

BRIEFS FOR THE FILES

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RED-THROATED LOON: One was at L. Wateree, SC, Nov. 14 for the only inland report (Lex Glover).

PACIFIC LOON: Once again, the only Pacifics found this fall were at Figure Eight Is., NC, with one to two Nov. 27, as noted by Derb Carter and Merrill Lynch.

PIED-BILLED GREBE: Four were a surprise far offshore out of Oregon Inlet, NC, Sept. 5 (Brian Patteson *et al.*). Where were these birds headed?

HORNED GREBE: Two very early Horneds were one at Huntington Beach St. Pk., SC, Aug. 29 (Lex Glover, Simon Thompson *et al.*) and one on L. Norman, NC, Sept. 4 (David & Marcia Wright).

RED-NECKED GREBE: One was found on L. Wateree, SC, Nov. 14 (Lex Glover), providing a good inland report.

EARED GREBE: This species was found at the usual locations this fall. The Goldsboro, NC, Wastewater Treatment Plant (W.T.P.) hosted a peak of 15 on Oct. 18 (Eric Dean); four was the peak at the Jacksonville, NC, W.T.P. throughout the period (Jim O'Donnell, sev. obs.); the Savannah Spoil Site, Jasper County, SC, had a peak of eight Nov. 1 (Tim Kalbach); and two were present from late Oct. through Nov. at the salt pond at C. Hatteras, NC, (m. obs.).

HERALD PETREL: Only one was found on pelagic trips this fall, off of Hatteras, NC, Aug. 8 (Brian Patteson *et al.*).

BLACK-CAPPED PETREL: Hurricane Bonnie brought in few tubenoses, but two Black-capped were seen on Croatan Sound, NC, Aug. 27 (Patteson *et al.*).

CORY'S SHEARWATER: Hurricane Bonnie birds included two in the New Bern, NC, area Aug. 27 (Bob Holmes and Wade Fuller); one at the Alligator R., NC, bridge Aug. 30 (Brad Carlson); and up to 18 live and 11 dead individuals on the beach from C. Hatteras to Frisco, NC, Aug. 30 (Brad Carlson).

GREATER SHEARWATER: A good count of 183 was had off of Hatteras, NC, Aug. 8 (Patteson *et al.*).

MANX SHEARWATER: Very rare in August, one was a good find off Oregon Inlet, NC, on the 15th, as noted by Patteson *et al.*

AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER: A very good count of 704 Audubon's was had off of Hatteras, NC, Aug. 9 (Patteson *et al.*).

LEACH'S STORM-PETREL: The peak count this fall was 11 on Aug. 8 out of Hatteras, NC, (Patteson *et al.*).

BAND-RUMPED STORM-PETREL: Two were on Croatan Sound, NC, during Hurricane Bonnie, as noted by Patteson *et al.* Excellent offshore counts included 156 off Hatteras, NC, Aug. 8 (Patteson *et al.*) and 121 off Oregon Inlet, NC, Aug. 10 (Harry LeGrand and Paul Guris *et al.*).

WHITE-TAILED TROPICBIRD: This species was reported only twice with single immatures found off Morehead City, NC, Aug. 7 (Phil Crutchfield) and Hatteras, NC, Aug. 8 (Patteson *et al.*).

MASKED BOOBY: An late adult Masked was seen following a shrimp boat off of Litchfield Beach, SC, Nov. 21 (Bob & Barbara Maxwell). The bird was observed in flight and sitting on the water and was compared to nearby Gannets!

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN: Reports included singles at Huntington Beach St. Pk., SC, Oct 25 (Phil Turner and Charlie Haecock), at Lake Mattamuskeet, NC, Nov. 7-25 (*vide* Kelly Davis; Keith Camburn), at Davis, Carteret County, NC, Nov. 14-20 (*vide* John Fussell), at Sunset Beach, NC, Nov. 16 (Mary McDavit), and one far inland at L. Norman, NC, Nov. 16 (*vide* Keith Watson).

BROWN PELICAN: An immature was present at Falls L., NC, Aug. 23 - Nov. 29 (Ricky Davis, Will Cook *et al.*, Randy Emmitt, Jim Bloor, and several others), for a rare inland occurrence. It is not known if this is the same individual that was present at Falls L. last year.

ANHINGA: Inland Anhingas included five near Scotland Neck, NC, Aug. 30 (Ricky Davis), one over Davidson Creek, L. Norman, NC, Sept. 4 (David & Marcia Wright), one at the Goldsboro, NC, W.T.P. Sept. 27 (Gene Howe), two at Mountain View Overlook, W. Kerr Scott Res., NC, Oct. 3 (Dwayne & Lori Martin *et al.*), and one at L. Mattamuskeet, NC, Nov. 27 (Kelly Davis *et al.*).

MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD: An unusual number of fall sightings were had this year. Single frigatebirds were seen at Murrells Inlet, SC, Oct. 6 (Lynn Smith, *vide* Jack Peachey), at Ft. Fisher, NC, Oct. 18 (Steve Emslie), and near C. Hatteras, NC, Nov. 21 (Audrey Whitlock and B. Halstead).

REDDISH EGRET: The number of reports of this species continues to rise each year. This fall two were at Hilton Head I., SC, Aug. 22 (Lex Glover *et al.*); up to three were at the Savannah Spoil Site, SC, during August through October (m. obs.), and a rarely seen white phase immature was there Aug. 22 (Lex Glover *et al.*); up to two were present at Huntington Beach St. Pk., SC, through

the end of the period (Jack Peachey, David & Susan Disher, Dennis Forsythe, and many others); one was at Ft. Fisher, NC, through the fall (Mark Galizio, several others); up to two were at Sunset Beach, NC, August to September (Mary McDavit, several others); one was on Shackleford Banks near C. Lookout, NC, Aug. 22 (Jimi Moore); and one was at the N. Topsail Beach, NC, spoil area Aug. 19 (Jimi & Nell Moore, Jim & Laura O'Donnell).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON: Good inland sightings involved three at Jordan L., NC, Sept. 7 (Will Cook) and two at the Goldsboro, NC, W.T.P. Oct. 18 (Eric Dean).

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON: An immature at L. Santeetlah, Graham County, NC, during August (Charlotte Goedsche) was a good find.

WHITE IBIS: This species was reported all across the Carolinas this year. The farthest inland was one at Hendersonville, NC, Aug. 9 to September (Wayne Forsythe). One of the better counts was the 15 east of Aiken, SC, Aug. 2, as noted by Christine Hugella.

GLOSSY IBIS: Inland Glossies are rare, thus of note were singles in Edgecombe County, NC, Aug. 9 (Ricky Davis), at Greenville, NC, Aug. 28 (Brad Carlson), at Falls L., NC, Sept. 5 (Les Todd *et al.*), and Jordan L., NC, Sept. 5 (Will Cook *et al.*).

WOOD STORK: One at C. Hatteras, NC, Sept. 8 (*vide* Taylor Piephoff) was an excellent find. Three near Townville, SC, Sept. 20 were considerably inland (Steve Wagner *et al.*) and provided a first local record. Also eight at Fairfax, Allendale County, SC, were late on Nov. 26 (Lex Glover).

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE: This species made a good showing in the Carolinas this fall. Five were near North, Orangeburg County, SC, Nov. 29 (Mike Turner), four were at L. Mattamuskeet, NC, Nov. 15 (Keith Watson), two were at the C. Hatteras, NC, salt pond from Nov. 17 until the end of the period (Pat Moore *et al.*), two were near Elko, Barnwell County, SC, Nov. 22-26 (Mike Turner and Lex Glover), and one was at Sneads Ferry, NC, Nov. 23 (Nell & Jimi Moore).

SNOW GOOSE: Snow Geese showed up at many unusual locations this fall. The most interesting sighting involved a flock of 35 over Mt. Pisgah, NC, Nov. 11, as noted by Bill Sanderson.

ROSS'S GOOSE: The only report of this species was of from one to two at L. Mattamuskeet, NC, Nov. 15-22 (Haven Wiley and Jeremy Hyman *et al.*).

CINNAMON TEAL: The only one reported was an eclipse male at the Savannah Spoil Site, SC, Sept. 27 until at least Nov. 15 (*vide* Taylor Piephoff).

LESSER SCAUP: An eclipse male was quite early at Pinehurst, NC, Aug. 19, as noted by Dick Burk.

SURF SCOTER: Inland reports included one at Lookout Shoals L., NC, Nov. 5 (Dwayne & Lori Martin), three at L. Wateree, SC, Nov. 14 (Lex Glover), four

at L. Crabtree, Wake County, NC, Nov. 20 (Doug Shadwick), and three on L. Atagahi, Transylvania County, NC, Oct. 22 (Dick Blee, *vide* Norma Siebenheller).

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: Two were unusual at the Jacksonville, NC, W.T.P. Oct. 26 (Nell Moore and Ann Foster).

OLDSQUAW: Always noteworthy inland, one was at L. Wateree, SC, Nov. 14 (Lex Glover) and two were at L. Crabtree, NC, Nov. 16 (Doug Shadwick).

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER: Good inland counts included 25 at L. Julian, Buncombe County, NC, Nov. 25 (Wayne Forsythe) and 75 at L. Robinson, Darlington County, SC, Nov. 25 (Lex Glover).

COMMON MERGANSER: One was rare at Huntington Beach St. Pk., SC, Nov. 24 (Jeanie Davis), and one was at Boot Lake, Transylvania County, NC, Nov. 16 (Norma Siebenheller). Also two were found at Jordan L., NC, again. There are apparently some resident Commons here, with an eclipse male and a female Aug. 23 - Sept. 27 (Rob Gluck).

OSPREY: One was late inland at L. Wheeler, Raleigh, NC, Nov. 22 (Josh Rose).

RED-TAILED HAWK: Rare anywhere in the Carolinas, a dark phase Red-tailed was seen at Huntington Beach St. Pk., SC, Oct. 31 (Jack Peachey and Gary Phillips). The observers were not able to decide if it was a Harlan's form.

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK: One was briefly seen at Pea I. N.W.R., NC, Nov. 6 (John Wright *et al.*) during the Wings over Water Festival.

BROAD-WINGED HAWK: One was locally rare at Huntington Beach St. Pk., SC, Oct. 21 (Jack Peachey). Also one was a late migrant in Forsyth County, NC, Nov. 20, as noted by Linda & Larry Davis, *vide* Ramona Snavelly.

GOLDEN EAGLE: Two over Brevard, NC, Sept. 25 (*vide* Betty McIlwain) were good finds, but are almost expected in that part of the state. Much rarer were one over Pea I. N.W.R., NC, Oct. 24 (Keith Watson and Sidney Maddock) and singles at Huntington Beach St. Pk., SC, Oct. 11 (Jack Peachey) and Nov. 17 (Dennis Forsythe *et al.*).

MERLIN: This species migrated through in good numbers this fall. The best counts were 15 at Ft. Fisher, NC, Oct. 14 (Greg Massey) and an amazing 30 at Tibwin Plantation, Charleston County, SC, Oct. 9 (Craig Watson).

PEREGRINE FALCON: Watson also had an excellent one-day total for this species at Tibwin Plantation, SC, when he counted 59 on Oct. 9!

YELLOW RAIL: One was flushed and seen well at Falls L., NC, Sept. 5 (Will Cook) for the only report received.

PURPLE GALLINULE: One at Twin Lakes, Sunset Beach, NC, Aug. 22 (Barbara Gearhart) was a good find for this decreasing species.

COMMON MOORHEN: One at Jackson Park, Hendersonville, NC, Oct. 11 provided a first local record (Harvey Neal and Simon Thompson).

AMERICAN COOT: Two at Jordan L., NC, Aug. 2 were most likely summering individuals (Ricky Davis).

LIMPKIN: One was heard at close range at Roan Island in the Cape Fear R., Pender County, NC, Aug. 13 (Sam Cooper and Cheryl Mullen). This is the state's fourth report of the species and interestingly follows the July Limpkin near New Bern!

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: Inland reports included eight at Jordan L., NC, Oct. 18-25 (Ricky Davis, Will Cook and Rachel Harden); four at Falls L., NC, Sept. 19 (Randy Emmitt); two at Goldsboro, NC, Oct. 18 (Eric Dean); two at a Scotland Neck, NC, turf farm Sept. 17 (Frank Enders); one at Hooper Lane, Henderson County, NC, Sept. 8 (Tom Joyce and Wayne Forsythe); and one at the Orangeburg, SC, Sod farm Sept. 13 (*vide* Taylor Piephoff).

AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER: This species was found in much larger than normal numbers this fall. See the table for the details.

Location	Dates	Count	Observers
Candor, NC, Turf Farm	8/18-9/15	1-2	D. Burk, R. Halpin, m. obs.
Sunset Beach, NC	8/23	1	K. Fiala
Greenville, NC	8/27-8/28	1	J. Wright, K. Harrell <i>et al.</i>
Scotland Neck, NC, Turf Farm	8/29-8/30	1	F. Enders, R. Davis
Speed, NC	8/30	3	R. Davis
C. Hatteras, NC	8/29-10/14	2-5	D. Andre, M. McDavit
Savannah Spoil Site, SC	9/2-9/25	1	S. Calver
Santee N.W.R., SC	9/5	1	T. Kalbach
Falls L., NC	9/5-10/4	1-3	R. Davis, L. Todd <i>et al.</i> , C. Eley
Hooper Lane, NC	9/11-11/3	1-3	J. Wren, W. Forsythe, R. Emmitt
Winston-Salem, NC, W.T.P.	9/11	1	R. Hough, sev. obs.
Bird Shoal, Beaufort, NC	9/13	1	J. Fussell, S. Arrington
Polk County, NC	9/19	1	S. Thompson
Orangeburg, SC, Sod Farm	9/19	5	R. Carter, C. Eastman
Heath Springs, SC	9/20	1	M. Turner
Bucksport, SC, Sod Farm	9/24	1	T. Spires
Townville, SC	9/30	2	S. Wagner <i>et al.</i>
Cane Creek, Orange Co., NC	10/2	1	D. Shadwick
N. Topsail Beach, NC, Spoil	10/5-10/13	1	S. Shultz, N. Moore <i>et al.</i>
Latta, Dillon Co., SC	10/7	4	M. McDavit
Jordan L., NC	10/18	1	R. Davis
Pea I. N.W.R., NC	11/7-11/16	1	R. Davis, m. obs.

WILSON'S PLOVER: An impressive count of 100 Wilson's was had at Bird Shoal, Beaufort, NC, Aug. 8 (John Fussell).

SEMPALMATED PLOVER: Some of the better inland reports were 24 at Jordan L., NC, Sept. 7 (Will Cook), 7 at Santee N.W.R., SC, Aug. 22 (Mike Turner), and four in Richland County, SC, Sept. 5 (Robin Carter and Caroline Eastman *et al.*).

PIPING PLOVER: Very rare were single Pippings at the Orangeburg, SC, Sod farm Aug. 8 & 16 (Steve Shultz, Judy Walker *et al.*) and at Jordan L., NC, Aug. 30 (Magnus Persmark, Judy Murray and Kent Fiala).

BLACK-NECKED STILT: Hurricane Bonnie brought one inland near New Bern, NC, Aug. 28, as noted by Wade Fuller. Also one was extremely late at Bear I. W.M.A., SC, Nov. 28 (Dennis Forsythe *et al.*).

AMERICAN AVOCET: Very rare inland were five at Jordan L., NC, Oct. 3 (Will Cook *et al.*), with one still present there Oct. 18 (Ricky Davis).

WILLET: Inland reports this fall included up to four at the Orangeburg, SC, Sod farm Sept. 5 (Robin Carter and Caroline Eastman *et al.*); one at New Bern, NC, Aug. 27 during Hurricane Bonnie (Bob Holmes and Wade Fuller), two at the McKinney L. Fish Hatchery, Richmond County, NC, Aug. 18 (Dick Burk), and one at the Goldsboro, NC, W.T.P. Aug. 1 (Eric Dean).

UPLAND SANDPIPER: This species was found in good numbers this fall. The best totals included a peak of 20 at the Orangeburg, SC, Sod farm Aug. 28 (Lex Glover); nine at the Sneads Ferry, NC, W.T.P. Aug. 19 (Nell Moore); eight at the Greenville, NC, Airport Aug. 30 (Brad and Steve Carlson); seven at the Cherry Hospital, Goldsboro, NC, Aug. 22 (Eric Dean); six at Mars Bluff, SC, Aug. 6-7 (Steve Patterson); and a peak of six at Hooper Lane, NC, Sept. 11 (Jennifer Wren). Also one was extremely late at Lattimore, Cleveland County, NC, Oct. 29 (JoAnn Martin, sev. obs.).

LONG-BILLED CURLEW: One was displaced inland to New Bern, NC, Aug. 27 by Hurricane Bonnie (Bob Holmes and Wade Fuller) for an unusual report. More expected were one at Ft. Fisher, NC, Aug. 8 (Barbara Gearhart) and up to two on Shackleford Banks near C. Lookout, NC, Aug. 22 - Oct. 2 (Jimi Moore, Bob Holmes and Wade Fuller).

HUDSONIAN GODWIT: Hurricane Bonnie occurrences included up to 16 at C. Hatteras, NC, Aug. 29 (Diane Andre, Brad Carlson), one at Greenville, NC, Aug. 27 (Ken Harrell, John Wright and Brad Carlson), one at New Bern, NC, Aug. 28 (Wade Fuller), and one at Huntington Beach St. Pk., SC, Aug. 29 (Lex Glover). Other reports involved one at Pea I. N.W.R., NC, Aug. 14 (Jean St. Jean), Oct. 11 (Ricky Davis), and Oct. 24 (Brad Carlson and Jamie Glydon) and one at the Savannah Spoil Site, Jasper County, SC, Sept. 9-11 (Steve Calver).

MARbled GODWIT: One was found inland south of Greenville, NC, Aug. 27 (John Wright), due to Hurricane Bonnie.

RUDDY TURNSTONE: Locally rare were two Sept. 21 and five Sept. 28 at Hooper Lane, NC, as noted by Wayne Forsythe and John Smith.

RED KNOT: The only inland report was of one brought in by Hurricane Bonnie at New Bern, NC, Aug. 27 (Bob Holmes and Wade Fuller).

SANDERLING: The peak inland total was 10 at Jordan L., NC, Sept. 7, as noted by Will Cook.

WESTERN SANDPIPER: Noteworthy inland reports included eight at Jordan L., NC, Oct. 25 (Will Cook and Rachel Harden), six at Broad River W.M.A., Fairfield County, SC, Aug. 15 (Mike Turner), and three near Estill, Hampton County, SC, Aug. 2 (Mike Turner).

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: Inland White-rumpeds included two at Goldsboro, NC, Aug. 27 (Eric Dean), one at Greenville, NC, Aug. 28 (Brad Carlson), one at the Orangeburg, SC, Sod farm Sept. 19 (Robin Carter and Caroline Eastman), and one near Latta, Dillon County, SC, Aug. 24 (Mike Turner). Also one was late at C. Hatteras, NC, Nov. 8 (John Wright *et al.*).

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER: Always noteworthy in the Carolinas, Baird's reports included one at the Orangeburg, SC, Sod farm Aug. 9 (Robin Carter and Caroline Eastman) and one at C. Hatteras, NC, Sept. 9 (*fide* Taylor Piephoff). The Falls L., NC, area was host to several during the period Sept. 10 (Ricky Davis) to Sept. 27 (Les Todd and Chris Eley), with the peak count being three Sept. 13 (Les Todd *et al.*).

PECTORAL SANDPIPER: Some excellent counts were had in the Carolinas this fall. The best totals were 400 at the Orangeburg, SC, Sod farm Sept. 4 (Lex Glover) and 179 at Jordan L., NC, Sept. 7 (Will Cook).

STILT SANDPIPER: Good inland reports included 20 at the Orangeburg, SC, Sod farm Sept. 4 (Lex Glover), ten were late at L. Mattamuskeet, NC, Nov. 15 (Harry LeGrand *et al.*), five were near the Congaree R., Richland County, SC, Sept. 5 (Robin Carter and Caroline Eastman), two were at Jordan L., NC, Sept. 19 (Will Cook), and one was near the Laurinburg/Maxton, NC, Airport Aug. 23 (Barbara Gearhart).

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER: This species staged what was most likely a record migration through the Carolinas this fall. The number of locations and the counts of individuals were truly exceptional. See the table for the details.

Location	Dates	Count	Observers
Orangeburg, SC Sod Farm	8/16-9/19	1-4	J. Walker, R. Carter, sev. obs.
Goldsboro, NC, W.T.P.	8/22-8/23	1	E. Dean, G. Howe, J. Wright
Savannah Spoil Site, SC	8/26-9/25	1-20	S. Calver, M. Turner

Location	Dates	Count	Observers
Candor, NC, Turf Farm	8/28-9/15	1-6	D. Burk, S. Campbell, R. Halpin
Greenville, NC	8/28	1	B. Carlson
Hooper Lane, NC	8/28-10/4	1-22	C. Eley, S. Thompson <i>et al.</i>
Scotland Neck, NC, Turf Farm	8/30-9/22	2-3	R. Davis, F. Enders
Falls L., NC	8/31-9/13	1-10	C. Eley, L. Todd, sev. obs.
Winston-Salem, NC, W.T.P.	9/4-9/20	1-2	D. DeNeve, R. Snavely <i>et al.</i>
Santee N.W.R., SC	9/5	1	T. Kalbach
Oregon Inlet, NC	9/5	1	K. Watson
St. Helena I., SC, Sod Farm	9/6	2	L. Glover
Jordan L., NC	9/7-10/18	1-2	W. Cook, R. Davis
Ocean Isle Beach, NC, W.T.P.	9/7-9/9	1	M. McDavit, C. Bush
Sneads Ferry, NC, W.T.P.	9/17-9/19	2	N. Moore, J. Moore
Polk County, NC	9/19	3	S. Thompson
C. Hatteras, NC	10/13	1	P. Moore <i>et al.</i>

RUFF: The rare and exciting Ruff was found three times in North Carolina. Singles were at Pea I. N.W.R. Aug. 10 (Michael Patten), the Sneads Ferry W.T.P. Aug. 19 (Nell Moore *et al.*), and Bird Shoal, Beaufort Sept. 12 (Bob Holmes *et al.*, and Rich Boyd).

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER: The best inland totals were 15 at Jordan L., NC, Sept. 7 (Will Cook), 11 at Falls L., NC, Aug. 23 (Ricky Davis and Les Todd), five near Chapel Hill, NC, Aug. 1 (Ginger Travis), four at the Orangeburg, SC, Sod farm Aug. 30 (Tim Kalbach), and three at the Scotland Neck, NC, Turf farm Aug. 10 (Frank Enders).

WILSON'S PHALAROPE: The Savannah Spoil Site in Jasper County, SC, normally has the most Wilson's present each fall. This year the peak count was 20 on Sept. 10-12 (Craig Watson). Other reports included singles at the N. Topsail Beach, NC, bridge spoil area Aug. 19 (Nell Moore), at Huntington Beach St. Pk., SC, Oct. 23 (Sharon and Phil Turner, Mary McDavit), and at New River Inlet, NC, on the late date of Nov. 15 (Bob Holmes).

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE: Hurricane Bonnie displaced several Red-neckeds, with two at Sneads Ferry, NC, Aug. 27 (Clancy Ballenger, Jimi and Nell Moore), one at Greenville, NC, Aug. 28 (Brad Carlson), and one at C. Hatteras, NC, Aug. 28 (Diane Andre). Two were good finds at the Orangeburg, SC, Sod farm Sept. 4 (Bob Maxwell and Lex Glover). Also, 192 was an excellent offshore total out of Oregon Inlet, NC, Sept. 6 (Brian Patteson *et al.*).

RED PHALAROPE: One was rare onshore at the Savannah Spoil Site, SC, Oct. 4, as noted by Tim Kalbach.

SOUTH POLAR SKUA: The only reports involved one definite S. Polar off Hatteras, NC, Aug. 8 (Brian Patteson *et al.*) and an unidentified skua sp. off Oregon Inlet, NC, Aug. 9 (Harry LeGrand and Paul Guris *et al.*).

LONG-TAILED JAEGER: Totally unexpected was the adult Long-tailed found at the southern end of L. Norman, NC, on the evening of Sept. 9 (David & Marcia Wright). The bird was observed up close from a boat, and was last seen spiraling up and heading south out of sight! The only offshore sighting was of one off Oregon Inlet, NC, Sept. 5-6 (Brian Patteson *et al.*).

LAUGHING GULL: Five at Goldsboro, NC, Aug. 27 (Eric Dean) were most likely brought in by Hurricane Bonnie.

FRANKLIN'S GULL: This species staged an unprecedented migration in the east this fall. Sightings in the Carolinas included one at the Savannah Spoil Site, SC, Nov. 16 (Steve Calver), one at Hooper Lane, NC, Nov. 25 (Wayne Forsythe and Ron Selvey), one at Figure Eight I., NC, Nov. 27 (Derb Carter), and an astounding record total of 10 on L. Robinson, SC, Nov. 25 (Lex Glover).

BLACK-HEADED GULL: One was unexpected at the L. Mattamuskeet, NC, causeway Nov. 13 (John Fussell), for a most unusual report away from the immediate coast.

SABINE'S GULL: The only report was of an immature just off the beach at Figure Eight I., NC, Nov. 8 (Derb Carter). Sightings of this species in the Carolinas have been declining the last couple of years.

GULL-BILLED TERN: Hurricane Bonnie provided a very rare inland report of this species, with one being found at the Sneads Ferry, NC, W.T.P. Aug. 27 (Jimi and Nell Moore).

ROYAL TERN: Hurricane Bonnie birds included 12 at Goldsboro, NC, Aug. 27 (Eric Dean), three at Jordan L., NC, Aug. 27 (Jeremy Hyman), and one at Sneads Ferry, NC, Aug. 27 (Jimi and Nell Moore). Much more unexpected was one at Falls L., NC, Aug. 23 (Josh Rose), not associated with any storm.

SANDWICH TERN: Eight at New River Inlet, NC, were quite late on Nov. 15, as noted by Bob Holmes. Inland birds brought in by Hurricane Bonnie included four at Sneads Ferry, NC, Aug. 27 (Jimi and Nell Moore), two at Goldsboro, NC, Aug. 27 (Eric Dean), and one at Jordan L., NC, Aug. 27 (Jeremy Hyman).

SMALL STERNA TERNS: Good inland totals included 30+ *Sterna* sp., four Commons, and 12 Forster's at Falls L., NC, Sept. 5 (Josh Rose and Ricky Davis); 15 Commons and seven Forster's at L. Norman, NC, Sept. 4 (David and Marcia Wright); and six Forster's at Santee N.W.R., SC, Aug. 22 (Mike Turner). Hurricane Bonnie reports included 30+ *Sterna* sp. at Goldsboro, NC,

Aug. 27 (Eric Dean), eight Commons at Jordan L., NC, Aug. 27 (Jeremy Hyman), and six Forster's at the Sneads Ferry, NC, W.T.P. Aug. 27 (Jimi and Nell Moore).

ARCTIC TERN: One provided a rare fall sighting off of Oregon Inlet, NC, Sept. 5 (Brian Patteson *et al.*).

LEAST TERN: Two were brought in to the Goldsboro, NC, area by Hurricane Bonnie on Aug. 27 (Eric Dean), and one was rather late at the Savannah Spoil Site, SC, Oct. 7 (Steve Calver).

BRIDLED TERN: Onshore sightings of this species were caused by two different storms this fall. Hurricane Bonnie produced singles at Goldsboro, NC, (Eric Dean), Figure Eight I., NC, (Derb Carter), and in New Hanover County, NC, (Mark Galizio), all Aug. 27. Tropical Storm Earl beached two juveniles, one at Surf City, NC, Sept. 4 and another at Atlantic Beach, NC, Sept. 6 (*vide* John Fussell). Excellent numbers were had offshore also with 100 off Hatteras Aug. 9 and 91 off Oregon Inlet Sept. 5 (Brian Patteson *et al.*).

SOOTY TERN: Hurricane Bonnie Sooties included three at Jordan L., NC, Aug. 27 (Jeremy Hyman), three at Greenville, NC, Aug. 27 (John Wright), two at Figure Eight I., NC, Aug. 27 (Derb Carter), and several in New Hanover County, NC, Aug. 26 (Mark Galizio). Tropical Storm Earl produced two beached Sooties at Atlantic Beach, NC, Sept. 5 (*vide* John Fussell) and one near C. Lookout, NC, Sept. 5 (Fussell and Nell Moore *et al.*). The peak offshore count was five off Hatteras Aug. 8-9 (Brian Patteson *et al.*).

BLACK TERN: This species had one of its better migrations in the Carolinas this fall. The best counts were 250+ off Oregon Inlet Sept. 5 (Patteson *et al.*); 200+ at Sneads Ferry, NC, Aug. 27 (Jimi and Nell Moore) and L. Mattamuskeet, NC, Aug. 28 (Gene Howe), both due to Hurricane Bonnie; 50 at the Orangeburg, SC, Sod farm Sept. 4 (Lex Glover); 25+ at Goldsboro, NC, Aug. 27 (Eric Dean); and 15 at Lookout Shoals L., NC, Aug. 16 (Dwayne Martin).

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO: The number of sightings of this species was about normal, with one at C. Lookout, NC, Sept. 5 (John Fussell, Rich Boyd and Nell Moore), two at Jordan L., NC, Sept. 19 (Jonathan Steere), up to two at Pea I. N.W.R., NC, Oct. 10-11 (John and Paula Wright, Ricky Davis), and one at the Savannah River Site, Aiken County, SC, Oct. 15 (Anne Waters).

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO: One was a late migrant at the Congaree Swamp Nat. Mon., SC, Nov. 1, as noted by Robin Carter.

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER: This species was found only three times in the Carolinas this fall, with singles at Campobello, SC, Aug. 19 (Chris Welch), near Mt. Pisgah, NC, Sept. 23 (Len Pardue), and at Bryson City, NC, Sept. 24 (Pete Worthington).

YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER: Reports included one near L. Marion, SC, Sept. 19 (Robin Carter and Caroline Eastman) and one at Mason Farm, Chapel Hill, NC, Sept. 16 (Will Cook).

LEAST FLYCATCHER: This flycatcher was identified several times this fall, with singles at Sneads Ferry, NC, Sept. 3 (Nell Moore), at Pea I. N.W.R., NC, Sept. 5 (Randy Emmitt), at Jordan L., NC, Sept. 7 (Will Cook), at Huntington Beach St. Pk., SC, Sept. 18 (Lex Glover and Steve Patterson), and near Spartanburg, SC, Sept. 19 (*vide* Lyle Campbell).

EASTERN KINGBIRD: One offshore of Oregon Inlet, NC, was an unexpected find on Sept. 6 (Brian Patteson *et al.*).

WESTERN KINGBIRD: Reports included one early at Ft. Fisher, NC, Sept. 5 (Sam Cooper), one at Carolina Beach, NC, Oct. 11 (Bruce Smithson, *vide* Taylor Piephoff), and one late at Hemingway, SC, Nov. 21 (John Snow).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER: This rare but expected species was found twice, with individuals at Huntington Beach St. Pk., SC, Aug. 10 (*vide* Jack Peachey) and at Buxton, NC, Oct. 17-27 (*vide* Keith Watson).

WHITE-EYED VIREO: Late inland sightings involved singles at Charlotte, NC, Nov. 15 (Louise and Larry Barden) and in eastern Guilford County, NC, Nov. 27 (Allen Bryan).

WARBLING VIREO: This species was found much more often than usual this fall. Reports, all of single birds, came from Simpsonville, SC, Sept. 9 (Pete Worthington), Roanoke I., NC, Sept. 10-11 (Jeff Lewis and Lee Yoder) and Sept. 30 (Jeff Lewis), Ft. Macon, NC, Sept. 12 (John Fussell and Susan Arrington), Broad River W.M.A., SC, Sept. 12 (Tim Kalbach and Nancy Lyman), along the New River, Watauga County, NC, Sept. 29 (Curtis Smalling), and at Laurinburg, NC, Sept. 30 (Barbara Gearhart).

PHILADELPHIA VIREO: This species continues to be reported with increasing frequency each fall. The highlights this year involved the earliest at Jackson Park, NC, Sept. 2 (Wayne Forsythe) and the latest at C. Lookout, NC, Oct. 2 (Bob Holmes and Wade Fuller).

TREE SWALLOW: Twelve were late for an inland location at L. Osceola, Hendersonville, NC, Nov. 5 (Wayne Forsythe and Bill Bart).

BARN SWALLOW: Three were somewhat late at C. Hatteras, NC, Nov. 22, as noted by Barbara Gearhart.

CAROLINA CHICKADEE: Two at C. Lookout, NC, Oct. 10 (John Fussell) were considered to be locally unusual for that barrier island site.

GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH: The best total of this least common migrant thrush was four at Jackson Park, NC, Sept. 29 (Wayne Forsythe and Jim Edwards).

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER: One was rare and unexpected offshore of Hatteras, NC, Aug. 9 (Brian Patteson *et al.*). Other noteworthy coastal sightings

included one on Roanoke I., NC, Sept. 8 (Jeff Lewis), one at Ft. Macon, NC, Sept. 11-12 (John Fussell, Bob Holmes *et al.*), one at James I., SC, Oct. 5 (Dennis Forsythe), and one at the Savannah Spoil Site, SC, Aug. 30 (Tim Kalbach).

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER: Some of the more interesting reports involved two at Laurinburg, NC, Sept. 15 (Barbara Gearhart), one to two on Roanoke I., NC, Sept. 11-13 (Jeff Lewis), one near Chapel Hill, NC, Sept. 16-17 (Ginger Travis), one at the Congaree Swamp Nat. Mon., SC, Oct. 3 (Robin Carter and Tim Kalbach), and one at Landsford Canal St. Pk., SC, Sept. 12 (Lex Glover and David Dobson).

HYBRID WARBLERS: One each of the two Blue-winged X Golden-winged Warbler hybrid forms was reported this fall. A "Brewster's" was found near Asheville, NC, Sept. 7 (Len & Esther Pardue), and the much rarer "Lawrence's" was a good find on Roanoke I., NC, Sept. 10 (Jeff Lewis and Keith Watson).

NASHVILLE WARBLER: This warbler staged one of its better migrations in the Carolinas this year. Nashvilles were sighted across both states a minimum of 17 times. The earliest was at Falls L., NC, Sept. 5 (Ricky Davis), and the latest was at Pea I. N.W.R., NC, Oct. 24 (Brad Carlson and Jamie Glydon).

YELLOW WARBLER: One was late on the L. Mattamuskeet, NC, causeway Nov. 13 (John Fussell); a rare but not terribly surprising report for that well-known migrant-holding location.

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER: Excellent migration counts included 15+ at Jackson Park, NC, Sept. 6 (Wayne Forsythe) and an impressive 53 at the Ridge Junction Overlook, Yancey County, NC, Aug. 30 (Dwayne and Lori Martin).

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER: One was quite early at Pea I. N.W.R., NC, Aug. 29, as noted by Brad Carlson.

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER: One was early at Rocky Mount, NC, Aug. 23 (Betty Davis), and one was late at Oregon Inlet, NC, Oct. 31 (Eric Dean). The best migrant count was the amazing 102 counted at the Ridge Junction Overlook Yancey County, NC, Aug. 30 (Dwayne and Lori Martin).

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER: Some of the better reports included two at Folly Beach, SC, Oct. 17 (Bob Wood *et al.*), one at Roanoke I., NC, Sept. 23-24 (Jeff Lewis), eight at Jackson Park, NC, Sept. 6 (Wayne Forsythe), and impressive 19 at the Ridge Junction Overlook, Yancey County, NC, Aug. 30 (Dwayne and Lori Martin).

BLACKPOLL WARBLER: One was slightly late at Pea I. N.W.R., NC, Nov. 9 (John Fussell).

CERULEAN WARBLER: The farther east you go, this species gets harder to find. Thus of note was one at Weymouth Woods, Southern Pines, NC, Sept. 9 (Barbara Gearhart).

SWAINSON'S WARBLER: One found at Jackson Park, NC, Sept. 16-20 (Wayne Forsythe *et al.* and Simon Thompson *et al.*) not only was a little late but also provided a first fall record for the park.

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH: Twelve was an excellent one-day total at Eagle I., Wilmington, NC, Oct. 10 (Greg Massey). Also one was quite late at the Savannah Spoil Site, SC, Nov. 25 (Steve Calver).

LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH: Another unusual offshore migrant was the Louisiana Waterthrush off of Oregon Inlet, NC, Aug. 15 (Brian Patteson *et al.*).

KENTUCKY WARBLER: Rare coastal reports included one at C. Lookout, NC, Sept. 5 (John Fussell *et al.*) and one at Ft. Macon, NC, Sept. 29 (Bob Holmes).

CONNECTICUT WARBLER: Reports were down somewhat this fall, with single birds at Merchants Millpond St. Pk., NC, Sept. 2 (Floyd Williams), at Ft. Macon, NC, Sept. 11 (Bob Holmes), and in Jackson County, NC, Sept. 25 (Pete Worthington).

MOURNING WARBLER: It is a rare fall indeed when more Mournings are reported than Connecticut. This fall singles were on Roanoke I., NC, Sept. 8-9 (Jeff Lewis), at Jackson Park, NC, Sept. 20 (Wayne Forsythe *et al.*), near L. Santeetlah, Graham County, NC, Sept. 24 (Pete Worthington), and at Eagle I., Wilmington, NC, Oct. 10 (Greg Massey).

WILSON'S WARBLER: Some of the better Wilson's reports included two at Roanoke I., NC, Sept. 9, Sept. 23, and Oct. 10 (Jeff Lewis); one at Falls L., NC, Sept. 27 (Les Todd); one at Laurinburg, NC, Sept. 15 (Barbara Gearhart); one in Richland County, SC, Sept. 13 (Tim Kalbach *et al.*); and one a little early at Jackson Park, NC, Aug. 30 (Wayne Forsythe).

CANADA WARBLER: Three was an excellent one-day count for an eastern location at Falls L., NC, Sept. 13 (Randy Emmitt).

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: Late were singles at Buxton, NC, Nov. 7 (Simon Thompson) and at Figure Eight I., NC, Nov. 27 (Derb Carter).

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW: Clay-colored had one of the best migrations in recent memory. Numbers at Pea I. N.W.R., NC, were impressive, with nine on Oct. 11 (Ricky Davis and Jeff Lewis), six Oct. 14 (Jeff Lewis and Keith Watson), four Oct. 24 (Brad Carlson and Jamie Glydon), and one as late as Nov. 7-8 (Taylor Piephoff *et al.*). Elsewhere, three were on Roanoke I., NC, Sept. 26 (Jeff Lewis), one was at Harker's I., NC, Oct. 2 (Wade Fuller), and several were at Ft. Fisher, NC, in late October (*vide* Taylor Piephoff). Much rarer inland were one near L. Pinehurst, NC, Oct. 19 (Dick Burk) and two at Broad River W.M.A., Fairfield County, SC, Oct. 10 (Tim Kalbach).

LARK SPARROW: This species was well-reported this fall. Two were on Roanoke I., NC, Sept. 12-13 (*vide* Jeff Lewis); singles were at Pea I. N.W.R., NC, Aug. 14 (Susan Josephs), Sept. 5 (Keith Watson), and Oct. 11-13 (Ricky Davis and Jeff Lewis); on C. Lookout, NC, Sept. 5 (John Fussell *et al.*); and at the Savannah Spoil Site, SC, Aug. 11 (Steve Calver). Inland sightings were one in Pitt County, NC, Nov. 22 (Ken Harrell) and at L. Pinehurst, NC, Nov. 23 (Dick Burk).

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: Good late inland reports were the single Grasshoppers at Hooper Lane, NC, Oct. 25 (Wayne Forsythe and Bill Bart) and near Boiling Springs, Cleveland County, NC, Nov. 4 (JoAnn Martin).

HENSLOW'S SPARROW: Only one migrant was found this fall, at Huntington Beach St. Pk., SC, Nov. 25 (Jeanie Davis).

SHARP-TAILED SPARROW(sp.): Always noteworthy inland, a sharp-tailed sparrow was seen briefly in Moore County, NC, Oct. 29 (Jay Carter, *vide* Susan Campbell). It is assumed that most inland migrant sharp-taileds are Nelson's.

LINCOLN'S SPARROW: Lincoln's Sparrows had one of their best migrations in the Carolinas in recent memory. Good one-day counts were three in eastern Edgecombe County, NC, Oct. 4 (Ricky Davis) and two at Broad River W.M.A., SC, Oct. 10 (Tim Kalbach). Other sightings of note included one at Jackson Park, NC, Oct. 4 & 18 (Wayne Forsythe and Tom Joyce), one at Pee Dee N.W.R., NC, Oct. 16-18 (Barbara Gearhart) and Nov. 20 (Dick Burk), one at Congaree Swamp Nat. Mon., SC, Nov. 8 (Dan and Cindy Tufford), and one at Jordan L., NC, Oct. 18 -25 (Ricky Davis, Bert Fisher, Les Todd and Leto Copeley).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: One was a little early on Roanoke I., NC, Aug. 27, as noted by Jeff Lewis.

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: This species also had an excellent fall, with some large counts including an amazing 300+ in one area at Piney Creek, Allegheny County, NC, Nov. 5-10 (James Coman) and 25 at Pea I. N.W.R., NC, Oct. 11 (Ricky Davis).

LAPLAND LONGSPUR: The Hooper Lane, NC, area once again had longspurs, with one there Nov. 7-15 and then 7-10 were there on Nov. 21 (Wayne Forsythe). Other sightings included three at Huntington Beach St. Pk., SC, from Nov. 27 on, as noted by Tim Kalbach and many others; and one at C. Hatteras, NC, Nov. 8 (Ricky Davis).

SNOW BUNTING: Reports of this species included up to nine at C. Hatteras, NC, Nov. 6-8 (Eric Dean, m. obs.); four at Oregon Inlet, NC, Nov. 7 (John Fussell and Ricky Davis); one still at C. Hatteras Nov. 22, and two still at Oregon Inlet Nov. 22 (Barbara Gearhart).

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK: One was a late lingerer at a feeder in Transylvania County, NC, Nov. 1 (*vide* Norma Siebenheller). Also a good count

of 71 migrants was had at Ridge Junction Overlook, Yancey County, NC, Sept. 20 (Dwayne and Lori Martin).

DICKCISSEL: Reports included one at Wrightsville Beach, NC, Oct. 11 (Sam Cooper); two at Pea I. N.W.R., NC, Oct. 11 (Ricky Davis and Jeff Lewis); one at the Pea I. Visitor Center feeder Oct. 31 until at least Nov. 21 (Eric Dean, m. obs.), and one near Bahama, Durham County, NC, Oct. 3 (Tom and Janet Krakauer).

BOBOLINK: One was early near Gaffney, SC, Aug. 1, as noted by Jeanie Davis.

EASTERN MEADOWLARK: One was a surprise as it landed on a boat 15 miles east of Charleston, SC, Oct. 31 (John Huggins). After resting for about 10 minutes, the bird flew off toward land!

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: An adult male was a good find in a large blackbird flock near L. Mattamuskeet, NC, Nov. 14-15 (Brad Carlson and Eric Dean).

SHINY COWBIRD: The only report was of a female at the Savannah Spoil Site, SC, Aug. 3 (Paul Sykes).

PURPLE FINCH: One was a very early migrant at Pea I. N.W.R., NC, Oct. 11, as noted by Ricky Davis.

RED CROSSBILL: A good find was the flock of 12 crossbills at Ridge Junction Overlook, Yancey County, NC, Sept. 12-20 (Dwayne and Lori Martin). Another unexpected sighting was of one along the Cherohala Highway in Graham County, NC, Sept. 24 (Pete Worthington).

EVENING GROSBEAK: The only report for the whole fall was of a lone female at Lugoff, SC, Nov. 29 (Lex Glover), obviously a lost individual!

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