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Learning Center, Muscogee Co.; PCR - Pine Chapel Road, Gordon Co.; ph. - photographed; PSNP - Phinizy Swamp Nature Park, Richmond Co.; Region - when capitalized, refers to Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina; SBG - State Botanical Garden of Georgia, Clarke Co.; SCI - St. Catherines Island, Liberty Co.; SF - sod farm; SP - State Park; SSI - St. Simons Island, Glynn Co.; TI - Tybee Island, Chatham Co.; WMA - Wildlife Management Area; WPD - West Point Dam, Harris and Troup cos.

Note: Species that appear in a **bold-faced font** represent those that were considered “review” species by the GCRC during the year of the sighting. This list changes from year to year. The current review list may be viewed at the following link: <http://www.gos.org/checklists/reportables.html> GCRC activity, including the status of reports listed as “pending” as of press time, may be viewed at the following link: <http://www.gos.org/checklists/gcrc-activity.html>

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING DUCK - One seen briefly on Treadwell Road, Murray Co., on 5 June (Joshua Spence) is the first record for northwest Georgia. Elsewhere, birds were noted at PSNP (maximum of 14 on 1 June; Liam Wolff), AWMA (maximum of 32 on 1 June; Dan Vickers, Bob Zaremba), the Albany area (maximum of 18 at Lagg Road, Lee Co., on 21 June; Wayne Schaffner) and on private property in Grady Co. (20 on 23 June; John Wagner).

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE - The long-staying bird was still present in Heath Park, Muscogee Co., on 1-6 June (Bill Johnson).

BLUE-WINGED TEAL - Two birds were at Huie Ponds, CCWA, throughout the period (m. ob.); 4 were on Laramore Road, Lee Co., from 11 June - 7 July (Wayne Schaffner) and one was on the BCL from 14 June-27 July (m. ob.). Single-day records of 2 at Little Egg Island Bar, McIntosh Co., on 5 June (Cory Gregory), one at BUENWR on 9 June (James White), and 2 at AWMA on 16 June (Christy Butler, James Fleullan) may also have been over-summering birds, while 9 at Panola Mountain SP, Rockdale Co., on 13 July were likely early returning migrants (m. ob.).

NORTHERN SHOVELER - A pair over-summered at Huie Ponds, CCWA (Carol Lambert, Jeff Sewell).

REDHEAD - One in Murray Co. on 17 June was a highly unusual summer record for the state (Joshua Spence).

RING-NECKED DUCK - A male over-summered at Huie Ponds, CCWA (Carol

Lambert, Jeff Sewell), and 2 were at Rolling Meadows Farms, Coweta Co., on 6-7 July (Richard Candler).

LESSER SCAUP - Late-lingering individuals were found at AIC on 3 June (Bill Blakeslee, Gene Keferl, Paul Sykes) and Murray Co. on 6 June (Joshua Spence).

BLACK SCOTER - Previously unrecorded in the state in summer, an unprecedented number were observed at multiple sites along the coast. Up to 12 were reported from TI throughout the period (m. ob.), 21 were on LSSI on 5 June (Chris O'Neal) with one at Sapelo Island, McIntosh Co., the same day (Camp TALON), and 5 lingered at LCI until 29 July, having been present for several weeks (Tim Keyes).

HOODED MERGANSER - Three were reported from Arrowhead Environmental Center, Floyd Co., on 16 June (Reneé Carleton).

RUDDY DUCK - One was at AIC from 1-3 June (m. ob.), 5 were at Clark's Hill Reservoir, Lincoln Co., on 6 June (Pepper Shields), a pair was at Lake Blalock, CCWA on 5 July (Jeff Sewell), and 2 were at MBBP on 31 July (John Patten Moss).

WILD TURKEY - A female was seen to kill an unidentified snake with her bill in northern Greene Co. on 23 June (Jim Hanna, Paul Sykes).

COMMON LOON - One was on Lake Burton, Rabun Co., on 1-2 June (Eric Gibney), 2 were at Lake Juliette, Monroe Co., on 17 June (Jim Fontenot), and one was on Lake Lanier on 7 July (Jim Hanna).

HORNED GREBE - A breeding-plumaged bird was at CLRL on 14 June (Max Medley).

WESTERN GREBE - An amazing record of a breeding-plumage bird was seen from the Sapelo Island ferry, McIntosh Co., on 5 June by excited participants of Camp TALON (GCRC 2013-37). This is the first summer record for Georgia and the southeastern US.



**Western Grebe, McIntosh Co., 5 June,
by Rosemary Kramer**

CORY'S SHEARWATER - Four birds were seen on a pelagic from St Mary's on 2 June (m. ob.).

AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER - Three birds were seen on a pelagic from St Mary's on 2 June (m. ob.)

and 6 were seen on a pelagic from TI on 18 July (m. ob.).

WILSON'S STORM-PETREL - Four birds were seen on a pelagic from St Mary's on 2 June (m. ob.) and 2 were seen on a pelagic from TI on 18 July (m. ob.).

BAND-RUMPED STORM-PETREL - One was seen by just 3 observers on a pelagic from St Mary's on 2 June (Krista Gridley, Richard Hall, Eugene Keferl; GCRC 2013-32).

WOOD STORK - Reported from multiple locations north of the Fall Line, the northernmost record was of 3 birds from the Broad River, Oglethorpe Co., on 5 July (Brandon Adams).

MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD - One was reported from Little Egg Island Bar, McIntosh Co., on 7 June (Susan Inman), with it or another seen on JI on 10 June (ph., Angie and Bryan Jenkins) and 14 June (m. ob.).



**Magnificent Frigatebird, Glynn Co., 5 June,
by Bryan Jenkins**

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN - Inland, one was seen at LWFG on 23 June (Donald Freeman) and 14 were seen at Lake Blue Ridge, Fannin Co., on 13 June (*vide* Tom Striker).

BROWN PELICAN - Inland, 3 were seen at Lake Juliette, Monroe Co., on 16 June, with one remaining the next day (Jim Fontenot). Three hundred nests were counted at Pompey Island Rake, Camden Co., and had high fledging success (*vide* Tim Keyes/Georgia DNR).

LEAST BITTERN - Inland, one was at Drummond Swamp, Bartow Co., on 17 June (Patrick Addy, Nathan Farnau, Joel McNeal), one was at Di-Lane Plantation WMA, Burke Co., on 22 June (Jim Flynn), 3 were at BUENWR on 26 June (m. ob.), one was at Prison Farm Road, Lee Co., on 29 June (Larry Gridley), and 3 were at PSNP on 22 July (Liam Wolff). Predictably, the highest coastal count of 7 came from AWMA on 19 July (m. ob.).

SNOWY EGRET - North of the Fall Line, single birds were reported from Sandy Springs, Fulton Co., on 3 June (Johnnie Greene), Huie Ponds, CCWA from 15 June-27 July (m. ob.), Oconee River Dam, Putnam Co., on 30 June (Heather Davis), Braswell Church Road, Walton Co., from 6-10 July (Jason Lewis), and Dyar Pasture, Greene Co., on 16 July (m. ob.).

LITTLE BLUE HERON - Reported multiple times north of the Fall Line, the northernmost record was 2 at the Etowah Bottoms, Dawson Co., on 18 July (Jim Flynn).

TRICOLORED HERON - Inland, single birds were reported from Peach Co. on 13 July (James Fleullan, Patty McLean, Kathy Miller) and Bulloch Co. on 27 July (Brenda Brannen). Three birds were seen together in Baker Co. on 28 July (Wayne Schaffner).

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON - Scarce in the eastern Piedmont, 4 were in Oglethorpe Co. on 16 June (Brandon Adams).

WHITE IBIS - In the Piedmont, 3 were at Dyar Pasture, Greene Co., on 15 June (Jim Hanna, Jim and Allison Healy), 4 were seen on the Broad River, Oglethorpe Co. on 11 July (Brandon Adams), and 5 were in Oglethorpe Co. on 31 July (Mark Freeman).

GLOSSY IBIS - Away from the coast, one was in Bulloch Co. on 27 July (Brenda Brannen).

ROSEATE SPOONBILL - Inland, one was at Leary Road Pond, Dougherty Co., on 18 July (Larry Gridley) and one was on private property in Bulloch Co. on 27 July (Brenda Brannen). A new state high count of 149 was observed in Brunswick, Glynn Co., on 1 July (Bruce Dralle). Although a nest was never located, the presence of hatch-year birds at a rookery in St Mary's, Camden Co., suggests that this species successfully bred here (the only known breeding site in the state; Tim Keyes).

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE - North of the Fall Line, single birds were reported in DeKalb Co. on 16 June (John Snarey), Walton Co. on 21 July (m. ob.), and Clarke Co. on 27 June - 13 July (Toni Bowen, Katie Wolfe, m. ob.), and 2 were in Newton Co. on 30 July (Jeff Sewell). Birds were seen south of Watkinsville, Oconee Co., from 15 July until the end of the period (Krista Gridley, m. ob.), with a maximum of 8 recorded on 22 July (Jim Hanna).

NORTHERN HARRIER - An early returning bird was seen in Morgan Co. on 27 July (Rick Lavender).

BLACK RAIL - This species was absent from its only known breeding site in Greene Co. for the third consecutive year (Paul Sykes).

KING RAIL - At least one bird was present in northern Greene Co. from 9-12 June (Jim Hanna, Paul Sykes). A good count of 12 was made at PSNP on 4 June (Eric Bowles).

PURPLE GALLINULE - Two were at BUENWR throughout the period (m. ob.); one was at Prison Farm Road Pond, Lee Co., on 11 June and 20 July (Wayne Schaffner); 2 were at Harris Neck NWR, McIntosh Co. on 1 June (Patty McLean); and a maximum count of 7 was recorded at AWMA on 27 July (Larry Carlile).

AMERICAN COOT - Away from the coast, one was present at AP throughout the period, with 2 birds seen on 14 June (Jim Flynn), 2 were at Strom Thurmond Dam on 3-6 June (per www.ebird.org), one was at PSNP on 22 June (Mac McCall), 3 were at Cherokee Brickyards, Bibb Co., on 29 June (Jerry Amerson), and one was at MBBP on 31 July (John Patten Moss).

AMERICAN AVOCET - One was found well inland in Cooper Creek Park, Columbus, on 21 July (Mason Jarrett).

AMERICAN OYSTERCATCHER - Statewide, 119 pairs were recorded, of which 98 were confirmed nesting or scraping. Of these, 29 chicks reached banding age, the highest chick count ever recorded in Georgia, but still lower than replacement productivity (*vide* Tim Keyes/Georgia DNR).

AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER - One on the BCL on 31 July represents a new early fall arrival date for the state (Joel McNeal).

WILSON'S PLOVER - Although not explicitly measured, nest productivity appeared higher this year than in 2012 (Lauren Deaner, Abby Sterling). At least 30 nests were detected on LTI, 80-90 pairs were on LSSI, and many chicks were reported on Ossabaw Island (*vide* Tim Keyes/Georgia DNR). Thanks to Operation Plover Patrol, 5 pairs fledged a total of 6 chicks on JI (Lydia Thompson).

SEMI-PALMATED PLOVER - Inland, one was seen in Lee Co. on 29 July (Wayne Schaffner) and 2 were on the BCL on 31 July (Shannon Fair).

PIPING PLOVER - One was on LSSI on 17 July (Gene Keferl).

WILLET - Inland, 3 were on the BCL on 7-8 July (Nathan Farnau, Joel McNeal) and 2 were present there on 18 July (Reneé Carleton, Joel McNeal).

UPLAND SANDPIPER - A bird at MSS on 4 July represents a new early fall arrival date for the state (Wayne Schaffner).

LONG-BILLED CURLEW - One was on LSSI on 19 July (Jason Lewis)

RUDDY TURNSTONE - Inland migrants were seen on Laramore Road, Lee Co., on 25 July (Wayne Schaffner) and BCL on 27 July (Joel McNeal).

STILT SANDPIPER - The last northbound migrants were 6 seen at AIC on 1 June (m. ob.) and the first returning birds were 2 at Wright Turf Farms, Dougherty Co., on 22 July (Wayne Schaffner).

DUNLIN - The latest northbound migrant was one at JI Welcome Center on 9 June (Angie Jenkins). An adult was on the Ogeechee Bar on the very early date of 30 July (Tim Keyes); if this is indeed a migrant it represents a new early arrival date for the state.

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER - One found on the BCL on 29 July (Patty McLean) was still present at the end of the period.

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER - The last northbound migrants were 4 reported from AIC on 3 June (Shannon Fair, Iris Schumacher).

WESTERN SANDPIPER - Inland, the first returning birds were 6 at NG Turf Farm, Macon Co., on 13 July (James Fleullan, Patty McLean, Kathy Miller).

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER - The first returning migrants were 4 on Laramore Road, Lee Co., on 7 July (Wayne Schaffner).

WILSON'S PHALAROPE - One was in Lee Co. on 28 July (Wayne Schaffner).

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE - Three were at AIC on 1 June (m. ob.).

LAUGHING GULL - The only inland report was one in Bulloch Co. on 6 June (Brenda Brannen).

RING-BILLED GULL - Inland, the only report was one in Lee Co. on 1 June (Tod Lanier).

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL - One was at GI on 1 June (Trey McCuen), 3 were on TI on 23 June, with one there on 13 July (both Larry Carlile), and one was on CINS on 24 July (Gene Keferl).

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL - One was on LSSI on 17 July (Gene Keferl).

LEAST TERN - Nests were reported from 13 coastal sites statewide, but most colonies fared badly. The largest colony of 164 nests with 142 eggs was on a supermarket roof in Savannah, Chatham Co., however the colony appeared mostly abandoned with several dead adults and chicks seen. All nests on LTI and Pelican Spit, Glynn Co. were overwashed and none on Wolf Island NWR survived to hatching. Conversely, many of the 57 nests on Brunswick Dredge Island, Glynn Co., were successful (*fide* Tim Keyes/Georgia DNR).

GULL-BILLED TERN - A statewide total of 214 nests was recorded across 3 sites; 120 were on SCI bar (no successful fledging), 30 were on Pelican Spit, Glynn Co. (many successfully fledged), and 64 were on Brunswick Dredge Island, Glynn Co. (many fledged) (*fide* Tim Keyes/Georgia DNR).

CASPIAN TERN - Inland, single birds were at Lake Juliette, Monroe Co., on 17 June (Jim Fontenot), Laramore Road, Lee Co., on 16-20 July (Wayne Schaffner) and Clark's Hill Lake, Columbia Co., on 26 July (John Patten Moss).

BLACK TERN - This species was first observed at the coast on 17 July, when 7 were reported from LSSI (Eugene Keferl). The only inland record was 2 on the BCL on 27 July (Bruce Dralle, m. ob.).

COMMON TERN - The first report was 4 at JI South Beach on 20 June (Lydia Thompson).

ROYAL TERN - The colony on Brunswick Dredge Island, Glynn Co., held 5755 nests (*fide* Tim Keyes/Georgia DNR).

SANDWICH TERN - The colony on Brunswick Dredge Island, Glynn Co., held 42 nests (*fide* Tim Keyes/Georgia DNR).

BLACK SKIMMER - A total of 300 nests was recorded across 4 sites statewide; 169 at SCI bar (none fledged), 70 at Pelican Spit, Glynn Co. (many chicks fledged), 54 at Brunswick Dredge Island, Glynn Co. (many fledged), and 7 at LSSI (none fledged) (*fide* Tim Keyes/Georgia DNR).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE - One was in Cochran, Bleckley Co., on 22 July (Evan Thomas).

COMMON GROUND-DOVE - The northernmost reports were of 1-2 birds observed on Ward Road, Greene Co., throughout the period (Jim Hanna, Paul Sykes).

PEREGRINE FALCON - Two pairs nested in the Atlanta area (*fide* Jim Ozier).

WILLOW FLYCATCHER - Summering birds were noted at the regular breeding sites in Blairsville, Union Co., Clayton, Rabun Co., and Dillard, Rabun Co. (m. ob.). Rare in summer south of the mountains, 2 were in northern Greene Co. on 23 June (Jim Hanna, Paul Sykes).

LEAST FLYCATCHER - Away from the usual Rabun Co. breeding site, one found in the Cohutta Wilderness, Gilmer Co., on 12 June was noteworthy (ph., Stan Chapman, Sylvia Chandler, Al Mercer).

GRAY KINGBIRD - Five nesting pairs were found on SSI (Bob Sattelmeyer) and in Brunswick, Glynn Co., the maximum count was 3 seen on AIC on 21 July (Jason Lewis). Single birds were at Harris Neck NWR, McIntosh Co., on 4 June (Camp TALON), TI on 15 June (Andre Coquerel), and downtown Savannah on 16 June (Russ Wigh) and 26 July (Tom Bailey).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER - An excellent summer for this species in Georgia, with 3 nesting attempts documented. The pair in Sam Smith Park, Bartow Co., successfully fledged 2 young on or before 7 July (m. ob.). A female was found on a nest near Mansfield, Newton Co. on 18 July (Jeff Martin), and a pair was present until early August, but apparently did not succeed. Following the discovery of a male west of Watkinsville, Oconee Co., on 9 June (Mitchell Jarrett) a pair was observed nest-building the following day and the female appeared to be incubating by 16 June. On 16 July, 4 chicks were visible in the nest; 2 of these fledged on 19 July and a third fledged on 22 July. The two adults and 3 young were present until the end of the period. Additionally, a second adult male was confirmed in the area on 20 July (Richard Hall), having probably been present for a week before.



**Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Oconee Co., 20 July,
by Richard Hall**

BLUE-HEADED VIREO - A scarce breeder in the lower Piedmont, 6 in the Oconee WMA, Greene Co., on 22 June was a good count (Jim Hanna, Paul Sykes).

BANK SWALLOW - The first returning migrant was noted on the BCL on 7 July (Nathan Farnau, Joel McNeal).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH - One was on Burrell's Ford Road, Rabun Co., on 15 June, 1-2 birds were on Crow Creek Road, Rabun Co., from 15 June-20 July (both Jane Seward) and 2 were in Fannin Co. on 1 July (Roy Brown)

VEERY - Multiple singing birds were found in breeding habitat in Murray Co. from 19-25 June (Joshua Spence).

CEDAR WAXWING - Early sightings included one at Allatoona Creek WMA, Cobb Co., on 27 June (Angie Jenkins, Jess Searcy) and 2 at AP on 28 June (Jim Flynn); the former is a new early fall arrival date for the Piedmont. Up to 5 birds were seen in Augusta, Richmond Co., from 19-27 July, including at least one juvenile (ph., John Patten Moss, Sam Murray).

OVENBIRD - A rare nester below the Fall Line, 2 singing birds were recorded in Oohoopee Dunes State Natural Area, Emanuel Co., on 11 June (Ken Blankenship, Rebecca Byrd), and 6 singing birds were in Yuchi WMA, Burke Co., on 22 June (Jim Flynn).

WORM-EATING WARBLER - A singing bird recorded in Quitman Co. on 14 and 19 June may represent the southernmost record of breeding behavior in the state (Ken Blankenship, Rebecca Byrd).

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER - Birds were noted at 5 different locations SE of Dalton, Murray Co., in the first two weeks of June (Joshua Spence); one was on Ivy Log Gap Road, Union Co., on 14 June (Stan Chapman, Al Mercer).

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER - A lone male was seen at the last known breeding site in the state, Brawley Mountain, Fannin Co., from 6-23 June (m. ob.).

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER - Scarce in the Coastal Plain during the breeding season, a female was seen in Oohoopee Dunes State Natural Area, Emanuel Co., on 11 June (Ken Blankenship, Rebecca Byrd).

CERULEAN WARBLER - The only eBird report was one on Gumlog Gap Road, Union Co., on 13 July (Jason Lewis).

YELLOW WARBLER - An early fall migrant was at the CRNRA on 27 June (Patrick Addy).

CANADA WARBLER - This species was present at the regular breeding sites of Brasstown Bald, Towns and Union cos., and Rabun Bald, Rabun Co. (m. ob.).

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW - Uncommon in summer south of the Fall Line, birds were recorded in Macon Co. (m. ob.), Dooly Co. (Charlie Muise), Worth Co. (Andre Coquerel) and Decatur Co. (Todd Engstrom).

SONG SPARROW - A singing bird in Columbus, Muscogee Co., on 6 July, was the southernmost summer record this year (Rex Rowan).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW - Accidental in summer, a singing bird was present in Catoosa Co. from 7-10 July (David Hollie).

DICKCISSEL - A scarce breeder in the upper Coastal Plain, at least 5 in Randolph Co. (Theresa Hartz), 4 in Lee Co. (Wayne Schaffner), and 2 in Dooly Co. were detected during Breeding Bird Surveys (Charlie Muise). North of the Fall Line, up to 7 singing males, plus females and fledglings, were observed in northern Greene Co. throughout the period (Paul Sykes), high counts of 5 were made at PCR (Jim Flynn) and 8 on the BCL (Nathan Farnau, Joel McNeal), 2 were in Oglethorpe Co. on 17 June (Brandon Adams), one was in Henry Co. on 12 July (Jeff Sewell), 2 were in Oconee Co. on 23 June (Rachel Holzman), and one was in Barrow Co. throughout the period (m. ob.).

BOAT-TAILED GRACKLE - Away from the coast, 2 were at Prison Farm Road, Lee Co., on 29 June (Larry Gridley).

BALTIMORE ORIOLE - Two were seen in Macon's Central City Park, Bibb Co., on 2 June (Ewan and Rusty Pritchard).

SCARLET TANAGER - A female was seen feeding a newly-fledged juvenile in High Falls SP, Monroe Co., on 12 June, a rare confirmation of breeding this far south in the state (Giff Beaton).

RED CROSSBILL - One was visiting feeders in Sky Valley, Rabun Co., on 4-5 July (John Patten Moss).

PINE SISKIN - Following last winter's irruption, late birds lingering at feeders included 4 in Fulton Co. (James Sheffield) and 2 in Cherokee Co. (Vicki DeLoach) on 1 June, one in Clarke Co. on 8 June (Bill and Karla O'Grady), one in Richmond Co. on 15 June (Anne Basilicato), one in Gilmer Co. on 20-22 June (Bill Schmid) and a summering bird in Cobb Co. last seen on 3 July (Angie Jenkins). Single birds were seen in breeding habitat in Rabun Co. on 6 June (Keith Blackwell), 29 June (Patty McLean, Kathy Miller) and 3 July (John Patten Moss).

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH - The summer range of this species now appears to extend south along a diagonal line from Augusta to Albany. Below this line, one was recorded close to the Florida state line on a BBS route in Echols Co. on 2 June (Charlie Muise) and another visited a feeder in Pooler, Chatham Co., on 27 June (Cathy and Don Scott).

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