

Fall 1995 North American Migration Count in South Carolina

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The first spring North American Migration Count was held on the second Saturday of May, 1992. Participation in this annual spring count has grown so much that, by the summer of 1995 word came out from the count instigator and continent-wide organizer, Jim Stasz of Maryland, that we would add a similar count to cover the fall migration, to be held on the third Saturday in September, starting in 1995. Word of this date came rather late, however, and the effort to organize a fall count did not begin in South Carolina until early September, just a few days before the designated date. Birders around the state rose to the occasion, despite the very short lead time, and organized counts from the foothills of the Blue Ridge to the coast. In Charleston County Perry Nugent was able to put together a coordinated effort, while counts in other areas were token counts, usually with just one party. We are sure that a much better coverage will be possible in 1996.

The 1995 Fall North American Migration Day Count in South Carolina was held on the third Saturday in September (16 September 1995). Counts were held in nine counties around the state. Counties holding counts in 1995 (by geographic region, with county seat) were:

Coastal and Outer Coastal Plain:

Horry	(Conway)
Georgetown	(Georgetown)
Charleston	(Charleston)

Inner Coastal Plain:

Clarendon	(Manning)
Hampton	(Hampton)

Piedmont and Inner Coastal Plain (i.e. Fall Line area):

Lexington	(Lexington)
Richland	(Columbia)

Piedmont:

Chester	(Chester)
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Mountains and Piedmont:

Greenville	(Greenville)
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In total, for the 1995 Fall North American Migration Count in South Carolina, some 51 observers in 17 parties found 15,384 individual birds of 163 species. Regular party-hours included 62.5 hours on foot and 31.5 hours by car, covering 44.5 miles on foot and 522 miles by car.

Rarities and high counts:

Observers in Charleston County did well finding Empidonax flycatchers. One Yellow-bellied Flycatcher was well described; two Willow Flycatchers are more expected, but still are good finds anywhere in the state. Charleston County folks reported awesome numbers of several species of common migrants: 502 Northern Rough-winged Swallows, 851 Barn Swallows, 508 Red-eyed Vireos, 505 Palm Warblers, 155 American Redstarts, and 152 Common Yellowthroats. These numbers indicate a substantial migration of these species along the coast in mid-September.

Clarendon County observers found 40 Summer Tanagers in just 4 party-hours, indicating a good push by that species.

In Georgetown County Jack Peachy and Tonya Spires spent the afternoon birding Huntington Beach State Park. Good finds there were a Reddish Egret (present most of the summer), 8 American Golden-Plovers, and 2 American Avocets.

In Horry County observers found 13 Pectoral Sandpipers and 45 Common Snipe at the Bucksport sod farms.

Charleston County, SC. (Coastal and Outer Coastal Plain)

5:45 AM to 7:45 PM. Temp 65 deg. to 85 deg. F. AM partly cloudy; PM rain. Regular observers: 33 in field in 7 parties. Total regular party-hours 47.5; total regular party-miles 262; 30.5 hours and 24 miles on foot; 17 hours and 238 miles by car. Owling observers: 1 in 1 party. Owling party-hours 1; owling party-miles 2. Feeder watchers: 3 at 3 feeding stations. Feeder watcher hours 6. Totals: 55.5 party-hours; 263 party-miles, 33 participants.

Pied-billed Grebe 37, Brown Pelican 220, Double-crested Cormorant 70, Anhinga 21, Least Bittern 7, Great Blue Heron 38, Great Egret 236, Snowy Egret 95, Little Blue Heron 57, Tricolored Heron 41, Cattle Egret 39, Green Heron 16, Black-crowned Night-Heron 14, Yellow-crowned Night-Heron 6, White Ibis 136, Glossy Ibis 1, Wood Stork 15, Canada Goose 15, Wood Duck 37, Mottled Duck 6, Mallard 10, Blue-winged Teal 138, Black Vulture 16, Turkey Vulture 62, Osprey 16, Bald Eagle 7, Northern Harrier 1, Sharp-shinned Hawk 1, Red-shouldered Hawk 4, Red-tailed Hawk 5, American Kestrel 26, Merlin 6, Wild Turkey 2, Clapper Rail 26, Common Moorhen 120, Black-bellied Plover 11, Semipalmated Plover 6, Killdeer 7, Lesser Yellowlegs 1, Solitary Sandpiper 1, Willet 27, Spotted Sandpiper 1, Marbled Godwit 84, Ruddy Turnstone 4, Sanderling 56, peep sp. 25, Dunlin 6, Common Snipe 6, Laughing Gull 125, Ring-billed Gull 101, Herring Gull 24, Great Black-backed Gull 2, Caspian Tern 9, Royal Tern 817, Sandwich Tern 42, Common Tern 30, Forster's Tern 21, Least Tern 56, Black Skimmer 41, Rock Dove 113, Mourning Dove 214, Common Ground-Dove 1, Yellow-billed Cuckoo 3, Eastern Screech-Owl 2, Great Horned Owl 1,

Barred Owl 4, Common Nighthawk 3, Chimney Swift 803, Ruby-throated Hummingbird 8, Belted Kingfisher 19, Red-headed Woodpecker 60, Red-bellied Woodpecker 59, Downy Woodpecker 32, Hairy Woodpecker 2, Red-cockaded Woodpecker 1, Northern (Yellow-shafted) Flicker 6, Pileated Woodpecker 14, Eastern Wood-Pewee 8, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher 1, Acadian Flycatcher 2, Willow Flycatcher 2, Empidonax sp. 1, Eastern Phoebe 1, Great Crested Flycatcher 1, Eastern Kingbird 44, Purple Martin 25, Tree Swallow 1003, Northern Rough-winged Swallow 502, Bank Swallow 17, Barn Swallow 851, Blue Jay 88, American Crow 60, Fish Crow 50, crow sp. 42, Carolina Chickadee 71, Tufted Titmouse 42, White-breasted Nuthatch 2, Brown-headed Nuthatch 65, Carolina Wren 52, House Wren 2, Marsh Wren 3, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 12, Eastern Bluebird 78, Veery 8, Gray-cheeked Thrush 1, American Robin 8, Gray Catbird 1, Northern Mockingbird 95, Brown Thrasher 27, Loggerhead Shrike 17, European Starling 278, White-eyed Vireo 11, Red-eyed Vireo 508, Blue-winged Warbler 2, Northern Parula 5, Yellow Warbler 13, Magnolia Warbler 1, Cape May Warbler 5, Pine Warbler 57, Prairie Warbler 10, Palm Warbler 505, Black-and-white Warbler 3, American Redstart 155, Northern Waterthrush 2, Common Yellowthroat 152, Summer Tanager 9, Northern Cardinal 180, Indigo Bunting 8, Painted Bunting 11, Rufous-sided Towhee 20, Bobolink 99, Red-winged Blackbird 145, Boat-tailed Grackle 300, Common Grackle 607, Brown-headed Cowbird 20, Orchard Oriole 1, Northern (Baltimore) Oriole 7, House Finch 23, House Sparrow 11.

Total: 137 species; 10,725 individuals.

Coordinator: Perry Nugent, 2260 Dalleron Circle, Charleston, SC 29414.

Participants: Van Atkins, Edward Conradi, Sandra Conradi, George Crumly, Dennis Forsythe, Donna Forsythe, Bonnie Hartnet, Fernanda Hastie, Anne Knight, Bill Nevel, Perry Nugent, Betsy Rastigeh, Ben Smith, Charles Walters, Ben Ward, Carol Ward, plus fifteen unnamed participants on a Charleston County Parks and Recreation field trip.

Chester County, SC. (Piedmont)

6:35 AM to 2:35 PM. Temp 65 deg. to 84 deg. F. Wind NE, 0 to 10 mph. AM mostly cloudy; PM rain. Regular observers: 4 in field in 2 parties. Total regular party-hours 8; total regular party-miles 79; 5 hours and 6 miles on foot; 3 hours and 73 miles by car. Totals: 8 party-hours; 79 party-miles, 4 participants.

Double-crested Cormorant 18, Great Blue Heron 24, Great Egret 52, Little Blue Heron 1, Canada Goose 53, Mallard 3, Lesser Scaup 1, Black Vulture 14, Turkey Vulture 2, Bald Eagle 2, Red-shouldered Hawk 2, Red-tailed Hawk 3, American Kestrel 8, Wild Turkey 17, Northern

Bobwhite 12, Killdeer 3, Rock Dove 28, Mourning Dove 22, Barn Owl 1, Chimney Swift 3, Belted Kingfisher 2, Red-headed Woodpecker 1, Red-bellied Woodpecker 2, Downy Woodpecker 1, Pileated Woodpecker 2, Eastern Wood-Pewee 1, Eastern Phoebe 2, Blue Jay 15, American Crow 37, Carolina Chickadee 1, Tufted Titmouse 3, Carolina Wren 3, American Robin 6, Gray Catbird 1, Northern Mockingbird 17, Brown Thrasher 1, Loggerhead Shrike 1, European Starling 18, White-eyed Vireo 1, Red-eyed Vireo 1, Common Yellowthroat 1, Northern Cardinal 11, Blue Grosbeak 1, Rufous-sided Towhee 3, Chipping Sparrow 23, Field Sparrow 11, Eastern Meadowlark 9, Common Grackle 1000, House Finch 11, American Goldfinch 4, House Sparrow 3.

Total: 52 species; 1469 individuals.

Coordinator: Albert Conway, 1672 Deer Run Road, Catawba, SC 29704.

Participants: Albert Conway, Gail B. Ice, Gail C. Ice, Don Oneppo.

Clarendon County, SC. (Inner Coastal Plain)

10:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Temp 82 deg. F. Wind calm. AM cloudy; PM cloudy. Regular observers: 3 in field in 1 party. Total regular party-hours 4; total regular party-miles 22; 2 hours and 2 miles on foot; 2 hours and 20 miles by car. Totals: 4 party-hours; 22 party-miles, 3 participants.

Double-crested Cormorant 6, Anhinga 1, Great Blue Heron 5, Great Egret 7, Snowy Egret 2, Little Blue Heron 7, Tricolored Heron 2, Cattle Egret 3, Green Heron 1, Turkey Vulture 10, Osprey 3, Red-shouldered Hawk 1, Red-tailed Hawk 3, American Kestrel 1, Killdeer 3, Ring-billed Gull 2, Rock Dove 6, Mourning Dove 12, Yellow-billed Cuckoo 1, Chimney Swift 8, Ruby-throated Hummingbird 4, Belted Kingfisher 5, Red-headed Woodpecker 3, Red-bellied Woodpecker 1, Downy Woodpecker 8, Hairy Woodpecker 1, Northern (Yellow-shafted) Flicker 5, Pileated Woodpecker 3, Eastern Wood-Pewee 3, Acadian Flycatcher 1, Empidonax sp. 1, Great Crested Flycatcher 1, Barn Swallow 25, Blue Jay 6, crow sp. 15, Carolina Chickadee 20, Tufted Titmouse 15, White-breasted Nuthatch 4, Brown-headed Nuthatch 4, Carolina Wren 7, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 8, Eastern Bluebird 6, Veery 2, American Robin 40, Northern Mockingbird 9, Brown Thrasher 5, Loggerhead Shrike 2, European Starling 6, White-eyed Vireo 4, Blue-winged Warbler 1, Northern Parula 16, Yellow-throated Warbler 7, Pine Warbler 18, Black-and-white Warbler 3, American Redstart 8, Northern Waterthrush 1, Kentucky Warbler 1, Common Yellowthroat 2, Summer Tanager 40, Scarlet Tanager 1, Northern Cardinal 15, Indigo Bunting 2, Rufous-sided Towhee 10, Red-winged Blackbird 50, Common Grackle 15, Northern (Baltimore) Oriole 1, House Sparrow 20.

Total: 66 species; 509 individuals.

Coordinator: Roger Clark, 9869 Heckscher Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32226

Participants: Roger Clark, Kathleen O'Grady, Bruce Smart.

Georgetown County, SC. (Coastal and Outer Coastal Plain)

13:30 PM to 6:00 PM. Wind E, 5 mph. PM cloudy. Regular observers: 2 in field in 1 party. Total regular party-hours 5.5; total regular party-miles 8.5; 5 hours and 3.5 miles on foot; 0.5 hours and 5 miles by car. Totals: 5.5 party-hours, 8.5 party-miles; 2 participants.

Pied-billed Grebe 40, Brown Pelican 10, Double-crested Cormorant 4, Great Egret 4, Snowy Egret 7, Little Blue Heron 1, Reddish Egret 1, Green Heron 1, Blue-winged Teal 15, Osprey 9, Bald Eagle 1, Merlin 1, Common Moorhen 12, Black-bellied Plover 50, American Golden-Plover 8, Semipalmated Plover 100, Piping Plover 3, Killdeer 3, American Oystercatcher 2, American Avocet 2, Willet 5, Spotted Sandpiper 1, Marbled Godwit 2, Ruddy Turnstone 6, Red Knot 1, Sanderling 40, Western Sandpiper 3, Least Sandpiper 3, peep sp. 30, Short-billed Dowitcher 125, Laughing Gull 6, Ring-billed Gull 10, Herring Gull 2, Caspian Tern 15, Royal Tern 18, Sandwich Tern 4, Common Tern 25, Forster's Tern 3, Black Skimmer 6, Mourning Dove 16, Common Ground-Dove 2, Yellow-billed Cuckoo 1, Red-headed Woodpecker 1, Red-bellied Woodpecker 2, Northern (Yellow-shafted) Flicker 2, Tree Swallow 400, Barn Swallow 4, Blue Jay 3, American Crow 7, Fish Crow 2, crow sp. 9, Carolina Chickadee 3, Tufted Titmouse 1, Carolina Wren 3, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 1, Northern Mockingbird 16, Loggerhead Shrike 2, European Starling 30, Yellow Warbler 1, Pine Warbler 3, American Redstart 1, Common Yellowthroat 1, Summer Tanager 1, Northern Cardinal 6, Boat-tailed Grackle 3.

Total: 63 species; 1100 individuals.

Coordinator: Jack Peachy, 103 Walnut Circle, Conway, SC 29526.

Participants: Jack Peachy, Tonya Spires.

Greenville County, SC. (Mountains and Piedmont)

Temp 67 deg. to 68 deg. F. Wind NW, 0 to 5 mph. AM foggy and overcast. Regular observers: 1 in field in 1 party. Total regular party-hours 2; total regular party-miles 0; 2 hours and 0 miles on foot. Totals: 2 party-hours; 0 party-miles, 1 participant.

Cooper's Hawk 1, Mourning Dove 2, Ruby-throated Hummingbird 4, Red-bellied Woodpecker 1, Great Crested Flycatcher 1, Blue Jay 6, American Crow 2, Carolina Chickadee 6, Tufted Titmouse 5, Carolina Wren 2, American Robin 2, Northern Mockingbird 2, Tennessee Warbler 2, Chestnut-sided Warbler 4, Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler 1, Worm-eating Warbler 1, Northern Cardinal 6, Song Sparrow 2.

Total: 18 species; 50 individuals.

Coordinator: Peter Worthington, 716 North Almond Drive, Simpsonville, SC 29681.

Participant: Peter Worthington.

Hampton County, SC. (Inner Coastal Plain)

7:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Temp 72 deg. to 85 deg. F. Wind calm. AM overcast and foggy; PM partly cloudy. Regular observers: 1 in field in 1 party. Total regular party-hours 6; total regular party-miles 77; 2.5 hours and 3 miles on foot; 3.5 hours and 74 miles by car. Totals: 6 party-hours; 77 party-miles, 1 participant.

Anhinga 1, Great Blue Heron 1, Great Egret 36, Snowy Egret 5, Little Blue Heron 1, Tricolored Heron 1, Cattle Egret 14, Wood Stork 3, Turkey Vulture 29, Osprey 1, Bald Eagle 6, Sharp-shinned Hawk 1, Red-tailed Hawk 2, Common Moorhen 2, Mourning Dove 19, Chimney Swift 9, Ruby-throated Hummingbird 1, Belted Kingfisher 1, Red-bellied Woodpecker 1, Eastern Wood-Pewee 2, Barn Swallow 2, Blue Jay 3, American Crow 3, Fish Crow 1, crow sp. 36, Carolina Chickadee 2, Tufted Titmouse 1, White-breasted Nuthatch 2, Brown-headed Nuthatch 12, Carolina Wren 1, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 1, Eastern Bluebird 8, Northern Mockingbird 12, Loggerhead Shrike 4, European Starling 15, Northern Parula 1, Pine Warbler 12, Palm Warbler 1, Summer Tanager 2, Northern Cardinal 15.

Total: 39 species; 270 individuals.

Coordinator: Carroll Richard, P.O. Box 893, Hampton, SC 29924.

Participant: Carroll Richard.

Horry County, SC. (Coastal and Outer Coastal Plain)

Regular observers: 4 in field in 1 party. Total regular party-hours 4; total regular party-miles 56; 2 hours and 1 mile on foot; 2 hours and 55 miles by car. Owling observers: 1 in 1 party. Owling party-hours 1; owling party-miles 1. Totals: 5 party-hours; 57 party-miles, 4 participants.

Anhinga 1, Great Blue Heron 1, Little Blue Heron 8, Cattle Egret 37, Green Heron 1, Canada Goose 2, Mallard 1, Black Vulture 1, Turkey Vulture 1, Osprey 4, Northern Harrier 1, Cooper's Hawk 1, Red-tailed Hawk 1, Wild Turkey 3, Killdeer 10, Western Sandpiper 3, peep sp. 3, Pectoral Sandpiper 13, Common Snipe 45, Rock Dove 5, Mourning Dove 48, Whip-poor-will 1, Ruby-throated Hummingbird 5, Belted Kingfisher 3, Red-bellied Woodpecker 2, Downy Woodpecker 1, Empidonax sp. 1, Eastern Phoebe 1, Eastern Kingbird 2, Tree Swallow 3, Barn Swallow 25, Blue Jay 8, American Crow 4, Carolina Chickadee 9, Tufted Titmouse 7, Brown-headed Nuthatch 2, Carolina Wren 2, Eastern Bluebird 2, Gray Catbird 1, Northern Mockingbird 5, Loggerhead Shrike 1, European

Starling 25, Red-eyed Vireo 3, Northern Parula 2, Yellow Warbler 2, Pine Warbler 2, Prairie Warbler 5, American Redstart 18, Northern Waterthrush 2, Common Yellowthroat 10, Hooded Warbler 2, Summer Tanager 1, Northern Cardinal 7, Painted Bunting 1, Rufous-sided Towhee 1, Red-winged Blackbird 24, Eastern Meadowlark 1, Common Grackle 2, American Goldfinch 2, House Sparrow 6.

Total: 59 species; 391 individuals.

Coordinator: Tonya Spires, P.O. Box 2167, Conway, SC 29526.

Participants: Jack Peachy, Carol Shipley, Frank Spires, Tonya Spires.

Lexington County, SC. (Piedmont and Inner Coastal Plain)

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Temp 85 deg. F. Wind E, 5 mph. PM cloudy. Regular observers: 1 in field in 1 party. Total regular party-hours 2; total regular party-miles 1; 2 hours and 1 mile on foot. Totals: 2 party-hours; 1 party-mile, 1 participant.

Red-tailed Hawk 1, Mourning Dove 5, Yellow-billed Cuckoo 2, Ruby-throated Hummingbird 1, Red-bellied Woodpecker 7, Downy Woodpecker 5, Hairy Woodpecker 1, Eastern Wood-Pewee 4, Empidonax sp. 1, Blue Jay 9, American Crow 1, Fish Crow 1, Carolina Chickadee 8, Tufted Titmouse 7, Brown-headed Nuthatch 2, Carolina Wren 8, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 2, Eastern Bluebird 3, Northern Mockingbird 4, Red-eyed Vireo 4, Northern Parula 4, Chestnut-sided Warbler 4, Magnolia Warbler 1, Pine Warbler 4, Black-and-white Warbler 2, American Redstart 11, Summer Tanager 1, Northern Cardinal 19, Rose-breasted Grosbeak 1, Common Grackle 1, House Finch 4.

Total: 31 species; 128 individuals.

Coordinator: Robin Carter, 4165 East Buchanan Drive, Columbia, SC.

Participant: Robin Carter.

Richland County, SC. (Piedmont and Inner Coastal Plain)

6:30 AM to 7:00 PM. Temp 70 deg. to 85 deg. F. Wind E, 0 to 5 mph. AM cloudy; PM partly cloudy. Regular observers: 1 in field in 1 party. Total regular party-hours 8.5; total regular party-miles 70.5; 4.5 hours and 3.5 miles on foot; 4 hours and 67 miles by car. Owling observers: 2 in 2 parties. Owling party-hours 1; owling party-miles 0. Feeder watchers: 1 at 1 feeding stations. Feeder watcher hours 0.5. Totals: 10 party-hours; 70.5 party-miles, 3 participants.

Great Blue Heron 1, Great Egret 2, Canada Goose 7, Wood Duck 1, Mallard 28, Black Vulture 1, Turkey Vulture 2, American Kestrel 2, Killdeer 3, Rock Dove 72, Mourning Dove 34, Yellow-billed Cuckoo 1, Eastern Screech-Owl 1, Common Nighthawk 10, Chimney Swift 71, Belted Kingfisher 1, Red-headed Woodpecker 1, Red-bellied Woodpecker

14, Downy Woodpecker 6, Hairy Woodpecker 2, Northern (Yellow-shafted) Flicker 8, Pileated Woodpecker 3, Eastern Wood-Pewee 5, Great Crested Flycatcher 2, Horned Lark 2, Tree Swallow 8, Northern Rough-winged Swallow 1, Blue Jay 27, American Crow 54, Fish Crow 2, Carolina Chickadee 16, Tufted Titmouse 18, White-breasted Nuthatch 1, Brown-headed Nuthatch 13, Carolina Wren 42, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 4, Eastern Bluebird 18, Swainson's Thrush 10, Wood Thrush 1, American Robin 9, Gray Catbird 7, Northern Mockingbird 27, Brown Thrasher 7, Loggerhead Shrike 1, European Starling 37, White-eyed Vireo 9, Yellow-throated Vireo 2, Red-eyed Vireo 2, Northern Parula 3, Chestnut-sided Warbler 1, Magnolia Warbler 2, Pine Warbler 18, American Redstart 5, Common Yellowthroat 4, Hooded Warbler 3, Summer Tanager 4, Northern Cardinal 49, Rufous-sided Towhee 15, Common Grackle 7, Brown-headed Cowbird 1, House Finch 26, American Goldfinch 1, House Sparrow 7.

Total: 63 species; 742 individuals.

Coordinator: Robin Carter, 4165 East Buchanan Drive, Columbia, SC.

Participants: Robin Carter, Caroline Eastman, Jerry Griggs.

Report of the North Carolina Bird Records Committee 1995

This report enumerates the decisions of the Carolina Bird Club's North Carolina Bird Records Committee during 1995.

Accepted as Valid. The reported identification is judged to be accurate and the bird is judged to be of wild origin. Photographs, tape recordings, and written descriptions of all accepted records have been deposited in the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences.

Pacific Loon (*Gavia pacifica*). One in winter plumage was photographed by Steve Dinsmore at Wrightsville Beach on 14 February 1995. This is the third accepted record of the species for North Carolina. The species is already on the Official List.

Pacific Loon. One in winter plumage was observed on the unseasonable date of 28 July 1995 on Currituck Sound along the Dare - Currituck County line, by Will Cook and Norm Budnitz. The Committee accepted descriptions provided by both observers, for the fourth accepted record of Pacific Loon for North Carolina (plus an accepted record to Pacific/Arctic Loon).

Band-rumped Storm-Petrel (*Oceanodroma castro*). An individual was found dead, and subsequently photographed, by Simon Thompson far