

# THE ORIOLE

A Quarterly Journal of Georgia Ornithology; Official Organ of the  
Georgia Ornithological Society



VOL. 46

SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER 1981

NOS. 3 & 4

# THE ORIOLE

(ISSN 0030-5553)

## EDITOR

Terry S. Moore, 3086 River Oaks Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30339

## EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

H. Branch Howe, Jr., Chr.; I. Lehr Brislin, Jr.; Les Davenport, Jr.; Milton N. Hopkins, Jr.;  
Thomas K. Patterson; Emil K. Urban.

THE ORIOLE is mailed to all members of the Georgia Ornithological Society not in arrears for dues. Classes of membership are as follows:

Regular.....	\$12.00	Library.....	\$10.00	Patron.....	\$ 50.00
Student.....	\$ 8.00	Sustaining.....	\$20.00	Life.....	\$100.00

All manuscripts and books for review column should be submitted to the Editor.

All dues should be remitted to the Treasurer of the Society: John M. Swiderski, P.O. Box 1278, Cartersville, Georgia 30120.

Inquiries concerning back issues of THE ORIOLE or OCCASIONAL PAPERS OF THE G.O.S. should be directed to the Business Manager: William A. Gibbs, Jr., 816 Hammond Drive, North Augusta, South Carolina 29841.

## CONTENTS

### BIRDS OF THE ATLANTA AREA

Patrick Brisse .....	21
GENERAL NOTES .....	45
NEWS AND COMMENTS .....	47
EDITOR'S COMMENTS.....	47

## GEORGIA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Founded December 13, 1936

Franklin McCamey, President

Don Cohrs, 1st Vice-President

Grady Horne, 2nd Vice-President

Betsy Phillips, Secretary

John M. Swiderski, Treasurer

# THE ORIOLE

A Quarterly Journal of Georgia Ornithology; Official Organ of the  
Georgia Ornithological Society

VOL. 46

SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER 1981

NOS. 3 & 4

## BIRDS OF THE ATLANTA AREA

Patrick Brisse

Although Atlanta has been a center of ornithological activity for many years, little information has been published in *The Oriole* or elsewhere concerning the overall status of species in the Atlanta area. There have been four basic works which have attempted to detail species' status during the past fifty years. The first was Greene (1933) which for the first time listed all species known to occur in the Atlanta area. At that time the Atlanta area was considered to be the four county area consisting of DeKalb, Fulton, Clayton and Cobb counties. The next work was a list of migration extremes by Giles et al. (1934). The third work was by Griffin (1941) and was titled *Migration of Birds in the Atlanta Region*. This was updated in 1945 by David Johnston. After this appeared, a number of years passed before another work was published. This one by Griffin and Parks (1955) and later updated in 1962 was a comprehensive accounting of the species occurring in the Atlanta area, their status and migration extremes. This list however was never published in *The Oriole*. Nesting extreme dates were documented in Griffin (1940).

Since little has been published for about twenty years concerning the updated status of birds in the Atlanta area, I decided to consult various publications to bring the data up-to-date. Especially in the past 10 years many observations have been made which significantly alter the status of several species occurring in Atlanta. The publications which have been consulted include *American Birds* (formerly *Audubon Field Notes*), *The Oriole*, the newsletter of the Atlanta Audubon Society, *The Auk* and *Bird Lore*. In addition to the publications noted above, various unpublished data of experienced Atlanta observers were used in the preparation of this article. It should be noted here that in the past 10 years the definition of what constitutes the Atlanta area has changed from the original four county area to include now an area with a thirty-mile radius centered on downtown Atlanta (specifically at an intersection known locally as Five Points). Unpublished data were used from the following people: Jean Bevis, Donna and Patrick Brisse, Thomas Burleigh, Bill Clark, Alma Cooke, Wally Dreyfoos, Mike Einhorn, Lou Fink, Rufus Godwin, Mrs. Lewis Gordon, Doris Gray (Cohrs), William Griffin, Ethel Harris, David Johnston, William Laprade, James Major, Robert Manns, Father Martin, Terry Moore, Vaughn Morrison, Mrs. James

Oliver, Richard Parks, Thomas Paxton, George Sciple, Mrs. J. M. Smith, Robert Smith, Marene Snow, John Swiderski and the Atlanta Audubon Society Migration Walks.

Abbreviations used include AAN (Atlanta Audubon Society Newsletter), AFN (Audubon Field Notes) and Birds Atlanta (Birds of the Atlanta, Georgia Area).

An attempt has been made to adequately document each date given in the species account as to where a reader could find a specific account of the observation. The first name generally noted is the person or persons who made the observation. Hopefully this will save time in the future for anyone inquiring into the status of any individual species.

The species account follows the species order and nomenclature used in Denton *et al.* (1977). The relative abundance of the species follows closely the definitions also used in Denton *et al.* (1977). An asterisk after the species name indicates that the species has bred in the Atlanta area at least once. The 285 species described in the species account have been classified into the following groups: extinct (1), hypothetical (7), accidental (52), occasional (6), winter visitant (53), transient (58), summer visitant (6), summer resident (44), and permanent resident (58). A total of 113 species have been found nesting in the Atlanta area at least once.

Any errors are the author's responsibility. I would like to encourage anyone with information which adds to or even contradicts the status as given in the paper to communicate your data directly to me. Your information and advice will be greatly appreciated.

I would like to thank Jack Carusos, Don and Doris Cohrs, Hugh Garrett, Joe Greenberg, Vince Jackson, Robert Manns, Terry Moore, Richard Parks and Georgann Schmalz for their contributions to the article and especially my wife, Donna Brisse, for typing the manuscript.

#### SPECIES ACCOUNT

Common Loon, *Gavia immer*. Transient — rare. 22 March 1949 (Griffin, Sciple, unpublished) — 6 June 1965 (Parks, 1965, AFN 19:533); 30 Sept. 1928 (Greene, *Birds Atlanta*) — 11 Dec. 1980 (Brisse, Brisse, Manns, AAN, Feb. 1981).

Winter records: 1946 Christmas Bird Count; 17 Feb. 1980 (Bevis, AAN, April 1980); 27 Dec. 1981 (Gardella, AAN, April 1982).

Red-throated Loon, *Gavia stellata*. Accidental. 16 Nov. 1972 (French, 1973, *American Birds* 27:40); 17 Nov. 1979 (Carusos, 1980, *American Birds* 34:150).

Red-necked Grebe, *Podiceps grisegena*. Accidental. 27 March 1917 (Sanford, see Burleigh, *Georgia Birds*); 22 Feb. through 9 March 1930 (Eyles, Giles, Spratt, 1937, *Oriole* 2:6); 4 Nov. 1932 (Greene, *Birds Atlanta*); 20 Nov. 1937 (Griffin, Sciple, unpublished); 27 Dec. 1937 (Griffin, Sciple, unpublished); 1 Jan. 1965 (*fide* Morrison, unpublished).

Horned Grebe, *Podiceps auritus*. Winter visitant — uncommon. 1 Nov. 1981 (Brisse, Moore, Moore, AAN, Jan. 1982) — 7 May 1949 (Griffin, unpublished).

Pied-billed Grebe, *Podilymbus podiceps*. Winter visitant — common. 8 July 1940 (Griffin, 1940, *Oriole* 5:32) — 22 May 1932 (Greene, *Birds Atlanta*).

Summer records: 18 June 1942 (Johnston, 1945, *Oriole* 10:6); one or two birds spent summer 1978, 1979, 1980 and 1981 at Piedmont Park (Parks, AAN, Sept. 1978, Aug. 1979, Aug. 1980, July 1981).

White-tailed Tropicbird, *Phaethon lepturus*. Accidental. 15 Aug. 1940 (Griffin, 1940, *Oriole* 5:32).

American White Pelican, *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*. Accidental. 2(?) Oct. 1926 (Newberry, *fide* Greene, *Birds Atlanta*); 16 Sept. 1930 (Gordon, *fide* Greene, *Birds Atlanta*); 28 Sept. 1930 (photo of bird in *Atlanta Journal*, *fide* Greene, *Birds Atlanta*); 27 July 1935 (Spratt, 1936, *Oriole* 1:8); 15 Nov. 1975 (Hans, 1975, *Oriole* 40:48).

Brown Pelican, *Pelecanus occidentalis*. Accidental. 28 Sept. 1975 (Staats, 1975, *Oriole* 40:48).

Double-crested Cormorant, *Phalacrocorax auritus*. Occasional. 30 through 31 Oct. 1936 (Abercrombie, *fide* Eyles, 1937, *Oriole* 2:7); 27 Oct. 1945 (Major, *fide* Johnston, unpublished); 14 through 22 June 1962 (Freeborn, 1962, *Oriole* 27:35); 13 April 1969 (Einhorn, *Einhorn*, 1969, *Oriole* 34:28); 13 May 1977 (sighted for a week) (Winterstein, *et al*, AAN, June 1977); 19 Dec. 1981 (McClure, McClure, AAN, April 1982).

Great Blue Heron\*, *Ardea herodias*. Permanent resident — uncommon. Northern Green Heron\*, *Butorides striatus*. Summer resident — common. 23 March 1906 (specimen, Emory University Collection) — 24 Oct. 1942 (Ramsey, Howe, 1942, *Oriole* 7:32).

Winter records: 20 through 26 Dec. 1946 (Major, Griffin, Burleigh, *et al*, unpublished); 15 Dec. 1968 through 29 Dec. 1968 (Fink, Griffin, 1968, *Oriole* 33:51); 13 through 15 Nov. 1977 (Pulliam, Echols, AAN, Dec. 1977); 8 Jan. 1978 (Pulliam, AAN, Feb. 1978); 1916, 1949, 1968, 1976 and 1979 Christmas Bird Counts.

Little Blue Heron, *Florida caerulea*. Summer visitant — uncommon. 26 March 1932 (Greene, *Birds Atlanta*) — 2 Oct. 1943 (Outler, *fide* Johnston, 1943, *Oriole* 8:24).

Cattle Egret, *Bubulcus ibis*. Spring transient — rare. 3 April 1977 (Jackson, *et al*, AAN, May 1977) — 10 May 1981 (McClure, AAN, July 1981).

Fall records: 31 July 1977 (Manns, *et al*, AAN, Sept. 1977); 27 Aug. 1978 (Moore, 1979, *American Birds* 2:166).

Great Egret, *Casmerodius albus*. Summer visitant — uncommon. 25 March 1972 (Carusos, Paget, 1974, *Oriole* 39:12) — 29 Sept. 1929 (Greene, *Birds Atlanta*).

Snowy Egret, *Egretta thula*. Late summer visitant — rare. 16 July 1961 (F. Martin, unpublished) — 10 Sept. 1972 (*fide* Dreyfoos, 1973, *American Birds* 27:40).

Spring record: 29 April 1971 (Paget, 1974, *Oriole* 39:13).

- Louisiana Heron, *Hydranassa tricolor*. Summer visitant — rare. 1 May 1976 (Moore, Swiderski, 1976, *American Birds* 30:827) — 19 Aug. 1928 (Greene, *Birds Atlanta*).
- Black-crowned Night Heron, *Nycticorax nycticorax*. Summer visitant — rare. 19 March 1932 (Eyles, Giles, Spratt, 1937, *Oriole* 2:6) — 5 Aug. 1950 (Parks, unpublished).
- Yellow-crowned Night Heron\*, *Nyctanassa violacea*. Summer resident — uncommon. 13 April 1961 (F. Martin, unpublished) — 27 Sept. 1955 (Griffin, Cooke, 1956, AFN 10:15).  
Late fall record: 7 through 14 Nov. 1978 (McCamey, AAN, Jan. 1979).
- Least Bittern\*, *Ixobrychus exilis*. Summer resident — rare. 2 May 1981 (Garrett, Garrett, 1981, *American Birds* 35:812) — 29 Aug. 1932 (Greene, *Birds Atlanta*).
- American Bittern, *Botaurus lentiginosus*. Transient — uncommon. 13 March 1981 (McCamey, AAN, May 1981) — 15 May 1932 (Eyles, Giles, Spratt, 1937, *Oriole* 2:6); 22 Aug. 1942 (Johnston, 1945, *Oriole* 10:6) — 7 Nov. 1981 (Brisse, AAN, Jan. 1982).  
Winter records: 21 Feb. 1943 (Mrs. H. M. Daniel, *fide* Johnston, 1945, *Oriole* 10:6); 21 Jan. 1944 (Johnston, Adams, 1944, *Oriole* 9:14); 12 Dec. 1981 (Greenberg, *et al*, AAN, April 1982).  
Summer record: 5 July 1970 (Fink, 1971, *Oriole* 36:27).
- Wood Stork, *Mycteria americana*. Accidental. 30 June 1956. (Dorsey, 1956, *Oriole* 21:31).
- Glossy Ibis, *Plegadis falcinellus*. Accidental. 15 May 1965 (Floyd, *fide* Parks, 1965, AFN 19:533) and 16 May 1965 (same bird, Morrison, unpublished).
- White Ibis, *Eudocimus albus*. Late summer visitant — rare. 3 July 1970 (Einhorn, 1970, AFN 24:671) — 17 Sept. 1978 (Moore, AAN, Nov. 1978).
- Mute Swan, *Cygnus olor*. Hypothetical. 27 May through 13 June 1974 (Manns, see Denton, *et al*, *Annotated Checklist of Georgia Birds*).
- Whistling Swan, *Olor columbianus*. Winter visitant — rare. 23 Nov. 1980 (McClure, *Goshawk*, March 1981) — 25 Feb. 1945 (Werner, see Burleigh, *Georgia Birds*). [Record of 5 May 1963 (1963, *Oriole* 28:35) considered dubious since the birds were pinioned (1966, *Oriole* 32:24)].
- Canada Goose, *Branta canadensis*. Winter visitant — rare. 21 Oct. 1940 (Paxton, *fide* Griffin, unpublished) — 22 May 1932 (Greene, *Birds Atlanta*).
- Snow Goose (Blue), *Chen caerulescens*. Occasional. 28 Feb. 1949 (Land, 1949, *Oriole* 14:10); 9 Nov. 1952 through 15 March 1953 (Griffin, *et al*, 1953, AFN 7:209); Nov. 1959 through 4 June 1960 (Parks, *et al*, 1960, AFN 14:299 and 378); 26 Nov. 1977 (Petit, Lett, AAN, Jan. 1978); 15 March 1980 (Bolling, 1980, *American Birds* 34:765); 10 April 1980 (Ranger, 1980, *American Birds* 34:765).
- Mallard\*, *Anas platyrhynchos*. Permanent resident — uncommon. Summer — rare.
- American Black Duck, *Anas rubripes*. Winter visitant — uncommon. 11 Sept. 1932 (Greene, *Birds Atlanta*) — 18 April 1930 (Eyles, Giles,

- Spratt, 1937, *Oriole* 2:6). (This record appeared in 1941, *Oriole* 6:18 as 18 April 1932).
- Summer record: 3 Aug. 1946 (Davis, Johnston, 1947, *Oriole* 12:47).
- Gadwall, *Anas strepera*. Winter visitant — uncommon. 29 Oct. 1961 (F. Martin, 1961, *Oriole* 26:59) — 24 March 1917 (Sanford, see Burleigh, *Georgia Birds*).
- Early fall record: 17 Sept. 1957 (Snow, Cooke, unpublished).
- Common Pintail, *Anas acuta*. Winter visitant — rare. 11 Oct. 1960 (Griffin, unpublished) — 8 April 1934 (Eyles, Giles, Spratt, 1937, *Oriole* 2:6).
- Green-winged Teal, *Anas crecca*. Transient — uncommon. Winter visitant — rare. 9 Nov. 1961 (F. Martin, unpublished) — 30 March 1944 (Johnston, 1944, *Oriole* 9:11).
- Blue-winged Teal, *Anas discors*. Transient — common. 13 March 1968 (Morrison, unpublished) — 29 May 1976 (Russell, *fide* Swiderski, 1976, *American Birds* 30:827); 20 Aug. 1978 (Pulliam, AAN, Oct. 1978) — 15 Oct. 1930 (Eyles, Giles, Spratt, 1937, *Oriole* 2:6).  
Summer records: 28 July 1963 (Morrison, unpublished); 31 July 1977 (Manns, *et al*, AAN, Sept. 1977).  
Winter records: 16 Oct. 1943 through 6 May 1944 (Johnston, 1943, *Oriole* 8:24 and unpublished information *fide* Griffin); Sept. 1947 through April 1948 (Griffin, 1948, *Oriole* 13:14 and 1948, AFN 2:69); 1948 Christmas Bird Count; 11 Dec. 1980 (Brisse, Brisse, Manns, 1981, *American Birds* 35:290).
- Cinnamon Teal, *Anas cyanoptera*. Hypothetical. 17 April 1970 (Dreyfoos, unpublished).
- American Wigeon, *Anas americana*. Transient — uncommon. 25 Feb. 1932 (Eyles, Giles, Spratt, 1937, *Oriole* 2:6) — 18 May 1944 (Johnston, unpublished); 14 Oct. 1943 (Johnston, 1943, *Oriole* 8:24) — 24 Nov. 1961 (F. Martin, unpublished).  
Winter records: A single bird remained all winter on Piedmont Park lake and was last seen by Johnston on 18 May 1944 (unpublished); 14 Jan. 1978 (Covalt, AAN, Feb. 1978); Dec. 1978 through 16 Feb. 1979 (Pulliam, AAN, March and April 1979; birds were sighted during the 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980 Christmas Bird Counts).
- Northern Shoveler, *Anas clypeata*. Transient — uncommon. 28 Feb. 1932 (Eyles, Giles, Spratt, 1937, *Oriole* 2:6) — 26 April 1932 (Eyles, Giles, Spratt, 1937, *Oriole* 2:6); 15 Oct. 1965 (Bell, *fide* Fink, 1965, *Oriole* 30:112) — 29 Nov. 1980 (Bevis, Brisse, Brisse, unpublished).  
Winter record: 15 Oct. 1965 through 15 Jan. 1966 (Fink, 1965, *Oriole* 30:112).
- Wood Duck\*, *Aix sponsa*. Permanent resident — common.
- Redhead, *Aythya americana*. Winter visitant — uncommon. 1 Nov. 1981 (Brisse, Moore, Moore, AAN, Jan. 1982) — 29 April 1943 (Johnston, 1945, *Oriole* 10:6).  
Early fall record: 3 Oct. 1980 (McCamey, 1981, *American Birds* 35:170).
- Ring-necked Duck, *Aythya collaris*. Winter visitant — common. 15 Oct. 1944 (Johnston, 1945, *Oriole* 10:6) — 13 June 1981 (Brisse, 1981,

*American Birds* 35:930).

Summer Record: Three birds stayed at Peachtree Lake during the summer 1981 (Brise, 1981, *American Birds* 35:930).

Canvasback, *Aythya valisineria*. Winter visitant — rare. 9 Nov. 1980 (Miller, AAN, Jan. 1981) — 13 April 1933 (Greene, *Birds Atlanta*). Greater Scaup, *Aythya marila*. Hypothetical. 18 March 1963 (F. Martin, unpublished).

Lesser Scaup, *Aythya affinis*. Winter visitant — uncommon. 19 Oct. 1930 (Greene, *Birds Atlanta*) — 5 June 1932 (Greene, *Birds Atlanta*). Common Goldeneye, *Bucephala clangula*. Winter visitant — rare. 7 Nov. 1971 (Parks, unpublished) — 7 April 1976 (Volpi, AAN, May 1976).

Bufflehead, *Bucephala albeola*. Winter visitant — uncommon. 8 Nov. 1981 (Brise, AAN, Jan. 1982) — 14 April 1979 (Hutcheson, AAN, June 1979).

Oldsquaw, *Clangula hyemalis*. Accidental. 4 through 16 March 1934 (Werner, *et al*, see Burleigh, *Georgia Birds*); 6 through 21 Dec. 1958 (Fink, 1958, *Oriole* 23:44 and 1959, AFN 13:144); 21 March 1964 (Clark, *fide* Parks, unpublished); 14 through 29 Feb. 1980 (Soules, *et al*, 1980, *American Birds*, 34:263).

White-winged Scoter, *Melanitta deglandi*. Accidental. 23 through 25 Nov. 1979 (Carusos, Gilbert, *et al*, 1980, *American Birds*, 34:151).

Ruddy Duck, *Oxyura jamaicensis*. Winter visitant — uncommon. 10 Oct. 1981 (Brunner, AAN, Dec. 1981) — 20 May 1923 (Greene, *Birds Atlanta*).

Hooded Merganser, *Lophodytes cucullatus*. Winter visitant — common. 23 Oct. 1945 (Griffin, unpublished) — 9 April 1968 (Morrison, unpublished) and 9 April 1977 (Petit, Moore, *et al*, AAN, May 1977).

Summer records: During the summer of 1932, a female was observed irregularly at Lakewood Park by Eyles, Giles and Spratt (see Greene, *Birds Atlanta* and 1937, *Oriole* 2:6); 20 June 1964 (Schene, 1964, *Oriole* 29:41).

Common Merganser, *Mergus merganser*. Accidental. Greene (*Birds Atlanta*) reports species as present in November, April, and May but gives no definite records; Eyles (1937, *Oriole* 2:6) omits the species; 23 Nov. 1938 through 1 Jan. 1939 (Griffin, 1939, *Oriole* 4:8) (the 23 Nov. 1938 record was erroneously published in 1941, *Oriole* 6:18 as 25 Nov. 1938); a dead bird was found on 16 Dec. 1940 (Hunter, 1941, *Oriole* 6:14); 26 Nov. through 8 Dec. 1973 (Swiderski, *et al*, unpublished).

Red-breasted Merganser, *Mergus serrator*. Winter visitant — rare. 16 Nov. 1935 (Giles, 1936, *Oriole* 1:11) — 7 May 1931 (Greene, *Birds Atlanta*).

Turkey Vulture\*, *Cathartes aura*. Permanent resident — common.

Black Vulture\*, *Coragyps atratus*. Permanent resident — uncommon.

Swallow-tailed Kite, *Elanoides forficatus*. Accidental. 3 Sept. 1941 (Wharton, 1941, *Oriole* 6:50).

Mississippi Kite, *Ictinia mississippiensis*. Hypothetical. 11 Sept. 1958 (F. Martin, unpublished); 2 Dec. 1974 (Dreyfoos, AAN, Jan. 1975).

Sharp-shinned Hawk\*, *Accipiter striatus*. Winter visitant — uncommon. 11 Aug. 1981 (Moore, AAN, Oct. 1981) — 1 May 1976 (Moore, Swiderski, AAN, June 1976).

Summer records: Hembree found a nest of Sharp-shinned Hawks in Roswell "in several successive seasons." One adult was collected at the same time as the eggs on 5 June 1916 (Hembree, *fide* Griffin, See Burleigh, *Georgia Birds*).

Cooper's Hawk\*, *Accipiter cooperii*. Permanent resident — rare.

Red-tailed Hawk\*, *Buteo jamaicensis*. Permanent resident — common. Summer — uncommon.

Red-shouldered Hawk\*, *Buteo lineatus*. Permanent resident — uncommon.

Broad-winged Hawk\*, *Buteo platypterus*. Summer resident — uncommon. 19 March 1941 (Griffin, 1941, *Oriole* 6:18) — 4 Oct. 1981 (migration walks, AAN, Dec. 1981).

Winter records: 1912 Christmas Bird Count; 24 Dec. 1938 (Harris, see Griffin, 1939, *Oriole* 4:30); 3 Dec. 1940 (Cordes, see Griffin, 1941, *Oriole* 6:14); 1948, 1963, and 1964 Christmas Bird Counts; 12 Jan. 1968 (Fink, 1969, *Oriole* 34:12).

Rough-legged Hawk, *Buteo lagopus*. Accidental. 2 April 1956 (F. Martin, unpublished); 1970 Christmas Bird Count (1971, *American Birds* 25:271); 5 April 1981 (Bevis, 1981, *American Birds* 35:812).

Golden Eagle, *Aquila chrysaetos*. Accidental. 29 Sept. 1977 (Manns, *et al*, 1978, *Oriole* 43:22); 8 Nov. 1978 (Forster, 1979, *American Birds* 33:166).

Bald Eagle, *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*. Accidental. 19 May 1929 (Greene, *Birds Atlanta*). 15 May 1930 (Greene, *Birds Atlanta*); 5 Aug. through 17 Sept. 1976 (Cadora, McCamey, AAN, Oct. 1976); 29 Sept. 1977 (Manns, *et al*, 1978, *Oriole* 43:22); 1979 Christmas Bird Count (1980, *American Birds* 34:264); 20 Sept. 1981 (migration walks, AAN, Nov. 1981).

Northern Harrier, *Circus cyaneus*. Winter visitant — uncommon. 22 July 1943 (Dorsey, *fide* Johnston, 1943, *Oriole* 8:24) — 15 May 1932 (Greene, *Birds Atlanta*).

Osprey, *Pandion haliaetus*. Transient — uncommon. 4 March 1981 (Volpi, AAN, May 1981) — 19 May 1946 (Griffin, unpublished); 3 Sept. 1960 (Griffin, unpublished) — 18 Nov. 1938 (Griffin, 1939, *Oriole* 4:8).

Prairie Falcon, *Falco mexicanus*. Hypothetical. Early Dec. 1975 through early Jan. 1976 (*fide* Swiderski, 1976, *American Birds* 30:706); another sighting of possibly same bird was later recorded on 5 April 1976 about 20 miles from the original location (Dreyfoos, 1976, *American Birds* 30:706).

Peregrine Falcon, *Falco peregrinus*. Winter visitant — rare. 8 Aug. 1940 (Griffin, 1940, *Oriole* 5:31) — 2 April 1956 (1956, AFN 10:243).

Merlin, *Falco columbarius*. Winter visitant — rare. 31 Oct. 1976 (Manns, *et al*, AAN, Dec. 1976) — 26 April 1959 (Griffin, unpublished).

- American Kestrel\*, *Falco sparverius*. Permanent resident — common. Summer — uncommon.
- Common Bobwhite\*, *Colinus virginianus*. Permanent resident — common.
- Sandhill Crane, *Grus canadensis*. Transient — uncommon. 23 Feb. 1977 (Volpi, AAN, April 1977) — 24 March 1980 (Manns, AAN, May 1980); 18 Oct. 1962 (Griffin, 1963, AFN 17:318) — 14 Dec. 1980 (Manns, Terrell, 1981, *American Birds* 35:290).  
Winter record: 7 Jan. 1979 (Hunt, AAN, March 1979).
- Limpkin, *Aramus guarauna*. Accidental. 13 July 1956 (Harris, 1956, *Oriole* 21:35).
- King Rail\*, *Rallus elegans*. Permanent resident — rare.
- Clapper Rail, *Rallus longirostris*. Accidental. 1 Sept. 1971 (French, 1972, *Oriole* 37:5-6).
- Virginia Rail\*, *Rallus limicola*. Transient — rare. 26 April 1981 (Rose, AAN, June 1981) — 14 June 1970 (Einhorn, Manns, 1970, AFN 24:672); 2 Sept. 1973 (Cohrs, Hans, Swiderski, AAN, Oct. 1973) — 8 Nov. 1980 (Carusos, Paget, AAN, Jan. 1981).  
Early spring record: (?) Feb. 1899 (Smith, see Burleigh, *Georgia Birds*).  
Winter record: 26 Dec. 1976 (Carusos, 1977, *Oriole* 42:36).
- Sora, *Porzana carolina*. Transient — uncommon. 31 March 1896 (R. W. Smith, unpublished) — 12 May 1897 (R. W. Smith, unpublished); 15 Sept. 1956 (Griffin, unpublished) — 20 Nov. 1970 (Fink, 1971, *Oriole* 36:15).  
Winter records: 23 Oct. 1966 through 22 Jan. 1967 (many obs., 1966, *Oriole* 31:48); 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978 Christmas Bird Counts.
- Yellow Rail, *Coturnicops noveboracensis*. Accidental. 17 Nov. 1900 (R. W. Smith, unpublished record of specimen from his notes).
- Purple gallinule\*, *Porphyryla martinica*. Accidental. 5 May 1948 (Lewis, see Griffin, 1948, *Oriole* 13:26); 17 July through 2 Aug. 1970 (Einhorn, Gray, et al, 1971, *Oriole* 36:27-28).
- Common Gallinule, *Gallinula chloropus*. Transient — rare. 31 March 1957 (Fink, unpublished) — 10 May 1929 (Hembree, see Greene, *Birds Atlanta*); 26 Sept. 1955 (Roddy, Griffin, 1956, AFN 10:16) — 23 Dec. 1956 (Griffin, 1957, AFN 11:129).  
Summer record: 5 July 1970 (Fink, 1971, *Oriole* 36:27).
- American Coot, *Fulica americana*. Winter visitant — abundant. 18 Sept. 1943 (Johnston, 1943, *Oriole* 8:24) — 4 June 1931 (Greene, *Birds Atlanta*).  
Summer records: Summer 1943 (See Burleigh, *Georgia Birds*); Summer 1944 (Johnston, 1945, *Oriole* 10:7); 31 July 1965 (Morrison, unpublished); 26 July 1979 (Petit, AAN, Sept. 1979); 17 Aug 1980 (Brisse, et al, AAN, Oct. 1980); few birds spent the summer of 1980 and 1981 at Northlake (*fide* Brisse, unpublished); two birds summered at Peachtree Lake in 1981 (Brisse, 1981, *American Birds* 35:930).
- Semipalmated plover, *Charadrius semipalmatus*. Transient — rare. 31 March 1938 (Abercrombie, *fide* Griffin, 1941, *Oriole* 6:19) — 27 May 1932 (Eyles, Giles, Spratt, 1937, *Oriole* 2:6); 22 July 1932 (Eyles,

- Giles, Spratt, 1937, *Oriole* 2:6) — 5 Sept. 1932 (Greene, *Birds Atlanta*).
- Killdeer\*, *Charadrius vociferus*. Permanent resident — common.
- Piping plover, *Charadrius melodus*. Accidental. 14 July 1963 (F. Martin, 1963, *Oriole* 28:58).
- Lesser Golden Plover, *Pluvialis dominica*. Accidental. 31 March 1979 (Greenberg, 1979, *American Birds* 33:761); 21 through 22 March 1980 (Petit, 1980, *American Birds* 34:766); 21 March 1981 (Brisse, et al, 1981, *American Birds* 35:813).
- Black-bellied Plover, *Pluvialis squatarola*. Occasional. 26 through 27 Aug. 1932 (Giles, Greene, *Birds Atlanta*); 12 Dec. 1932 (Greene, *Birds Atlanta*); 3 Jan. 1942 (Cordes, see Griffin, 1942, *Oriole* 7:7); 31 Aug. 1950 (Griffin, 1951, *Oriole* 16:4); 16 April 1972 (Dreyfoos, Dreyfoos, 1972, *American Birds* 26:749); 2 Nov. 1975 (Moore, Morrison, unpublished).
- Hudsonian Godwit, *Limosa haemastica*. Accidental. 15 April 1980 (Greenberg, Manns, 1980, *American Birds* 34:766).
- Upland Sandpiper, *Bartramia longicauda*. Spring transient — uncommon. 29 March 1979 (Petit, AAN, May 1979) — 6 May 1981 (Brisse, AAN, July 1981).  
Fall record: 3 Sept. 1940 (Griffin, 1940, *Oriole* 5:32).
- Greater Yellowlegs, *Tringa melanoleuca*. Transient — uncommon. 14 March 1981 (Brisse, Manns, AAN, May 1981) — 24 May 1940 (Griffin, 1940, *Oriole* 5:18); 5 Aug. 1965 (Morrison, unpublished) — 7 Nov. 1948 (C. Gordon, 1949, AFN 3:11).  
Late fall record: 9 Dec. 1979 (Miller, AAN, March 1980).
- Lesser Yellowlegs, *Tringa flavipes*. Transient — uncommon. 28 Feb. 1971 (Fink, 1971, *American Birds* 25:564) — 18 May 1932 (Greene, *Birds Atlanta*); 17 July 1960 (Griffin, unpublished) — 15 Oct. 1944 (Johnston, unpublished).
- Solitary Sandpiper, *Tringa solitaria*. Transient — common. 16 March 1933 (Eyles, Giles, Spratt, 1937, *Oriole* 2:6) and 16 March 1958 (F. Martin, unpublished) — 22 May 1932 (Greene, *Birds Atlanta*); 25 June 1964 (F. Martin, unpublished) — 31 Oct. 1948 (Griffin, Neal, 1949, AFN 3:11).  
Summer record: Summer 1958 (Boyd, 1958, *Oriole* 23:43).
- Willet, *Cataptrophorus semipalmatus*. Occasional. 27 Aug. 1960 (Snow, Land, 1961, *Oriole* 26:33); 25 April 1971 (Fink, Perry, 1971, *Oriole* 36:38); 30 July 1971 (many obs., 1972, *American Birds* 26:47); 29 April 1973 (Cohrs, 1973, *American Birds* 27:759); 26 April 1980 (Swiderski, 1980, *American Birds* 34:766); 2 Aug. 1981 (Garrett, et al, 1982, *American Birds* 36:166).
- Spotted Sandpiper\*, *Actitis macularia*. Transient — common. Summer resident — rare. 30 March 1944 (Adams, Adams, Major, *fide* Johnston, 1944, *Oriole* 9:14) — 31 Oct. 1962 (F. Martin, unpublished).  
Winter records: 20 through 22 Dec. 1936 (Griffin, Sciple, 1939, *Oriole* 4:30); 21 Dec. 1947 (Howe, 1948, *Oriole* 13:8); 1978 Christmas Bird Count.

- Ruddy Turnstone, *Arenaria interpres*. Accidental. 30 July 1971 (many obs., 1972, *American Birds* 26:47).
- Wilson's Phalarope, *Steganopus tricolor*. Accidental. 30 July 1971 (many obs., 1972, *American Birds* 26:47); 15 through 19 April 1980 (Greenberg, Manns, *et al*, 1980, *American Birds* 34:766).
- Red Phalarope, *Phalaropus fulicarius*. Accidental. 11 through 13 Sept. 1981 (Bevis, *et al*, 1982, *American Birds* 36:167).
- American Woodcock\*, *Philohela minor*. Permanent resident — uncommon.
- Common Snipe, *Capella gallinago*. Winter visitant — common. 25 Aug. 1932 (Greene, *Birds Atlanta*) — 12 May 1932 (Eyles, Giles, Spratt, 1937, *Oriole* 2:6). (The record of 4 Aug. 1946 by Griffin (1941, *Oriole* 6:19) is now considered dubious.)
- Short-billed Dowitcher, *Limnodromus griseus*. Accidental. 25 through 27 Aug. 1932 (Giles, Greene, *Birds of Atlanta*); 19 Aug. 1939 (Giles, Griffin, 1939, *Oriole* 4:30); 14 March 1971 (Fink, McRae, 1971, *Oriole* 36:38); 16 March 1976 (Volpi, AAN, May 1976).
- Sanderling, *Calidris alba*. Accidental. 27 July 1971 (D. Gray, Manns, *et al*, unpublished); 2 through 4 Aug. 1981 (Garrett, *et al*, AAN, Oct. 1981); 29 Aug. 1981 (Brisse, AAN, Oct. 1981). (The 1981 sightings were published as 2 and 29 Aug. 1982, many obs., *fide* Moore in 1982, *American Birds* 36:166.)
- Semipalmated Sandpiper, *Calidris pusilla*. Transient — rare. 23 April 1954 (Godwin, *fide* Mrs. C. Gordon, unpublished) — 1 June 1940 (Paxton, Cordes, 1940, *Oriole* 5:18); 1 Aug. 1981 (Manns, *et al*, AAN, Oct. 1981) — 18 Sept. 1932 (Eyles, Giles, Spratt, 1937, *Oriole* 2:6).
- Western Sandpiper, *Calidris mauri*. Fall transient — uncommon. 17 Aug. 1980 (Bevis, Brisse, Manns, unpublished) — 13 Sept. 1981 (Lacoss, AAN, Nov. 1981).
- Spring records: 15 May 1965 (Morrison, unpublished); 7 May 1966 (Morrison, unpublished).
- Least Sandpiper, *Calidris minutilla*. Transient — uncommon. 3 April 1954 (Godwin, *fide* Mrs. C. Gordon, unpublished) — 28 May 1932 (Eyles, Giles, Spratt, 1937, *Oriole* 2:6); 14 July 1963 (F. Martin, unpublished) — 18 Sept. 1938 (Griffin, 1941, *Oriole* 2:19).
- White-rumped Sandpiper, *Calidris fuscicollis*. Spring transient — rare. 10 May 1958 (Collum, *et al*, 1958, *Oriole* 23:34) — 21 May 1932 (Eyles, Giles, 1935, *Auk* 52:461).
- Pectoral Sandpiper, *Calidris melanotos*. Transient — uncommon. 9 March 1981 (Petit, AAN, May 1981) — 10 May 1958 (Collum, 1958, *Oriole* 23:34); 22 July 1981 (Brisse, AAN, Sept. 1981) — 21 Oct. 1932 (Eyles, Giles, Spratt, 1937, *Oriole* 2:6).
- Dunlin, *Calidris alpina*. Accidental. 24 Nov. 1960 (Griffin, unpublished); 6 April 1970 (D. Gray, Manns, *et al*, unpublished); 17 Oct. 1971 (Freeborn, Freeborn, Fink, 1972, *Oriole* 37:6); 2 Nov. 1975 (Moore, Morrison, unpublished).
- Stilt Sandpiper, *Micropalama himantopus*. Accidental. 14 May 1977 (Carusos, *fide* Morrison, 1977, *American Birds* 31:987).

- Buff-breasted Sandpiper, *Tryngites subruficollis*. Accidental. 11 April 1981 (McCamey, 1981, *American Birds* 35:813).
- Ruff, *Philomachus pugnax*. Accidental. 11 July through 3 Aug. 1971 (Einhorn, *et al*, 1977, *Oriole* 42:1-2).
- Herring Gull, *Larus argentatus*. Winter visitant — rare. 4 Oct. 1981 (migration walks, AAN, Dec. 1981) — 13 April 1969 (Einhorn, *et al*, 1969, *Oriole* 34:28).
- Ring-billed Gull, *Larus delawarensis*. Winter visitant — uncommon. 2 Nov. 1975 (Morrison, unpublished) — 2 June 1954 (Parks, 1954, *Oriole* 19:46).
- Laughing Gull, *Larus atricilla*. Accidental. 21 May 1932 (Eyles, Giles, Spratt, mimeographed); 15 June 1932 (Greene, *Birds Atlanta*); 14 Aug. 1940 (Griffin, 1940, *Oriole* 5:31).
- Bonaparte's Gull, *Larus philadelphia*. Transient — rare. 24 March 1974 (Parks, unpublished) — 22 April 1932 (Greene, *Birds Atlanta*); 27 Nov. 1930 (Giles, Greene, Spratt, *Birds Atlanta*) — 16 Dec. 1979 (1979 Christmas Bird Count).
- Common Tern, *Sterna hirundo*. Accidental. 6 Sept. 1964 (F. Martin, 1964, *Oriole* 29:42). (Published in the *Oriole* as 9 Sept. 1964).
- Black Tern, *Chlidonias niger*. Fall transient — rare. 5 Aug. 1928 (Greene, *Birds Atlanta*) — 29 Sept. 1957 (Cooke, unpublished).
- Rock Dove\*, *Columba livia*. Permanent resident — abundant.
- Mourning Dove\*, *Zenaidura macroura*. Permanent resident — abundant.
- Passenger Pigeon, *Ectopistes migratorius*. Extinct. (See Griffin article, 1954, *Oriole* 19:35).
- Common Ground Dove, *Columbina passerina*. Accidental. 20 Feb. 1920 (Hembree, *fide* Greene, *Birds Atlanta*); 1 April 1954 (Mrs. J. M. Smith, unpublished).
- Monk Parakeet, *Myiopsitta monachus*. Hypothetical. 28 Feb. through 11 March 1973 (Cohrs, *et al*, 1973, *Oriole* 38:11-12).
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo\*, *Coccyzus americanus*. Transient — common. Summer resident — uncommon. 7 April 1906 (R. W. Smith, unpublished) — 2 Nov. 1975 (Morrison, unpublished).
- Black-billed Cuckoo\*, *Coccyzus erythrophthalmus*. Summer resident — rare. 16 April 1956 (Parks, 1956, AFN 10:324) — 22 Oct. 1966 (Morrison, unpublished).
- Barn Owl\*, *Tyto alba*. Permanent resident — rare.
- Common Screech Owl\*, *Otus asio*. Permanent resident — common.
- Great Horned Owl\*, *Bubo virginianus*. Permanent resident — uncommon.
- Barred Owl\*, *Strix varia*. Permanent resident — uncommon.
- Long-eared Owl, *Asio otus*. Accidental. 25 Feb. 1918 (Hembree, see Greene, *Birds Atlanta*); 8 Feb. 1926 (see Greene, *Birds Atlanta*); 1 May 1928 (Hembree, see Greene, *Birds Atlanta*).
- Short-eared Owl, *Asio flammeus*. Accidental. 15 Nov. 1930 (Hopkins, Hembree, see Greene, *Birds Atlanta*); 19 Dec. 1943 (Ulmer, Werner, H. Greene, 1943, *Oriole* 9:11); 30 March 1981 (*fide* McCamey, 1981, *American Birds* 35:813).

- Saw-whet Owl, *Aegolius acadicus*. Occasional. 20 Jan. 1940 (Griffin, 1940, *Oriole* 5:8); 14 March 1948 (Parks, 1948, *Oriole* 13:26); 21 Dec. 1969 (Gibson, 1970, *Oriole* 35:17-18); 19 Dec. 1976 through 5 Jan. 1977 (Greenberg, *et al*, 1977, *Oriole*, 42:36); 21 Jan. 1977 (Dreyfoos, 1977, *Oriole* 42:36).
- Chuck-will's-widow\*, *Caprimulgus carolinensis*. Summer resident — common. 3 April 1979 (Manns, AAN, June 1979) — 6 Sept. 1957 (Griffin, unpublished).
- Whip-poor-will\*, *Caprimulgus vociferus*. Summer resident — uncommon. 19 March 1922 (Greene, *Birds Atlanta*) — 23 Oct. 1977 (Echols, *et al*, AAN, Dec. 1977).
- Common Nighthawk\*, *Chordeiles minor*. Summer resident — common. 6 April 1963 (Morrison, unpublished) — 27 Oct. 1946 (Burleigh, 1947, *Oriole* 12:13).
- Chimney Swift\*, *Chaetura pelagica*. Summer resident — abundant. 21 March 1964 (many obs., 1964, *Oriole* 29:18) — 30 Oct. 1959 (Parks, 1960, AFN 14:24).
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird\*, *Archilochus colubris*. Summer resident — common. 1 April 1974 (migration walks, unpublished) — 13 Nov. 1973 (Hunter, AAN, Dec. 1973).
- Winter record: From the third week of Nov. 1978 through 3 Jan. 1979 (*fide* Moore, 1979, *Oriole* 44:90-91).
- Belted Kingfisher\*, *Megaceryle alcyon*. Permanent resident — common.
- Common Flicker\*, *Colaptes auratus*. Permanent resident — common.
- Pileated Woodpecker\*, *Dryocopus pileatus*. Permanent resident — common.
- Red-bellied Woodpecker\*, *Melanerpes carolinus*. Permanent resident — common.
- Red-headed Woodpecker\*, *Melanerpes erythrocephalus*. Permanent resident — common.
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, *Sphyrapicus varius*. Winter visitant — common. 1 Sept. 1902 (R. W. Smith, unpublished record from his field notes) — 5 May 1940 (Dorsey, Paxton, Cordes, see Griffin, 1940, *Oriole* 5:18).
- Hairy Woodpecker\*, *Picoides villosus*. Permanent resident — uncommon.
- Downy Woodpecker\*, *Picoides pubescens*. Permanent resident — common.
- Red-cockaded Woodpecker, *Picoides borealis*. Accidental. 6 March 1906 (LaPrade, see Greene, *Birds Atlanta*); 26 Feb. 1928 (Whittaker, Greene, *Birds Atlanta*); 12 Sept. 1944 (Calhoun, see Johnston, 1945, *Oriole* 10:7).
- Eastern Kingbird\*, *Tyrannus tyrannus*. Summer resident — common. 2 April 1946 (Griffin, unpublished) — 8 Oct. 1944 (Johnston, unpublished).
- Western Kingbird, *Tyrannus verticalis*. Occasional. 9 May 1949 (Oliver, Herreman, C. Gordon, 1949, *Oriole* 14:22); 4 Oct. 1959 (Holmes, Overing, 1960, AFN 14:24); 30 April through 2 May 1964 Floyd, *fide*

- Fink, 1965, *Oriole* 30:80); 9 May 1967 (H. Moore, O'Connell, 1967, *Oriole* 32:35); 15 Sept. 1968 (Fink, 1968, *Oriole* 37:36); 20 Oct. 1979 (Greenberg, 1980, *American Birds* 34:151).
- Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, *Muscivora forficata*. Accidental. 15 May 1955 (Collum, Collum, 1955, *Oriole* 20:31).
- Great Crested Flycatcher\*, *Myiarchus crinitus*. Summer resident — common. 20 March 1948 (Griffin, Sciple, unpublished) — 29 Sept. 1951 (Parks, unpublished).
- Eastern Phoebe\*, *Sayornis phoebe*. Permanent resident — common. Summer — uncommon.
- Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, *Empidonax flaviventris*. Fall transient — rare. 26 Aug. 1946 (Burleigh, 1947, *Oriole* 12:13) — 4 Oct. 1980 (Jackson, Jackson, 1981, *American Birds* 35:171).
- Spring record: 15 May 1976 (migration walks, unpublished).
- Acadian Flycatcher\*, *Empidonax virescens*. Summer resident — common. 16 April 1941 (Griffin, 1941, *Oriole* 6:20, 27) — 18 Oct. 1961 (F. Martin, unpublished).
- Willow Flycatcher\*, *Empidonax traillii*. Summer resident — rare. 4 May 1958 (Griffin, Kahl, 1958, AFN 12:405) — 27 Sept. 1955 (Griffin, 1956, *Oriole* 21:21).
- Least Flycatcher, *Empidonax minimus*. Transient — rare. 11 April 1932 (Hembree, see Greene, *Birds Atlanta*) — 29 April 1939 (Griffin, Sciple, 1939, *Oriole* 4:19); 13 Sept. 1959 (Parks, 1960, AFN 14:24) — 28 Sept. 1958 (Parks, 1958, *Oriole* 23:46).
- Eastern Pewee\*, *Contopus virens*. Summer resident — common. 21 March 1899 (R. W. Smith, unpublished record of specimen from his notes) — 26 Oct. 1947 (Griffin, unpublished).
- Olive-sided Flycatcher, *Nuttallornis borealis*. Transient — rare. 29 April 1979 (Pulliam, AAN, June 1979) — 23 May 1972 (many obs., 1972, *American Birds* 26:750); 16 Aug. 1981 (Atlanta Audubon Society, 1982, *American Birds* 36:167) — 18 Sept. 1958 (Parks, 1958, *Oriole* 23:46).
- Horned Lark\*, *Eremophila alpestris*. Permanent resident — rare.
- Tree Swallow, *Iridoprocne bicolor*. Transient — uncommon. 9 March 1962 (Griffin, unpublished) — 27 May 1954 (Mrs. L. Gordon, unpublished); 10 July 1932 (Giles, Eyles, Spratt, mimeographed) — 25 Oct. 1981 (Brise, AAN, Dec. 1981).
- Bank Swallow, *Riparia riparia*. Transient — rare. 21 April 1962 (F. Martin, unpublished) — 16 May 1931 (Giles, Eyles, Spratt, mimeographed); 10 July 1932 (Greene, *Birds Atlanta*) — 20 Sept. 1981 (migration walks, AAN, March 1982).
- Rough-winged Swallow\*, *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*. Summer resident — common. 9 March 1980 (Volpi, AAN, May 1980) — 23 Aug. 1936 (Griffin, 1941, *Oriole* 6:20) and 23 Aug. 1981 (migration walks, AAN, March 1982).
- Barn Swallow\*, *Hirundo rustica*. Summer resident — common. 2 April 1961 (F. Martin, unpublished) — 25 Oct. 1947 (Griffin, unpublished) and 25 Oct. 1981 (Brise, AAN, Dec. 1981).

- Cliff Swallow\*, *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*. Transient — rare. 8 April 1980 (Ranger, AAN, June 1980) — 17 May 1923 (Hembree, unpublished until 1941, *Oriole* 6:20); 28 June 1936 (Griffin, 1941, *Oriole* 6:20) — 15 Sept. 1979 (Manns, Brisse, AAN, Dec. 1979).
- Purple Martin\*, *Progne subis*. Summer resident — uncommon. 21 Feb. 1981 (*fide* Brisse, AAN, April 1982) — 23 Sept. 1933 (Greene, *Birds Atlanta*).
- Early Spring record: 19 Jan. 1950 (F. Griffin, 1950, AFN 4:238).
- Blue Jay\*, *Cyanocitta cristata*. Permanent resident — abundant.
- American Crow\*, *Corvus brachyrhynchos*. Permanent resident — common.
- Carolina Chickadee\*, *Parus carolinensis*. Permanent resident — common.
- Tufted Titmouse\*, *Parus bicolor*. Permanent resident — common.
- White-breasted Nuthatch\*, *Sitta carolinensis*. Permanent resident — uncommon.
- Red-breasted Nuthatch, *Sitta canadensis*. Irregular winter visitant — uncommon. 24 Sept. 1903 (LaPrade, see Greene, *Birds Atlanta*), 24 Sept. 1949 (Parks, 1950, AFN 4:10) and 24 Sept. 1981 (Carusos, AAN, Nov. 1981) — 19 May 1964 (Morrison, unpublished).
- Brown-headed Nuthatch\*, *Sitta pusilla*. Permanent resident — common.
- Brown Creeper, *Certhia familiaris*. Winter visitant — uncommon. 20 Sept. 1964 (Morrison, unpublished) — 17 April 1936 (Griffin, 1941, *Oriole* 6:21).
- House Wren\*, *Troglodytes aedon*. Permanent resident — uncommon.
- Winter Wren, *Troglodytes troglodytes*. Winter visitant — uncommon. 4 Oct. 1970 (French, 1971, *Oriole* 36:16) — 28 April 1953 (Parks, unpublished).
- Bewick's Wren\*, *Thryomanes bewickii*. Winter visitant — rare. 20 Sept. 1903 (R. W. Smith, unpublished record from his field notes) — 6 April 1930 (Greene, *Birds Atlanta*).
- In the past, Dorsey has seen birds in summer at College Park and nest have been reported at Roswell by Hembree, but published information on summer records is lacking.
- This bird is declining in the Atlanta area — only one record has been published in the last ten years.
- Carolina Wren\*, *Thryothorus ludovicianus*. Permanent resident — common.
- Marsh Wren, *Cistothorus palustris*. Transient — uncommon. 11 April 1931 (Greene, *Birds Atlanta*) — 16 May 1931 (Giles, Eyles, Spratt, mimeographed); 25 Aug. 1932 (Greene, *Birds Atlanta*) — 22 Oct. 1961 (Griffin, unpublished). [15 Aug. 1936 record (Griffin, Sciple, 1941, *Oriole* 6:21) is now thought by them to be a doubtful identification.]
- Late fall and winter records: 8 Oct. through 15 Nov. 1969 (Fink, 1970, *Oriole* 35:6); 22 Nov. 1980 through mid-Jan. 1981 (Moore, 1981, *American Birds* 35:291 and AAN, Jan. and March 1981).
- Sedge Wren, *Cistothorus platensis*. Transient (Spring rare, fall uncom-

- mon). 20 April 1939 (Griffin, 1939, *Oriole* 4:19) — 16 May 1981 (Moore, 1981, *American Birds* 35:813); 30 Sept. 1961 (Griffin, unpublished) — 27 Nov. 1954 (Parks, 1955, AFN 9:250).
- Summer record: 10 Aug. through 6 Sept. 1961 (F. Martin, unpublished).
- Winter records: 1927 and 1979 Christmas Bird Counts; 31 Jan. 1981 (Greenberg, 1981, *American Birds* 35:291).
- Northern Mockingbird\*, *Mimus polyglottos*. Permanent resident — abundant.
- Gray Catbird\*, *Dumetella carolinensis*. Permanent resident — common.
- Winter — rare.
- Brown Thrasher\*, *Toxostoma rufum*. Permanent resident — common.
- American Robin\*, *Turdus migratorius*. Permanent resident — common.
- Wood Thrush\*, *Hylocichla mustelina*. Summer resident — common. 27 March 1944 (Mrs. Arthur Tufts, *fide* Johnston, 1944, *Oriole* 9:14) — 26 Nov. 1959 (Griffin, 1960, AFN 14:24).
- Hermit Thrush, *Catharus guttatus*. Winter visitant — common. 9 Oct. 1980 Bagwell, AAN, Dec. 1980) — 6 May 1979 (migration walks, AAN, July 1979).
- Swainson's Thrush, *Catharus ustulatus*. Transient — common. 8 April 1979 (migration walks, AAN, July 1979) — 28 May 1978 (Pulliam, AAN, July 1978); 24 Aug. 1948 (Werner, 1949, AFN 3:11) — 15 Nov. 1981 (Lacoss, 1982, *American Birds* 36:167).
- Gray-cheeked Thrush, *Catharus minimus*. Transient — rare. 12 April 1981 (migration walks, AAN, Sept. 1981) — 24 May 1950 (Griffin, unpublished); 6 Sept. 1933 (Hembree, see Greene, 1934, *Auk* 51:241) and 6 Sept. 1966 (Morrison, unpublished) — 7 Nov. 1946 (Burleigh, 1947, *Oriole* 12:13).
- Veery, *Catharus fuscescens*. Transient — uncommon. 23 April 1972 (migration walks, unpublished) and 23 April 1978 (migration walks, AAN, July 1978) — 30 May 1964 and 30 May 1965 (Morrison, unpublished); 27 Aug. 1952 (Griffin, unpublished) — 7 Oct. 1954 (Griffin, 1955, AFN, 9:18).
- Eastern Bluebird\*, *Sialia sialis*. Permanent resident — common.
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher\*, *Polioptila caerulea*. Summer resident — common. 9 March 1954 (Mrs. J. C. Oliver, unpublished) — 20 Nov. 1935 (Dorsey, *fide* Griffin, 1939, *Oriole* 4:30).
- Early spring record: 8 Feb. 1964 (Ziegler, 1964, *Oriole* 29:20).
- Golden-crowned Kinglet, *Regulus satrapa*. Winter visitant — common. 8 Oct. 1932 (Giles, Eyles, Spratt, mimeographed) — 26 April 1947 (Parks, unpublished).
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet, *Regulus calendula*. Winter visitant — common. 6 Sept. 1980 (Brisse, 1981, *American Birds* 35:171) — 18 May 1938 (Griffin, 1941, *Oriole* 6:21).
- Water Pipit, *Anthus spinoletta*. Winter visitant — uncommon. 7 Oct. 1964 (F. Martin, unpublished) — 1 May 1961 (F. Martin, unpublished).
- Sprague's Pipit, *Anthus spragueii*. Accidental. 28 Feb. 1953 (C. Gordon, 1953, AFN 7:209); 15 March 1970 (Fink, 1971, *Oriole* 36:7).

Cedar Waxwing, *Bombycilla cedrorum*. Winter visitant — common. 12 Oct. 1930 (Giles, Eyles, Spratt, mimeographed) and 12 Oct. 1938 (Griffin, 1941, *Oriole* 6:21) — 11 June 1946 (Parks, unpublished).

Early fall records: 1 Aug. 1975 (*fide* Swiderski, 1976, *American Birds* 30:51); 12 Sept. 1976 (Manns, AAN, Oct. 1976).

Loggerhead Shrike\*, *Lanius ludovicianus*. Permanent resident — uncommon. Summer — rare.

European Starling\*, *Sturnus vulgaris*. Permanent resident — abundant. First record 26 Sept. 1927 (Dorsey, see Greene, *Birds Atlanta*).

White-eyed Vireo\*, *Vireo griseus*. Summer resident — common. 21 March 1948 (Parks, unpublished) and 21 March 1962 (F. Martin, unpublished) — 31 Oct. 1962 (F. Martin, unpublished).

Winter records: 1944, 1954, 1975 and 1976 Christmas Bird Counts.

Yellow-throated Vireo\*, *Vireo flavifrons*. Summer resident — uncommon. 18 March 1979 (Forster, Forster, AAN, May 1979) — 25 Oct. 1948 (Neal, 1949, AFN 3:11) and 25 Oct. 1980 (Brisse, AAN, Dec. 1980). (25 Oct. 1948 record erroneously attributed to Griffin, in 1949, AFN 3:11).

Solitary Vireo\*, *Vireo solitarius*. Winter visitant — uncommon. 15 Sept. 1965 (F. Martin, unpublished) — 1 May 1938 (Griffin, 1941, *Oriole* 6:21).

First nesting: mid-June 1958 (Boyd, 1958, *Oriole* 23:43).

Red-eyed Vireo\*, *Vireo olivaceus*. Summer resident — common. 31 March 1893 (specimen, Emory University collection) — 1 Nov. 1959 (Parks, unpublished).

Philadelphia Vireo, *Vireo philadelphicus*. Transient — rare. 5 May 1974 (migration walks, unpublished) — 21 May 1972 (Dreyfoos, Hartmann, 1972, *American Birds* 26:750); 30 August 1981 (Brisse, 1982, *American Birds* 36:167) — 18 Oct. 1979 (Parks, AAN, Dec. 1979).

Warbling Vireo, *Vireo gilvus*. Accidental. 5 May 1940 (Abercrombie, Bell, 1940, *Oriole* 5:18); 5 May 1979 (Cohrs, Cohrs, Hornstein, 1979, *American Birds* 33:761); 13 through 24 April 1981 [Anderson, Vernocoy, *et al.*, 1981, *American Birds* 35:813 (record attributed to Joe Greenberg)]; 19 Sept. 1981 (Carusos, Paget, 1982, *American Birds* 36:167).

Black-and-white Warbler\*, *Mniotilta varia*. Transient — common. Summer resident — uncommon. 10 March 1902 (see Burleigh, *Georgia Birds*) — 26 Oct. 1947 (Griffin, unpublished).

Winter records: 31 Dec. 1930 (Giles, *fide* Greene, *Birds Atlanta*); 22 Dec. 1932 (Giles, *fide* Greene, *Birds Atlanta*); (?) Dec. 1941 (Mrs. H. Harris, see Griffin, 1942, *Oriole* 7:7); 2 Feb. 1946 (Griffin, unpublished); 27 Dec. 1953 (Godwin, 1954, AFN 8:118); 1954 Christmas Bird Count; 21 Nov. 1970 (Fink, 1971, *Oriole* 36:17); 21 Dec. 1980 (Persons, 1981, *American Birds* 35:291).

Prothonotary Warbler\*, *Protonotaria citrea*. Summer resident — uncommon. 3 April 1977 (migration walks, unpublished) and 3 April 1976 (Moore, Morrison, Ramsey, AAN, May 1976.) — 8 Oct. 1939 (Griffin, 1939, *Oriole* 4:66).

Swainson's Warbler\*, *Limnethlypis swainsonii*. Summer resident — rare. 8 April 1981 (Bagwell, 1981, *American Birds* 35:813) — 14 Aug. 1970 (Fink, French, 1971, *Oriole* 36:17).

Late fall records: 28 Sept. 1970 (Fink, French, 1971, *Oriole* 36:17); 9 Oct. 1970 (L. Gray, *fide* Hornstein, 1971, AFN 25:43).

Worm-eating Warbler\*, *Helminthos vermivorus*. Transient — uncommon. Summer resident — rare. 3 April 1977 (migration walks, unpublished) — 10 Oct. 1946 (Burleigh, 1947, *Oriole* 12:13).

Golden-winged Warbler, *Vermivora chrysoptera*. Transient — uncommon. 10 April 1948 (Griffin, unpublished) — 14 May 1960 (Parks, 1960, AFN 14:379); 1 Aug. 1981 (Carusos, 1982, *American Birds* 36:167) — 15 Oct. 1967 (Morrison, unpublished).

Blue-winged Warbler\*, *Vermivora pinus*. Transient — uncommon. 26 March 1936 (Griffin, 1941, *Oriole* 6:22) — 4 June 1949 and 4 June 1955 (Parks, unpublished); 7 Aug. 1957 (Parks, unpublished) — 15 Oct. 1980 (Bagwell, AAN, Dec. 1980).

Summer records: 14 June 1939 (Griffin, 1940, *Oriole* 5:1) (Young birds were found); 2 July 1977 (Petit, Chikazawa, AAN, Sept. 1977). Bachman's Warbler, *Vermivora bachmanii*. Accidental. 18 April 1914 (James Sanford, see LaPrade, 1922, *Wilson Bulletin* 34:83).

Tennessee Warbler, *Vermivora peregrina*. Transient (Spring uncommon, fall common). 15 April 1975 (migration walks, unpublished) — 20 May 1973 (migration walks, unpublished); 19 Aug. 1979 (Hutcheson, 1980, *American Birds* 34:152) — 9 Nov. 1969 (Fink, 1970, *Oriole* 35:7).

Winter record: 2, 9 and 16 Dec. 1979 (Moore, 1980, *American Birds* 34:265).

Orange-crowned Warbler, *Vermivora celata*. Transient — uncommon. Winter visitant — rare. 20 Oct. 1959 (Parks, unpublished) — 2 May 1953 (Parks, unpublished).

Nashville Warbler, *Vermivora ruficapilla*. Transient — rare. 23 April 1956 (Parks, 1956, *Oriole* 21:20) — 3 May 1961 (F. Martin, unpublished); 13 Sept. 1981 (migration walks, AAN, March 1982) — 8 Nov. 1975 (Neville, 1975, *Oriole* 40:48).

Northern Parula Warbler\*, *Parula americana*. Transient (Spring uncommon, fall common). Summer resident — rare. 29 March 1981 (migration walks, AAN, Sept. 1981) — 17 Oct. 1931 (Giles, Eyles, Spratt, mimeographed).

Yellow Warbler\*, *Dendroica petechia*. Transient — common. Summer resident — uncommon. 1 April 1979 (Hutcheson, AAN, June 1979) — 7 Oct. 1954 (Griffin, 1955, AFN 9:18) and 7 Oct. 1963 (F. Martin, unpublished).

Magnolia Warbler, *Dendroica magnolia*. Transient (Spring rare, fall common). 17 April 1902 (see Burleigh, *Georgia Birds*) — 26 May 1956 (Parks, unpublished); 27 Aug. 1937 (Griffin, 1941, *Oriole* 6:22) — 7 Nov. 1954 (Snow, 1955, AFN 9:18).

Cape May Warbler, *Dendroica tigrina*. Transient (Spring common, fall uncommon). 4 April 1976 (migration walks, unpublished) — 20 May

- 1973 (migration walks, unpublished); 11 Sept. 1972 (French, 1973, *Oriole* 38:41) — 14 Nov. 1954 (Griffin, 1955, *AFN* 9:18).
- Black-throated Blue Warbler, *Dendroica caerulescens*. Transient — uncommon. 12 April 1947 (Griffin, unpublished) — 23 May 1954 (Parks, unpublished); 6 Sept. 1981 (migration walks, *AAN*, March 1982) — 27 Oct. 1929 (Greene, *Birds Atlanta*).
- Early fall records: 8 Aug. 1976 (Cohrs, *AAN*, Oct. 1976); 9 Aug. 1981 (Brisse, 1982, *American Birds* 36:167).
- Yellow-rumped Warbler, *Dendroica coronata*. Transient — common. Winter visitant — uncommon. 22 Sept. 1930 (Giles, Eyles, Spratt, mimeographed) — 20 May 1928 (Greene, *Birds Atlanta*).
- Black-throated Green Warbler, *Dendroica virens*. Transient — uncommon. 25 March 1945 (Major, 1945, *Oriole* 10:33) — 11 May 1940 (Griffin, 1940, *Oriole* 5:18 and 11 May 1980 (migration walks, *AAN*, Aug. 1980); 23 Aug. 1981 (Atlanta Audubon Society, 1982, *American Birds* 36:167) — 19 Nov. 1970 (Fink, 1971, *Oriole* 36:17).
- Cerulean Warbler, *Dendroica cerulea*. Transient — uncommon. 25 March 1893 (R. W. Smith, unpublished record from his notes) — 17 May 1976 (Echols, *AAN*, July 1976); 18 July 1981 (Carusos, 1981, *American Birds*, 35:931) — 22 Sept. 1971 (French, 1973, *Oriole* 38:41).
- It is possible that this species once nested in Collier's Wood (see LaPrade, 1922, *Wilson Bulletin* 34:81).
- Summer record: 17 June through 1 July 1961 (Griffin, unpublished).
- Blackburnian Warbler, *Dendroica fusca*. Transient — uncommon. 2 April 1895 (R. W. Smith, see Chapman, *Warblers of North America*) — 28 May 1976 (Echols, *AAN*, July 1976); 9 Aug. 1959 (Parks, 1960, *AFN* 14:25) — 30 Oct. 1948 (Neal, 1949, *AFN* 3:11). (Last record erroneously attributed to Griffin in 1949, *AFN* 3:11).
- Yellow-throated Warbler\*, *Dendroica dominica*. Transient — common. Summer resident — uncommon. 12 March 1907 (LaPrade, *fide* R. W. Smith in his unpublished notes) — 6 Oct. 1929 (Greene, *Birds Atlanta*) and 6 Oct. 1947 (Parks, unpublished).
- Winter records: 17 Nov. 1903 (Specimen, Emory University collection); 29 Dec. 1936 (Griffin, Sciple, 1939, *Oriole* 4:30).
- Chestnut-sided Warbler, *Dendroica pensylvanica*. Transient (Spring uncommon, fall common). 14 April 1978 (Soules, *AAN*, June 1978) — 23 May 1931 (Giles, Eyles, Spratt, mimeographed); 28 July 1957 (Godwin, Snow, Cooke, unpublished) — 21 Oct. 1945 (Major, *fide* Johnston, unpublished).
- Late fall record: 19 Nov. 1946 (Burleigh, 1947, *Oriole* 12:14).
- Bay-breasted Warbler, *Dendroica castanea*. Transient (Spring uncommon, fall common). 22 April 1929 (Giles, Eyles, Spratt, mimeographed) — 22 May 1954 (Parks, unpublished); 23 Aug. 1981 (migration walks, *AAN*, March 1982) — 27 Nov. 1970 (Fink, 1971, *Oriole* 36:18).
- Winter record: 21 Jan. 1950 (Griffin, 1950, *Oriole* 15:32).
- Blackpoll Warbler, *Dendroica striata*. Transient (Spring common, fall

- rare). 1 April 1973 (migration walks, unpublished) — 29 May 1907 (specimen, Emory University Collection); 15 Oct. 1945 (Burleigh, 1946, *Oriole* 11:14) — 30 Oct. 1976 (Echols, *AAN*, Dec. 1976).
- Pine Warbler\*, *Dendroica pinus*. Permanent resident — common.
- Prairie Warbler\*, *Dendroica discolor*. Transient — common. Summer resident — uncommon. 26 March 1938 (Griffin, 1941, *Oriole* 6:22) — 30 Oct. 1946 (Burleigh, 1947, *Oriole* 12:14).
- Palm Warbler, *Dendroica palmarum*. Transient — common. Winter visitant — rare. 22 Aug. 1978 (Petit, 1979, *American Birds* 33:167) — 28 May 1949 (Parks, unpublished).
- Ovenbird\*, *Seiurus aurocapillus*. Transient — common. Summer resident — uncommon. 2 April 1954 (Parks, 1954, *AFN* 8:306) — 18 Nov. 1970 (Fink, 1971, *Oriole* 36:18).
- Northern Waterthrush, *Seiurus noveboracensis*. Transient — uncommon. 19 March 1964 (Schene, 1964, *Oriole* 29:18) and 19 March 1964 (F. Martin, unpublished) — 27 May 1956 (Parks, 1956, *AFN* 10:235); 17 Aug. 1952 (Griffin, unpublished) — 7 Nov. 1969 (Fink, 1970, *Oriole* 35:7).
- Louisiana Waterthrush\*, *Seiurus motacilla*. Summer resident — uncommon. 5 March 1907 (LaPrade, unpublished record from the notes of R. W. Smith) — 22 Oct. 1963 (F. Martin, unpublished).
- Kentucky Warbler\*, *Oporornis formosus*. Transient — common. Summer resident — uncommon. 1 April 1896 (R. W. Smith, see Chapman, *Warblers of North America*) — 26 Oct. 1970 (Fink, 1971, *Oriole* 36:18).
- Connecticut Warbler, *Oporornis agilis*. Spring transient — rare. 5 May 1929 (Greene, *Birds Atlanta*) — 28 May 1979 (McCain, Schmaltz, *AAN*, Aug. 1979).
- Fall record: 12 Aug. 1972 (Einhorn, 1973, *American Birds* 27:44); 22 Sept. 1981 (Garrett, 1982, *American Birds* 36:167).
- Mourning Warbler, *Oporornis philadelphia*. Accidental. 23 May 1931 (L. M. Taylor, see Greene, *Birds Atlanta*); 17 May 1956 (Parks, 1956, *Oriole* 21:20); 25 Oct. 1970 (D. Gray, *fide* Hornstein, 1971, *AFN* 25:43); 15 May 1977 (Carusos, 1977, *Oriole*, 42:66); 14 May 1978 (Cohrs, 1978, *Oriole* 43:68). (This last record was published as 21 May 1978 in 1978, *American Birds* 32:993).
- Common Yellowthroat\*, *Geothlypis trichas*. Permanent resident — common. Winter — uncommon.
- Yellow-breasted Chat\*, *Icteria virens*. Summer resident — common. 12 April 1981 (migration walks, *AAN*, Sept. 1981) — 21 Oct. 1963 (F. Martin, unpublished).
- Winter records: 4 Feb. 1953 (W. Calder, 1953, *AFN* 7:210); 6 Oct. 1957 (Snow, Cooke, unpublished); 1959 Christmas Bird Count; 24 Nov. through 23 Dec. 1970 (Fink, 1971, *Oriole* 36:18).
- Hooded Warbler\*, *Wilsonia citrina*. Transient — common. Summer resident — uncommon. 17 March 1943 (Johnston, 1945, *Oriole* 10:8) — 2 Nov. 1969 (Fink, 1970, *Oriole* 35:8).
- Wilson's Warbler, *Wilsonia pusilla*. Transient — rare. 26 April 1940

(Oliver, E. Harris, 1940, *Oriole* 5:17) — 26 May 1943 (Johnston, 1943, *Oriole* 13:21); 18 Aug. 1980 (Cohrs, AAN, Oct. 1980) — 26 Oct. 1980 (Manns, AAN, Dec. 1980).

Early spring record: 6 March 1976 (Lane, 1976, *American Birds*, 30:707). (The bird was sighted through the end of March.)

Canada Warbler, *Wilsonia canadensis*. Transient — uncommon. 23 April 1929 (Giles, Eyles, Spratt, mimeographed) and 23 April 1972 (migration walks, unpublished) — 28 May 1981 (Stolar, AAN, July 1981); 2 Aug. 1980 (Brise, AAN, Oct. 1980) — 12 Oct. 1976 (Echols, AAN, Nov. 1976).

Early spring record: 30 March 1976 (Harvey, 1976, *American Birds* 30:828).

American Redstart\*, *Setophaga ruticilla*. Transient — common. Summer resident — rare. 6 April 1894 (R. W. Smith, see Chapman, *Warblers of North America*, — 25 Oct. 1958 (Parks, unpublished).

House Sparrow\*, *Passer domesticus*. Permanent resident — abundant. Bobolink, *Dolichonyx oryzivorus*. Transient (Spring common, fall uncommon). 17 April 1902 (see Burleigh, *Georgia Birds*) — 23 May 1981 (Manns, AAN, July 1981) and 23 May 1963 (F. Martin, unpublished); 23 Aug. 1963 (F. Martin, unpublished) — 19 Oct. 1940 (Bell, see Griffin, 1940, *Oriole* 5:54).

Eastern Meadowlark\*, *Sturnella magna*. Permanent resident — common.

Yellow-headed Blackbird, *Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*. Accidental. Winter 1979 through 22 March 1980 (Foley, 1980, *American Birds* 34:265 and McCarley, 1980, *American Birds* 34:767); Winter 1980 through 16 March 1981 (Cumming, 1981, *American Birds* 35:291 and 35:814).

Red-winged Blackbird\*, *Agelaius phoeniceus*. Permanent resident — abundant.

Orchard Oriole\*, *Icterus spurius*. Summer resident — common. 5 April 1964 (F. Martin, unpublished) — 29 Aug. 1965 (Griffin, Morrison, unpublished).

Winter record: 25 Dec. 1980 (Rowland, 1981, *American Birds*, 35:291).

Northern Oriole\*, *Icterus galbula*. Transient — uncommon. Winter visitant — rare. 2 Aug. 1981 (Moore, AAN, Oct. 1981) — 28 May 1978 (Moore, AAN, July 1978) and 28 May 1978 (Petit, AAN, July 1978).

Summer record: Young were seen leaving a nest on 12 June 1964 (Schene, 1964, *Oriole* 29:40).

Rusty Blackbird, *Euphagus carolinus*. Winter visitant — uncommon. 20 Sept. 1936 (Griffin, 1941, *Oriole* 6:23) — 1 May 1932 (Giles, Eyles, Spratt, mimeographed) and 1 May 1976 (Moore, AAN, June 1976).

Brewer's Blackbird, *Euphagus cyanocephalus*. Winter visitant — rare. 14 Nov. 1938 (Griffin, 1941, *Oriole* 6:23) — 15 April 1963 (F. Martin, 1963, *Oriole* 28:35).

Common Grackle\*, *Quiscalus quiscula*. Permanent resident — abundant.

Brown-headed Cowbird\*, *Molothrus ater*. Permanent resident — common. Summer — uncommon.

Western Tanager, *Piranga ludoviciana*. Accidental. 23 April 1976 (Hutcheson, 1977, *Oriole* 42:13).

Scarlet Tanager\*, *Piranga olivacea*. Transient — common. Summer resident — rare. 4 April 1920 (Greene, *Birds Atlanta*) — 29 Oct. 1946 (Burleigh, 1947, *Oriole* 12:14).

Summer Tanager\*, *Piranga rubra*. Summer resident — common. 3 April 1894 (see Burleigh, *Georgia Birds*) — 10 Nov. 1967 (Moore, unpublished).

Northern Cardinal\*, *Cardinalis cardinalis*. Permanent resident — abundant.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak, *Pheucticus ludovicianus*. Transient — common. 9 April 1906 (specimen, Emory University Collection) or 9 April 1972 (Migration walks, unpublished) — 15 May 1932 (Greene, *Birds Atlanta*); 11 Sept. 1977 (Cohrs, AAN, Oct. 1977) — 18 Nov. 1956 (Godwin, Werner, 1957, AFN 11:18).

Winter records: 12 Feb. 1940 (Griffin, 1940, *Oriole* 5:9); 14 Dec. 1971 (Fink, 1972, *Oriole* 37:7).

Black-headed Grosbeak, *Pheucticus melanocephalus*. Accidental. 7 through 12 April 1973 (Dreyfoos, 1973, *American Birds* 27:760).

Blue Grosbeak\*, *Guiraca caerulea*. Summer resident — common. 18 April 1963 (F. Martin, unpublished) — 8 Nov. 1980 (Carusos, Paget, 1981, *American Birds* 35:172).

Winter record: 1961 Christmas Bird Count.

Indigo Bunting\*, *Passerina cyanea*. Summer resident — common. 5 April 1941 (Giles, Sciple, Griffin, 1941, *Oriole* 6:27) — 4 Nov. 1979 (Fletcher, Moore, AAN, Jan. 1980).

Dickcissel\*, *Spiza americana*. Transient — rare. 20 April 1961 (F. Martin, unpublished) — 26 May 1951 (Griffin, see Burleigh, *Georgia Birds*); 4 July 1970 (D. Gray, unpublished) — 15 Oct. 1971 (French, 1973, *Oriole* 38:42).

Summer record: nesting birds were found on 9 June 1951 (Parks, unpublished).

Winter records: 25 December 1968 through 2 April 1969 (Einhorn, Manns, Wilbur, 1969, *Oriole* 34:13); 9 Oct. through 15 Nov. 1969 (Parks, 1970, *Oriole* 35:8).

Evening Grosbeak, *Hesperiphona vespertina*. Irregular winter visitant — common. 30 Oct. 1977 (Moore, unpublished) — 23 May 1976 (Filey, AAN, July 1976).

Early fall record: 21 Sept. 1979 (Acree, AAN, Dec. 1979).

Purple Finch, *Carpodacus purpureus*. Winter visitant — common. 29 Sept. 1977 (Manns, AAN, Nov. 1977) — 27 April 1980 (migration walks, AAN, Aug. 1980).

House Finch\*, *Carpodacus mexicanus*. Permanent resident — common. Summer — uncommon.

Common Redpoll, *Carduelis flammea*. Accidental. 5 and 11 Feb. 1922 (Greene, *Birds Atlanta*); 21 March 1980 (Raymund, Terrell, 1981, *American Birds* 35:814).

- Pine Siskin, *Carduelis pinus*. Irregular winter visitant — common. 21 Oct. 1977 (Moore, AAN, Nov. 1977) — 15 May 1978 (Freeborn, AAN, July 1978).
- American Goldfinch\*, *Carduelis tristis*. Permanent resident — common. Summer — uncommon.
- Red Crossbill\*, *Loxia curvirostra*. Irregular winter visitant — rare. 17 Nov. 1957 (Griffin, unpublished) — 3 June 1977 (Moore, unpublished).
- Rufous-sided Towhee\*, *Pipilo erythrophthalmus*. Permanent resident — abundant.
- Lark Bunting, *Calamospiza melanocorys*. Accidental. 7 through 13 May 1981 (Hall, *et al*, 1981, *American Birds* 35:814).
- Savannah Sparrow, *Passerculus sandwichensis*. Winter visitant — common. 12 Sept. 1970 (Einhorn, unpublished) — 19 May 1951 (Parks, 1951, AFN 5:251).
- Grasshopper Sparrow\*, *Ammodramus savannarum*. Permanent resident — uncommon. Winter — rare.
- Henslow's Sparrow, *Ammodramus henslowii*. Winter visitant — rare. 19 Oct. 1980 (Brise, 1981, *American Birds* 35:172) — 12 April 1963 (F. Martin, unpublished).
- LeConte's Sparrow, *Ammospiza leconteii*. Accidental. 1930 Christmas Bird Count; 23 Nov. 1946 (Major, *et al*, 1947, *Oriole* 12:10); 21 Dec. 1952 through 3 Jan. 1953 (Griffin, 1953, *Oriole* 18:18); 6 Nov. 1976 (Jackson, *et al*, 1977, *American Birds* 31:165).
- Sharp-tailed Sparrow, *Ammospiza caudacuta*. Accidental. 5 Oct. 1930 (Greene, *Birds Atlanta*); 17 May 1972 (French, 1972, *American Birds* 26:751); 12 and 19 Nov. 1980 (Rose, 1981, *American Birds* 35:172).
- Vesper Sparrow, *Pooecetes gramineus*. Transient — common. Winter visitant — uncommon. 19 Oct. 1938 (Griffin, 1941, *Oriole* 6:23) — 5 May 1939 (Griffin, 1939, *Oriole* 4:19).
- Lark Sparrow, *Chondestes grammacus*. Accidental. 3 Aug. 1969 (Fink, McRae, 1969, *Oriole* 34:78).
- Bachman's Sparrow\*, *Aimophila aestivalis*. Summer resident — rare. 28 Feb. 1945 (E. Harris, *fide* Johnston, unpublished) — 1 Oct. 1961 (Griffin, unpublished).
- Winter record: 11 Nov. 1946 (Burleigh, 1946, *Oriole* 12:14).
- Northern Junco, *Junco hyemalis*. Winter visitant — abundant. 8 Oct. 1978 (Petit, AAN, Dec. 1978) — 24 April 1949 (Griffin, Parks, unpublished).
- American Tree Sparrow, *Spizella arborea*. Hypothetical. 4 Feb. 1977 (Petit, AAN, March 1977).
- Chipping Sparrow\*, *Spizella passerina*. Permanent resident — common.
- Clay-colored Sparrow, *Spizella pallida*. Accidental. 1 Dec. 1974 (Manns, 1975, *American Birds* 29:678); 20 Dec. 1981 (McCamey, *et al*, AAN, Feb. 1982).
- Field Sparrow\*, *Spizella pusilla*. Permanent resident — common.
- Harris' Sparrow, *Zonotrichia querula*. Accidental. 17 through 18 Jan. 1953 (Griffin, 1953, *Oriole* 18:18).

- White-crowned Sparrow, *Zonotrichia leucophrys*. Transient — uncommon. Winter visitant — rare. 13 Oct. 1961 (F. Martin, unpublished) — 3 May 1953 (Griffin, Sciple, 1953, *Oriole* 18:18).
- White-throated Sparrow, *Zonotrichia albicollis*. Winter visitant — abundant. 29 Sept. 1977 (Manns, *et al*, AAN, Nov. 1977) — 15 June 1978 (Allen, AAN, Aug. 1978).
- Fox Sparrow, *Passerella iliaca*. Winter visitant — uncommon. 18 Oct. 1964 (F. Martin, unpublished) — 21 April 1962 (Parks, unpublished).
- Lincoln's Sparrow, *Melospiza lincolnii*. Winter visitant — rare. 15 Oct. 1972 (Parks, 1973, *Oriole* 38:42) — 10 May 1946 (Burleigh, unpublished).
- Swamp Sparrow, *Melospiza georgiana*. Winter visitant — common. 3 Oct. 1961 (Parks, unpublished) — 13 May 1939 (Griffin, 1949, *Oriole* 4:19).
- Song Sparrow\*, *Melospiza melodia*. Permanent resident — common. Summer — uncommon.
- Snow Bunting, *Plectrophenax nivalis*. Accidental. 15 through 27 Nov. 1969 (Kirby, *et al*, *fide* Fink, 1969, *Oriole* 34:77); 29 Nov. 1970 (Atlanta Bird Club, 1971, AFN 25:566); 23 Nov. 1975 (Manns, *et al*, 1976, *American Birds* 30:54); Jan. 1977, few sightings (Jackson, *et al*, 1977, *Oriole* 42:37).

## LITERATURE CITED

- Burleigh, T. D. 1958. *Georgia birds*. University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, Oklahoma.
- Chapman, F. M. 1907. *The Warblers of America*. D. Appleton & Co. New York, N.Y.
- Denton, J.F. et al. 1977. *Annotated checklist of Georgia birds*. Georgia Ornithological Society, Occasional Publication, No. 6.
- Giles, N., D. Eyles and N. Spratt. 1934. *Migration extremes of Atlanta birds*. Mimeographed.
- Greene, E. R. 1933. *Birds of the Atlanta, Georgia, Area*. Georgia Society of Naturalists, Bulletin No. 2.
- Griffin, W. W. 1940. Nesting extremes for birds breeding in the Atlanta Region. *Oriole* 5:1-6.
- \_\_\_\_\_. 1941. Migration of birds in the Atlanta Region. *Oriole* 6:17-23.
- Griffin, W. W. and R. A. Parks. 1955 and 1962. *Occurrence extremes of birds of the Atlanta, Georgia, Region*. Mimeographed.
- Johnston, D. W. 1945. Recent migration extremes at Atlanta. *Oriole* 10:6-8.

634½ Wilson Road, Atlanta, GA 30318.

## GENERAL NOTES

**POSSIBLE NESTING OF VIRGINIA RAIL IN CHATHAM COUNTY** — While birding on the Georgia coast between Savannah and Tybee Island, on 1 Aug. 1981, my wife and I observed a Virginia Rail (*Rallus limicola*) with two nearly fullgrown chicks. The size, bill, rusty color and gray cheeks were all observed on the adult Virginia Rail. The adult was also observed feeding the chicks a few times. The birds were sighted on the edge of a marsh close to the road; a line of trees separated the road from the marsh. The rails were busy feeding or being fed which explains the reason that we were able to watch them for a few minutes. It was only later, at the hotel, that we realized the rarity of a summer sighting of the Virginia Rail in Georgia. The *Annotated Checklist of Georgia Birds* (1977, Georgia Ornithological Society, Occasional Publication No. 6) lists the only previous nesting observations as birds found in the Atlanta area during the early summers of 1970 and 1971. Our later attempts to relocate these birds were fruitless.

Patrick Brisse, 634½ Wilson Road, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30318.

**RED PHALAROPE SIGHTED IN SOUTHEAST ATLANTA** — On 18 September 1981 at 1130 I approached the first pond on the grounds of the Georgia Regional Hospital in southeast Atlanta. There was a large number of Killdeer (*Charadrius vociferous*) on the mudflats, but my attention was immediately drawn to a lone bird in the shallow water. It was obviously a phalarope, exhibiting a black ear mark and a slender neck. It was very active, moving in tight circles as it fed. The bill appeared shorter and thicker than that of a Northern Phalarope (*Lobipes lobatus*) or Wilson's Phalarope (*Steganopus tricolor*). Between the base and the tip, the bill maintained almost uniform thickness, tapering to a point only at the end. I thought that the bird might be a Red Phalarope (*Phalaropus fulicarius*), but had no previous experience with the species. I made a few phone calls and by 1300 was joined by Robert Manns, Terry and Peggy Moore. At this point we were armed with a scope and several field guides.

The bird was mostly white with pearl gray back and wings, except for black or dark gray markings behind the eye, on top of the head, along the back of the neck, and along the edges of the back and wings. Some dark feathers on the back suggested that the bird had not completed its molt to winter plumage. Upon examination with a scope at 25X from about 40 meters, the bird exhibited no trace of tan or brown feathers on the back but, with the light just right, a slight yellow color was seen on the basal end of the lower mandible. A hint of rusty wash appeared on the feathers underneath this spot. When the bird made a short flight we observed a white wingstripe but no light colored "suspender" marks on the back.

Agreeing that the bird was indeed a Red Phalarope, we put the sighting on the Georgia Rare Bird Alert and the Atlanta Hotline. The bird was

subsequently seen by many observers, including Dr. Joseph Greenberg, who also confirmed the sighting.

According to the *Annotated Checklist of Georgia Birds* (1977, Georgia Ornithological Society, Occasional Publication No. 6) this is only the third sighting of a Red Phalarope in Georgia. One sighting was off St. Simons Island on 8 March 1975 and the other was at Thomaston on 29 October 1970.

Jean H. Bevis, 1197 Mayfield Drive, Decatur, Georgia 30033.

**LARK BUNTING AT CONYERS** — On 12 May 1981 Ms. Sara Francis Hall reported by telephone to the Georgia Rare Bird Alert that Conyers was host to a single Lark Bunting (*Calamospiza melanocorys*) that had visited the feeder of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Potts since 7 May. Both women, Ms. Hall and Mrs. Potts, with the aid of field guides, properly identified the bird as an adult male.

The Lark Bunting was also seen that day from the Potts' home at a distance of about 15 meters by Joseph Greenberg, Jean Bevis and Robert Manns. The last known sighting of the bird was the following day by Peggy and Terry Moore.

Median and major wing coverts dedicated to the large white patch on each wing were easily seen while the bird was at rest, feeding and in flight. The dark conical bill and, otherwise, black plumage were noted in good light for some fifteen minutes.

The *Annotated Checklist of Georgia Birds* (1977, Georgia Ornithological Society, Occasional Publication No. 6) lists the Lark Bunting as accidental with previous occurrences at Tybee Island, 27 June 1952 and Athens twice, 22-25 February 1967 and 7 September 1967.

Robert Manns, 2099 McKinley Road, NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30318.

## NEWS AND COMMENTS

The American Ornithologists' Union, oldest and largest of the ornithological societies in North America, is celebrating the hundredth anniversary of its founding in 1983. Its quarterly journal, *The Auk*, now includes about 1000 pages a year of papers on a wide variety of ornithological topics. The long-awaited sixth edition of the *AOU Checklist of North American Birds* will be published in time for the centennial meeting. If interested in knowing more about the AOU please write to Membership Chairman Dr. Gustav A. Swanson, Department of Fishery and Wildlife Biology, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO 80523.

## EDITOR'S COMMENTS

A review of the recent Species Index for 1975-1980 (*Oriole* 45:62-68) reveals quite a few species whose status is either poorly known or going through a change of status but few accounts of their occurrence are noted in the index. A brief list of some of these species includes Red-necked Grebe, any shearwater or petrel, White Pelican, Northern Gannet, Magnificent Frigatebird, Roseate Spoonbill, White-fronted Goose, Fulvous Whistling Duck, Common Merganser, Swallow-tailed Kite, Plain Chachalaca, Limpkin, Yellow and Black Rails, Long-billed Curlew, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, any Jaeger, Glaucous Gull, Sooty and Bridled Terns, Long-eared, Short-eared and Saw-whet Owls, Gray Kingbird, Scissor-tailed, Willow and Least Flycatchers, Yellow-headed Blackbird and Clay-colored Sparrow. General notes on these and other species are requested for publication in the *Oriole* so that more light can be shed on their status. If any assistance is needed in the preparation of a note, please feel free to contact the editor.

Terry Moore, 3086 River Oaks Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30339.

### *A Statement of Policy*

Application for membership may be made to the Treasurer. *THE ORIOLE* is sent without charge to all classes of members not in arrears for dues. Send changes of address, claims for undelivered or defective copies and requests for information relative to advertising, subscriptions and back numbers to the business manager.

All articles and notes submitted for publication and all books and publications intended for review should be sent to the editor.

Original papers in the field of Ornithology are published in *THE ORIOLE*. Papers are judged on their contribution of original data, ideas, or interpretations and on their conciseness, scientific accuracy, and clarity.

**COPY** — Type manuscripts *double spaced* throughout. Underscore scientific names only. Number pages in the upper right hand corner. Arrange contents in sequence: title page, text, reference, tables, figure legends, and figures. Type your complete address and date of submitting manuscript.

**STYLE** — The guide for preparation of copy is the **STYLE MANUAL FOR BIOLOGICAL JOURNALS** available from American Institute of Biological Sciences, 1401 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Va. 22209.

**TITLE** — The title should be concise, descriptive, and not more than 10 words in length. Avoid use of scientific names in titles if possible.

**FOOTNOTES** — Avoid footnotes by incorporating such material in the text.

**NOMENCLATURE** — Vernacular names should be capitalized in text. They are to be accompanied by appropriate scientific names the first time each species is mentioned. Show reference for long lists of scientific names (i.e., A.O.U. Checklist 5th ed., 1957).

**REFERENCES** — When there are fewer than 3 references insert them in parentheses where needed in the text by author, journal, volume, pagination, and year of publication. Three or more references are grouped alphabetically by authors' last names under "literature cited."

**TABLES** — Prepare tables in keeping with size of *THE ORIOLE*. A good table should be understandable without reference to the text.

**ILLUSTRATIONS** — Illustrations should be suitable for photographic reproduction without retouching. Colored plates will be charged to the author.

**REPRINTS** — Request for reprints must be sent with original manuscript and are to be paid for by the author.

The *author* is responsible for putting his manuscript in final form for production. Authors should consult colleagues and specialists for review of papers before submission, and check all literature available to them that might have a bearing on their papers.