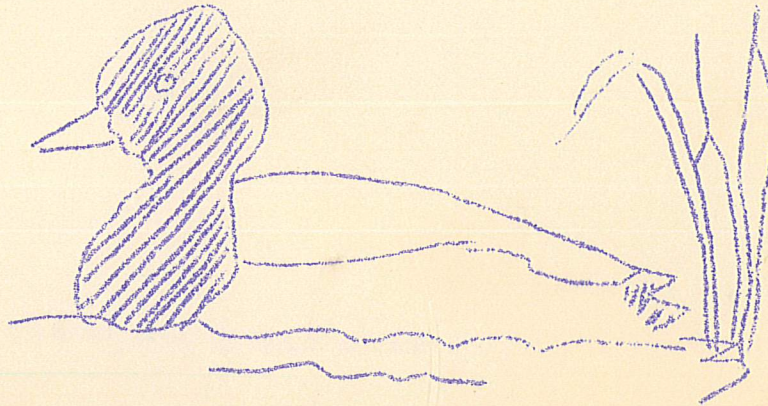


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NO FORMAL ACTIVITIES IN AUGUST
BIRD MOVEMENT IN AUGUST

Arrivals

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| 2 Piping Plover | 18 American Widgeon (Beckett)° |
| 3 Black-billed Cuckoo | Palm Warbler |
| 5 Blue-winged Teal | 21 Blue-winged Warbler |
| 8 Virginia Rail | 25 American Golden Plover (Green)° |
| Stilt Sandpiper | 26 Veery (Coleman)° |
| Blackburnian Warbler | Black-thr. blue Warbler (Coleman)° |
| 9 Common Snipe (Beckett)° | 27 Greater Shearwater |
| 10 Cliff Swallow | Whip-poor-will |
| 14 Peregrine Falcon | 28 Cedar Waxwing |
| Sora | 29 Pigeon Hawk |
| 15 Trails Flycatcher | 30 White-rumped Sandpiper |
| 16 Chestnut-sided Warbler | 31 Black Duck |
| Ovenbird | |

Departures

- | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 16 Black-necked Stilt | 31 Audubons Shearwater |
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Casuals and Accidentals

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|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Cory's Shearwater | Marbled Godwit |
| Little Shearwater | Bonapartes Gull |
| Ruddy Duck (P ?) | Yellow-bellied Sapsucker |

° When the date is not taken from South Carolina Bird Life the authority is given.

Banded Cattle Egrets

Due to the widespread interest and lack of knowledge surrounding the Cattle Egret, *Ardeola ibis*, the author and his co-workers have banded nearly 2,000 of this species. This season 1,000 were red color banded on the left leg and an aluminum band was applied to the right tarsus.

It is hoped that all sightings of these color banded birds will be reported whenever they are seen. All of these nestlings were banded within a radius of 15 miles of Charleston, South Carolina. There can be little doubt that a definite age for breeding will be secured from these birds and that they will spread from Canada to South America, and from Mexico into California. Past recoveries have shown this species to be great wanderers and colonizers of new areas.

That they are very adaptable is fast being proved from almost ^{all} facets of the species life cycle. From timing of nesting, utilization of used nests of other species, feeding at garbage dumps, consumption of substitute foods when pastures are not available, and last but not least, that ability to fill vacuums left by other members of the long-legged waders.

Please report all sightings to T.A. Beckett, III, Magnolia Gardens, Johns Island, S.C.

Bird Notes Here and There.

Apropos of Ted Beckett's "Birding at the Dump" article, I was astonished, on July 18th, to see a Cattle Egret poking about in the drainage ditch in front of our house in Northbridge Terrace, west of the Ashley. We live about one hundred yards from the marsh, but I have never observed a Cattle Egret anywhere in the vicinity. It wandered off across the street and across the neighbor's lawn. Two days later I observed it again, foraging in the vacant lot next door (which had just been mowed).

I spent two weeks in June visiting my parents in Norwich, Vermont, and, naturally, did a lot of birding. Their rural 135 acres, an interesting area extending from dry wooded ridge through old pasture (now planted to red pine about 4-5 feet high) down to the valley bottom complete with stream and beaver dam, produced 61 species on the property and 4 more in the immediate vicinity. Of particular interest were several juncos (unusual in central Vermont in summer) and a black duck in the beaver pond with eight ducklings.

I had an interesting chat with an active birder of Hanover, N.H. (just across the Connecticut River). She told me something of an intensive study made of bird mortality in 1963 in Hanover, following heavy DDT spraying against the elm bark beetle, which spreads Dutch Elm disease. The village of Norwich, unsprayed, was used as a control area. Such alarming factors came to light as 150 myrtle warblers found dead or dying in convulsions during migration more than one month after the spraying. ~~The~~ An article on the subject is to be published shortly (which I shall try to obtain).

Mrs. L.S. Smith, Jr. July 23, 1965.

At the June Executive Committee meeting it was decided to leave summer publication of the Lesser Squawk to the discretion of the editor and as said editor spent most of June selling 1299 Old Towne Road and acquiring 774 Ft. Sumter Drive she was glad to forget the July issue and intended to "lay low" until September. However two very interesting contributions and the long list of winter residents which arrive in August brought about a change of mind. Hence the August number.

W.M.C.

The following reports concerning (1) arrival dates of summer residents and spring transients and (2) departure dates of winter residents and spring transients have been received from Mr. Ellison A. Williams, Chairman of the Committee on Migration Reports.

Name of species	no. of observers	earliest date	observer with earliest date
Yellow-cr. nit. heron	5	Apr. 25	Mrs. H. S. Pettit
Least Bittern	1	May 9	David Chamberlain
Wood Ibis	1	Apr. 5	Mrs. L. S. Smith
Glossy Ibis	6	Feb. 2	Mrs. Dorothy Glover
Mississippi Kite	4	May 15	Field Trip
Osprey	5	Mar. 7	Mrs. Smith
Wilsons Plover	1	May 2	D. Chamberlain
Solitary Sandpiper	1	May 1	Mrs. R. H. Coleman
Lesser Yellowlegs	1	Apr. 13	Mrs. Smith
Black-necked Stilt	4	Apr. 9	Barringtons
Gull-billed Tern	2	May 1	Mrs. Coleman
Least Tern	6	Mar. 29	Barringtons
Yel.-billed Cuckoo	3	Apr. 24	Mrs. Glover
Chuch-wills-widow	8	Apr. 2	Barringtons
Nighthawk	6	Apr. 21	Mrs. Glover
Chimney Swift	7	apr. 2	E. A. Williams
Hummingbird	5	Mar. 25	E. R. Cuthbert, Jr.
Eastern Kingbird	7	Apr. 8	Mrs. Glover
Crested Flycatcher	7	Apr. 7	E. R. Cuthbert
Acadian Flycatcher	2	May 1	Smith, Coleman
Wood Pewee	4	May 1	Smith, Coleman
Rough-wing Swallow	4	Apr. 8	Barringtons
Cattle Egret	6	Mar. 14	Mrs. Glover
Purple Martin	7	Feb. 27	Mrs. Coleman
Wood Thrush	7	Apr. 6	E. R. Cuthbert
White-eyed Vireo	5	Mar. 14	Field Trip
Yellow-throated Vireo	2	Apr. 8	R. H. Coleman, Jr.
Red-eyed Vireo	7	Apr. 6	R. H. Coleman, Jr.
Barn Swallow	2	Apr. 24	Mrs. Smith
Prothonotary Warbler	2	Apr. 8	R. H. Coleman, Jr.
Parula Warbler	8	Mar. 25	Glover, Smith
Yellow Warbler	4	Apr. 12	Barringtons, Smith
Black-thr. Green Warbler	1	May 1	Mrs. Smith
Cape May Warbler	1	Apr. 30	Mrs. Smith
Blackpoll Warbler	1	May 1	Mrs. Smith
Kentucky Warbler	1	Apr. 8	Mrs. Coleman
Yellow-brst. Chat	3	Apr. 18	D. Chamberlain
Hooded Warbler	5	Mar. 25	Mrs. Smith
Orchid Ortole	8	Apr. 7	Mrs. Smith
Summer Tanager	8	Apr. 9	R. H. Coleman, Jr.
Blue Grosbeak	3	Apr. 17	Mrs. Glover
Indigo Bunting	8	Apr. 3	Mrs. Pettit
Painted Bunting	8	Apr. 10	Mrs. Pettit
Prairie Warbler	1	Apr. 2	D. Chamberlain

Reports were received from the following members: The Barringtons (21 species) David Chamberlain (19 species), E. R. Cuthbert, Jr. (9 species), Mrs. R. H. Coleman (29 species), R. H. Coleman, Jr. (10 species), Mrs. Dorothy Glover (26 species), Mrs. H. S. Pettit (6 species), Mrs. L. S. Smith (31 species), E. A. Williams (17 species) making a total of 44 species with 168 individual observations from ten observers.

Part II. Departure Dates of Winter Residents and Spring Transients.

Name of species.	number of observers	latest / earliest / date	observer with latest date / earliest / date
Common loon	2	Mar. 14	E.A. Williams, Mrs. Smith
Red-throated Loon	2	Mar. 14	Mrs. Smith
Horned Grebe	6	Apr. 12	Williams, Coleman
Canada Goose	1	May 1	D. Chamberlain
Mallard	1	Jan. 22	Mrs. Smith
Black Duck	1	Feb. 13	Mrs. Smith
Gadwall	4	Apr. 12	Williams
Pintail	4	Mar. 6	Barringtons
Green-winged Teal	3	Apr. 12	Barringtons
Blue-winged Teal	7	Apr. 18	D. Chamberlain
American Widgeon	5	Apr. 18	D. Chamberlain
Shoveler	6	Apr. 12	Williams
Ring-necked Duck	2	June 10	Williams
Canvasback	2	Feb. 13	Smith, Williams
Lesser Scaup	6	May 23	D. Chamberlain
Bufflehead	5	Apr. 9	Barringtons
Common Scoter	4	Apr. 12	Barringtons
Ruddy Duck	5	Apr. 12	Mrs. Coleman
Hooded Merganser	3	Apr. 5	Mrs. Smith
Red-br. Merganser	6	May 27	Williams
Marsh Hawk	4	Mar. 29	Barringtons
Pigeon Hawk	1	Apr. 7	R.H. Coleman, Jr.
Sparrow Hawk	6	Apr. 7	R.H. Coleman
Common Snipe	2	May 1	Mrs. Coleman
Solitary Sandpiper	1	May 1	Mrs. Coleman
Lesser Yellowlegs	5	May 15	Mrs. Coleman
Stilt Sandpiper	1	May 5	Mrs. Smith
Marbled Godwit	3	Apr. 1	R.H. Coleman, Jr.
Bonaparte's Gull	6	Apr. 15	Smith, Williams
Common Tern	2	Apr. 12	Mrs. Coleman
Phoebe	5	Apr. 7	R.H. Coleman, Jr.
Tree Swallow	8	May 16	D. Chamberlain
House Wren	2	Mar. 28	Barringtons
Robin	6	Apr. 8	Glover, Coleman, Jr.
Hermit thrush	6	Apr. 16	D. Chamberlain
Golden-cr. Kinglet	1	Apr. 4	D. Chamberlain
Ruby-cr. Kinglet	5	Apr. 24	Mrs. Coleman
Water Pipit	3	Mar. 28	Barringtons
Cedar Waxwings	8	Apr. 24	Glover
Solitary Vireo	2	Mar. 26	Barringtons
Orange-cr. Warbler	2	Feb. 16	Barringtons
Yellow Warbler	3	May 3	Mrs. Smith
Cape May Warbler	1	Apr. 30	Mrs. Smith
Myrtle Warbler	7	May 5	Barringtons
Blackpoll Warbler	1	May 3	Mrs. Smith
Prarie Warbler	1	Apr. 18	Mrs. Smith

Departure Dates continued.

Name of Species	Number of observers	latest date	Observer with latest date
Rusty Blackbird	1	Mar. 18	Mrs. Smith
Br.-headed Cowbird	3	Apr. 4	Mrs. Pettit
Purple Finch	1	Apr. 7	R. H. Coleman, Jr.
Goldfinch	4	Apr. 30	Mrs. Smith
Red-eyed Towhee	2	Apr. 20	D. Chamberlain
Ipswich Sparrow	1	Apr. 13	Mrs. Smith
Savannah Sparrow	5	May 15	Mrs. Coleman
Vesper Sparrow	3	Apr. 13	Barringtons
Slate-col. Junco	4	Apr. 12	Barringtons
White-thr. Sparrow	8	May 5	Barringtons
Fox Sparrow	2	Jan. 31	Mrs. Glover
Swamp Sparrow	4	Mar. 14	Mrs. Smith
Song Sparrow	8	May 1	Mrs. Coleman
Yellow-bel. Sapsucker	5	Mar. 29	R. H. Coleman, Jr.
Brewer's Blackbird	1	Apr. 9	R. H. Coleman
Baltimore Oriole	1	Apr. 18	Williams
Henslow's Sparrow	1	Jan. 6	Mrs. Smith

The following members sent reports. The Barringtons (34 species), David Chamberlain (10 species), E. R. Cuthbert, Jr. (3 species), Mrs. R. H. Coleman (18 species), Mrs. Dorothy Glover (19 species), R. H. Coleman, Jr. (24 species), Mrs. H. S. Pettit (3 species), Mrs. L. S. Smith, Jr. (47 species), Ellison A. Williams (29 species), making a total of 10 observers, total species 66 with a total of 187 individual observations. Any discrepancies or omissions are the fault of the editor and not the compiler! A good report, especially as to departure dates.

How many of our members find these semi-annual reports of value is the big (still unanswered) question in the editor's mind. Some of our best birders frankly say that their interests lie in other types of records and the editor feels that unless the data can be used for careful comparison with monthly bird movement lists they are rather futile. However as this plaintive plea has been made repeatedly to no avail it is probably equally futile to ask again. But it's a good space filler, n'est-ce pas?

Some Botany Notes.

Early on the morning of July 17 some of our flower enthusiasts, Mrs. Jack Button, and granddaughter Betsy, Mr. E. R. Cuthbert, Mrs. R. H. Coleman, Mrs. M. M. MacLennan, Mrs. L. S. Miles and Mrs. M. D. Richardson waded through the moisture of Summerville's pine barrens in search of mid-summer blooms, Catesby's Lily in Particular. We had a fine morning even though we did not find as many of the dainty *Lilium Catesbaei* as we did last year. Midsummer is not the best time for abundant bloom, but pitcher plants were still in evidence as were several species of *Polygala* and other low growing flowers.

The following Friday Mrs. MacLennan and I had our own little expedition to the Yeaman's Hall area to see some equally lovely lilies, *Lilium caroliniana* (or *Michauxii*) which is apparently a smaller and daintier species of the Turk's Cap Lily, *Lilium superbum*. We took an extra trip to the Goose Creek area to see what we could see. Unfortunately recent so-called improvements had blocked access to the former good fields, so we found very little. Mrs. MacLennan's own beautiful ^{Queen} was enough to compensate for poor pickings elsewhere, especially the beautiful white bloom of her *Gordonia Lasianthus* with its deep golden center. This is a fairly uncommon, though not rare member of the tea family and is sometimes confused with the sweet bay, *Magnolia virginiana*.

W. M. C.