

BRIEFS FOR THE FILES

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- RED-THROATED LOON:** An individual was at Jordan Lake, NC from 13 to 21 November (Steve Dinsmore, Susan Grove, Ricky Davis) for the only inland report.
- COMMON LOON:** A first-year bird at Lake Townsend, NC from 8 to 29 August (Herb Hendrickson, Henry Link) was an absurdly early migrant!
- RED-NECKED GREBE:** The only report was of one at Huntington Beach State Park, SC on 23 November (Jack Peachey).
- EARED GREBE:** This species continues to be found in the Carolinas with birds present at the usual spots in Goldsboro (for seven consecutive years!) and along the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Birds were also at L. Wheeler near Raleigh from 25 November on into winter (Todd Hass, Roger McNeill, and others) and at Sumter, SC on 26 November (Lex Glover, Bert Fisher).
- WESTERN GREBE:** An individual of this species was found on the big pond at Cape Hatteras point on 8 November by Paul Lehman, Shawneen Finnegan, and Ken Hollinga. The bird remained here on into December and was seen by many observers. This was probably the best documented occurrence in the Carolinas, especially since the Western/Clark's Grebe split.
- HORNED GREBE:** A locally high count was the 47 found at Jordan L., NC in November by Steve Dinsmore and Susan Grove.
- HERALD PETREL:** This species is being found more frequently the past several years and this fall there were four reports off the Outer Banks of North Carolina. One intermediate phase was found on 2 August by Allan Foreman, fide Ned Brinkley; and three single dark phase birds on 7 and 16 August and 26 September (A. Hill party, and M. Tove party).
- CORY'S SHEARWATER:** This species is one of the most common pelagic birds off our coasts in summer and fall, but the count of 2,452 off Oregon Inlet 22 August (M. Tove party) was exceptional.
- GREATER SHEARWATER:** The best numbers in recent memory were offshore this fall with a high count of 240 off Oregon Inlet on 22 August (M. Tove party).
- SOOTY SHEARWATER:** Sooties in late summer and fall are quite rare in Carolina offshore waters, thus up to two off Oregon Inlet in early August (A. Hill party) were good finds. Observers should be careful with all dark shearwaters at this time of year due to the presence of dark Herald Petrels which are becoming more expected.
- WILSON'S STORM-PETREL:** This species often turns up in coastal waters, but the bird in western Pamlico Sound near Swan Quarter 28 November (Eric Dean) was not only "almost inland" but also late!
- BAND-RUMPED STORM-PETREL:** The best counts off Oregon Inlet this fall were 18 on 21 August (M. Tove party) and 37 on 14 August (A. Hill party).
- WHITE-FACED STORM-PETREL:** Always exciting, one was photographed off the Outer Banks on 27 August (Odear party) as it gave good views to observers.

- WHITE-TAILED TROPICBIRD:** This species is regular but uncommon offshore each year, thus reports are always big news. Singles were found off Charleston, SC on 1 August (Todd Hass, Joe Poston); off Oregon Inlet, NC on 16 August (A. Hill party); and off Hatteras, NC on 19 August (Steve Dinsmore).
- MASKED BOOBY** This species is a rare bird in North Carolina waters, but is being found practically yearly. One was off Oregon Inlet on 21 August (M. Tove party) and another was off Hatteras on 18 September (Brian Patteson, et al.).
- GREAT CORMORANT:** An immature was early near Ocracoke, NC on 28 August (Steve Dinsmore, et al.). Also one was unusual away from the beaches near Washington, NC on the Pamlico River on 19 November (Harry LeGrand, John and Paula Wright).
- WHITE PELICAN:** The third! record for Jordan Lake near Chapel Hill, NC was of an individual from 3 to 14 November (Jim Keighton and many others). The presence of four near Morehead City, NC on 19 October (Henry Tunstall, fide John Fussell) was a locally unusual record.
- LEAST BITTERN:** One seen at Bear I., SC on 12 November (Simon Thompson) was rather late.
- REDDISH EGRET:** The last several years, this species has increased as a post-breeding wanderer in the Carolinas. This fall there were birds at Huntington Beach State Park, SC in August and September (Jack Peachey, Mary McDavit, and many others); Sunset Beach, NC in August (Russ Tyndall, John Fussell, and many others); Yawkey Wildlife Center, Georgetown County, SC in August (Lex Glover, Nell Moore, Amy Armstrong); Cape Hatteras point 26 August (Steve Dinsmore, Tim Schrantz); and several on Core Banks in August and September (Steve Dinsmore).
- BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERN:** An immature was noted at Jordan Lake near Chapel Hill, NC on 19 September by Jeff Phippen for the only inland report.
- YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON:** Always a good find inland, an immature was noted near Goldsboro, NC on 24 August by Eric Dean.
- WHITE IBIS:** There were better than average numbers of inland wanderers this fall as evidenced by the presence of 51 at two lakes in the Wilson, NC area 29 August (Ricky Davis). Also of note were four at L. Townsend near Greensboro, NC from 8 August to 18 September (Herb Hendrickson) and two in the Cashiers Valley area of Transylvania County, NC from mid-August to 27 September as seen by the Siebenhellers.
- GLOSSY IBIS:** This species seems to be declining in the Carolinas the last several years, thus a count of 80 at the Savannah National Wildlife Refuge, SC on 6 November (Anne Waters) was encouraging.
- WOOD STORK:** Good counts for this closely monitored species were the 51+ at the Silver Bluff Audubon Sanctuary, Jackson, SC on 14 August (Anne Waters) and 26 at Sunset Beach, NC on 18 August (Mary McDavit).
- FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK:** The Outer Banks of North Carolina had an influx of birds this fall with a flock of 11 at C. Hatteras point on 21 October (Steve Dinsmore, Marcia Lyons, Suzanne Wrenn), two at North Pond, Pea I. on 22 October (Steve Dinsmore), and five at Ocracoke on 3 November (J.M.Sanderson). From one to two of the C. Hatteras birds remained on into the winter.

- MUTE SWAN:** An adult was at Clam Shoal in Pamlico Sound, NC from 8 August to at least 2 October as noted by Steve Dinsmore and Susan Grove.
- GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE:** One made a very rare appearance at L. Johnson, Raleigh, NC from 21 to 27 November (Vernon Janke, many others).
- SNOW GOOSE:** This species pushed south in better than average numbers as evidenced by the 20 at Ft. Fisher, NC on 20 November (Ralph Widrig). Also 6 at the Yawkey Wildlife Center, Georgetown County, SC on 25 October (Lex Glover) and an immature at Bear I., SC on 11 November (Simon Thompson) were good records for that state.
- EURASIAN WIGEON:** The peak count for this species at the usual North Pond, Pea I., NC spot was five on 22 October (Steve Dinsmore).
- REDHEAD:** A locally uncommon report was of a male at L. Townsend near Greensboro, NC on 28 November (Herb Hendrickson, Henry Link).
- RING-NECKED DUCK:** An individual of this species found at Santee National Wildlife Refuge, SC on 6 September (Bob Wood) was either a very early migrant or a summering bird.
- COMMON EIDER:** A female was a little early at Cape Hatteras point on 31 October and another or the same bird was at Pea I. on 8 November (J.M.Sanderson).
- OLDSQUAW:** Two at L. Brandt near Greensboro, NC on 25 November (Henry Link, fide Herb Hendrickson) were locally unusual.
- BLACK SCOTER:** Inland birds were two at L. Brandt, Greensboro, NC on 8 November (Henry Link, fide Herb Hendrickson) and up to three at Jordan Lake, Chapel Hill, NC on 20 and 21 November (Steve Dinsmore, Susan Grove, Ricky Davis).
- SURF SCOTER:** Inland Surfs in North Carolina were one at Goldsboro on 13 October (Eric Dean), two in the Greensboro area on 25 November (Henry Link, fide Herb Hendrickson), and two farther west in Henderson County on L. Osceola on 26 and 27 November (Wayne Forsythe, Simon Thompson).
- WHITE-WINGED SCOTER:** The Greensboro, NC area made a clean sweep of scoters this fall including two White-wingeds at L. Brandt on 27 October (Henry Link, fide Herb Hendrickson).
- HOODED MERGANSER:** A pair spent the summer on into August at Little River, SC at a golf course pond but no evidence of breeding was observed (Bill and Mary McDavit).
- COMMON MERGANSER:** The only fall report was of one at Jordan Lake near Chapel Hill, NC on 6 September (Ken Lundstrom). This early date probably makes this the individual that has been seen off and on the last several years at that locality.
- RED-BREASTED MERGANSER:** The flock of 55! found at Dupont Lake, Transylvania County, NC on 19 November (Tom Joyce, fide Norma Siebenheller) was not only large but also provided just the third county record.
- RUDDY DUCK:** A rare breeding record was provided by a pair with five young at Ocean Isle, NC from early August through September (Mary McDavit). Another pair spent the summer at Topsail Beach, NC but breeding was not noted (Jimi and Nell Moore).
- MISSISSIPPI KITE:** Two sub-adults seen at Caesar's Head State Park, SC on 18 August (Don Serif, Irvin Pitts) were not only rare for up-state South Carolina but were first records for the park.

- SHARP-SHINNED HAWK:** The peak one-day count this fall came from Cape Hatteras Campground, NC when Steve Dinsmore tallied 106 on 19 October.
- COOPER'S HAWK:** On 19 October Dinsmore had a good count of 12 from the Cape Hatteras Campground. The one-day total of 7 near Charleston, SC on 26 September (Robin Carter, Caroline Eastman, Dennis and Donna Forsythe) was that state's best count this season.
- BROAD-WINGED HAWK:** This species staged a good migration at certain sites this fall. In North Carolina, the peak count was from Pilot Mt. State Park on 22 September when 10,835 were seen (Toby Gordon). In South Carolina, the peak was 2,015 on 23 September at Caesar's Head State Park (Don Serif, et al.). Coastal migrants were highlighted by the 10 near Charleston, SC on 1 October (Lex Glover, et al.). And finally, a "dark morph" Broad-wing was seen well near Chapel Hill, NC on 18 October (Joe Poston, Julia Shields) for one of the very few records of this phase in the eastern part of the country!
- SWAINSON'S HAWK:** An immature was found at Pea I., NC on 3 October by Eric Dean. Luckily he ran into Steve Dinsmore who was able to relocate and photograph the bird. This provided the best documentation for this species in the state. Several previous reports were unverified sight records only.
- GOLDEN EAGLE:** There were reports of one or two in the Transylvania County, NC area from late October through November (Bill and Norma Siebenheller). Also an adult was found at the Yawkey Wildlife Center, Georgetown County, SC on 16 November (Lex Glover, John Cely) for the only report from that state.
- MERLIN:** The peak coastal count was 14 at Cape Hatteras Campground, NC on 19 October (Steve Dinsmore). In North Carolina, inland birds were found near Goldsboro, Durham, Washington, and New Bern.
- PEREGRINE FALCON:** The peak one-day total was 14 at Charleston, SC on 26 September (Robin Carter, Caroline Eastman, Donna and Dennis Forsythe). Inland migrants turned up at Chapel Hill, Durham, Jamesville, and Pilot Mt. State Park in North Carolina and at Jackson in South Carolina. The "resident" pair at Chimney Rock, NC was seen as late as 20 November (Simon Thompson).
- CLAPPER RAIL:** One found dead near Goldsboro on 23 August (Eric Dean) was the only inland report.
- KING RAIL:** A window-kill in Columbus, Polk County, NC on 6 September (Simon Thompson) provided the first record for that county.
- COMMON MOORHEN:** An immature bird was found on L. Osceola near Hendersonville, NC on 16 October (Wayne Forsythe, Simon Thompson) for a rare local record.
- BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER:** In South Carolina, inland migrants were found at the Orangeburg Sod Farm (Anne Waters) and the Bucksport Sod Farm, Horry County (Tonya Spires, fide Jack Peachey). In North Carolina, birds were at Goldsboro (Eric Dean), Jordan Lake (Doug Shadwick), and Falls Lake (many observers). The peak at Falls was 16 on 10 October (Ricky Davis).
- LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER:** This species was widely reported from the Carolinas this fall. In South Carolina, singles were observed at Huntington Beach State Park on 22 August (Nathan Dias, et al.), Socastee in late August and 8 November (Rick Murray), and Bucksport Sod Farm (Tonya Spires). A peak of four were at the Orangeburg Sod Farm on 11 September (Charleston

- Nat. His. Soc.). In North Carolina, individuals were found at South Pond, Pea I. on 15 August (A. Hill party), North Pond, Pea I. on 4 October (Steve Dinsmore. Susan Grove), Cape Hatteras Campground on 30 October (J.M.Sanderson), Goldsboro from 9 September to 15 October (Eric Dean), and at Falls Lake from 4 September to 10 October (Steve Dinsmore, Ricky Davis). The peak at Falls was 11 on 12 September (Ricky Davis).
- WILSON'S PLOVER:** A very good count for this species was the 82 tallied at Portsmouth on 22 August by Dinsmore.
- SEMIPALMATED PLOVER:** The only inland South Carolina report was of one at the Orangeburg Sod Farm on 29 August (Robin Carter, Caroline Eastman). In North Carolina, Falls Lake had good totals with the peak being 40 on 12 September (Ricky Davis). Also noteworthy was the 10 at Buckhorn Reservoir near Wilson on 29 August (Ricky Davis) for one of the few Wilson County records.
- PIPING PLOVER:** Dinsmore had excellent counts on Core Banks on 20 August. He found 26 at New Drum Inlet and an amazing 110 at Portsmouth! These are encouraging tallies for this closely monitored species.
- AMERICAN AVOCET:** The count of 110 at the usual Savannah River Spoil Site locality on 2 October (Anne Waters) was a good total. Individuals were also found at some less usual sites such as Cape Hatteras point on 19 August (Steve Dinsmore), near Beaufort, NC on 12 October (John Fussell), Topsail Beach on 6 September (Jimi and Nell Moore), and inland at Falls Lake on 11 September (Les Todd).
- WILLET:** A rare inland bird was one at Buckhorn Reservoir near Wilson on 29 August (Ricky Davis) for a first county record.
- UPLAND SANDPIPER:** The peak at the Orangeburg Sod Farm was 15 on 22 August (Lex Glover, Pete Worthington, Nell Moore). The Cherry Hospital grounds near Goldsboro, NC also had a good total of 16 on 28 August (Eric Dean). The three near Topsail Beach on 31 August (Jimi and Nell Moore) provided a good local count.
- LONG-BILLED CURLEW:** The best total this fall was of five near Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge on 26 September (J. Cox). Birds were again seen at the usual spots such as Ft. Fisher and Portsmouth (Ralph Widrig, Steve Dinsmore). The presence of two at the east end of Shackleford Banks near Morehead City on 15 August (John Fussell, Marta Pearson) was less expected.
- HUDSONIAN GODWIT:** The only report concerning this species was of at least three at North Pond, Pea I., NC from late September to mid-October (many observers).
- RUDDY TURNSTONE:** Inland migrants were found in North Carolina at Jordan Lake on 25 September (Doug Shadwick), Goldsboro on 8 September (Eric Dean), and Falls Lake with the peak being 4 on 1 September (Ricky Davis). In South Carolina, inland migrants are more rare than in North Carolina, thus one at the Orangeburg Sod Farm on 6 September (Bob Wood) was a good find.
- RED KNOT:** Always rare inland in the Carolinas, this species was found three times at Falls Lake. Different adults were present on 22 August (Ricky Davis), 4 September (Steve Dinsmore), and 12 September (Ricky Davis).
- SANDERLING:** The best inland migrant totals were 7 on 18 September at Goldsboro (Eric Dean), 25 at Falls Lake on 6 September (Bert Fisher), and then 50 at Falls on 12 September (Ricky Davis). An albino Sanderling

observed near Avon, NC in October (Steve Dinsmore, et al.) must have been a surprise!

SEMPALMATED SANDPIPER: The only report from inland South Carolina was of 5 at the Orangeburg Sod Farm on 29 August (Robin Carter, Caroline Eastman). In North Carolina, the peak at Falls Lake was 55 on 22 August (Ricky Davis). Also Buckhorn Reservoir near Wilson had a good count of 50 on 29 August (Ricky Davis).

WESTERN SANDPIPER: The only inland reports came from North Carolina where one was at Jordan Lake on 28 August (Chapel Hill Bird Club), 5 were at Falls Lake on 22 August (Ricky Davis), and two were first county records at Buckhorn Reservoir near Wilson on 29 August (Ricky Davis).

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: In North Carolina, inland birds were one at Falls Lake on 6 September (Bert Fisher) and 4 at Goldsboro on 24 September (Eric Dean). Late coastal migrants were at Cape Hatteras Campground on 13 November (Bob Holmes, Larry Crawford, Wade Fuller) and Kure Beach on 11 November (Nell Moore).

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER: Inland migrants were found at Goldsboro on 6 August (Eric Dean), L. Wilson, near Wilson on 29 August (Ricky Davis) for a first county record, and at Falls Lake from 22 August to 12 September (Harry LeGrand, Ricky Davis). On the Outer Banks, singles were at South Pond, Pea I. on 18 August and 4 October (Steve Dinsmore), and at Cape Hatteras Campground on 17 September (Dinsmore) and the late date of 13 November (Bob Holmes, et al.). Also a juvenile bird frequented the "beach"! near Avon from 12 October until 10 November (Dinsmore, J.M.Sanderson, Pat Moore) for an unusual occurrence.

PECTORAL SANDPIPER: A count of 250 at the Orangeburg Sod Farm on 29 August (Robin Carter, Caroline Eastman) was impressive. Also a late individual was at Bear I., SC on 12 November as noted by Simon Thompson.

PURPLE SANDPIPER: One at the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse jetty was slightly early on 25 October (Steve Dinsmore).

CURLEW SANDPIPER: The Outer Banks had the only reports this fall with from one to two at South Pond, Pea I. on 24 August, one juvenile at Cape Hatteras point on 24 October, and one adult at Portsmouth on 21 August (Steve Dinsmore).

STILT SANDPIPER: Reports of this species were widespread in North Carolina this fall. The best total came from South Pond, Pea I. where Dinsmore counted 120 on 24 August. Inland birds were at Jordan Lake (Doug Shadwick), L. Jeanette in Guilford County (Herb Hendrickson, Henry Link), Buckhorn Reservoir near Wilson (Ricky Davis), Falls Lake (Ricky Davis), and Goldsboro with a peak of 25 in late September (Eric Dean).

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER: This species is erratic in its numbers from year to year, but this fall reports were widespread. There were from 2 to 6 birds in September at the Orangeburg Sod Farm (Charleston Nat. His. Mus., Bob Wood, Robin Carter, Caroline Eastman, Anne Waters); 1 to 3 birds at the Bucksport Sod Farm in Horry County in early September (Tonya Spires, Jack Peachey); 4 at Socastee, SC during August and September (Rick Murray); 3 to 4 at the Cherry Hospital grounds near Goldsboro, NC in early September (Eric Dean); up to 6 at Falls Lake in early September (Harry LeGrand, Steve Dinsmore, Ricky Davis); one at L. Jeanette in Guilford County in mid-

September (Henry Link, Herb Hendrickson); one at Buckhorn Reservoir near Wilson on 29 August (Ricky Davis); 1 to 5 at Cape Hatteras point mid-August to mid-September (Carolina Bird Club, Steve Dinsmore); and 2 at South Pond, Pea I. on 21 August (Eric Dean).

RUFF: The only report for the fall was of a female at South Pond, Pea I. on 30 August as noted by Steve Dinsmore.

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER: Inland migrants included 4 at Jordan Lake on 28 August (Chapel Hill Bird Club), 4 at Goldsboro in early September (Eric Dean), 8 at Buckhorn Reservoir near Wilson on 29 August (Ricky Davis), a peak of 30 at Falls Lake on 1 September (Ricky Davis), and one at the Orangeburg Sod Farm on 29 August (Robin Carter, Caroline Eastman).

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER: The only inland report was of a bird seen and heard at Falls Lake on 1 September (Ricky Davis).

AMERICAN WOODCOCK: A rare coastal summer report was of one at Cherry Point, NC on 6 August as noted by John Fussell.

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE: An individual at the Goldsboro, NC Wastewater Treatment Plant on 13 September was the only inland report this fall (Eric Dean).

WILSON'S PHALAROPE: In South Carolina one was at Huntington Beach State Park on 22 August (Nathan Dias, et al.) and a good tally of 15! was at the Savannah River Spoil Site on 11 September (Anne Waters). In North Carolina, reports were widespread with 3 at Cape Hatteras point on 6 August (Steve Dinsmore, Susan Grove), up to 7 at South Pond, Pea I. from 21 August to 6 October (Eric Dean, Steve Dinsmore), 2 at Goldsboro on 6 August (Eric Dean), and one at Falls Lake in early September (Steve Dinsmore, Ricky Davis).

LONG-TAILED JAEGER: North Carolina had the only reports with singles on 16 August (A. Hill party) and 20 August (Ned Brinkley), and 3 on 5 September (Brian Patteson party); all off of Oregon Inlet.

SOUTH POLAR SKUA: This species was found on three August trips in North Carolina waters. One was off Oregon Inlet on the 14th (A. Hill party), two off Oregon Inlet on the 21st (M. Tove party), and one off Hatteras on the 19th (Steve Dinsmore).

LAUGHING GULL: Near Raleigh, NC an adult was at Falls Lake on 19 November (Steve Dinsmore, Susan Grove), and at the city landfill a first-winter bird was present on 16 November as noted by Hader.

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL: Summering birds were two at Clam Shoal in Pamlico Sound in August (Dinsmore). Possibly an early wintering bird was one at Bird Shoal near Beaufort, NC on 12 October (John Fussell).

BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE: The only report for the fall was of a first-winter bird at Huntington Beach State Park, SC on 7 November as noted by Lex Glover, Bert Fisher, and Roger McNeill.

SABINE'S GULL: North Carolina had the only reports with an adult off Oregon Inlet on 5 September and a juvenile off Oregon Inlet on 18 September (Brian Patteson party). A rare onshore report was of an immature at Cape Hatteras point on 8 October (Diane Andre, et al.).

CASPIAN TERN: A peak count of 17 at L. Townsend near Greensboro, NC on 5 September (Herb Hendrickson) was a noteworthy Guilford County total.

- ROSEATE TERN:** As usual, there were from one to two present at the tern colony at Cape Hatteras point during August and a third bird was found to the north at Pea I. on 18 August (Steve Dinsmore, Susan Grove).
- ARCTIC TERN:** A rare August report was of one adult off of Hatteras on the 15th as noted by Steve Dinsmore.
- SOOTY TERN:** From one to three remained at the tern colony at Cape Hatteras point up until 18 August (Steve Dinsmore). Two were found off Charleston on 25 September (Nathan Dias, et al.) for the only South Carolina report. Several days after the passage of Hurricane Emily, good numbers of Sooties were off of Oregon Inlet. There were 88 on 4 September and 59 on 5 September (Brian Patteson party).
- BLACK TERN:** There were some good coastal counts this fall with 411 at New Drum Inlet, NC on 20 August (Dinsmore) and 200 at Bear I., SC on 29 August (Nathan Dias, F. Smith) being the best reports. There were the usual scattered inland reports with 5 at Jordan Lake on 3 August (Michael Morgante, fide Will Cook), one at L. Crabtree near Raleigh on 7 September (Doug Shadwick), and two at L. Townsend near Greensboro on 3 September (Henry Link, fide Herb Hendrickson). A very late individual was at Bear I. on 12 November as noted by Simon Thompson.
- WHITE-WINGED DOVE:** An individual of this species was seen at Buxton, NC on 10 November (Ricky Davis) and probably the same bird was later found just to the north at Avon on 13 November (John and Paula Wright, Derb Carter).
- COMMON GROUND-DOVE:** This species continues to decline in the Carolinas thus a count of 20+ at the Savannah River Spoil site on 4 September (Calvin Zippler, fide Anne Waters) is encouraging. Five were seen at Edisto Beach on 16 October (Robin Carter, Caroline Eastman) and one was shot by a hunter in Lexington County on 20 November (fide John Cely) for the only other reports received.
- BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO:** The only reports were of singles at Pea I. on 14 August and nearby Bodie I. on 13 August (Len and Esther Pardue, Pat Coin, Don Perry, et al.), one adult near Durham on 22 August (Len Pardue, Bert Fisher, Les Todd), one at Pea I. on 4 October (Steve Dinsmore, Susan Grove), and one in the mountains at Haywood Gap on the Blue Ridge Parkway on 3 October (Russ Tyndall, Patricia Earnhardt).
- OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER:** This species was found in the Congaree Swamp National Monument twice; on 11 September (Charleston Nat. His. Mus) and 3 October (Robin Carter, Caroline Eastman). Also one was found at Carver's Gap, Roan Mountain, NC on 29 August as noted by Rick Knight.
- YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER:** Migrants were noted near Charleston, SC on 19 September (Dennis Forsythe), in Greenwood County, SC on 9 September (Steve Patterson), and one was early in the Green Swamp, Brunswick County, NC on 12 August (Rick Murray). Also one was found offshore of Cape Hatteras, NC on 12 September (M. Tove party) for a rare report.
- LEAST FLYCATCHER:** There were only two reports this fall; one heard calling in Simpsonville, SC on 1 October (Pete Worthington) and a silent bird in Richland County, SC on 2 October (Robin Carter, Caroline Eastman).
- WESTERN KINGBIRD:** As usual, all records were coastal, with singles at Charleston on 30 September (Dennis Forsythe), at Cape Hatteras Campground

- on 19 October (Steve Dinsmore and many others), at Avon on 24 October (Dinsmore), at Ft. Fisher on 29 October (Nell Moore), and at Rodanthe on 13 November (Dinsmore).
- GRAY KINGBIRD:** This rare species was at Moore's Landing, SC in early October (Dennis Forsythe, et al., Robin Carter, Caroline Eastman) and at Buxton, NC on 20 and 21 October (Steve Dinsmore, M. Sanderson, many others).
- SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER:** Always exciting in the Carolinas, one was found at Cape Hatteras Campground on 19 October (Dinsmore and many others).
- BANK SWALLOW:** An exceptional count of 300+ was tallied at the Orangeburg Sod Farm on 5 September by Simon Thompson.
- COMMON RAVEN:** This species has been slowly increasing in North Carolina the last couple of years and the appearance of from one to two in downtown Winston-Salem throughout the fall is indicative of this increase (Ramona Snively).
- RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH:** This fall saw one of the better movements of this species in recent memory. They were seen frequently from the coast to the mountains with the best count being 63 on 11 November at Roan Mountain, NC (Rick Knight).
- EDGE WREN:** Two birds at Glen Cannon, Transylvania County, NC on 28 September (Bill and Norma Siebenheller) provided a first county record!
- SWAINSON'S THRUSH:** This species came through in decent numbers with some of the better counts being 5 at Tryon, NC on 7 October (Simon Thompson) and a total of 49 banded at York, SC during the fall (Bill Hilton, Jr.).
- GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH:** In York, SC Hilton banded 14 during the season which was a record seasonal total for him. Also one was found at Chapel Hill, NC on 10 October (Bert Fisher) and one was at Manteo, NC on 2 October (Eric Dean).
- WARBLING VIREO:** Six were found singing near Sparta along the New River on the rather late date of 5 September (Roger McNeill).
- PHILADELPHIA VIREO:** Reports were as follows; one at Carolina Beach State Park on 11 September (Sam Cooper), one at N. Augusta, Aiken County, SC on 12 September (Robin Carter, Caroline Eastman), one at Falls Lake on 12 September (Ricky Davis), one at Roanoke I. on 24 September (Ricky Davis), one at Pea I. on 28 September (Steve Dinsmore, M. Sanderson), one at Ft. Fisher on 28 September (Sam Cooper, Kevin Markham), two in Guilford County on 2 October (Herb Hendrickson, Henry Link), and one on Unaka Mountain on 12 October (Rick Knight).
- GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER:** This species seems to be declining as a breeder in North Carolina, but holding its own as a fall migrant! Single migrants were noted in Chapel Hill on 16 August (Will Cook, Julia Shields) and 16 September (Bert Fisher). One was at Greensboro on 11 September (Herb Hendrickson), one was at Greenville on 12 September (Russ Tyndall), and one was at Richlands on 12 September (Jimi and Nell Moore). In South Carolina one was found near Charleston on 25 September (Dennis Forsythe) and two were banded by Hilton at York during the fall.

- BLUE-WINGED WARBLER:** Blue-wingeds were reported very little with the best record being a late individual at Charleston, SC on 16 October (Robin Carter, Caroline Eastman).
- "BREWSTER'S" WARBLER:** This hybrid was found once; a bird was at Wampee, Horry County, SC on 12 September (Rick Murray).
- NASHVILLE WARBLER:** This uncommon species was reported only from North Carolina with singles at Chapel Hill on 10 September (Len Pardue), at Durham on 11 September (Len Pardue, Will Cook, Julia Shields), at Pea I. on 11 September (Steve and Jim Dinsmore, Susan Grove), at Corolla on 25 September (Roger McNeill), and a late individual at Ft. Fisher on 28 November (Ralph Widrig).
- CAPE MAY WARBLER:** There were two reports of late migrants with one at Pea I., NC on 2 November (Ricky Davis) and one at Santee, SC on 12 November (Rick Murray).
- BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER:** Two were late migrants at Pea I., NC on 2 November as noted by Ricky Davis.
- PRAIRIE WARBLER:** A slightly late migrant was at L. Mattamuskeet, NC on 21 November (CBC party).
- AMERICAN REDSTART:** A bird at Huntington Beach State Park, SC on 7 November (Lex Glover, Bert Fisher, Roger McNeill) was slightly late.
- CONNECTICUT WARBLER:** This species was reported very little this fall with North Carolina only getting birds. Single individuals were found near L. Townsend, Greensboro on 21 September (Henry Link, Herb Hendrickson, Dennis Burnette), at Ft. Fisher on 30 September (Sam Cooper), and in Greenville on 21 October (Ken Harrell, fide John and Paula Wright).
- WILSON'S WARBLER:** One at Brookgreen Gardens on 24 October (Jimi and Nell Moore) was the only South Carolina report. In North Carolina individuals were at Blowing Rock on 5 September (Scott Hartley), Falls Lake on 12 September (Ricky Davis), Pea I. on 22 September (Lex Glover), Roanoke I. on 24 September (Ricky Davis), at Tryon on 23 September (Simon Thompson), at Corolla on 26 September (Len Pardue), and at Pea I. on 4 October (Steve Dinsmore, Susan Grove).
- YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT:** One was observed off of Charleston, SC on 21 August by a CBC pelagic trip.
- WESTERN Tanager:** A female coming to a feeder in Columbia, SC on 18 October (Caroline Eastman) was a little early for this almost yearly winter vagrant.
- DICKCISSEL:** The few Dickcissels found were as usual all coastal. Individuals were at Pea I. on 28 August (Russ Tyndall), Cape Hatteras Campground on 23 October (Steve Dinsmore), and at Ft. Fisher on 16 November (Ralph Widrig).
- CLAY-COLORED SPARROW:** The only reports of this species came from North Carolina's Outer Banks with birds present from late September to mid-October. The peak count was of 5 at the northern end of Pea I. on 12 October (Steve Dinsmore).
- LARK SPARROW:** One was found at Folly Beach, SC on 21 August (Nathan Dias, Perry Nugent). One spent the period of 19 -26 September at the northern end of Pea I., NC (CBC and many others) and another was found at Cape Hatteras point on 25+26 September (CBC).

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: A migrant at Ft. Fisher on 27+28 October (Ralph Widrig) was a good find, but a flock of migrants in Chapel Hill was amazing! While attending the President's speech in Kenan Stadium on 12 October, Haven Wiley noticed several small birds flying around in the infield. After the crowd had left, he was able to count and identify about 20! Grasshopper Sparrows in the stadium. Such a group of migrants actually being observed is rare and the numbers for this species are encouraging.

LINCOLN'S SPARROW: Fall reports in North Carolina included one at Pea I. on 2 October (Eric Dean) and 12 October (Steve Dinsmore), one at Ft. Fisher on 31 October (Ralph Widrig), one at Rocky Mount on 31 October (Ricky Davis), three in the Tryon area on 17+28 October and 4 November (Simon Thompson), and two at New Bern on 2 December (Bob Holmes). The only South Carolina report was of one banded in Lee County on 29 November (Lex Glover, John Cely, Kim Gundler).

LAPLAND LONGSPUR: Two near Rocky Mount, NC on 28 November (Ricky Davis) were the only ones reported for the fall.

SNOW BUNTING: This species was found only in North Carolina with one on Round Bald, Roan Mountain on 11 November (Rick Knight), one on the Oregon Inlet jetty on 13 November (Haven Wiley), two on Hump Mountain, Avery County on 23 November (Ed Schell, fide Rick Knight), and one on the beach at Avon on 29 November (Steve Dinsmore).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: This rare but regular fall visitor was found in North Carolina four times with a female at Eagle I., Wilmington on 11 September (Sam Cooper), a pair at a feeder in Salvo in early October (Steve Ryan, fide Steve Dinsmore), a male in Swansboro on 4 October (Betsy Gallagher, fide John Fussell), and a female or immature male at a Jacksonville feeder on 15 October (Vince Hedrick, fide John Fussell).

RED CROSSBILL: This species was a little more obvious in the North Carolina mountains this year than in past years. Three were seen flying over Grandfather Mountain on 7 August (Harry LeGrand), 6 were at Mt. Mitchell on 2 October (Russ Tyndall, Patricia Earmhardt), and one was on Roan Mountain on 11 November (Rick Knight).

PINE SISKIN: A flock of 20 was found on Roan Mountain on 23 November (Rick Knight) for the only fall report.

EVENING GROSBEAK: This species has been practically nonexistent the past six or more winters. This November that status changed! Grosbeaks started turning up throughout the area with the first report being two at Nags Head Woods, NC on the 9th (Paul Lehman, Shawnee Finnegan, Ken Hollinga). Twelve were at Greensboro, NC on the 10th (John King, fide Herb Hendrickson), one was in Transylvania County, NC on the 12th (Bill and Norma Siebenheller), and 15 were at Camden, SC on the 23rd (Lex Glover). And the winter invasion began in earnest with a flock of 80 at Roan Mountain on the 23rd (Rick Knight)!

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