

BRIEFS FOR THE FILES

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RED-THROATED LOON: One was at Falls Lake, NC, Nov. 16 (Ricky Davis), the only inland report received.

COMMON LOON: Some locally good counts of inland Commons included eight at Cane Creek Res., Orange Co., NC, Nov. 18 (*vide* Jeff Pippen) and seven at Salem Lake, Forsythe Co., NC, Nov. 23 (Ramona Snavelly, Regina Burt *et al.*).

PACIFIC LOON: The very rare Pacific Loon was found once this fall. One was well-described at Huntington Beach State Park, SC Nov. 11 (Jack Peachey).

HORNED GREBE: This species arrived in the Carolinas record early. One was found at the Savannah Spoil Site, Jasper Co., SC, on the amazing date of Aug. 31 (Larry & Carol Eldridge). Also a flock of 18 was at Lake Brandt, Guilford Co., NC, Oct. 22 (Herb Hendrickson). This was quite early for such a count of birds.

RED-NECKED GREBE: The only one reported was from Huntington Beach State Park, SC, Nov. 18, as noted by Jack Peachey.

EARED GREBE: The annual flock at the Goldsboro, NC, Wastewater Treatment Plant peaked at 16 birds Oct. 4 (Eric Dean). Other sightings included one at the Bodie I., NC, lighthouse pond Sept. 22 (Henry & Elizabeth Link) and one at the Savannah Spoil Site, SC., Nov. 14 (Steve Calver).

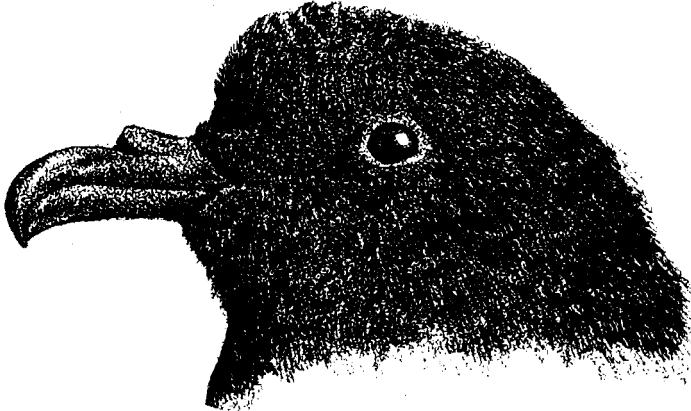
BLACK-CAPPED PETREL: Excellent numbers of this species were found on offshore trips out of North Carolina. The best counts were the 255 off of Hatteras Aug. 9 and the near-record 538 out of Oregon Inlet Aug. 24 (Brian Patterson *et al.*).

HERALD PETREL: There were two found out of Oregon Inlet, NC, this fall. A dark-phase bird was found Aug. 11 (Focus On Nature Tours) and another dark-phase was seen Aug. 31 (Brian Patteson *et al.*).

SOOTY SHEARWATER: Very rare in the fall, one was found out of Oregon Inlet, NC, Aug. 10 (Brian Patteson *et al.*). Observers must exercise caution when identifying Sooties at this season. The Herald Petrel is actually found more often and the two are quite similar when observed at a distance.

GREATER SHEARWATER: Excellent numbers of this tubenose were off North Carolina this fall. The best counts included 410 off of Hatteras Nov. 8 and an amazing 753 out of Oregon Inlet Aug. 25 (Brian Patteson *et al.*).

AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER: One was found alive on the beach at Litchfield Beach, SC, Aug. 1 (Bob & Barbara Maxwell) for an unusual report. The bird later died and the specimen was sent to Clemson University.



Leach's Storm-Petrel. ©1979 D.D. Tyler

LEACH'S STORM-PETREL: A good count of 69 was had out of Oregon Inlet, NC, Aug. 9 (Focus On Nature Tours), the best total this season. Also a "dark-rumped" Leach's was seen off of Myrtle Beach, SC, Aug. 9 (Jack Peachey) for an unusual report.

BAND-RUMPED STORM-PETREL: This species was found in excellent numbers during August pelagic trips off of North Carolina. The peak was an astounding 160 out of Oregon Inlet Aug. 9 (Focus On Nature Tours). The observers mentioned that this record count was made very carefully and that duplication was at a minimum!

WHITE-TAILED TROPICBIRD: Reports out of Oregon Inlet, NC, included two on Aug. 2, one Aug. 3, three Aug. 9, and one Aug. 11 (Focus On Nature Tours). Also Patteson *et al.* had three Aug. 10 and two Aug. 31. Much more

interesting was the tropicbird picked up alive on the beach at Atlantic Beach, NC, Sept. 20 (*vide* John Fussell). This individual later died.

MASKED BOOBY: An adult Masked was seen well as it circled the boat out of Morehead City, NC, Sept. 7 (Brad Carlson). This was the only report for the fall season.

NORTHERN GANNET: Unusual early fall sightings included one off of Oregon Inlet, NC, Aug. 25 (Brian Patteson *et al.*) and one from shore at Hatteras, NC, Aug. 23 (Ricky Davis).

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN: One was at Pea I., NC, Nov. 26 (Sydney Lemieux) and a good count of ten was had at the Savannah Spoil Site, SC, Oct. 17 (Steve Calver).

BROWN PELICAN: Extremely unusual was the immature found inland at Falls Lake, NC, Nov. 2 (Ricky Davis). This lost individual (seen by various observers) remained in the area until at least Dec. 6 (John Frederick). There are only a couple of non-storm-related inland records of this saltwater species.

GREAT CORMORANT: An immature was seen well (and compared with Double-crested) at Lake Brandt, NC, Oct. 22 (Herb Hendrickson). There are only a handful of inland records of this species in the Carolinas.

ANHINGA: Slightly out of range Anhingas in North Carolina included singles over Lake Gaston Dam Aug. 10 (Ricky Davis); south of Goldsboro Aug. 16 (Eric Dean); at Jordan Lake Aug. 21 (Simon Thompson); and at Trenton Sept. 4 (Nell Moore).

TRICOLORED HERON: One was locally rare at Lake Brandt, NC, Aug. 24 - Sept. 11 (Herb Hendrickson).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON: Good finds inland were the several at the Beaverdam Wildlife Management Area, Townville, SC, Aug. 22 (Dennis & Donna Forsythe).

SNOWY EGRET: Several individuals of this species were also present at Beaverdam W.M.A., SC, Aug. 22 (Donna & Dennis Forsythe).

REDDISH EGRET: This species was seen less frequently this fall when compared to past seasons. One was present at the usual Sunset Beach, NC, site until mid-October (Mary McDavid) and on Sept. 21 two were found there (Brad Carlson). In South Carolina one was present at Huntington Beach State Park until late November (sev. obs.).

WHITE IBIS: One was locally uncommon at the Beaverdam W.M.A., SC, Aug. 22 (Dennis & Donna Forsythe).

WOOD STORK: The summering site at Sunset Beach, NC, hosted good numbers throughout the fall. A count of 50+ was had there as late as Oct. 5 (m.

obs.). Also of note were the five seen in flight over Mars Bluff, Florence Co., SC, Aug. 29 (Steve Patterson).

TUNDRA SWAN: Some of the better inland (away from normal wintering areas) reports included 20 in eastern Chatham Co., NC, Nov. 12 (Merrill Lynch); 12 in Orange Co., NC, Nov. 16 (*fide* Jeff Pippen); seven at Santee N.W.R., SC, Nov. 21 (Bob & Barbara Maxwell); and two at Carolina Sandhills N.W.R., SC, Nov. 4 (Pete Range). Also of note were nine at Huntington Beach State Park, SC, Nov. 17 (Jack Peachey) and five at the Savannah Spoil Site, SC, Nov. 29 (Steve Calver).

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE: One was found near Edenton, NC, in early November and was seen by several observers (Lex Glover, Mary McDavit) over the course of a couple of weeks.

SNOW GOOSE: Noteworthy reports included a Blue phase Oct. 23-Nov.9 and a White phase Nov. 9 at Deerlake, Transylvania Co., NC (Tom Joyce, Betty McIlwain); a White phase Oct. 4 and two Blues Nov. 2 in Bamberg Co., SC, (Lex Glover); a Blue Oct. 14 and a White phase Nov. 15 at Goldsboro, NC (Eric Dean); and a White at Sunset Beach, NC, Oct. 2 (Mary McDavit). Also a good count of 10 were far to the south at the Savannah Spoil Site, SC, Nov. 25 (Steve Calver).

ROSS' GOOSE: One at Pea I. N.W.R., NC, Nov. 8 (Lex Glover) was not too unexpected at that locality. Much more unusual were the two found just north of Greensboro, NC, Nov. 9-18 (Brad Adams, m. obs.). There are only a handful of reports away from the usual coastal areas.

BRANT: One flying south along the beach at Litchfield, Georgetown Co., SC, Oct. 29 (Andreas Kristensen) provided a locally rare and slightly early report.

CINNAMON TEAL: One was found at the Savannah Spoil Site, SC, Nov. 24 (Pat Rising, *fide* Jeff Sewell) for the only fall report. With the increasing frequency of sightings in the Carolinas the past couple of years, one wonders if there are more each year or are observers looking for it more?

EURASIAN WIGEON: North Pond at Pea I. N.W.R., NC, is the best location in the Carolinas to see this species. The peak there this fall was five males Nov. 7-9 (Ricky Davis, sev. obs.).

HARLEQUIN DUCK: A male found with about 20 Wood Ducks in lower Richland Co., SC, Nov. 22 (Heidi Hoerman) must surely have been a major surprise. It was not known if this was a wild bird or an escape from the nearby Riverbanks Zoo in Columbia. Records of this species away from the immediate coast are practically unheard of (there is an Atlanta, GA area record from several years back) and the origin of this bird needs to be checked into.

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: The only inland report involved two at Salem Lake, Forsythe Co., NC, Nov. 19 (Zack Bynum, *fide* Ramona Snavelly).

HOODED MERGANSER: One was quite early at the Bethel, NC, Sewage Lagoons Aug. 17, as noted by Ricky Davis. Could it have been a local nester?

COMMON MERGANSER: The individual seen at Farrington, Jordan Lake, NC, over the past several years, was again found Sept. 7 and Oct. 4 (sev. obs.).

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER: The best inland count received was of the 14 at Falls Lake, NC, Nov. 15 (Jeff Pippen).

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE: Very noteworthy reports included singles in Pickens Co., SC, Aug. 4 (John Batson, *fide* Will Cook); at Townville, SC, Aug. 16 (Bob & Barbara Maxwell); and in Orange Co., NC, Aug. 3 (Harriet Whitehead).

MISSISSIPPI KITE: Unexpected was one soaring in north Raleigh, NC, Aug. 4 (Joe Harris), and a migrant was uncommon at Huntington Beach State Park, SC, Sept. 29 (Jack Peachey). Two were seen just west of Creswell, Washington Co., NC, on the amazingly late date of Nov. 21 (Haven Wiley, Jeremy Hyman). This is possibly a record late date for the species in the state.

BALD EAGLE: This species continues to increase throughout the Carolinas, but an adult at Little Tennessee River, Swain Co., NC, Aug. 12 (Logan Williams *et al.*) was locally rare for the species that far west in the summer.

BROAD-WINGED HAWK: The best one-day counts received were the 1,757 at Fence, Tryon, NC, Sept. 20 (Simon Thompson *et al.*) and the 2,271 at Pilot Mt. State Park, NC, Sept. 21 (Toby Gordon *et al.*).

MERLIN: Rare inland was one at East Bend, NC, along the Yadkin River on Sept. 14 (John Ruszowski). Migrants at Pilot Mt. State Park, NC, were seen Sept. 30 and Oct. 16 (Toby Gordon *et al.*) and a total of nine were recorded during the fall at the Mahogany Rock, NC, hawkwatch site (John Alderman, *fide* Jim Keighton). Some good coastal counts of migrants included six at Sunset Beach, NC, Sept. 21 (Brad Carlson) and an impressive 14 in the Moore's Landing, SC, area Oct. 19 (Robin Carter, Caroline Eastman, Jerry Griggs, Andrea Ceselski).

PEREGRINE FALCON: Inland reports included singles at Beaver Lake, Asheville, NC, Aug. 19 (Simon Thompson); Duke Forest, Orange Co., NC, Aug. 22 (Jeff Pippen); Orangeburg, SC, Sod Farm Sept. 27 (Bob & Barbara Maxwell, Lex Glover); and Winston-Salem, NC, Oct. 15 (Royce Hough). An excellent coastal count of 15 was had in the Nags Head - Roanoke Island, NC, area Sept. 30 (John Fussell).

SANDHILL CRANE: This species staged one of its best migrations through the Carolinas this fall. One was an early wanderer at Pea Island N.W.R., NC,

Aug. 24-Sept. 3 (Marion Dobbs, sev. obs.). Two flocks of four and seven were seen flying over McClellanville, SC, Nov. 16 (Craig Watson, *vide* Dennis Forsythe) for an amazing report. On Nov. 18 three were seen heading south over Hilton Head, SC, as noted by Andreas Kristensen. Also in South Carolina, two were over Henry, Williamsburg Co. Nov. 22 (John Snow). And in North Carolina two were seen on the ground for one day at Rocky Mount Nov. 22 (Danny Lindsey) and two were in flight at Roanoke Rapids Lake on Nov. 23, as noted by Ricky Davis.

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: Inland birds included 2-3 at Falls Lake, NC, Oct. 12 and Nov. 2 (Ricky Davis); one at the Orangeburg, SC, Sod Farm Aug. 9 (Robin Carter, Caroline Eastman); and 15 at L. Mattamuskeet, NC, Aug. 30 (Davis).

AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER: This species also came through the Carolinas in higher than normal numbers. The best totals included ten at Hooper Lane, Mills River, NC, Sept. 25 (Jennifer Wren, Rick Hensley); eight at the Orangeburg, SC, Sod Farm Sept. 26 (Simon Thompson); seven at the Bucksport Sod Farm, Horry Co., SC, Sept. 20 (Tonya Spires); and six at L. Mattamuskeet, NC, Sept. 6 (John & Paula Wright, Bert Fisher *et al.*). The earliest was at the Orangeburg, SC, Sod Farm Aug. 21 (Donna & Dennis Forsythe) and the latest was at the Savannah Spoil Site, SC, Nov. 14 (Steve Calver).

WILSON'S PLOVER: Four at Bird Shoal, Beaufort, NC, Nov. 16 (John Fussell) was an excellent count for that late in the season.

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER: Inland reports included from 3-6 at Hooper Lane, Henderson Co., NC, Sept. 10-25 (Wayne Forsythe, Simon Thompson, Jennifer Wren, Rick Hensley); two at L. Townsend, Guilford Co., NC, Sept. 7 (Herb Hendrickson, Danny Royster, Scott DePue); one at the Orangeburg, SC, Sod Farm Aug. 16 (Larry & Carol Eldridge, Anne & Vernon Waters); and an impressive 181 at L. Mattamuskeet, NC, Aug. 30 (Ricky Davis).

BLACK-NECKED STILT: Locally unusual were six at L. Mattamuskeet, NC, Aug. 30 (Ricky Davis) and three at Sneads Ferry, NC, Sept. 3 (Nell & Jimi Moore).

AMERICAN AVOCET: Rare inland occurrences included one at Dillon, SC, Sept. 4 (Steve Patterson); two at L. Brandt, Guilford Co., NC, Sept. 1 (Scott DePue, Danny Royster, Herb Hendrickson); and one at Goldsboro, NC, Sept. 14 (Eric Dean). Also unusual were the six seen flying up the Cape Fear River in the Ft. Fisher, NC, area in late August (James Parnell, Walker Golder).

UPLAND SANDPIPER: This species was seen in smaller than normal numbers this fall. The best count was of six at the Orangeburg, SC, Sod Farm

Aug. 17 (Royce Hough). Smaller numbers were present there during the rest of August (sev. obs.). Other Uppies found were two at Florence, SC, Sept. 7 (Steve Patterson) and one at the Cherry Hospital area near Goldsboro, NC, Aug. 16 & 29 (Eric Dean).

HUDSONIAN GODWIT: North Carolina reports included two at Pea Island N.W.R Aug. 23 (Ricky Davis) and one there Aug. 25 (Mathew Campbell) and Sept. 27 (Eric Dean). In South Carolina, where much rarer, one was inland at the Orangeburg Sod Farm Sept. 1 (Bob & Barbara Maxwell, David Chamberlain *et al.*) and another or the same on Sept. 26 (Simon Thompson, Larry Farer). Two inland records are amazing for this species which is almost exclusively found coastally in the Carolinas.

RUDDY TURNSTONE: Locally rare was one inland at the Orangeburg, SC, Sod Farm Aug. 9, as noted by Robin Carter and Caroline Eastman.

RED KNOT: Very rare as inland migrants, two were found at Falls Lake, NC, Nov. 2 (Ricky Davis).

SANDERLING: The best inland reports included 15 at Falls Lake, NC, Nov. 2 (Ricky Davis); three at the Goldsboro, NC, Wastewater Treatment Plant Sept. 11 (Gene Howe); one at L. Brandt, NC, Sept. 10 (Herb Hendrickson); and one at Hooper Lane, Henderson Co., NC, Sept. 11-12 (Wayne Forsythe, Simon Thompson).

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER: Good inland counts were the 12 at Goldsboro, NC, Aug. 17 (Gene Howe) and the 133 at L. Mattamuskeet, NC, Aug. 30 (Ricky Davis).

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: Good inland reports involved 11 at L. Mattamuskeet, NC, Aug. 30 (Ricky Davis); two at Goldsboro, NC, Oct. 25 (Eric Dean); and one at Durham, NC, Aug. 5 (Magnus Persmark). Coastally, one was a little late at C. Hatteras, NC, Nov. 8 (Simon Thompson *et al.*).

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER: Rare were two at Hooper Lane, Henderson Co., NC, Sept. 11 (Simon Thompson) and three at L. Mattamuskeet, NC, Aug. 30 (Ricky Davis). Counts of more than one Baird's in the Carolinas are rather unusual and one wonders if this species came through in better than usual numbers.

PECTORAL SANDPIPER: Some excellent counts were had of this species this fall. An impressive count of 235 was had at L. Mattamuskeet, NC, Aug. 30 (Ricky Davis) and 75 were at the Orangeburg, SC, Sod Farm Aug. 22 (Lex Glover, Giff Beaton). Late records included eight at Falls Lake, NC, Nov. 2 (Davis) and one at Bowman, Orangeburg Co., SC, Nov. 29 (Robin Carter, Caroline Eastman) which is possibly a new late date for the state.

DUNLIN: One was very early at Pea Island, NC, Aug. 10 (Magnus Persmark). Good inland reports included 120 at Falls Lake, NC, Nov. 2 (Ricky Davis); 20+ at Goldsboro, NC, Oct. 25 (Eric Dean); and three at Hooper Lane, Henderson Co., NC, Oct. 26 (Ira Weigley).

CURLEW SANDPIPER: The only report received was of one at North Pond, Pea Island N.W.R., NC, Aug. 26 (Matthew Campbell).

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER: This species was well-reported this fall. The best counts were five at Bowman, Orangeburg Co., SC, Oct. 12 (Robin Carter, Caroline Eastman), four at Hooper Lane, Henderson Co., NC, Sept. 10 (Wayne Forsythe), and three at the Savannah Spoil Site, SC, Aug. 31 (Larry & Carol Eldridge). Elsewhere from one to two were at the Orangeburg, SC, Sod Farm during mid-late Aug. (Royce Hough, Donna & Dennis Forsythe, Simon Thompson *et al.*); and singles were at Columbia, SC, Sept. 4 (Lex Glover, John Cely, David Dobson), Florence, SC, Sept. 13 (Steve Patterson), and L. Mattamuskeet, NC, Aug. 30 (Ricky Davis).

RUFF: One was at North Pond, Pea Island N.W.R., NC, Sept. 7 (Gordon Brown, *fide* Steve Dinsmore) for the only report.

WILSON'S PHALAROPE: Good numbers migrated through the Carolinas this fall. An excellent count of 37 was had at the Savannah Spoil Site, SC, Aug. 31 (Larry & Carol Eldridge) with several present there until at least Oct. 19 (Steve Calver). Also up to three were at Pea Island N.W.R., NC, during late Aug. (Simon Thompson, Matthew Campbell). Singles were found at L. Mattamuskeet, NC, Aug. 30 (Ricky Davis), Goldsboro, NC, Sept. 14 (Eric Dean), C. Hatteras, NC, Sept. 7 (Marcia Lyons), and Bodie Island, NC, Aug. 22 (Bob Ake, David Hughes).

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE: One at South Pond, Pea Island N.W.R., NC, Aug. 24 (Ricky Davis) provided the only non-pelagic report of the fall.

RED PHALAROPE: Quite rare were the four at the Savannah Spoil Site, SC, Sept. 26 (Bob & Barbara Maxwell). This species is encountered on land much less than the preceding one. Also one was quite early offshore out of Oregon Inlet, NC, Aug. 30 (Brian Pattenon *et al.*).

POMARINE JAEGER: Offshore counts of this species were higher than usual with 12 out of Hatteras, NC, Aug. 3 and an impressive 40+ off of Hatteras Nov. 8 (Brian Pattenon *et al.*). Totally unexpected was the immature Pomarine found inland at Falls Lake, NC, Nov. 16 (Ricky Davis) which remained until at least Nov. 22 (Randy Emmitt, Jeff Pippen). This was only about the fourth or fifth non storm-related inland occurrence in the state.

PARASITIC JAEGER: Interesting reports of this species included six from C. Hatteras, NC, Nov. 9 (Ricky Davis); three out of Oregon Inlet, NC, Aug. 30

(Brian Patteson *et al.*); and one in Pamlico Sound in late November (Kent Fiala).

LONG-TAILED JAEGER: This species was found on at least six August trips off of North Carolina with the best total being the seven out of Oregon Inlet on the 25th (Brian Patteson *et al.*). In the unusual department, an adult flew by the point at C. Hatteras, NC, Nov. 9 (Ricky Davis). Almost all onshore sightings of this species occur during the spring migration. Also very rare was the Long-tailed observed off of Myrtle Beach, SC, Aug. 9 (Jack Peachey). The species is found in that state much less frequently than in North Carolina.

SOUTH POLAR SKUA: Two seen out of Oregon Inlet, NC, Aug. 10 (Brian Patteson *et al.*) were the only ones reported this fall.

CALIFORNIA GULL: One adult was at C. Hatteras, NC, Nov. 23 (Brad Carlson); returning to that area for about the fifth year in a row.

ICELAND GULL: A first-winter bird at C. Hatteras, NC, Nov. 23 (Brad Carlson) was expected but the first-winter bird found at Edisto Beach, SC, Nov. 9 (Sid Gauthreaux, Carroll & Ritchie Belser) was a much rarer find for that state.

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL: The only inland report was of an adult at Falls Lake, NC, Nov. 8 (Les Todd).

ARCTIC TERN: The Arctic Tern is much harder to come by in the Carolinas during the fall season, thus of note was one out of Hatteras, NC, Aug. 10 (Brian Patteson *et al.*).

BRIDLED TERN: The best one-day total offshore this fall was the 68 counted out of Hatteras, NC, Aug. 23 (Brian Patteson *et al.*).

SOOTY TERN: The peak pelagic totals for this species this fall were 23 off of Hatteras, NC, Aug. 23 and Oregon Inlet, NC, Aug. 25 (Brian Patteson *et al.*). Much more unusual was the immature found on a dock in Beaufort, NC, near the Newport River Sept. 29 (Rich Boyd). This was after a two-day storm and is probably what brought this individual to land.

BLACK TERN: Numbers of this tern seemed down again this year. The best totals reported were the 45 at L. Mattamuskeet, NC, Aug. 30 (Ricky Davis) and the 27 at the Savannah Spoil Site, SC, Aug. 31 (Larry & Carol Eldridge).

DOVEKIE: One was seen sitting in the water at the end of the Long Beach, NC, Pier on the absurdly early date of Oct. 31 (Judy Halleron). This is probably a record early arrival date for this alcid in the state.

ROCK DOVE: In the out-of-place department was a lone Rock Dove offshore out of Hatteras, NC, Aug. 23 (Brian Patteson *et al.*). Where was this bird headed?

EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE: This species continues to increase with it "becoming widespread in the SC Coastal Plain" (Robin Carter). And in North Carolina, one was brought to a rehab center in New Bern Nov. 24 (Elizabeth Hanrahan); and a colony in Beaufort was brought to light where six individuals have apparently been present for a year or more (*vide* John Fussell).

COMMON GROUND-DOVE: This species is practically gone from North Carolina, thus of note was the individual found at the north end of Pea Island Sept. 5 (John Fussell, Bob Holmes), providing a rare and out of range report.

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO: Two were found near Spartanburg, SC, Sept. 20 (*vide* Lyle Campbell), a locally rare sighting. Single birds were found at Jackson Park, Hendersonville, NC, Sept. 14, 23 and Oct. 12, 17 (Simon Thompson, sev. obs.). Other reports included one at Ft. Johnson, Charleston, SC, Oct. 22 (Pete Laurie); one at Ellenboro, Rutherford Co., NC, Oct. 15 (JoAnn Martin); and one at the Congaree Swamp Nat. Mon., SC, Oct. 25 (Bob Wood *et al.*).

LONG-EARED OWL: One was a complete surprise when it was flushed from the pines bordering the entrance road to the L. Mattamuskeet N.W.R. headquarters Nov. 16 (Haven Wiley *et al.*).

NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL: Frank Enders banded three near Halifax, NC, this fall. This is much less than the number banded during the record flight year of 1994-5.

CHIMNEY SWIFT: Three were late at Ocracoke, NC, when seen near the Ocracoke-Swan Quarter Ferry Terminal Nov. 8 (Mike Tove *et al.*).

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD: In North Carolina adult males were found at Kitty Hawk in August (*vide* John Fussell, Jeff Lewis) and at Ocean Isle in September (*vide* Mary McDavid). And an immature male was banded by the Sargents in Durham during November. Other *Selasphorus* types were found scattered throughout the two states but the exact identities remain a mystery.

YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER: Reports of this species were about normal for the fall with singles at Rocky Mount, NC, Sept. 1 (Ricky Davis); Wayne Co., NC, Sept. 6 (Eric Dean); Richlands, NC, Sept. 10 (Neill Moore); and Buxton, NC, Sept. 13 (Marcia Lyons).

WILLOW FLYCATCHER: *Empidonax* flycatchers of the Traill's type are notoriously hard to identify in the fall unless vocalizations are heard. Thus of note were single birds seen and heard on Roanoke Island, NC, Sept. 3 (Jeff Lewis) and at Orton, Brunswick Co., NC, Sept. 6 (Greg Massey).

ALDER FLYCATCHER: One still singing at Carver's Gap, Roan Mt., NC, Aug. 19 (Rick Knight), provided a record late date for the species at that site.

LEAST FLYCATCHER: The only reports received included one in Florence, SC, Sept. 15 (Steve Patterson) and one near Tillman, Jasper Co., SC, Aug. 31 (Giff Beaton, Lex Glover, Jim Flynn, Shawn Reed).

WESTERN KINGBIRD: This regular fall migrant was found several times this season. One at Pea Island, NC, Sept. 21 (Wayne Irvin) was a little early, but others at Pea Island Nov. 24 (Coastal Wildlife Refuge Society Staff), Bodie Island, NC, Nov. 25 (C.H. Gambill), and Salvo, NC, Nov. 28 (Keith Camburn) were in the regular time frame for the species. Much rarer inland, one was found near Laurinburg, NC, Oct. 29 (Barbara Gearhart). Other sightings included one at Eagle Island, Wilmington, NC, Oct. 4 (Nell Moore, sev. obs.) and one at Moore's Landing, Charleston Co., SC, Oct. 19 (Robin Carter, Caroline Eastman, Jerry Griggs, Andrea Ceselski).

GRAY KINGBIRD: One on Hilton Head Island, SC, Aug. 28 (Gail B. Ice, *vide* Taylor Piephoff) was the only one reported this fall.

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER: An adult was seen at Edisto Beach, SC, Sept. 22 (Taylor Piephoff), providing the only report of this annual visitor to the Carolinas.

BANK SWALLOW: Amazing numbers of this swallow built up at the Orangeburg, SC, Sod Farm in August. On the 9th, 537 were counted (Robin Carter, Caroline Eastman); and then by the 16th, up to 2000 were estimated to be present (Anne Waters *et al.*). This must surely be a record count for the Carolinas.

CLIFF SWALLOW: A count of 200+ at Hooper Lane, Henderson Co., NC, Sept. 10-11 (Wayne Forsythe, Simon Thompson) was certainly a local record total for the species. Also one was very late at L. Brandt, Guilford Co., NC, Nov. 15 (Herb Hendrickson, Danny Royster, Scott DePue). This individual was observed very closely to rule out the just as likely Cave Swallow.

BARN SWALLOW: Late Barns included three at Ocracoke, NC, Nov. 8 (Nell Moore); one at C. Hatteras, NC, Nov. 8-9 (Simon Thompson, Bert Fisher *et al.*); and one at Bird Shoal, Carteret Co., NC, Nov. 16 (John Fussell).

COMMON RAVEN: Good reports included one at the Walhalla Fish Hatchery, Oconee Co., SC, Aug. 22 (Dennis & Donna Forsythe) and one in the Piedmont near Kernersville, NC, Sept. 19 (Harry LeGrand).

CAROLINA CHICKADEE: Two were seen just south of the Salvo, NC, campground Sept. 27 (John Fussell) in a part of the Outer Banks where the species is rarely found.

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: This species arrived in the Carolinas in spotty but widespread fashion this fall. Of note was the early arrival of five at Pea Island, NC, Sept. 5 (John Fussell, Bob Holmes).

SWAINSON'S THRUSH: A good pre-dawn count of 30+ was had at FENCE, Tryon, NC, Sept. 15 (Simon Thompson). Also 149 were banded at Carver's Gap, Roan Mt., NC, during the fall by Rick Knight.

HERMIT THRUSH: An immature was banded at Carver's Gap, Roan Mt., NC, Sept. 12 (Rick Knight), probably from the local breeding population there. Also two were seen at the Silver Bluff Audubon Sanctuary, Jackson, SC, Sept. 20 (Larry & Carol Eldridge), providing a possible new early arrival date for the state.

AMERICAN PIPIT: Two were early at Carver's Gap, Roan Mt., NC, Sept. 22 as noted by Rick Knight.

BLUE-HEADED VIREO: Twelve at Jackson Park, Hendersonville, NC, Oct. 16 (Wayne Forsythe) was an excellent one-day total.

WARBLING VIREO: This very rare fall migrant was found once, on Roanoke Island, NC, Sept. 5, by Jeff Lewis.

PHILADELPHIA VIREO: Reports were too numerous to mention of this species. The earliest was at Carver's Gap, Roan Mt., NC, Sept. 12 (Rick Knight) and the latest was in Leland, Brunswick Co., NC, Oct. 25 (Greg Massey).

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER: Some interesting reports included one at Hilton Head Island, SC, Oct. 4 (Royce Hough); one at Bowman, Orangeburg Co., SC, Oct. 12 (Robin Carter, Caroline Eastman); and three at Jackson Park, NC, Sept. 13 (Keith Camburn). Also 12 were recorded at Jackson Park during the period Sept. 7-27 (Simon Thompson), an excellent total.

HYBRIDS: "Brewster's" Warblers were found at Carolina Beach State Park, NC, Sept. 5 (Jimi & Nell Moore) and Jackson Park, NC, Sept. 21 (Simon Thompson, Wayne Forsythe). The much rarer "Lawrence's" Warbler was found in southern Greenville Co., SC, Aug. 23 (Pete Worthington).

NASHVILLE WARBLER: Jackson Park in Hendersonville, NC, hosted good numbers this fall with at least ten being found there during the period Sep. 13 - Oct. 18 (Simon Thompson). Other reports included one at the Congaree Swamp Nat. Mon., SC, Sept. 20 (Robin Carter); one at Harbor Island, SC, Sept. 20 (Judy Halleron); and one on Roanoke Island, NC, Sept. 5 (Jeff Lewis).

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER: The peak one-day count at Jackson Park, NC, was an impressive 50+ Sept. 14, as noted by Simon Thompson.

MAGNOLIA WARBLER: Thompson also had 50+ individuals of this warbler at Jackson Park, NC, Sept. 14, another excellent total.

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER: One was late at Pea Island, NC, Nov. 7 (Simon Thompson *et al.*).

BLACKPOLL WARBLER: An amazing one-day total for this species was the 30+ seen at Rodanthe, NC, Sept. 28 (Eric Dean).

CERULEAN WARBLER: Always noteworthy in migration, reports of this species included one at Jackson Park, NC, Aug. 9 (Simon Thompson); two at Carolina Beach State Park, NC, Sept. 5 (Jimi & Nell Moore); one at Orton, Brunswick Co., NC, Sept. 7 (Greg Massey); one at Highlands, NC, Sept. 13 (Haven Wiley *et al.*); one in Georgetown Co., SC, Sept. 24 (Jack Peachey); and three at Caesar's Head State Park, SC, Aug. 12 (Lex Glover, Giff Beaton).

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER: Some very late birds were found including two at the Silver Bluff Audubon Sanctuary, Jackson, SC, Sept. 20 (Anne Waters) and one at Rodanthe, NC, Sept. 27 (John Fussell, Eric Dean *et al.*).

LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH: An exceedingly late individual was well-studied at Harbor Island, SC, Sept. 30 (Judy Halleron). The bird hit a window and was able to be studied in the hand.

CONNECTICUT WARBLER: Only two reports this fall: one was found at Ft. Caswell, NC, Oct. 4 (Nell Moore, sev. obs.), and one was seen in Simpsonville, SC, Oct. 8 (Pete Worthington).

MOURNING WARBLER: It is practically unheard of for this species to be seen more times in a season than the preceding. This fall one was near the New River, Ashe Co., NC, Aug. 31 (Eric Dean); one was near Jordan Lake, NC, Sept. 20 (Norm Budnitz); one was at the Congaree Swamp Nat. Mon., SC, Sept. 20 (Caroline Eastman); one was at Jackson Park, NC, Sept. 21 (Simon Thompson, Wayne Forsythe, J. Edwards); and one was at Eagle Island, Wilmington, NC, Oct. 4 (Bob Wood, sev. obs.).

WILSON'S WARBLER: This species came through the western part of the state in good numbers, as evidenced by the total of about 20 at Jackson Park, NC, during the fall (Simon Thompson, Wayne Forsythe). Also good finds were the singles at Roanoke Island, NC, Sept. 5 (Jeff Lewis), the Savannah Spoil Site, SC, Sept. 12 (Steve Calver), in Brevard, NC, late Sept. (Tom Joyce), and at Glen Cannon, NC, Oct. 12 (Bill & Norma Siebenheller).

CANADA WARBLER: One was a locally noteworthy find at L. Mattamuskeet, NC, Sept. 14 (Harry LeGrand, Jeff Phippen, J. Finnegan).

DICKCISSEL: One at Rodanthe, NC, Sept. 26 (John Fussell) was the only migrant reported this fall.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW: Sightings were down somewhat this fall. Single individuals were found at Long Beach, NC, Oct. 2 (Len & Esther Pardue); at Ft. Fisher, NC, Nov. 2 (Barbara Gearhart); at Pea Island, NC, Nov. 8-10 (Simon Thompson, sev. obs.); and at Simpsonville, SC, Nov. 24 (Pete Worthington).

LARK SPARROW: Reports included one at Rodanthe, NC, Sept. 5 (John Fussell); one at Pea Island, NC, Sept. 21 (Wayne Irvin) and Oct. 9 (Lance Peacock); and one at Allendale, SC, Nov. 27 (Lex Glover).

LeCONTE'S SPARROW: This rare and elusive sparrow was found only at the Savannah Spoil Site, SC, Nov. 14&26 (Steve Calver) this fall.

LINCOLN'S SPARROW: Good western area sightings included one at Glen Cannon, NC, Oct. 2 (Bill & Norma Siebenheller); one at Brevard, NC, Nov. 1 (Betty McIlwain); two at Jackson Park, NC, Oct. 18-19 (Simon Thompson); and one at FENCE, Tryon, NC, Oct. 23 (Thompson).

LAPLAND LONGSPUR: This species was found at several usual areas. Two were at Hooper Lane, Henderson Co., NC, Nov. 13 (Wayne Forsythe); five were at C. Hatteras, NC, Nov. 28 (Kent Fiala); and from one to three were at Huntington Beach State Park, SC, Nov. 29-30 (Lex Glover, Chris Eley, sev. obs.).

SNOW BUNTING: One was out of place as it flew off the US 64 bridge over Croatan Sound, west of Roanoke Island, NC, Nov. 7 (Harry LeGrand). This was the only report received for the fall.

BOBOLINK: One was late at Pea Island, NC, Nov. 8-9, (Simon Thompson, sev. obs). Also a migrant flock of over 700 birds feeding in rye was an impressive sight near Southport, NC, Oct. 3-4 (Ricky Davis, sev. obs.).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: This fall's sightings involved a female near Sunset Beach, NC, Sept. 6 (Barbara Gearhart); a male at Long Beach, NC, Sept. 23 (Bonnie Harris); and a male in Morehead City, NC, Oct. 5 (Pat Hoss, *vide* John Fussell).

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD: The only one reported was a male at Townville, SC, Nov. 23, as noted by Sid Gauthreaux and Carroll Belser.

BALTIMORE ORIOLE: Some good totals included 20+ at Jackson Park, NC, Sept. 7 (Simon Thompson) and 200 flying north at Pea Island, NC, Sept. 5 (Bob Holmes, John Fussell).

PINE SISKIN: This species arrived in the Carolinas in locally small numbers. The best flock reported was of 30 in Simpsonville, SC, Nov. 23 (Pete Worthington).

WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL: A tame and hungry female was found at the north end of Pea Island, NC, Nov. 8 (John Wright, John Fussell, m. obs.). The bird was seen throughout the day by many participants of the Wings Over Water Festival being run that weekend. Needless to say, this individual was most likely seen by more observers than any previous White-winged ever found in the state!