

# THE BULLETIN...



## Chapel Hill Bird Club

April 2005

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>>**NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 25**  
**Program: "Birding Peru"**

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

**Who/What:** This month's meeting continues the travelogue theme with two of the Triangle's most knowledgeable and enthusiastic birders, Derb Carter (see below) and Jeff Pippen, telling us about birding in Peru.

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**\*\*Derb Carter Honored\*\***

Worth noting: one of our April speakers, attorney Derb Carter, was recently named 2004 "Conservationist of the Year" in NC (the state's most prestigious environmental honor) for his work with the Southern Environmental Law Center (Chapel Hill), including combatting the Navy's attempts to construct an outlying landing field in prime wildlife habitat in eastern NC.

WELL-DESERVED!!



### Gotta Luv 'em!

By the time you receive this newsletter hummingbirds, favorites for almost everyone, will be back in our midst looking for places to grab a quick meal. If you don't already have your sugar water feeder(s) up and filled.... GET TO IT, and enjoy the show!

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>> **New CHBC Web Address** <<

Please note that Will Cook's webpage for the Chapel Hill Bird Club has a NEW URL address (as given in *Bulletin* heading above).

### To :

*No. 4*

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

"I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived."

~ Henry David Thoreau

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~ **Saturday Morning Field Trips** ~

The last regular local field trip for awhile will be Saturday April 16, leaving from Glen Lennox Shopping Center parking lot off Hwy 54 promptly at 7:30 am. (for further details call Doug at 942-0479), after which area spring bird counts begin on April 24 (see below).

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**In the Spring A Young (...or Old) Birder's Fancy Turns to Thoughts of...**

**COUNTS!!** -- Spring bird counts are right around the corner. Locally, you have a mere six(!) to choose from (even if you've never done a count before you'll be teamed with someone who knows the ropes, so join in.) :

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|--|----|
| <b>Durham, Sun. April 24,</b> contact Mike Schultz       | H  |
| ross.gull@verizon.net, 919-490-6761                      | A  |
|  | P  |
| <b>Falls Lake, Wed. April 27,</b> contact Brian Bockhahn | P  |
| cbockhahn4@earthlink.net, 919-676-1027                   | Y  |
|  |    |
| <b>Kerr Lake, Thur. April 28,</b> contact Brian Bockhahn | C  |
|  | O  |
| <b>Chapel Hill, Sun., May 1,</b> contact Will Cook       | U  |
| cwcook@duke.edu, 919-382-9134                            | N  |
|  | T  |
| <b>Jordan Lake, Sun. May 8,</b> contact Carol Williamson | I  |
| cncbrdr@yahoo.com, 919-383-2364                          | N  |
|  | G  |
| <b>Wake County, Sat. May 14,</b> contact John Connors    | !! |
| John.Connors@ncmail.net, 919-755-0253                    |    |

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**The Second Law of Birding:** There are two sides to every tree; the side facing you and the side the bird is on.

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



Dan Kaplan (A.B.Harvard, M.D. UNC) is about as true-blue a Chapel Hill Bird Clubber as it gets, having grown up in Chapel Hill, and first becoming a Club member as a youngster (~11 y.o.) around 1974. He is this month's first profile:

Today Dan still resides in the Triangle with his wife and 2 children, and works in medicine at Duke. He specifically asked that his profile acknowledge some of those who encouraged and helped his birding habit along the way: Eric, Jay, and Lois Garner, Jim McConnell, Norm Budnitz, Barbara Roth, and Bill and Margaret Wagner -- there are probably many CHBCers who were nudged along their birding path by names on this list.

Some of Dan's favorite local birding spots are Butner Gamelands, W. Ellerbee Creek trail (Durham), and Buckeye Greenway Trail (Raleigh). He has travelled much, accounting for his world life list of 1675 species (ABA=711, NC=350), and additional favorite locales are in Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and South Africa. Despite all that, one elusive bird still on his wish-list is the Northern Pygmy Owl, and oddly enough he cites as his greatest birding thrill, not a sighting from some exotic locale, but right here in his home state: "9 Swallow-tailed Kites hawking insects over a field in Bladen County in summer '04." I guess even in birding, sometimes there's no place like home.

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Edith Tatum is another home-grown birder born-and-raised in Orange County by parents who early on instilled and encouraged an interest in nature. She took up birding more seriously 32 years ago upon moving into her still Durham home and finding a feeder left behind by previous owners. Edith has been with CHBC off-and-on since the 1980's, and for many years led bird walks at Eno River State Park (still one of her favorite locales). She also enjoys winter get-aways to Lake Mattamuskeet.

Her favorite local birds include Chickadees, Brown-headed Nuthatches, Red-headed Woodpeckers and all the thrushes. She's hoping some day for a GOOD look at an American Bittern, having once nearly stepped on one only to be reliant on others for identification of the blur of wings that followed. Her interest in flying creatures carries over to Dragonflies and Damselflies which she'll be looking for this summer leading walks at Occoneechee in Hillsborough.

Edith's biggest birding thrill goes back to 1971 and the vivid memory of a large bird diving repeatedly into a neighbor's pond. She stopped her car and what turned out to be an Osprey finally succeeded in its efforts and then flew with a "look of determination" directly in front of her windshield with a large fish "writhing in its talons" and fish scales sparkling in the sunlight. Interesting how often our most memorable thrills, involve neither a recent nor unusual sighting so much as some early very 'close encounter of the bird kind!'

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## ...Now For Some TLC

I asked Karen Bearden, who volunteers with several local groups, to tell readers about one of her favorite non-profit conservation organizations, The Triangle Land Conservancy. Here is her report:

Triangle Land Conservancy (TLC) is our local land trust, covering a six-county region: Wake, Orange, Durham, Lee, Johnston, and Chatham Counties. Founded in 1983, TLC has grown from an all-volunteer start-up to a professionally organized staff of 11. Because our area has grown so much in the past 50 years, we're losing our forests and open space at a rapid pace. TLC's mission is to "protect our open space -- stream corridors, forests, wildlife habitat, farmland, and natural areas -- to help keep our region a healthy and vibrant place to live."

To date TLC has protected 56 sites covering over 7,000 acres, with more to come this year! TLC achieves it's goals by identifying the most significant and threatened lands in the region (five priority areas are along Mark's Creek, New Hope Creek, Deep River, Neuse River Lowgrounds, and Little River); planning with local governments, organizations, and individuals; conserving the lands through direct acquisition or conservation easements (like around Mapleview Farms on Dairyland Road); and promoting positive land conservation methods.

I started volunteering and supporting TLC because of my passion to protect the environment for the birds I love. The staff is a true joy to work with, all great friends, sharing a passion to protect our environment. They make you feel appreciated for the little things you do. I help in the office with mailings and phone calls. Joe and I are site stewards at one of TLC's sites, Temple Flat Rock, which means we go to the site at least quarterly to make sure everything looks okay. TLC is attempting to restore the prairie that once occurred at Temple Flat Rock. We were excited to see bluebirds in the field for the first time last month. Field Sparrows sing on territory. We've also accidentally flushed some Northern Bobwhite on our walks. Joe and I also lead occasional bird walks to other TLC sites.

You, too, can volunteer and support TLC! I know you would enjoy it as much as we do! To find out more call the office at 919-833-3662 or go to the website at [www.tlc-nc.org](http://www.tlc-nc.org).

(If anyone else out there would like to write up a bird or conservation-oriented non-profit group that they feel passionate about, please let me know. ~ Ed.)

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## Jamaica Birding

Another one of our world-travelling members, is Alan Johnston who sent along this report of a birding excursion to Jamaica last November:

This past Thanksgiving we decided to escape the early winter with a 5-day trip to Jamaica, our first visit to this interesting birding destination. One of our standard techniques for planning a trip that includes both birding and general eco-tourism is to look through the

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birding brochures, pick an interesting hotel frequented by birders, and then make the arrangements ourselves, since we prefer to travel on our own schedule. All of the Jamaican birding tours seemed to head for the unspoiled eastern region – the Blue Mountains, Port Antonio, and the John Crow Mountains. The obvious choice was the Hotel Mockingbird Hill (www.hotelmockingbirdhill.com). This small, delightful hotel recently won the Caribbean Hotel Association’s award for the best small “green” hotel. The weather was perfect, our room had a panoramic view over Port Antonio and the Caribbean, the Mille Fleurs Restaurant at the hotel was outstanding, and the owners were very helpful in arranging for several birding trips from the hotel.

Best of all, the birding turned out to be quite exciting. Although the Jamaica bird list includes only 320 species, 28 of those are endemics, the most of any of the Caribbean countries. In contrast, Kenya, with 1137 total species has only 7 endemics, and the U.S. lower 48 states have only 13 endemics among the total of 940 species (Clements, 5th edition, updated 2004). During our five days we managed to find 25 of the 28 endemics. Seventeen of these we found on our own. One morning, a park ranger, Ryan Love, from the John Crow and Blue Mountains National Park, was able to help us locate eight of the more elusive species. Our favorites, in no special order, were Jamaican Tody (known locally as the “Rasta Bird” with his bright green, red and yellow colors), Red and Black Streamertails (the most numerous birds, flitting everywhere), Jamaican Blackbird (with its striking eyebrow tufts), Jamaican Mango, Jamaican Lizard Cuckoo, Orangequit (to go along with the Bananaquit, naturally), Chestnut-bellied Cuckoo, Jamaican Stripe-headed Tanager, and Jamaican Oriole. It was also an unexpected pleasure to see so many of “our” wood-warblers acting so differently on their wintering grounds – in the tropics they seem to be much tamer, and are found much lower down in the trees and on small bushes. The first morning we actually counted 18 different bird species on one small tree in front of our hotel. Alas, Thanksgiving dinner featured fresh seafood rather than turkey, but we couldn’t have been happier with our choice for a winter break.

**And Brazil, Anyone???**

Awhile back, Rob Bierregaard (704-333-2405) of UNC-Charlotte posted the following offer on ‘Carolinabirds’ for anyone interested in a birding excursion to Brazil in June:

“I’m putting together a small group (8-12) of birders and nature watchers to travel to Brazil for a 9-day trip this June (4th-13th). We will visit the Amazon rainforest and the vast Pantanal, the world’s largest fresh-water wetlands. Details are on my website under Amazon tours: (http://www.bioweb.uncc.edu/bierregaard).

Travel costs include a contribution to Audubon NC, Carolina Raptor Center, or Catawba Lands Conservancy. We’re likely to see 300 species of birds on the trip. Cost will be under \$3K from Miami, including the conservation contribution and all costs except ethanol-related drinks.”

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**Some Area Sightings**

THE ‘Bird-of-the-Month’ was a lone SANDHILL CRANE that hung out near a corn field in Guilford Cty. for most of March ‘posting’ for birders from all around who stopped by for closeup looks.

Mar. 12 -- Little Gull seen on Jordan L. off Big Woods Rd. A pair of Blue Wing Teal & 1 male Green Wing Teal seen at Little Creek Impoundment (hwy 54).

Mar. 13 & 23 -- Continuing the spotty string of local Common Raven sightings David Ross twice reports one flying over north Durham.

Mar. 16 -- Mike Schultz spots an Orange-crowned Warbler in his Durham backyard.

Mar. 18 -- Marvin Morales reports a Cape May Warbler in Carrboro, while G.Yellowlegs, Spotted Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, C.Snipe, Rough-winged Swallows, and Blue-winged Teal are among the birds reported at Lake Crabtree Park by Doug Shadwick.

Mar. 23 -- Jacob Socolar reports a La. Waterthrush in Duke Forest. And on the 26th Jacob reports N.Shovelers, N.Harriers, Kestrels, Turkeys, Tree Swallows Meadowlarks, and Rusty Blackbirds out Dairyland Rd.-way in Orange County.

Mar. 25 -- Mike Swaim reports the presence of EURASION COLLARED DOVES at the NC Forestry Station off Big Woods Rd., Chatham County.

Mar. 26 -- Carol Williamson reports a Parula Warbler at her Durham home.

Mar. 27 -- Chimney Swifts back in Chapel Hill area.

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**Quiz Corner** (answers at end of page 4)

It’s warbler season so a couple of questions this month adapted from Jack Connor’s The Complete Birder on these wonderful migrants.

Connor proposes several memory cues to describe the look or behavior of a number of eastern warblers. Can you match his memory cue (column A) with the warbler being characterized (column B):

A.

B.

- |                            |                        |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. ‘nuthatch’ warbler      | a. Common Yellowthroat |
| 2. ‘kinglet’ warbler       | b. Ovenbird            |
| 3. ‘canary’ warbler        | c. Black-and-white W.  |
| 4. ‘thrush’ warbler        | d. Yellow-rumped W.    |
| 5. ‘raccoon-faced’ warbler | e. Parula W.           |
| 6. ‘butterfly’ warbler     | f. Yellow W.           |
| 7. ‘ubiquitous’ warbler    | g. Redstart            |

Half of the following warblers tend to favor the higher latitudes of foliage while the other half favor lower levels. Divide them into their respective groups:

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|----------------|-----------------|
| Blackburnian   | Palm            |
| Cerulean       | Parula          |
| Chestnut-sided | Swainson’s      |
| Connecticut    | Tennessee       |
| Kentucky       | Worm-eating     |
| Ovenbird       | Yellow-throated |

## Further Pale Male Update

Pale Male, one half of the most-observed raptor-pair in the world, made the cover of the March/April edition of Audubon Magazine which included a feature article on N.Y. City's famous avian residents. Thanks to the fervent efforts of countless fans worldwide the pair is once again nesting at their posh Manhattan penthouse. Their story, as followed in various internet websites, blogs, and photos is a heartwarmer and testament to just how passionate people can become about nature when a single individual (and his mate) touches their work-a-day lives.

## ...Speaking of Raptors In Love



Lake Crabtree Park's Bald Eagles are nesting for the third year in a row (incubating since Mar.3) and several Club members are among those officially monitoring the nest which is viewable at a distance from the Park (please be aware no one is allowed to approach the nest area itself without a special permit).... AND



UNC's resident Barred Owls are back on the campus quad (McCorkle Place) nesting in their usual oak tree. If successful, fuzzy fledglings should appear by the end of May.

## A Joyful Noise...

It's also time to listen for the flutelike song of the Wood Thrush back from its Central American winter haunts. Not as flashy as many of our warbler returnees, the Wood Thrush's soft brown and white, with black speckles nonetheless conveys a handsome beauty, and to many ears its spring song is unmatched for sheer musicality.

Unfortunately, Wood Thrushes have declined significantly in the last few decades with increased woodland fragmentation, and the added woe of frequent Cowbird parasitization, so appreciate them all the more.

## And Speaking of Bird Song

If you're interested in bird song, you're in luck. Remarkably, there are currently at least THREE recent hardback volumes out on the subject. Who knew the topic held such interest! Check 'em out:

The Singing Life of Birds: The Art and Science of Listening to Bird Song by Donald Kroodsma

Why Birds Sing: A Journey Into the Mystery of Bird Song by David Rothenberg

Bird Song: A Natural History by Don Stap

## If--Then...

IF a machine squeaks at work and you inform Maintenance "it sounded sorta like a Black-and-White Warbler," OR,

IF you've got a couple of kids named "Buteo" and "Accipiter," OR,

IF your idea of a fun Saturday night includes time dissecting owl pellets, OR,

IF you tried talking your teenager into attending college in Belize so you could come visit on Parents Day... THEN,

chances are...**YOU'RE A BIRDER!!**

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Visit the CHBC on the Web at:

<http://chbc.carolinanature.com>

Also, Will Cook's homepage is an excellent general source of birding and nature-related links/resources:

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

## Parting Words...

"I asked for all things that I might enjoy life. I was given life that I might enjoy all things."

~ anonymous Civil War soldier

-- Quiz Answers:

1-c, 2-e, 3-f, 4-b, 5-a, 6-g, 7-d

'high' warblers -- Blackburnian, Cerulean, Parula, Yellow-throated, Chestnut-sided, Tennessee

'low' warblers -- Kentucky, Palm, Swainson's, Worm-eating, Ovenbird, Connecticut

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~~ **Membership Form** ~~

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

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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email \_\_\_\_\_

new member: \_\_\_\_\_ or, renewal: \_\_\_\_\_

dues: \$15/yr. individuals/family, \$10/yr. students  
send checks payable to Chapel Hill Bird Club to:

**Ruth Roberson, 38 Stoneridge Pl., Durham,  
NC. 27705**

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## Sightings Addendum

Will Cook has sent along the following older previously-unpublished sightings for inclusion in the *Bulletin*:

9/6/63 - WHITE-WINGED DOVE (2) - Coman farm north of Hillsborough, Orange Co. - James Coman. James, a current CHBC member who now lives in the mountains, writes: "On 6 September 1963 a pair of White-Winged Doves appeared at my parents' farm north of Hillsborough ... and stayed for a week or so. These birds were clearly marked and easily observed in the barnyard. I never reported the sighting as I was about 15 at the time and had not yet become a member of Chapel Hill Bird Club."

6/9/01 - Cedar Waxwings - Eno R SP, Orange Co. - Edith Tatum  
6/12/01 - Dickcissel (2) - Anilorac Farm, Dairyland Rd., Orange Co. - Bert Hollifield & Paul Powers. Nesting.

2/24/02 - Fish Crow (1) - Orange Co. - Ginger Travis

4/8/02 - Red-breasted Nuthatch (1) - Chatham Co. - Shelley Theye (departure date of wintering bird)

11/19/02 - Rose-breasted Grosbeak (1 female) - yard in Orange Co. - Kent Fiala. Also seen 11/16. Latest local report ever.

3/22/03 - Louisiana Waterthrush (1), Brown-headed Cowbird (2) - Orange Co. - Ginger Travis (first of the season)

3/23/03 - Rusty Blackbird (24), Common Yellowthroat (1) - Mason Farm - Amalie Tuffin & Laura Lewis-Tuffin

3/26/03 - Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (1), Tree Swallow (1) - Little Creek Impdt on 54, Durham Co. - Rob Gluck

3/28/03 - Yellow-throated Warbler (1) - Chatham Co. - Kate Finlayson

3/29/03 - Caspian Tern (1) - Brickhouse Rd, Durham Co. - Brian Bockhahn

4/5/03 - Ruby-throated Hummingbird (1) - Durham - Jeff Phippen

4/6/03 - Great Blue Herons: 20 active nests, with 23 adults - Cub Creek, Jordan Lake - Alan Johnston (50 active nests in 2002 at this time)

4/14/03 - Summer Tanager (1), Broad-winged Hawk (1) - Chatham Co. - Shelley Theye

4/14/03 - Dark-eyed Junco (1) - Durham - Amalie Tuffin. Departure date.

4/18/03 - Great Egret (1) - Erwin Rd., Durham - Amalie Tuffin

4/19/03 - Snowy Egret (1), Great Egret (1) - New Hope Creek impoundment on NC 54, Durham Co. - Will Cook & Randy Emmitt

4/19/03 - Common Loon (40), Bonaparte's Gull (7), Common Tern (1), Tree Swallow (100) - Farrington Road bridge, Jordan Lake - Will Cook & Randy Emmitt

4/23/03 - SWAINSON'S HAWK (1) - Airport Rd., Chapel Hill - Doug Shadwick. Doug writes: "Driving home tonight at about 5:30 PM, I noticed a bird headed north on Airport Road or rte 86 (I was headed south toward Chapel Hill from I40). The bird was skimming along the the side of the road at a height of about 10 feet or so near the North Chapel Hill Baptist Church - just south of the Eubanks Road intersection. What caught my eye first was the bird looked very slender and long winged. As the bird banked upwards, the dark well defined hood extended well down to the top of the breast. The bird was also very white (or creamy white) on the underside of the body with white under-wing coverts and pale gray flight feathers. I was in heavy traffic with no place to stop or turn around. So I got about a 15 sec look at the bird."

4/21/03 - Rose-breasted Grosbeak (1 male) - Carolina Meadows, Chatham Co. - Kim Aycrigg

4/25/03 - Warbling Vireo (heard) - Anilorac Farm, Orange Co. - Shantanu Phukan

4/27/03 - Sora (1, window-kill) - Chapel Hill - Rob Gluck

5/7/03 - Philadelphia Vireo (1, singing) - Stagecoach Road, Durham Co. - Doug Shadwick

5/9/03 - Baltimore Oriole (1) - UNC campus, Chapel Hill - Rob Gluck

5/12/03 - Red-throated Loon (2) - EPA-NIEHS lake, RTP - Jim Sutton

5/17/03 - Black-crowned Night-Heron (1) - Jordan Lake - Jeff Phippen

5/20/03 - Chimney Swift (~2000) - roosting in Post Office chimney, Franklin St, Chapel Hill - Rob Gluck

5/24/03 - Spotted Sandpiper (1), Yellow Warbler (2) - Falls Lake, Durham Co. - Dan Kaplan

5/30/03 - Semipalmated Plover (1), Spotted Sandpiper (1), Least Sandpiper (1) - SW Durham wastewater plant - Jeff Phippen

7/3/03 - America Kestrel (1) - 15-501, Durham - Will Cook

6/14/03 - Tree Swallows (6) - Jordan Lake - Pat Coin

6/22/03 - Cedar Waxwing (5) - Hickory Hill boat ramp, Falls Lake, Durham Co. - Jeff Phippen

6/24/03 - Cooper's Hawk (2) - Duke campus, Durham - Will Cook

6/27/03 - Common Loon (1) - US 64 bridge, Jordan Lake - Lena Gallitano & Ginger Travis.

7/21/03 - Black-and-white Warbler (1) - Boothe Hill Rd, Chatham Co. - Shelley Theye

7/27/03 - Warbling Vireo (1), Dickcissel (1), Grasshopper Sparrow (1) - near Anilorac Farm, western end of Dairyland Rd., Orange Co. - Haven & Minna Wiley

8/2/03 - Common Raven (2) - Alamance Regional Hospital, Burlington - Randy Emmitt

8/3/03 - Yellow Warbler (1) - 751 bridge, Jordan Lake - Sandy Cash

8/10/03 - Ruby-throated Hummingbird (1 albino) - Chapel Hill - Becky Laskody. Banded by Susan Campbell and Bill Hilton.

8/22/03 - Chestnut-sided Warbler (1) - Boothe Hill Rd, Chatham Co. - S. Theye

8/24/03 - Chestnut-sided Warbler (1, door-kill) - Durham - Edith Tatum

9/3/03 - Peregrine Falcon (1) - Falls Lake - Brian Bockhahn

9/12/03 - Black-billed Cuckoo (1) - Lake Crabtree, Raleigh - Gordon Brown

9/12/03 - Golden-winged Warbler (1) - Indian Trail Park, Durham - Dan Kaplan. Also seen on 9/15, 9/20, 9/21.

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- 9/14/03 - Willow Flycatcher (1) - Falls Lake - Brian Bockhahn  
 9/17/03 - Peregrine Falcon (1) - Falls Lake - Brian Bockhahn  
 9/19/03 - BAND-RUMPED STORM-PETREL (1) - Satterwhite Point, Kerr Lake - Russ Tyndall. Blown in by Hurricane Isabel.  
 9/19/03 - SANDWICH TERN (1) - Cheek Rd. causeway, Falls Lake - Will Cook  
 9/19/03 - ROYAL TERN (6) - I-85 bridge, Falls Lake - Dan Kaplan  
 9/19/03 - Caspian Tern (7) - Falls Lake - Brian Bockhahn  
 9/20/03 - Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (1) - Jordan Lake - Will Cook. On Chatham Co. fall count.  
 9/21/03 - Caspian Tern (1), Laughing Gull (1), Sanderling (1) - Ebenezer Pt, Jordan Lake - Mike Skakuj  
 9/21/03 - Golden-winged warbler (1), Wilson's Warbler (1) - Indian Trail Park, Durham - Rick Payne  
 9/23/03 - Gray-cheeked Thrush (1) - Boothe Hill Rd, Chatham Co. - Shelley Theye  
 9/23/03 - Golden-winged warbler (1), Blue-winged Warbler (1) - Indian Trail Park, Durham - Will Cook & Mike Skakuj  
 9/23/03 - Philadelphia Vireo (1) - Bolin Cr., Chapel Hill - Will Cook  
 9/24/03 - Gray-cheeked Thrush (1), Least Flycatcher (1) - Bolin Cr., Chapel Hill - Rob Gluck  
 9/24/03 - Blue-winged Warbler (1), Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (1), Philadelphia Vireo (1) - Indian Trail Park, Durham - Jill Froning & Shelley Theye  
 9/27/03 - Yellow-breasted Chat (2) - Durham Co. - Tom & Janet Krakauer  
 9/29/03 - Chestnut-sided Warbler (1) - Boothe Hill Rd, Chatham Co. - Shelley Theye  
 9/30/03 - Tennessee Warbler (1), Bay-breasted Warbler (1), Baltimore Oriole (1) - Chapel Hill - Jacob Socolar  
 10/1/03 - Philadelphia Vireo (1), White-eyed Vireo (1), Red-eyed Vireo (1), Common Yellowthroat (1) - Indian Creek Trail Park, Durham - Will Cook  
 10/1/03 - Tennessee Warbler (1) - Durham Co. - Tom & Janet Krakauer  
 10/3/03 - Philadelphia Vireo (1), Summer Tanager (1) - Durham Co. - Tom & Janet Krakauer  
 10/3/03 - Common Raven (1) - flying over yard off New Sharon Ch. Rd, nothern Orange Co. - Randy Emmitt. Nice yard bird!  
 10/7/03 - Kentucky Warbler (1) - Durham Co. - Tom & Janet Krakauer  
 10/11/03 - Gray-cheeked Thrush (1), Northern Waterthrush (1) - Ellerbe Cr. greenway, Durham - Dan Kaplan  
 10/12/03 - Peregrine Falcon (1) - Ellerbe Creek beaver marsh, Durham - Josh Rose  
 10/14/03 - Eastern Wood-Pewee (1), Black-throated Green Warbler (1), Yellow-billed Cuckoo (1) - Durham Co. - Tom Krakauer  
 10/15/03 - Winter Wren (1), Magnolia Warbler (1), Blackpoll Warbler (1), Common Yellowthroat (1), Summer Tanager (1) - Durham Co. - Tom Krakauer  
 10/15/03 - American Redstart (1) - Bolin Cr. Greenway, Chapel Hill - Rob Gluck  
 10/16/03 - Scarlet Tanager (1) - Durham Co. - Tom & Janet Krakauer  
 10/16/03 - Black-throated Blue Warbler (1) - Chatham Co. - Kate Finlayson  
 10/19/03 - Purple Finch (1) - Ellerbe Creek, Durham - Josh Rose  
 10/20/03 - Black-throated Green Warbler (1) - Durham - Josh Rose  
 10/20/03 - American Wigeon (10), Ruddy Duck (2) - n. Orange Co. - Barb Brooks  
 10/21/03 - Rose-breasted Grosbeak (1) - Indian Trail Park, Durham - Dan Kaplan  
 10/22/03 - Peregrine Falcon (1), Bonaparte's Gull (3), Ring-billed Gull (3), Blackpoll Warbler (2), Black-throated Green Warbler (2) - Ebenezer Pt, Jordan Lake, Chatham Co. - Dan Kaplan  
 10/23/03 - Rufous Hummingbird (1 imm male) - Hillsborough - Randy Dunson. Also seen 10/28.  
 10/26/03 - White-crowned Sparrow (1), Indigo Bunting (1) - Little River, Durham Co. - Tom & Janet Krakauer  
 10/27/03 - Fish Crow (1) - Chapel Hill - Ginger Travis  
 10/30/03 - Tennessee Warbler (1) - Duke campus, Durham - Rob Jackson. Window kill.  
 11/2/03 - Tennessee Warbler (1) - Cary - Bob Rybczynski  
 11/4/03 - Cape May Warbler (1) - Duke campus, Durham - Will Cook and Jeff Pippen  
 11/8/03 - Common Loon (175), Bufflehead (24) - Ebenezer Pt, Jordan Lake, Chatham Co. - Steve Shultz. The Bufflehead were at their usual spot at the Ebenezer settling ponds.  
 11/8/03 - Long-tailed Duck (2), Black Scoter (8), Surf Scoter (12), Ruddy Duck (12), Ring-necked Duck (10), Horned Grebe (16), Great Egret (1), Osprey (1) - Cheek Rd causeway, Falls Lake - Dan Kaplan  
 11/9/03 - Forster's Tern (1) - Ebenezer Pt, Jordan Lake, Chatham Co. - Dan Kaplan  
 11/9/03 - Bonaparte's Gull (20) - Ebenezer Pt, Jordan L., Chatham Co. - Pat Coin  
 11/9/03 - Purple Finch (3) - Orange Co. - Kent Fiala  
 11/22/03 - Red-breasted Merganser (37) - Ebenezer Pt, Jordan Lake, Chatham Co. - Karen & Joe Bearden  
 11/30/03 - Common Yellowthroat (1) - Little Creek Impdmt on Hwy 54, Durham - Rob Gluck  
 12/3/03 - Rufous Hummingbird (1) - Bahama, Durham Co. - Ducky Bass. Banded by Susan Campbell on 12/6.  
 12/6/03 - Rufous Hummingbird (1) - Raleigh - Karen & Joe Bearden. Their yard bird was banded by Susan Campbell today, along with 2 others in Raleigh and one in Durham!  
 12/6/03 - NORTHERN GOSHAWK (1 adult) - Cedar Park, Chapel Hill - Tom Driscoll  
 12/8/03 - Surf Scoter (1), Laughing Gull (4) - Rollingview SRA, Falls Lake - Brian Bockhahn  
 12/13/03 - Common Raven (1) - Orange Co. - Ginger Travis, Derb Carter. Nice yard bird for both Ginger (Old Woods Rd) and Derb (Wood Duck Lane)!  
 12/14/03 - PAINTED BUNTING (1 imm/female) - Bennett Memorial Rd., Durham - Jeff Pippen and Jacob Socolar. On Durham CBC.  
 12/14/03 - Blue Grosbeak (1 imm/female) - Brickhouse Rd., Durham - Norm Budnitz and Dan Kaplan. On Durham CBC.  
 12/15/03 - Common Goldeneye (1), Great Black-backed Gull (2), Lesser Black-backed Gull (1) - Falls Lake - Brian Bockhahn  
 12/19/03 - Common Yellowthroat (2) - Little Creek Impdmt on Hwy 54, Durham - Rob Gluck  
 12/20/03 - Blue-winged Teal (1) - Horace Williams tract, Chapel Hill - Rob Gluck  
 12/22/03 - Baltimore Oriole (1) - Chapel Hill - April Smyth  
 12/26/03 - Northern Shoveler (1) - Clark Lake, Chapel Hill, Durham Co. - Rob Gluck  
 12/27/03 - Nashville Warbler (1) - Apex, Wake Co. - Steve Shultz  
 12/28/03 - GRAY FLYCATCHER (1) - Hank's Chapel, Chatham Co. - Bill Lupardus, Glen Simon, and Josh Rose. First record for North Carolina! Found on the Jordan Lake CBC, the bird was first identified as a Gray Flycatcher by Derb Carter on 12/30. The bird was seen daily until 1/22/04 (last reported by John Buckman). Photographed on 12/31/03 and 1/19/04 by Will Cook.  
 12/28/03 - Spotted Sandpiper (2) - Jordan Lake - Loren Hintz, Margaret Vimmerstedt, Carl Hintz  
 12/29/03 - Marsh Wren (1) - marsh near Mason Farm - Lucretia Kinney  
 12/30/03 - Common Raven (1) - Dairyland Rd, Orange Co. - Derb Carter. The Raven has been seen irregularly since 12/13.  
 12/31/03 - NORTHERN GOSHAWK (1 adult) - Cedar Park, Chapel Hill - Tom Driscoll