

## unusual observations

by Pete Laurie

7 Oct	1 Blackburnian Warbler	Rockville	V. Beach
8 Oct	1 Scarlet Tanager	Mt. Pleasant	J. Cox
13 Oct	5 Long-billed Curlews	Cape Romain	J. Cox
	2 Peregrine Falcons	"	"
	2 Piping Plovers	"	"
17 Oct	1 Cape May Warbler	F. Johnson	B. McCord
			P. Laurie
26 Oct	2 White Pelicans	Johns Island	B. Stringfellow

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"improve" the view from adjacent houses. Marshland areas have become unofficial trash dumps that the town does not seem to have the wherewithal to clean up, maintain or police. We hope Folly Beach will choose to establish Natural Conservation Districts and that they will include appropriate controls to keep them natural.



## CAROLINA BIRD CLUB WINTER MEETING

The winter meeting of the Carolina Bird Club will be held in Charleston on Friday January 31, 1992, Saturday February 1 and Sunday February 2. Steve Compton will coordinate field trips, including a boat trip in the Cape Romain area, Huntington Beach State Park and Bear Island, to name just a few. Check the January Squawk for a more complete listing.

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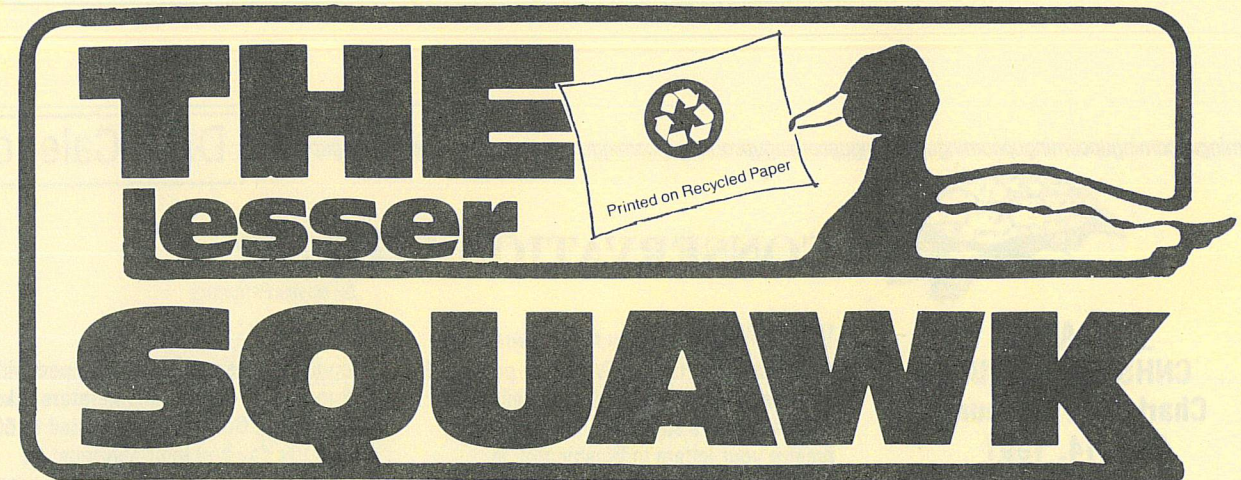
## TRAIL OF TREASURES

by Pat Leonard

Walk through it.  
Let yourself  
be dazzled by sparkling  
sand. Follow  
a path lined  
with tiny shells, chains  
of whelk egg sacs strewn  
like necklaces, brown  
stalks of spartina grass  
from the marsh,  
fragments of driftwood,  
some smoothed, some creased,  
some pocked,  
dried sponges  
in strange shapes:  
baskets, hats, deadman's fingers.  
Notice  
gnarled oyster shells,  
cupped Giant Atlantic Cockles  
with perfect pleats.  
Here are  
shiny jingle  
bangles. . . .

Step  
carefully.

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## CNHS CHRISTMAS PARTY TIME !!

by Mac Murphy



The Lesser Squawk is coming to you a little early this month so Society members are reminded of the up-coming Christmas Party. An annual event that is always well attended, the CHRISTMAS Party will be held this year on Saturday, December 7, at the Conference Center of the James Island County Park, from 3 to 10 pm. We hope the change to a week-end date will encourage everyone to join in and we hope to see many more children.

The CNHS Christmas Party began some years ago as a fund raising event, and the auction remains an important feature, but as many of our 1200 members have discovered, its just fun to with like-minded people in a social setting. Last year's party at the Dock Street Theater was a grand success, but by changing to the park venue, we can add new events - such as sunset birding over the Stono River and evening star gazing. Dinner will be on a grander scale too. On the recommendation of board members, we have engaged Roger Nelson (USAF-R) to cater his popular Bar-B-Q platter. On the menu are Bar-B-Q'd pork and chicken, ranch beans over rice, cole slaw, bread, iced tea, carrot cake and coffee. Vegetarian chili will also be served.

Also planned are children's crafts, wildlife art, and a program by park guides - and don't forget the set-piece holiday light displays in the park itself.

To cap the evening we'll have our auction of donated art, birding gear, guided tours, sailing trips and more. This always proves to be the most fun of all. Proceeds this year will be applied to the planned boardwalk into the oxbow swamp at the Society's McAlhane Nature Preserve.

As usual, tickets cover the price of the meal and conference center. \$10 for adults, \$6 for children. No charge for admission to the park. There will be a full bar at cost-only basis, to help sharpen your bidding skills. Bring your friends, non members are welcome. Please call Mac Mcmurphy (883-9252) or any board member by Wednesday, December 4, so we can plan dinners for everyone. James Island County Park- December 7 - 3 pm to 10 pm. See you there!!





