

BRIEFS FOR THE FILES

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(All dates Fall 1994)

- PACIFIC LOON:** Once again the Figure Eight I., NC area hosted this species when two adults and one immature were found in a large (1000+) flock of Common Loons just off the beach on Nov. 12 (Derb Carter). There is still only one well documented record of this species in North Carolina waters!
- EARED GREBE:** This species was first noted at its usual spot at the Goldsboro, NC Wastewater Treatment Plant on Oct. 2 when nine were present (Eric Dean). Several individuals remained through the fall season on into winter.
- HERALD PETREL:** Fall reports included one possible bird off Hatteras Aug. 21 (Armas Hill, et al.) and two light phase individuals off Hatteras Oct. 8 (Steve Dinsmore, Brian Patteson, et al.) for one of the latest records ever reported.
- CORY'S SHEARWATER:** A very good count was the 1806 off Hatteras on Sept. 17 (Brian Patteson, et al.).
- MANX SHEARWATER:** A very rare report was of one very early off Oregon Inlet, NC on Aug. 21 (Mike Tove, et al.).
- BAND-RUMPED STORM-PETREL:** An offshore trip off of Oregon Inlet, NC had very good numbers of this species with possibly up to 50 birds on Aug. 21 (Mike Tove, et al.). Much more astounding though was the recovery of a specimen from Tryon, NC on Aug. 21 (Simon Thompson)! The bird's presence in the foothills of the state was explained by it following an intense storm which had earlier come up from the Gulf of Mexico and traveled over the area.
- WHITE-TAILED TROPICBIRD:** There were three reports off Hatteras, NC this fall with one adult Aug. 8 (A. Hill, et al.), one immature Aug. 13 (Brian Patteson, et al.), and an adult Sept. 25 (Patteson, et al.).
- RED-BILLED TROPICBIRD:** An immature was found off Hatteras, NC Aug. 13 (Brian Patteson, et al.) for a very rare report - the second of the year (after a July sighting)!
- MASKED BOOBY:** Another good sighting was the adult Masked found off Hatteras, NC Aug. 20 (Brian Patteson, et al.).
- BROWN BOOBY:** Reports of this species continued into the fall after the summer sightings! One adult was at Hatteras Inlet Aug. 6 (Maurice Barnhill, J. Tucker) and immatures were found off Hatteras, NC Aug. 15 (Brian Patteson, et al.), Aug. 21 (A. Hill, et al.), Sept. 9 (Patteson), and Sept. 17 (Patteson). It seems that at least four different birds were involved - an amazing season for this species in North Carolina waters.
- NORTHERN GANNET:** Very early were two subadult Gannets brought in to a Morehead City, NC Wildlife Shelter on Aug. 9 (fide John Fussell).
- AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN:** One was present at Pea I., NC from Oct. 8 to at least Nov. 25 as noted by numerous observers.

- ANHINGA:** A first local record was provided by one at Carolina Sandhills NWR, Chesterfield County, SC Aug. 27 as noted by Robin Carter and Caroline Eastman. Also rare and quite late was one at Oriental, NC Oct. 23 (Adam and Phyllis Martin).
- BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON:** Three at Jordan Res., NC Aug. 12 were noteworthy (Doug Shadwick).
- YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON:** A good count for the Carolinas was the six found at Huntington Beach State Park, SC Sept. 26 as noted by Pete Worthington. Also one far inland at Tryon, NC Sept. 10 (Simon Thompson) was documented with photos.
- GREAT "WHITE" HERON:** The bird present at North Pond, Pea I., NC since July was seen throughout the fall on into the winter (m. ob.).
- SNOWY EGRET:** Good inland counts were eleven at the Goldsboro, NC Wastewater Treatment Plant Oct. 3 (Eric Dean) and five at L. Crabtree, Wake County, NC Sept. 2 (Doug Shadwick). Also of note was one in the Townville, SC area Sept. 16 (Steve Patterson).
- REDDISH EGRET:** This species continues to increase in the Carolinas during summer and fall. In North Carolina this fall there were at least four on Core Banks and singles were at Bodie Pond, Cape Hatteras, and Sunset Beach. In South Carolina one was at Inlet Point, two were at Huntington Beach State Park, and an amazing six were at the Yawkey WMA!
- ROSEATE SPOONBILL:** Always rare in our area, one was reported at Hatteras Inlet, NC Aug. 13 (Paul O'Neill, fide Steve Dinsmore) but was not seen by any others.
- WOOD STORK:** One immature was slightly out of place at Greenville, NC Aug. 28 as noted by John and Paula Wright. An adult was a surprise seen migrating with an Osprey over Pilot Mt., NC Sept. 19 (Ramona Snavelly, et al.)! Also 12 at the Orangeburg Fish Hatchery, SC Aug. 28 were noteworthy (Robin Carter and Caroline Eastman).
- TUNDRA SWAN:** North Carolina inland reports included nine at Jordan Res. Nov. 7 (Randy Emmitt) and ten near Winston-Salem Nov. 16 (Tom Echols, et al., fide Ramona Snavelly). Also one was locally unusual at Sneads Ferry, NC Nov. 19 (Nell Moore).
- GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE:** The only report of this species was one at Murphy's I., SC Oct. 30 as noted by David Donmoyer (fide Jack Peachey).
- SNOW GOOSE:** Inland reports of this species included two blue phase birds at Bennettsville, SC Oct. 27 (Steve Patterson) and one white phase near Kinston, NC Nov. 18 (Bob Holmes).
- BRANT:** One found at Hatteras Inlet, NC on Sept. 17 (Ned Brinkley) was quite early for a fall arrival. Could it have been a summer lingerer that had escaped detection?
- CINNAMON TEAL:** A very rare occurrence was the eclipse male found at Huntington Beach State Park, SC on Sept. 9 (Nell Moore, Ann Foster). The bird was photographed and provided about the 8th SC record.

- EURASIAN WIGEON:** The usual Pea I., NC birds were found as early as Oct. 5 (two, Ricky Davis) and were seen throughout the fall. The peak number reported there was four on Nov. 2 (Rusty Evrets). The Raleigh, NC area also hosted a male near L. Wheeler from Nov. 19 on into the winter (Bob Hader, et al.).
- COMMON EIDER:** The only report was of a single individual at Huntington Beach State Park, SC on Nov. 20 (Robin Carter, Caroline Eastman, et al.).
- COMMON GOLDENEYE:** A locally rare occurrence was the lone female near Townville, SC Nov. 27 as noted by Kevin Calhoun.
- RED-BREASTED MERGANSER:** Two near Brevard Nov. 26 (Betty McIlwain) were locally uncommon.
- RUDDY DUCK:** Rare late summer reports involved a male at L. Pinehurst, NC Aug. 6 (Kevin Markham) and for the second summer in a row, breeding was observed at Sneads Ferry, NC. A pair spent the summer there and on Sept. 7 a duckling was observed (Jimi and Nell Moore, Jim O'Donnell).
- OSPREY:** Quite late for an inland site was one found near Goldsboro, NC Nov. 13 (Eric Dean).
- MISSISSIPPI KITE:** A count of 26 was had near Jackson, SC on Sept. 2 (Carol Eldridge, fide Anne Waters); an especially good count for that late in the season.
- BALD EAGLE:** For the second year in a row, evidence of nesting in the Greensboro, NC area was observed when two adults were seen carrying nesting material in November (Herb Hendrickson).
- ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK:** A well-described individual was seen in flight near Camp Lejeune, Onslow Co., NC on Oct. 22 by John Hammond. The bird was on the move and provided one of the earliest fall dates for the state.
- GOLDEN EAGLE:** Always noteworthy, this species was seen twice with one at Caesar's Head State Park, SC Oct. 8 (Robin Carter, Caroline Eastman) and one over Connetsee Falls, NC on Nov. 4 (Dick Thorsell, fide Norma Siebenheller).
- MERLIN:** In North Carolina, rare inland reports included one at Roan Mountain Sept. 19 (Rick Knight) and one near Chapel Hill Oct. 8 (Chapel Hill Bird Club). Also of note was the good one-day total of 12 migrants at Cape Lookout, NC on Oct. 4 (Steve Dinsmore).
- PEREGRINE FALCON:** Inland reports of migrants included singles at Tryon, NC Sept. 18 (Simon Thompson), Falls Lake, NC Oct. 2 (Ricky Davis), Durham County, NC Oct. 9 (Bert Fisher), Caesar's Head State Park, SC Oct. 23 (Robin Carter, Caroline Eastman), and the Orangeburg Sod Farm, SC Nov. 25 (Jerry Griggs, fide Robin Carter) which provided a first local record. Also one was slightly early at Bear I., SC Aug. 20 (Robin Carter, Caroline Eastman).
- PURPLE GALLINULE:** An amazing number for the Carolinas was the 50+ (including chicks) seen in Berkeley County, SC on Aug. 5 by Pete Worthington.
- COMMON MOORHEN:** An immature found at Lake Osceola, Hendersonville, NC Nov. 3 - 10 (Simon Thompson) was locally uncommon.
- AMERICAN COOT:** A very early (or summering) individual was seen near Avon, NC Aug. 14 by Susan Barrell.

AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER: This species was reported more frequently than usual this fall. From one to two were at North Pond, Pea Island, NC mid-Aug. to mid-Oct. (m. ob.), from one to four were at Cape Hatteras in early Sept. (sev. ob.), and a very good count of 11 was at New Drum Inlet, NC Oct. 4 (Steve Dinsmore). Inland reports included the presence of from one to four at the Orangeburg Sod Farm, SC from Sept. 4 to Oct. 22 (Robin Carter, Caroline Eastman, Carolina Bird Club, Pete Worthington, Larry and Carol Eldridge) and two at Falls Lake, NC Oct. 16 (Ricky Davis).

SEMI-PALMATED PLOVER: A first local record for Polk County was provided by one near Tryon, NC Sept. 1 -2 as noted by Simon Thompson.

PIPING PLOVER: Dinsmore had a very respectable 68 Pippings at Portsmouth, NC on Oct. 5. Rare inland sightings were singles at New Bern, NC Aug. 7 (Bob Holmes) and at Falls Lake Sept. 16 (Ricky Davis).

AMERICAN AVOCET: Away from their usual haunts were two at a Horry County, SC turf farm Sept. 9 - 13 (Rick Murray), one at the north end of Ocracoke I., NC Oct. 7 (Steve Dinsmore, Todd Hass), and one at Harker's I., NC Nov. 18 (Wade Fuller).

LESSER YELLOWLEGS: A very good inland count was the 70+ found at Goldsboro, NC Oct. 3 by Eric Dean.

UPLAND SANDPIPER: Fall reports of this species included a peak of 39 at the Orangeburg Sod Farm, SC on Aug. 2 (Randy Grover), one at Lockwood Folly Inlet, NC Aug. 6 (Ricky Davis), 15 in a pasture near Garland, Sampson County, NC Aug. 16 (Eric Bolen, Sam Ennis), four near Goldsboro, NC Aug. 11 - 17 (Eric Dean), two at Sneads Ferry, NC Aug. 17 (Nell Moore), and from one to three at the usual Salvo Campground, NC site during August (m. ob.). The latest date involved one still at the Orangeburg Sod Farm, SC Sept. 24 (Carolina Bird Club).

LONG BILLED CURLEW: The only report received was of one at New Drum Inlet, NC Oct. 5 (Steve Dinsmore).

HUDSONIAN GODWIT: A flock of 10 spent the period Aug. 15 - 21 at North Pond, Pea I., NC as noted by countless observers. Also one was at Cape Hatteras, NC Sept. 3 (Steve Dinsmore, Susan Barrell, Brian Patteson, Todd Hass).

RUDDY TURNSTONE: The only inland report for the fall was of two at Falls Lake, NC Sept. 16 (Ricky Davis).

SANDERLING: Inland birds included one at the Orangeburg Sod Farm, SC Sept. 23 (Lex Glover) and from two to six at Falls Lake, NC Aug. 28 - Sept. 16 (Ricky Davis).

WESTERN SANDPIPER: Noteworthy were the three found at the Orangeburg Sod Farm, SC Aug. 4 by Randy Grover and Van Atkins.

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: The only inland reports came from Falls Lake, NC where two were there Aug. 28 and three were present Oct. 16 (Ricky Davis).

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER: This rare species was found at Pea I., NC Aug. 8 (Ricky Davis) and Aug. 20 (Will Cook, Julia Shields). One was at Cape Hatteras, NC

- Sept. 19 - 24 (Steve Dinsmore, Susan Barrell, Roger McNeill, Phil Crisp, Mack Smith). In South Carolina one was at Huntington Beach State Park Sept. 2 (Steve Patterson) for a very good local report.
- CURLEW SANDPIPER:** This species was found at the usual spots (all North Carolina) including one at Cape Hatteras Aug. 9 - 17 (m. ob.), Bodie I. pond Aug. 13 (Ricky Davis), Pea I. Aug. 12 (Steve Dinsmore, Susan Barrell), and two at Portsmouth Aug. 26 (Dinsmore).
- STILT SANDPIPER:** A good inland count of 18 was had at Goldsboro, NC Aug. 24 (Eric Dean).
- BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER:** This species had a good fall migration in the Carolinas during 1994. The farthest inland records involved singles at Landrum, SC Aug. 4 - 5 and near Tryon, NC Aug. 5 - 6 (Simon Thompson). From one to two were at the Orangeburg Sod Farm, SC Aug. 28 (Robin Carter, Caroline Eastman, et al.); a peak of six was there Sept. 4 (Larry and Carol Eldridge, fide Anne Waters); and one was still present there Sept. 24 - 25 (Carolina Bird Club, Simon Thompson). From one to two were at Cape Hatteras, NC Aug. 25 (Suzanne Wrenn, Pat Moore) until at least Sept. 5 (Early Bird Nature Tours). And finally, a rare local occurrence was the individual found at Sneads Ferry, NC Aug. 17 (Nell Moore).
- RUFF:** This very rare shorebird was found at Pea I., NC Aug. 5 (Ned Brinkley) and Aug. 8 (Ricky Davis); most likely the same individual. Another bird was found there Sept. 26 by Wade Fuller and Bob Holmes. As is so often the case, these birds tend to stay on the move and do not hang around for very long in one place.
- WILSON'S PHALAROPE:** Unusual inland was the occurrence of four different individuals found at the Goldsboro, NC Wastewater Treatment Plant during the period Aug. 27 - Oct. 16 as noted by Eric Dean. Much more expected was the presence of birds at Pea I., NC where singles were noted from early Aug. to early Sept. (Steve Dinsmore, Susan Barrell, Will Cook, Julia Shields, Ricky Davis). One was also at Cape Hatteras, NC Aug. 25 - Sept. 3 (m. ob.).
- RED-NECKED PHALAROPE:** Very rare inland was the individual found at Goldsboro, NC Oct. 17 - 18 (Eric Dean). Less unusual but still noteworthy was one at North Pond, Pea I., NC Aug. 27 as noted by Russ Tyndall and Patricia Earnhardt.
- LONG-TAILED JAEGER:** This fall good numbers were found off of Hatteras, NC when three were found Aug. 13, two Aug. 14, one Aug. 20, and a surprising seven Sept. 17 (Brian Patteson, et al.).
- SOUTH POLAR SKUA:** The only report involved one bird off Hatteras, NC Aug. 8 (Armas Hill, et al.).
- LAUGHING GULL:** Inland reports included one at Lake Crabtree, Wake County, NC Sept. 2 (Doug Shadwick), a good count of seven at Goldsboro, NC Oct. 3 (Eric Dean), and one at the Raleigh, NC landfill Nov. 17 (Bob Hader).
- SANDWICH "CAYENNE" TERN:** An adult of this race of Sandwich Tern was found at Cape Hatteras Sept. 23 (Steve Dinsmore, Todd Hass). Photos have been

circulated and seem to eliminate other possible terns including Elegant Tern. This is about the third record for North Carolina.

ROSEATE TERN: One of the best counts in many years was the seven (6 ad. and 1 imm.) at Cape Hatteras, NC Sept. 2 - 3 as noted by Steve Dinsmore, Susan Barrell, Brian Patteson, and Todd Hass.

BLACK TERN: North Carolina had several inland reports including 35+ at Lake Crabtree, Wake County Aug. 15 (Doug Shadwick), 40+ at Goldsboro Aug. 16 (Eric Dean), 25+ far to the west at Lake Lure Aug. 17 (Jerry Nagel), 20 at the Bethel Sewage Lagoons, Pitt County Aug. 21 (Ricky Davis), and up to 20 at Falls Lake Aug. 27 - 28 (Bob Hader, Paul Chad, Ricky Davis). The best coastal report involved about 460 at Portsmouth on Aug. 26 (Steve Dinsmore).

EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE: This species was finally found in South Carolina when several individuals were seen in Myrtle Beach in early Sept. (Veronica Pantelidis, Robin Carter, Caroline Eastman). The birds have been seen by many since and it seems that these birds have been present in the area for about two years. The population seems to be growing since up to 30 different birds have been seen recently. In North Carolina the second report was of a bird at a feeder in Buxton Aug. 5 (Ned Brinkley, B. J. Rose) and the third was of a calling individual at Figure Eight I. Aug. 13 (Derb Carter). It seems this species is definitely moving into the Carolinas in full force.

COMMON GROUND-DOVE: A very good count was the 12 at Huntington Beach State Park, SC on Oct. 28 (Neil Moore). Inland where much rarer, two were at the Orangeburg Sod Farm, SC Aug. 28 (Robin Carter, Caroline Eastman, et al.) for a second local record. Also a couple of miles away from this site, three more were found Sept. 24 (Carter, Eastman).

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO: What may be a record count for the Carolinas was the six found at Maggie Valley, NC Sept. 3 by Lex Glover; who stated that there were major flocks of transients around the area that day. Other reports included singles at Pea I., NC Aug. 13 (Henry Link), near Jacksonboro, SC Sept. 9 (Randy Grover), at Buxton, NC Oct. 1 (Lex Glover, Bert Fisher), and at Pea I. Oct. 2 - 5 (Glover, Fisher, Ricky Davis),

SHORT-EARED OWL: A rare local sighting was of one at Figure Eight I., NC Nov. 5 (Derb Carter).

NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL: An amazing total was the five Saw-Whets banded by Frank Enders in Halifax, NC during the period of Nov. 12 - 24. This clearly indicates that there are good numbers of these birds migrating into our area, even away from the immediate coast!

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD: Adult males were found in Allendale County, SC Oct. 13 (Joe Topper, fide Carroll Rickard), Weddington, NC Oct. 29 (Lex Glover), Lewisville, Forsythe County, NC Oct. 19 - 20 (Connie Beauchamp, fide Ramona Snavely), and near Wilmington, NC mid. Nov. on into the winter (fide Sam Cooper). A sub-adult male was at Simpsonville, SC Nov. 2 - 3 (Pete Worthington). Reports of other *Selasphorus* and of *Archilochus* type hummers were numerous, all of female or immature plumages. Just how many will try to

winter remains to be seen.

COMMON "RED-SHAFTED" FLICKER: North Carolina's third sight report of this western race occurred when Ned Brinkley found one on a light pole at Pea I. Oct. 9. The previous records also were from the Outer Banks!

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER: The only report received of this rare migrant was of an immature bird near Durham, NC Sept. 30 (Will Cook).

YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER: This species was reported from North Carolina only with individuals being found at Pea I. Aug. 19 (Steve Dinsmore, Ricky Davis), near Chapel Hill Sept. 11 (Will Cook, Julia Shields), and on Roanoke I. Oct. 1 (Dinsmore, Jeff Pippen).

WILLOW FLYCATCHER: One was heard calling in Greenville County, SC Sept. 10 (Pete Worthington). Also a "Traill's" type Empidonax was seen in Santee NWR, SC Oct. 6 (Ricky Davis).

LEAST FLYCATCHER: The only report was of one banded at Charleston, SC Oct. 5 by Will Post.

TYRANNUS SP.: A kingbird with a "yellow belly" was observed flying away by Todd Hass near Chapel Hill, NC Nov. 22. The most likely choice is of course Western, but there's always the possibility of Tropical/Couch's or Cassin's.

WESTERN KINGBIRD: The only reports of this species came from North Carolina with singles at Rodanthe Sept. 27 (Ricky Davis), Portsmouth Oct. 5 (Steve Dinsmore), and Pea I. Nov. 3 (K. Kristofferson). A much rarer report was of the Western found inland at Lake Pinehurst Oct. 23 - 24 by Dick Burk.

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER: This season's token Scissor-tail was at Stumpy Point, Dare County, NC Nov. 1 (John Fussell).

NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW: A late individual was observed in Orange County, NC Oct. 29 as noted by Will Cook, et al.

MARSH WREN: A locally rare occurrence was the bird found in Transylvania County, NC Oct. 14 by Betty McIlwain.

NORTHERN WHEATEAR: North Carolina's third Wheatear was found in the Cape Hatteras Campground Sept. 22 by Marcia Lyons, Diane and Keith Andre, Pat Moore, and Nell Moore. This individual was remarkably tame, allowing fantastic photo opportunities. The bird stayed around until at least Oct. 29, an unbelievable length of stay for a species which normally is gone in a day or so after being found.

THRUSHES: Reports of migrant thrushes were about normal for most of the Carolinas with the exception of the foothills. For example, Simon Thompson in the Tryon area had a very good count of Gray-cheekeds with 7+ during the period Sept. 22 to Oct. 8. He also had a good one-day total of 17+ Swainson's at Chimney Rock Park Oct. 2.

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE: All reports of this declining species are important, thus of interest was the finding of four different individuals in New Hanover County, NC Nov. 20 (Harry LeGrand, Jeff Pippen), a very good count for southeastern North Carolina. One of these birds was at Fort Fisher Sept. 5 (Nell Moore) and throughout the fall.

- WHITE-EYED VIREO:** A high elevation (5500') record was of one at Carver's Gap, Roan Mountain, NC-TN Sept. 19 + 23 (Rick Knight).
- WARBLING VIREO:** Very rare in fall, this species was found near Columbus, NC Oct. 6 by Simon Thompson.
- PHILADELPHIA VIREO:** Reports included (all from North Carolina) one at Falls Lake Sept. 16 (Ricky Davis), one in Alleghany County Sept. 17 (Will Cook, Doug Shadwick), one on Roanoke I. Sept. 24 (Todd Hass, Brian Patteson), up to four in the Tryon - Chimney Rock Park area Sept. 29 - Oct. 1 (Simon Thompson), and two at Portsmouth Oct. 5 (Steve Dinsmore).
- "BREWSTER'S" WARBLER:** Always noteworthy, one was found near Asheville, NC Aug. 1 (Len and Esther Pardue) and another was near Chapel Hill, NC Sept. 5 (Len Pardue).
- GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER:** This species is normally hard to find in the eastern part of the Carolinas in fall. Thus of interest were the two in Durham, NC Sept. 8 (Will Cook, Jeff Pippen), one in Marion County, SC Sept. 10 (Steve Patterson), one in Richlands, NC Sept. 19 (Nell Moore), one at Pettigrew State Park, NC Oct. 2 (Lex Glover, Bert Fisher), and one at Cape Lookout, NC Oct. 4 (Steve Dinsmore).
- TENNESSEE WARBLER:** This species migrates through the western areas in much larger numbers than along the coast, thus of interest were the singles at Corolla, NC Sept. 24 (Steve Dinsmore, Susan Barrell, Brian Patteson, Todd Hass), Pea I., NC (Dinsmore, Jeff Pippen, Lex Glover, Bert Fisher), and Mars Bluff, SC Oct. 21 (Steve Patterson).
- NASHVILLE WARBLER:** Reports of this species were up with sightings all across the Carolinas. Highlights included at least three different birds in the Durham, NC area Sept 8 - Oct. 10 (Jeff Pippen, Will Cook); singles at Asheville, NC Sept. 12 (Gail Whitehurst) and Tryon, NC Sept. 28 and Oct. 4 (Simon Thompson); one at Pea I., NC Sept. 19 and Oct. 1 (Steve Dinsmore); one at Charleston, SC Sept. 28 (Randy Grover); and the banding of two in the Charleston, SC area Sept. 19 and 26 (Will Post) provided some of the very few confirmed records for the species in the state.
- ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER:** A locally uncommon occurrence was provided by an individual at Landrum, SC Oct. 30 (Simon Thompson).
- PRAIRIE WARBLER:** A high elevation (5500') record was of one at Carver's Gap, Roan Mountain, NC-TN Sept. 10 (Rick Knight). Also one was late, but not unexpected, at Lake Mattamuskeet, NC Nov. 27 (Eric Dean).
- BLACKPOLL WARBLER:** This species is a rare fall migrant in South Carolina, thus of interest was the individual banded at Charleston Oct. 4 (Will Post).
- CERULEAN WARBLER:** Reports of this always exciting species included a male at Raleigh, NC Aug. 19 (Bob Hader), a male at Falls Lake, NC Aug. 28 (Ricky Davis), a female banded at Charleston, SC Aug. 29 (Will Post), and a male seen at Folly Beach, SC Sept. 30 (Dennis and Donna Forsythe).
- WORM-EATING WARBLER:** A late individual was found at Chimney Rock Park, NC Oct. 2 by Simon Thompson.

- SWAINSON'S WARBLER:** An unexpected and late migrant was seen at Folly Beach, SC Sept. 23 by Dennis and Donna Forsythe.
- CONNECTICUT WARBLER:** The only report received was of an adult male at Eno R. State Park, Durham County, NC Sept. 3 (Edith Tatum, fide Will Cook).
- MOURNING WARBLER:** This is normally one of the rarest warblers in the Carolinas. This fall there were an amazing five reports! In South Carolina, a female was banded at Charleston Aug. 24 (Will Post) for the 5th confirmed state record. In North Carolina, sightings included singles at Pea I. Sept. 3 (Early Bird Nature Tours), Alleghany County Sept. 17 (Will Cook, Doug Shadwick), Pea I. Sept. 24 (Ned Brinkley), and a very late bird near Asheville Oct. 14 (Len and Esther Pardue).
- WILSON'S WARBLER:** Always noteworthy, migrants of this species were found at Maggie Valley, NC Sept. 5 (Lex Glover), Folly Beach, SC Sept. 23 (Dennis and Donna Forsythe), Cape Lookout, NC Oct. 4 (Steve Dinsmore), and Pea I., NC Oct. 8 (Jeff Phippen, Pat Moore, et al.).
- YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT:** Two were locally uncommon and late in the Tryon - Chimney Rock Park, NC area in early Oct. (Simon Thompson).
- WESTERN TANAGER:** A male returned to a feeder in Wilmington, NC Oct. 31 for the third year in a row (Kitty Kosh)!
- ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK:** An example of the good numbers of migrant passerines that can sometimes be found in the mountains was the 80+ Grosbeaks seen at Carver's Gap, Roan Mountain, NC-TN Sept. 23 (Rick Knight).
- BLUE GROSBEAK:** A late individual was at Fort Fisher, NC Nov. 20 as seen by Jeff Phippen and Harry LeGrand.
- DICKCISSEL:** Reports included one at Pea I., NC Sept. 10 (Russ Tyndall, Patricia Earnhardt), four at Pea I. Sept. 27 and Oct. 5 (Ricky Davis), one at Roanoke I., NC Oct. 1 (Steve Dinsmore, Jeff Phippen), and a male banded at Charleston, SC Nov. 9 (Will Post) for a very rare coastal SC occurrence. Also a male and immature were present near Landrum, SC Aug. 4 - Sept. 3 (Simon Thompson).
- CLAY-COLORED SPARROW:** Fall reports (all coastal) included singles at Wilmington, NC Sept. 14 (Sam Cooper, Kevin Markham), Roanoke I., NC Sept. 27 (Ricky Davis), Bodie I., NC Oct. 1 (Steve Dinsmore, Jeff Phippen, Lex Glover, Bert Fisher), Pea I., NC Oct. 2 (Lex Glover, Bert Fisher), Pea I. Oct. 5 (Ricky Davis), and Mt. Pleasant, SC Oct. 16 (Dennis and Donna Forsythe). Also of note, singles were banded at Charleston, SC Oct. 20 and Nov. 8 (Will Post).
- LARK SPARROW:** Coastal reports involved one at Yawkey Wildlife Center, Georgetown County, SC Aug. 25 (Lex Glover), one at Pea I., NC Sept. 24 (Bob Holmes), and one at Mt. Pleasant, SC Sept. 30 (Dennis and Donna Forsythe) and Oct. 2 (Randy Grover). Inland, one was found at the Orangeburg Sod Farm, SC Sept. 4 (Robin Carter, Caroline Eastman) for a first local record.
- HENSLOW'S SPARROW:** A rare report was of the individual banded at Charleston, SC Oct. 26 by Will Post.

LINCOLN'S SPARROW: Reports of this species continue to increase, no doubt due to increased observer effort and knowledge of where to look for them. Two of the more noteworthy records were the singles found near Tryon, NC Nov. 17 (Simon Thompson) and near Chapel Hill, NC Nov. 19 (Haven Wiley).

LAPLAND LONGSPUR: The only report was of a male at the Orangeburg Sod Farm, SC Nov. 6 (Robin Carter, Caroline Eastman).

SNOW BUNTING: This species was found only on North Carolina's Outer Banks with singles at Pea I. Nov. 11 & 12 (Will Cook, Jeff Pippen, Susan Barrell).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: A first local record was provided by an immature male at the Orangeburg Sod Farm, SC Aug. 28 (Robin Carter, Caroline Eastman, et al.).

PURPLE FINCH: The four Purples found at Bodie I., NC Nov. 22 (C. H. Gambill) must have been lost since there were not any others reported for the fall period. It looks like it will be a definite off-year for winter finches!

RED CROSSBILL: The only report was from the usual Mt. Mitchell, NC spot where one was seen Sept. 7 (Simon Thompson).

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