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This spring's weather was generally uneventful, with no major storms or systems causing any problems for birds, resident or migratory. Temperatures were average early and late but slightly lower than average in April. Precipitation levels, however, remained on the low side, with dry conditions continuing through much of the period for many areas of the Region, especially inland. With this lack of serious weather systems, very few migratory events were mentioned, so one assumes the northward migration of birds through the Region proceeded normally.

Abbreviations: C. Hatt. (Cape Hatteras, Dare, NC); E.L.H. (E. L. Huie Land Application Facility, Clayton, GA); H.B.S.P. (Huntington Beach S.P., Georgetown, SC); Hoop. (Hooper Lane, Henderson, NC); Kennesaw Mt. (Kennesaw Mt. National Battlefield Park, Cobb, GA); Pea I. (Pea Island N.W.R., Dare, NC); S.S.S. (Savannah Spoil Site, Jasper, SC).

WATERFOWL THROUGH WADERS

Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks continued their increasing presence in the Region this spring. Georgia hosted 4 on Little St. Simons I. 16 May (NVL) and 20 at the Altamaha W.M.A. 28 May (BC, m.ob.). Elsewhere, 11 were in a field in Beaufort, NC for several days at least until 16 May (AM, JR, CD); and 11 were seen flying southward at Isle of Palms, SC 23 May (DA). Greater White-fronted Geese, rare in the mts., were reported from Brevard, NC 11-18 Mar (7; TJ) and at Table Rock S.P., SC 2 Apr (one; SS). The 5 Cackling Geese from the winter near Macon, GA were still present as late as 26 Mar (BChu). Lingering waterfowl of note involved 5 American Wigeons in Transylvania, NC 13 May (NI), 2 Northern Shovelers at the S.S.S. 16 May (PS et al.), the wintering Common Eider at H.B.S.P. 21 May (ST et al.), and a male Ruddy Duck at the NCSU dairy farms, Wake, NC 22 May (DL). Single Surf Scoters were rare finds in the mts. at L. Junaluska, Haywood, NC 3 Apr

(WF et al.) and L. Julian, Buncombe, NC 8 Apr (MW et al.). Nesting Hooded Mergansers were observed at Arrowhead, Floyd, GA 2 May (DR), with one ad. and 7 young seen. This report provides one of the farthest inland nesting records for that state. Rare spring Common Mergansers included a "pair" in the French Broad R., Woodfin, Buncombe, NC 27 Mar (VS) and one at Brevard, NC 19 Apr (TJ). Also rare in the extreme upper Piedmont of Georgia was the nesting report of a Pied-billed Grebe and 3 chicks at Arrowhead, Floyd 2 May (DR). Eared Grebes mentioned included 2-3 at the E.L.H. 11-28 Mar (Cl, m.ob.), one at Long Branch Park, L. Hartwell, GA 25 Mar (SSI), and one at the C. Hatt. salt pond 4 Mar (RD, JP). Of interest was the *Aechmophorus* grebe seen briefly in the surf at Jekyll I., GA 4 Mar (RS); there is only one previous record of Western Grebe from that state.

Amazingly, an ad. Yellow-nosed Albatross was discovered sitting on the beach near the point at C. Hatt. 11 Apr (P&NM, JB, B&JD; ML)—the same location where one had been



Eleven Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks were present in a cornfield in Beaufort County, North Carolina for several days (here 16 May 2006). Photograph by Curtis Dykstra.

photographed two years earlier, to the day! The only other state record is of a bird photographed just 5 km offshore from this point, 5 Feb 2000. What was presumably the same individual was noted southward flying over Atlantic Beach two days later on 13 Apr (TL) and remained in and around a Brown Pelican colony in the Core Sound area late Apr+ (Sue Cameron). This season's pelagic coverage during the latter half of May off North Carolina's Outer Banks was more thorough than in any previous season, with almost daily trips aboard the new *Stormy Petrel* off Hatteras in addition to the *Country Girl* from Manteo. Tubenose highlights included six trips with one or 2 Herald Petrels, six trips with one to 3 Fea's Petrels, a Bermuda Petrel off Hatteras 23 May, and three trips with up to 4 Manx Shearwaters (BPI). A Sooty Shearwater off Hatteras 18 Mar (BPI) was extremely early, as most of these are found in May and Jun off our coast. That same trip off Hatteras 18 Mar produced a

rather impressive count of 60+ Manx Shearwaters (BPI). European Storm-Petrel was again found this spring, with one or 2 off Hatteras 29 May (S. Howell et al., BPI). After last year's multiple birds, it seems that the species may have been "overlooked" off our Region in late spring! Another rarity was the White-faced Storm-Petrel observed from a cruise ship off of C. Hatt 27 May (A&BDe). The bird, observed well as it "kangarooed" close to the ship, provided the earliest report for the species in our Region by almost a month.

Tropicbird reports included 3 White-tailed off Hatteras 30 May and single Red-billed off Hatteras 17, 22, & 29 May (BPI). Elsewhere, the s. coast of North Carolina got its first Brown Booby with an imm. resting on the beach at Bald Head I. 25-26 Apr (MDe, RM). All previous sightings of this species have been from the cen. and n. coastal areas. American White Pelicans continued to make news in the Region. Noteworthy inland reports involved 6 at the Bradley Unit, Eufaula N.W.R., GA 5 Mar (PF), up to 8 at Jordan L., NC 5-14 Apr (AP, AJ et al., JM et al., m.ob.), 5 at Falls L., NC 16 Apr (RD), and one over the North Carolina Zoo, Randolph, NC 17 Apr (SA). Good coastal area counts were the 49 over L. Mattamuskeet, NC 15 Mar (D&SD), 28 at Bulls I., C. Romain N.W.R., SC 18 Mar (ND), and the 55+ at Andrews I., Brunswick, GA 23 Apr (BB et al., m.ob.). Inland Brown Pelicans are very rare in the Region, so 7 at L. Murray, SC were noteworthy 11 May (IP, AD). Anhingas seem to be wandering farther away from the Coastal Plain each year. This spring, the farthest inland were 2 over Shamrock L., Clayton, GA 26 May (CL et al.) and one over Baker's Mt., Catawba, NC 13 May (fide DM). Also of interest was the discovery of a nesting colony of Anhingas with 10+ nests at a swamp along I-95 w. of Enfield, Halifax, NC 25 May (FE). This site is easily one of the farthest inland in that state. Magnificent Frigatebirds staged an invasion into the Region this spring. Multiple reports from North Carolina's Outer Banks included singles at Kill Devil Hills 22 Apr (JL), at Buxton 15 May (imm.; ph. ESB, GLA), from the Hatteras-Ocracoke ferry 15 May (Jason Andre), at Hatteras Inlet 18 May (CD), at Frisco 20-21 May (imm.; different from Buxton bird; ph. ESB), at Buxton 24-26 May (LG, BZ, EH et al.), and an ad. male offshore e. of Oregon Inlet 20 May (BPI). Elsewhere singles were over Core Sound near Davis, NC 30 May (fide JF), at Sullivan's I., SC 27 May (WH), and at Jekyll I., GA 24 May (DCh).

Two nesting pairs of Great Blue Herons were found in the Brevard, NC area this spring (TJ, m.ob.), the westernmost breeders in the state. Other wandering long-legged

waders far inland included a Snowy Egret at L. Julian, NC 21 Apr (WF), a Little Blue Heron at L. Junaluska, NC 8 Apr (CW, BO), a Black-crowned Night-Heron off Rte. 191 in Henderson, NC 4 May (MW, BO), and a Glossy Ibis in Bartow, GA 28 Apr (DV). Noteworthy Reddish Egrets were at Bulls I., SC 18 Mar (*vide* ND), at Bear Island W.M.A., SC 8 Apr (ND), and at Gould's Inlet, GA 24 May (DCh). Also, what must be a first for the Region was the flock of 8 Reddish Egrets flying over the Altamaha W.M.A., GA 6 May (BL et al.)! Other locally unusual wader reports involved a Roseate Spoonbill at the Santee Coastal Reserve, SC 20 May (ND) and a Wood Stork over the Black R., Clear Run, Sampson, NC 11 May (GG).

RAPTORS THROUGH ALCIDS

This spring's Swallow-tailed Kite reports from the North Carolina Outer Banks, an almost annual phenomenon, involved 4 at Pea I. 15 Apr (JBe et al.) and one the same day farther s. at the Ocracoke campground (*vide* JBe). Locally rare spring sightings of Mississippi Kite included singles over Kennesaw Mt. 1 May (GB et al.) and over Jackson Park, Hendersonville, NC 29 May (RSe, JLi). Also very early were single Mississippis at Congaree Swamp N.P., SC 28 Mar (RC et al.) and Columbia, SC 30 Mar (CE). Late Northern Harriers were found at Tanglewood Park, Clemmons, NC 13 May (*vide* LD) and at Griffin, GA 15 May (EB). Reports of dark *calurus* Red-tailed Hawks in the Region have increased in the past several years; this spring, one was found in Forsyth, NC and brought 16 Mar to a rehabilitator (JC), with whom it died 22 Mar. The wintering Rough-legged Hawk at Alligator River N.W.R., NC was last noted 3 Mar (RD, JP). This spring's Golden Eagle sightings involved an ad. along the causeway at L. Mattamuskeet, NC 27 Mar (GH) and one near Sparta, *Alleghany*, NC 2 Apr (*vide* ED). Late was a Merlin at the S.S.S. 1 May (SC et al.). A Black Rail pair with 4-5 tiny chicks was found near Beaufort, NC 19 May (ESB, GLA et al.). Most unusual was an apparently tired Yellow Rail in a mowed hayfield in Rutherfordton, NC 28 Apr. The bird was taken to UNC/Asheville, where it was released in a nearby marshy area (*vide* MW). Reports of this species in the w. part of the state are few and far between. Other inland rail reports involved a Clapper Rail found dead in downtown Goldsboro, NC 27 Apr (ED), a Virginia Rail four feet off the ground in a rhododendron thicket at Craggy Gardens, *Buncombe*, NC 14 May (TD et al.), and a Sora at Hospital Fields, *Transylvania*, NC 30 Mar (BM). A Purple Gallinule at Spring Creek Preserve, *Whitfield*, GA 24 Apr (MM) provided only about the 3rd

report for the mts. of that state. In North Carolina, where the species is extremely hard to find, one continued at L. Medcalf, Sunset Beach 15 Apr (TP). Inland Common Moorhen reports of note included an excellent count of 7 at the E.L.H. 26 May (CL) and one at Jordan L., NC 7 May (GT). American Coots seemed to linger in numbers more than usual, with counts of 35 at the S.S.S. 16 May (PS et al.) and 280 at L. Mattamuskeet, NC 21 May (RD) being exceptional. Sandhill Cranes normally migrate through Georgia each spring; thus most unusual was the flock of 12+ flying northward high over I-40 in Durham, NC 2 Mar (TD). Other spring migrant cranes somewhat e. of the normal migration corridor included 4 flying northward in Greenville, SC 16 Mar (JC) and 2 flying past Devil's Courthouse, *Transylvania*, NC 23 Apr (MW).

Spring American Golden-Plovers are normally hard to come by, but all three states reported them this season. Georgia had four reports, with the largest count being of 4 along Douthit Ferry Rd., Bartow 26-28 Mar (KB). Much rarer along the coast, singles were at Savannah N.W.R., SC 28 Mar (*vide* SH) and at Wrightsville Beach, NC 19 Apr (JE). North Carolina got its 2nd Snowy Plover at C. Hatt. this spring. First reported 25 May (BLa), it was again observed 27 May+ (SHw, PS et al.; m.ob.). Of interest was that the bird was very active and seemed to be highly territorial, driving away any bird that was nearby.

Very rare was a Willet at Hoop. 28-30 Apr (STs et al.), providing about the 5th report for the mountains. Upland Sandpiper numbers seemed about average for the spring, with the top count being 7 at Hoop. 9 Apr (WF). Quite rare inland in the Region, 2 Whimbrels were good finds at L. Wheeler, Raleigh, NC 22 May (DL, SSh). Even rarer inland were the 11 Marbled Godwits found at L. Julian, NC 19 Apr (WF, BO, MW, JLi), only the 2nd report from the mts. of that state. Semipalmated Sandpiper is among the most common transients but rarely counted. Thus of interest was the total of 10,958 tallied on South I., Yawkey Wildlife Center, *Georgetown*, SC 13 May (ND et al.). Inland peep counts were about average, but numbers of White-rumped Sandpipers seemed to be up somewhat, with the best totals reported being 15+ along the French Broad R., Henderson, NC 23 May (WF) and 11 at Sweetwater Creek S.P., GA 26 May (EB). Our Region lies e. of the normal spring migratory route of Baird's Sandpiper, but this year there were three reports! One was found along the French Broad R., Henderson, NC 23 May (WF) for only the 3rd spring sighting for the mountains. One at Pea I. 26 May (*vide* ND) would furnish only about

the 2nd spring coastal report for that state, if documented and accepted. In Georgia, one was reported the same day at Sweetwater Creek S.P. (EB). There were three reports of Ruff this spring, all from South Carolina: a male at Bulls I. 18 Mar (ND), a female at Santee Coastal Reserve 30 Apr (WH, ND et al.), and possibly the same female at South I., Yawkey Wildlife Center 13 May (ND et al.), not far from the Santee Coastal Reserve. It was an above-average spring for Stilt Sandpiper; 9 at Pea I. 15 May (GLA, ESB) was high for the season there. The best inland Short-billed Dowitcher report involved 34 at Taff Rd., Bartow, GA 14 May (PB et al.). The only Wilson's Phalaropes reported were at the Yawkey Center, *Georgetown*, SC 23 Apr (BMO, ND et al.), near Savannah N.W.R., SC 7 May (DC), and at Rum Creek W.M.A., *Monroe*, GA 20 May (*vide* TJs). Only one Red-necked Phalarope was found onshore, that being at C. Hatt. point 19 May (CD et al.). A Red Phalarope in breeding plumage off Hatteras, NC 17 May (BPI) was late. Interestingly, during the strong easterly winds 15-20 May, there was a major influx of both phalaropes between New York and Maine, of which these two birds may have been the southernmost.

A pelagic trip out of Hatteras, NC 5 Mar produced an ad. California, 2 Iceland (one ad.), and 10 Lesser Black-backed Gulls (BPI). Inland gulls of note included an ad. Herring at the New R., Ashe, NC (D&SD), a most unusual report, and an ad. Great Black-backed at Rock Hill, SC 25 Mar (TA). Also unexpected was the Sabine's Gull that flushed from the beach at C. Hatt. 26 May (BPe et al.). Numbers of migrant Caspian Terns inland were down this spring. Three Black Terns at Bulls I., SC 18 Mar (ND) were rather early, and the species continued to be scarce on the coast and offshore. Noteworthy inland Forster's Tern reports involved 15 at L. Thurmond, SC 15 Apr (JG) et al.), 12 at Brevard, NC 19 Apr (TJ), and 2 over the New R., *Alleghany*, NC 11 May (HB). Only one South Polar Skua was noted this spring, that being off Hatteras, NC 31 May (BPI). Offshore jaeger numbers were down this spring, especially Pomarines. Single Parasitics were off Hatteras 11 & 29 May and off Oregon Inlet 20 May (BPI). An ad. female Common Murre was found beached at Folly Beach, SC 2 May. It died in captivity two weeks later and is now in the Charleston Museum (WP). This record most likely represents the southernmost confirmed report for the Atlantic Coast, but the species has been reported in record-high numbers from Massachusetts to New York in recent seasons, and a single was observed off Virginia in February 2006, so more Regional records may be forthcoming.



This immature Brown Booby was found on the beach at Bald Head Island, North Carolina 25-26 (here 25) April 2006—the first documented record for the southern coastal area of that state. Photograph by Maureen Dewire.

DOVES THROUGH THRUSHES

White-winged Doves were reported from Georgia at least five times, with the farthest inland being singles at Blue Ridge, *Fannin* 27 Apr and 6 May (TS) and Epworth, *Fannin* 25 May (NS). In North Carolina, one was at a leeder in Nags Head 24 Apr (SM, JL), and 2 were in Beaufort 31 Mar (SB). Common Ground-Dove is one of the more “watched” species in the Region, as populations have been steadily declining at the n. edge of its range for several decades. Thus a count of 21 in one area inland in Thomaston, GA 4 Mar (MB) was especially encouraging. Black-billed Cuckoos were reported from all three states this spring, and as usual the mts. and coastal areas had the most. The most interesting sighting was of one early at St. Simons I., GA 22 Apr (LT et al.). Two reports of very early Yellow-billed Cuckoos were received, with one at Davidson, NC 9 Mar (TLo) and one near Meggett, SC 11 Mar (ND).

Olive-sided Flycatchers had a good spring this year, with singles reported near Murphy, NC 12 May (SK), in n. Greenville, SC 13 May (JC), at Cochran Shoals, GA 16-17 May (PH et al., m.ob.), at Townville, SC 16 May (LK), near Busick, *Yancey*, NC 17 May (GM), at Chickamauga National Battlefield Park, GA 22 May (KC), and in s. *Mecklenburg*, NC 22-23 May (CH, JBu). An *Empidonax* found at Congaree Swamp N.P., SC 5 Mar (RC) was photographed and voice-recorded. The bird had yellow on the throat and a definite teardrop-shaped eye ring. It was determined, after much study, to be a **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher**. The sonograms showed enough to rule out other species, including the Pacific-slope and Cordilleran Flycatchers. Thus this bird provided the first documented

winter/early spring record n. of Florida. Other *Empidonax* flycatcher reports of note included 2 Alders at Paulk's Pasture W.M.A., *Glynn*, GA 6 May (GK), a Willow near Weldon, *Halifax*, NC 1 May (FE), and a Willow at Long Leaf Pine Heritage Preserve, *Lee*, SC 7 May (RC et al.). Nesting Eastern Phoebes are normally found eastward only into the inner Coastal Plain; thus of interest was a nest under a bridge near Albertson, e. *Duplin*, NC 29



Reports of dark Red-tailed Hawks have increased in the Southern Atlantic region in the past several years. This *calurus* Red-tailed found in Forsyth County, North Carolina on 16 March 2006 was taken to a local wildlife rehabilitation facility, where it died of unknown causes 22 March. Photograph by Jean Chamberlain.

May (GG) and a pair at the Voice of America site (“A”) in *Beaufort*, NC 17 May (GLA, ESB). A Gray Kingbird was a good find along the road to Harris Neck N.W.R., GA 23 Apr (BB et al.), somewhat away from the usual s. coastal locations for the species. Scissor-tailed Flycatchers returned to the McDonough, GA

site 27 Apr (LR) for at least the 5th year in a row. Other Georgia sightings involved singles near Cornelia, *Habersham* 25 Apr (*vide* JS) and in s.-cen. *Quitman* 28 May (JS, CL). In North Carolina, one was present at Southern Pines 7 May+ (WI et al., m.ob.).

Very early Yellow-throated Vireos were detected in nw. *Atkinson*, GA 12 Mar (JFI, EH) and near Fayetteville, NC the next day (BP). A Bell's Vireo was photographed at Conyers, *Rockdale*, GA 6 May (EB) and should provide about the 3rd documented record for that state. The most interesting Warbling Vireo report was of 2 at Charleston, SC 7 May (CW); this species is a decidedly rare spring transient along the coast. Rare for the mts., Fish Crows were noted at L. Julian, NC 3 Apr (WF) and at Hoop. 29 Apr (WF, RD). Common Ravens once again were found toward the e. in North Carolina, with one in *Person* 30 Mar (HL), one e. of L. Norman S.P. 29 May (TLo), and one at River Park North, Greenville 26 Apr (JSo). Several Cave Swallows that wintered at H.B.S.P. were last seen 22 Mar (PT et al.). A pair of nesting Brown-headed Nuthatches was located at Rabun Gap, *Rabun*, GA 2 May (FR), providing most likely a new elevation record of nesting for that state. Exciting was the pair of **Brown Creepers** building a nest near Burrell's Ford, *Oconee*, SC 3-5 May (FR), for a potential first

breeding record in that state. Inland wren reports of interest included 4 Sedge Wrens and 4 Marsh Wrens along the French Broad R., *Henderson*, NC 12-13 May (MW et al., WF) and 6 Marsh Wrens at the E.L.H. 2 Apr (CL, JS). The thrush migration was considered to be poor over most of the Region, although

this impression probably has more to do with the secretive nature of forest thrushes and the weather conditions, rather than the birds' actual abundance. Four Swainson's Thrushes were rather early at Winnabow, *Brunswick*, NC 24 Apr (GM). At Mt. Mitchell, NC, a Swainson's plus 17 Hermit Thrushes 27 May (MW) made a good tally; the latter species is a local nester.

WARBLERS THROUGH FINCHES

Always of interest, Brewster's Warblers were found at Mason Farm, Chapel Hill, NC 21 Apr (AK) and at Jackson Park, Hendersonville, NC 23-24 Apr (WF et al.). Nashville Warblers were reported in average numbers this spring, but one in *Columbia*, GA 17 Mar (EH et al.) was most likely a wintering bird rather than an early migrant. Other warblers that were probably wintering included a Black-throated Blue at Jekyll I., GA 23 Mar (PF), a Black-and-white at Buxton, NC 4 Mar (RD, JP, KA), an Ovenbird on Cumberland I., GA 9 Mar (RS), a Northern Waterthrush in *Atkinson*, GA (JFI, EH), and a Yellow-breasted Chat on Skidaway I., GA 7 Mar (BR). Two Yellow-rumped Warblers on Mt. Mitchell, NC 27 May (MW) were possibly lingering and not just late migrants, as this species has been found there in summer the past several years. Several truly late warblers included a "territorial" Black-throated Green at Raven Rock S.P., NC 17 & 25 May (PHa) and a Bay-breasted and Blackpoll in the C. Hatt. lighthouse area 30 May (JSJ). A Cerulean Warbler was a good find along the Tar R., *Person*, NC 10 May (HL); this species is infrequently found away from the localized breeding areas in that state. A Worm-eating Warbler found at Sosebee Cove, *Union*, GA 2 Apr (NS) was very early. Locally rare around Charlotte, *Mecklenburg*, NC, 3 Swainson's Warblers were located 21 May+ (TP, m.ob.). There were three Connecticut Warbler reports, about normal for the spring season. Singles were at Jackson Park, Hendersonville, NC 13 May (WF), at Hospital Fields, *Transylvania*, NC 14 May (TJ), and at Chickamauga National Battlefield Park, GA 22 May (KC). Mourning Warblers put on an even better showing, with single birds at Hospital Fields, NC 4 (EG) & 14 May (NSi), at Carters L., *Murray*, GA 10-13 May (JSp), at Ringgold, *Catoosa*, GA 21 May (DH), at Jackson Park, Hendersonville, NC 21-27 May (RSe et al.), in s. *Mecklenburg*, NC 22 May (TP), and at Hamilton Lakes Park, Greensboro, NC 23-25 May (HLi et al., m.ob.). The Summer Tanager that wintered in Whispering Pines, *Moore*, NC was last noted 8 Mar (SCb). Western Tanager reports included the wintering bird at a feeder in York, SC remaining until at least 12 Mar (JG, LG et al.) and one in a yard in South-

ern Pines, NC 1 Apr (WI).

Rare spring sparrows reported were a Clay-colored at a feeder in Lexington, SC 1-2 May (AD), a Lark at Sweetwater Creek S.P., GA 8 Apr (CLO), and a Henslow's at Glen Cannon, *Transylvania*, NC 19 Apr (NSi). Always good finds in spring, Lincoln's Sparrows were found in w. Raleigh, NC 15 Mar (AP), at Griffin, GA 24 Apr (EB), at Conyers, GA 30 Apr (EB), and at Hospital Fields, *Transylvania*, NC 2 May (NSi et al.). Late White-crowned Sparrow reports included one at Pea I. 9 May (BA) and 2 at Southport, NC 18 May (GM). Too early for migrants were the Indigo Bunting at Chapel Hill, NC 12 Mar (HM) and the Painted Bunting at Kinston, NC through all of Mar (BG). Dickcissels were once again found in all three states. The best counts were of the 6



North Carolina's second Snowy Plover (but first to be documented) was present on the beach at Cape Hatteras 25 (here 28) May through the first week of June 2006.
Photograph by Sidney Maddock.

back at North R. Farms, *Carteret*, NC area 7 May (JF et al.), 4 at Townville, SC 16 May (LK), 4 along Fagala Rd., *Murray*, GA 22 May (JSp), and 3 along Brandon Farm Rd., *Bartow*, GA 5 May (MD).

Only one Yellow-headed Blackbird was mentioned this spring, that being a male photographed at Griffin, GA 22 Mar (PSa, *vide* EB). Also a Rusty Blackbird was rather late at Jackson Park, Hendersonville, NC 30 Apr (TP, RD). The male Bullock's Oriole that was present at a feeder n. of Pittsboro, NC since Jan remained until at least 7 Mar (SCb). Reports of nesting Baltimore Orioles away from the mts. are always noteworthy; thus of interest was a pair building a nest along Shimpock Rd., *Cabarrus*, NC 16 May (JBU). The female was noted to be incubating 30 May. This season's Red Crossbill reports involved 2 in *White*, GA 17 Apr (*vide* TM), a pair with 2 juvs. in nw. *Fannin*, GA 26-27 Apr (*vide* TS), 5 at the feeders at Snowbird Lodge, *Graham*, NC 3-4 May (STs), a pair with 4 juvs. at Sky Valley, *Rabun*, GA 13 May (CS), 18 in a flock n. of Mt. Mitchell, NC 27 May (MW), and 5 at Balsam Gap near Mt. Mitchell, NC 29 May (WF).

Corrigenda: The Little Egret reported from Pea I. 29 Aug 2005 (N.A.B. 60: 55) was not accepted by the N.C.B.R.C. and should be deleted. The 4 Brown Noddies reported out of Charleston, SC 17 Sep 2005 (N.A.B. 60: 56) should have been reported as one ad. Brown Noddy in Georgia waters.

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