

BRIEFS FOR THE FILES

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- COMMON LOON:** An immature seen by Ruth Young at Beaver Lake near Asheville, N.C., was present at least from 28 June through the remainder of the summer.
- PIED-BILLED GREBE:** Kevin Markham and Sandy Smith saw an adult with three chicks in an impounded area northwest of Aurora, N.C., on 9 June. Notable in summer elsewhere inland were single birds at Lake Townsend near Greensboro, N.C., on 23 July (Herb Hendrickson) and at Greenville, N.C., on 10 June (Howard Vainwright). Robin Carter noted adults and young in a wet Carolina bay between Neeces and Orangeburg, S.C., from 3 to 25 June; and he heard another adult calling from a bay south of Allendale, S.C., on 9 June.
- BLACK-CAPPED PETREL:** Good counts in the Gulf Stream off Oregon Inlet, N.C., were 134 on 25 July (Carolina Bird Club members) and 99 on 27 June (Harry LeGrand, Ricky Davis, et al.). Todd Hass counted 57 birds in a single flock in those waters on 28 June.
- SOFT-PLUMAGED PETREL:** One, probably of the Cape Verde form, was seen in the Gulf Stream off Oregon Inlet on 27 June by Harry LeGrand, Ricky Davis, and party. Details have been submitted to a national journal.
- HERALD PETREL:** A light-phase individual, the first of this plumage to be reported in North Carolina waters, was noted by Ed Kwater, Jerry McWilliams, and John Drummond off Oregon Inlet on 6 June.
- GREATER SHEARWATER:** At least one was seen at the water's edge at Cape Hatteras point, N.C., on 4 June. Neal Moore, Pat Moore, and Diane Andre saw that bird along with a Sooty Shearwater and a Pomarine Jaeger; such an inshore phenomenon is most unusual.
- AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER:** One was seen sitting on the water just off the beach at Avon, N.C., on 25 July by Bob Collier.
- LEACH'S STORM-PETREL:** On pelagic trips off Oregon Inlet, four were observed on 27 June by Harry LeGrand and party, and one was seen on 25 July by Ricky Davis and other Carolina Bird Club members.
- BAND-RUMPED STORM-PETREL:** Harry LeGrand, Mike O'Brien, and others tallied an excellent 26 birds off Oregon Inlet on 27 June. A pelagic trip in the same area on 25 July had an "official" count of two birds (Mike Tove, Ricky Davis); however, several experienced birders identified eight to ten Band-rumped on this trip.
- NORTHERN GANNET:** One was seen a few miles off Oregon Inlet on 27 June by Harry LeGrand and Ricky Davis. An immature sulid, probably but not conclusively a Masked Booby, was unusual in the Gulf Stream off Oregon Inlet on 26 June (Todd Hass). [Northern Gannets are somewhat rare, yet a few are still present, during the summer months offshore; however, at all seasons they are almost always in the cooler water inshore of the Gulf Stream. --HEL]
- GREAT CORMORANT:** At the jetties at Masonboro Inlet, N.C., Sam Cooper saw six birds on 6 June and four still present on 4 July.

- ANHINGA:** Frank Enders saw seven at White's Millpond southeast of Scotland Neck, N.C., during the summer. This is a newly-reported site for the species, and Anhingas might well be nesting there. A female was rare in the piedmont at a beaver pond at the Flat Creek Preserve in Lancaster County, S.C., on 8 June, as noted by Robin Carter.
- MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD:** A female or immature was seen on 23 June 1989 near New Drum Inlet, N.C., by Karen and Glenn Ferrand (fide Steve Dinsmore).
- AMERICAN BITTERN:** One was rare at Eagle Island near Wilmington, N.C., on 26 July, as seen by Roger McNeill and Russ Tyndall.
- LEAST BITTERN:** In inland North Carolina, Merrill Lynch and others saw two in a marsh at Occoneechee Neck, Northampton County, N.C., on 6 June; and Lynch heard one calling from a marsh on the south side of Lake Phelps, N.C., on 26 June. Inland records from South Carolina, both by Robin Carter, were of one seen and heard at Lake Warren in Hampton County on 10 June and another seen at a Webb Wildlife Center pond in that county on 12 June.
- REDDISH EGRET:** There was an unprecedented flurry of sightings along the North Carolina coast during the summer. At least one adult and two immatures were present at Sunset Beach during the summer (Ricky Davis et al.), with the first bird (an adult) noted there on 20 June (Rick Murray). At least one was seen at Figure Eight Island during the summer by Derb Carter. Herb Hendrickson saw a bird, apparently one-year-old in age, at Bogue Inlet on 28 July. Steve Dinsmore saw an adult at New Drum Inlet on 11 June, and he noted at least three immatures or sub-adults all summer at this inlet. The northernmost record for the season was a one-year-old bird seen by Dinsmore at Portsmouth Island from 19 to 29 July.
- YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON:** The only inland report for the summer was two birds seen in flight over a swamp near Tony Hill Bay in eastern Bamberg County, S.C., on 25 June (Robin Carter).
- ROSEATE SPOONBILL:** Very rare in North Carolina was an immature seen at Calabash Creek at Sunset Beach, N.C., on 13 July by Ricky Davis. What was likely the same bird appeared at Eagle Island, N.C., later in the month, as it was noted from 19 July into August by Greg Massey, Sam Cooper, and others. Seldom seen inland, an immature was observed by Paul Koehler at a pond at the Silver Bluff Sanctuary near Jackson, S.C., from 4 to 10 July.
- WOOD STORK:** Eric Dean noted a rare inland stork in North Carolina south of Goldsboro on 27 July. Robin Carter observed storks, presumably post-breeding birds, at three sites in Bamberg County and at single sites in Hampton and Allendale counties in South Carolina during June.
- FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK:** Two birds were very rare on the North Carolina Outer Banks, where seen at Portsmouth Island on 25 November 1989 by Karen and Glenn Ferrand (fide Steve Dinsmore).
- BRANT:** John Brunjes observed two out-of-season birds during the summer (at least through approximately 4 July) at Beacon Island in Ocracoke Inlet, N.C.

- AMERICAN BLACK DUCK:** Several were present at Eagle Island during the summer, but Sam Cooper found no evidence of nesting. This site is south of the normal breeding range.
- GADWALL:** A male spent the summer at a small lake near Spindale, N.C., as noted by Simon Thompson.
- AMERICAN WIGEON:** Simon Thompson reported that a male of this species spent all summer at a small lake near Spindale, N.C.
- RING-NECKED DUCK:** A male was seen at Price Lake near Blowing Rock, N.C., on 13 June by Jeremy Nance and on 19 and 20 June by Mark Simpson. A crippled female, unable to fly, spent the summer at Greenville, N.C. (Howard Vainwright).
- SURF SCOTER:** A crippled female or immature male was seen in early July at Cedar Island, N.C., by John Brunjes.
- HOODED MERGANSER:** Mark Simpson observed a female on Price Lake near Blowing Rock on the surprising dates of 19 and 20 June. Though the species nests on occasions in the piedmont and coastal plain of the Carolinas, this individual was likely a non-breeding bird.
- RED-BREASTED MERGANSER:** Herb Hendrickson saw a female that was late in departing at Lake Townsend near Greensboro, N.C., on 13 June.
- RUDDY DUCK:** Rare in midsummer was one seen on 26 July at Eagle Island by Sam Cooper and Kevin Markham.
- TURKEY VULTURE:** This species is seldom seen on the Outer Banks, except rarely in fall. Thus, a complete surprise was a vulture seen at Buxton from 8 to 11 June by Marcia Lyons.
- AMERICAN SWALLOW-TAILED KITE:** Although a few breed along the Savannah River, S.C., a count of 11 seen near the SC 125 - SC 302 intersection in Aiken County on 22 July (Gary Gray) was a notable tally. A visitor was rare near Stacy, Carteret County, N.C., where seen on 13 July by Bobby Clontz.
- MISSISSIPPI KITE:** A record state count was 47 birds, including at least four immatures, seen about 15 miles south of Scotland Neck, N.C., on 6 June by Roger McNeill and party. Other excellent counts in that state were up to 30 seen on the east side of the Roanoke River west of Lewiston-Woodville from May to July (Frank Enders), 29 adults at the "usual" site near Norfleet in Halifax County on 6 June (Merrill Lynch party), and 20+ near Conoho Creek north of Williamston on 24 June (Fred Annand). In addition, two were seen at Occoneechee Neck in Northampton County on 6 June (Lynch party) and one was seen along Fishing Creek at US 301 on 3 July (Enders), both also in North Carolina. Though there are still no nesting records for the state, all of these records might represent locally breeding populations. Almost certainly migrants or vagrants were single birds seen between Otway and Harkers Island, N.C., on 6 June (John Fussell, Deb Squires) and along the Broad River in Sumter NF in Chester County, S.C., on 6 June (Dennis Forsythe).
- NORTHERN HARRIER:** Strongly suggestive of breeding were single adult males carrying food at both Piney Island and on the mainland near Long Bay in Carteret County, N.C., during June (John Fussell). Also perhaps breeding locally were a male and female seen foraging at Waterlily in Currituck County, N.C., by Merrill Lynch on 26 June. The species is

thought to nest somewhat yearly at Ocracoke Island, N.C., where Steve Dinsmore saw a female on 15 July. Presumably a migrant or visitor was an adult male seen by Eric Dean at Cherry Hospital near Goldsboro, N.C., on 24 July.

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK: One was a good find near Leeds, Chester County, S.C., on 8 June (Robin Carter).

COOPER'S HAWK: There were about 14 sightings in the Carolinas during the summer; this might indicate an increase in breeding populations over previous years. Those records suggesting breeding, all in North Carolina, were individuals seen carrying food at Polkville in Cleveland County on 4 June (Simon Thompson), near Cory's Crossroads in Beaufort County, N.C., on 7 June (Russ Tyndall), and at Tryon on 28 June (Thompson).

BROAD-WINGED HAWK: Near the coast, one was seen on 10 June by John Fussell at Beaufort, N.C., and another (an adult) was seen at Sunset Beach on 18 July by Harry LeGrand and John Wright. Other coastal plain summer records were a pair seen near Bamberg, S.C., on 5 June (Robin Carter); one seen in Tarboro, N.C., from 30 June into July (Russ Tyndall); and an immature hit and killed by a car at the Savannah River Site in Barnwell County, S.C., on 2 July (Brent Danielson).

PEREGRINE FALCON: Although there were several pairs that nested at previous sites in the North Carolina mountains, only the pairs at Whiteside Mountain near Highlands and at White Rock Cliffs in Madison County produced young, according to Allen Boynton. Herb Hendrickson saw a falcon at Burnsville, N.C., on 8 June.

BLACK RAIL: John Fussell had a count of 19+ calling birds on the night of 19 June at Piney Island, Carteret County, N.C.

KING RAIL: One or two birds were heard calling at Mason Farm just southeast of Chapel Hill, N.C., on 7 June for a rare inland report (Haven Wiley).

VIRGINIA RAIL: An outstanding count of 23+ Virginias were heard calling by John Fussell on the night of 19 June at the extensive brackish marshes on Piney Island, N.C. Perhaps on the breeding grounds was an adult seen at Eagle Island on 10 June by Sam Cooper.

PURPLE GALLINULE: This species formerly nested at the White Oak River impoundment in Onslow County, N.C., but recent visits by birders to this site have been extremely infrequent. A pair of birds and a nest were seen there in the summer of 1989 by Dave Fisher (fide Steve Dinsmore). Robin Carter saw a bird south of Allendale, S.C., on 9 June; the species seems to be declining as a breeder in that state.

LESSER GOLDEN-PLOVER: Single birds in basic plumage were unusual on the Outer Banks this summer: at South Pond on Pea Island on 28 June (Ricky Davis, Harry LeGrand) and 26 July (Davis), and at New Drum Inlet on 22 July (Steve Dinsmore).

BLACK-NECKED STILT: At a site of presumed nesting by stilts, John Fussell observed four birds at Piney Island on 19 June.

AMERICAN AVOCET: Rare away from the immediate coast were three birds seen near Aurora, N.C., on 16 July by Sam Cooper and Kevin Markham.

GREATER YELLOWLEGS: Rare in early summer was one seen by Jack Peachey at Huntington Beach SP, S.C., on 16 June.

- UPLAND SANDPIPER:** Rare for the mountains was one observed by Jennifer Wren and Betty McIlwain near Brevard, N.C., on 11 April. At the Piedmont Triad Airport near Greensboro, two birds were seen on 19 July by Henry Link, and four were seen there on 22 July by Herb Hendrickson. Other inland sightings of southbound migrants were four birds on the early date of 4 July at Orangeburg, S.C. (Roger McNeill) and one on 28 July near Goldsboro (Eric Dean).
- LONG-BILLED CURLEW:** Steve Dinsmore saw one from 17 to 31 July at New Drum Inlet, N.C., for the only summer report.
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER:** Steve Dinsmore had an excellent total of 105 White-rumpeds at Portsmouth Island on the rather late date of 6 June.
- CURLEW SANDPIPER:** At Portsmouth Island, Steve Dinsmore saw a bird in basic plumage from 5 to 11 June, a color-banded bird in basic plumage on 22 July, and an excellent count of five birds on 28 July. Three birds, two in alternate (breeding) plumage, were noted at South Pond on Pea Island on 26 July by Ricky Davis, Mike Tove, and party.
- STILT SANDPIPER:** Seldom reported in June in the Carolinas, two birds were seen by Steve Dinsmore on Portsmouth Island on 5 June.
- WILSON'S PHALAROPE:** One to two birds were seen at Portsmouth Island from 18 to 21 July (Steve Dinsmore), and two were seen near Aurora on 30 July (Sam Cooper, Kevin Markham).
- RED-NECKED PHALAROPE:** Steve Dinsmore observed a female on 2 June at New Drum Inlet and a male on 5 June at nearby Portsmouth Island. The only offshore report for the summer was two birds seen on 25 July off Oregon Inlet by Ricky Davis and party.
- POMARINE JAEGER:** Formerly thought to be rare in midsummer in the Gulf Stream, four Pomarines were tallied there on 27 June (Harry LeGrand party) and three were seen there on 25 July (Ricky Davis party).
- SOUTH POLAR SKUA:** Always an exciting find, one was observed by Ricky Davis and other Carolina Bird Club members off Oregon Inlet on 25 July.
- LAUGHING GULL:** One bird in breeding plumage was observed at Lake Gaston, Warren County, N.C., on 11 June by Harry LeGrand.
- RING-BILLED GULL:** Simon Thompson noted an immature at Columbus, N.C., on the unusual date of 21 June.
- LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL:** Very rare in summer were a bird in near-adult plumage at North Topsail Beach, N.C., on 13 July (Gilbert Grant) and another Lesser Black-backed in first-summer plumage at New Drum Inlet from 21 to 31 July (Steve Dinsmore).
- SABINE'S GULL:** Seldom previously reported in summer, a one-year-old individual of this species was well described by Steve Dinsmore at Portsmouth Island on 18 July.
- CASPIAN TERN:** Almost certainly rare migrants were two seen at Spindale, N.C. (Simon Thompson) and three seen at Lake Phelps, N.C. (Merrill Lynch), with each report on 26 June.
- ROSEATE TERN:** A previously-banded bird was found dead on 21 May at Nags Head, N.C., by Patrick Brasington. Ian Nisbet reported that he had banded this individual as a chick at Bird Island, Massachusetts, on 17 July 1988. Reports of live birds for the summer were of two adults on northern

- Core Banks on 1 June, an adult at Portsmouth Island on 2 June, and an adult at the latter island on 30 July, all seen by Steve Dinsmore.
- ARCTIC TERN:** One seen near "The Point" in the Gulf Stream off Oregon Inlet by Todd Hass on 28 June was a very rare summer report.
- FORSTER'S TERN:** Howard Vainwright noted the species at Greenville, N.C., on 20 June and 24 July (fide Veronica Pantelidis).
- SOOTY TERN:** A nest was found again during the summer along the North Carolina coast, but as usual no young were raised. John Brunjes found a nest of the species in a Common Tern colony at New Drum Inlet in late June, but the nest was later found deserted. An adult was seen on 30 July at Portsmouth Island by Steve Dinsmore, and another bird (of unspecified age) was seen at Raccoon Key, S.C., on 9 July (David Chamberlain).
- BLACK TERN:** A good count of 316 birds was made by Steve Dinsmore at a roost of the species at Portsmouth Island on 18 July.
- COMMON GROUND-DOVE:** This species has declined precipitously along the Carolina coast, for unknown reasons. A rare sighting for North Carolina was one at Sunset Beach on 13 July, as noted by Ricky Davis. Notable away from the immediate coast in South Carolina were one heard calling in extreme southern Bamberg County on 31 May by Robin Carter, one seen and another heard calling near Brighton in Hampton County on 23 June by Carter, and two seen near Conway from late July to mid-August by Jack Peachey.
- BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO:** One heard calling near Sparta, N.C., on 20 June was perhaps on territory (Harry LeGrand); but most unusual was one well outside the usual breeding range that was calling on territory in Charlotte for much of July (Taylor Piephoff et al.). John Fussell had late coastal migrants in Carteret County, N.C., on 5 June near Long Bay and on 14 June at the North River community.
- BARN OWL:** A pair with two chicks was found in an old cotton gin at Lattimore, N.C., by Pat Wilkison, and Simon Thompson observed the birds on later dates during the summer. Also in that state, Frank Enders noted a nest with four young in a barn about 3 miles west of Pungo Lake during the summer, and he observed birds in a silo about 3 miles south of that lake during the summer, as well. Betty McIlwain observed a Barn Owl flying from a cavity in a maple in downtown Brevard on 15 July, which suggests nesting in that mountain town.
- WHIP-POOR-WILL:** Rick Murray noted six calling, in comparison with 13 Chuck-will's-widows, along 2 miles of roads at dusk at Wampee, Horry County, S.C., on 2 June. Robin Carter found the species in summer in nearly every Breeding Bird Atlas block that he worked in central and southern South Carolina, including as far south as the Webb Wildlife Center in southern Hampton County. One calling from an island of pocosin vegetation amid extensive marshes at Piney Island, Carteret County, N.C., on 19 June (John Fussell) was a surprise, though the species is presumed to nest elsewhere in this county.
- RED-COCKADED WOODPECKER:** John Fussell found a previously unreported colony on the mainland of Carteret County near Long Bay, N.C.; an active nest was noted in June.

- ALDER FLYCATCHER:** A new breeding season locale for the species was found by Harry LeGrand and Steve Hall at Long Hope Valley along the Watauga - Ashe county line, N.C. Four birds were singing on the Watauga County side on 23 and 24 July, and a calling bird was about 2 miles away in Ashe County on 24 July. Mark Simpson had a good one-day count of nine singing birds between Investor Gap and the southern slope of Black Balsam Knob, Haywood County, N.C., on 16 June. Several observers found the species again at bogs at Julian Price Park near Blowing Rock, N.C., with birds on territory along both Cold Prong and Boone Fork (Mark Simpson, Scott Hartley, et al.).
- WILLOW FLYCATCHER:** Simon Thompson noted an excellent count of five singing males on 9 June at the only known South Carolina breeding location near Landrum in northern Spartanburg County.
- LEAST FLYCATCHER:** Mark Simpson noted one along NC 226 at the Tennessee state line in Mitchell County, N.C., on 18 June, and Harry LeGrand heard three singing at this site on 9 July.
- EASTERN PHOEBE:** Robin Carter found the species at three of six bridges over the North Edisto River along the Lexington - Aiken county line, S.C., on 14 June. The southernmost of these bridges was at SC 302.
- GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER:** One was seen and heard at a high elevation at Carver's Gap on Roan Mountain, N.C., on 7 June (Rick Knight).
- SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER:** One was observed by Allen Bryan during June on wires at a large field near Gull Rock, Hyde County, N.C.
- HORNED LARK:** Robin Carter found this species in the South Carolina coastal plain near Sawyerdale on 31 May and 7 June, near Norway on 5 June, at Salley on 14 June, and near Sycamore on 17 June.
- TREE SWALLOW:** The first reported nesting in the coastal plain of the Carolinas was made at Eagle Island near Wilmington, where Sam Cooper and Kevin Markham saw a male and female entering a tree cavity, and a juvenile leaving the cavity, on 28 June. Probable nesting was reported earlier in the season at Occoneechee Neck in Northampton County, N.C. Merrill Lynch and party saw two adults entering a tree cavity in a pond on 6 June, but no juveniles were observed.
- BANK SWALLOW:** Herb Hendrickson and Peggy Ferebee saw several Banks, apparently in courtship flights, at the Avery County Airport, N.C., on 10 June. The species is suspected to nest at a nearby quarry. Presumably early migrants were seven birds seen on 4 July near Seven Springs, N.C., by Gene Howe and Betty Grady.
- CLIFF SWALLOW:** Robin Carter noted dozens nesting under the SC 97 bridge at Lake Wateree, S.C., on 8 June. Somewhat early migrants along the North Carolina coast were two at Sunset Beach on 11 July (Steve Dinsmore, Jeremy Nance) and one at Cherry Point Air Station in Craven County on 23 July (John Fussell).
- FISH CROW:** The species is not known to nest as far west as Tryon, N.C., where Simon Thompson saw two crows on 17 June.
- BROWN-HEADED NUTHATCH:** This species continues to breed in a few places in Buncombe County, N.C., where Gail Whitehurst saw a family group of five birds in her yard in Asheville during the summer.

- CAROLINA WREN:** At a high elevation for the species was a singing wren at 5250 feet on Paul's Gap Trail near Spruce Mountain in Great Smoky Mountains NP, N.C., on 30 June (Jarvis Hudson).
- HOUSE WREN:** John Fussell tallied 14 birds at Great Sandy Run Pocosin, Onslow County, N.C., from May to July, where breeding is presumed. He also had a singing bird just northwest of NC 12 near Atlantic, N.C., on 13 June. In the eastern piedmont, one singing bird was rare in a yard near Littleton, Warren County, N.C., on 11 June (Harry LeGrand).
- HERMIT THRUSH:** At a new location was a singing Hermit Thrush in spruce forests on Unaka Mountain, Mitchell County, N.C., where noted by Harry LeGrand on 8 July.
- GRAY CATBIRD:** Merrill Lynch had an excellent coastal plain breeding-season count of 40 catbirds on mainland Dare County, N.C., on 30 May.
- CEDAR WAXWING:** This appeared to be a "quiet" summer for the species away from the mountains, as opposed to recent summers. The only positive nesting away from the mountains was reported by Simon Thompson, who saw a pair building a nest at Tryon, N.C., on 18 July. A very rare coastal plain nesting was reported in 1990 by Janet Lembke, who noted a pair nesting in her yard, including young in the nest, along the Neuse River in southeastern Craven County, N.C. (fide John Fussell).
- SOLITARY VIREO:** Very rare in the Sandhills region in summer was a bird observed singing on territory in a longleaf pine/scrub oak forest west of Pinebluff, Moore County, N.C., on 3 June (Harry LeGrand).
- CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER:** A male was present on territory from 6 June onward at Chimney Rock Park, N.C., as noted by Simon Thompson. This site is somewhat lower in elevation than usual for the species in summer.
- YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER:** Although not a rare breeding bird in the low mountains, nesting reports from the region are few. Of interest was a bird carrying food to a nest in a sycamore at the Botanical Gardens of Asheville, as noted by Ruth Young on 28 June.
- WORM-EATING WARBLER:** Merrill Lynch, Ida Phillips, and Patricia Tolbert had a good tally of 11 singing birds on a Breeding Bird Survey route on mainland Dare County on 30 May. John Fussell had a singing bird on the mainland portion of Cedar Island NWR, N.C., on 13 June. The three singing males near Wampee, S.C., in spring were found into June by Rick Murray.
- SWAINSON'S WARBLER:** Very rare in the piedmont as a breeder, suggestive of local breeding were at least two singing at Mason Farm near Chapel Hill on 10 May and at least one there on 26 June (Haven Wiley) and a pair along Reedy River in southern Greenville County, S.C., during the summer (Peter Worthington).
- OVENBIRD:** Robin Carter found the species on 5 June near Tony Hill Bay in Bamberg County, on 7 June near Sawyerdale, and on 9 June southeast of Barnwell, all in the coastal plain of South Carolina.
- LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH:** Along the edge of the breeding range were a singing bird along a creek bank near Aurora on 16 June (Sam Cooper); near Tony Hill Bay in Bamberg County on 5 June (Robin Carter); and at a bridge over the Salkehatchie River southeast of Barnwell on 9 June (Carter).

- SCARLET TANAGER:** Somewhat near the eastern edge of the breeding range in North Carolina were a male near Oak City on 23 May, a male southeast of Jamesville on 20 June, and two birds near Gates on 26 June, as reported by Merrill Lynch. Bill Hilton Jr. banded an immature female, perhaps having been raised locally, near York, S.C., on 12 July.
- INDIGO BUNTING:** This species has expanded its breeding range, apparently, into the higher elevations of the mountains in recent years, and Rick Knight noted at least one singing male at an elevation as high as 6100 feet on Roan Mountain on 8 and 21 July.
- PAINTED BUNTING:** Robin Carter found the species to be fairly common to common in the breeding season in the inner coastal plain of South Carolina in Orangeburg, Bamberg, and Hampton counties.
- DICKCISSEL:** This species appeared to be very rare in the Carolinas this summer, as the sole report was of a pair seen along the edge of a cornfield 2.3 miles west-northwest of Aurora on 30 June by Kevin Markham and Sandy Smith.
- FIELD SPARROW:** This is a scarce breeder near most of the North Carolina coast; thus, a count of at least nine singing birds at Atlantic Field, Carteret County, on 25 June (John Fussell) was a surprise.
- HENSLOW'S SPARROW:** Merrill Lynch found at least three singing males at a new site in extreme western Martin County, N.C., on 23 May and 6 June. However, this species abandons most breeding sites in that state's coastal plain after a few years, when pine saplings begin to form a "canopy".
- SONG SPARROW:** James Lasley noted that at least one pair nested at a park in Lancaster, S.C., this summer. He reported a nest with five young at that park on 3 May 1984; this town lies along the southeastern edge of the breeding range of the Song Sparrow.
- WHITE-THROATED SPARROW:** One bird spent the entire summer, being last seen on 9 September, at the yard of Herman and Gail Lankford in Raleigh, N.C.
- YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD:** A most unusual record, particularly for the mountains, was an adult male seen in flight at Soco Gap along the Blue Ridge Parkway, N.C., on 19 June by Bert Fisher, Les Todd, and Roger McNeill.
- HOUSE FINCH:** This species is still a rare bird in summer along the southern coast of South Carolina. A pair was seen all summer at the feeders of Grant and Daphnie Staley at Charleston, and another pair was seen on 22 July at Dennis Forsythe's feeders on James Island.
- RED CROSSBILL:** Harry LeGrand noted at least two calling over Unaka Mountain, Mitchell County, N.C., on 8 July, and he heard at least ten on the previous day at Roan Mountain.
- PINE SISKIN:** The best summer count was a group of as many as 22 birds at Roan Mountain from 7 June to 14 July, as noted by Rick Knight.
- AMERICAN GOLDFINCH:** Somewhat southeast of the usual breeding range was a group of three to four birds, including at least one male in breeding plumage, at a residence between Otway and Harkers Island, N.C. Deb Squires and John Fussell observed the birds for the entire summer, but conclusive nesting evidence was not seen.