



THE BULLETIN...

Chapel Hill Bird Club

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>>NEXT MEETING: Monday, February 28
Program: "Birding In New Zealand & Australia: Islands of Contrast"

When/Where: 7:15pm./refreshments; 7:30pm./meeting
The lounge, Olin T. Binkley Baptist Church, corner off Hwy. 15-501 bypass and Willow Dr., behind University Mall, Chapel Hill.

Who/What: Australia and New Zealand are likely near the top of every birder's wish-list destinations. NCSU Professor Clyde Sorenson, will tell us about his experiences in these wonderful lands, focusing on the differences in diversity and character of the avifaunas that are found on these two very different island neighbors.

~ Saturday Morning Field Trips ~

Local field trips, generally led by Doug Shadwick, leave from Glen Lennox Shopping Center parking lot off Hwy 54 promptly at 7:30 am. most Saturday mornings (no local outing on Feb. 19; see below). All skill levels welcome. Trips are usually over by noon. Dress for the weather and for walking. For further details call Doug at 942-0479.

>> Sat., Feb. 19 -- Ahoy Birders

There will be no local Club outing on Feb. 19, but Doug is encouraging folks to sign up for Brian Patteson's pelagic trip out of Cape Hatteras on that date; make your own travel and lodging plans. (go to <http://www.patteson.com> for details, or call Doug for more info).

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>} *Thought for the Day* >} >} >}

"In my teens, the mere glimpse of a bird would change my listlessness to fierce intensity. I lived for birds. It was exciting just to see them move, to watch them fly. There was nothing thoughtful or academic in my interest; it was so spontaneous I could not control it."

~ Roger Tory Peterson

Remiiiinder...

IF your mailing label says "**Jan 05**" your yearly membership is **PAST** due. Please send in your renewal (\$15/family or individual, \$10/student) to **Ruth Roberson** at the address down below.

(Note: if you've renewed recently your label may not yet reflect it..)

~~ *Membership Form* ~~

(become a member or give a gift membership to a friend!)

Name _____

Address _____

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Email _____

new member: ___ or, **RENEWAL:** ___

dues: \$15/yr. individuals/family, \$10/yr. students
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**Ruth Roberson, 38 Stoneridge Pl., Durham,
NC. 27705**

Who's Who -- Getting To Know Your Fellow Club Members

This month the *Bulletin* highlights a birding couple, Joe (current CHBC Pres.) and Karen (current CHBC Vice-Pres.) Bearden who moved to our area 7 years ago and quickly became among the Club's most active members (indeed, "inactivity" doesn't seem to be part of their vocabulary).

Joe and Karen have won awards for their enthusiastic volunteer work in various groups and they especially laud the Triangle Land Conservancy for its efforts as a non-profit organization. Karen edited and was instrumental in publishing/distributing both "A Birdwatcher's Guide to the Triangle" and "Birding in North Carolina State Parks," and currently edits the Carolina Bird Club newsletter as well.

Joe and Karen have been married over 24 years, which to look at them, raises the obvious question, "Did you guys marry in kindergarten or WHAT???" Though both were raised primarily in Florida, it wasn't until after college in 1989 that a shared trip to Ding Darling NWR hooked them on birds. Now they regularly plan their vacations around birding.

Joe manages "an excellent team of technical writers" and is a former software developer, while Karen lists herself as a "homemaker and volunteer," and both sing in their church choir. Joe names Mason Farm as his favorite local birding spot, while Karen can't single out one area above all others. Lively Carolina Chickadees are among their favorite local birds, and as many Club members know, Karen has a special affinity for loons in winter. They each list 541 species on their ABA life list and both mention Pete Dunne's The Feather Quest as one of their favorite bird-reads. Karen additionally cites Laura Erickson's For The Birds: An Uncommon Guide as a second choice. The Club is fortunate indeed to have this 'dynamic duo' sharing their infectious energy and enthusiasm for birds with us every month.

Where There's a 'Will', There's

....a very appreciative Bird Club: At our January Club meeting Will Cook was presented gifts in recognition of his multiple contributions to the Club over the years. Will has organized and led field trips (including one he hosts yearly at his own mountain cabin retreat), edited the Club newsletter, maintained the Club membership list, organized/compiled the Chapel Hill Xmas and spring bird counts and fall Chatham County count, produced our area bird checklist, maintained the CHBC webpage, and perhaps most marvelous of all, created (and moderates with consistent Solomon-like judgment) 'Carolinasbirds' internet listserv for birders throughout the region to enjoy and learn from... a-a-a-nd he diligently hauls the projector and screen to each of our

monthly meetings, as well. (I apologize in advance for whatever I've left out, Will!) Again, *THANKS* for all you do.

...and Also a Big Round of Applause For:

(dr-r-ru-u-um r-r-roll...) Liz Pullman (formerly "Teulings"), Dr. Helmut Mueller, and James Coman III. Why? Their membership in the Club dates back, respectively, to the early, mid, and latter 1960's, making them the longest-standing members I've found! A surprising number of other folks hail from the 1970's -- in fact I estimate that roughly 15% of current members have been with CHBC over 25 years! Remarkable! Thanks to *ALL* for your various contributions and loyal support of the Club across DECADES!!

Maury Graves, by the way, wrote a 'history' of the Club back in 1991 which is available on Will's CHBC website for anyone who's interested in some Club background:

<http://www.duke.edu/~cwcook/chbc/history.html>

(If there are other 40-year members out there I've missed let me know so I can acknowledge it.)

Trip Highlights -- Doug's Coastal Trip

Around 20 folks went on Doug's MLK weekend outing to the coast in Jan. Some highlights gleaned from S.Shultz, *et.al.* included the following:

A **Golden Eagle** and **Black-headed Gull** at L. Mattamuskeet; single **Black-legged Kittiwake**, **Thayer's Gull** and **Little Gull**, and several **Common Eider** at Oregon Inlet; and **Razorbills** at Hatteras Island. Despite some harsh weather and winds, another fine bird list.

Hard To Imagine...

As of early January the Minnesota Ornithologists' Union had already reported over **1300 Great Gray Owls**, **200 Northern Hawk Owls**, and **300 Boreal Owls** in that state for the winter season -- waaaaay more than usual! One good webpage on the owl irruption is:

<http://www.lauraerickson.com/Birds/GotOwls.html>

(The Pennsylvania appearance of a Great Gray had some NC birders drooling for a road trip... though, so far as I know, none made the chase as reports ceased.)

....and Now For Some Frigid Arctic Humor:

Q. What's black and white, black and white, black and white, then black and blue?

A. A penguin falling down the stairs.

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Carolina Whoops!

Bob Russell with US Fish and Wildlife released this exciting report on Jan. 20 :

"I am excited to forward the information that 10 of the 47 introduced Whooping Cranes in the eastern experimental population are wintering in the Carolinas... on protected sites but some wandering has occurred so keep your eyes open... no sites will be given out at this time to assure a safe wintering season for these valuable birds. Any verified reports of Whoopers should be phoned into U.S. Fish and Wildlife biologist Richard Urbanek at 352-795-5417 or E-mail him at Richard_Urbanek@fws.gov. Numbers like this probably haven't occurred in the Carolinas since the 19th century...For those interested in knowing more about the project you can look on the Internet under International Crane Foundation or Project Migration. If birds are encountered please do not disturb them and let them forage in peace. Imprinting them with humans is to be avoided at all cost... Just knowing that a beautiful creature has returned to the Carolinas is enough for many of us at the moment." [Indeeeed! ~ ed.]

Jordan and Falls Lakes Christmas Bird Counts

Summary of Jordan L. CBC From compiler Norm Budnitz:

The Jordan Lake CBC was held on January 2, 2005—a mild winter day with mostly clear skies, moderate temperatures, and no precipitation. Counters identified 96 species, as compared to our average of 92 for the preceding ten years. Our total of 22,963 individual birds was up from last year, reflecting an increase in Ring-billed Gulls. Ring-billed seem to move around quite a bit, and their numbers influence our total count dramatically. We had 58 birders (10-year average: 61) in 24 parties (average: 22) who counted for 140 party-hours (average: 142). That's approximately 164 birds per party-hour (average: 137).

Though no one turned up an Empidonax flycatcher (!) this year, several unusual birds were reported. Brian Bockhahn found what he thought was an Eared Grebe at Ebenezer Point, but it was so far away that he was hesitant to call it. But when Will Cook got a better look in the afternoon, he found two Eareds. Brian did make a positive ID of a Forster's Tern. This is the 3rd occurrence of this species in the past 10 years. Brian and Will took digiscope photos of these birds—a technique that certainly helps for convincing the regional editor who makes the final acceptance decision on rare species.

Judy Teague, Karen and Joe Bearden, and Angelo Capparella found a Spotted Sandpiper, only the second occurrence of this species on our count, but the first was last year (global warming?!). And Harold Carter added a new species—two Redheads. It seemed like it was just a matter of time before this species showed up, but it took Harold's diligence (9.5 hours in the field, 2 of them on a bicycle) to make it official.

A few other good finds this year: Gadwall (Will Cook), American Wigeon (Loren Hintz, Margaret Vimmerstedt), Northern Harrier (Lena Gallitano, Robert Rybczynski, Doug Shadwick, and Andy Upshaw, Rouse Wilson), Northern Shoveler (the Beardens, Capparella, Teague), American Woodcock (Bob Chase, Lee van Malssen, and Gallitano, Rybczynski, Shadwick). With all the reports of Red-breasted Nuthatches this fall, it seems we were lucky to turn up 4 individuals (Will Cook, Tom Howard, Mark Smith).

Notable numbers. Six new record highs this year: Red-shouldered Hawk—40 (previous high was 33); Herring Gull—92 (57); White-breasted Nuthatch—52 (48); Brown-headed Nuthatch—156 (149); Carolina Wren—418 (310); Ruby-crowned Kinglet—619 (539). Kudos. Lena Gallitano, Robert Rybczynski, and Doug Shadwick

topped the species count with 58, followed by Will Cook with 56. For the record: We had 58 birders in 24 parties. We put in 140 party hours (115 on foot, 23 by car, 2 by bicycle), 272 miles (87 on foot, 170 by car, 15 by bicycle), and 7 hours and 5.5 miles owling.

Summary of Falls L. CBC from Brian Bockhahn:

The Falls Lake CBC was held on January 3, 2005 with mostly sunny skies and temperatures reaching 70 degrees. Final tally was 93 species, our second best total for 7 years (average is 89), not bad inland. There were 23 counters in 14 parties. We had one new CBC record, an Eared Grebe seen by Gordon Brown in between Rollingview and Sandling Beach. This was a day after the sighting of two at Jordan Lake. Second CBC sighting records were: a single Osprey spotted by Nathan Tarr in Deborah Robertson's group; one of the two Rufous Hummingbirds banded by Susan Campbell last year showed up at the same feeders in north Raleigh on count day; and Patrick Murphy found a Lincoln's Sparrow along a power line near the lake.

Other good finds was only our third Northern Bobwhite by Gordon Brown; our third count day record of American Woodcock set by Brian Bockhahn; Sterling Southern found 3 Ruddy Duck for only our third count day record. We also had our fourth record Gray Catbird; third report of 7 Purple Finches; two parties reporting Red-winged Blackbirds for our fourth count day record. And as usual, our landfill crew reported Fish Crow and both Lesser and Greater Black-backed Gulls. Lessers and Greaters were also reported at the main lake form Rollingview and Olive Church game lands in the big gull flock. High counts: as expected with this year's fallout, six parties reported 11 Red-breasted Nuthatches; three parties reported 5 Blue-headed Vireos; and the warm temps had brought out 11 displaying American Woodcock. Low counts: with the weather being warm it was no surprise to only find 4 Loons and 2 Horned Grebes, I guess they all went to Kerr Lake; only two parties reported Cedar Waxwings; Misses: Common Snipe, Red-headed Woodpecker and House Wren.

Some Area Sightings

****Jan. 2** -- not local, but OF NOTE: On a trip to Olympia, WA. our own Kent Fiala was among 100's who observed the first-ever west coast sighting of a nomadic Eurasian **Redwing**. The bird was first seen on Dec. 20 and was STILL being seen in late Jan.!

--Dec. 31 -- Tom Krakauer reports that a lone **Snow Goose** has been hanging out at Quail Roost off Roxboro Rd. in N. Durham County.

--early Jan. -- Martha Harris has a juvenile **Baltimore Oriole** customer at her Durham feeder. (numerous Oriole reports have come in this winter around the Triangle).

Also, **Eared Grebes** were seen off Ebenezer Pt., Jordan Lake (per B.Bockhahn, W.Cook, and later, R.Davis), and a lone, late, lost(???) **Great Egret** hung out at West Lake in Raleigh for many to see.

--Jan. 5 -- 2 **Common Loons** reported on Lake Johnson, Raleigh.

--Jan. 8 -- A **Merlin** is seen at Little Creek Impoundment off Hwy. 54. Also, a single **Snow Bunting** reported at Anderson Pt. Park, Raleigh.

--Jan. 9 -- Brian Bockham reports a **Forster's Tern** and **Red-breasted Merganser** at Sandling Beach, Falls Lake, as well as numerous **Red-breasted Nuthatches** around the Lake.

--Jan. 16 -- R. Davis, H. Legrand, and J. Pippen spot a **Black-headed Gull** at Jordan Lake.

Dave Osborn reports a lone **Snow Bunting** at his feeder in Zebulon.

--Jan. 18 -- In addition to a couple of **Baltimore Orioles**, Judy Murray has an **Audubon's Warbler** (western form of Yellow-rumped) appear at her Chapel Hill feeder.

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--Jan. 19-20 -- Sue McBean and Greg Schneider find a **SANDHILL CRANE** at the New Hope Overlook boat ramp at Jordan Lake (Chatham Co. NC) on the 19th; then around noon of the 20th, Jeremy Hyman of Duke spots a Sandhill flying over central Durham.

--Jan. 20 -- Patrick Murphy reports a **Greater Black-backed Gull** off the Seaforth area of Jordan Lake.

--Jan. 22 -- from Steve Shultz: a single **Common Loon** off Ebenezer, Jordan L. 2 **Redheads** at L. Crabtree; **Greater Scaup** mixed in with Lessers and Ring-necks at Brier Creek; 5 **Canvasback** on Dutchman Downs' pond in Cary, and 15 Canvasback on West Lake Pond with Ring-neck, Wigeon, and H. Merganser.

J. Pippen, D. Carter, and H. Legrand sort through 20,000+ gulls at Raleigh landfill (off Durant) to find a **CALIFORNIA GULL** and a few **Lesser** and **Greater Black-backs**.

Good numbers of winter waterfowl, including Horned Grebes, being seen by end of Jan. at both Falls and Jordan Lakes, and of note in the backyard dept. several folks reporting Pine Siskins at feeders.

>> Volunteers Sought <<

The Piedmont Wildlife Center, which rehabilitates injured and orphaned wildlife, including many birds each year, is seeking volunteers for its Durham facility (Parkwood area). Animal caretakers, administrative/clerical help, and wildlife transporters are among the many needs. Training is provided. Donations of funds or equipment are of course also appreciated. If you'd like to be involved, contact the Center at:

www.piedmontwildlifecenter.org or 968-8557

...AND

Bald Eagles have nested successfully at Lake Crabtree Park the last 2 years. Anyone who'd like to help monitor this year's eagles' nest at the park can contact Ass't. Park Manager Deborah Robertson, at 919-460-2723.

THE QUIZ AREA

(answers at end of page)

Scrambled Eggs, er, uhhh... Birds:

(unscramble these bird names; ex. ornib = robin)

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|------------|----------------|
| 1. NETANG | 6. BACTRID |
| 2. DIGTOW | 7. GLINRATS |
| 3. SURGEO | 8. CAVEOT |
| 4. VORPEL | 9. BROSTALAS |
| 5. GUNNIPE | 10. AMOLKEWARD |

How fast can you combine the words in column A and B to come up with 10 North American bird names (ex.: bob + white = bobwhite; not all words from column B will be used. (...actually, it's even *more* fun to invent your own fictional birds!)

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| A. | B. |
| 1. king | a. runner |
| 2. meadow | b. deer |
| 3. road | c. hopper |
| 4. red | d. hawk |
| 5. fly | e. bill |
| 6. nut | f. legs |
| 7. night | g. flyer |
| 8. cross | h. fisher |
| 9. kill | i. hatch |
| 10. yellow | j. eater |
| | k. catcher |
| | l. start |
| | m. lark |

Wilson's Legacies: Five North American birds are named for the famous early ornithologist Alexander Wilson. Can you name them all?

Home Sweet Home: Pale Male and Lola Update

Pale Male and mate Lola, the famous NY City Red-tailed Hawks, have been regularly visiting their old nest site 12 floors up on a Manhattan townhouse and dropping off sticks on the new platform constructed just for them... to the delight of their many fans.

Check Out Those Gulls

It was one year ago this month that a lone Glaucous Gull was found at Jordan Lake and seen by many over the next few days.

And At the Coast

Unusual numbers of rare "Alcids" are appearing along the Atlantic coast this winter (some as far south as the Carolinas), including Black Guillemots, Common and Thick-billed Murres, Dovekies, and Razorbills.

Hmmm... Gotta Spare \$175,000?

According to David Bird's The Bird Almanac that's the highest price ever paid for a live bird, a White Saker Falcon.

Parting Words...

"You can observe a lot just by watching." ~ Yogi Berra

Quiz Answers:

'Scrambled birds': 1.gannet, 2.godwit, 3.grouse, 4.plover, 5.penguin, 6.catbird, 7.starling, 8.avocet, 9.albatross, 10. meadowlark
 'Bird names': 1h, 2m, 3a, 4l, 5k, 6i, 7d, 8e, 9b, 10f
 'Wilson's birds': Wilson's Storm Petrel, W. Plover, W. Warbler, W. Phalarope, and W. Snipe.

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Visit the CHBC on the Web at:

<http://www.duke.edu/~cwcook/chbc>

Also, Will Cook's homepage is an excellent general source of birding and nature-related links/resources: (go [here](#) also to join 'Carolinabirds' listserv group)

<http://www.duke.edu/~cwcook>

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Addendum -- Yearly Sighting Summary:

Will Cook has sent along the following summary of 2004 area sightings :

- 1/3/04 - Northern Shoveler (14) - Mapleview pond, Dairyland Rd., Orange Co. - Ginger Travis
 1/4/04 - Merlin (1) - Rollingview, Falls Lake, Durham Co. - Brian Bockhahn. On Falls Lake CBC.
 1/8/04 - Baltimore Oriole (1) - Durham - John Frederick
 1/11/04 - Mute Swan (1) - Falls Lake (seen in both Durham and Wake Cos.) - Brian Bockhahn
 1/14/04 - Gray Catbird (1) - Eno R State Park
 1/28/04 - Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (1) - yard in Durham - Pat Coin
 2/2/04 - Rufous Hummingbird (1 adult female) - downtown Hillsborough - Susan Campbell. Banded on 2/2 but present since October at the Faherty's feeder. Was originally banded by Gary Phillips in Murrell's Inlet, SC on 1/26/2003 as a juvenile.
 2/3/04 - Baltimore Oriole (1) - Carrboro - Stephanie Padilla
 2/4/04 - Purple Finch (82) - Duke Forest, Orange Co. - Jeff Pippen
 2/9/04 - Great Black-backed Gull (1), Tree Swallow (1) - Hickory Hill boat ramp, Falls Lake, Durham Co. - Brian Bockhahn
 2/14/04 - Common Merganser (1) - Lake Crabtree, Raleigh - Clyde Smith
 2/14/04 - PAINTED BUNTING (1 ad male) - corner of Revere Road and McCormick, Durham - Erik Coonrad, fide Chris Canfield
 2/15/04 - GLAUCOUS GULL (1 ad) - Jordan Lake - Haven Wiley. Seen by many observers through 2/17.
 2/21/04 - LITTLE GULL (1 ad) - Ebenezer Pt, Jordan Lake - Ricky Davis. This is the second Little Gull that's been seen from Ebenezer. The first was 10 years ago, also by Ricky Davis!
 2/27/04 - House Wren (1) - Chapel Hill - Rob Gluck
 3/4/04 - Greater Scaup (14) - Briar Cr Res, Wake Co. - Erik Thomas
 3/6/04 - Eurasian Collared Dove (1) - Clayton, Johnston Co. - Clyde Sorenson

- 3/7/04 - Gray Catbird (1) - Durham - Dan Kaplan
 3/7/04 - Forster's Tern (1) - Ebenezer Pt, Jordan Lake - Doug Shadwick. Also Purple Martins at Martha's Chapel Road.
 3/8/04 - MISSISSIPPI KITE (3) - Knap of Reeds, Falls Lake, Granville Co. - Brian Bockhahn
 3/15/04 - Louisiana Waterthrush (1) - Little R, Durham Co. - Janet Krakauer
 3/26/04 - Hooded Warbler (1), Northern Parula (1) - Chatham Co. - Jill Froning. Earliest Hooded on record.
 4/1/04 - Ovenbird (1) - Chatham Co. - Shelley Theye
 4/1/04 - Cape May Warbler (1) - Durham - Karen Stirrup. Coming to suet feeder daily through 4/5/04.
 4/5/04 - Black-throated Blue Warbler (1 male) - Old Greensboro Rd., Orange Co. - Jane Brinkley
 4/5/04 - Ruby-throated Hummingbird (1) - Chatham Co. - Juan Pons
 4/6/04 - Red-breasted Nuthatch (1)- Chatham Co. - Shelley Theye
 4/7/04 - Broad-winged Hawk (1) - Hillsborough - Greg Dodge
 4/7/04 - Black-throated Green Warbler (1) - Durham - Josh Rose
 4/8/04 - Hooded Warbler (1) - Orange Co. - Ginger Travis
 4/9/04 - Black-throated Green Warbler (1) - Boothe Hill Rd, Chatham Co. - Shelley Theye
 4/10/04 -Scarlet Tanager (1 male) - Chatham Co. - Jill Froning
 4/10/04 - Snow Bunting (1 male, breeding plumage) - Zebulon, Wake Co. - Dave Osborn. Nice yard bird!
 4/11/04 - Great Egret (2) - Cleland Ave. pond, Chapel Hill - Rob Gluck
 4/11/04 - Blue-winged Teal (1) - Durham Co. - Pat Coin
 4/13/04 - Northern Harrier (1) - Orange Co. - Ginger Travis
 4/18/04 - Common Loon (1, breeding plumage) - Jordan Lake - Monica Nees
 4/22/04 - Bonaparte's Gull (2), Blackpoll Warbler (1) - Sandling Beach, Falls Lake, Wake Co. - Brian Bockhahn
 4/22/04 - Blue-winged Teal (2) - Northeast Creek impdt, Chatham Co. - Sandy Cash
 4/25/04 - Sanderling (2) - Falls Lake - Sandy Cash. On Durham Spring Bird Count.
 4/25/04 - Lincoln's Sparrow (1) - Old Oxford Hwy, Durham Co. - Will Cook
 4/28/04 - Peregrine Falcon (2) - Durham - Sandy Cash
 4/30/04 - Virginia Rail - found dead, Kangaroo St., Durham - Esther Krigbaum.
 5/2/04 - Great Egret (1) - Little Creek Impdt on 54, Durham Co. - Rob Gluck
 5/2/04 - American Avocet (1), Common Merganser (2), Laughing Gull (2), Bonaparte's Gull (2), Herring Gull (1) - Sandling Beach, Falls Lake, Wake Co. - Brian Bockhahn
 5/3/04 - Bank Swallow (6), Hermit Thrush (1), American Woodcock (1), Broad-winged Hawk (1), Palm Warbler (1), Worm-eating Warbler (1) - Falls Lake - Brian Bockhahn
 5/6/04 - Least Flycatcher (1) - Eno R State Park - Harry LeGrand
 5/7/04 - Gray-cheeked Thrush (1) - Chatham Co. - Sandy Cash
 5/8/04 - Warbling Vireo (2) - Anilorac Farm, Orange Co. - Rob Tiller & Bob Rybczynski
 5/8/04 - Hermit Thrush (1) - Stagecoach Rd, Durham Co. - Rob Tiller & Bob Rybczynski
 5/9/04 - Ruddy Duck (1 male in breeding plumage) - Clark Lake, Durham Co. - Betty King et al. on Spring Count. Also seen 5/10/04 by Will Cook.
 5/15/04 - Swainson's Thrush (1) - Duke Gardens - Cynthia Fox

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5/17/04 - Mississippi Kite (1) - Neuse River Trail, Wake Co. - Clyde Smith

5/19/04 - American White Pelican (6) - Poplar Point, Jordan Lake - Mark Flaugher. Photographed. Also photographed on 5/20/04 by Troy Roberson

6/6/04 - Budgerigar (1) - Brickhouse Rd., Durham Co. - Amalie Tuffin
6/24/04 - Cedar Waxwing (2) - Orange Co. - Shantanu Phukan

7/4/04 - Great Egret (1) - Jordan Lake - Ginger Travis & Ronni Gardner

7/17/04 - MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD (1), Broad-winged Hawk (1) - Sandling Beach, Falls Lake, Wake Co. - Brian Bockhahn. First record for the area! Relocated and photographed on 7/18 near the I-85 bridge and at Rollingview, Durham Co.

8/10/04 - Black-throated Green Warbler (1) - Orange Co. - Ginger Travis

8/14/04 - Black Tern (8) - Jordan Lake - Norm Budnitz & Mike Schultz. Possibly related to Hurricane Charley

8/14/04 - Black Tern (1), Bobolinks - Mapleview Farm pond, Orange Co. - Doug Shadwick

8/14/04 - Bank Swallow (1), Bobolinks - Anilorac Farm, Orange Co. - Doug Shadwick

8/16/04 - Common Raven (2) - Fuquay-Varina, Wake Co. - Charles Boyer. Also seen 8/18/04.

8/16/04 - Common Raven (1) - I-40 between the New Hope Church Rd and Airport Rd exits, Orange Co - Kent Fiala

8/21/04 - YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD (1 first-w male) - Cane Creek Reservoir, Orange Co. - Doug Shadwick. With flock of 50 cowbirds.

8/22/04 - American Kestrel (1) - Durham ball park - Cynthia Fox

8/28/04 - Caspian Tern (1), Cedar Waxwing (1) - Cane Creek Res, Orange Co. - Cynthia Fox, Jacob Socolar

8/30/04 - Caspian Tern (1), Laughing Gull (5) - Falls Lake, Durham Co. - Will Cook. Probably related to Tropical Storm Gaston

9/15/04 - Traill's Flycatcher (Willow/Alder) (1) - Indian Trail Park, Durham - Dan Kaplan

9/16/04 - Willow Flycatcher (1) - Little River, Durham Co. - Tom & Janet Krakauer. Seen and heard calling.

9/18/04 - SABINE'S GULL (1), Philadelphia Vireo (2) - Jordan Lake - Will Cook. On Chatham Co. Fall Count. Sabine's probably related to Hurricane Ivan.

9/19/04 - Marbled Godwit (1) - Lake Crabtree, Raleigh - Steve Shultz

9/28/04 - Semipalmated Plover (1) - Jordan Lake - Jeff Pippen. Possibly related to Hurricane Jeanne.

9/28/04 - Laughing Gull (5), Forster's Tern (1), Barn Swallow (1) - Jordan Lake - Steve Shultz. Possibly related to Hurricane Jeanne.

9/28/04 - LEAST BITTERN (1) - downtown Durham - Dave Owen & Josie McNeil. Photographed.

10/1/04 - Red-eyed Vireo (1), Black-throated Blue Warbler (1), Scarlet Tanager (2) - Orange Co. - Ginger Travis

10/1/04 - Chimney Swift (1000) - Franklin St. Post Office, Chapel Hill - Rob Gluck

10/3/04 - Nashville Warbler (1) - Little River, Durham Co. - Tom & Janet Krakauer

10/5/04 - Gray-cheeked Thrush (2) - Chatham Co. - Shelley Theye

10/6/04 - Mourning Warbler (1) - Little River, Durham Co. - Tom & Janet Krakauer

10/9/04 - Lesser Black-backed Gull (1 ad) - Sandling Beach, Falls Lake, Wake Co. - Doug Shadwick & CHBC

10/10/04 - Lesser Black-backed Gull (1), Forster's Tern (1) - Sandling Beach, Falls Lake, Wake Co. - Brian Bockhahn

10/10/04 - Lincoln's Sparrow (1) - Durham Co. - Mike Skakuj

10/15/04 - Merlin (1) - Durham - Bruce Young

10/21/04 - Chimney Swift (200) - Northern High School, Durham - Randy Emmitt

10/24/04 - FRANKLIN'S GULL (2, 1st-winter and juvenile), Laughing Gull (4), Common Loon (20) - Ebenezer Pt, Jordan Lake - Ricky Davis. First area record for Franklin's Gull!

10/24/04 - Broad-winged Hawk (1, imm) - Big Woods Rd, Chatham Co. - Bob Rybczynski

10/25/04 - Tennessee Warbler (1) - Mason Farm - Lucretia Kinney

10/26/04 - Fox Sparrow (1) - Little River, Durham Co. - Tom & Janet Krakauer

10/30/04 - Common Raven (2) - Borland Rd., Orange Co. - Kent Fiala. Nice addition to the yard list!

11/1/04 - LARK SPARROW (1), Pine Siskin (2) - cemetery on UNC campus, Chapel Hill - Alan Kneidel. The Lark Sparrow was with Chipping Sparrows; photographed.

11/1/04 - Pine Siskin (12) - Durham - fide Cynthia Fox

11/1/04 - Fox Sparrow (1) - Durham - Mike Skakuj

11/1/04 - Purple Finch (2) - Durham Co. - Tom & Janet Krakauer

11/3/04 - Mute Swan (9) - pond in NE Orange Co. - Barb Brooks. Also seen on 12/10/04.

11/4/04 - Purple Finch (6) - Chatham Co. - Shelley Theye

11/5/04 - Pine Siskin (1) - Chatham Co. - Shelley Theye

11/8/04 - Lesser Scaup (3) - Maple View pond, Orange Co. - Mel Hochhalter

11/13/04 - Black Scoter (5), Surf Scoter (2), White-winged Scoter (1), Red-breasted Merganser (1) - Ebenezer Pt, Jordan Lake - Ricky Davis

11/13/04 - Eared Grebe (1), Spotted Sandpiper (1) - Lake Crabtree, Raleigh - Ricky Davis

11/13/04 - Osprey (1), Laughing Gull (2) - Jordan Lake - Will Cook

11/21/04 - Orange-crowned Warbler (1), Common Yellowthroat (1) - Brickhouse Rd., Durham Co. - Norm Budnitz, Patsy Bailey, Judy Murray

11/22/04 - Common Raven (1) - Duke campus, Durham - Will Cook

11/30/04 - Rusty Blackbird (300) - Durham - Richard Carter

12/4/04 - Spotted Sandpiper (1) - Lake Crabtree, Raleigh - Rob Gluck

12/6/04 - Common Loon (22), Red-breasted Merganser (33), Great Black-backed Gull (1), Lesser Black-backed Gull (1) - Falls Lake - Brian Bockhahn

12/11/04 - Common Raven (2) - NC 54, Orange Co. - Bob Rybczynski, CHBC trip

12/12/04 - Common Raven (2) - NC 54, Orange Co. - Derb Carter

12/17/04 - Summer Tanager (1) - Arnette Ave., Durham - Oliver and Joanne Ferguson. Coming to suet feeder. Also seen 12/18/04.

12/18/04 - Rufous Hummingbird (1 imm fem) - Durham - Gail Schwoerke. Banded by Susan Campbell on 12/30/04.

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