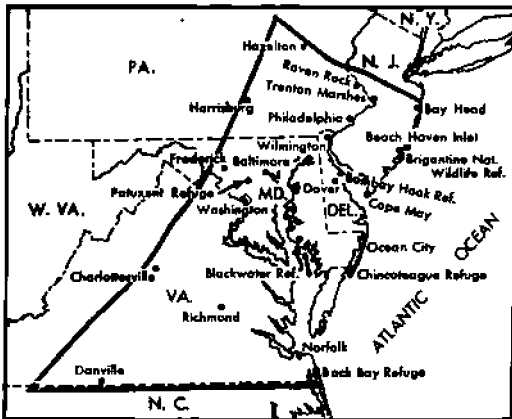


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MIDDLE ATLANTIC COAST REGION / F. R. Scott and David A. Cutler

Except for February, every month from January through May was colder than normal. Precipitation was rather light in March and April, but heavy rains in May brought ground water levels



up to or above normal. The key word for the spring migration in all contributors' reports was "late." Although, as always, there were a few reports of early migrants, in general the transients were late in arriving and slow in leaving, so much so, in fact, that the final chapter on the spring migration will have to come later.

An interesting example of late migration was offered by Don Kunkle, who took a tour on a clam dredge out of Wildwood, N.J. on June 6. One Barn Swallow passed the boat about 20 miles east of Indian River Inlet, Del., and an E. Wood

Pewee and a Catbird came aboard about 15 miles s.s.e. of Cape May, N.J.

Big waves of migrants were curiously lacking during the spring, although there was plenty of activity, and most waves seemed fairly local in extent. More so than usual, different species seemed to reach their peak numbers on different days. At the Island Beach, N.J. banding station there were minor waves on many days in May, the peak begin 438 birds trapped on May 18 (fide KGP). This flight included 107 Yellowthroats, 62 Ovenbirds, 38 Magnolia Warblers, and 33 American Redstarts.

LOONS, GREBES—The peak overland migration of Com. Loons at New Ringgold, Pa. occurred May 2 when 36 were recorded (MB). Many pelagic birds lingered till the end of the period, such as 4 Com. Loons at Ocean City, Md. and 15 Red-throated Loons at Rehobeth, Del. May 22 (JMA). A bird believed to be an adult (third-year) Arctic Loon was carefully observed at Ocean City Apr. 3 (JMA). A Red-necked Grebe spent over a month on a reservoir at Pomona, N.J. Mar. 10–Apr. 14 (JFA), and late Horned Grebes were noted at Craney I., Hampton Roads, Va. May 27 (GSG) and Bellevue, Md. May 30-31 (HTA).

SHEARWATERS, PETREL, GANNET, CORMORANT—Two Greater Shearwaters were seen off the jetty at Ocean City May 16 following strong onshore winds the night before (RRO). There were a number of Sooty Shearwater reports during the last half of May, the best being 6 off Virginia Beach, Va. May 22 (RLA, et al.). Fifty-one Wilson's Petrels were also counted off Virginia Beach on this date (RLA), and 3 were seen off Ocean City May 23 (PAD, et al.). A late Gannet was observed at St. John Light, N.J. in Delaware Bay May 25 (DEK), and the last 3 Great Cormorants were noted at Lewes, Del. May 8 (PAB).

HERONS, IBISES—There were several rather unusual records of adult Little Blue Herons inland during the spring. One was seen near Coveseville, Albemarle Co., Va. Apr. 26 (TEW), 3 at Ft. Belvoir, Va. May 8 (RRO, et al.), and 3 near Hopewell, Va. May 23 (FRS). A Snowy Egret near Charles City, Va. May 23 was also unusual so far inland (FRS). Although Byrd and Kennedy had an unusually early nest of a Snowy Egret with 2 eggs at Metomkin Inlet, Va. Apr. 24, they found that the coastal heronries in general were about 2 weeks late. At the herony near South Pt., Md. May 17, Com. Egret young were about 2 weeks old, a few Little Blue Herons had just hatched, but most of the herons had only 1 or no eggs as yet in the nests (MAB & RSK). At Hampton, Va. 7 Yellow-crowned Night Heron nests were in the active colony there in May (WPS), and 110 pairs were estimated in the Mockhorn I., Va. colony May 18 (MAB & RSK). A Yellow-crowned Night Heron at Harrisburg, Pa. May 21 was a good inland report (CJ & OKS). Byrd and Kennedy esti-

mated an amazing 510 pairs of Glossy Ibis nesting at South Pt. May 17.

WATERFOWL—There were many reports of lingering waterfowl. Up to 12 Whistling Swans were still at Kent I., Md. May 23 (CFH, RLP), and 3 flying Canada Geese were seen near Hopewell, Va. May 23 (FRS). A "lesser" Canada Goose was noted at Bombay Hook Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, Del. Apr. 3 (JMA). Forty Brant were found at Gargathy Inlet, Va. May 17 (MAB & RSK), and at Brigantine Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, N. J. 180 were still present May 22 (PGD). A White-fronted Goose was seen at Primehook Wildlife Area, Del. Apr. 5 (NEH). Snow Geese were recorded in many places in May in small numbers, and on June 6 there were still 1 at Brigantine Refuge (PGD) and 7 at Penn Manor, Pa. (JKM). The peak spring count of Gadwalls at Bombay Hook Refuge was 600 Apr. 15, far above the peaks of the previous 3 years (NEH). A Com. Teal first found at Pomona, N.J. Feb. 1 remained at least to Apr. 22 (JFA), and a carefully identified ♀ **Barrow's Goldeneye** was seen at Ocean City, Md. Apr. 10 (CWC, PGD, KM, et al.—Maryland Birdlife, 27: 39-40). A Com. Eider was seen at Tuckerton, N.J. Apr. 4 (RH & RSm), 2 were found at Brigantine I., N.J. Apr. 4 (SRL), and at Cape May, N.J., Sawyer discovered 2 very late ones May 16. King Eiders remained in the Ocean City area through most of the period, the last report being 1 imm. ♂ May 14 (JEJ). Another late ♂ was seen at Cape May May 16 (CFH & DHM).

HAWKS, RAIL—Three Black Vultures were seen at Ridley Park, Pa. Apr. 3 (JP), a rare report for Delaware Co.; and a Goshawk at Isabella Furnace, Chester Co., Pa. May 2 was a rare spring find (LH & PH). Two interesting concentrations of Bald Eagles were reported. Armistead found 2 adults and 4 immatures at Blackwater Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, Md. Apr. 24, and on the James R. east of Hopewell, Va. Byrd and Kennedy counted 9 adults and 9 immatures May 20. Since no active nests were known in this last area, these were thought to be postbreeding Florida birds. A **Yellow Rail** was observed under good conditions at Elliott I., Md. May 5 (RJB, JGw & RRI).

LIMPKIN—A report of the nonmigratory **Limpkin** anywhere in this Region would normally evoke considerable merriment, not to mention skepticism. But when 2 are reported in widely separated areas and are seen by many observers over periods of several weeks, some more sober reassessments are in order. The first was reported at Lynchburg, Va. Apr. 20 by a 15-year-old high-school boy (PEM) and was promptly confirmed by many other observers (RSF, DLM, JWW, et al.). A recognizable photograph of this bird, which was still present in mid-June, appeared in the June 10 issue of the Lynchburg Daily Advance. The second bird was first seen at Lilypons, Frederick Co., Md. May 25 by Rowlett and was later

confirmed by many others (CWC, PAD, PGD, RLP, et al.).

SHOREBIRDS—An early Am. Oystercatcher nest with 3 eggs was noted near Wachapreague, Va. Apr. 9 and three more nests there Apr. 24 (MAB & RSK). There was an unusual number of reports of Am. Golden Plovers, the best counts being 10 at Smyrna, Del. Apr. 14 and 10 at Primehook Wildlife Area, Del. Apr. 20 (NEH). Excellent concentrations of 627 Black-bellied Plovers and 550 Ruddy Turnstones were seen at Ocean City, Md. May 16 (RRO). P. G. DuMont counted 134 Whimbrel near Chincoteague, Va. May 23, and Abbott found 2 Willets inland at Dyke marsh, Va. May 8, the first record for Fairfax Co. White-rumped Sandpipers were widely reported along the coast, with a peak count of 190 at Brigantine Refuge, June 6 (PGD). Curlew Sandpipers, apparently several different birds from the plumage descriptions, were reported from Brigantine Refuge between May 15 and 30 (JFA, CWC, PGD, JY, et al.). Eight Long-billed Dowitchers were seen at Chincoteague Nat'l Wildlife Refuge May 23 (JMA), and numbers were reported at Brigantine Refuge May 16-June 12 (PGD, CFH, DHM, RRO). Numbers of Stilt Sandpipers were found this spring, with the first records being May 2, 1 near Wachapreague (RSK, et al.) and 1 at Little Creek, Del. (CJ & OKS). The peak count was 12 at Brigantine Refuge May 22 (PGD). A **Black-tailed Godwit**, an outstanding find for North America, was identified at Brigantine Refuge May 22 by John Yrizzary and remained through June. Marbled Godwits included 1, Metomkin Inlet, Va. May 17 (MAB & RSK), 6 Chincoteague I., May 23, (PGD) and 1 Brigantine, May 22 (PGD). Up to 3 Ruffs were present at Bombay Hook Refuge, Del. and vicinity Apr. 11-May 14 (NEH, et al.). Elsewhere a ♂ was present at Salem, N.J. Apr. 27-May 2 (BW, SW), 1 was seen at Chincoteague Refuge May 8 (CWC, et al.), and 2 ♀♀ were reported at Brigantine Refuge May 16 (CFH & DHM). A few Am. Avocets were seen at Bombay Hook Refuge and Little Creek, Del. (NEH, et al.), and 6 were noted at Craney I., Va. May 16 (RSK & TEW). Black-necked Stilts returned to Little Creek, with a peak of 18 May 13 (NEH). Elsewhere, 3 were found at Wallops I., Va. May 8 (ICS & CRV) and 2 at Chincoteague Refuge May 23 (JMA). There were three unusual records of **Red Phalaropes** in the Region. A ♀ was seen at Ocean City, Md. May 16 (PGD), 6 were counted well off Virginia Beach, Va. May 22 (RLA, et al.), and 1 was seen inland at Penn Manor, Pa. June 5-6 (JKM, RSc). This last record was the first known Pennsylvania spring occurrence. Two Wilson's Phalaropes were noted at Brigantine Refuge May 18 (JFA), and a single bird was seen at Chincoteague Refuge May 23 (JMA, CFH). Holgersen found 3 N. Phalaropes at Little Creek May 15, and 4 were found near Chincoteague May 23 (PGD).

JAEGERS, SKUA, GULLS—A Parasitic Jaeger was reported at Cape May Pt. May 9 (PAB), and a pelagic trip led by Ake off Virginia Beach May 22 yielded 1 each of Parasitic and Pomarine Jaegers and 1 Skua. Near South Point, Md. Byrd and Kennedy found 20 Herring Gull nests with fresh eggs May 17. On Apr. 3 Abbott discovered 4 Black-headed Gulls at Indian River Inlet, Del. and 2 at Ocean City, Md.; he later saw 1 inland at Ft. Hunt, Va. May 8. A Little Gull apparently remained in the Ocean City area until May 22 (JMA, RRo). A concentration of 8000 to 10,000 Laughing Gulls was feeding on horseshoe crab eggs at Pickering Beach, Del. May 14 (DAC), and Scott noted the first imm. birds at Lewisetta, Va. May 15. Near South Point, however, nesting was late and laying had just begun May 17 (MAB & RSK). Good numbers of Bonaparte's Gulls were reported along the coast, and inland the Hurlocks found 18 at Kurtz L., Chester Co., Pa. May 9.

TERNS, RAZORBILL—A Roseate Tern was seen at Brigantine Refuge May 16 (CFH). Four early Caspian Terns appeared inland near Hopewell, Va. Apr. 4 (FRS), and Miller reported a high count of 70 between Indian R. Inlet and Ocean City Apr. 16. Some 3000 Royal Terns were estimated in a colony on Ship Shoal I., Va. May 21 (MAB & RSK). Most of the pairs seemed to be incubating. Black Terns were in moderately good numbers along the coast and the larger rivers. Peak counts included 25 at Fort Hunt, Va. May 8 (JMA) and 27 at Ocean City May 23 (PGD). A Razorbill at Island Beach, N.J. Apr. 8 was an excellent spring record (CJ).

OWL, GOATSUCKER, SWIFT, PARAKEET—In a survey of Osprey nests along the James and York Rivers, Va. May 20 & 26, Byrd and Kennedy found 9 Barn Owl nests, 8 in offshore duck blinds and 1 in a cypress under an Osprey nest. Three of these had young and the rest eggs, but about half of the eggs appeared rotten. Chuck-will's-widows were heard singing out of their normal range at Island Beach, N.J. May 5 (JCM) and at Lynchburg, Va. May 15 (JEL, fide RSF). Com. Nighthawks were quite late in migration, as witnessed by a remarkable flight of 109 at Runnemed, N.J. May 28 (JTM). A few Chimney Swifts were still migrating along the coast at Rehoboth, Del. and Chincoteague May 22-23 (JMA). Reports of obviously escaped cage birds are usually avoided in this column, but it appears that the Monk Parakeet may become established in the wild in this Region. Several apparently survived the winter in the Pleasantville, N.J. area and built several large structures apparently used for roosting (fide JFA).

FLYCATCHERS, JAYS, WRENS, THRUSHES—A W. Kingbird was carefully observed at Bombay Hook Refuge, Del. May 7 (EBu), and Hills found an early E. Wood Pewee at Berwyn Heights, Md. Apr. 28. The Blue Jay migration reached its peak at Ft. Belvoir May 1, when 2000 were counted

passing over (JMA). At nearby Clifton, Va. 3200 were noted Apr. 30 (JWE). Two singing House Wrens at Berwyn Heights Apr. 1 were quite early (CFH), and a later Winter Wren was reported at Bombay Hook Refuge May 11 (NEH). Thrushes were in moderate numbers and were uniformly late in arriving and late in leaving. Seven Hermit Thrushes were still at Swarthmore, Pa. May 10 (JCM), and very late individuals were noted near Catoctin Mountain, Md. May 15 (RRo) and Richmond May 17 (FRS). Late Swainson's Thrush reports included 2 at Richmond June 1 (FRS), 1 at Charlottesville, Va. June 2 (CES), 1 at Chevy Chase, Md. June 3 (RLP), and 1 at Philadelphia June 9 (SRL).

KINGLETS, WAXWINGS, WARBLERS—Pyle noted a heavy Ruby-crowned Kinglet migration at Chevy Chase peaking in late April. His last record was 1 May 18. At Longwood Gardens, Pa. Cedar Waxwings were still in migration on May 30 (JGr). A Prothonotary Warbler was seen far inland at Lynchburg, Va. on Apr. 28 (MPM), and a Swainson's Warbler was banded at Island Beach, N.J. May 3 (DRi, et al.), only the second New Jersey record. Another Swainson's Warbler was found inland near Charlottesville, Va. May 8 (RSM). Sieck found a singing ♂ Orange-crowned Warbler near Gaithersburg, Md. May 7, and 2 were banded at Island Beach, 1 May 7 (JCM) and 1 on May 20 (WP). Southeastern Virginia again had a mild influx of "Appalachian" warblers, with far more than the normal reports of Nashville, Blackburnian, Bay-breasted, and Wilson's Warblers. Mrs. Mitchell's report of at least 4 Bay-breasts at Newport News on May 17-18 was outstanding. Meanley found both Parula and Black-throated Green Warblers in Dismal Swamp, Va. Apr. 2. The latter was almost certainly the locally breeding population and not the northern race which migrates through Virginia much later. Late migrant warblers were reported virtually everywhere. Samples included a Black-throated Green Warbler June 1 and a Canada Warbler June 3, both at Chevy Chase (RLP), and Worm-eating and Chestnut-sided Warblers at Wilmington, Del. June 5 (WJW). As might have been expected, the Blackpoll Warbler was the latest of all, with early June records from most of the Region. The peak count of this species appeared to be 162 at Hughes Hollow, near Seneca, Md. May 19 (CFH).

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES, TANAGERS—A large flight of Bobolinks occurred in Chester Co., Pa. May 12, and Grantham estimated 800 to 1000 passing over Longwood Gardens on this date. During the cold week of May 10-17 Broun reported over 30 Baltimore Orioles utilizing his feeding station at New Ringgold, Pa. Akers found a peak of 6 Boat-tailed Grackles at Somers Point, N.J. May 9, and a nest here May 6 was the first breeding record for Atlantic Co. A few Summer Tanagers were reported along the northern edge of the Region. Among the more interesting of these were 1 at

Mount Pleasant, N.J. May 3 (DRo) and 1 at Newport, N.J. May 9 (DEK).

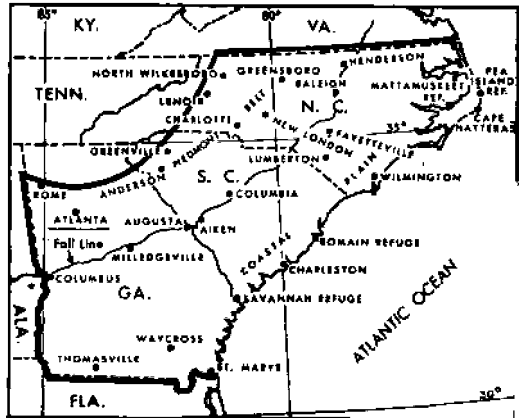
FRINGILLIDS—A pair of Blue Grosbeaks returned to the Philadelphia airport during May, the only local breeding station for this species (JCM). Dickcissels appeared in a few localities where they were not previously known to breed. Among these was a ♂ in Chesapeake, Va. May 2 (RLA). In the New Design Road area of Frederick Co., Md., where they have been reported for many years, Carlson counted an amazing 23 singing ♂♂ May 29. What few northern finches there were faded away rather quietly and generally were unseen or at least unreported. The few reports available indicate rather normal departures and no late dates. The last dates for Evening Grosbeaks included 2 at Ashland, Va. Apr. 30 (REJ), 2 at Denton, Md. May 4 (WB), and 1 at Tinicum Refuge, Philadelphia May 5 (JC). Similarly, the last Pine Siskins were reported from Greensboro, Md. May 5 (MWH) and Sandy Point, Md. May 8 (PGD). A concentration of 100 Purple Finches at Longwood Gardens, Pa. May 1 was both late and unusual in view of the winter scarcity in the area (JGr). Other northern finch reports of interest included 2 Com. Redpolls at Stroudsburg, Pa. Apr. 9 (MW) and 2 Red Crossbills at Redden State Forest, Del. May 9 (EJR). An adult ♂ Lark **Bunting** appeared at Bombay Hook Refuge, Del. May 13 (KL), and the **Black-throated Sparrow** previously reported near Fairfax, Va. remained until Apr. 11 (fide JWE). A Savannah Sparrow at Dyke marsh, Va. May 30 was remarkably late (JMA). Two late concentrations of Chipping Sparrows give a hint as to the lateness of the spring migration as a whole. At Lynchburg, Va. a single flock of 100 was found May 4 (MBT), and at Richmond, Va. Scott had a flock of 40 pass through his yard May 6. A singing **Clay-colored Sparrow** was found near Newfoundland, Pa. May 25, probably the first confirmed spring report for the state (FBG), and a very late **White-throated Sparrow** was seen at Richmond May 26 (FRS).

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SOUTHERN ATLANTIC COAST REGION / Robert P. Teulings

Cool and damp weather through most of the spring season noticeably retarded the migration. The departure of wintering waterfowl was affected, as well as the movements of most passerines. Those species which normally arrive early in the Region



were first seen about on time, but their numbers were slow to build up while the cold weather lingered on. Some common summer residents usually present in good numbers by April 25, such as Acadian Flycatchers, E. Wood Pewees, and Indigo Buntings were only sparsely recorded on bird censuses taken in the Carolinas in late April. In most sections it was early May before the transient warblers and thrushes moved through in heavy concentrations. Passage of a warm front on May 5-6 triggered an excellent influx of migrants that some observers thought was the best in years. The season was also notable for many interesting records of wading birds and shorebirds. The list included Great White Heron, Roseate Spoonbill, Scarlet Ibis, and Limpkin.

LOONS, GREBS, SHEARWATER, PELICAN, CORMORANT—Com. Loons were reported inland in North Carolina from Winston-Salem (CF), Raleigh (RJH, EL), and Roanoke Rapids (JML) in late April and early May; a single bird at the latter place was late on May 29 (JML). Between Apr. 19 and May 5 a number of Com. Loons were also recorded at Okefenokee Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, Ga., of which at least 8 were forced down by a hailstorm, Apr. 30. The grounded birds were