

remained in the north. There, unusually high numbers were reported all winter from most localities. For example: Plainfield, Vt., 400, Jan. 1, good numbers through March (GM); Winhall, Vt., 10/25 a day (WN); Topsham, Vt., 1-20 a day (A&EM); Berkshire Co., Mass. (RG) and w. N.H. (VH), "good numbers". A remarkable total of 7 Rufous-sided Towhees were seen in early January at Skaneateles, N.Y. (HA, fide, MR & CS) and another of this species was recorded at Outremont, Que., Feb. 6 (AC). The second winter record of Savannah Sparrow for the Oneida L. Basin was for 1 which spent Feb. 1-Mar. 15 in a grain elevator on an exposed pier in Oswego Harbor (FS). Three Oregon Juncos were reported during the post-CBC period. One wintered around Syracuse, being seen at various localities Jan. 1-Apr. 2 (FS, et al.). Another was reported from Pompey Township, Onondaga Co. Mar. 27-28 (FL), and a third was seen at Princeton, Jan. 16 (PK, RBl, et al.). Most remarkable of the above average number of White-crowned Sparrows on the CBCs were the 3 at Hull, Que. (fide RF) a new record for the locality. Also of interest were 2 Field Sparrows at Charlestown, N.H., Dec. 31 (WK).

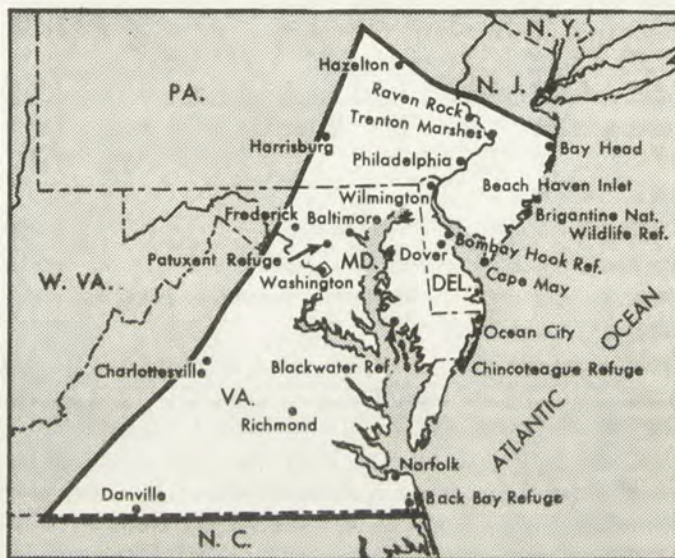
**CORRIGENDA**—AB, 25: 35. For Peter Del Vecchio, read Philip Del Vecchio. Inadvertently omitted from the Fall Season report was reference to the excellent migration studies being done at the recently established Ottauquechee Valley Environmental Analysis Center, Vermont. Their report, obtainable from the director, Richard Farrar, contains some especially interesting data on post-breeding dispersals.

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## MIDDLE ATLANTIC COAST REGION / F. R. Scott and David A. Cutler

The above-normal fall temperatures, which continued to the end of December, abruptly changed to a very cold January. Although February averaged somewhat above normal, subnormal temperatures again returned in March. Heavy precipitation occurred only in February, the other winter months being fairly normal or deficient. Snowfall was unusually light, and the most widespread storm spread only up to 9 inches over the Region on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.



Weather effects on birdlife were fairly predictable, with a large number of late fall transients occurring into the winter and a very slow start-up of the spring migration. After two successive winters of heavy flights of northern finches, only a few showed up this year. There was the usual sprinkling of western strays.

**PELAGIC BIRDS**—A Com. Loon was found inland at Lynchburg, Va. on Dec. 20 (RSF) and another at Little Falls, near Glen Echo, Md. on Jan. 2 (HSG). Red-throated Loons remained in good numbers with counts of 200 at Back Bay Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, Va. on Dec. 5 (MAB & RSK), 150 at Ocean City, Md. on Dec. 29 (fide CSR), and an amazing 5000 estimated at Wallops I., Va. on Mar. 10 (CRV). Single Eared Grebes were reported at Barnegat Light, N.J. on Jan. 24 (WM) and at Ocean City on Mar. 14 (CWC, DS & JWkr), and a W. Grebe was found at Barnegat Light on Jan. 23 (IB, RK, WM & WW). One of

the most fascinating records of recent years was a **Leach's Petrel** watched at length at fairly close quarters from one of the islands along the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, Va. on Jan. 10 (RBG). Although there are several December records for this species in this Region, this is the first mid-winter report. A flock of 12 **Great Cormorants** at St. George I., Md. (Potomac R.) on Mar. 7 reached a peak of 17 on Mar. 13 (EHS). They were well photographed. Single birds were also reported on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel on Dec. 28 (EKL, HEL, PWS, et al.) and at Back Bay Refuge on Dec. 29 (JHC & HEL). A flock of 27 **Double-crested Cormorants** near Brooke, Va. on Dec. 22 was quite unusual for so far inland (fide ETM).

**HERONS, IBIS**—A late Green Heron was seen at Oxford, Md. on Dec. 14 (JWga), and inland at Alexandria, Va. 1 was found on Jan. 2 (WAH, et al.). A Cattle Egret near Cape Charles, Va. on Dec. 27 (LLH & ICS) was the only winter report, and first spring arrivals were noted at Brigantine Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, N.J. on Mar. 20 (DP) and at Fisherman I., Va. on Mar. 25 (MAB, et al.). Miller found 2 Snowy Egrets and 1 Louisiana Heron at Little Creek, Del. on Dec. 27, the third and second winter records, respectively, for the state, and Dyke saw a Louisiana Heron on Assateague I., Md. on Jan. 1. Farther south, there were peak counts of 40 Snowy Egrets near Cape Charles on Dec. 27 (PWS, et al.) and 36 Louisiana Herons near Chincoteague, Va. on Dec. 28 (CRV, et al.). Waterfield reported a concentration of 100 transient Snowy Egrets at Back Bay Refuge on Mar. 29-31. Single Glossy Ibis were reported at Brigantine Refuge on Dec. 6 (SRL) and Jan. 2 (JCM), and 4 were found at Chincoteague on Dec. 28 (ETM, et al.). First spring arrivals included 6 at Little Creek on Mar. 21 (CWC) and 20 at Chincoteague on Mar. 22 (CRV).

**SWANS, GEESE**—There were several inland reports of Whistling Swans during the winter. One was present near Alexandria, Va. throughout the period (JMA), 2 were seen near Hopewell, Va. on Dec. 22 (PDD & DKR), 14 were found at Tinicum Refuge, Philadelphia on Dec. 26 (JCM), and 3 appeared at Warren, Albemarle Co., Va. on Dec. 27 (fide CES). More than 500 were flushed out of a cornfield at Ridgely, Md. on Feb. 26 (RF). During the spring migration there was a peak of 1000 at the Washington Boro, Pa. flats on Mar. 13 (TRH). Four Christmas Bird Counts (infra "CBCs") on Maryland's Eastern Shore reported a combined total of over 260,000 Canada Geese (fide CSR), and a pure albino Canada Goose was seen at Eastern Neck I. Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, Md. on Mar. 18 (JMA). Surprising numbers of one of the very small Canada Goose races occurred in the vicinity of Presquile Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, near Hopewell, Va., with a peak of 35 on Feb. 7 (DWS & FRS). Another was seen at Elverson, Pa. on Mar. 26 (REC).

An adult White-fronted Goose was found at Assawoman Wildlife Area, Del. on Jan. 2 (SHD), and a flock of 17 Blue Geese at Lancaster, Pa. on Mar. 30 was probably a record count for s.e. Pennsylvania (RLC).

**DUCKS**—Single Com. Teal were found at Brigantine Refuge on Mar. 12 (JFA), Tinicum Refuge on Mar. 14 (MP), and Dyke marsh, Fairfax Co., Va. on Mar. 21 (JMA), and Blue-winged Teal were reported during the winter from several localities, mostly in the s. part of the Region. Eur. Widgeon were reported from four localities in the Delaware Valley area, and an apparent Mallard x Am. Widgeon hybrid was photographed at Gradyville, Pa. on Mar. 3 (JG). In a return engagement from last year, a ♂ **Barrow's Goldeneye** was present at Shark R., N.J. from Jan. 30 to Feb. 6 (RK, et al.). Oldsquaws were in good numbers during the period with such counts as 7000 near Kent Point, Md. on Dec. 27 (JRse) and 1132 near Chincoteague on Dec. 28 (PAD, PGD, et al.). Inland, small numbers were noted up the Potomac R., Md. as far as Oxon Hill, and McDonald found 1 at Allentown, Pa. on Jan. 4. Single **Harlequin Ducks** were noted along the coast at Norfolk on Dec. 6 (RLA), Indian River Inlet, Del. on Jan. 2 (HC), and Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, Va. on Jan. 16-21 (RLA, MAB, RSK). Inland, a ♂ seen and photographed at Bristol, Pa. Jan. 11-12 seems to be the first confirmed state record (KS, AB, HC). Eiders continued their increase along the coast, and there were far too many reports to itemize. Some of the record-breaking counts included 14 King Eiders (including 1 adult ♂) at Ocean City from Jan. 31 to Mar. 28 (SHD), 21 King Eiders and 12 Com. Eiders on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel on Feb. 19 (CRB, FM & DWS), and 41 King Eiders at Longport, N.J. on Feb. 21-24 (JFA, RK). A ♀ Com. Eider found impaled on an underwater obstruction at Barnegat Light on Feb. 21 is now in the New Jersey State Museum (BCH). Inland on the Potomac R., 2 White-winged Scoters were seen near Brooke, Va. on Dec. 22 (fide ETM) and 2 Com. Scoters at Mason Neck, Fairfax Co. on Dec. 26 (PAD & PGD).

**HAWKS**—Turkey Vultures seemed absent in e. Fairfax Co. until Feb. 20 (JMA) but were quite abundant on the Delmarva Peninsula, where 851 were recorded on the Crisfield, Md. CBC on Dec. 30 (fide CSR). Cook saw 3 Black Vultures at French Creek State Park, Pa. on Mar. 31. There were several reports of wintering Goshawks in the Delaware Valley area, and farther south 1 was noted at Oxon Hill, Md. on Jan. 2 (PAD & PGD) and another near Seneca, Md. on Jan. 3 (ICS). A substantial hawk migration occurred in the n. part of the Region on Feb. 21. At Elverson, Pa. Cook reported 17 Red-tailed Hawks on this date, while in Kent Co., Del. on the same day some 16 Red-tails were seen in migration, along with 7 Rough-legged Hawks, 7 Marsh Hawks, and 17 Sparrow Hawks (JTH, EJR &

RWS). An adult **Broad-winged Hawk**, apparently in late migration, was seen under excellent conditions moving southward near Lynchburg on Jan. 2 (JWW). Although this was not considered a major flight year for Rough-legged Hawks, there were still some good counts reported, mostly on the Delmarva Peninsula. Among these were 5 at Broadkill Beach, Del. on Dec. 20 (CWC) and 5 at Catoctin Mountain, Md. on Jan. 2 (fide JRds). One at Charlottesville, Va. on Dec. 29 was unusual for this area (WFM). Golden Eagles were again present at Blackwater Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, Md. and Brigantine Refuge throughout the winter and were seen by many observers. The winter Bald Eagle concentrations showed no improvement over recent years. Peak counts were 6 adults and 2 immatures at Quantico Creek, Prince William Co., Va. on Jan. 20 (JMA) and 4 adults and 2 immatures at Blackwater Refuge on Jan. 24 (CWC, et al.). There were three winter reports of single Ospreys, 1 at Smyrna, Del. on Dec. 13 (AK), 1 near Cape Charles on Dec. 27 (CWH, et al.), and 1 near Falls Church, Va. on Jan. 2 (JHn & AL). Spring arrivals were first noted at Back Bay Refuge on Feb. 24 (RWfd) and near Yorktown, Va. on Feb. 25 (MAB). The latter bird was observed nest building on Feb. 28. Single Peregrine Falcons were seen throughout the winter on Virginia's Eastern Shore in four localities (RLA, MAB, CRV, et al.). Elsewhere, single birds were reported at Mason Neck, Va. on Dec. 26 (EBkr), Back Bay Refuge on Dec. 29 (fide PWS), and Mathias Point, King George Co., Va. on Mar. 10 (JMA).

**MARSH BIRDS**—Three Virginia Rails and 1 Sora were present in the Trenton, N.J. marshes from late December at least to Jan. 30 (RJB). At the same location the wintering flock of Com. Gallinules was censused at 23 on Jan. 23 (RJB). The Back Bay CBC totaled 19,800 Am. Coots on Dec. 29 (fide PWS).

**SHOREBIRDS**—There were exceptionally good numbers of wintering shorebirds. The count of Am. Oystercatchers in the Cape Charles area on Dec. 27 was 313 (JWT, et al.), and peak Ruddy Turnstone counts included 139 in the Cape Charles area on Dec. 27 (JWT, et al.) and 63 in the Chincoteague area on Dec. 28 (HTA, et al.). An early Am. Golden Plover was seen at Smyrna, Del. on Mar. 28 (MB). Am. Woodcock continued in good numbers along the coast, with the best counts being 44 at Cape Charles on Dec. 27 (PWS, et al.), 21 at Ocean City on Dec. 29 (fide CSR), and 18 at Crisfield, Md. on Dec. 30 (fide CRV). Single Whimbrel were noted near Cape Charles on Dec. 27 (HTA, et al.) and inland near Williamsburg, Va. on Jan. 5 (TH, MAB), and single Spotted Sandpipers were found at Oxford, Md. on Dec. 27 (DM) and Seneca, Md. on Jan. 3 (ML). Willets were reported from five localities, with a peak of 10 near Cape Charles on Dec. 27 (JWT, et al.). Elsewhere,

7 were seen at Holgate, N.J. on Dec. 5 (BCH), 4 at Barnegat on Dec. 27 (DEK), 2 near Mathews, Va. on Jan. 3 (ER), and 1 at Longport, N.J. on Feb. 19 (JKA). Eight Knots were found at Holgate on Jan. 3 (BCH), and an unprecedented 520 were counted at Chincoteague Nat'l Wildlife Refuge on Dec. 28 (FRS). A wintering flock of Dunlin at Oxford on the upper Chesapeake Bay, totaled 74 on Dec. 27 (DM), and Abbott found 8 inland at Alexandria Jan. 2-10. Vaughn reported 3 Marbled Godwits at Wallops I. on Dec. 13, 1 wintered at Ocean City, (CWC), and 36 were found near Cape Charles on Dec. 27 (HTA, et al.). The flock of Am. Avocets at Craney I., Hampton Roads, Va. totaled 22 on Dec. 24 and 10 on Jan. 7 (RLA), and at Chincoteague Refuge there were 27 on Dec. 20 (CRV), 4 on Dec. 28 (HTA, et al.), and 2 to 5 during February and March (CRV).

**GULLS, TERNS, ALCIDS**—Several white-winged gulls were reported along the coast and the Delaware R. Inland, a Glaucous Gull was seen at Harrisburg, Pa. on Dec. 25 (CJ) and another at Jamestown, Va. on Mar. 9 (MAB & RSK). Great Black-backed Gulls were numerous along the Potomac R. below Washington, D.C., and 320 were counted near Brooke on Dec. 22 (fide ETM). At Clifton, Fairfax Co., Eike saw 1 on Feb. 8 with a flock of other gulls far from any water. A Laughing Gull inland at Hopewell on Dec. 20 (DWS & FRS) and 1 at Stone Harbor, N.J. on Jan. 3 (JCM) were both good winter records, as was a flock of 102 Bonaparte's Gulls in Prince William Co., Va. on Dec. 26 (WLD). Single Black-headed Gulls were reported at Indian R. Inlet, Del. on Dec. 6 (CWC) and Chincoteague on Dec. 28 (PAD & PGD), and 2 were found at Ocean City on Mar. 27 (CWC). Single Little Gulls were noted at Cape Henlopen, Del. on Dec. 6 and 20 and at Indian R. Inlet on Dec. 20 (CWC), and 1 was found on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, Va. on Feb. 19 (DWS). At Ocean City, Dyke noted 1 between Mar. 7 and 28, and Carlson here on Mar. 27 saw 3, 2 adults and 1 immature, in a flock of 500 Bonaparte's Gulls. A Black-legged Kittiwake was found at Indian R. Inlet on Dec. 6 (CWC). Six Forster's Terns at Cape Henlopen on Jan. 3 was a good winter count for Delaware (RWhr), and late Com. Tern reports included 1 at Craney I., Va. on Dec. 6 (FRS, et al.) and 3 near Chincoteague on Dec. 28 (ICS). A Caspian Tern at Norfolk Dec. 6-17 was very late (FCB). A few Black Skimmers were noted during the winter, the northernmost record being 2 at Cape Henlopen on Feb. 13 (EGD, RLP, et al.). On Dec. 15 Marcia Lakeman found a Razorbill and a dead Dovekie at Indian R. Inlet and another dead Dovekie at Ocean City.

**OWLS**—Twelve Great Horned Owl nests were located in Kent Co., Del. in January and February (JTH, EJr & RWS). Two Snowy Owls were reported, 1 at Holgate on Dec. 10 (RSbr) and

1 at Shiloh, Pa. on Jan. 9 (JHA). There were more reports of Long-eared Owls than usual. Janet Eglund located 11 in the Hershey, Pa. area during January and February, Heck found 13 in four groups in his study area near Stockton, N.J., 2 were seen at Tinicum Refuge on Dec. 7 (JCM), and 4 were found at Catasauqua, Pa. on Feb. 4 (JM). Farther south, 1 was reported at Berwyn Heights, Prince Georges Co., Md. on Dec. 10 (CFH) and another near Cape Charles on Dec. 27 (WCR). Short-eared Owls were in fairly good numbers, with a peak of 11 at Poolesville, Md. on Jan. 3 (fide JWO), and there were a few Saw-whet Owl reports, the most interesting being 1 near Cape Charles on Dec. 27 (PWS, et al.) and 1 near Back Bay Refuge on Dec. 29 (DLH & RHP).

**KINGBIRD, SWALLOWS, JAYS, RAVENS, CROWS**—A **Western Kingbird** was seen near Cape Charles on Dec. 27 (CDC & GWM). This was a real Tree Swallow winter along the Maryland and Virginia coasts, with unusually high counts, the best of which were **2482** in the Chincoteague area on Dec. 28 (JWS, et al.) and **759** in the Ocean City area on Dec. 29 (fide CSR). There were also a couple of late winter inland reports, which may have been early migrants. On Feb. 13, 8 Tree Swallows were seen at Lewisetta, Va. (FRS) and 1 at Clifton, Va., the latter accompanied by a very early **Barn Swallow** (JWE). A flock of 24 Blue Jays flying n.e. high over Woodlyn, Pa. on Feb. 20 seemed to be early transients (JP). Two Com. Ravens were reported out of their normal range. One appeared near Falls Church on Jan. 2 (JHn & AL) and another at Abington, Pa., a suburb of Philadelphia, on Feb. 26 (EJR). There were several interesting high counts of Fish Crows near Washington, D.C. Eike noted 60 over Clifton, Va. on Dec. 14, 241 were reported at Oxon Hill, Md. on Jan. 2 (WLD, et al.), and 50 were seen at Alexandria on Jan. 19 (JMA).

**WRENS, THRUSHES, GNATCATCHER, VIREOS**—A **singing House Wren** was found at Wycombe, Pa. on Feb. 22 (AB), and a Bewick's Wren was seen near Warren, Albemarle Co., Va. on Dec. 27 (KL). A **Wood Thrush** came to a feeding station in Delaware Co., Pa. for several weeks in late December (TR), and 1 was seen near Ocean City on Dec. 29 (MKK). A Swainson's Thrush at Mason Neck, Va. on Dec. 26 was the only winter report (PAD & PGD), and a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher was carefully observed at Penn Manor, Pa. on Dec. 26 (AK & RShl). Two spectacular winter finds were a **Yellow-throated Vireo** near Back Bay Refuge on Dec. 29 (FCB, ADG & GAG) and a **Philadelphia Vireo** near Cape Charles on Dec. 27 (MMB). Both reports were well documented.

**WARBLERS**—The weather this year produced what was probably the best crop of winter warbler reports on record. The Cape Charles CBC on Dec. 27 led the field with 2 separate Black-

and-white Warblers (PAD, GMR, JSW), a ♂ **Black-throated Blue Warbler** (WCR), a **Prairie Warbler** (JHC & CWH), and an **Ovenbird** (on one of the barrier islands—JWT). Another Black-and-white Warbler was found near Chincoteague on Dec. 28 (GHC & GCR), and an **Ovenbird** was banded at Laurel, Md. on Jan. 9 (CSR). Two Orange-crowned Warblers wintered at Princeton, N.J. (EBor), and a Pine Warbler was noted at Pomona, N.J. on Jan. 2 (JFA). Farther south, the Ocean City CBC recorded a record **27** Pine Warblers on Dec. 29 (fide CSR). A **waterthrush** near Charlottesville on Jan. 3 was thought to be a Louisiana (RSM), and a Yellow-breasted Chat was present inland at Arlington Dec. 22-28 (WHC & AHF). A **Wilson's Warbler** was seen near Back Bay Refuge on Dec. 29 (FCB & ADG).

**BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES, TANAGERS**—Single Yellow-headed Blackbirds were reported near Chincoteague on Dec. 28 (HSG), and York, Pa. on Jan. 13 (JHA & PK), and at Norfolk on Mar. 1-10 (JEM, FCB, et al.). Baltimore Orioles were reported from all parts of the Region, with Newport News, Va. having a peak of 14 on Dec. 26 (fide WPS). Seven Brewer's Blackbirds were seen at Lewes, Del. on Dec. 6 (CWC), and in Fairfax Co. there was a big population buildup of Brown-headed Cowbirds during the winter, with a subsequent heavy die-off in mid-March (JMA). An imm. ♂ **Western Tanager** was seen at Smithville, N.J. on Jan. 2 (ALD & EJW) and confirmed later by J. K. Meritt.

**FINCHES, TOWHEES**—Northern finches were in rather poor numbers, although there were scattered reports of Evening Grosbeaks and Pine Siskins over most of the Region. Purple Finches were somewhat more common though quite local. Of most interest were 2 Red Crossbills (WCR) and 2 **White-winged Crossbills** (JHg) near Cape Charles on Dec. 27. A Black-headed Grosbeak remained at York for 5 days in mid-December (JHA, TRH, et al.). House Finches continued their spread in the Region, with two large roosts reported. Grantham estimated **1000** birds at Goshenville, Pa. on Dec. 28, and at Rockville, Md. Carlson estimated **300** at a roost on Feb. 15. Towhees were in extraordinary numbers throughout the Region, with most CBCs reporting record counts. Ocean City for example, totaled 442 on Dec. 29 (fide CSR).

**SPARROWS, LONGSPURS**—A **Black-throated Sparrow** near Fairfax, Va. from Jan. 17 to Mar. 31 was a highlight of the season and was seen and photographed by many persons (WJH, JWE, KHW, et al.). This was the second record for Virginia. Ipswich Sparrows were in record numbers, or at least more effort was made to turn them up. High counts included 10 at Ocean City on Dec. 29 (fide CSR), up to 10 at Cape Henlopen in February and March (CWC, RLP, et al.), and **27** at Back Bay Refuge on Dec. 9 (REG, et al.). There were two reports away from the coast, 1 in Kent

Co., Md. on Jan. 3 (CSR) and 1 at Craney I., Va. on Jan. 6 (MAB & BW). Grasshopper Sparrows were reported from four localities, 1 near Crisfield, Md. on Dec. 30 (HTA), 2 near Charlottesville on Jan. 3 (CES), 2 near Seneca, Md. on Jan. 3 (ICS), and 1 at New Hope, Pa. on Jan. 9 (DJH & DJ). A Henslow's Sparrow was seen at Stumpy Lake, Norfolk, Va. on Dec. 13 (RLA), and a record 48 Vesper Sparrows were found at Hampton, Va. on Dec. 26 (MAB). Wintering Chipping Sparrow numbers were phenomenal, the best counts being 122 at South Pocomoke, Md. on Dec. 29 (RLP) and 50 at Turnersville, N.J. on Jan. 26 (JKM). A Lincoln's Sparrow was present at Trenton from Dec. 26 to Jan. 2 (RJB), and 1 was seen at Princeton on Jan. 31 (WL). In s.e. Virginia, 3 were reported in late December (DLH, RHP, WCR). A count of 15 Lapland Longspurs at Craney I., Va. on Jan. 6 was excellent (MAB & BW).

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## SOUTHERN ATLANTIC COAST REGION

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The winter of 1970-71 was highlighted by a host of surprising and unusual records. An amazing variety of summer and fall stragglers lingered into the winter period, with some apparently remaining through the entire season. The list included Broad-winged Hawks, flycatchers, thrushes, warblers, and Painted Buntings. These hardy individuals lingered late despite several sharp cold waves which kept temperatures below normal over most of the Region during December and January.



Late lingerers made only part of the news, however. A Great Cormorant sighted on the North Carolina coast and a Black-headed Gull on the South Carolina coast were first state records. In addition, half a dozen other rare coastal visitors were recorded: White Pelican, Barnacle Goose, Ross' Goose, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Glaucous Gull and Hudsonian Godwit. Purposeful and careful fields work resulted in other noteworthy sightings as well. Except for a scarcity of northern finches, it was an ornithologically exciting season.

**LOONS, GREBES, SHEARWATER**—Mark Simpson reported an extraordinary concentration of at least 5000 Com. and Red-throated Loons on Pamlico Sound between Ocracoke I. and Cedar I., N.C. on Dec. 19. Elsewhere along the coast, loons were found in normal numbers on Christmas Bird Counts (infra "CBCs") at Bodie I., Wilmington, Charleston, and Hilton Head I. Two Red-necked Grebes were sighted near the Hatteras I., N.C. ferry landing on Dec. 25 (DK, EK), and 1 was seen at Hilton Head I., S.C. on Dec. 30 (RW, SB, et al.). A Red-necked Grebe also was found inland at L. Wheeler near Raleigh, N.C. on Jan. 29 and was well studied by several observers during the next three weeks (CB, HL, EL). Horned Grebes were widely recorded on inland waters and were especially numerous on