Fulvous Whistling- (Tree-) Duck (*Dendrocygna bicolor*)

4/11/1965 – “Three, Horsepen Creek headwaters of Lake Brandt, in edge of marsh near open water. With Blue-winged Teal, Wood Ducks, Baldpates, etc. Swimming in small channel, walked up on bank among dead marsh grass and weeds and preened at length. One flew a few feet showing white pattern on tail area. Blue-black bill clear, long neck, long legs, way stood and walked. Brownish, darker along back of neck, darker back, white line along sides. About 5:00 p.m., overcast, 20X telescope & field glasses.” James Mattocks (diary). Two of these birds were subsequently reported on the 24 April Spring Bird Count, published in *The Chat*. (1965, Vol.29, pp. 66–71, 75–76.)

Snow Goose (*Chen caerulescens*)

Dawley describes as rare winter visitor, January and March.

1/10/1959 – One at Goddy’s Pond, full plumage, JMattocks (diary).

1/10/1959 – Seven blue phase at Goddy’s Pond, none with full plumage, heads not white, one with fairly white head. JMattocks (diary)

3/9/1988 – Six (one blue phase), Lake Townsend, WRS.

1/22/1994 – Two (both blue phase), Lake Townsend (at golf course point near the marina).

3/6/1994 – Three (all blue phase), High Point Lake, Jamestown, NF.

12/15/2014* – One (white phase), Plainfield Road causeway, LS, HL, GW.

1/2-15/2015* – One, immature, pond off River Ridge Road, photos, LS, GW.


1/31/2015* – One with Canada Geese at A&T Farm pond, RN, AVS, ET, photo.

12/3/2016 – Six, Doggett Road – west, TMcN.

Ross’s Goose (*Chen rossii*)

11/9/1997* – Two, Trosper Pond, Greensboro, seen on 9,10,12,13,16; BA, HL, EL, DR, HH.

11/28/2007* – One, pond at Lodge at Lakeside Apartments in High Point, AK, HL, DB, MW, m.ob., photo. (Bird stayed in area for several days.)

12/11/2014* – One on retention pond on Penny Road, NS, HL, RM, BH-H, photo. This bird had a somewhat larger bill and more of a “grin-line” than is often seen.

12/1/2015* – One on grounds of Guilford College with a large flock of Canada
Geese. Bird still present on 12/12/15. Photo. LM, HL, EL.
2/28/2016* – One on River Ridge Road with many Canada Geese, MW, photo.
And again on 3/1 at the same location. The other MW.
12/17/2016* – One, pond along Radar Rd. near airport and Honda Jet, CM.
Continuing on 12/20 HL.
1/29/2017* – Two, County Farm pond on Howerton Road, EL, HL.
12/22/2017 – One, Doggett Rd. east causeway, MW.

**Greater White-fronted Goose (Anser albifrons).**
12/17/1995* – One, Greensboro (Avendex), CC, HH, HL, EL.
2/11/2007* – Two, Lake Townsend between first Doggett Road overlook and the
upper Yanceyville crossing, HL, m.ob., photo. (Birds were seen for several days.)
4/20/2015* – One, Bur-mil Park, Greensboro, NS. Again on 4/24, RM, HL.
1/5/2016* – One accompanying Canada Geese at the Buffalo Lakes Dam, SDeP,
HL, GW, LS, photos.

**Barnacle Goose (Branta leucopsis)**
12/2/2000* – Two, pond on King’s Pond Road at King’s Mill subdivision in south
Greensboro, seen on 2nd through the 16th. In subsequent discussions it
was learned that these birds may have been present since the preceding
May. The origin of all Barnacle Geese seen in the Piedmont is at best
uncertain.
1/23/2010 – One, pond in Guilford Memorial Park, 6000 High Point Road, fide DB.

**Cackling Goose (Branta hutchinsii)**
1/10/1959 – “Richardson’s Goose – One at Goddy’s pond with Canada Geese,”
James Mattocks (diary).
2/18/2008 – One, with Canada Geese and ducks, Lake Townsend at Church St., RM
reported on Ebird, no other observers.

**Mute Swan (Cygnus olor)**
Many reports from 7/1/1984 through 2017 of one to two birds at several locations.
(Country Park, Hamilton Lakes, Trosper Pond, Lake Jeanette, Lake Townsend, Lake
Brandt, etc.)

**Tundra Swan (Cygnus columbianus)**
1/1/1904 – One, Guilford County (Avendex).
12/?/1977 – One, CBC.
12/3/1987* – One, imm., Lake Townsend off Waterford Street, HH, BMcG.
12/15,28/1990* – One, imm., Trosper Pond for the CBC, HL, BA, DB, HH.
2/10/1991 – One, imm., on Lake Brandt (appears to be the same bird as above).
3/2/1991 – One, imm., on Trosper Pond (again, probably the same bird).
11/17/1991 – One, adult, Lake Townsend, Yanceyville St. crossing.
1/14/2009* – Five, three adults and two immatures, Lake Brandt marina, HL, EL,

**Eurasian Wigeon** (*Anas penelope*)
12/7/1991 – One, Reedy Fork Creek between Lakes Townsend and Brandt, HL.

**Harlequin Duck** (*Histrionicus histrionicus*)
2/18/2007* – One, male, west of Lake Brandt marina, HL, EL, m.ob., photo.

**Surf Scoter** (*Melanitta perspicillata*)
Dawley: Accidental.
4/29/1945 – Three were seen at Richland Lake by TZ, GS, and LC.
11/1/1992* – One, imm. or female, Lake Townsend between Doggett Rd. west/Yanceyville St., HL, DB, HH (10/31/1992, *Avendex*).
11/1/1993* – One, adult male, Lake Townsend, HL.
11/25/1993 – One, Lake Brandt marina, HL.
2/13/1994* – One, imm. or female, Lake Townsend marina and end of Southshore Road.
12/17/1994* – One, Lake Brandt, HL, EL.
4/5/1995 – One, Lake Townsend, HL.
11/18/2008* – Two, males, Lake Townsend looking east from the Yanceyville Street crossing, SdeP, HL, GW.
12/17/2009* – One, female, Lake Brandt, just west of the marina, HL, GW
10/26/2014* – One, immature, Lake Brandt Marina, HL, EL.
11/16/2014* – Eight, all or mostly males, looking east from the Yanceyville Street causeway, HL, EL, LS.
12/3/2014* – One male & three females looking east from Doggett Rd west, AT, LS, GW.
11/24/2015 – One, female, Lake Townsend Yanceyville Street causeway, HL.
1/4/2017 – Four, North Overlook, Oak Hollow Lake, High Point, AT.
2/12/2017 – Two on Lake Townsend viewed from the McCarthy premises, AT.
12/11/2017* – Two, including an adult male, Doggett Rd. causeway west, HL, MW, RN, AVS.

**White-winged Scoter** (*Melanitta fusca*)
12/13-19/1989 – One, hen-plumaged, Lake Brandt spillway, HL.
12/27-29/1989* – One, Lake Higgins marina, HL, JMcC, DB.
1/30/1990* – One, Lake Higgins marina, LM, m.ob.
3/15/1993 – One, Lake Townsend marina, HL.
10/27/1993 – Two, Lake Brandt marina, HL.
1/?/2009* – Two, Lake Townsend, HL, EL, GW.
11/17/2012* – One, first winter male, Lake Townsend from Yanceyville Causeway, EL, HL.
1/8/2014* – Six (2 males and 4 females), Lake Townsend from Yanceyville Causeway, HL, LS, AH, GW.
1/26/2014* – Two, from boat, Lake Townsend, HL, LS, JMc, Neil, GW.
1/30 – 2/2/2014* – Two, adult male and female, Lake Townsend from Yanceyville Causeway and JMc’s, HL, LS, GW, m.ob.
2/23/2014* – One, during pontoon boat ride on Lake Townsend, HL, m.ob., photos.
2/28/2014 – One male from the Yanceyville Causeway and one female from the Lake Townsend Marina, HL. These are presumed to be the same birds that have been present since January.
2/20/2015 – Four, immature males, Lake Brandt marina, HL.
2/25/2015 – Four males, three adults and one 1st-year, Lake Brandt marina, HL.
2/28/2015* – 11, three adults and eight immature males, Lake Brandt marina, EL, HL. Six still at this site on 3/3/15, LS.
3/4/2015 – Three adult males, Lake Brandt marina, AT.
11/22/2017* – One male on Lake Townsend from Cape Wedgewood Circle, photos, EL, HL, MW.

**Black Scoter (Melanitta nigra)**

11/8/1993 – Two, imm., Lake Brandt marina, HL.
11/17/2009* – One, female or immature male, Lake Brandt marina, HL, GW.
11/20/2010* – Six, female/first winter plumages, Lake Brandt Marina, HL, EL, GW.
11/5/2012 – One, female/first winter plumage, Trosper Pond (!?), GW.
12/3/2015 – One, female, Lake Brandt marina, HL.

**Long-tailed Duck (Clangula hyemalis)**

Dawley: Casual winter visitor, December to March.
11/7/1959 – Pair near pipe crossing Hamburg Lake – male with long tail feathers, white top of head, etc., JMattocks (diary).
12/?/1960 – Reported on CBC.
12/?/1973 – Reported on CBC.
11/24/1984 – “Some taken” during hunting season, Lake Townsend, fide GR.
11/09/1991* – One, drake, Lake Townsend off Doggett Road, HH, RMcN, HL, CC.
11/17-18/1991 – One, hen, Lake Brandt marina, HL.
12/16/1991 – Two (females or immature males), Lake Townsend, east of Church Street south crossing, HL.
11/23/1993 – Three, Lake Brandt marina, JC.
11/25/1993 – Two, Lake Brandt marina, HL.
12/12/1993 – Seven (five drakes, two hens), Lake Townsend, Dogget Road east crossing.
1/18-20/1996 – One, drake nearly in breeding plumage, Lake Townsend marina, HL.
12/21/1996 – One, hen, Lake Townsend between the two Doggett Road crossings.
1/20/1997* – One, pond in southern Guilford County, LM et al. (*Avendex*).
12/16/2000 – One, Lake Brandt, HL.
12/12/2008 – Three (drakes), Lake Townsend, from both Doggett Road crossings, HL.
1/22/2011 – Two (hens), Lake Townsend, from Yanceyville causeway, HL. In spite of searches throughout the day, the birds could not be relocated.
11/13/2013* – Two birds - one adult female, one juvenile probably female - on Lake Higgins. Found by NS and confirmed by HL, LS and m.ob.
1/9/2014* – Two birds – one male and one female – on Lake Townsend from the Yanceyville Causeway, HL, LS, GW.
11/14/15* – One bird on Lake Townsend from the Doggett Road western causeway, EL, HL.
11/18/2017 – One female, Lake Townsend from Cape Wedgewood Circle, MW.
11/26/2017* – Five, Lake Townsend marina, MW, EL, RN, HL.

**Common Goldeneye (Bucephala clangula)**

Dawley: Fairly common winter visitor, December to March.

1972 – One on CBC.
1973 – Three on CBC.
11/24/1984 – Reports of unspecified number taken on Lake Townsend during duck season, GR.
12/1985 – One reported on CBC from Sedgefield Lakes fide JS.
1/29/1987 – One drake at Doggett Road, East.
1/6/1989 – Two hens at Doggett Road, East.
12/16/1989 – One reported on CBC.
12/28/1989 - One hen at Church St., South.
12/28/1990 – One in hen plumage at Trosper Pond.
12/19/1992 – One male on Trosper Pond for the CBC, HS.
1/3/1993 – Two in hen plumage at mouth of Horsepen Creek.
12/27/1993 – One hen off Yanceyville St. crossing, HL.
1/22/1994 – At least two in hen plumage at Lake Townsend marina.
1/23/1994 – One drake and two hens at same location as above.
2/13/1994 – Five drakes and two hens off East crossing Doggett Road.
2/20/1994 – Two drakes and one hen at Doggett, East crossing – up the cove.
12/16/1995 – One hen at Doggett Road, East crossing of Lake Townsend, HL.
1/18-20/1996 – Four to six females on Lake Townsend near the east end, HL.
2/4/1996 – Five or six females on Lake Townsend, HL.
1/4/1997 – One hen-plumaged bird on Trosper Pond.
2007 – One on CBC.
2/9/2008 – Five males on Lake Townsend at Yanceyville St., north crossing.
1/17/2009 – Six on Lake Townsend, HL.
1/21/2009* – One, Lake Townsend, HL, EL.
2010 – One on CBC.
11/20/2013 – Two, females, Lake Townsend, HL.
1/31 – 2/1/2014* – One, female, in a patch of open water on Lake Townsend from
 JMc’s home, HL, LS, m.ob. Temperatures in the past week have dipped to
 6F three times, leaving very little open water in Greensboro.
1/31-2/1/2015* – One female in cove north of Doggett Rd. east causeway, MW. On
 2/1 by HL and EL.
2/22/2015* – Two females, Buffalo Lakes near dam, HL & LS, photos.
3/2/2015 – One adult and one immature male, Lake Townsend, HL.
3/4/2015 – One adult male, Lake Townsend, AT.
11/22/2016* – One, Lake Townsend, Doggett Rd. causeway, HL, RN, AVS, MW.
The bird, a hen, continues to at least 12/20/16 LS.
12/17/2017* – One female on Sullivan’s Lake, Greensboro. MW, photos.

**Common Merganser (Mergus merganser)**

Dawley: Fairly common winter resident, November to May.
12/??/1961 – Reported on CBC.
12/??/1970 – Reported on CBC.
12/??/1972 – Reported on CBC.
12/??/1984 – One, reported on CBC.
1/6/1989 – One, hen, Lake Townsend, Doggett Road east crossing.
1/1/1990 – One drake and two hens, Lake Townsend between Church St. and
 Yanceyville St. near the Osprey nest.
1/15/1990 – Five hens and one drake, Lake Townsend, Doggett Road east crossing.
1/27/1990 – One drake and seven hens, Lake Townsend, Doggett Rd. west crossing.
3/15/1990 – One, hen, Lake Townsend, Doggett Road east crossing.
2/11/1995 – One, drake, Lake Townsend, Doggett Road east crossing, HL.
2/4/1996 – One, Lake Townsend, HL.
2/17/2001 – Three, Lake Townsend, HL.
2/18/2001 – One, hen, Lake Townsend between Doggett Road west crossing and
 Yanceyville Street north crossing, HH.
2/11/2007* – Eight-10, Lake Brandt, present at marina for prior two weeks,
 HL, GW, LS, m.ob.
1/??/2009* – One fly-by, Lake Brandt marina, HL, EL, GW.
1/10/2010 – Two, Lake Townsend, from the Doggett Road west crossing, HL.
12/15/10* – Three, female/non-breeding males, Lake Townsend, Yanceyville
crossing, HL, GW.

2/1/2011* – Three, female/non-breeding males, Lake Townsend, Yanceyville crossing, RR. Possibly the same three birds as above?

2/2/2011* – Four, probably the same three as above plus one adult male. Lake Townsend, north side of eastern Doggett Road crossing, HL, GW.

1/11/13* - Two, adult males, Lake Townsend from Yanceyville crossing, HL, GW.

1/12/13* – One, adult male, probably one of the pair seen the previous day, Lake Townsend pontoon boat ride, EL, HL, GW, et al.


1/3/2014* – One, male, Doggett Road west causeway over Lake Townsend, HL, GW.

1/5/2014* – Four, on the west side of the Yanceyville Causeway over Lake Townsend, EL, HL. Birds are coming in, in front of an Arctic blast. Forecast low of 6F on the evening of 1/6.

1/8-9/2014* – Nine males and females on Lake Brandt and Lake Townsend, HL and m.ob.

1/25/2014* – Seven, two males and five females, Lake Brandt Marina, HL, EL, GW.

1/30/2014* – Nine, males and females, Lake Townsend, Doggett Road overlooks, LS, HL, GW.

3/4/2014 – Nine reported at various Greensboro lakes, HL.

3/10/2014 – Two, Lake Brandt marina, HL.

12/3/2014* – One male, Lake Jeannette outflow on Church St., LS. Same bird present on 12/5, AT, LS, GW.

As of January 15, 2015, this bird is now considered annual in small numbers during winter. Will stop entries for the foreseeable future. It is uncommon but not rare. 2/2016, 12/2017, 1/2018.

Ring-necked Pheasant (*Phasianus colchicus*)

6/4/1991 – One or two, Haw River bridge on Lake Brandt Road, stocked birds.

5/2/1992 – One, seen two months earlier at NC 150 and US 220, SG.

As of this date, the origin of Ring-necked Pheasant in Guilford County is unknown, but it is assumed to be a stocked species.

Ruffed Grouse (*Bonasa umbellus*)


Red-necked Grebe (*Podiceps grisegena*)

3/21/1948* – An unknown number reported on “a small reservoir,” fide Dawley.

11/9/1991* – One, Lake Townsend, Doggett Road east crossing, HL, RMeN, HH.

11/17/1991 – Same as above, HL.

12/21/1992 – Four, Greensboro (*Avendex*).

1/3/1993* – One, immature, Lake Townsend marina. Seen on most dates from the 3rd
through the 24th, HH, HL, LM, PF.

3/2/1993 – One immature (probably the same as above), Lake Townsend, Yanceyville Street crossing, HL (These reports continued through the 25th.)

3/7/1993 – Two, one in breeding plumage, Lake Brandt marina, HL.

3/15/1993* – Three, Lake Brandt marina, HL, HH.

4/2/1993 – One, Lake Brandt marina, HL.

2/13/1994 – Three, Lake Townsend, off end of Southshore Road.


2/27/1994 – One, nearly in breeding plumage, Lake Townsend, Doggett Road east crossing.

2/27/1994 – Two, Lake Higgins, EL.

3/3/1994 – Three at both Lake Brandt marina and at Lake Higgins, DB.

3/6/1994 – Three, Lake Townsend, end of Southshore Drive, ET.

3/12/1994 – One, Lake Townsend marina, ET.

3/22/1994 – One, Lake Brandt marina, HL.

5/4/1994* – One, breeding plumage, Lake Brandt marina (also on the 5th and 7th), HL, HH.

3/17/1996 – One in breeding plumage, Lake Townsend, Yanceyville Street crossing, HL.


12/12 - 15/2013* – Two birds in nonbreeding plumage, West Causeway on Lake Townsend, HL, LS, GW, NS.

2/23/2014* – One, during pontoon boat ride on Lake Townsend, the same bird again on the 25th and the 28th from the Lake Townsend marina. HL, m.ob., photo; MW.

3/4/2014* – Five, on Lake Townsend at the west Doggett Road causeway, HL These sightings occur at a time when the Great Lakes are more than 90% frozen over and there is a major movement of this species southward.

3/5/2014 – Thirty-eight reported during a canvassing of the Greensboro lakes, HL.


4/1/2014 – Eleven from the Lake Brandt marina; five on Lake Townsend, HL.

4/7/2014 – Eight on Lake Townsend, HL.

4/10/2014 – Two, Lake Brandt marina, DC.

5/3/2014* – One, and possibly two more, during the Spring Count from the Lake Higgins marina, DB, LB.

10/26/2014* – One, Lake Townsend from Yanceyville St. Causeway, HL, EL.

11/6/2014 – Multiple birds still around. Western Doggett Rd. causeway, HL.

12/30/2014 – Lake Brandt marina, HL.

1/5/2015 – One bird, Lake Townsend, eastern Doggett Rd. causeway, HL. The same bird, presumably, through 2/11/2015 from Doggett Rd.
causeways. And again on 3/4/2015 (AT) and 3/31 (HL).
11/17/2017* – One, Lake Townsend, Yanceyville causeway, HL, m.ob., continuing through at least 12/16/2017.

**Eared Grebe (Podiceps nigricollis)**
1/4/1993* – One, Lake Townsend marina (still present on the 18th), HL, PC, HH.
1/17/1995* – One, Lake Townsend, Doggett Road crossing, HL, HH.
2/4/1995 – One, Lake Townsend, Yanceyville Street crossing (also on 5th & 11th), HL.

**Western Grebe (Aechmophorus occidentalis)**
12/6-21/2009* – One (probably female) in non-breeding plumage,
Lake Brandt marina, HL, EL,GW, HH, m.ob., photos. This bird represents a classic Western Grebe in virtually all characteristics (e.g., dull greenish-yellow bill with black markings on the upper mandible as well as the lower mandible, including the gonys. This bird was accompanied by a second grebe as listed below.

**Aechmophorus Grebe (Aechmophorus sp.)**
12/6-21/2009* – One (probably male) in non-breeding plumage traveling with the Western Grebe. This second bird is what Sibley describes as an “intermediate,” having characteristics that are somewhat like Clark’s Grebe. This is especially true of the bright yellow bill (with orange tones on the underside of the lower mandible and no black in that same area) and light gray in front of, over, behind, and below the eye. Report was sent to the NC Rarities Committee which deemed the bird to be *Aechmophorus sp.* Photos.
12/22/2009* – The same two birds as above, Lake Townsend from the 1st (west) Doggett Road crossing and from the Yanceyville (long) causeway, HL, GW

**Eurasian Collared-Dove (Streptopelia dacocto)**
Very occasional reports in the early 21st century but no details or evidence provided.
Sightings may have involved escaped Ringed Turtle-Dove (*Streptopelia risoria*) for which there are several records. LS is convinced that he saw E. Collared-Dove but I have been unable to obtain any other details.
1/15-2/15/2009 – One visiting feeder on Royster Road for nearly a month. Bird seen repeatedly with field marks that separate it from Ringed Turtle-Dove, and Mourning Dove, fide DR. This sighting is unconfirmed.

**Common Ground-Dove (Columbina passerina)**
11/18/1933 – One, Guilford County (*Avendex*). Killed by J.D. Dupuy while dove hunting. Specimen identified by Earl Hall of N.C. College.
Black-billed Cuckoo (*Coccyzus erythropthalmus*)
Dawley: Uncommon transient, reported several times in May.
5/1/1902 – One, Greensboro (*Avendex*)
5/11/1990 – One, southern Guilford County, DB
5/12/1990 – One (probable), heard at Laurel Bluff Trail
8/15/1992 – One, reported from Girl Scout Camp, DL fide PF
5/8/1995* – One, Fisher Park on Elm Street, HL, EL
5/14/1997 – One, intersection of Starmount & Battle, HL
(One or two reports more recently on Spring Counts)
5/3/2005 – One, Hamilton Lakes, LS
5/6/2009* – One, intersection of Starmount and Nut Bush, HL, EL
5/3/2016 – One, Fisher Park East, near Elm St., AH
10/11/2016 – One, Spring Valley Park, LH.
4/29/2017 – One bird seen during Spring Bird Count, location unknown, HL.

Chuck-will’s-widow (*Caprimulgus carolinensis*)
Dawley: Uncommon summer visitor, reported several times on spring counts.
5/10/1951 – Calling behind house about dark, apparently in short alfalfa field – noticeably slower than Whip-poor-will – 4 syllabled, 8-10 calls, then moved off. Not see. JMattocks (diary).
5/11/1951 – Above (?) flew over from woods behind barn across road at dusk. See at distance flying same route 3-4 times during next month. JMattocks (diary).
5/15/1955 – In middle of night, one calling from woods behind barn. JMattocks (diary).
4/25/1991 – Two (singing, to late May), SE corner of Guilford County, RMcN (*Avendex*).
5/2010* – One, singing in the Link’s backyard on Big Spring count day, HL, EL.
4/30/2017 – One bird was heard calling in the 6300s area of Beulah Church Road, AT.

Broad-tailed Hummingbird (*Selasphorus platycercus*)
4/5/2002* – One, Gibsonville, LB and m.ob., present all winter
**Rufous Hummingbird** *(Selasphorus rufus)*

1/8/2002* – One, imm. female, Greensboro, banded, fide SCampbell
1/4/2006* – One, imm. male, Greensboro, banded, fide SCampbell
12/30/2005 – One, Greensboro, LS

Fall/Winter 2006/2007* – Mary and Terry Woodrow’s yard, photo
11/17/12-4/1/2013* – One, immature male, EL and HL’s front yard on Pineapple Sage and, eventually, feeders; many photos, adjudicated by Susan Campbell. HL compiled a photographic record of the bird’s nearly complete molt from Immature to adult. Fascinating!

?/??/2014* – One adult female banded in northern Guilford where one was banded last year (same bird!)

?/??/2014* – One adult female on north side of Greensboro at the Hervey’s. Was banded.

2/3/2017* – One bird, staying in the same area on Cripplegate Trail since the fall, was banded by SC.

**Selasphorus, sp.**

11/10-12/22/11 – One, photographed by ME Laughner in Greensboro/Summerfield. The photo is taken from the front on the bird’s right quarter.

Forecrown appears grayish/greenish; black bill; gorget, which is sharply set off from the white beast, shows neat columns of dots that appear golden or brassy; flanks appear rufous, almost defining a vest; wing appears dark; a small sliver of the back, which can be seen above the wing, appears rufous. Repeated attempts to get additional information (images, last date seen) have proven unsuccessful.

1/5/2012 – One, reported by C. Elingburg from Lake Jeanette area. No photo.

Reporter examined pictures and decided bird was most like Broad-tailed or Rufous. Sighting included here only to establish dates.

**Calliope Hummingbird** *(Stellula calliope)*

12/11/2002* – One, imm. male, Greensboro, banded, fide SCampbell
12/24-31/2007* – One, Price Park, SdeP, HL, MW, m.ob., photo (The species identity of this bird was never fully documented. Experts, based on photos, indicated Calliope, Black-chinned, or some variant of either. The bird was not examined in hand.)

11/21/08* – “all winter” – One, Greensboro, many photos, owner of feeder unknown. Review of photos by Susan Campbell suggests Calliope.

**Yellow Rail** *(Coturnicops noveboracensis)*

10/4/1910 – One, Greensboro *(Avendex)*. Dawley: Our only record is the one brought to Pearson (10/4/10).

10/9/1956 – Flushed in knee high weed in grain stubble in field behind my house south of High Point. Flew up four or five feet from me as two dogs came
simultaneously from two separate points to greet me. Flew laboriously and slowly and lit short distance away, but we could not flush it again, James Mattocks.

About 5:30 p.m. in field behind barn, grain stubble, grass, and knee high ragweed, flushed Yellow Rail, it flew up shoulder high from 4 or 5 feet away, angled off about 30 ft and lit in edge of field of alfalfa. It flew weakly, trailing legs like Sora and was dark except for conspicuous white strip along trailing edge of wing. It was noticeably smaller than Sora, though similar in manner. Bill not bright yellow and was somewhat slimmer than Sora’s. White patch showed very well as strip about 1” wide and 3” long at trailing edge of inner central part of wing. Made no sound, I could not flush it again although Shorty and Boots and I tramped area thoroughly. JMattocks (diary).

**Black Rail** (*Laterallus jamaicensis*)

6/1/1893 – Three, Jamestown (*Avendex*).  
11/25/1970* – One flushed from weed field south of High Point in Guilford Co., JM, CM. *The Chat* 35:32). “Same area and situation as Yellow Rail, but my son, Clarence, and I and one dog happened to converge from different directions. Low labored flight into edge of wood, could not flush it again, James Mattocks and CM.  
10:30 a.m. with Clarence in field behind house, grain stubble grown up in ragweed, etc. Clarence flushed Black Rail, small rather chunky, all dull black, short tail, broad wing. Circled around gaining height. Rather labored flight beating wings rapidly, got up about 15’ high and went into corner of woods.” JMattocks (diary).

**Clapper Rail** (*Rallus longirostris*)

8/29/2011* – One, juv., downtown High Point on the window ledge of an office building, photo, probably blown in by Hurricane Irene, fide Hop Hopkins.  

**King Rail** (*Rallus elegans*)

Dawley: Occasionally seen in marshes. Reported in October, November, and May.  
4/27/1957 – One individual reported on Greensboro Spring Bird Count. No other details. Published in *The Chat*.  
5/3/1969 – One individual reported on the Greensboro Spring Bird Count. No other details. Published in *The Chat*.  

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Virginia Rail (*Rallus limicola*)

Dawley: Rare. Reported on one Christmas and one spring count. JMattocks: Heard at Brandt in Sept. and Oct. each year (9/22/56, 10/7/56).


4/?/1989* – One, DOR on Friendly Avenue, specimen, LM.

10/26/2017 – No details available, AT.

Sora (*Porzana carolina*)

Dawley: Rare, one seen by Pearson on 8/19/1909, and one by Mrs. Settan on 9/22/1944.


10/7/1956 – Small lake south of High Point, James Mattocks. One, flushed w/ upper lake, out in grass 10-12 feet from edge of lake, some water infurrows out in grass & weeds where got up – flew up 5-6 feet high and weakly over into edge of willows. Quite dark, no wing pattern, rather small (I thought) bill not yellow – just dark, flew with legs trailing. JMattocks (diary).

10/13/1956 – One flushed by Larry Crawford at Hamburg Lake, in afternoon. 2 or 3 more heard. JMattocks (diary).

5/2/1959 – Reported on the Spring Bird Count. Published in *The Chat*.


5/3/1969 – One, heard on Spring Count.

9/2/1974* – One, found DOR at Guilford College campus, specimen, MT.

?/?/1986* – One, found DOR on Friendly Ave., specimen, LM.

4/18/2007* – One bird at wetlands upstream from the marsh on Plainfield Road, MW, m.ob., photo.

9/28/2009* – One, found in “southeastern Guilford County,” taken to animal hospital and thence to a rehabilitator for treatment of a probable head injury. Photos, MC.

10/21/2014* – One, found in Price Park at the small marsh upslope from and across from the entrance road to the library, HL, JM, AW-F.

10/22/2014* – Two, in the same location as above, HL, LS, AT, photos. One was still present on the 23rd, HL, EL, RM, LS, NS, MW, photos.

9/15-17/2015* – Two at Horsepen Creek mudflats. NS. HL. AT heard these birds
“some weeks earlier” at this same location.

10/2/2016* – One singing, Plainfield Marsh, AT et al. And on 10/3, same bird and same location, HL, AVS, RN.
10/26/2017 – Two birds calling, Bryan Park Picnic Shelter area, AT.

**Purple Gallinule** (*Porphyrlula martinica*)

**Common Gallinule** (*Gallinula chloropus*)
Dawley: Rare spring migrant.
5/18-22/1949 – One was observed at the Crafts. (Dawley).
5/17/1950 – School children found one dead on Freeman’s Mill Road and brought it to Mrs. Perrett. (Dawley).
10/13/1956 – One (or two) at Hamburg Lake headwaters marsh with Larry Crawford and George Smith. JMattocks (diary).
5/2/1959 – One, during the Spring Bird Count. Published in *The Chat.*
10/13/1990* – One, immature, DOR, Benjamin Parkway near Wendover Ave. overpass, BC.
5/?/2005?* – One, found on Spring Count Day, small lake behind the Greensboro Hebrew Academy, DC, HL.

**Sandhill Crane** (*Grus canadensis*)
12/5/1987 – Three, Greensboro (*Avendex*).
12/20/2004* – One, north-eastern Guilford County (*Avendex*), photo.
11/?/12/?/?/2007 – A small flock (7?) reported in a field in SE Guilford County, fide DB.
12/18/2007* – Six, in flight over downtown Greensboro, SdeP, MW, m.ob., photo.
1/8/2015* – Three at the northern end of the inlet on the north side of the eastern Doggett Rd. causeway over Lake Townsend. LS, GW, photos. Seen at this same spot again on 1/11 by JB and through 1/14 by LS, GW.
2/28/2016 – One, seen by AT at the Doggett Rd. site described above.

**Black-necked Stilt** (*Himantopus mexicanus*)
5/29/2014 – One, reported from the Marriott pond at PTI airport, Chris Menten.

**American Avocet** (*Recurvirostra americana*)
10/9-11/1966 – 13 and four birds, Lake Brandt, JMattocks & GSmith. At Brandt Lake, Ry track 13 Avocets on small exposed flat, surrounded by water, 3:45PM. Flew off and circled around twice, came back, were there when
we left about 6PM. Seen for two hours and by George Smith and about 12-15 members of Piedmont Club who were on field trip at Guilford. JMattocks (diary).

10/16?,17?/1986 – Six or seven, Lake Townsend sailboat launching area, GR.
8/2/1991* – One, Lake Townsend marina (apparent juvenile female), FG, GR, HH.
9/1/1997* – Two, Lake Brandt, US 220 crossing, SdeP, HH.
8/13/2002 – Two, Lake Townsend, Church Street north crossing, CA.
10/16/2016 – Eleven (!) flying east from the pond at Howerton and County Farm Roads, HL.
8/6/2017* – One, south side of causeway on Plainfield Road resting on mud bank. RN, AV, JE, EL, HL, LS, GW, m.ob. Photos.

**Black-bellied Plover** (*Pluvialis squatarola*)


10/23/1966 – Two (possibly the same as above), Lake Brandt (*Avendex*).
5/?/1986 – One, Plainfield Road, PF.
9/16/2010* – One, on mud flats where Horsepen Creek enters Lake Brandt. The bird was found by HL from the Nat Greene Trail and relocated later that same afternoon from the Palmetto Trail, HL, GW.
8/08/2013* – One adult in breeding plumage, Horsepen Creek Flats from the Nat Greene Trail, HL (possibly photographed).
8/1/2014 – One adult in breeding plumage, base of spillway at Lake Townsend marina, MW.
10/7/2016 – One, Lake Townsend marina, AT.

**American Golden-Plover** (*Pluvialus dominica*)

9/14-10/22/1967– Seven (10/7/66), fide Mattocks (*The Chat* 33:24).
9/30/1967 – Seven, High Point (*Avendex*).
9/27/1990 – One, Lake Brandt marina, HL.
10/7/1990 – Same bird (apparently) as above, mouth of Horsepen Creek, HL.
10/20/2007* – One, Lake Brandt mud flats at US 220 crossing, HL, LS, m.ob., photo.
9/12/2011* – One, on the flats east of the upper Church St. causeway, HL, JMc, JP, GW. Bird still present on 9/14, photo, HL.

**Wilson’s Plover** (*Charadrius wilsonia*)

5/2/1964 – One, reported on the Greensboro Spring Bird Count. Report was
Provided by two experienced birders. The sighting was published in *The Chat*. (1964, Vol. 28, pp. 75-83)

**Semipalmated Plover** (*Charadrius semipalmatus*)

Dawley: Rare transient, reported 5/5/1945 and 9/9,10/1945.
Mattocks: 8/31 to 10/8, 1966-1968; maximum of 35 on 9/7/1968, Lake Brandt. Since then, 21 reported sightings through 8/17/2002, most occurring in August and September but also reported in May. Several sightings reported in August (e.g., 8/18/2007, 8/19/2008) and September of 2007 and 2008 from the Reedy Fork Trail, mouth of Horsepen Creek, and Church Street crossings of Lake Townsend, due to drought conditions. Also late summer of 2009 at various sites. Again in September of 2010. July 31, 2011, August 26-Sep 9, 2011. August 18, 2012. August 3 to at least 8, 2013, August 11, 2014, May 1, 2016, September 4, 2016. Also in May of 2017. Given the number of sightings to date, this species will no longer be tracked.

**Piping Plover** (*Charadrius melodus*)

9/25-10/1/1966 – One, fide JMattocks, Lake Brandt.
8/8/2013* – One with two bands on each leg (light blue over silver), Horsepen Creek from Nat Greene Trail, HL, EL, m.ob., photographed. According to the US FWS, this bird was a fledgling this year and was banded (along with its sibling) on North Manitou Island in Lake Michigan. This site is in Lake Michigan on the western shore of the lower peninsula, 12 mi. WNW of Leland, MI.
8/2/2017 – One, male banded bird, Horsepen Creek flats from Nat Greene or Palmetto Trails, photos, AT, NS. Bird hatched this year at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore near Sleeping Bear Point, Lake Michigan. This location is only 10 miles from North Manitou Island where the 2013 bird was hatched.

**Upland Sandpiper** (*Bartramia longicauda*)

Dawley: A rare transient.
4/1/1893 – One reported in the spring, Pearson.
4/28/1945 – One reported, TZ.
11/22/1953 – Three, Sechrest Lake, Mattocks. Three in muddy edge, about 15 Killdeer moving about. These birds not feeding apparently, moving about a little. Very drab, no particular markings, dark arcs through eye, lighter above, about body size of Killdeer, longer legs and longer thinner neck making them stand higher, short bill, no white rump or conspicuous white on tail, no black axillars, no distinct mark on breast (as Pectoral), notes on arising two note whistle (wellower?) than Killdeer noises – did not raise wings upon alighting – wing beats deep and like Killdeer. After I watched awhile, they flew close over me and then left – going west. JMattocks (diary).
7/19/1992 – Two, north end of airport viewed from Inman Road, HL.
7/21/1992 – Two, from north end of airport, DB.
7/22/1992 – Four, behind air cargo building at north end of airport, DB.
8/25,26/1992* – Three, same location as above, at least two confirmed, DB, HH.
4/17,18/1993 – Five (two on second date), at north end of airport, HL.
4/16/1994 – One, north end of the airport terminal, HL.
7/7/1996 – Two, at the airport, HL.
Note: Airport and surrounding grounds off-limits since 9/11/2001.

Whimbrel *(Numenius phaeopus)*
9/5/1986* – One (specimen) found DOR on Adkins Road at Power Station, SH.

Ruddy Turnstone *(Arenaria interpres)*
9/17-22/1966 – One, fide JMattocks, Lake Brandt. One at Brandt flats with Killdeer, very pale plumage. No red, heavy looping black band across breast.
JMattocks (diary).
8/11-16/1977* – One, breeding plumage, High Point, PC, RS, BW.
5/18/1985 – One, Lake Townsend marina.
9/16,29/1990 – Six, mouth of Horsepen Creek (16th); one, Lake Brandt flats at US 220 crossing (29th).
9/3/2011* – One, on Nat Greene Trail flats, HH and m.ob., photo. Probably was assisted by Hurricane Irene, which passed to the east of Greenboro but brought strong winds.
9/7/2011* – One, below Lake Jeanette spillway from Church St. causeway, HL. Bird still present on 9/10/2011.

Stilt Sandpiper *(Calidris himantopus)*
9/17-18/1966 – Seven, Lake Brandt, JMattocks & GSmith. 7 at Lake Brandt mudflats along Ry feeding out in edge of water mostly jabbing head deep. Like small Lesser Yellowlegs but bill longer, heavier, and slight droop at tip. With Pectorals, semi-p s.p. – snipe nearby. JMattocks (diary).
9/23-24/1990* – One, mouth of Horsepen Creek, HL, SG
8/17-22/1993* – One, Lake Jeanette, spillway, HH, HL
8/14/2002 – One, Lake Townsend, Church Street north crossing, HL
9/24/2010* – Ten, Horsepen Creek mud flats from the Nat Greene Trail, MW, GW
7/31/2011* – One, Reedy Fork trail up the creek to westernmost flats, HL, EL
8/30/2011* – One, from northern Church St. causeway at Lake Townsend, HL et al.; also one at Lake Jeanette spillway on 9/8/2011, HL
9/14/2011* – One from Church St. north causeway, photo, HL
8/12/2014* – One on Horsepen Creek flats from Nat Greene trail, HL.
8/31-9/1/2014* – One as above. LS, HL, EL, AT. Perhaps the same bird as above.
9/7/2015* – Three at Reedy Fork Trail mudflats. HL and EL.
9/8/2015 – One, Horsepen Creek flats, LS.
9/7/2016* – One, Palmetto Trail, Horsepen Creek flats, MW, m.ob.
10/10/2017* – Three, Yanceyville Marsh, Lake Townsend, MW, HL.

**Sanderling** (*Calidris alba*)

5/1/1976* – Two on beach of small suburban lake, all but drained (*The Chat* 40:88), DA.
5/18/1987 – One, Lake Townsend, under the dam.
9/10/1997 – One, mouth of Horsepen Creek.
8/14/2002 – One, Lake Townsend, Church Street north crossing, HL.
9/15/2009* - Two, “salt and pepper” juveniles, upper Yanceyville crossing looking east toward Doggett Road (and a possible third on Church Street at the Lake Jeanette out-flow), GW, EL, HL.
9/9/2011* – Lake Jeanette outflow from Church St., HL, EL.
9/14/2011* – Three at north Church St. causeway, photo, HL. At least one, possibly two still present on 9/18, GW.
8/30/2014* – One juvenile, Horsepen Creek flats, photos, LS, HL, EL. Bird remained through 9/1.
5/1/2016 – Three or four during a major shorebird fallout at Horsepen Creek mud flats, HL.
9/3/2016* – One, Horsepen Creek flats from Nat Greene Trail, HL, AT.
8/30/2017 – One, Horsepen Creek mud flats, AT.

**Dunlin** (*Calidris alpina*)

Dawley: Reported only once, on a field trip in March, 1953, led by Mr. and Mrs. Perrett.
5/6/1961 – “One with gulls at Ry in Lake Brandt.” JMattocks (diary). Presumably this is the same bird reported for the Spring Bird Count held on this same date. The sighting was documented in *The Chat*. (1961, Vol. 25, p.58)

10/25/1969 – Five, High Point (*Avendex*)
10/24/1986 – Three, Lake Townsend marina
5/11/1991 – One, Lake Townsend, Water Plant settling ponds
11/14/1993 – Three, Lake Jeanette spillway, HL
12/17/1994* – One, Reedy Fork Creek, HL, EL
11/5/2005 – One, Lake Brandt, LS
4/27/2008* – One, the Bog Garden, MW, LS, photo
10/19/2008* – Two, on flats at mouth of Horsetpen Creek, HL, EL, GW
8/2/2009 – One, mouth of Horsetpen Creek along Nat Greene Trail, EL
10/26/2009* – Two, Lake Jeanette spillway (one on each side of Church St.), HL, LS, GW, photo
10/28/2009* – 19, four at the north overlook on Church St., and 15 at the Lake Jeanette spillway overlook on Church St., HL, EL, GW
11/3/2012* – One on Horsetpen Creek flats from Nat Greene Trail, SdeP, GW
11/3/2017* – One, Church Street causeway south, Lake Townsend, photos, MW, HL.

**Baird’s Sandpiper** (*Calidris bairdii*)
Reports from Mattocks:
9/24-25/1966 – One, Lake Brandt, JMattocks & George Smith. One at 220 east of railway. In rough muddy area 10’ + from edge of water. Clods with water pockets in between. Observed about 10:30 – 11:00. Very tame – full sun – to within 30-35 ft with 20X scope 7-10X binoculars. JMattocks (diary). On 9/25 I watched it from 3-5 p.m. – bright sun, intermittent clouds – saw dark legs, buffy scaly back, bill, and buffy markings on head, throat, and breast. About 4PM it flew over to edge of water and for half hour fed near a Pectoral Sandpiper – both in telescope field at about 100 ft for some time – was clearly small Pectoral with dark legs. (JM diary).
8/29-30/2015* – Two juveniles below Lake Jeanette spillway from Church St. causeway. HL, EL, AH, GW, LS. Photos.
9/2/2015* – Same two birds as reported above but from the flats bordering the Reedy Fork Trail (westernmost arm of Lake Townsend), HL, AT, LS.
9/6/2015* – As above but a third juvenile is now at the upper Yanceyville causeway mudflats, HL, RM, LS, photos. Same birds on 9/7/2015. HL.

**White-rumped Sandpiper** (*Calidris fuscicollis*)
Dawley: Reported for the first time in April, 1952.
4/4/1952 – Four were seen at the Crafts. (Dawley).
1953 – They were again reported on the 1953 spring count. (Dawley).
5/11/1962 – Two, Greensboro (*Avendex*).
5/25/1990 – One, Lake Townsend, beach at marina (with a Semipalmated ?).
7/27/2002 – One, Lake Higgins, back end of the lake, HL.
9/7/2011* – Three, below Lake Jeanette spillway from Church St. causeway, HL.
9/9/2011* – Six below Lake Jeanette, six at the northern Church St. causeway, and five more on the Reedy Fork flats, HL, SdeP, GW. Four Lake Jeanette birds still present on 9/10/2010.
9/14/2011* – Twelve birds at the Church St. north causeway, photo, HL et al.
9/14/2013 – One bird at the Horsepen Creek flats on Lake Brandt, NS.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper (*Tryngites subruficollis*)
Two flew in and lit on exposed mudflats next to Ry at Brandt Lake near 220. Lake level four feet down – large wet mudflat with Pectoral Sandpipers (10-12), Semipalmated (10-12), one snipe, 5 or 6 Killdeer. B-B lit near pectoral and Killdeer all in telescope field at once. Buffy – small head and neck, delicate bill, whitish eye ring, moved with bent-legged timid manner. 10AM clear light 20X telescope 7Xglasses.
JMattocks (diary). Seen again on 9/17.
8/21-28/2011* – One on Horsepen Creek flats from the Nat Greene Trail, HL, EL, HH
9/3/2011* – Two on the Horsepen Creek flats from the Nat Greene Trail, HH and m.ob., photo. One of these may have been the bird reported above from the same location. And again on 9/9/2011, HL, SdeP, GW
9/12/2011* – One, on the flats below Lake Jeanette outflow, HL, JMc, JP

Semipalmated Sandpiper (*Calidris pusilla*)
Dawley: Casual. Reported August 30 to October 7, 1945 by Larry Crawford.
5/6/1961 – 4 in upper marsh Lake Brandt, with a number of Westerns and some Least. JMattocks (diary).
9/16/1961 – 3 at Lake Brandt near Ry. JMattocks (diary)
JMattocks & GSmith.
9/7/1968 – unknown number, Lake Brandt mud flats near US 220
7/16,23/1985 – One, mouth of Horsepen Creek
5/21/1987 – One, under dam at Lake Townsend
8/4/1987 – One, mouth of Horsepen Creek
5/17/1989 – One, settling ponds behind Lake Townsend dam
5/25/1990 – One, beach at Lake Townsend marina
9/16/1990 – Three, mouth of Horsepen Creek
8/14/1992 – One, settling pond at Lake Townsend Water Plant
9/6, 17, 18/1993 – One, under Lake Jeanette spillway
9/7/1997 – One, Church Street south crossing (Lake Townsend)
8/2/2002 – Three, Church Street north crossing, and one, Church Street south crossing (Lake Townsend)
8/19/2008* – Unk. Unk. HL, EL, GW
5/23/2009* – One, Behind “Books-a-Million” off New Garden Street, HL, EL, GW
5/18/2010* – Location not recalled, HL, GW
9/16/2010* – One, mouth of Horsepen Creek, HL, GW
7/31/2011 – One probable, Plainfield Rd. at Plainfield marsh, HL, EL
8/26-28/2011* Multiple birds at Lake Jeanette outflow and Nat Greene Trail, HL, EL, SdeP; also on 9/9/2011 at Horsepen Creek flats, HL, SdeP, GW
8/18/2012* – Multiple birds, Nat Greene Trail, HL, EL.
8/03/2013* – Three birds, Horsepen Creek Flats from Nat Greene Trail, HL, EL
8/30/2014* – Two, as above, LS, HL, EL, AT.
5/1/2016 – “Several” during major shorebird fallout at Horsepen Creek flats, HL
8/5/2017 – One, Horsepen Creek mud flats, BY.

**Short-billed Dowitcher (Limnodromus griseus)**

7/16/1986 – One, Greensboro (Avendex)
8/23/2008* – One, Lake Jeanette spillway, HL, EL, GW
8/26/2011* – One, on flats east of Church St. at Laurel Bluff Trailhead, HL, SdeP, DP
8/30/2011* – One, as reported above. May have been the same bird, HL et al.
8/18/2012* – One, Nat Greene Trail on Horsepen Creek flats, HL, EL, et al.
9/4/2016 – One, on Horsepen Creek flats from Nat Greene Trail, LS. Still present on 9/11. May have been seen as early as 9/2, AT.
8/3/2017 – One, Palmetto Trail, Horsepen Creek mud flats, MW.

**Long-billed Dowitcher (Limnodromus scolopaceus)**

9/13/2009* – Two, one juvenile and one molting adult, Lake Jeanette spillway, HL, EL, MW, LS, m.o.b., photos.
10/25, 28/2009* - One, juvenile (eventually giving flight call, “keek,” “ki-ki”), Lake Jeanette spillway from Church St., HL, EL, LS, GW, photo

**Dowitcher (sp.) (Limnodromus)**

Dawley: Larry Crawford collected one 8/30/1945 on Richland Lake. Reported again 9/7-14/1947 and 5/1953.
9/5/1966 – Brandt Lake (5 or 6). JMattocks (diary).
10/17/2009* – One adult in basic non-breeding plumage (or very nearly so), Church Street crossing below Lake Jeanette spillway, HL, EL, SdeP, GW (Bird did not vocalize nor was upper surface of tail seen. Fairly heavy barring on the flanks. Gray breast ended abruptly with no sign of spotting or flecking extending onto the white belly. Back did not appear rounded. Forehead seemed more rounded than sloping.)

4/30/2016 – Two, Bryan park Golf Course, Club House area, AT

Willet (Tringa semipalmata)
8/11/2014* – One, Horsepen Creek flats from the Palmetto trail, HL, GW, LS. Based on photos taken on 8/12/2014 the bird is believed to have been of the “Eastern” subspecies. But that subspecies is strictly coastal according to Sibley. The “Western” subspecies migrates to both coasts.

8/31/2016 – Three, on Horsepen Creek flats from Nat Greene Trail, AT.
5/5/2017 – One, Lake Townsend marina, photos, MC.

Red-necked Phalarope (Phalaropus lobatus)
10/25/1969 – One, High Point, Mattocks (The Chat 34:27)
4/28/2009* – One, breeding plumage female, Lake Brandt marina, SdeP, LS, HL, GW, m.ob., photo
8/30/2011* – One, Church St. causeway below the Lake Jeanette spillway, HL et al., photo. May have been blown in by Hurricane Irene.
5/7/2013* – Three in full breeding plumage. Lake Townsend from the Yanceyville St. Causeway. HL and JS.
5/21/2017* – One at a retention pond at Ossi Court off Penny Road. Found by Brenda Hiles-Hurt and confirmed by HL, EL, and MW. Photo.
9/12/2017* – One, Horsepen Creek mud flats, MW, LS, et al.

Red Phalarope (Phalaropus fulicarius)
9/29 –10/1/1991* – One, Lake Hamilton area of dam, KT, HH, LM, HL, m.ob., photo
11/18/1991 – One, Lake Townsend, felt to be the same bird as above, MT
9/17/1993* – One, below the Lake Jeanette spillway, CA, DA
4/11/2003* – One, essentially in winter plumage but starting to show red in the area of the vent, Lake Brandt, way up left arm of the lake, HL, HH

Pomarine Jaeger (Stercorarius pomarinus)
7/13-8/10/1984* – Three, Lake Townsend, also on 8/14, 8/19 (one), 8/25, BMcK, BK, PB, ET, m.ob.
Sabine’s Gull (*Xema sabini*)
9/15/2017* – Two first-year birds, apparently in the wake of Hurricane (tropical depression) Irma. Found by HL. Seen by many: NS, MW, LS, GW, ET. Birds viewed from the south Church Street causeway looking east. Birds seen on the water and in flight when the strikingly beautiful upperwing pattern was evident. No discernible yellow on tip of bill. Photos.

Laughing Gull (*Larus atricilla*)
Dawley: Rare casual
7/26/1985 – One, Lake Townsend marina for an hour and 20 minutes, standing next to a Ring-billed Gull. Bird was beyond second winter plumage of Peterson, but not in breeding adult plumage.
8/5/1985 – One, middle of Lake Townsend
8/7/1985 – Two (first-year birds), Lake Townsend near Doggett Road east crossing
8/8,9/1985 – One (first-year bird), Lake Brandt Marina
3/10,14,15/1987 – One, Lake Townsend, Yanceyville Street crossing
4/16/1987* – One, at close range at Lake Townsend marina, with Ring-billed and Bonaparte’s, HH, PF
5/15/1989 – One, Lake Townsend marina, perched on fishing pier among Ring-billed and Bonaparte’s
5/4/1990 – One, Lake Townsend, HL
5/13/1995* – One, Lake Townsend from the marina, HH, PF
12/14/2000 – One, High Point (Avendex)
5/28/2009 – One, Lake Brandt marina, HL
5/20/2011 – One, Lake Brandt marina, GW
5/6/2013 – One, possibly more birds, at the Lake Brandt Marina. Part of a large fallout of gulls, terns, and loons due to bad weather. HL.
5/14/2014 – Three, flying overhead at Ballinger Road, HL, MW
8/11/2015* – One, immature, Lake Brandt marina, HL, GW.
11/9/2017* – One, Lake Brandt marina, HL, MW.

Franklin’s Gull (*Larus pipixcan*)
10/13/2015* – One on Lake Townsend from Doggett Rd. west causeway and subsequently at the marina. Traveling with a single Ring-billed Gull and an American Herring Gull. AT, HL, and LS. Searched for because of favorable winds. The report led others to search to our west. Those birders were rewarded with a reported fall-out at Lake Hickory on the next day.
**Iceland Gull** (*Larus glaucoides*)

11/25/2016* – One, first winter, from Doggett Rd. east and west causeways on the north side of the road in the coves. HL, EL, MW, LS photos. Bird still present through 1:10 p.m. on the 26th. AT, GW, MW photos. The MW photos point to *Larus glaucoides kumlieni* subspecies (Kumlien’s Gull). When seen on the 26th it was in the company of approximately 30 Bonaparte’s Gulls. Bird continued through at least 12/20/16. M.ob.

**Lesser Black-backed Gull** (*Larus fuscus*)

1/6-8/2010* – One, Lake Townsend, from western Doggett Rd. overlook, HL, EL, SdeP, ET, GW

1/15/12* – One, from pontoon boat on Lake Townsend amid large Ring-billed Gull flock, photo, HL, EL, JS, RR

2/7/2014* – One, adult, on Lake Townsend from Doggett Rd. west causeway in a large flock of roosting gulls, HL, LS, GW

2/3/2015 – Two adults, as above, and from the Yanceyville causeway, HL

2/11/2015 – One adult, Doggett Rd. west causeway, likely same bird as above, HL

3/14/2015 – Two, first-cycle types, North Church St. causeway, AT.

1/27/2014* – One, first cycle, Cape Wedgewood Circle, Lake Townsend, AT.

**Glaucous Gull** (*Larus hyperboreus*)

12/16-17/1994* – One, Lake Townsend, 2nd winter bird, HL, DA, HH, JP

12/20/2003 – One, Lake Townsend (*Avendex*)

**Great Black-backed Gull** (*Larus marinus*)

12/13/1994 – One, Lake Townsend, HL

2/2/1995 – One, Lake Townsend, perhaps the same as above, HL (*Avendex*)

1/29,31/1997 – Four, Lake Townsend, HL

2/?/2008 – One, Lake Townsend, HL

1/7-9/2010* – One, 2nd winter, Lake Townsend from the Yanceyville St. causeway, HL, SdeP, GW

12/18/2013* – One, 1st winter, Lake Brandt Marina, HL, GW, photo

12/18/2013 – One, Lake Townsend from the Yanceyville Causeway, HL

1/27/2014* – One, first winter, Lake Townsend from Doggett Road West, HL, AH

**Least Tern** (*Sternula antillarum*)

8/6/1996 – “Some,” Oak Hollow Lake marina, WF. This sighting is in doubt and more likely refers to Forster’s Tern. Almost all inland sightings of Least Tern are associated with tropical storms. No named storms occurred in inland NC in early August of 1996.
**Common Tern** (*Sterna hirundo*)

Dawley: Rare casual. Reported Sept. 18, 1945 by Larry Crawford.


7/28/1984 – Three, Lake Townsend

4/24/1986 – One, Lake Brandt marina, adult bird

8/17/1987 – One, adult, Lake Townsend, west side of Yanceyville Street crossing

5/6/2013* – One or more at Lake Brandt Marina. Part of a large, weather-related fallout of terns, gulls, and loons. HL. Photo.

10/11/2015* – One at Lake Brandt Marina, HL, AT.

10/7/2016* – One, Lake Brandt marina, HL and others.

9/11/2017* – Twelve birds, Lake Brandt marina, HL, MW, RN, m.ob.

**Royal Tern** (*Sterna maxima*)

8/30/2011* – Three on flats below Lake Jeanette spillway from Church St. causeway, HL et al., photo. Birds apparently blown in by Hurricane Irene.

**Red-throated Loon** (*Gavia stellata*)

12/7/1971 – One, reported on the CBC.

11/10/1990* – One, Lake Townsend from the Yanceyville Street crossing (in flight) and then from Church Street south crossing (on the water), HL, HH.


10/30, 31/1992 – One (molting plumage), Lake Townsend between the marina and the Doggett Road east crossing, HL.

11/1/1992 – One, Lake Townsend, same location and probably bird as above.

3/25/1993 – One, Lake Townsend, HL.

3/29/1993 – One, Lake Brandt marina, HL.

4/1/1993 – One, Lake Townsend, HL.

4/2/1993 – One, Lake Brandt marina, HL (These four 1993 sightings are probably of the same one or two birds.)

1/29, 31/1997 – One, Lake Townsend, HL.

5/4/2009* – One, Lake Townsend from western Doggett Road crossing, HL, GW, SdeP, m.ob.

12/23/2012 – One, Lake Brandt Marina, GW.

12/6/2013* – One, Lake Townsend from Yanceyville Causeway, HL, GW.

12/18/2013* – One, Lake Townsend from Yanceyville Causeway, LS, MW, HL. This could be the same bird as above, but probably not.

1/22-25/2014* – One, Lake Townsend from the McCarthy’s neighborhood, HL, JMc; and Yanceyville Causeway, HL, EL, GW.

12/3/2014 – One, Lake Townsend from Doggett Road east, LS.

1/29/2015* – One on the north shore of Lake Townsend from the Yanceyville causeway, HL. Again on 2/1 HL and EL.
3/1/2015 – One, Yanceyville causeway, Lake Townsend, HL.
3/30/2017 – One, Lake Townsend, Doggett Rd. causeway west, AVS.
11/14/2017 – One, Oak Hollow Lake, north overlook, AT.

Pacific Loon (*Gavia pacifica*)
11/18–12/3/2008* – One, immature, Lake Townsend from the east side of the Church Street south crossing, SdeP, HL, GW. Bird was relocated on the 19th by HL and GW, and subsequently seen and photographed by m.ob. from the east side of the Church Street north crossing. Reported by DC on 12/3/08.

Wood Stork (*Mycteria americana*)
Dawley: Rare post-breeding visitor.
6/26/1951* – One, Uwharrie Scout Camp, JM, JF.
8/18-21/2011* – Two, an imm. and an apparent 1st yr., on the Reedy Fork flats accessed from Plainfield Road, HL, EL, m.ob.
8/18-28/2011* – One of the birds noted above has persisted at the Reedy-Fork flats and also frequents the Nat Greene Trail, HL, EL.
8/30/2011* – The juvenile that showed up on 8/18 was still present, perched in a tree across the marsh north of Plainfield Road, HL, et al., photo; also on 9/9/2011 on Reedy Fork flats area.

Great Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*)
12/?/1980 – One reported on CBC.
5/7/1994* – One, flying, Lake Townsend, Yanceyville Street crossing (immature bird, totally white underneath).
10/22/1997 – One, imm., off Lake Brandt marina (pale all the way to the legs; yellow gular pouch), HH.
12/22, 23/2008* – One, imm., Lake Townsend, the south Church Street crossing, perched on power transmission pylon out in the lake. (Grayish bill, yellow and small gular pouch, front of neck and breast mottled brown, lower breast and belly white down to the legs), LS, JA, HL, DP, GW, DA, CA, HH, photo.
1/03-19/2009* – One, imm., Lake Townsend between Church and Yanceyville Street, perched on same tower as above. Almost certainly the same bird as above, SdeP, HL, EL, GW.
11/29/2017* – One, Lake Townsend, Doggett Road causeways, HL, MW, m.ob., photos. Bird was still present for the CBC on 12/16/2017.

Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*)
8/3/2008* – One, in Cypress trees at west end of Lake Brandt, west of the US 220
American White Pelican (*Pelecanus onocrotalus*)

2/19/2012* – A flock of at least 20 birds landed on Lake Brandt during the winter’s only snowy/sleety day. The birds were photographed using a cell phone. Enhancements of the two photos support the identity of these birds. The observer was SWG.

3/31/2015* – One, Lake Higgins marina and then cove on Lake Brandt, west of US 220. NS, HL, LS, GW, photos.

Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*)

8/29/1994 – One, flying over intersection of I-40 and Wendover Ave., LM.

7/24/2002* – One, diving for fish, Lake Brandt marina (from 22nd to 26th), SN, et al.

6/15/2003 – One, High Point Lake, Jamestown, TS (*Avendex*).


American Bittern (*Botaurus lentiginosus*)

Dawley: Uncommon transient March to May.

12/?/1955 – Reported on CBC.

4/28/1956 – About 6:00 a.m. at lake across the road. One got up above upper lake, went down across lake and curved around….? Good brown, black wing tips and tips of flight feathers. Stayed low, about 20 feet. Got up close not over 15-20 feet. JMattocks (diary). Seen again on 4/29 and 5/5.

5/6/1961 – One, standing in marsh by road, Lake Brandt, JMattocks (diary).

4?,5?,?,/1969* – One, Lake Brandt marshes off Old Battleground Road, HH, m.ob.

4/11,13/1986 – One, seen on Plainfield Road at Lake Townsend (marsh side) during low water.

9/2/1987 – One, specimen, MW.

4/29,30/2000* – One, Plainfield Road marsh, HL, EL, SDeP, DR.

4/19,20/2007* – One and then two, Plainfield Road marsh, MW, HL, EL, LS, photo.

4/20/2008* – One, at small brushy pond at cul-de-sac off Old Friendly Road bordering airport property, SdeP.

4/5/2009 – One, Plainfield Road marsh, bird flushed from near road, DC

3/29/2011* – One, Plainfield Road marsh, HL, GW.

3/1/2012 – One, Plainfield Marsh, spotted by a college student doing research, fide LM. Winter of 2012 virtually nonexistent!

6/28/2014* – One in flight viewed from the intersection of Baldwin and Sockwell crossing, HL, GW, MW, m.ob., photo.

8/24-26/2017* – One immature/female perched in snag north of the Doggett Road east causeway over arm of Lake Townsend. AT, NS, HL, MW, photos. Bird still present in mid-October.
Roads in NE part of county. Bird was identified by AT (“Hubble II”) at great distance and confirmed in scope. M.ob.

7/23/2016 – One at Horsepen Creek flats from the Palmetto Trail, AT.

3/24/2017* – One bird at Plainfield Marsh, VB, photo.

Least Bittern \textit{(Ixobrychus exilis)}

Dawley: Uncommon summer visitor, June-August.


5/6/1961 – One, reported on the Spring Bird Count. This record was placed in \textit{The Chat} (Vol. 25, p. 58).

12/?/1965 – Reported on CBC.

Great Blue Heron – White Morph (“Great White Heron”)

9/6/1943 – Larry Crawford identified as this species a big white bird that he saw Sept. 6, 1943. It was much larger than an American Egret which was standing nearby and was close enough so that he saw its yellow legs when it flew. (Dawley).

7/1987* – Bird was present for three weeks in July of 1987 as reported by HH and PF. The sighting was published in \textit{American Birds} and \textit{The Chat}. (Information supplied by HH on 12/30/2013.)

~8/1 – 8/14/2013* – One adult “Great White Heron” at…First reported by DB, seen by m.ob., and extensively photographed. This same bird has been frequenting the Buffalo Creek watershed in downtown Greensboro and was seen as recently as 10/9/2013 by HL and AH.

5/25/2017* – One reported by HL from Horsepen Creek mud flats. Photos.

Snowy Egret \textit{(Egretta thula)}

Fairly common post-breeding visitor, June to October. (Dawley).

8/9/2008* – Three, mouth of Horsepen Creek, HL, LS, m.ob., photo.

8/7/2009* – One, below Lake Jeanette spillway, HL, EL.

8/8/2009* – Two, Reedy Fork Trail mud flats, HL, EL, m.ob.

9/4-9/10/2010* – Two, mouth of Horsepen Creek, HH, HL, EL, m.ob.

7/27/2014* – One, Horsepen Creek flats from Palmetto Trail, photo, MW. This bird lingered until at least 7/30.

7/17/ – One immature bird at flats west of US 220 MW, HL, EL.

7/21/2015* – One immature in the marshy area on Lake Townsend west of Yanceyville Road, LS (photo).

7/25/2015* – Two, at different locations around the Greensboro lakes, HL, EL.

8/21/2015 – Possibly the same two birds, continuing. HL.

9/4/2015 – One, possibly the same bird as that of 7/21, LS, photos.
Little Blue Heron (*Egretta caerulea*)

Uncommon post-breeding visitor, late June to October. (Dawley).

6/20/1974 – One, Greensboro (*Avendex*).
5/7/1994 – One, Greensboro (*Avendex*).
5/9/1998 – One, Guilford County (*Avendex*).

9/25/2007 – One, adult, Lake Brandt at Lake Higgins spillway, GW.

8/1/2008* – One, imm., marsh at Plainfield Road crossing, DB, HL, GW, photo.
7/24/2009* – One, imm., Reedy Fork where it enters Lake Townsend, HL, EL, LS.
7/24/2009* – One, imm., Nat Greene Trail at mouth of Horsepen Creek, HL, EL, LS.
8/7/2009* – One, imm., same location as above, HL, EL.
8/7/2009* – Four, imm., below Lake Jeanette spillway, HL, EL.
8/6/2010* – One, imm., marsh at Plainfield Road crossing, DB, HL, GW, m.ob.
7/31/2011* – One adult, Reedy Fork Creek on the western flats viewed from the Reedy Fork trail area, HL, EL.
7/31/2011* – One adult, three imm, Nat Greene trail at Horsepen Creek flats, HL, EL.

7/9-14/2012* – One adult, Nat Greene Trail at Horsepen Creek flats, HL, EL, GW.
8/3/2013* – One, juvenile at Horsepen Creek flats from Nat Greene Trail, HL, EL.
7/27/2014 – One, Horsepen Creek flats from Palmetto Trail, photo, MW.
8/8/2014 – One in late July, and then up to six immatures, pond at corner of Staley Lakes and Smithwoods Rd., SE Guilford County, AT.
6/28/2015* – A couple of immatures on Horsepen Creek flats, HL, EL.
7/3/2015* – Four at the same site as above, HL, EL, MW.
7/17/2015* – An astounding 31 (30 immatures and 1 adult) on Lake Brandt at the Horsepen Creek flats and the flats west of US 220, MW. Subsequently seen by m.ob. A few of these birds lingered through July.
7/25/2015* – One adult and 33 immatures at different locations around the Greensboro, lakes, EL, HL.
8/5/2015 – The adult continues at Lake Brandt, on the flats west of US 220, MW.
8/21/2015 – Immature birds continuing at various spots around the lakes. HL.
7/10/2016 – One adult and six immatures, Horsepen Creek flats, HL.
7/15/2016 – Three immatures, the Bog Garden, HL.
7/16/2016* – Two and then a total of six immatures at the Bog Garden, DB, LB, TB.
7/16/2016* - One adult photographed at Horsepen Creek flats, MW. The three preceding reports may be of the same birds as first reported on the 10th.
9/4/2016 – One, Nat Greene Trail along Horsepen Creek flats, LS.
4/3/2017* – One adult bird, early date, Lake Townsend marina, HL, photo.
7/21/2017* – One immature bird, Horsepen Creek mudflats, EL, HL.

**Tricolored Heron (Egretta tricolor)**
4/16/1987* – One, Lake Townsend between the dam and marina, HH, PF.
9/7?/1987* – One, Lake Townsend at Church Street (south?) crossing, CA, DA.
9/22/1992 – One, pond at Marston Road and Cone Blvd., HL.
8/24/1997* – One, mouth of Horsepen Creek, DR; confirmed on 26th, HH.
9/10,11/1997 – One, mouth of Horsepen Creek.
9/14/1997* – One, Lake Townsend, Church Street south crossing, DR, SdeP.
8/7,8/2009* – One, mouth of Horsepen Creek on Nat Greene Trail, HL, EL, m.ob.

7/29 – 8/03/2013* – One, mouth of Horsepen Creek on Nat Greene Trail, HL, EL, RM, et al.
8/? – 9/?/2013* – One, Bog Garden, HL, m.ob. from late August to early September.

**Cattle Egret (Bubulcus ibis)**
10/7/1967 – One, High Point (Avendex).
4/26/1992 – Two in pasture at A&T Farms, HL.
5/2/1992 – Five from Brookbank road for the Spring Count, JMcC.
5/3/1997 – One reported from Spring Count, PC.
4/27/2008 – One reported from large field on the corner of Lake Brandt Road and Plainfield Road, DB.
4/24/2009* – One, breeding plumage, at pond on Nutt Road, DC, GW, photo.

**Black-crowned Night-Heron (Nycticorax nycticorax)**
Dawley reported this species twice by 1953, and described it as an uncommon summer visitor, reported in April and June. There were subsequent reports of (presumably) one bird in each of the following years: 1973, 1976, 1982, and 1988. (Information provided by HH on 12/30/2013.)
2/11/2007* – One, Lake Townsend, south Church St. crossing, LS, m.ob., photo.
4/6/2008* – One, mouth of Horsepen Creek, SdeP, HL, LS, GW, photo.
9/10/2011* – One, imm., Church St. causeway below Lake Jeanette, HL, LS, ET, GW, photo, black and yellow mandibles well seen.
4/30/13 – 5/19/2013* One, imm., at the Bog Garden. HL and m.ob.
7/27/2014* – One, adult or 2nd year bird, Horsepen Creek flats from Palmetto Trail, photo, MW.
8/8/2014 – One, presumably the same bird as above, AT.
6/29/2015* – One, juvenile, Horsepen Creek flats, LS, photo.
12/19-20/2015* – One, adult, found on the Christmas Count by CM at a pond off Regional Road near the PTI. Bird was relocated by EL and HL the following afternoon. Bird still present on 1/9/2016 AT, photos.

**White Ibis** (*Endocimus albus*)
Dawley describes as accidental.
8/14/1969 – Three, High Point (*Avendex*).
8/23/1969 – One, High Point (*Avendex*).
9/13/1969 – One, High Point (*Avendex*).
7/20/1984* – Flock of 20, Lake Townsend, RS et al.
8/10-11/1987* – One immature, Laurel Bluff Trail marsh, HH, PF.
8/17/1987 – One, flying east over Lake Townsend dam.
9/7?/1987* – One, imm., Church Street crossing, CA, DA.
7/25/1988 – One immature, Church Street cove south of Osprey nest.
8/7/1990 – One immature, mouth of Horsepen Creek.
9/1/1990* – One immature, mouth of Horsepen Creek, DA, CA.
8/8,11/1993 – Two and then five immatures, at east end of Plainfield Road.
9/5/1993* – Four immatures under Lake Jeanette spillway, HL, et al. (Stayed through the 18th.)
8/3/2007* – Seven, imm., Reedy Fork Trail between Lakes Townsend and Brandt, HL, DC, m.ob., photo.
8/19/2008* – One, imm., Reedy Fork trail between Lakes Townsend and Brandt, HL, EL, GW.
9/14/2009* – One, imm., on west side of Church Street at the Lake Jeanette out-flow, AH, GW.
9/4-9/6/2010* – One, imm., mouth of Horsepen Creek, HH, HL, EL, m.ob.
7/?/2011* – One, imm., Reedy Fork trail on westernmost flats, HL, EL.
8/16-17/2012 – One, immature, Bog Garden, AW-F.
7/17/2014* – One immature at Horsepen Creek flats, RN, HL, EL. Bird has been at this location for a few days.
7/25/2014* – One immature off Hamburg Mill Rd. Probably the same as above, HL, EL, AT.
7/29/2014* – Two, immatures, Plainfield Road on north side of causeway, LS, HL, AT.
8/5/2015 – Two immatures on Lake Brandt flats west of US 220, MW.
8/12/2015* – Same two birds continuing at the location cited above, LS, GW.
7/22/2016* – One, Palmetto Trail flats of Horsepen Creek, HL, EL.
7/21/2017* – One immature, Palmetto Trail, Lake Brandt, HL, EL.
7/22/2017 – Two immature birds, Lake Brandt west of US 220, MW.

**Glossy Ibis (Plegadis falcinellus)**
7/7/1960 – One, Greensboro (*Avendex*).
8/8/2008* – One, marsh on west side of upper Yancyville Street, HL, EL, LS, m.ob., photo.
7/24/2009* – One, immature, on flats where Reedy Fork empties into Lake Townsend, probably the same bird as above, HL, EL, LS.
9/12/2017 – One first year bird, Lake Brandt Hamburg flats (west of US220), MW.

**White-faced Ibis (Plegadis chihi)**

**Roseate Spoonbill (Platalea ajaja)**
7/14/2009 – One, imm., on Reedy Fork flats where it empties into Lake Townsend. Bird reported by two City of Greensboro Water Resources employees who had driven an air-boat up to the flats. Subsequent efforts to relocate the bird a week later were unsuccessful. A major irruption occurred along the east coast (and inland) in 2009. The finder has been interviewed twice. Record accepted by the CBC.

**Swallow-tailed Kite (Elanoides forficatus)**
6/11/1996 – One, flying in Summerfield, north end of Royster Road, DR.
7/15/2012 – One, flying at Lake Townsend Marina, observer unknown, photo. Bird subsequently searched for but not relocated.

**Mississippi Kite (Ictinia mississippiensis)**
2004-2006 – Adult and fledgling birds at intersection of Tallwood Drive and Watauga Road:
  2005 – Two adults and one fledgling.
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8/4/2007* – Two adults and one begging fledgling, Winview Drive at Tallwood Drive (Beth David Synagogue), first found by SdeP a couple of months earlier.
5/16/2008* – Two, at the same location as above, SdeP (seen throughout the
summer), photo.
8/10,11/2008* – Two adult birds, one sub-adult, and one young bird in nest at same location as above, SdeP, MW, photo.
9/9/2008* – Two, juveniles begging for food, 303/305 Parkmont Drive, New Irving Park, HH.
5/?/2009* – Two adults flying and perched, same general location as 2004-2008, SdeP, HL, EL, GW.
5/6/2010* – Two adults in same location as above, HL, GW, m.ob.
5/?/2011* – Two birds in their usual haunts, Sde, HL, EL, etc.
5/?-8/?/2012* – Two adult birds in Rollingwood area; fledged two young; SdeP, m.o.b.
5/14/2013* – Three birds in the traditional Tallwood Dr./Rollingwood Dr. area. SdeP.
5/23/2013* – An unprecedented nine or more adults and subadults at Roundwood Court off West Friendly Ave. SdeP, HL. A community of kites! Possibly attracted to the flight of 17-Year Locusts in that area.
5/5/2014* – One flying over the intersection at Kemp Road West and Starmount Drive, HL, SdeP, LS.
5/10/2015* – One flying over intersection of Pebble and Tallwood, HL and m.ob.
7/5/2015* – Canvassing the site above and nearby areas turned up an amazing 19 adult-subadult birds and five nestlings. This is a banner year for this species in Guilford County. HL, EL, SdeP.
4/28/2016* – One in Hamilton Lakes Park, Kemp Rd. & Starmont, HL, RM.
5/1/2016 – One flying over Market St. just prior to the Big Spring tally rally, AT. Sightings of multiple birds continued through the summer, SdeP.
5/16/2017* – Two flying over Hamilton Lakes Park, photos, MW.

Northern Goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*)
12/?/1982 – One, reported during CBC, DA.

Rough-legged Hawk (*Buteo lagopus*)
1/19/1978 – Hunting low and hovering over the grassy southeast quadrant of the intersection of US 85 and Baker Rd., High Point. Watched at close range right along the road for 10 minutes. Then it went up on Baker Road and perched on top of a telephone pole. James Mattocks.
11/20/1983 – One, Greensboro (*Avendex*).
12/26/1995 – One, Greensboro (*Avendex*).

Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*)
2/16/2008* – Two adults, seen at the intersection of Suit Road and County Farm Road northwest of Gibsonville, Kent Fiala, Derb Carter (during unsuccessful search for possible Ferruginous Hawk).
2/26/2012 – One adult, seen from a front yard on Elizabethan Drive in Greensboro. Bird was well seen by naked eye and through bins as it soared. SdeP and second observer.

**Merlin (Falco columbarius)**


9/25/1966 – One, Reedy Fork headwaters of Lake Brandt, James Mattocks.

12/7/2007* – One, corner of Westridge and Friendly Ave., SdeP., GW, MW, photo.

4/9/2008 – One, northern Guilford County, SdeP.

1/1/2009* – One, Nutt Road, northeastern Guilford County, SdP, GW, LS, photo.

10/25/2010* – One, Nutt Road, northeastern Guilford County, CA, DA, JS, ET, JM, GW.

12/2/2015* – One, River Ridge Road, HL, photo.

9/29/2016 – One, Price Park, AT.

10/21/2016* – One over Lake Brandt marina, HL, SdeP.

1/9/2017* – One, River Ridge Road, HL, MW, photos. Also on 1/11, HL, LS.

**Peregrine Falcon (Falco peregrinus)**

Dawley: Rare casual.

5/3/1952 – One, near High Point, Mattocks.

9/7/1952 – One, near High Point, Mattocks.

12/24/1953* – One was captured in downtown Greensboro after alighting on the aerial of the TV station. (Dawley)


11/12/1966 – One, Highpoint, James Mattocks.

10/15/1967 – One, near High Point, James Mattocks.

1/1/1978 – One, High Point, James Mattocks.

10/8/1987 – One, Greensboro, Aycock Street.

12/29/1992* – One, Greensboro, 18th floor of Jefferson-Pilot Bldg. (wore a red band on leg indicating a first-year, hacked bird), fide PF.

1/1/1993 – One, Greensboro, Buffalo Lake, HL.

6/11/1993 – Two, Greensboro, Jefferson-Pilot Bldg. (neither sighting nor reported nesting was confirmed), AB.

4/23/1994 – One, Summerfield, end of Royster Road, DR.

2/22/1995 – One, Lake Jeanette Road, over open field.

9/14/1995 – One, over mouth of Horsepen Creek.

9/28/1997* – One, over Lake Brandt, DR, SDeP.

4/13/1998 – One, Summerfield, Royster Road, DR.

5/2/1998 – One, Greensboro (Avendex).

12/17/2007* – One ("City Boy"), Lincoln Financial Bldg., fitted with radio
transmitter, SdeP, MW, m.ob., photo.
1/12 /2008* – One (“City Boy”) at the Greensboro White Street Landfill, MW, m.ob., photo.
11/30/2009 – One, downtown Greensboro, EL.
4/23/2012* – One, hunting swallows (successfully) at Lake Brandt Marina, DR.
4/28/2012* – One, hunting swallows (unsuccessfully) as above. Made two passes, HL.
1/1/2014* – One, harassing gulls at Lake Brandt, EL, HL.
1/4/2014* – One, harassing Rock Pigeons over White St. Landfill, HL, CA, m.ob.
10 or 11/?/2014* – One, from Starbuck’s parking lot, AT, LS.
3/6/2016 – M & F present on Lincoln Financial Building, BL.
3/13/2016 – One, flying over N. Elm St., Greensboro, RM.
12/19/2016* – One, flying around government center in downtown Greensboro, HL, EL.
4/8/2017 – One bird, Lake Brandt marina, HL, EL, LS.

Barn Owl (Tyto alba)
Dawley: Permanent resident, seen most often at night.
9/2/1951 – Katherine Reddick Shepard says family of monkey faced owls in woods behind their place. JMattocks (diary).
5/3/1952 – One flew out of honeysuckle tangle along branch below Miller field. Two or three areas of heavy recent droppings – pellets in one place, moved on down thicket. JMattocks (diary).
10/7/1975* – One, specimen brought in from P. Lorilard plant on East Market Street
4/2/1987* – One, in silo opposite Jefferson Standard Club on New Garden Road, SdeP, PF
4/2/1987* – One, in silo on Jernigan farm, corner Ballenger Road & Stage Coach Trail, SdeP, PF
5/2/1987 – One, A&T Farm, LM
2/7/1991 – One, reported from area of Greensboro Fire Station #1 on Church Street, fide PF
5/1/1993 – Two (nest with 5 eggs), northern Guilford County, HH (Avendex)
5/22,23/1993* – Nest with five eggs in a barn at Trailing Cedar Farm on Lake Brandt Road; Adult seen by PF, LP (22), DB, HH and spouses (23); 3 eggs hatched, PF (31); adult on nest on 6/6, 6/16, and 6/23 when last seen.
1/7/2009* – One, reported from farm in southern Guilford County; fide HL
2/21/2009 – Two, reported from Guilford County, fide Great Back-yard Bird Count. Reporter(s) and location(s) unknown.
1/20/2012* – One, southeast Guilford County in a barn silo, SdeP, HL, GW
**Snowy Owl** (*Nyctea scandiacea*)

Dawley (1954) – “Occasionally wanders down from the north in January or February. Last reported in 1950.”

12/14/2017* – One, believed to be a young bird, found as reported in the following:

“Yesterday (12/14/17) my daughter Faith Wilhoit and her flight instructor of Bethany Aviation saw a Snowy Owl at PT airport at 4:30 p.m., Kilo 5 and Kilo 6 runway.” The bird was captured by USF&WS personnel and taken to Raptor Med at the Carolina Raptor Center for rehabilitation. The bird appeared emaciated and had bird lice.

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**Long-eared Owl** (*Asio otus*)

12/1/1901 – One, Guilford County (*Avendex*). Dawley: Reported by Pearson, December, 1901.

4/15/1956 – South of High Point. Found it at 6:15 a.m. George Smith came over at 3:00 p.m. and saw it, James Mattocks. One observed about 6:15 AM, dark rainy weather, perched about 20 ft up in top of small cedar tree in scrubby deciduous woods, perched upright on small limb about 8-10 in from small trunk; very tall thin, long tail, tall donkey ears, buffy face sides, very tame, not disturbed when walked all around and clearly observed; watched me closely, turning head; wide eyed. Observed again about 7:30; observed with George Smith about 3:00 PM closely and at length. Again examined about 4:30 PM, at which time it flew from perch. Very cloudy and windy, all day raining off and on. Wind blew tree about good deal, forcing owl to sway and occasionally spread wings. JMattocks (diary).

4/18/1956 – One, High Point (*Avendex*)

9/22/2017 – One, Turner Grove subdivision off Lake Brandt Road. This bird called about six times around 2:00 a.m. and woke up the occupants of the house. The call was a single, fairly loud, low pitched note (“whoo”) that lasted about half a second. The interval between calls was two to three seconds. All was quiet after the series of call/song notes ended. Extensive review of owl recordings from the Macaulay Library and from Xeno-Canto, suggested that the owl in question was a Long-eared Owl. The song recordings were consistent with what was heard. The songs and calls of other candidate species (Eastern Screech-Owl, Barred Owl, and Great Horned Owl) were extensively reviewed. None of those recordings matched what was heard. **This report is included on a tentative basis.** Coincidentally, the Carolina Bird Club has the following report from the Coastal Plain: “…one heard (correctly identified?) at the UNC-Wilmington campus, 22-23 Sep 1981…” (GW,CW).

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**Short-eared Owl** (*Asio flammeus*)

1/1/1902 – One, Greensboro (*Avendex*). Dawley: Reported by Pearson, January, 1902
Northern Saw-whet Owl (*Aegolius acadicus*)
1974/1975* – One found on Yanceyville Street between Cone Blvd. and E. Wendover Ave. Bird was rehabilitated by MW.

Olive-sided Flycatcher (*Contopus cooperi*)
5/31/1991* – One, found at the corner of Marion and McCormick Streets, HL, HH
5/9/1993 – One, same location as above, HL (5/7/1993, *Avendex*)

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (*Empidonax flaviventris*)
No other details available.
9/13/1995* – One, near Greensboro, HL, RMcN (*Avendex*)
9/9/2017* – One, along Price Park Highwoods Trail and Collection Pond, photos, AT.
9/14/2017 One, Howerton Road, AT.

Alder Flycatcher (*Empidonax alnorum*)
5/10/1958 – One reported on the Greensboro Spring Bird Count. Sighting was posted in *The Chat.* (1958, Vol. 22, pp. 64-65)

Willow Flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii*)
6/10/1980* – One, seen at Oak Hollow Reservoir, RS, et al.
9/11, 24/1988 – One, seen feeding in backyard at Sweetbriar
5/19/89 – One, seen at north end of Yanceyville Street crossing
6/8, 15/1990 – One, heard in Poley Road marsh, BBA Block 113 near Osceola
9/21/1993 – One, *Empidonax* with narrow eye-ring at the Sweetbriar
6/15/2009* – Five at new mitigation area along Ballinger Road just east of the I-840 overpass. One male singing west of the overpass. Three males singing on east side of overpass, below the elementary school. One nonsinging bird in this same area believed to be a female. HL, EL.
5/16/2010* – One male singing at same site as above, between Ballinger Road and the elementary school, HL, GW, LM, m.ob.
5/14/2011* – Two singing birds at the same site as above, HL, EL.
5/28/2012* – Same as above. Two birds on the first visit and one singing and seen on 6/1/2012 HL & EL, HL and visitor.
5/19/2013* – One bird singing at the same site as on 5/16/2010, HL, EL.
5/22/2014* – One bird singing at the same site as on 5/16/2010, HL.
6/1/2014* – Five birds singing, two along Ballinger Road and three near PTI, HL, EL
5/8/2015* – One calling at a retention pond directly across the road from the PTI Marriott, HL and RM.
5/10/2015* – One singing at PTI Marriott pond, HL and m.ob.
5/28/2016* – One, along Ballinger Road opposite the first Honda entrance, HL, EL.
5/10/2017 – One, singing along Ballinger Road, AT.

**Least Flycatcher** (*Empidonax minimus*)

Dawley: Casual. Reported on 1952 and 1953 spring counts.
5/?/1952 – Spring Count
5/?/1953 – Spring Count
9/2-3,11/2009* – One, vocalizing, the Link’s back yard, EL, HL. The bird gave short, crisp “whits” that were identified in the holdings of the MacaulayLibrary of Sounds at Cornell University. Other field marks were consistent with this species.
9/9/2010* – Same as above!
9/26/2012* – One: loud “whit” calls, strong eye-ring, appearing smallish, lower mandible light (yellow-orange), bright white wing-bars; HL, GW
9/7/2014* – One, in the Link’s back yard. EL, HL.
9/8/2016* – One vocalizing near boardwalk on Nat Greene Trail, LS, MW, HL, AT.
9/7/2016* – One, Nat Greene Trail boardwalk, MW, photo.
9/18/2016* – One vocalizing and seen at Tucket, AVS, RN.
9/2/2017 – One, along Howerton Road, AVS.
9/14/2017 – One, along Howerton Road, AT.
9/22/2017* – One, at Price Park, photos, AT.

**Loggerhead Shrike** (*Lanius ludovicianus*)

Dawley: Common permanent resident.
4/6-12/1969 – A pair nesting, MY
4/?/1972 – One pair nesting behind 4602 Brompton Drive
12/?/1980 – Two, reported on CBC
1981 – Seen Feb. and Mar. in unnamed locations; four on CBC in December
1982 – Seen Feb. and Apr. on Ballinger Road and behind the Carolina Circle Mall; two, reported on the CBC in December
1983 – Feb.-Mar., seen on New Garden Road near Jefferson Club and on Ballinger Road by the airport; two, reported on CBC in December
9/21/1984 – One, seen at Metro STP
1986-1993 – Several birds seen every year throughout this eight-year period at many different locations. (Locations and observers provided in Herb’s file.)
3/8,15/2000* One, Royster Road, DR, HH
6/6/2001 – Two, Bowman Farm Road near Julian.
12/29/2010 – One, perched on telephone wire along Phillipi Road, halfway between NC 62 and Buelah Church Road in the SE portion of the county, DB, AR
4/24/2012 – One, perched on utility wire on shoulder of NC 150, one to two miles west of the intersection of NC 150 and NC 61, BB
4/10,16/2014* - One, perched in small bare tree near houses on Old Julian Rd., just north of its intersection with Coble Church Rd. Photo. AT, HL, GW, LS.

2/4/2015 – One, perched on telephone wires approximately one half mile north of the site mentioned above. AT.

3 or 4/?/2016 – Details unknown. Near site mentioned above, AT.

4/26/2016 – One, Big Alamance Creek at Crowley Rd., BJ.

4/28/2016 – One, Coble Church Road, AT.

9/3/2016* – One appeared in photo taken on this date but not ID’d until some time later, AVS. Subsequently seen by m.ob. Howerton Rd. near County Farm.

2/4/2017 – One, Howerton Rd., MW

**Philadelphia Vireo** (Vireo philadelphicus)

Dawley: Rare transient.

10/23/1949 – One, at the Craft’s in Greensboro.

5/9/1953 – One, Spring Count.


4/16/1991 – One, seen twice in Starmount Forest, RMcN.


9/24/1992 – One, seen three times in Starmount Forest, HL.

10/2/1993* – Two, near the west end of Laurel Bluff Trail, HL, HH.

9/21/1995 – One, in Starmount Forest, HL.

5/2/1998 – One, reported on Spring Count, LG.

9/25/2010* – One, start of Nat Greene Trail at Old Battleground Road, LS, MW, photo.

10/1/2011* – One, Hamilton Lakes (Starmount Forest), HL, EL, GW.

9/24/2012 – One, on W. Kemp across from Hamilton Lakes (as above), HL.

10/1-3/2014* – One, at pond-end of boardwalk at The Bog Garden, HL, RM, AT.

10/3/2014 – One, Hamilton Lakes, HL.

9/20/2016* – One, Nat Greene trail, photos, AT, LS, HL.


**Warbling Vireo** (Vireo gilvus)

Dawley: Uncommon transient, late April and early May.


5/9-23/1992* – One, singing at the Egan’s home on Old Pegram Road in South Greensboro (present until 6/2), HH, DB, WF. What may have been the same bird was reported singing at this same location over the next four years: 5/30/1993 (since late April), 5/14/1994, 4/20-30/1995, 5/11/1996

5/11/1996 – One, singing in Barber Park, DB

4/26/1997 – One, singing in woods behind home on Royster Road, DR
5/? /2007 – One, singing along shore of Lake Brandt south of the Lake Brandt trailhead near the intersection of US 220 and Strawberry Road, GW
4/25/2009* – One, singing, behind “Target” store on New Garden Rd., HL & EL
4/26/2009 – Same bird as above, heard and well seen in early morning, GW
6/3/2010* – One, singing in Sycamores along Ballinger Road downhill from the elementary school (same site as Willow Flycatcher), HL, EL, LM, GW
5/13/?/2014* – Same location as above, NS
5/29/2014* – Multiple birds, at least two singing, at the pond next to the Marriott at PTI airport. Nest found. GW, HL, LS, MH, m.ob. A report of four birds at the same location on 6/1/2014, HL, EL.
5/10/2015* – Three, singing at PTI Marriott pond, HL, AT and m.ob.
5/28/2016* – One, Ballinger Road opposite the Leonard Center entrance, HL, EL.

**Horned Lark** (*Eremophila alpestris*)

Dawley: Has extended its range until it is now a permanent resident. Common at the airport since 1941. The first nest was found there on May 9, 1948 by OParis and HMedford, Jr.


Formerly found on CBCs at PTI airport.

1/23/2009* – Small flock in north central Guilford County on River Ridge Road, SdeP, HL, EL

2/26/2009* – One calling and in flight overhead at same location as above, SdeP, GW

11/7/2014 – One, calling and in flight near the intersection of Sockwell and Baldwin, MW

3/11/2016 – One flyover, calling, Guilford Macintosh Park, AT

1/19/2017 – Eight birds, 7914 Leabourne Rd., CB.

**Sedge Wren** (*Cistothorus platensis*)

9/18/1954 – Lake south of High Point, James Mattocks. One at lake across road in uncut broomsedge and weeds along thicket, above lake on E ditch. Flew up 6-8 feet in front of me and sat on weed, looking at me and turning and cocking its tail. Bill noticeably shorter than other marsh wrens I have seen there, back streaked-spotted, crown streaked, undertail coverts buff. It then perched nearby while I got out the book, etc. Called several times and then preened and sang a little, which was more like a fussing note. Very good light. 7:30 AM. (diary).

9/24,25,26/1955 – Weed field south of High Point, James Mattocks. On 9/24, two or more in edge of weed field behind Madge’s – low ?dega with higher Queen Anne’s Lace, aster, ragweed, etc. Scolding (?) and singing – down
low – heard singing from about 100’, near house, got glasses and approached to about 15 ft. – not particularly wild – hopped about singing – watching me. On 9/25 singing same place – about 6:30 AM. On 9/26 singing (2 or 3) 6:30-6:45 AM – low, slightly explosive chuck as fuss note in other wrens, speeding up rapidly to jumble of chucks and tinkling squeak notes. Can hear it 150 ft. – Bobolinks in same field. None heard on 9/27 or 9/28. (diary).

12/?/1963 – One, reported on CBC.
10/28/2015* – Two along east side of Baldwin Road 100 yards south of its intersection with Sockwell, NS, HL, MW, AT, photographs.
9/19/2017* – One, in weedy field on east side of hedgerow at west end of Howerton Road, photos, AT.

Marsh Wren (*Cistothorus palustris*)

Dawley: Rare transient. Reported at a small pond south of High Point by James Mattocks. See 1951 and 1952 below.

10/7/1951 – Two, at lake across road along bulrushes in edge of dike between lakes, JMattocks (diary).
5/4/1952 – One, below dam, JMattocks (diary).
10/2,3,9/1954 – Upper end of Lake Higgins, James Mattocks. Mattocks’s diary has a different location:
   10/2/54 – Two, at lake across road right at edge of upper lake – not wild, easily observed – about 7AM – one in east & one on W side. One on E in weeds at water edge, moved into clump of cattails. One on W in small willows, moved into scattered cattails. Eye line clear, crown not streaked, back striped, under coverts right under tail dingy white – buffy to sides under tail.
   10/9/54 – One, on W lake – in willows about head high – not wild – singing – good light 7AM.

9/15,22,23/1956 – Upper end of Lake Higgins, James Mattocks. Again, Mattocks’s diary suggests these sightings were at the same location as above. Each involved a single bird.

9/29/1956 – 50 to100 (!), at upper end of Lake Higgins (associated with Hurricane Flossie, *Avendex*). Seen with Larry Crawford, James Mattocks. The diary has a nice account:
   In marshy long grass, some cattails, sedge & some standing water, upper end of Hamburg Lake, G’boro – with Larry Crawford. 6:15 – 9:30. Saw over 50 wrens must have been at least that many more. Many singing, in about 2-acre tract. Quite tame, some browner than others, with browner
undertail coverts than others, some with much brighter eye line. Quite
tame. Bobolinks, Sora Rails, red-wings, Blue Grosbeaks, Indigo Buntings
all in same area, with many Maryland Yellowthroats. 9/13/56 – Could not
find any – same place.

closely 20 ft., in open, turned all about, back striped, giving fuss note.

5/6/1961 – Lake Brandt, James Mattocks. One, singing in edge of marsh upper Lake
Brandt.

7/3,5/1987* – One, male singing at mouth of Horsepen Creek in small patch of
cattails, HH, PF

5/4/1996* – One, male singing at Yanceyville crossing of Lake Townsend, HH, PF
(5/4/1996, Avendex)

10/8/2009* – One very cooperative individual in Starmount Forest (Hamilton Lakes),
feeding in Jewelweed, SdeP, CA, DA, MW, photo.

4/25/2012* – One cooperative bird perched and singing in scrub willows on edge of
retention pond near the former “Books-a-Million” store (down slope
from the New Garden Fresh Market), HL, GW, m.ob.

9/15-17/2015* – Three to four at the Horsepen Creek mudflats. NS and HL.

9/28/2016 – One, heard at Plainfield Marsh, AT

10/3/2017 – One, Howerton Road, JD.

10/7/2017* – One, in small area of cattails near entrance road to Kathyrn Clay
Edwards library, HL, EL, MW, LS, photos.

**Bewick’s Wren** *(Thryomanes bewickii)*

Dawley: Casual visitor. Several more recent March and April records, and one in
the fall, August 26 to October 7, 1944.

4/28/1939 – Seen building a nest in Greensboro by Wade Fox, fide Don Serrif and
Dawley.

9/30/1956 – South of High Point, James Mattocks. One in small Cedar along ditch
between house and cemetery. JMattocks (diary).

3/28 & 30/1959 – South of High Point, James Mattocks. One in alanthus trees at
corner of barn lot, singing 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. working there to granary &
back. One singing behind Madge’s on 3/30/1959

**Evening Grosbeak** *(Coccothraustes vespertinus)*

Dawley: Rare, casual. Reported in High Point March 4 and 19, 1946 and in

3-4/1960 – Many about during these three months. Up to 90 at Jamestown. Near
Ragsdale – about houses and in large Magnolias. 10-12 at Mrs. Mattocks
feeder. Up to 15 at house where March snow on ground – reported
generally at feeders around H.P. JMattocks (diary).

2/19/1969* – One, DOR in Greensboro, UNCG campus

4/6-24/1969 – Up to 17
5/3/1969 – Spring Count
12/?/1980 – One, CBC
3/?/1981 – One, in Greensboro on Cheviot Road, present at a feeder

Pine Grosbeak (*Pinicola enucleator*)
4/17/1977* - One, male, Greensboro, CD et al.
12/29,30/1991 – One, imm.(?) male visiting a feeder at Spring Garden Circle in High Point, JC
11/7-14/1992 – Three, one male and two females visiting a feeder (sometime during the dates indicated) on Spring Garden Circle in High Point, JC

Common Redpoll (*Carduelis flammea*)
Dawley: Rare casual
12/26/1946 to 2/8/1947 – Several in yards in and around Greensboro, JC. (Dawley).
12/20/1993 – Some off Kersey Valley Road in southern Guilford County or northern Randolph County, JC
10/9/2008 – Birds (number unknown) possibly visiting a feeder in Gibsonville area; the reporter stated she was very familiar with House Finches and the purported Common Redpolls were smaller, had a red cap, and a small bill; HL was unable to confirm; this would be an extremely early date.

Red Crossbill (*Laxia curvirostra*)
Dawley: Rare casual.
1/31/1953* – A small flock reported by George Smith in pines near his home Later they were seen by others at different times until May 20. (Dawley).
1/16/1960 – 12, Greensboro (*Avendex*)
12/?/1969 – Reported on CBC
12/?/1973 – Reported on CBC
12/?/1975 – Reported on CBC

White-winged Crossbill (*Laxia leucoptera*)
12/28/1963 – Reported on CBC

Lapland Longspur (*Calcarius lapponicus*)
11/3/2007* – One, Lake Townsend at Church Street south crossing, HL, LS, MW, GW, photo (Bird was in a large flock of American Pipits on mud flats.)
**Bachman’s Sparrow** (*Aimophila aestivalis*)

Dawley: Fairly common summer resident in open fields with pines and bushes, not easily seen because it stays on the ground. Reported from late March through June.


1951 to 5/6/1961 – Several reports in JMattock’s diary. April, May, and June. E.g., 5/2/56 – one singing persistently, middle of day, clear, hot, from top of about 6’ snag, near Cone Lake dam. 4/30/60 – one singing at Hamburg Lake. 5/6/61 – singing on the G’boro count.


**American Tree Sparrow** (*Spizella arborea*)

11/?/1932 – Reported by Earl Hall. Details unknown.

Dawley: Rare winter visitor, reported on one Christmas count and on a field trip in March, 1943.


2/?/1982 – One, Cheviot Road in Greensboro, SD

**Vesper Sparrow** (*Pooecetes gramineus*)

Dawley: Uncommon winter visitor, November to late April.


4/24/1965 – One reported on the Spring Bird Count, as published in *The Chat*.

(1965, Vol. 29, pp. 66-71, 75-76)

12/?/1982 – Two, reported on CBC.

3/25/1989* – Three or more behind Hardee’s at Wendover Avenue and I-40, HL

(One confirmed on the 26th, HH).

4/4/1990 – Unknown number at the same Wendover location as above, HL.

4/9/1991 – One, across from McNeill home, RMcN.

12/14/1991* – Two, reported from Radar Road for the CBC, JE, SE.

4/5,9/1992 – Two, opposite Alamo car rental lot at the airport.

10/15/2000 – One, demolition debris dump off Trosper Road, HL.

10/19/2008* – One, foraging along edge of Strader Road, all field marks well seen, HL, EL, GW, LS.

10/23-27/2008* – Five, foraging along Strader Road, SdeP, et al.

10/26/2008* – Three, foraging near middle school at Northern Guilford County schools complex off NC 150, HL, EL, GW.
10/25/2009* – One, Strader Road, flushed and flew (showing white outer retrices) into field on west side of road, HL, EL, LS, GW.
10/26/2009* – One, Nutt Road, HL, LS, GW, photo at very close range
11/2/2011 – One, Price Park, SdP.
10/25/2012 – Two, Price Park in short grass near the elementary school, SdP.
10/24,25,26/2013* – Two to three on edge of Strader Road and perching when flushed, HL, LS, SdeP, GW and PBC group on the 26th.
10/28/2014* – One, Strader Road, LS, HL, photo.
11/5/2014* – One, Baldwin Road south of Sockwell Road, LS, GW, photo.
10/30/2015* – One, same location as above. Photograph, LS.
1/10/2016* – One in tree near old chimney on Howerton Road, MW photo. Bird was relocated on 1/15 by SDeP at this same location.
5/4/2016 – One, Strader Road, MW.
1/25/2017* – Three birds, Howerton Road, photos, JD.
12/23/2017* – Two birds, Howerton Road, photos, JD.
12/30/2017* – One, Howerton Road, photo, MW. Probably one of those reported above.

**Lark Sparrow (Chondestes grammacus)**
7/30/1954 – One, Greensboro (Avendex).
7/21/2016* – One, singing bird along Howerton Road, photographed, MW. Bird stayed through 7/24 and was seen by HL, LS, and m.ob.

**Henslow’s Sparrow (Ammodramus henslowii)**
4/5/1933 – No other details.
Dawley: Rare transient, reported in April, the most recent being April 2, 1947*
When two were seen by the Crafts and John Trott, Jr.
10/29/1955 – South of High Point, studied closely, guide in hand, James Mattocks.
One got up in broomsedge about 30’ from woods – this side of Sechrest Lake – moved into edge of woods – twisted tail off to left as it flew – very tame in woods – white throat – sharp black marks on chest and neck – olive green collar and cheeks – line over crown light – heavy bill – flat headed – white throat – bordered by black vertical lines, then at upper breast vertical streaking – belly white – wing brownish on primaries, back with scaled effect – bare(?) ring about eye giving large eyed effect. JMattocks (diary).
10/8/2013* – One, in beautiful first winter plumage, visited MW’s back yard where several PBC members (e.g., MW, HL, LS, SdeP, et al.) were able to see it. MW also obtained fantastic photos.

**Le Conte’s Sparrow (Ammodramus leconteii)**
9/8/1956 – “South of High Point, flushed from high grass, lit in top of sunflower, observed closely for some time, good light, field guide in hand. At that
time, I had a collecting permit, but decided I would rather watch it than shoot it, James Mattocks. From his diary – One flew up from short (once high crab grass & foxtail [in fruit?] alfalfa (6-10 inches) near N end of long field behind cemetery, and up to perch on top of cultivated sunflower, about 8 ft. high, in open, good light, about 5 P.M. There it perched quietly, occasionally turning head while I moved up to get light behind me and came closer. All identification points in Peterson were seen. Buffy-reddish tinged eye (superc) line, sides of neck, throat and upper breast. Faint streaks on side of breast, crown streak very clear. Collar definite but not much brightness so as to call it pink. The drab line behind eye ending in wider wedge very clear. From side and front suffused with warm buffy color. Back well marked, no reddish on wings. Bill rather flesh colored, large, rather flat headed appearance, feet and legs rather light.” JMattocks (diary).

**Sharp-tailed Sparrow (Nelson’s Sparrow [*Ammodramus caudacutus]*)**

9/29/1956 – One, Greensboro (*Avendex*). “Lake Higgins, with Larry Crawford, facial marks clearly seen from 20 feet. This and the 9/29/56 Marsh Wrens were associated with a hurricane, I think, James Mattocks. At Hamburg Lake, G’boro, with Larry Crawford, in upper marshy area, water and mud, grass & tall weeds, sunflowers, asters, etc. – in area where several long-billed marsh wren. One sharp-tailed sparrow flew up out of grass into weeds in edge of stream. Very clear face markings – color drab golden yellow, white stripes on back very noticeable. Observed in good light with glasses 6X & 8X at 20 ft. – sitting in weed in open.” JMattocks (diary). (This bird has been accepted on the CBC’s NC county lists as a Nelson’s Sparrow.)

**Lincoln’s Sparrow (*Melospiza lincolnii*)**

Dawley: Accidental. Wetmore reports an immature female shot on Troublesome Creek, seven miles south of Reidsville on Sept. 23, 1939.

10/13-14/1950 and 7/18-19/30/1951 – JMattocks has three reports of singing birds. Parenthetically he says, “(see notes on Bachman’s Sp., Wilson Bull Vol 63 #3, Sept 51).”


10/15/2000 – One, at a demolition debris dump off Trosper Road, HL

9/7/2008 – One (probable), immature, Bog Garden, HL, GW. Bird glimpsed briefly, looking like immature of this species or Song Sparrow. Sang a bubbly Winter Wren-like song never before heard by HL or GW. (HL saw the bird vocalizing.) Song closely approximated Lincoln’s Sparrow song (#16698 ) in the Cornell Ornithological Lab repository. Date is very early.

10/14-16/2008* – One, adult bird in Scott DePue’s back yard skulking in overgrown garden and feeding on grass seeds. Grayish markings on head and side of
neck, broad gray supercilium, buffy/ochre moustachial stripe, short-tailed, small crest raised when in “alert” posture, SdeP, GW, HL, m.ob., photo
10/23/2011* – One, Greensboro, in backyard of MW, superb photos
10/8/2012* – One, Greensboro, in backyard of MW, photographed
10/14/2012* – One, Price Park, EL, HL
10/17/2012* – One, Price Park, MA, WA
10/8/2013* – One, Price Park, upper field, HL, LS
10/09/2013 – One, behind former “Books-a-Million” store, HL
10/10-12/2013* – Multiple birds as above, MA, WA, HL
10/13/2014 – One, Highwoods Trail (other side of Hobbs Road from Price Park), HL
10/14/2015 – One, same as above, below the big steps behind the mall area, HL.
10/22/2015* – One, in the Link’s backyard. HL, EL.
11/5/2015* – One, on Ballinger Rd. between the bridge and the entrance to the Leonard Recreation Center, JM et al.
10/12/2016* – One, Howerton Road, AT, photo.
10/25/2016* – One, Highland Trail behind old Books-a-Million, HL.
11/5/2016* – Plainfield Marsh, AVS, RN, LS
1/11/2017 – One bird, River Ridge Road, AVS.

Oregon Junco
Dawley: Accidental. George Smith observed one on his feeding station for about three weeks in January and February, 1948.

Yellow-headed Blackbird (Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus)
10/2/1973 – One, Greensboro (Avendex)
5/?/1992 – One at a feeder, “for a while,” on Lafayette Ave., Irving Park, Greensboro, fide HS

Brewer’s Blackbird (Euphagus cyanocephalus)

Golden-winged Warbler (Vermivora chrysoptera)
Dawley: Uncommon transient, reported several times in early May and twice in late August.
5/6/2005 – One, Hamilton Lakes, LS.
9/27/2008* – One Starmount Forest (Hamilton Lakes), LS, GW.
9/?/2011 – One, Starmount Forest (Hamilton Lakes), HL.

Swainson’s Warbler (*Limnothlypis swainsonii*)
5/9/1995 – One, Fisher Park, DA
4/29/2004 – One, Starmount Forest, HL
8/31/2017 – One, Bryan Park picnic shelter area, photos, AT.

Tennessee Warbler (*Vermivora peregrina*)
Dawley: Rare migrant, reported in October, 1944 and May, 1945.
5/14/1983 – One, singing repeatedly in Red Horsechesnut – singing about area during day. JMattocks (diary).
9/12/2009* – One, Hamilton Lakes at Starmount Forest, HL, EL, m.ob.
9/11/2010* – One certainly and several more possible; same location and observers as above.
10/23/2011* – One in backyard of MW, on Impatiens, photos
11/5/2011* – One along trail behind former Books-a-Million, HL, JB
9/25/2012* – One, behind former Books-a-Million near Price Park, HL, EL
10/12/2012 – One, as reported above, EL
10/13/2012* – One, as reported above, HL, EL
10/7-9/2013 – One or more reported from behind the old “Books-a-Million store off New Garden Road, HL
4/27/2014* – One at Hamilton Lake, singing an unusual song, HL, SdeP, NZ, LS, GW
5/3/2014* – One, Hamilton Lakes Park, NA, JE, HL, PY
10/27/2011* – One, Price Park in cedars across from drive to library, S.deP. Bird in same location on 29th and 30th, SdeP, HL, EL, DP
11/4/2011 – One, behind former Books-a-Million near Price Park, probably the same bird as above, SdeP
10/22/2012 – Two, one from the path behind the former Books-a-Million store, and one in Price Park from the path below the library, SdeP
10/24/2012 – One in Price Park along path below the library, probably the same bird as above, HL
10/29/2012 – One, along Greenway below elementary school off Ballinger Road, SdeP

Orange-crowned Warbler (*Vermivora celata*)
Dawley: Reported for the first time by George Smith on the 1952 Christmas count.
12/2/1973 – One, CBC
12/17/1988 – One, CBC, LM
4/18/2008* – Two, Starmount Forest, HL, m.ob.
10/27/2011* – One, Price Park in cedars across from drive to library, S.deP. Bird in same location on 29th and 30th, SdeP, HL, EL, DP
11/4/2011 – One, behind former Books-a-Million near Price Park, probably the same bird as above, SdeP
10/22/2012 – Two, one from the path behind the former Books-a-Million store, and one in Price Park from the path below the library, SdeP
10/24/2012 – One in Price Park along path below the library, probably the same bird as above, HL
10/29/2012 – One, along Greenway below elementary school off Ballinger Road, SdeP
10/14,17/2013* – One, from the path behind the former Books-a-Million store off of New Garden Rd., HL
4/16/2014 – One, across from Nutbush Rd., Hamilton Lakes, HL
4/20, 21/2014* – One near same spot as sighting above, HL, MW, EL, LS
10/21/2014* – One, across Hobbs Road from Price Park near the riprap slope of the retention pond, HL, JM, AW-F.
10/23/2014* – One, same bird as above, HL, EL, LS, NS, RM, MW. Still being seen on the 29th, LS.
2/27/2016* – One, Staley Lake Rd. near Smithwood Rd, AT, photo.
4/1/2016 – One at the Bog Garden, HL.
11/5/2017* – One, Highwoods Trail and Collection pond in Price Park, HL, AT.

**Nashville Warbler** (*Vermivora ruficapilla*)

4/27/1929 – One, Greensboro *(Avendex)*
5/10/1958 – South of High Point, James Mattocks. One in Dogwood tree in cut over area behind barn. Close, good light, head and cheeks gray, throat and underparts quite yellow, clear white eye ring. JMattocks (diary).
8/21/1987 – One, at the Sweetbriar
9/5/1992 – One, possible, at the mouth of Horsepen Creek
5/4/1996 – One, Greensboro *(Avendex)*
4/17/2000 – One, Starmount Forest, HL
4/23/2009* – One, singing, at Henry and Elizabeth Link’s, HL & EL
4/23/2009* – One, singing variant of song, the Bog Garden, MW, photo. This bird was relocated on 4/24 and well-seen by several observers.
11/3/2011 – One, Price Park in weedy field across from library entrance road, SdeP
9/23/2012 – One, Price Park along paved path below Books-a-Million, HL
9/24/2012 – One, exactly as above.
10/13/2012* – One, as reported above, HL, EL
9/24/2013* – One, Hamilton Lakes Park at Kemp Road West, HL, LS
4/28/2014* – One, Hamilton Lakes Park, SdeP, LS
10/11/2015 – One, Lindley Park between Walker and Springwood, EL.
9/28/2016* – One from the Blue Heron Trail, photo, AT, LS.
10/1/2017* – One, along Highwoods Trail and Collection Pond, continuing until at least 10/7/2017, MC, m.ob.

**Connecticut Warbler** (*Oporornis agilis*)

Dawley: Rare transient
9/24/1944 – One, GS
5/13/1969* – One, specimen collected, Double Oaks Road
9/21/1993* – One, Lake Townsend, Church Street north crossing, HL, HH, DB
9/19/1995 – One, Greensboro, HL *(Avendex)*
Mourning Warbler (*Oporornis philadelphia*)

8/1/1991 – One, Greensboro, RMcN, HL (*Avendex*)
8/22/1991* – One, female, Starmount Forest, RMc, HL
9/21/1993 – One, Lake Townsend (*Avendex*)
9/19/1995 – One, Greensboro (*Avendex*)
5/18/2001 – One, Starmount Forest, HL
9/12/2008* – One, female, Starmount Forest, HL, JMCC, m.ob., photo
5/30/2009* – One, male, Bog Garden, HL, EL, LS, m.ob., photo
5/1/2011* – One, male, Hamilton Lakes Park, HL, EL, m.ob.

Cerulean Warbler (*Dendroica cerulea*)

Dawley: Uncommon transient reported on several spring counts.
6/1/1929 – Three, Greensboro (*Avendex*). Dawley: An adult feeding young was seen in the summer of 1929 by EE and FR Brown.
6/1/1930 – Four, Greensboro (*Avendex*)
5/7/1987 – One, seen at Sweetbriar (streaked blue back, two wing-bars, faint superciliary stripe, white underparts with thin, dark breast band, HH
4/27/1992 – One, seen on Glenwood Avenue, HL
4/20/1995* – One, seen near intersection of Starmount and Battle, HL, DB, LB
4/28/2001 – One, seen along Trosper Road, EL
4/26/2012* – One, heard and seen in Hamilton Lakes Park, HL, SdeP, GW
4/29/2012* – One, Hamilton Lakes Park, HL, EL, DR, SdeP
9/24/2013* – One, Hamilton Lakes Park at Kemp Road West, HL, LS
5/5/2014* – One, Hamilton Lakes Park, HL, LS, SdeP
4/24/2016 – One, Hamilton Lakes Park, MW.

Yellow-throated Warbler (*Dendroica dominica*)

Dawley: Common summer resident, late March to early October.
9/20/1987 – One, seen at Sweetbriar

Black-throated Gray Warbler (*Dendroica nigrescens*)

2/24/1992 – One, rest rooms on auto tour loop at Guilford Courthouse National Military Park, CS

Wilson’s Warbler (*Wilsonia pusilla*)

5/7,9/1966 – Singing, Horsepen headwaters at Brandt at bridge. There was a man up the road with binoculars when I first saw the bird. I was shouting for him to come down, which he did. He was from Michigan and saw them all of
the time, and I had disturbed his first sight and song of the Common
Yellowthroat, James Mattocks.

5/13/1969* – One, specimen collected at Double Oaks Road
5/9/1985 – One, reported singing on Spring Count
5/3/1986 – One, reported in Starmount on Spring Count
5/2/1987 – Two, reported on Spring Count
12/19/1987 – One, reported behind Dillard’s Store on Laurel Bluff Trail, HL
12/27/1987 – One, Greensboro (Avendex)
5/17/2001 – One, reported in Starmount Forest, HL
4/16/2009* – One male, singing and then well seen at Hamilton Lakes, just off Battle
where there is a small cut-out in the woods, HL, EL, LS, GW, photo
5/7/2011 – One male, singing (well seen), Spring Count Day, Country Park, GW
10/15/2011* – One male(?), Link’s backyard in Greensboro, HL, EL
5/2/2012* – One, The Bog, HL et al.
9/24/2012* – One, West Kemp Rd., across from Starmount Forest, HL, GW
5/13/2014 – Kemp Road West and Starmount Drive at Hamilton Lakes, HL
5/22/2014* – One, along the board walk at the Bog Garden, AH, HL, SdeP, LS
5/13/2015 – One directly across the street from the entrance to the Bog Garden, AT.
9/22/2015 – One in Price Park near bottom of big steps; HL.
1/1/2016* – One at the Bog Garden in bamboo where Barred Owls hang out. SDeP,
HL, EL, AV, RN, LS. One of 71 species reported for New Year’s Day!
Bird still showing well on 1/6, m.ob.
5/4/2016 – Price Park, LS.
10/6/2016* – Price Park, High Woods Trail, LS, HL, AT.
5/9/2017 – One male, Lake Townsend marina, AT.
9/18/2017 – Two (a male and a female), Price Park, Highwoods Trail, AT.

Black-headed Grosbeak (Pheucticus melanocephalus)
1/6/1964 – One, Greensboro (Avendex)
5/6/1984 – One, High Point (Avendex)

Lazuli Bunting (Passerina amoena)
4/2/2013* – One, male of indeterminate age, at a Jamestown feeder, photo.

Painted Bunting (Passerina ciris)
5/1990 – One, at a feeder in High Point
5/7/2004* – One (female at the Allens’ feeder), Greensboro, CA, DA, m.ob., photo
(Avendex)

Dickcissel (Spiza americana)
4/30/1955 – Two, Greensboro (Avendex)
10/28/1962 – One, Greensboro (Avendex)
mowed, no Dickcissels, James Mattocks.

2/29/1968 – One, Greensboro (Avendex)

3/7/1983 – One, Greensboro (Avendex)

6/21/2014* – One, at a farm on Sockwell Road in NE part of the county, NS, photo

6/28/2014* – Two, in same location reported above along Sockwell and Baldwin Roads. AT, HL, EL, and m.ob. Photos. On 6/30, there were three (singing) males and two (possibly 3) females that this same location.

5/26/2015 – Same location as above. Back for another year! AT.

6/8/2015* – One, east side of Baldwin Road, photo, HL.

6/10/2015* – Same as above. Up to four birds. Photos, LS, MW.

7/8/2015 – One female carrying insects to apparent nest at same site as above, MW.

5/21/2016 – One, calling from same area as last year along Baldwin, Rd., MW, photo.

6/10/2016* – One calling from field east of Baldwin Road, south of last year’s nest site, MW. Still present 8/21 A VS, RN.

5/15/2017* – Same locations along Baldwin Road as last year, MW.

5/15/2017 – Two singing males in field east of farm buildings on Howerton Road, photos, MW.

9/20/2017 – Howerton Road, AT.

Footnotes:

1. * Denotes those sightings corroborated by multiple observers, specimen, or photograph, etc.

2. Important references are:


   Mattocks, J. (October 10, 1978). A letter to Charlotte Dawley describing sightings that she might not have known about.

3. DOR: Dead on Road.

4. Many sightings do not identify the observer. Most of these are Herb
Hendrickson’s own observations.

5. Sightings with a reference to “Avendex” are from an extract of Avendex records for Guilford County and Greensboro that was provided by John Haire on 10/10/09.

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