET:** Steve Dinsmore had a good count of 490 Willets at Oregon Inlet on 29 September.
- UPLAND SANDPIPER:** The peak count at the Orangeburg sod farms, S.C., was at least ten birds on 10 August (Tim Kalbach).
- LONG-BILLED CURLEW:** The traditional curlew at Fort Fisher, N.C., was first noted on 2 September, by Betty Grady and Gene Howe. A good total of five was seen at Cape Romain NWR, S.C., on 13 October by J. Cox.
- HUDSONIAN GODWIT:** Very rare in South Carolina, one was carefully studied by many birders at Huntington Beach SP from 11 November to the end of the month. It was first noted by Nathan Dias and later seen by Bill Pulliam, Robin Carter, and others. Unusual away from the coast was one seen on the late date of 17 November at Mattamuskeet NWR, N.C., by Harry LeGrand and John Wright. There were just a few reports from the Pea Island vicinity, where regular each fall.
- RUDDY TURNSTONE:** The only inland report was four seen by Ricky Davis at Falls Lake on 15 September.
- SANDERLING:** This species migrates through inland parts of the Carolinas mainly in September, when Paul Saraceni had a good total of 15 at Jordan Lake on the 22nd of that month.
- WESTERN SANDPIPER:** About a month late at an inland site was one on 10 November at Jordan Lake (Paul Saraceni).
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER:** Rare inland were one on 25 August and eight on 7 September at Orangeburg (Robin Carter), one at Goldsboro on 5 September (Gene Howe), and one at Jordan Lake on 12 November (Paul Saraceni). Sam Cooper and Greg Massey observed five late birds at Eagle Island on 17 November.
- BAIRD'S SANDPIPER:** Single birds were seen inland in North Carolina north of Charlotte from 16 to 20 August (David Wright), at Goldsboro on 21 August (Eric Dean), at Lake Michie near Durham on 31 August (Todd Hass, Roger McNeill, et al.), near New Bern on 2 September (Rich Boyd), and at Jordan Lake on 20 October (Paul Saraceni). In addition to a few on the Outer Banks, a juvenile was extremely late at Eagle Island on 17 November, as studied by Sam Cooper and Greg Massey.
- PECTORAL SANDPIPER:** An excellent count was 220 observed by Tim Kalbach and Robin Carter at sod farms near Orangeburg on 16 August. Late Pectorals included one on 25 and 26 November at Orangeburg (Dennis Forsythe) and one at New Bern on 2 December (Bob Holmes).
- DUNLIN:** An excellent inland count was 86 seen at Falls Lake and adjacent Beaverdam Reservoir on 3 November by Harry LeGrand. Elsewhere inland,

- the next highest total was just four birds, in the Charlotte area on 9 November (Taylor Piephoff).
- CURLEW SANDPIPER:** A juvenile was a good find by Harry LeGrand and Steve Dinsmore at North Pond on Pea Island on 27 September. Dozens of Carolina Bird Club members saw the bird over the next two days.
- STILT SANDPIPER:** Rather late were single birds seen at New Bern on 31 October (Rich Boyd party), at Lake Mattamuskeet on 9 November (Steve Dinsmore), and at the Savannah spoil area on 28 November (George Reeves).
- BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER:** At the Orangeburg sod farms, the species was noted from 3 September to 15 October, with a peak count of eight there on 21 September, as seen by Robin Carter. Others inland were three seen by Ricky Davis at Falls Lake on 15 September and one seen by Gene Howe near Goldsboro on 30 and 31 August. Notable near the coast were three seen in a spoil pond along the Morehead City - Beaufort causeway on 6 September (Bob Holmes) and one on the University of North Carolina - Wilmington athletic fields on 23 September (Sam Cooper).
- RUFF:** The only fall report was a female or immature seen at the Savannah spoil area on 13 October by Roger Clark, Kevin Calhoon, and Bruce Smart.
- WILSON'S PHALAROPE:** The species was poorly represented along the coast this fall, with a few at Pea Island and one at the Savannah spoil area on 4 August (Robin Carter, Caroline Eastman) the only ones reported. Very rare inland were one seen by Eric Dean at Goldsboro on 11 August and by Ricky Davis at Falls Lake on 15 September.
- RED-NECKED PHALAROPE:** The only onshore report for the season was one observed by Harry LeGrand and others at New Field on Pea Island on 21 and 22 September.
- RED PHALAROPE:** Normally much rarer than the other two phalaropes inland, this species was noted inland in North Carolina on three occasions. One was observed by Todd Hass, Herb Hendrickson, and others at Lake Hamilton in Greensboro from 28 September to 2 October; Roger McNeill photographed this individual. Mike Tove saw one at nearby Lake Townsend on 18 November, and Eric Dean noted another on 30 September swimming with ducks at the Goldsboro water treatment ponds. The best offshore count was 40 seen by Harry LeGrand off Beaufort Inlet on 29 November.
- PARASITIC JAEGER:** Extremely rare inland was an immature carefully studied by Steve Dinsmore at Jordan Lake on 17 November and again on 27 November and 3 December by Paul Saraceni.
- LAUGHING GULL:** A strong storm along the coast on 9 and 10 November brought considerable numbers of this species inland. On the latter date, ten were seen by Eric Dean at Goldsboro, nine were seen by Paul Saraceni at Jordan Lake, and one was seen by Taylor Piephoff in Mecklenburg County, N.C. Saraceni saw another Laughing Gull at Jordan Lake on 26 October and 2 November.
- LITTLE GULL:** Rare and unusually early were an immature carefully observed by John Fussell and Jim O'Donnell at Cape Lookout, N.C., on 20

- September and an adult seen by Peter Worthington over the surf at Nags Head, N.C., on 27 September.
- COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL:** The individual that has wintered for several years at Morehead City was first noted this fall on 8 October by Paul Saraceni.
- RING-BILLED GULL:** Bob Wood noted one late gull at Lake Wateree, S.C., on 16 June.
- LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL:** Rare for South Carolina was one seen at Huntington Beach SP on 3 November by Jack Peachey and Perry Nugent. The earliest of a handful of coastal North Carolina reports was one seen on 29 September at Cape Hatteras point (Ricky Davis, John Wright).
- BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE:** Single birds were seen on pelagic trips off Beaufort Inlet on 28 November by John Wright and on 30 November by Russ Tyndall.
- ROSEATE TERN:** Two adults were noted by Mike Tove and Harry LeGrand at Cape Hatteras point on 25 August, and another adult was seen at Cape Lookout on 20 September by John Fussell and Jim O'Donnell.
- COMMON TERN:** This species typically has departed the Carolinas by the end of October; thus, notably late were three seen about 40 miles off Charleston on 16 November (Dennis Forsythe) and one seen at Cape Hatteras point on the same date (Ricky Davis). Eric Dean had a good inland count of 18 Commons at Goldsboro on 24 September.
- FORSTER'S TERN:** Ricky Davis observed a high inland total of 21 Forster's, along with three Commons, at Falls Lake on 1 September. A tern seen at a great distance at Greensboro on the very late date of 9 November was thought to have been this species by Herb Hendrickson and Roger McNeill.
- BRIDLED TERN:** The best offshore count for the season was 31 tallied by Mike Tove and party off Oregon Inlet on 24 August.
- SOOTY TERN:** Onshore reports for the season were an excellent five seen by Russ Tyndall at Cape Hatteras point on 25 August and one seen in Carteret County, N.C., by Rich Boyd and Ken Wilkins on 19 August (a day after passage of Hurricane Bob). The peak offshore count was just four birds, seen by Mike Tove and party off Oregon Inlet on 7 September.
- BLACK TERN:** Eric Dean had a good inland count of 12 birds at Goldsboro on 5 September.
- BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO:** This rare migrant was noted in North Carolina only twice: at Tryon on 9 October (Simon Thompson) and at Ocracoke Island on 28 September (Harry LeGrand, Peter Worthington, and others). Lex Glover banded one near Mayesville, S.C., on 23 October, and others were seen in that state on 11 September at the Victoria Bluff Preserve in Beaufort County (John Cely) and on 7 October at Mount Pleasant (Dennis Forsythe, Donna Forsythe).
- SHORT-EARED OWL:** Rather rare for South Carolina was one seen at Huntington Beach SP on 3 November by Robin Carter and Caroline Eastman.
- WHIP-POOR-WILL:** Three were noted by Dennis and Donna Forsythe at James Island, S.C., on 27 to 29 September.
- OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER:** Always of note in the Carolinas, single individuals were observed on 21 September at Charlotte (fide Taylor Piephoff)

- and on 5 October at the Broad River WMA in Fairfield County, S.C. (Peter Worthington).
- YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER:** Individuals of this elusive migrant were found in North Carolina at Eagle Island on 22 September (Greg Massey), at Pea Island on 27 September (Taylor Piephoff) and on 7 October (Jeremy Nance), and at Carolina Beach SP on 28 September (Sam Cooper). The only reports for South Carolina were birds banded by Lex Glover near Mayesville on 13 September and 1 October.
- WILLOW FLYCATCHER:** Ricky Davis saw and heard one calling at Pea Island on 8 October.
- LEAST FLYCATCHER:** Ricky Davis saw and heard a calling bird on Roanoke Island, N.C., on 28 September, as did Jeff and Anne Phippen at Pea Island on 10 October. Bill Hilton Jr. banded and measured two Least on the surprisingly early date of 17 August at York, S.C.
- SAY'S PHOEBE:** An individual photographed near the pony pens at Ocracoke Island on 11 October by Hugh McFadden was just the third record for North Carolina.
- WESTERN KINGBIRD:** Single birds were seen along the North Carolina coast at Sneads Ferry on 14 October (Gilbert Grant) and at Salvo from 15 to 17 November (Russ Tyndall et al.); two were seen at Pea Island on 27 September by Ricky Davis. Single birds were noted along the South Carolina coast at Mount Pleasant on 7 October (Dennis Forsythe) and at Huntington Beach SP on 24 November (Anson Cooke party).
- GRAY KINGBIRD:** This very rare visitor was observed on 2 October at Morehead City by John Fussell.
- SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER:** Always notable were single migrants seen by Butch Pearce and Brian Patteson on 18 and 19 August at Mackay Island NWR, N.C., and by Rad Mayfield on 16 November several miles north of Cheraw, S.C.
- HORNED LARK:** A good count for central South Carolina was 30 birds, as noted by Dennis and Donna Forsythe on 28 September at the Orangeburg sod farms.
- BANK SWALLOW:** Eric Dean had an excellent count of at least 1500 Banks on 27 August near Goldsboro.
- COMMON RAVEN:** Three were seen on 4 August at Chimney Rock Park, N.C., by Simon Thompson. Birds were noted there on a number of occasions earlier in the year, but no evidence of nesting was reported.
- SEDGE WREN:** Completely surprising was one seen singing in a wet field with pine saplings in the Wambaw District of the Francis Marion NF, S.C., on 1 August (Peter Yaukey, Barny Dunning). The species is not known to breed in the Carolinas, and the bird was likely not breeding in that area.
- EASTERN BLUEBIRD:** Very rare on the Outer Banks was a male seen by Steve Dinsmore at Pea Island on 22 November.
- SPRAGUE'S PIPIT:** Rick Knight observed one on the ground, and he flushed the bird to hear the call, on Round Bald at Roan Mountain, N.C., on 27 October. There are only several previous state records. Full details have been submitted to *The Migrant*.
- SOLITARY VIREO:** Robin Carter noted one singing in his yard in Columbia, S.C., on 13 August. He believes the bird was an early migrant.

- WARBLING VIREO:** This very rare fall migrant was noted only by Peter Worthington, who saw one at Simpsonville, S.C., on 9 September.
- PHILADELPHIA VIREO:** Single birds were encountered in North Carolina near Greensboro on 22 September (Eric Dean); at Buxton (Harry LeGrand), Corolla (John Fussell party), and Roanoke Island (Ricky Davis) on 28 September; at Bodie Island on 7 October (Jeremy Nance); at Pea Island on 8 October (Davis); and at Tryon on 9 October (Simon Thompson). The only report from South Carolina was one seen on 22 September at Congaree NM by Dennis Forsythe and others.
- BLUE-WINGED WARBLER:** Infrequently reported from the coast were two birds seen at Folly Beach, S.C., on 7 October by Dennis Forsythe.
- GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER:** Lex Glover banded four birds near Mayesville during the fall, with one on 30 August and three on 18 and 19 September.
- TENNESSEE WARBLER:** Dennis Forsythe had a good coastal count of five Tennessees at Mount Pleasant on 7 October.
- ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER:** The only inland count of more than a single bird was two seen by Todd Hass at Chapel Hill, N.C., on 3 November.
- NASHVILLE WARBLER:** One was somewhat early on 31 August at Chapel Hill (Todd Hass, Roger McNeill). Rare along the South Carolina coast was one seen by Dennis and Donna Forsythe at Mount Pleasant on 5 October.
- CERULEAN WARBLER:** This easily overlooked migrant was seen at Charlotte by Taylor Piephoff, who saw two immatures on 18 August.
- WORM-EATING WARBLER:** Seldom reported after September, one was notable on 13 October at the Broad River WMA, Fairfield County, S.C. (Tim Kalbach).
- NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH:** Bob Holmes observed a late migrant at New Bern from 21 October to 5 November.
- CONNECTICUT WARBLER:** This rare and elusive migrant was encountered only twice during the fall: at Mount Pleasant on 21 September (Dennis and Donna Forsythe) and at Manteo, N.C., on 29 September (Henry Haberyan).
- MOURNING WARBLER:** This very rare migrant was seen in August in Greensboro (Roger McNeill, Henry Link), on 4 September at Charlotte (Taylor Piephoff), and on 2 September near Mayesville (banded by Lex Glover).
- WILSON'S WARBLER:** Taylor Piephoff and others saw at least three Wilson's on the Outer Banks from Pea Island to Buxton on 27 and 28 September. Somewhat early was one seen by Ruth Young at Fairview, Buncombe County, N.C., on 2 September.
- CANADA WARBLER:** Very rare along the coast were single birds seen at Pawleys Island, S.C., on 7 October (Tom and Ann Hankins) and at Pea Island on 8 October (Ricky Davis).
- YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT:** Quite late was one seen on 23 November in southern Halifax County, N.C., by Debbie Scruggs.
- WESTERN Tanager:** Russell Rogers observed one at Asheville, N.C., on 25 September; however, no details on sex or plumage were received.
- ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEEK:** A male, still with some rose on the breast, was quite late in departing on 10 November, when seen by Steve Hall and Mike Schultz in southwestern Durham County, N.C.

- INDIGO BUNTING:** Rather late was a bunting seen on 14 November at Huntington Beach SP by Lex Glover, Evelyn Dabbs, and party.
- DICKCISSEL:** Again this fall, the only individuals of the species reported were fly-overs on the Outer Banks, where Ricky Davis noted three on 8 October at Pea Island.
- CLAY-COLORED SPARROW:** This species is either increasing as a migrant, or observers are becoming more adept at finding these sparrows. Inland, one was seen on 13 October at the Broad River WMA, S.C., by Tim Kalbach, and one was seen just west of Lake Phelps, N.C., on 27 October by Ricky Davis. Along the coast, at least two were seen by dozens of Carolina Bird Club members at the northern end of Pea Island from 27 to 29 September; one was at North Pond at Pea Island on 10 October (Jeff and Anne Pippen); one was at Portsmouth Island, N.C., on 14 October (Steve Dinsmore); one was at Eagle Island near Wilmington from 18 to 20 October (Greg Massey, Sam Cooper); and one was at Folly Beach, S.C., on 7 October (Dennis Forsythe).
- LARK SPARROW:** This declining species was noted inland at Charlotte on 16 August by Taylor Piephoff and near Goldsboro on 6 October by Eric Dean. Two were seen at Pea Island from 27 to 29 September by Carolina Bird Club members, one was seen at Eagle Island on 20 October by Sam Cooper, and one was seen at Bennett's Point in Colleton County, S.C., from 24 to 28 November by Sam Breysshaw and others.
- HENSLOW'S SPARROW:** Allen Bryan found two birds in a recent clearcut about five miles east of Edenton, N.C., on 29 November; and Sam Breysshaw observed two more in a powerline clearing in western Beaufort County, S.C., on 17 November.
- LE CONTE'S SPARROW:** Allen Bryan observed one in the Henslow's Sparrow field east of Edenton on 29 November, and another was noted by Doug Shadwick on 27 October at Arrowhead Lake in Anson County, N.C.
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW:** This is a secretive sparrow, but certainly more common in the Carolinas in fall and winter than the previous two species. Eric Dean saw five Lincoln's from the driver's seat of his truck while birding along brushpiles south of LaGrange, N.C., on 27 October. Single birds were observed in North Carolina at Pea Island on 8 October (Ricky Davis), at Fort Fisher on 8 October (Sam Cooper), at Eagle Island on 20 October (Cooper), in southern Mecklenburg County on 2 November (Kevin Hennings), and at New Bern on 18 November (Wade Fuller, Bob Holmes). The only report from South Carolina was one seen by Simon Thompson in the Pacolet Valley near Landrum on 10 November.
- LAPLAND LONGSPUR:** Always notable in South Carolina, one was heard calling by Robin Carter at the Orangeburg sod farms on 27 October, two were seen by Simon Thompson near Landrum on 10 November, and three were seen at Huntington Beach SP from 24 to 29 November by Charles McRae and others. The only report for North Carolina was two heard calling just west of Lake Phelps on 16 November (Harry LeGrand).
- SNOW BUNTING:** Single birds were seen along the North Carolina coast at New River Inlet on 26 October (John Fussell), at Fort Macon SP on 30 October (Randall Newman), and at Wrightsville Beach on 10 November (Sam Cooper).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: The only fall migrant was, as expected, on the Outer Banks, where one was seen at Pea Island on 8 September by Mike Tove and party.

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD: This species is always of interest in North Carolina, where its wintering status is poorly known. At an apparently regular wintering site, two females were noted in central Carteret County on 29 November by John Fussell, John Wright, and Paula Wright. Ricky Davis saw five females at the former First Colony Farms west of Lake Phelps on 27 October, and a male was found dead just south of Raleigh on 6 November by James and Elizabeth Pullman.

SHINY COWBIRD: The third record for North Carolina was provided by Philip Crutchfield, who carefully studied four males in a large group of Brown-headed Cowbirds at a shopping center in Fayetteville on 30 October.

ORCHARD ORIOLE: Bob Holmes, Rich Boyd, and Wade Fuller noted one on the late date of 31 October at New Bern.

