

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH: In North Carolina rare summer birds were found to the east of the normal range in Croatan Nat. Forest June 10 and near Havelock July 2 as noted by John Fussell.

EVENING GROSBEAK: One of the best counts of spring birds was the 100+ at Lugoff, SC during March and April (Lex Glover). Some late spring birds included one at C. Lookout, NC May 29 (Russ Tyndall, Patricia Earnhardt) and one at Morehead City, NC June 1 (fide John Fussell).

White-tailed Kite in Western North Carolina: A Correction

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Due to confusion and incompetence on the part of the editors, the last paragraph of this paper published in *The Chat* 59(1):26-27 should have read:

The White-tailed Kite has been described by Potter, *et al.* (1980) as a "very rare accidental" in the Carolinas. Pearson *et al.* (1959) list one sight record, in Davie County, NC, on 21 November 1946. A single bird was reported from New Hanover County, NC, on 3 January 1957 (*Chat* 21:70-71). More recently, Eric Dean and Clyde Sorenson photographed a White-tailed Kite at Fort Fisher in New Hanover County on 8 April 1989 (*Chat* 54:55; NCSM photo collection #130-132, 137-145, 270). this report constitutes the third accepted record for the species (Report of the North Carolina Bird Records Committee 1993, *Chat* 58:85). At present, records from North Carolina do not indicate any trend in season of occurrence for this species in the state.

We apologize for any problems this may have caused.—H. T. Hendrickson

BOOK REVIEWS

A BIRDER'S GUIDE TO COASTAL NORTH CAROLINA

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The North Carolina coastal region, particularly the Outer Banks and coastal sounds, has been famous as a place to see huge numbers of birds, both as individuals and as diverse species for over a hundred years. Its reputation started as a heaven for duck hunters and grew with the popularity of bird watching as a place to find rare gulls, seabirds, shorebirds, and other species. Improvements in the system of roads and highways have made the area increasingly accessible and has resulted in a large number of people who are interested in birds making an almost constant pilgrimage to the area.