

First Inland Record of Pomarine Jaeger from the Carolinas: A Correction

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Hendrickson and Allen (Chat 49:41-42) published a note concerning the occurrence of three Pomarine Jaegers (*Stercorarius pomarinus*) seen near Greensboro, N.C. This otherwise excellent note is in error in stating that these sightings constituted the first inland records for the Carolinas. The first bird found in the interior of the Carolinas was a male (ChM 1950.164) taken on 30 October 1950 on Lake Moultrie, about 1.7 km north of Pinopolis, Berkeley County. This site is about 60 km from the coast. The record was published (Auk 68:377; Suppl. South Carolina Bird Life, pages 602-603, 1970).

BRIEFS FOR THE FILES

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(All dates 1985)

- RED-THROATED LOON:** A first record for Forsyth County, N.C., was one that landed on a road during a fog; it was caught, banded, and released at Salem Lake on 19 November by Ramona Snavely and party. One was also observed by Ricky Davis at Jordan Lake in Chatham County, N.C., on 28 November.
- COMMON LOON:** A fallout of migrants at Falls Lake, Durham County, N.C., yielded 70 loons on 16 November (Harry LeGrand, Tom Howard). Douglas McNair had two early loons from 12 to 14 August at Lake Keowee, S.C.
- NORTHERN FULMAR:** An excellent fall count of 20+ was seen by Dave Lee off Oregon Inlet, N.C., on 25 October; at least five were gray-phase birds. Most unusual was one found alive and photographed (see front cover) by David Chamberlain on the beach at Buxton, N.C., on 4 November following Hurricane Juan.
- BLACK-CAPPED PETREL:** Dennis Forsythe saw one on 24 October about 60 miles off Charleston, S.C. The species was commonly seen on most pelagic trips off Oregon and Hatteras Inlets, N.C., during the fall (fide Dave Lee).
- GREATER SHEARWATER:** David Chamberlain observed one from shore at Buxton, N.C., on 4 November. An excellent pelagic count was 362 noted by Dave Lee off Oregon Inlet on 8 August; he also tallied 1252 Cory's and 1209 Audubon's Shearwaters on this trip.
- WHITE-FACED STORM-PETREL:** On pelagic trips off Oregon Inlet, four were seen on 29 August, one was seen on 23 August, and another was seen on 27 August (Dave Lee et al.).
- LEACH'S STORM-PETREL:** Remarkable counts for this species, considered a rare bird in North Carolina waters only a few years ago, were 133 on 24 August and 75 on 29 August, both noted by Dave Lee and party off Oregon Inlet.
- BAND-RUMPED STORM-PETREL:** This species was seen on most pelagic trips taken off Hatteras and Oregon Inlets in August and early September; peak counts (fide Dave Lee) were 64 on 24 August and 47 on the following day, both off Oregon Inlet.
- WHITE-TAILED TROPICBIRD:** Four were seen off Oregon Inlet on 6 August, and another was seen in that area on 8 August (fide Dave Lee). Off Hatteras Inlet, an adult was photographed by Larry Rosche on 10 August [photos seen by the editor—HEL], and one was seen by Robert

- Ake, Paul DuMont, and party on 2 September.
- AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN:** An excellent count for the Carolinas was nine pelicans seen on several dates from 5 to 16 November near the Santee River, S.C., delta (H.L. Holbrook et al.).
- GREAT CORMORANT:** Extremely early was an immature seen by Clyde Adkins at Huntington Beach State Park, S.C., on 16 August. Dennis Forsythe also saw immatures in that state at Charleston on 20 October and at nearby Sullivans Island on 16 November.
- DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT:** Jim Mulholland had a flock of 84 in flight over Lake Wheeler, south of Raleigh, N.C., on 29 November.
- ANHINGA:** One was rare at Gale Creek near Mesic, Pamlico County, N.C., on 19 October (Philip Crutchfield, Morris Whitfield).
- MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD:** Very late was one seen circling overhead at North Myrtle Beach, S.C., on 1 November by Rick Murray.
- AMERICAN BITTERN:** Ron Warner reported one in the mountains at Bo Thomas Swamp in Hendersonville, N.C., on 25 October.
- REDDISH EGRET:** For the second consecutive summer, an immature was seen at Huntington Beach State Park, S.C. It was noted from 14 to 16 August by Paul Lehman, Henry Fuseler, and Clyde Adkins.
- WHITE IBIS:** Seldom seen between Pea Island and Beaufort, N.C., was one noted at Portsmouth village on 16 September by John Fussell.
- GLOSSY IBIS:** Always notable in the piedmont, one was seen at Falls Lake in Durham County on 7 November by Jim McConnell and Mike Schultz.
- ROSEATE SPOONBILL:** Bill Brokaw saw an immature in fall (no date given) flying over Long Beach, for a very rare North Carolina report.
- WOOD STORK:** Quite far north was one seen at Bodie Island, N.C., on 4 and 5 September (Jerry Via party), as was one in flight over the Wateree River in Kershaw County, S.C., on 17 August (Charlie Wooten).
- FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK:** One observed by Jim McConnell and Mike Schultz at Falls Lake on 7 November was extremely rare for the piedmont. Among several reports for coastal South Carolina, the highest total was of 30+ at Huntington Beach State Park on 30 November (Herb Hendrickson).
- NORTHERN SHOVELER:** Rare in the mountains were two at Lake Osceola in Hendersonville, N.C., on 28 October (Ron Warner).
- EURASIAN WIGEON:** A male was seen from 10 to 17 November by Haven Wiley and others at Lake Mattamuskeet, N.C., and three males were seen by Jan DeBlieu (fide Derb Carter) at Pea Island, N.C., on 23 November.
- REDHEAD:** Notable records for the western Carolinas were at least four at Lake Julian, Buncombe County, N.C., on 22 November (Ron Warner); one at Cashiers, N.C., from 23 to 28 November (Douglas McNair); and an excellent count of 283 on Lake Keowee, S.C., on 25 November (McNair).
- RING-NECKED DUCK:** Douglas McNair observed 214 at Cashiers, N.C., on 8 November, and he saw 18 early ducks at Lake Keowee on 25 September.
- COMMON EIDER:** A female was rare and very early for South Carolina at Huntington Beach State Park on 27 October, as noted by Charlie Wooten, Steve Wagner, and party.
- BLACK SCOTER:** A good count of 3000 was made by Douglas McNair at Edisto Island, S.C., on 16 November.
- SURF SCOTER:** Harry LeGrand observed a female at Jordan Lake, N.C., on 17 November.
- RED-BREASTED MERGANSER:** A remarkable inland total of 925 migrants, in five flocks, were seen at Lake Keowee on 25 November by Douglas McNair.
- TURKEY VULTURE:** An unusually large roost of 165 birds was found by Douglas McNair at the Brevard Fish Hatchery in Transylvania County, N.C., on 24 September.
- BLACK VULTURE:** At a high elevation for the Carolinas was one seen at 3500 feet along the Blue

- Ridge Parkway near Doughton Park, N.C., on 8 September (Allen Bryan, Ricky Davis, Harry LeGrand).
- OSPREY:** A good one-day count of migrants was 94 at Huntington Beach State Park on 13 October (Douglas McNair).
- AMERICAN SWALLOW-TAILED KITE:** Seldom found in the piedmont was one seen by Bill Scott about 7.5 miles N of Monroe, N.C., on 9 August.
- BALD EAGLE:** Excellent numbers of summering eagles were present at Jordan and Falls Lakes in central North Carolina. On 24 August, censuses of these lakes yielded 30 at Jordan and 14 at Falls (Melinda Welton, Kathy Kuyper, and others).
- GOLDEN EAGLE:** Perry Nugent and Charlie Walters observed an immature at Bluff Plantation near Charleston on 9 November.
- MERLIN:** Inland sightings for the fall were of single birds at Falls Lake on 3 November (Ricky Davis) and at Albemarle Sound in northern Washington County, N.C., on 27 September (Allen Bryan et al.).
- PEREGRINE FALCON:** Kitty Kosh saw two near Leland in Brunswick County, N.C., on 5 October. Seldom is more than one falcon seen per day away from the immediate coast.
- YELLOW RAIL:** One was flushed twice by John Fussell near Atlantic Beach, N.C., on 14 October.
- BLACK RAIL:** Perry Nugent and Charlie Walters flushed two from a dike at Magnolia Gardens near Charleston on 23 November.
- BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER:** One was quite late inland near Morrisville, Wake County, N.C., on 16 November (Jim and Elizabeth Pullman). A large flock of 24, plus a Lesser Golden-Plover, was seen by Harry LeGrand at Falls Lake on 17 August.
- LESSER GOLDEN-PLOVER:** There was a poor flight of this species in the Carolinas in fall 1985. The only coastal reports, all in North Carolina, were three at Portsmouth Island on 16 September (John Fussell), two at Pea Island on 23 September (Derb Carter), one at Bald Head Island on 27 September (Carter), and one late at Cape Hatteras point on 23 November (Carter).
- WILLET:** One was notable at Falls Lake on 8 August, as seen by Ricky Davis.
- UPLAND SANDPIPER:** Inland sightings, where rare in fall, were of one at Falls Lake on 10 August (Harry LeGrand, Ricky Davis) and 10 at Shaw Air Force Base near Sumter, S.C., on 2 August (Ramona Snavelly, Evelyn Dabbs).
- LONG-BILLED CURLEW:** Two were observed by John Fussell and Henry Haberyan at Ocracoke, N.C., on 22 September. One bird, perhaps one of those at Ocracoke, was seen at Portsmouth Island, N.C., on 13 September (Fussell); and another was seen by Douglas McNair on St. Helena Island, S.C., on 17 November.
- HUDSONIAN GODWIT:** The best count at Bodie-Pea Islands, N.C., for the fall was 12 seen after Hurricane Juan on 5 November (David Chamberlain). Seldom seen away from the above area was one at Bogue Inlet, N.C., on 28 October (Jim and Elizabeth Pullman).
- MARbled GODWIT:** Just the second ever inland for North Carolina was one seen by David Wright, Heathy Walker, and Harriet Whitsett at Falls Lake in Durham County on 16 August.
- RUDDY TURNSTONE:** Scarce inland were two near Townville, S.C., on 2 October (Charlie Wooten) and one at Pineville, N.C., on 18 August (Heathy Walker). Douglas McNair had an excellent coastal count of 1100 at Sullivans Island, S.C., on 15 November.
- RED KNOT:** A first record for Forsyth County, N.C., was of two birds at a sewage treatment plant at Winston-Salem, 9 to 11 August (Jim and Pat Culbertson, Charles Frost, Ramona Snavelly).
- SANDERLING:** One was noteworthy at Winston-Salem from 1 to 3 September, as seen by Ramona Snavelly and party.
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER:** The only inland record for the fall was one seen by Ricky Davis at Falls Lake on 3 August.
- BAIRD'S SANDPIPER:** There were three reports for the season: two on 14 August at a sewage treatment plant near Sumter (Evelyn Dabbs, Jimmy Beatty, Lex Glover), one at Clemson on 7 August (Charlie Wooten), and one at Hatteras Inlet, N.C., on 31 August (Greg Massey,

- Maurice Barnhill, and others).
- PECTORAL SANDPIPER:** Good inland totals were 100+ seen by Harry LeGrand at Falls Lake on 10 and 16 August and 75 at Lake Hartwell near Clemson on 7 October by Charlie Wooten.
- STILT SANDPIPER:** Small numbers were found well inland during the fall at Lake Hartwell (Charlie Wooten et al.), near Goldsboro, N.C. (Ricky Davis et al.), and near Pineville, N.C. (David Wright, Heathy Walker). An excellent total of 40 were seen by Ricky Davis and Harry LeGrand at Falls Lake on 10 August.
- RUFF:** Only the second ever seen in inland North Carolina, the first this century, was one with remnants of breeding plumage at Falls Lake in Durham County on 14 and 15 August. Ricky Davis first found the bird, and it was seen by approximately 10 other birders. Another was seen at the southern end of Ocracoke Island, N.C., on 22 July by David Sibley.
- SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER:** A notable inland total of 30 were seen by Ricky Davis and Harry LeGrand at Falls Lake on 10 August.
- LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER:** Charlie Wooten saw and heard two near Townville, S.C., on 24 October, and two differently plumaged birds were there from 30 October to 2 November.
- WILSON'S PHALAROPE:** One was notable at a sewage treatment plant in Winston-Salem from 1 to 3 September (Ramona and Alan Snavely, Barbara Page). In addition to a few sightings on the North Carolina Outer Banks, one was seen at Eagle Island near Wilmington on 17 and 29 August (Jeremy Nance, Kitty Kosh).
- POMARINE JAEGER:** A record count of 90 was seen by Dave Lee off Oregon Inlet on 25 October. John Fussell saw another from the Cedar Island to Ocracoke, N.C., ferry on 25 November.
- PARASITIC JAEGER:** Dave Lee had at least 20 on a pelagic trip off Oregon Inlet on 25 October. The best of several other coastal reports was two seen from the Cedar Island to Ocracoke ferry on 10 November by Henry Haberyan.
- LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL:** Very early was an adult seen by Henry Haberyan at Bogue Inlet, N.C., on 8 September. Rather far inland was an adult seen at Goose Creek State Park, N.C., along the Pamlico River, on 17 November by Veronica Pantelidis.
- BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE:** Dennis Forsythe photographed an immature off Charleston on 17 November.
- CASPIAN TERN:** An outstanding count of 170 was made by Douglas McNair at Huntington Beach State Park on 13 October.
- ROSEATE TERN:** An adult in winter plumage was studied in flight at Fort Fisher, N.C., on 27 September by Sam Cooper. [A detailed description and sketch were provided.—HEL]
- ARCTIC TERN:** Ned Brinkley submitted a thorough description of one in breeding plumage seen at rest with Common Terns at Cape Hatteras point, N.C., on 21 August. This appears to be the first record for the species seen on land (and not offshore) in the state.
- SOOTY TERN:** Walker Golder found a nest, with one egg (the normal clutch size), on 30 May at Cape Hatteras point. The nest was abandoned after 3 days. This is the third location in North Carolina for attempted breeding by the species; no nest has yet been successful.
- BLACK TERN:** A good recent inland count of 11 was made by Ricky Davis at Jordan Lake on 25 August. This tern has declined dramatically as a fall migrant in our area over the last decade or two.
- COMMON BARN-OWL:** Surprisingly, the first ever record for the North Carolina Sandhills was one seen on 26 October at Normandy Drop Zone at Fort Bragg (fide Jay Carter).
- OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER:** Single rare migrants were observed at Pea Island on 18 August (Wayne Irvin) and at Fayetteville on 26 August (Philip Crutchfield).
- YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER:** Individuals were studied at Pea Island on 24 August by Wayne Irvin and 25 August by Ned Brinkley, near Fayetteville on 26 August by Philip Crutchfield, and near Pendleton, S.C., on 15 September by Charlie Wooten. Will Post collected birds for the Charleston Museum on 17 and 23 September at Mount Pleasant, S.C.

- ALDER FLYCATCHER:** Charlie Wooten observed one, giving the diagnostic "pip" call note, near Townville on 20 September.
- LEAST FLYCATCHER:** One was netted by Will Post at Mount Pleasant on 19 October.
- WESTERN KINGBIRD:** Though somewhat regular along the coast from September through November, one was early on 25 August at Pea Island (Ned Brinkley).
- SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER:** One was photographed by Ric Carter on 29 October near Bath, N.C.
- TREE SWALLOW:** A good coastal total was an estimated 30,000 on 8 November at Emerald Isle, N.C. (John Fussell, Henry Haberyan). A notable total inland in fall was 200 at Jordan Lake on 5 November (Bill and Margaret Wagner).
- NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW:** Douglas McNair observed three very late individuals on 12 October at Lake Wallace near Bennettsville, S.C.
- CEDAR WAXWING:** Six were seen by Jim Pullman on 30 June at Falls Lake, where waxwings have been noted sparingly during summer in several recent years.
- YELLOW-THROATED VIREO:** Very seldom seen in the Carolinas after October, one was found dead at a TV tower near Awendaw, Charleston County, S.C., on 4 November (Will Post).
- PHILADELPHIA VIREO:** Individuals were seen along the coast at Bald Head Island on 28 September (Derb Carter) and at Fort Fisher, N.C., on 6 October (Jeremy Nance, John Hardwick). Among the handful of inland reports was an excellent one-party count of five, near Pilot Mountain State Park, N.C., on 29 September (Allen Bryan, Ricky Davis, Harry LeGrand).
- TV TOWER KILL:** Dave Lee found about 500 birds killed at a TV tower near Singletary Lake in Bladen County, N.C., during the night of 26-27 September. Noteworthy species included a Philadelphia Vireo and a Blackburnian Warbler, plus a high total of 20 Magnolia Warblers.
- GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER:** Individuals were reported from 23 August to 28 September near Wrightsville Beach (Greg Massey), Wilmington (Kitty Kosh, Jeremy Nance), Raleigh (Jim Mulholland), Chapel Hill (Johnnie Payne), and Crowders Mountain State Park (Paul Hart) in North Carolina, and near Clemson (Charlie Wooten) in South Carolina.
- BREWSTER'S WARBLER:** This hybrid was seen by Philip Crutchfield at Fayetteville on 9 September.
- NASHVILLE WARBLER:** A first fall specimen for the South Carolina coast was collected by Will Post at Mount Pleasant on 29 October. Ricky Davis saw one at Pea Island on 6 October, the only other coastal report for the fall season.
- CERULEAN WARBLER:** Ricky Davis observed one on the exceptionally late date of 13 October at Buxton; the species is seldom reported from the coast at any season. Charlie Wooten found singles at Clemson on 10, 15, and 20 August while making a special search for the species during the apparent "peak" of its migration through the Carolinas.
- CONNECTICUT WARBLER:** The only fall sightings were, as usual, along the North Carolina Outer Banks. Individuals were seen in Buxton Woods on 28 September by Wayne Irvin and on 12 October by Ricky Davis and Harry LeGrand.
- WILSON'S WARBLER:** A surprising number were seen near the coast this fall. Individuals near the North Carolina coast were noted on 1 September near Wilmington (Jeremy Nance), on 14 September at Fort Fisher (Greg Massey), on 28 September at Emerald Isle (John Fussell, Robert Hader) and Bald Head Island (Derb Carter), and 29 September at New Bern (Bob Holmes). One was along the South Carolina coast at Huntington Beach State Park on 26 October (Charlie Wooten, Steve Wagner).
- CANADA WARBLER:** An adult male was very late on 6 November, as seen by Dorothy Foy at Oriental, N.C.
- YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT:** John Fussell noted one on 13 November in his yard in Morehead City, N.C. This species occasionally overwinters in such locations.

- SUMMER TANAGER:** A migrant was at a fairly high elevation of 3500 feet at Doughton Park, along the Blue Ridge Parkway, N.C., on 8 September (Allen Bryan, Ricky Davis, Harry LeGrand).
- WESTERN TANAGER:** A rare sighting was one noted by Dorothy Foy on 7 and 8 September at Oriental, N.C.
- ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK:** Quite late was an immature male at the feeder of Frances and Henry Rankin Jr. in Fayetteville from 25 to 27 November.
- PAINTED BUNTING:** Will Post netted a late bunting at his banding station at Mount Pleasant on 16 November.
- DICKCISSEL:** A good count of migrants was three seen and heard calling at Pea Island on 6 October (Harry LeGrand, Ricky Davis, et al.).
- CLAY-COLORED SPARROW:** One was found by Derb Carter at Bald Head Island on 29 September; two were seen by Harry LeGrand, Ricky Davis, and others at Pea Island on 6 October; and one was collected by Will Post on 25 September at Mount Pleasant.
- LARK SPARROW:** Individuals were reported only from the coast, where the species is regular in fall: Pea Island on two occasions, Huntington Beach State Park, and Hilton Head Island.
- GRASSHOPPER SPARROW:** Will Post netted five along the coast at Mount Pleasant from 28 September to 26 October.
- LE CONTE'S SPARROW:** One, perhaps on its wintering grounds, was seen at Mount Pleasant on 13 November by Jeannine Angerman and the following day by Steve Compton.
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW:** In North Carolina, the only reports for the fall were of individuals at Pea Island on 6 October (Brainard Palmer-Ball) and near Wilson on 9 November (Ricky Davis). In South Carolina, Will Post netted two at Mount Pleasant on 6 October and another on 27 October; Charlie Wooten and others saw about 18 birds during the fall in the Townville area. This species is certainly not rare in many areas of the Carolinas in fall, particularly the mountains and western piedmont.
- LAPLAND LONGSPUR:** Seldom seen along the South Carolina coast was one studied by Mike Cooper on 13 November at Hilton Head Island.
- BOBOLINK:** An outstanding total was approximately 8000 migrants seen flying north during the morning across Oregon Inlet on 28 September by Wayne Irvin. [These birds, and other passerine migrants, seen flying north along the Outer Banks on autumn mornings are apparently correcting for wind drift that occurred during the previous night's southbound migration. Such morning flights, generally oriented to the northwest, are most prevalent on the first day after passage of a cold front.—HEL]
- YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD:** The best place to see this species in the Carolinas is the Outer Banks in late August or early September. Continuing the sightings of previous years were individuals in mid-August near Buxton (Larry Rosche), at Hatteras Inlet on 31 August (Greg Massey, Maurice Barnhill, et al.), and at Pea Island on 5 September (Bill Akers, Jerry Via, Fenton Day).
- BREWER'S BLACKBIRD:** The only area in the Carolinas where the species is found consistently is Townville, S.C.; Charlie Wooten and Sidney Gauthreaux saw two males here on 20 November and one on 24 November.
- HOUSE FINCH:** Douglas McNair noted three at Cashiers, N.C., on 23 November.
- RED CROSSBILL:** Thought seen at several places in the North Carolina mountains during the fall, the only sighting away from the mountains was one seen and heard in flight by Ricky Davis at Wilson, N.C., on 9 November.
- PINE SISKIN:** A very good count of 325 was made by Douglas McNair at Cashiers on 27 October.
- EVENING GROSBEAK:** A modest movement of grosbeaks and siskins occurred this fall in the Carolinas. Unusually early were two grosbeaks at a feeder in Winston-Salem on 27 September (Barbara and Dick Page) and one at Nags Head on 12 October (Harry LeGrand, Ricky Davis).