

BRIEFS FOR THE FILES

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(all dates 1992 unless otherwise indicated)

- PIED-BILLED GREBE:** A rare breeding report for the piedmont was a pair of grebes that nested at an industrial pond at Simpsonville, S.C., during the spring (Peter Worthington).
- HORNED GREBE:** Steve Dinsmore observed one from 13 May into June south of Stacy, Carteret County, N.C.
- RED-NECKED GREBE:** Two were noted, 1/4-mile apart, in the surf at North Topsail Beach, N.C., on 4 March by Gilbert Grant.
- EARED GREBE:** One, mostly in basic plumage, was observed by Steve Dinsmore on 3 March in the surf north of Avon, N.C. Another was seen, in full breeding plumage, from April through 1 May at Goldsboro, N.C., by Eric Dean.
- NORTHERN FULMAR:** This species is apparently regular well off the North Carolina coast in March and April. A total of eight seen on 1 May by John Arvin and party, in the Gulf Stream off Oregon Inlet, N.C., was thus not overly surprising.
- CAPE VERDE PETREL:** One individual of this form, considered by many authorities to be a valid species within the Soft-plumaged Petrel complex, was seen and photographed by a group of 25 birders (Mike Tove, Harry LeGrand, Ricky Davis, Brian Patteson, and others) east of Cape Hatteras, N.C., on 24 May. Full details have been submitted to a national journal.
- CORY'S SHEARWATER:** Uncommon from shore were one seen from Pawleys Island, S.C., on 7 May (Bill Pulliam) and two seen from Cape Hatteras point, N.C., on 23 May (Mike Tove et al.).
- SOOTY SHEARWATER:** Notable onshore counts of northbound migrants were 233 tallied by Mike Tove, Harry LeGrand, Todd Hass, and others at Cape Hatteras point, N.C., in 3.5 hours on 23 May; 22 counted by Steve Dinsmore at North Core Banks, N.C., in one hour on 20 May; and one seen by Bill Pulliam from Pawleys Island, S.C., on 29 May.
- MANX SHEARWATER:** The individual seen by Ned Brinkley on the 22 May pelagic trip off Oregon Inlet (see Table) was only a mile or two off that inlet and was quite late for the species. [This is a "cold" water species seldom present in the warm waters of the Gulf Stream; however, the confusingly similar Audubon's Shearwater, found primarily in the Gulf Stream, does occur in waters inshore of the Gulf Stream and is occasionally seen from shore.—HEL]
- WILSON'S STORM-PETREL:** Observations from shore included one from North Core Banks, N.C., on 29 April (Steve Dinsmore); three from Pawleys Island, S.C., on 7 May (Bill Pulliam); and 17 from Cape Hatteras point on 23 May (Mike Tove et al.).
- LEACH'S STORM-PETREL:** Four were seen from shore at Cape Hatteras point on 23 May by Mike Tove and others, and rare for South Carolina was one seen about 52 miles east-northeast of Charleston on 1 June by Nathan Dias and Jack Peachey.

PELAGIC OBSERVATIONS IN THE GULF STREAM OF NORTH CAROLINA: The following totals were made in May. The letter is the location and observers, and the number in the table heading is the date in May. The asterisk indicates the species was seen, but no numbers were tallied.

- A off Oregon Inlet (John Arvin party)
- B off Oregon Inlet (Mike Tove, Harry LeGrand, and party)
- C off Oregon Inlet (Ned Brinkley party)
- D off Oregon Inlet (Ned Brinkley party)
- E off Hatteras Inlet (Mike Tove, Harry LeGrand, and party)
- F off Oregon Inlet (Merrill Lynch, Derb Carter)

	A	B	C	D	E	F
	1	16	22	23	24	31
Northern Fulmar	8		1			
Black-capped Petrel	12	14	1	31	18	8
Cape Verde Petrel					1	
Cory's Shearwater		33	35	8	16	350
Greater Shearwater			13	2	1	9
Sooty Shearwater		8	17	20	52	3
Manx Shearwater			1			
Audubon's Shearwater		17			5	10
Wilson's Storm-Petrel	100	354	172	145	147	45
Leach's Storm-Petrel	1	2	1			7
Northern Gannet	30	47	1	1	7	3
White-tailed Tropicbird		1				1
Red-necked Phalarope		46	66		10	6
Red Phalarope	50		1			
South Polar Skua			5	2	1	
Pomarine Jaeger	25	19	2	5	22	10
Parasitic Jaeger		2	2	5	3	12
Long-tailed Jaeger		3	4	1	2	
Black-legged Kittiwake			1			
Common Tern	*	105	119	10	66	5
Arctic Tern		5	27	1	27	8
Common/Arctic tern sp.?			131	59	40	
Roseate Tern		1	7			
Sooty Tern		2			1	1
Bridled Tern		2	18		1	6
Black Tern		2			6	

BAND-RUMPED STORM-PETREL: Seldom if ever previously seen from shore alive, at least one was seen by Mike Tove and Todd Hass over the surf at Cape Hatteras point on 23 May.

WHITE-TAILED TROPICBIRD: An adult seen off Oregon Inlet on 16 May by Mike Tove and 20+ other birders was one of the earliest records for North Carolina. Notable for South Carolina were two seen off Charleston on 1 June by Nathan Dias and Jack Peachey.

- MASKED BOOBY:** Always a good find on a pelagic trip, a booby in sub-adult plumage off Charleston was seen on 16 May by Steve Patterson and Irvin Pitts.
- NORTHERN GANNET:** John Fussell estimated that 7000 gannets migrated past Atlantic Beach, N.C., in three hours on 12 April. At Pawleys Island, S.C., Bill Pulliam counted 162 gannets flying south on 7 May, and he observed five on 28 May and two on 29 May. Mike Tove, Harry LeGrand, and Todd Hass had a tally of 150 gannets on the late date of 23 May at Cape Hatteras point.
- AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN:** The only spring report was one seen on 22 March at Hatteras Inlet, N.C., by Steve Dinsmore.
- BROWN PELICAN:** Howard Vainwright noted from one to four birds at a sand-pit pond north of Grimesland, N.C., from 1 to 20 March; and Russ Tyndall, John Wright, and Paula Wright saw one there on 28 March.
- GREAT CORMORANT:** Four birds, including an adult in breeding plumage, were seen at Huntington Beach SP, S.C., on 5 May (Bill Pulliam), and one was still there on 16 May (Nathan Dias, Jack Peachey). In North Carolina, Steve Dinsmore observed two immatures on 6 March at the Cedar Island ferry terminal, an immature on 10 April near Atlantic, and an adult on 15 May west of Ocracoke.
- DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT:** Notable for Ashe County, N.C., was one seen on 31 May on the North Fork New River by Eric Dean.
- MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD:** Rare and extraordinarily early was a well-described immature seen soaring over the end of a jetty at Huntington Beach SP on 15 March by Nathan Dias, Perry Nugent, Edwin Blitch, and Ann Peterson.
- REDDISH EGRET:** A year-old bird was rare and early at the south side of New Drum Inlet, N.C., from 16 to 31 May, as seen by Steve Dinsmore and Jeremy Nance.
- YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON:** Two adults were present at a nest in a backyard of a home in Charlotte, N.C., for several weeks in May (Kevin Hennings, Katherine Higgins), providing a rare piedmont breeding record. Eric Dean saw a bird in eastern Johnston County, N.C., on 3 May; nesting of the species is possible in the Neuse River floodplain there.
- GLOSSY IBIS:** Single individuals were rare inland visitors in North Carolina at Greenville on 17 April (Russ Tyndall, Howard Vainwright), at Goldsboro on 23 April (Eric Dean), and near Scotland Neck on 16 May (Ricky Davis).
- TUNDRA SWAN:** Locally rare was a swan seen at a New Bern, N.C., quarry on 30 April by Rich Boyd, Bob Holmes, and Wade Fuller.
- BRANT:** A notable count for 15 May was 23 birds seen by Steve Dinsmore west of Ocracoke.
- EURASIAN WIGEON:** Records of male wigeons for the spring were from Huntington Beach SP on 8 March (Heathy Walker, Harriett Whitsett) and 15 March (Lex Glover); from Pea Island, N.C., on 22 March (Steve Dinsmore); and from Bodie Island, N.C., on the very late dates of 14 to 22 May (Rick Knight, Steve Strickland, Mike Tove, et al.).
- RING-NECKED DUCK:** Females lingered at Greenville, N.C., to at least 27 May (Howard Vainwright) and at Goldsboro through 31 May (Eric Dean).

- COMMON EIDER:** The two immature males seen at jetties at Wrightsville Beach, N.C., during the winter remained through 5 April, when noted by Jeremy Nance and Steve Dinsmore. An immature male was late on 18 April, when seen by John and Paula Wright at the Cedar Island ferry terminal.
- KING EIDER:** A good find were an immature male and a female at the Wrightsville Beach jetties on 15 March (Jeremy Nance, Steve Dinsmore).
- HOODED MERGANSER:** Mark Thompson found a nest of mergansers in a Wood Duck box along the Neuse River about 6 miles southeast of Smithfield, N.C. He saw a female, as well as eight eggs in the box, on several dates beginning in late March.
- BLACK VULTURE:** Scott Hartley noted a nest of the species in an old house at Eno River SP, N.C.; two young were seen on 26 April.
- AMERICAN SWALLOW-TAILED KITE:** Migrants were seen on the Outer Banks of North Carolina at Avon on 8 April (Marcia Lyons) and 6 miles south of Salvo on 14 May (Rick Knight).
- MISSISSIPPI KITE:** Eric Dean saw one on 26 April along the Neuse River in eastern Johnston County, N.C. There appears to be suitable breeding habitat in that river's floodplain.
- NORTHERN HARRIER:** Simon Thompson noted a late migrant at Hendersonville, N.C., on 20 May, and Steve Dinsmore observed pairs at Portsmouth Island on 22 May and at northern Core Banks on 24 May.
- BROAD-WINGED HAWK:** On the Outer Banks, where rare as a migrant, a kettle of eight birds was seen at Bodie Island on 14 May by Rick Knight, and one was noted at northern Core Banks on 24 May by Steve Dinsmore. Three were seen overhead, in comparison with a Red-tailed Hawk, on the extremely early date of 8 March near Durham, N.C., by Todd Hass and Jeff Pippen.
- MERLIN:** The latest report from the coast was 16 May, at Portsmouth Island (Jeremy Nance, Steve Dinsmore). Inland sightings, all in North Carolina, were of single birds on 17 April at Greenville (Russ Tyndall), on 26 April at Rocky Mount (Ricky Davis), on 30 April at Eno River SP (Scott Hartley), and on 9 May near Glendale Springs (Carolina Bird Club field trip).
- PEREGRINE FALCON:** A pair again was present at Chimney Rock Park, N.C., this spring, according to Simon Thompson, but nesting evidence could not be found. An immature was slightly late at Portsmouth Island on 17 May (Jeremy Nance).
- PURPLE GALLINULE:** Single birds were noteworthy on a small pond north of Southport, N.C., as seen by Greg Massey and Jeremy Nance on 25 April, and on northern Core Banks from 23 to 30 May, as noted by Steve Dinsmore.
- SANDHILL CRANE:** The only spring report was one seen at the Orangeburg sod farms, S.C., by Roger Clark, Kevin Calhoon, Lex Glover, and others from 6 to 21 March.
- BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER:** Eric Dean saw two on 9 May and one on 25 May at Goldsboro, and Sam Cooper observed two calling overhead on 20 May near Zebulon, N.C.

- LESSER GOLDEN-PLOVER:** Always a rarity in spring, one bird was seen by Robin Carter and Caroline Eastman at the Orangeburg sod farms on 5 April.
- BLACK-NECKED STILT:** Steve Dinsmore noted one on 3 May and two on 5 May at Portsmouth Island, where the species is considered a rare migrant.
- AMERICAN AVOCET:** This species is rare in North Carolina away from the Pea-Bodie islands area; thus, of interest was one seen on 22 and 23 May at Portsmouth Island (Steve Dinsmore).
- UPLAND SANDPIPER:** The highest spring count was at the Orangeburg sod farms, with 12 seen on 11 April by Robin Carter, who observed a very early individual there on 11 March. Rare in spring on the Outer Banks were singles seen on 10 April at Cape Hatteras point (Marcia Lyons) and on 15 May at Salvo (Rick Knight).
- WHIMBREL:** Steve Dinsmore observed one of the *phaeopus* (European) race on 10 May at Portsmouth Island. This race, identified by a white rump and lower back, has been seen on several previous occasions along the North Carolina coast.
- BAR-TAILED GODWIT:** One individual in basic plumage, of the nominate (European) race *lapponica*, was seen and photographed by Steve Dinsmore at Portsmouth Island on 8 and 9 May. This is the first spring record for North Carolina.
- RED KNOT:** An excellent count of 2576 birds was made by Steve Dinsmore and Jeremy Nance on 17 May on the northern Core Banks.
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER:** The first bird of the season at Portsmouth Island was noted on 28 April by Steve Dinsmore, and Marcia Lyons observed a late migrant on 18 June at Cape Hatteras point.
- PURPLE SANDPIPER:** Six were still present at Huntington Beach SP on 1 May, as noted by Nathan Dias.
- CURLEW SANDPIPER:** Steve Dinsmore, who surveyed shorebirds on Core Banks and Portsmouth Island during the season, noted this species from 8 to 24 May, with three on 11 May. He believes that a minimum of six different birds was present over this span.
- STILT SANDPIPER:** An excellent early spring count of 35 birds was made by Harry Armistead on 20 March at the Savannah spoil area in Jasper County, S.C. The best count at Eagle Island, N.C., was eight on 10 May (Greg Massey); and three were rather late at the Santee Coastal Reserve, S.C., on 26 May (Bill Pulliam).
- LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER:** One in breeding plumage was late on 19 May at the Savannah spoil area, as seen by Bill Pulliam.
- RED-NECKED PHALAROPE:** Steve Dinsmore observed a female on 30 May, and a male and two females on 31 May, at Portsmouth Island. A very good onshore count was six phalaropes at Eagle Island on 31 May (Sam Cooper, Kevin Markham).
- SOUTH POLAR SKUA:** A pelagic trip off Oregon Inlet, led by Ned Brinkley, recorded an excellent total of at least five skuas, all of this species, on 22 May.
- PARASITIC JAEGER:** In addition to those seen offshore (see Table), many were seen from the North Carolina coast, as usual. John Fussell's first sighting at Atlantic Beach was on 20 April, with a peak of nine there on 8

- May. From northern Core Banks, Steve Dinsmore noted birds beginning on 7 May with a peak of five on 8 May.
- LONG-TAILED JAEGER:** This species was observed on all four pelagic trips to the Gulf Stream off North Carolina from 16 to 24 May (see Table). Another bird, an adult, was seen by Steve Dinsmore at New Drum Inlet on 28 May.
- LAUGHING GULL:** The only inland sighting of the spring season was an adult seen by Paul Saraceni at Jordan Lake, N.C., on 19 April.
- LITTLE GULL:** Along the Outer Banks, two were seen north of Avon on 3 March (Steve Dinsmore), two were noted near Oregon Inlet on 5 March (Dinsmore), and two were also seen near that inlet on 15 March (Sam Cooper). Another bird was seen several miles off Beaufort Inlet, N.C., on 14 March by Harry LeGrand, John Fussell, and others. All but one of these gulls were adults.
- COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL:** Very rare along the southern coast of South Carolina was a bird coming into breeding plumage at the Savannah spoil area, as noted by Sam Brayshaw on 15 March and by other birders through 21 March.
- BONAPARTE'S GULL:** John Cely and Lex Glover observed a late individual on 28 May at South Island, S.C.
- ICELAND GULL:** Sam Cooper saw an adult on shoals inside Oregon Inlet on 15 March, for the only spring report.
- GLAUCOUS GULL:** Single immatures were found on 3 March north of Avon, N.C., by Steve Dinsmore, and on 14 March off Beaufort Inlet, N.C., by Harry LeGrand, John Fussell, and John Wright.
- GULL-BILLED TERN:** Sam Cooper observed five birds feeding behind a tractor in a field near Aurora, N.C., on 19 May; and he saw two birds there on 27 May.
- ROSEATE TERN:** This species is seldom seen offshore, but birds were encountered on two trips off Oregon Inlet this season (see Table). Along the Outer Banks, three were at the Ocracoke Flats on 9 May (Diane Andre), three were on Portsmouth Island on 20 May (Steve Dinsmore, Jeff Walters), three were at New Drum Inlet on 28 May (Dinsmore), one was at northern Core Banks on 29 May (Dinsmore), and one to two were at Cape Hatteras point from 23 May to 1 June (Pat Moore et al.).
- ARCTIC TERN:** Remarkable numbers were seen off North Carolina this spring, including two trip totals of 27 birds each (see Table). Onshore in that state, an adult was carefully studied on the beach just west of Cape Hatteras point on 26 May (Diane and Keith Andre). Seldom seen in South Carolina waters, probably because most birds migrate beyond the distance normally reached by single-day boat trips, was an Arctic at least 40 miles off Charleston on 16 May, as noted by Steve Patterson and Irvin Pitts.
- LEAST TERN:** Greg Massey found about 25 pairs nesting at a newly created sand spit at Eagle Island on 28 May.
- BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO:** Individuals were noted in South Carolina near Mayesville on 29 April (Lex Glover, Evelyn Dabbs), at I'On Swamp near Charleston on 30 April (Nathan Dias), and near Columbia on 9 and 10 May (Tom Hankins et al.). Birds in North Carolina were seen at Durham on 26 April (Doug Shadwick et al.), at Tryon on 27 April (Simon Thompson), and at Frisco on 22 May (Pat and Neal Moore).

- BARN OWL:** Ruth Young saw one being mobbed by crows near Alexander, Buncombe County, N.C., on 23 May. James Lasley observed at least one owl roosting or nesting in an old church in Lancaster, S.C., in May.
- NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL:** Rick Knight heard one calling on Roan Mountain, N.C., on 17 April. Though the species has been previously reported from Grandfather Mountain, N.C., two heard calling along the Blue Ridge Parkway (on the eastern flank of that mountain) on 11 May by Rich Boyd and others might represent a new locale for the species.
- RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD:** An adult male was seen feeding at fuchsias at the Hyatt Creek community in Haywood County, N.C., for one or two weeks in August 1991. Ken Morrison photographed the bird on 27 August 1991.
- YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER:** Jeremy Nance and Jeff Phippen saw a sapsucker excavating a nesting cavity in a dead tree at Trout Lake near Blowing Rock, N.C., on 10 May.
- OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER:** Two were seen at Chapel Hill, N.C., on 3 May by Ken Lundstrum and Alan Reckhow, with one there on 10 May (Todd Hass, Helmut Mueller). One was seen and photographed at Hendersonville, N.C., on 10 May by Wayne Forsythe; and one was seen singing on 24 May near Wampee in Horry County, S.C., by Rick Murray.
- EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE:** At least two weeks early was one heard singing on 7 April at Chapel Hill by Paul Saraceni.
- YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER:** The only reports for the spring were one seen calling at Chapel Hill on 19 May by Todd Hass and one seen at Longs, S.C., on 25 May by Rick Murray.
- LEAST FLYCATCHER:** Very rare in spring near the coast was one seen and heard calling at Mount Pleasant, S.C., by Robin Carter and Roger Clark on 28 April. Rich Boyd and party noted four birds in the Boone, N.C., area on 11 May; one bird was building a nest on that date.
- EASTERN PHOEBE:** Surprisingly close to the coast was a nesting report of phoebes from Rick Murray. He and others observed birds nesting over a porch at Little River, S.C.; five young were seen in the nest. Anne Waters noted a pair nesting under a bridge just west of Edgefield, S.C., on 10 April, plus another pair nesting east of Trenton, S.C., on that date.
- GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER:** A week or two early were two seen at New Bern on 21 March by Rich Boyd and party.
- EASTERN KINGBIRD:** Steve Dinsmore carefully observed one at Bodie Island, N.C., on the very early date on 22 March.
- GRAY KINGBIRD:** Always a good find was one seen at Georgetown, S.C., on 23 April by Bill Pulliam.
- SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER:** Very rare in the winter months was a late individual seen on telephone wires along US 17 in western Brunswick County, N.C. Mary McDavit saw the bird on 3 December 1991.
- RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH:** This species has not been found to conclusively nest in South Carolina, but Nathan Dias saw two birds inspecting dead snags at the top of Sassafras Mountain on 11 May.
- BROWN CREEPER:** Harry LeGrand and Steve Hall saw an adult nest-building under the bark of a tree just northwest of Deep Gap, along the Macon-Clay county line, N.C., on 23 April. Derb Carter and LeGrand found another nest under shingles on the side of a house in Linville, N.C., on 10 May.

- SEDGE WREN:** One was rare or early on 21 March at Carolina Sandhills NWR, S.C. (Kevin Hennings).
- VEERY:** One banded by Bill Hilton Jr. on 23 May near York, S.C., was somewhat late.
- GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH:** This noticeably declining migrant is now a rarity in many places, but Jack Peachey noted one at Huntington Beach SP on 26 April for a rare coastal spring report. Elizabeth Pullman banded a late individual in southern Durham County, N.C., on 28 May.
- WATER PIPIT:** Two were somewhat late at Doughton Park along the Blue Ridge Parkway, N.C., on 8 May (Ricky Davis).
- YELLOW-THROATED VIREO:** Seldom found at any season on the Outer Banks was a singing vireo at Frisco from 1 to 9 June, as noted by Pat Moore.
- WARBLING VIREO:** This species continues to breed at Santee NWR, S.C., where at least three were singing on 6 May (Lex Glover). Nearly as unusual was a male, apparently on territory, singing in a Greensboro, N.C., yard from 9 May into June; however, there was no evidence of a female (fide Herb Hendrickson). A presumed migrant was one seen and heard singing at Chapel Hill on 8 May by Todd Hass.
- PHILADELPHIA VIREO:** The only spring report surprisingly came from the coast, where exceptionally rare at this season: one at Wampee in Horry County, S.C., on 30 April (Rick Murray).
- GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER:** Dennis Forsythe saw a rare coastal bird on 4 May at Folly Beach, S.C.
- BREWSTER'S WARBLER:** This hybrid was seen, singing a Blue-winged Warbler song, at Eno River SP on 28 April by Scott Hartley.
- TENNESSEE WARBLER:** This is another very rare species along the coast in spring; yet a singing bird was seen by Greg Massey at Wilmington on 10 May.
- ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER:** This apparently increasing species was seen at four sites in the piedmont of North Carolina from 28 March to 1 May. Heathy Walker had two birds in her yard in Charlotte from 29 April to 1 May.
- NASHVILLE WARBLER:** This species often is unreported in the Carolinas in spring; thus, a major surprise was the remarkable flurry of sightings, including several from the coast. In North Carolina, one was seen on the very early date of 13 April at Goldsboro (Eric Dean), a singing bird was seen on 9 and 10 May at Linville (Ricky Davis, Mike Tove, et al.), one was seen at Charlotte on 10 May (Heathy Walker), and two were unusual at Wilmington on 10 May (Greg Massey). In South Carolina, a male was banded near York on 26 April (Bill Hilton Jr.), one was seen at Mount Pleasant on or about 5 May (Donna Forsythe), and one was seen at Columbia on 8 May (Nathan Dias).
- MAGNOLIA WARBLER:** Bill Hilton Jr. banded a late male near York on 1 June.
- BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER:** An excellent single-observer count was 40 birds seen by Jeremy Nance in the Raleigh, N.C., area on 9 May.
- YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER:** About two weeks early was one seen on 8 March at Goldsboro by Ricky Davis.

- CERULEAN WARBLER:** Harry LeGrand and Steve Hall counted at least 12 males on territory along the Appalachian Trail in the Yellow Creek Mountains east of Fontana Village, N.C., on 24 April. In the coastal plain, Ricky Davis noted one on territory along Fishing Creek on the Edgecombe-Halifax county line, N.C., from 3 May to early June. Greg Massey had a very rare coastal migrant at Wilmington on 10 May.
- BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER:** Near the edge of the breeding range was a pair seen, with the female carrying food, in Aiken County, S.C., on 30 May (Anne and Vernon Waters).
- AMERICAN REDSTART:** Lex Glover observed several pairs along the Santee River in northern Berkeley County, S.C., on 29 May. He saw a female carrying nesting material and saw another female with a brood patch.
- PROTHONOTARY WARBLER:** At least one bird was noted singing along Reedy Fork Creek north of Greensboro throughout May, as reported by Herb Hendrickson.
- WORM-EATING WARBLER:** Rick Murray had as many as three singing birds on territory in the Wampee area of Horry County, S.C., from 18 April to 20 May. The species is rare as a breeder in coastal counties of that state.
- SWAINSON'S WARBLER:** An excellent total of ten singing birds was noted by Simon Thompson at Chimney Rock Park, N.C., on 17 May.
- NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH:** Quite early was one seen on 4 April at the Congaree NM in Richland County, S.C., by Robin Carter and Caroline Eastman.
- LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH:** Greg Massey and Jeremy Nance heard three singing birds about 3 miles south of Bolton, N.C., on 25 April. John Fussell noted one singing on Black Creek, about 5 miles southeast of Maysville, N.C., on 11 May. In South Carolina, Anne Waters saw an adult carrying nesting material west of Edgefield on 10 April; the bird was still at that site on 17 May. Waters noted a singing bird on 10 April and 17 May south of Trenton along Paces Branch.
- WILSON'S WARBLER:** The male that spent the entire winter at Huntington Beach SP was last reported on 15 March (Lex Glover).
- YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT:** Presumably a locally wintering bird was observed by John Fussell in a yard in Morehead City, N.C., from 22 to 31 March.
- WESTERN TANAGER:** The male present at Don Watts' feeder in Goose Creek, S.C., during the winter was last seen on 28 March.
- DICKCISSEL:** The only spring report was, surprisingly, at a feeder near Couchton, Aiken County, S.C. Christine Huzella first saw the bird on 11 March, and other birders saw it through 8 April.
- LARK SPARROW:** An excellent inland find was one seen on 23 March at Greenville, N.C., by Howard Vainwright.
- LE CONTE'S SPARROW:** This secretive sparrow was observed near LaGrange, N.C., on 8 March by Ricky Davis.
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW:** Bill Hilton Jr. banded one near York on 2 May, Bill Pulliam saw one on 5 May at Georgetown, S.C., and Jeff Pippen and Will Cook saw another on 6 May near Chapel Hill.
- SONG SPARROW:** Seemingly south of the breeding range was one singing at the Lake Wateree dam, S.C., on 31 May (Lex Glover).

- WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: A good local count was five birds at New Bern, N.C., on 21 March, as seen by Rich Boyd and party. One seen by Gene Howe was late on 15 May at Goldsboro.
- DARK-EYED JUNCO: Seldom seen near the coast after mid-April, single birds were late at Atlantic Beach, N.C., on 4 May (Neill Lee) and at Wilmington on 9 May (Greg Massey).
- YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: One was seen in Winston-Salem, N.C., on 9 April by Heathy Walker and others. [This bird was reputedly present in that city for some time, but I received no correspondence from anyone in that city to provide other dates.—HEL]
- BREWER'S BLACKBIRD: The small flock that wintered at Cherry Hospital near Goldsboro was last seen on 2 April by Eric Dean. A female was a good find by Rick Murray at Wampee, S.C., on 5 April.
- NORTHERN (BULLOCK'S) ORIOLE: Evelyn Dabbs observed a male of this subspecies singing in her yard near Mayesville, S.C., on 10 and 11 May. [This might be the first reported instance of this subspecies singing in the Carolinas.—HEL]
- PINE SISKIN: Very late in departing was a siskin seen on 4 June at a feeder in Chapel Hill (Will Cook, Jeff Pippen, et al.).

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lar European habitat, but much of the book has reference to similar zones in Asia and North America. The conservation issues covered toward the end of the book affect us all wherever we may live and bring painful topics such as the continued shooting of birds of prey to the forefront.

A coffee table tome this is not, but it is a splendid insight into the past, present and future of the bird life in the British highlands. More habitats will be covered in due course in further volumes.

At a price of \$45, this is not a cheap book, and it is not a book for the ardent lister. Should anyone be traveling and birding in Britain, this book should supplement the standard field guides and give the observer an understandable link between the bird and the world in which we live.— Simon R. B. Thompson