

Southern Atlantic Coast Region

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This winter season brought back the realities of cold and snow, which had been almost absent the last handful of years! Temperatures were easily colder than normal from December through early February. Precipitation in the form of snow and ice exceeded the average in most areas. Of particular note were the snow/ice storms of early January and February, which were each accompanied by up to five days of sub-freezing temperatures. Bird mortality was a definite factor in our Region during these periods. Also, birders who were able to get out noted increases in certain groups, such as the grebes, waterfowl, alcids, and winter finches—no doubt weather related. And, surprisingly, some birds—such as the hummingbirds—continued their recent trend of overwintering in ever-increasing numbers!

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Loons to Spoonbill

This winter had a better-than-average number of inland Red-throated Loons. The individual found at L. Norman, NC during the fall remained until late December (DW). One was also found at Roanoke Rapids L., NC Feb. 11 (RD). In Georgia, there were three different Red-throateds at L. Lanier during December (JC, JP, PR) and one was at West Point L., Jan. 11 (AB). South Carolina had its 3rd Pacific Loon when one was found off Litchfield Beach Feb. 17 (B&BM, LG, BF). North Carolina had 2 reports: One was at Figure Eight I., Dec. 22 (DC) and one was in the surf near the lighthouse at C. Hatt., Jan. 26 (DW, TP, *et al.*). Red-necked Grebes made news, with the best reports being \leq eight in the C. Hatt., NC area during January (m.ob.), three at Roanoke Rapids L, NC January–February (RD), three at L. Lanier, GA Feb. 10 (PS, PR, BD), and \leq three at Buford L. Dam, GA late January–early March (JS, CL, JSw). Eared Grebes continued to overwinter at certain locales throughout the Region. Some birds found at less regular sites included two at L. Norman, NC December–January (DW) and L. Lanier, GA Feb. 10 (PS, PR, BD). The 4th good report of Western Grebe for North Carolina involved one in the C. Hatt. area Jan. 26 (DW, TP, KH, HW, LG, MT) which was seen on and off until spring (v.o.). Always noteworthy in the Region, Am. White Pelicans were found at Pea I.

N.W.R., NC Dec. 28 (WC, RD), Litchfield Beach, SC Jan. 5 (B&BM), Hunting Island S.P., SC Feb. 13 (IP, SH), Yawkey W.M.A., Georgetown, SC Dec. 2 (LG, MT), and 13 were at the usual St. Mary's, GA area Jan. 15 (RC, *fide* TM). Inland records of Great Cormorant are extremely rare, thus two found at Roanoke Rapids L., NC Feb. 11 (RD) were noteworthy. Numbers of inland wintering Double-crested Cormorants continue to increase. In Georgia, good counts included 442 on the Augusta CBC Dec. 26 (AW), 400 at L. Eufaula Dec. 9–10 (GB, BH), and 348 on the Macon CBC Dec. 16 (*fide* PJ).

Always unexpected in winter, a Least Bittern was present near the lighthouse at C. Hatt., NC Dec. 12–Jan. 9 (v.o.). North Carolina had \geq five Green Herons reported on CBCs, with the farthest inland at L. Norman Dec. 17 (DW). The increasing Reddish Egret population once again lingered into the winter, with singles at H.B.S.P., SC until Dec. 8 (JPe), Little St. Simon's I., GA Jan. 15 (*fide* CH), and St. Marks N.W.R., GA Jan. 12–14 (*fide* PJ). Another lingering wader is the Cattle Egret. This year an amazing 27 were found near L. Phelps, NC Dec. 2 (HL, JPi, DC, RM), with one still there Jan. 26 (HL). Definitely out of place was the Roseate Spoonbill found in Liberty, GA Dec. 27 (*fide* RH) for possibly the first winter record for the state.

Waterfowl to Cranes

Tundra Swans continue to do well in North Carolina. This year Pungo N.W.R. had an all-time high count of 60,000 in January (KD), and there were several inland reports as well. In Georgia, rare reports included singles at E.L.H., Dec. 16 (PB) and Gillsville, Banks, Dec. 2+ (JP). Also of note (and concern) was the presence of Mute Swans at Pea Island N.W.R., NC until late February (m.ob.) and at H.B.S.P., SC until at least Dec. 9 (LG, BF), both present from the fall. Greater White-fronted Geese staged one of the best incursions into the Region ever. In North Carolina, singles were found at Pungo N.W.R., Dec. 28 (DC), Wilmington Dec. 30 (DC), and near Greensboro Dec. 17–24 (CC, HH, H&ELi). In South Carolina, an impressive flock of six spent the winter at Santee N.W.R. (m.ob.). Records from Georgia included one at Dublin until at least Dec. 3 (TPa, NG, J&MA), two at Rum Creek N.W.R., Feb. 17 (*fide* PJ), and an amazing eight in n. Greene Feb. 18+ (PS). Snow Goose



numbers were also up, with Pungo N.W.R., NC having its all-time high of 30,000 in January (KD) and the 30 at Roswell, GA Dec. 12 (AL, *fide* TM) providing an excellent total for that state. Included in a flock at C. Hatt., NC was an imm. dark-morph goose that was considerably smaller than the Snows. This bird was seen by many during its stay (January–February) and there was no agreement whether it was a Snow, a Ross', or a hybrid. Dark-morph Ross' are rarely seen and it would be nice if someone was able to photograph this individual to clear up the situation. South Carolina's first Ross' Goose, an adult, provided much excitement in *Laurens* mid-December until late February (RW, PW, RCa, LG, BF, B&BM, v.o.). Photos should help put the species on the state's official list.

Dabbling ducks were noted in better-than-average numbers at many sites. Some of the better records included a ♂ "Eur." Green-winged Teal near Sneads Ferry, NC Jan. 25+ (NM, JO) for the 2nd consecutive year; one–two Cinnamon Teal at the Savannah Spoil Site, SC off and on during the winter (SC, J&PM, v.o.); and Eur. Wigeons at Raleigh, NC Dec. 31 (CE) and Bear Island W.M.A., SC Dec. 31 (CEa). Diving ducks also put in a good showing, with some of the best counts being 150 Canvasbacks at the Kings Bay Sub Base, *Camden*, GA Feb. 29 (PS, CK, PSc); 40 Redheads at Falls Lake, NC Feb. 19 (RD); and ≤ 38 Greater Scaup at L. Crabtree, *Wake*, NC Feb. 18 (CE). Common Eiders were in reduced numbers, with the farthest south being two at H.B.S.P., SC in January (m.ob.). Much more exciting was the presence of ≤ 2 ♀-plumaged King Eiders at H.B.S.P., SC Jan. 15–21 (TS, DD, P&ST, v.o.). These birds were carefully compared to the Com. Eiders present at the same time. What may be the Region's first confirmed inland record of **Harlequin Duck** involved two (in a fast-flowing river) at Sweetwater Creek S.P. near Atlanta, GA Feb. 19 (DS) until Feb. 28 (GB, BB, BH, KDa). Noteworthy Oldsquaw reports included an impressive seven on the L. Norman, NC CBC Dec. 17 (DW), four on Par Pond, Savannah R. Site, SC Feb. 22–24 (*fide* AW), and three at Columbia, SC Dec. 16–18 (LG, MT). Inland scoter reports involved only the White-winged. One was at Falls L., NC Dec. 3 (RD), two–three were on Jordan L., NC Jan. 4–Feb. 25 (DSh, HL, JPi), two–three were at the Savannah R. Site, SC January–February (AW); and one was on Ben Hall L., GA Jan. 10–13 (TPa, HW). Common Golden-eyes were more numerous than usual



Remarkable for their inland location at such a southerly latitude were these two Harlequin Ducks at Sweetwater Creek State Park near Atlanta, Georgia, February 25, 1996. Photograph/Giff Beaton.

inland this season. The best totals included 18 at Falls L., NC Feb. 19 (RD), ≤ 3 in *Laurens*, SC Feb. 27–28 (PW), and six at Gillsville, GA Jan. 2 (BBr)—one of the best counts ever for that state! Only North Carolina reported Com. Mergansers, but they were found throughout the state! The best record involved the presence of >250 on L. Phelps during January and February (HL, JPi, v.o.). The birds were hard to observe well out in the middle of the large lake, but surprisingly this was not the first time a large flock was here. Several years ago a similar group was present—could this be a regular winter occurrence?

The rare N. Goshawk was found twice: An immature was in Conover, NC Dec. 5 (A&PMa), and an adult was seen near Halifax, NC Feb. 7 (*fide* FE). Winter reports of Broad-winged Hawks in our Region are extremely rare and few have ever been fully documented. Thus of note was the report of single Broad-winged near Conover, NC Jan. 29 & 31 (A&PMa). These dates are too early for spring migrants, so were these wintering birds? One of the most amazing reports this winter was of an imm. **Swainson's Hawk** seen flying overhead near Durham, NC Dec. 4 (WC, JPi). If accepted, this would provide that state's 4th documented record. Rough-legged Hawk reports included a light-morph bird w. of Greensboro, NC Dec. 26 (ED), a dark-morph individual near Halifax, NC Jan. 16 (FE), and one at Apalachee, *Morgan*, GA Jan. 8 (B&BDu, *fide* PS). The only Golden Eagle reports involved adults at Pungo N.W.R., NC Jan. 26 (BHo) and in *Polk*, NC Dec. 31 (BMe, RMi). Inland Merlins are always noteworthy; reports included singles at Durham, NC Dec. 17–31 (M&LS, CB); Tryon, NC Dec. 30 (STh); Orangeburg, SC Dec. 10 (LG, BF); *Clay*, GA Dec. 10 (GB); and *Laurens*, GA Dec. 3 and Feb. 29 (TPa). The only Yellow Rail was seen

and heard in the marshes at the mouth of the Trent R. near New Bern, NC in December (BHo, WF, RB). More amazing was the discovery of a **Black Rail** on the Clemson, SC CBC Dec. 16 (*fide* PW). The bird was seen and will probably provide the Region's first winter inland record! Also rare inland in winter was the King Rail found on the Augusta, GA CBC Dec. 26 (AW). Virginia Rails were found at several inland sites in Georgia, with the best count being 11 in n. *Greene* Jan. 15 (PS). Another rare occurrence was the Com. Moorhen found inland on the Peachtree City, GA CBC Dec. 16 (*fide* CLa). Sandhill Cranes regularly migrate over Georgia and this winter was no exception. What was interesting was that the southbound migrants were noted as late as Jan. 27 over Marietta (BHu) and the northbound migrants were seen as early as Feb. 17 over Conyers (PR). Numbers seemed up, with the best count being >1000 tallied during February over the Macon area (*fide* PJ).

Plovers to Alcids

During a census of coastal Georgia areas Jan. 15, excellent counts of Wilson's Plovers included nine on Tybee I., eight on Sapelo I., and two on Egg I. Bar (CH). This species is normally very rare in winter in the Region. Also, ≤ 3 stayed at Bird Shoal, *Carteret*, NC until mid-February (JF), an area that has had them in past winters. Piping Plover numbers were encouraging in Georgia when an impressive 124 were tallied on the Jan. 15 survey (CH). Also, ≤ 21 provided a good count at H.B.S.P., SC Feb. 18 (JPe). Another noteworthy total was 55 Am. Avocets on the beach at Jekyll I., GA Jan. 28 (BBl, D&DCo). One of the highest counts of Long-billed Curlew in many years for Georgia (and the Region) was the five found on St. Catherine's I., Dec. 16 (*fide* HP). Several noteworthy records of inland sandpipers occurred in *Laurens*, GA, where an extremely late Semipalmated was found Dec. 9 (TPa), a Pectoral was seen Dec. 28 (TPa), and a Dunlin was present Dec. 9 (TPa) until at least Jan. 28 (J&MA, *fide* PJ). The presence of wintering Stilt Sandpipers in our Region is amazing. The northernmost wintering site on the Atlantic Coast may be the Savannah Spoil Site, SC. This winter Calver noted 33 Dec. 1, and 29 were still present Feb. 19. Along with a previous report of 20 there Dec. 29, 1993 (JD, SU), one can assume that this species might regularly winter there!

Rare and always exciting in our Region, a Great Skua was observed on a pelagic

trip out of Hatteras, NC Jan. 28 (BP *et al.*). Gulls continue to increase inland and some of the more interesting reports were >100 Laughing Gulls near L. Phelps, NC Dec. 2 (HL, JPi, DC, RM); >500 Bonaparte's at Jordan L., NC December–January (WC, HL, RD); a Thayer's at Raleigh, NC Dec. 16 (DC); three different Lesser Black-backed in the Raleigh, NC area December–February (DC, RD); Georgia's 4th inland Lesser at Walter F. George L., Dec. 3 (JS, CL); and an impressive six Great Black-backed near Goldsboro, NC Jan. 6 (ED). As is often the case, the Outer Banks of North Carolina have a monopoly on Little Gulls. The best counts were seven on the Jan. 28 pelagic trip out of Hatteras (BP *et al.*) and \geq five from shore the same day at C. Hatt. (RD *et al.*). In North Carolina the rare but regular Com. Black-headed Gull was found 3 times; an adult at Morehead City Dec. 21 (JF), an adult at C. Hatt., Jan. 26–27 (PW, JPi, LG, BF, LT, LC), and a first-winter bird at C. Hatt., Jan. 27 (R&PT). A first-winter **Common Gull** was reported from the beach near C. Hatt., Dec. 27 (BP, NB) and if accepted would represent the 4th record of Mew/Common Gull for North Carolina. California Gull has become almost regular at C. Hatt., NC each winter. This year one–two different birds were observed between Dec. 18–Feb. 18 (BL, CBC, R&PT). After last winter's fiasco with the gulls at C. Hatt., it was no surprise that several more confounding "Yellow-legged" types showed up. Once again uncertainty abounds as to specific identity, although the presence of hybrids is easily possible. There were at least two "Nelson's" (Herring x Glaucous) Gulls present and several other Herring x ? hybrids (BL, HL, DC). Other gulls in the C. Hatt., NC area included a Thayer's, \leq four different Icelands, the usual assortment of Lesser Black-backed, and \leq three Glaucous. Farther south a Glaucous Gull made a rare appearance at St. Simon's I., GA Feb. 18 (B&BDu, *vide* TM). A good count of 90 Black-legged Kittiwakes was made on the Jan. 28 pelagic trip out of Hatteras, NC (BP *et al.*). Much more exciting was the discovery of two **Black-legged Kittiwakes** at Walter F. George L. Dam, GA Dec. 1 (AB, *vide* TM). This report provided the first inland record of kittiwake in Georgia. Dovekies were found 3 times in North Carolina: Eleven were tallied on the Jan. 28 Hatteras pelagic (BP *et al.*), three were flying just offshore of C. Hatt., Jan. 14 (J&PW, KH), and one was a complete surprise sitting in the highway in Hatteras village Feb. 10 (ML). It was released apparently in good shape.

Razorbill numbers were the highest since the 1993–1994 invasion along the Outer Banks of North Carolina, with a best total of 308 out of Hatteras Jan. 28 (BP *et al.*). Also, 40–50 were seen from shore at C. Hatt., Jan. 30 (ML) and farther south one was picked up dead at Wilmington, NC Dec. 30 (SCo).

Doves to Pipits

The Eur. Collared-Dove population continues to increase. There were several new sites in Georgia and South Carolina, and the northernmost colony in the Region at N. Topsail Beach, NC had \leq eight birds wintering. One White-winged Dove was reported, the bird first found during the fall hanging out with some Eur. Collared-Doves at Bennett's Landing, Ace Basin, SC. It was seen until at least Feb. 17 (BW *et al.*). Common Ground-Doves turned up inland with two in Wayne, NC Dec. 16 (ED) and two at Trenton, Edgefield, SC Jan. 16 (LG).

One Burrowing Owl was seen Feb. 9 (OD, *vide* TM) at the Bainbridge, GA site, where it has been present since last winter. From one–three Long-eared Owls were again present at the same VOA site, Beaufort, NC where found last winter. This year they were present Jan. 25 (TP, DW *et al.*) until at least Feb. 19 (FE). Also, a Long-eared was heard along Bennett's Pt. Road, Colleton, SC Dec. 2 (RCa, CEa) for a rare report. The much more regular Short-eared Owl was found in normal numbers, with the most southerly reports including one at Bear Island W.M.A., SC Dec. 2 (RCa, CEa) and one on the Peachtree City, GA CBC Dec. 16 (HG, *vide* TM), providing a very rare Atlanta area record. One excellent count of Short-eareds came from the usual L. Phelps, NC area, where Carter found \geq 26 Dec. 28. After this fall's record flight of N. Saw-whet Owl, it was not surprising that this species would be noted this winter. The best count involved six–seven along the Mashoes Rd., mainland Dare, NC Jan. 30–Feb. 9 (JL, JF). Enders also netted good numbers of migrant saw-whets at Halifax, NC, with 11 in December and 13 Feb. 10–26. Whip-poor-wills are rare winter lingerers in the Region, thus one seen and heard in Carteret, NC Dec. 14–17 (JF) was noteworthy.

The Region's wintering hummingbird picture continues to amaze! This season *Archilochus* hummers were at countless sites in North Carolina, with identified Ruby-throateds found at several feeders in Carteret (JF, DC), one at Mattamuskeet (WC), and several in the Wilmington area. Once again, some of the *Archilochus*

types were considered to be Black-chinneds, but conclusive evidence was lacking. Elsewhere, South Carolina's first confirmed **Black-chinned Hummingbird** was a bird in Lexington, present from the fall, which acquired black throat feathers by the end of the period (RS, PW, RCa). Not to be outdone, Georgia recorded Black-chinneds at Brunswick Dec. 30 (J&MA, NG, MC) and Savannah through Feb. 24 (*vide* JS). *Selasphorus* hummers were also found throughout the Region, with from six to a dozen in each state. Some of the more interesting identified Rufous reports included five banded in the Atlanta, GA area (*vide* TM) and \leq four in South Carolina (PW). Georgia got its 3rd and 4th **Allen's Hummingbird** records with an imm. male banded at Macon (NG, J&MA) and one at Watkinsville Dec. 1–3 (B&BDu), where photos were confirmed by Sargent. Also, a ♀ or imm. ♂ hummingbird in Camden, SC December to early January was photographed by Wood. The bird had several pink-red throat feathers and the consensus (by Sargent and others) is that the bird was an **Anna's Hummingbird**. If accepted, this would be South Carolina's first (and the Region's 2nd) record. And, finally, a belated report involves North Carolina's first documented **Calliope Hummingbird**, present at a feeder in New Bern Oct. 29–Nov. 4 (FT, Bho, WF). Photos were confirmed by Newfield and, if accepted, the species will be put on the official list for the state.

Rare in winter, a W. Kingbird was found on the Sapelo I., GA CBC Dec. 30 (MH, *vide* TM). Even more unusual was the lingering Gray Kingbird found on the St. Catherine's I., GA CBC Dec. 16 (LD, *vide* TM) for one of the very few winter records in the Region. In spite of the cold winter, Purple Martin scouts were seen in all 3 states, with the earliest report of one in Laurens, GA Jan. 21 (TPa). Fish Crows were seen in better-than-average numbers inland; *i.e.*, 12 on the Raleigh, NC CBC Dec. 16 (*vide* WC) and an amazing 250 at Macon, GA Feb. 4 (J&MA). Another species seemingly on the increase as an inland wintering bird was Sedge Wren. In Georgia, good totals included five–twelve at Macon Dec. 2–Jan. 20 (TI, G&BB, NG, PJ) and \leq five at K.Mt. marsh Dec. 17–Feb. 27 (GB). This winter's token thrush report involved a Wood Thrush seen well and at close range on the Wilmington, NC CBC Dec. 30 (KK). South Carolina seems to get most of the Sprague's Pipits in our Region. This winter two were found out of normal habitat on the jetty(!) at H.B.S.P., Feb. 29 (P&ST) for a most unusual record. The weather

was terrible and the observers were able to get very close views of the birds, which did not flush.

Warblers to Finches

There were a handful of wintering warbler reports, with highlights including an Orange-crowned at L. Norman, NC Dec. 17 (*vide* TP); a N. Parula at Raleigh, NC Dec. 16 (*vide* WC); a Cape May at L. Busbee, SC Dec. 4 (JPe); the always noteworthy Yellow-rumped "Audubon's" at Magnolia Gardens, *Charleston*, SC Dec. 24 (CEa); an ad. ♂ Wilson's at Swan Quarter, NC Jan. 10–Feb. 10 (KD); and a Yellow-breasted Chat at Chapel Hill, NC Dec. 21–Feb. 4 (*vide* WC). North Carolina had two W. Tanagers, with the "old reliable" male once again spending the season at Wilmington (KK); a female was at Morehead City Jan. 21+ (JF). Much more amazing was the ad. ♂ Scarlet Tanager found singing(!) at Raleigh, NC Feb. 26 (JH, *vide* WC). This date seems absurdly early for a spring migrant; could it have overwintered? A very rare winter report of Rose-breasted Grosbeak involved a female at Conover, NC Feb. 25 (A&PMa). The more expected Black-headed Grosbeak was ruled out with a good, close view of this bird. Late Indigo Buntings included one at Lansford Canal S.P., SC Dec. 15 (LG, MT) and one on the C. Hatt., NC CBC Dec. 27 (*vide* PMo). And a ♂ Indigo was singing in York, SC Feb. 28 (GBI, *vide* AC), possibly an overwintering bird. In North Carolina Painted Buntings continued the recent trend of overwintering in increasing numbers. Several were in the Buxton-Frisco area (v.o.) and an impressive >11 spent the winter in *Carteret* (*vide* JF).

American Tree Sparrows were found in North Carolina more times than normally expected. Single birds were near Jordan L., *Chatham*, Dec. 9–10 (WC, DC), at a feeder in Raleigh Jan. 12 (SCb), and at a feeder in Reidsville in early February (RM, v.o.). Topping these was the flock of six found near the Yadkin R., *Forsyth*, Jan. 28 through late February (RHo, v.o.) for one of the best totals in recent memory. Clay-colored Sparrows are rare in winter in the Region, thus of interest was the discovery of ≥four in one area near L. Phelps, NC in December (HL, JPi, DC, RM). Clay-colored were also found near Pactolus, *Pitt*, NC Jan. 6 (J&PW) & 26 (TP, DW, KH, HW), and at St. Simon's I., GA Dec. 2 (PR). One of the most intriguing reports concerned an apparent "Ipswich" Savannah Sparrow along the shore of Jordan L., NC Dec. 5 (WC). Are there any previous records of this form away from the coastal dunes it normally haunts in winter? Excellent winter

reports of Grasshopper Sparrow included four on the Augusta, GA CBC Dec. 26 (*vide* AW) and four in the Green Swamp, NC Jan. 26 (MLy). Henslow's Sparrows were reported twice: one on Sapelo I., GA Dec. 30 (AW) and one in the Green Swamp, NC Jan. 26 (MLy). The always noteworthy LeConte's Sparrow was found several times. Single birds were at KMt., GA Dec. 17–Jan. 21 (GB, JD, STa, KDa, BH), w. Bibb, GA Feb. 10 (*vide* PJ), near L. Phelps, NC Dec. 2 (HL, JPi, DC, RM), and near Pactolus, *Pitt*, NC Dec. 17–January (J&PW, KHa, BC, R&PT). Reports were too numerous to mention, but the Fox Sparrow put on a show at many feeders this winter—only during snow/ice events! Where do these birds hang out when the ground is clear? Lincoln Sparrow reports were down, but of interest was one quite far inland at L. Norman, NC Dec. 17 (*vide* TP). The most interesting White-crowned Sparrow record involved one of the *gambelli* form photographed at a feeder in Andrews, GA Jan. 29 (GB) for a rare documented sighting. Junco numbers seemed up, thus of interest were 2 reports of "Oregon Pink-sided" Junco. Two were in Chapel Hill, NC Feb. 3–4 (MP) and one was near Hemingway, *Georgetown*, SC in late January (TS, DD). There were fewer Lapland Longspur reports this season, with a best total of eight at the Orangeburg Sod Farm, SC Dec. 2 (RCa, CEa). Brewer's Blackbird numbers seemed to be up. The best total was >250 in *Lawrens*, GA Jan. 28 (J&MA, *vide* PJ). Another very respectable group was the 200 found on the Aiken, SC CBC Dec. 23 (*vide* AW). North Carolina had 20 Brewer's near L. Mattamuskeet Dec. 3 (ED) and another 20 at the usual spot in *Carteret* Feb. 5 (JF, WF). Baltimore Orioles wintered in the Region in better-than-average numbers, with the best count being an amazing >35 in one area of Sumter, SC (*vide* LG). And, finally, winter finches returned in decent numbers. Purple Finches were widespread but spotty in abundance. The best count received was of 2 separate flocks of 35 each in Bibb, GA in January and February (*vide* PJ). Pine Siskins were less widespread but some areas had good numbers, such as the 76 on the Jordan L., NC CBC Dec. 31 (*vide* WC) and the 20 in Hall, GA Jan. 21 (JS). Evening Grosbeaks were also widespread but spotty in abundance. The highest totals received included 215 on the Jordan L., NC CBC Dec. 31 (*vide* WC) and several hundred in the Roanoke Rapids, NC area all winter (RD). Georgia had several reports of flocks of ≥25, and birds at Statesboro Jan. 16 (RC) were some of the farthest south.

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