c/o R. Gluck, 700 Bolinwood Dr. #24-B Chapel Hill, NC. 27514 thrush@hotmail.com



To:

happen all the time."

THE BULLETIN... Chapel Hill Bird Club

March 2006

http://chbc.carolinanature.com

Vol. 35

>> NEXT PROGRAM: Monday, Mar. 27 "Communication and Individual Recognition In Audubon's Shearwaters"

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

Who/What: Former Haven Wiley student, Will Mackin, will tell us about his research investigating communication patterns among colonial Audubon Shearwaters.

.....

~ Saturday Morning Field Trips ~

Local field trips, generally led by Doug Shadwick, depart from Glen Lennox Shopping Center parking lot off Hwy 54 promptly at 7:30 am. most Saturday mornings. All skill levels welcome. Trips are usually over by noon. Dress for the weather and for walking. For further details call Doug at 942-0479.

Gone But Not Forgotten

Former CHBC member and UNC Prof. Shantanu Phukan is now settled in San Jose, CA. where he teaches at San Jose State Univ. and gets to enjoy west coast birding, but writes that he misses his Carolina Chickadees and Red-bellied Woodpeckers. If any of you get out N. Calif. way for birding he invites you to email him if you'd like to get together:

bulbuls@earthlink.net

Former CHBC President Magnus Persmark is also now somewhere on the west coast in Oregon where his job took him.

And, never a CHBC member, but well-known to most of us, birder/naturalist Josh Rose is settled in Texas where (not too surprisingly) his name frequently

| appears on the Texas bird listsery group. He is a |
|---|
| Program Specialist for the World Birding Center at |
| the Bentson-Rio Grande Valley State Park doing what |
| he loves and knows best. I wonder if he'll be |
| searching for the Eskimo Curlew this spring as others |
| in Texas are organizing to do? |

>} Thought for the Day >} >} >}

"Nature is the one place where miracles not only happen, but

No. 3

~ Thomas Wolfe

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

Name
Address

ph
email

new member: ____ or, RENEWAL: ____

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

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

Field trips, counts, meetings/talks, webpage, newsletter, checklists, fun, knowledge... your Chapel Hill Bird Club!

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

This month, brief profiles of two of the more 'professional' birders in our midst: Drs. Helmut Mueller and R. Haven Wiley, both of the UNC Dept. of Biology (Dr. Mueller, retired):

Dr. Helmut Mueller was raised in Milwaukee, WI. and notes that he "decided to become an ornithologist" at age 11, upon seeing a Cape May Warbler in a backyard tree while doing a grade school bird project. Today Helmut is a member of several professional ornithological societies, and still returns to Wisconsin (Cedar Grove) every fall to watch migration and trap/band hawks and owls. In fact, he cites, as his biggest "birding thrill," trapping his first ever Peregrine Falcon.

Helmut moved to Chapel Hill with wife Nancy 40 years ago and soon was active with CHBC (and is one of our longest-term members). His favorite local birding spots are Mason Farm and Jordan Lake, and 3 weeks out of each year he goes on a foreign bird tour, most recently to Brazil.

With his interest in raptors, not so surprisingly he lists his favorite local avian as the Red-shouldered Hawk, and atop his wish list of birds he'd like to see is the Philippine Monkey Eating Eagle -- with a name like that, I suspect any of us (...who are not monkeys) would like to see that one!

If Haven Wiley's memory is accurate he was even more precocious than Helmut, citing his bird interest as

beginning around age 3, when he lived in Chapel Hill and his mother kept a copy of Forbush's classic bird text around. Later, growing up in Louisville, KY. that interest expanded to weekend morning bird watching.

Haven returned to Chapel Hill in 1971 and shortly thereafter joined CHBC. As many members know Haven has for decades studied the ecology/behavior of various bottomland birds (including Hooded, Kentucky, and Swainson's Warblers) at his favorite locale, Mason Farm Biological Reserve, which he has helped to preserve from development, while training many an ornithology student in field work. In fact, he lists as a biggest birding thrill, once having a ground-foraging Swainson's Warbler near Mason Farm, hop right "over the toe of my boot." Some of his more recent studies have been in Amazonian Peru.

Haven offered quite a list of all-time favorite bird-related books, all old and many out of print, but including: Tanner's "The Ivory-billed Woodpecker", Lack's "Swifts in a Tower", Cherrie's "Dark Trails", and a children's book "The Coot Club" by Arthur Ransome.

Outside his family (wife Minna and 2 grown children), Haven's interests include "birds, books, and boats," and at times he says he manages to combine "all three at once." He's clearly in the envious position of doing what he loves in life, and getting paid for it!

Chapel Hill Christmas Bird Count Summary

~ from compiler Will Cook

The 75th Chapel Hill Christmas Bird Count on Monday, 26 December 2005, was a windy one --while it was sunny and the temperatures were moderate, the winds whipping out of the west at 10-20 mph all day kept the dickie birds down and made birding not as much fun. In addition, because the count was held on a Monday, the counters on the Army Corps land at the northern edges of Jordan Lake had to share their area with deer hunters, which altered their counting strategies. But somehow we managed to pull out an exceptional number of rarities and had a great count.

We ended up with a species total of 93 (well above the 10-year average of 87) and 17633 birds (well above the average 14979). Observer effort was slightly above normal. The sparrows were lying low, and there were no huge blackbird or gull flocks, so how did we end up with an above average number of birds? Robins. Loads and loads of Robins. More on that later.

We found a number of rarities, highlighted by Doug Shadwick's immature female Northern Parula and Tom Driscoll's immature male Ruby-throated Hummingbird, both firsts for the count! The Ruby-throat, which was in Tom's yard, was identified and banded by Susan Campbell on 12/13/05. Jill Froning also saw a hummingbird (which Susan had previously banded) in her yard on the count, this time a female Rufous, our 5th in 7 years! Interestingly, this Rufous is a different individual from the one Jill had last year on the count.

Other goodies included 3 Least Sandpipers in the mud at the edge of a large pond on Bowden Rd. in rural Orange Co. (Jane Brinkley), a female Common Goldeneye in Durham (Bob and Robert Chase), two separate Orange-crowned Warblers at suet feeders only our fourth count record (Norm Budnitz and Judy Murray), a flock of 11 White-crowned Sparrows (Derb Carter's party), and our third Blue Grosbeak, a female/ immature at Big Woods Road near Jordan Lake (Shelley Theye).

Despite the wind, we set a few record highs: Derb Carter's team's 9 Northern Shovelers at the Maple View Farm pond beats last year's count of 7 at the same pond, which beat the count of 6 there the year before.

Other highs are Ruddy Duck (13, a tie), Black Vulture (242), Winter Wren (45), and last but not least,

American Robin (3934). Our average high for American Robin is 526, less than 1/7th of this. Flocks of Robins seemed to be everywhere, with 11 teams reporting 100 or more, topped by Alan Johnston's team's 907. Other unusually high counts include Hooded Merganser (46, second highest), Gray Catbird (4, highest since 1993), Baltimore Oriole (7, 5 of them at Judy Murray's feeder, highest since 1975), and White-crowned Sparrow (11, highest since 1985).

A bunch of species were found in unusually low numbers, though no record-breakers: Pied-billed Grebe, Double-crested Cormorant, Belted Kingfisher, Northern Mockingbird, Hermit Thrush, Song Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, and Eastern Meadowlark. Continuing their long decline, the total of 8 E. Meadowlarks is the lowest since 1945. Because of the wind, American Woodcocks were not displaying, so we missed for the first time since 1974!

Teams with highest totals: Derb Carter, Jane Oliver, and Ann Oliver, covering the Dairyland Road area, turned in the highest species count, with 67 (1468 individuals). Not only that, they found 8 species not recorded by any other team. The next closest were the Driscoll and Cook parties, each with 53. For the fourth year in a row, honors for highest individual count go to Jeff Pippen's team. This time he and Toni Rexrode tallied 1496 birds, with Alan Johnston's and Derb Carter's groups nipping at their heels. On the overall count American Robin was the most abundant bird (3934), followed by Cedar Waxwing (994) and European Starling (917).

Weather: Temperature 42-52F, wind from the west at 10-20 mph, mostly sunny, water open. Effort: 41 observers in 22 field parties, 144.3 party hours (118.2 by foot, 26.1 by car), 335.5 party miles (86.3 by foot, 249.2 by car), 2 hours and 0.5 miles owling, 13 people and 40 hours watching feeders.

Full count results are available at the Christmas Bird Count web site (http://www.audubon.org/bird/cbc/).

Thanks once again to Derb and Anne for hosting the countdown party and thanks to all counters who braved the wind!

-- Falls Lake Xmas Count Summary --

~ from compiler Brian Bockhahn

Considering we had rain nearly all day Jan 2, 2006, our total of 91 species was pretty good. About average was 18 counters in 14 parties. The warm weather brought low numbers of most species but allowed some others to put in an appearance. I have Full results in MS Excel if anyone wants.

Harry LeGrand's count week Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

was the only species new to the count, it's about time though. John and Kay Anthony hosted another Rufous Hummingbird for another rare report of that species. David Lenat found our second Lincoln's Sparrow. John Connors found our third Shrike, right where they've been in years past. Two parties found Pipits, only our third and never reliable here. Also third birds were Ruddy Duck and Northern Pintail. Good warm weather fourth's were Gray Catbird and two parties with huge Common Grackle flocks.

Misses - Common Loon, Wood Duck, Northern Bobwhite (again), Fish Crow, House Wren.

High Counts - Will Cook had an amazing 15 Greater Black-backed Gulls and 4700 Grackles in two flocks eclipsed our previous highs.

Low counts - most of the winter residents and only 7,442 Ring-billed Gulls. I had been tracking the flock, and with the warm weather the majority are still to our north. Falls Lake usually leads the state in this species so this was disappointing.

.....

Great Backyard Bird Count

This year's "Great Backyard Bird Count" in Feb. (organized by Cornell and National Audubon) got lots of news coverage including a front page story in the Raleigh N&O, detailing some of the top birds seen in Raleigh, Cary, Durham, and Chapel Hill (where Ringbilled Gull, Red-winged Blackbird, and Am. Goldfinch took the top 3 places). Nationwide, it was the largest participation ever, and at last check close to 600 species had been reported.

...And Front Yard Surprise!

On Feb. 19, CHBC member Bill Kirk was out walking his dog when he noticed an especially large bird flying in his central Chapel Hill neighborhood (right off MLK Blvd/Airport Rd). When he arrived home he was surprised to find an adult Bald Eagle perched atop a tree in his front yard!

Speaking of Bald Eagles, once again active nests are underway (and being monitored) at Falls, Jordan and Crabtree Lakes, as well as a nest in the Butner Gamelands area.

.....

'Trash' Birds.... NOT!

On Feb. 11, during a yearly check of the North Wake Landfill, out of 1000's of gulls, Derb Carter turned up 1 Iceland, 1 Thayer's, and 4 Lesser Black-backed Gulls.

.....

-- And Further Afield --

Hawkwatching:

Pale Male and Lola, New York City's (and maybe the world's) most famous pair of raptors were busy rebuilding their high-rise townhouse nest in early February, after last year's nest failure.

....And Ivory-bill Woodpecker Update:

The most exciting report (and pictures) out of the Big Woods of Arkansas in Feb. was of a leucistic (mostly white-bodied) **Pileated** Woodpecker on the loose there. Ver..r..ry interesting....

Meanwhile, an independent individual is reporting, and attempting to further document, a pair of Ivory-bills in the Pearl River region of Louisiana (site of a famous 1999 Ivory-bill report), and other searches are underway in Florida, Texas, S.C., and Georgia.

.....

Interested in Pelagics???

Getting bored with Piedmont birding? Itching to see some birds you'll *never* find at Mason Farm?? Brian Patteson and crew have several pelagic trips off the Carolina coast coming up (a couple in March and many more May through July). For more details or reservations visit: http://www.seabirding.com

.....

-- N.C. Partners In Flight --

"Partners In Flight" will be holding their yearly daylong meeting on Tues., March 28 (9:30-4:30) at Blue Jay Point County Park on Falls Lake. Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting and hear presentations on various bird species and conservation. Contact Mark Johns for more information: johnsme@mindspring.com

.....

Can Spring Be Far Off?....

On Feb. 26 Jeff Pippin and Jacob Socolar saw an Osprey at Falls Lake already calling out. Closer to our backyards, by the end of March be sure to be on the lookout for early spring warblers and vireos, swifts and swallows, and with a little luck Ruby-throated Hummingbirds returning in search of sugar-water feeders.

......

Reading Corner

One new book on the shelves this month is **Condor** by NPR correspondent John Nielson, an interesting account of the controversial \$20 million California Condor recovery program and the fascinating birds that have been brought back from the brink.

I'll also put in a plug this month for one of my favorite local bookshops that always has an interesting selection of *used* bird books (many older, out-of-print ones): **The BookShop** at 400 W. Franklin St. (across from McDonald's) in Chapel Hill. Here are a few of the volumes I found in stock during a recent visit: Simpson's **Birds of the Blue Ridge Mountains**, Leahy's **The Birdwatcher's Companion**, Kastner's **A World of Watchers**, several Audubon bios, and several Arthur Bent volumes, as well as field guides.

Nice Price Books is a local used book chain (various Triangle locations) that also often carries a good variety of bird and nature volumes, and I'm sure there are other used outlets as well. Give 'em a browse...

.....

CHBC Contacts (ph., email):

>President: *Joe Bearden*, 884-9050, chickadeebirders@earthlink.net >Vice-Pres.(RDU): *Karen Bearden*, 884-9050,

chickadeebirders@earthlink.net

>Vice-Pres. (Chapel Hill): Judy Murray, 942-2985,

jmurray@unc.edu

>Secretary: *Amalie Tuffin*, 641-8072, amaliet@post.harvard.edu >Treasurer: *Ruth Roberson*, 489-4888, ruth-roberson@nc.rr.com

>Field Trip Chairman: Doug Shadwick, 942-0479,

dougshadwick@aol.com

>Refreshments Chair: Karen Piplani, 929-6553,

k_piplani@alumni.unc.edu

>CHBC webmaster, checklist, and CH Xmas count compiler:

Will Cook, 382-9134, cwcook@duke.edu

>Newsletter Editor: Rob Gluck, 967-3134, thrush@hotmail.com

Will Cook's homepage is an excellent general source of birding and nature-related links/resources: http://www.duke.edu/~cwcook

.....

Parting Words...

"There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature--the assurance that dawn comes after night, and spring after the winter." ~ Rachel Carson

2005 Triangle Area Christmas Bird Counts

- Chapel Hill Observer Party -Falls CH 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 Species 2 3 4 5 6 7 Snow Goose Canada Goose 1796 738 341 649 Mute Swan Wood Duck 38 40 11 Gadwall American Wigeon 14 14 American Black Duck Mallard 391 192 202 13 21 Northern Shoveler Canvasback Northern Pintail Green-winged Teal Ring-necked Duck 82 243 155 227 Lesser Scaup 122 Bufflehead 17 98 Common Goldeneye 144 46 Hooded Merganser 174 40 198 27 10 Red-breasted Merganser 18 Common Merganser Ruddy Duck Wild Turkey 18 Northern Bobwhite cw cw Red-throated Loon 177 Common Loon Pied-billed Grebe 16 80 112 Horned Grebe 111 Double-crested Cormorant 10 186 933 374 Great Blue Heron 132 85 Great Egret Black Vulture 242 40 40 Turkey Vulture 207 308 50 17 12 Bald Eagle 1 ad., 1 imm. Northern Harrier Sharp-shinned Hawk Cooper's Hawk Accipiter sp. Red-shouldered Hawk 36 Red-tailed Hawk 47 12 American Kestrel Merlin Sora American Coot 11 102 Killdeer 40 Least Sandpiper Wilson's Snipe American Woodcock 583 Bonaparte's Gull Ring-billed Gull 1483 6361 2232 8000 7442 649 90 155 12 83 14 12 50 25 14 19 Herring Gull 195 Lesser Black-backed Gull Great Black-backed Gull Rock Pigeon 533 170 252 315 21 175 14 318 570 279 14 26 Mourning Dove 164 Eastern Screech-Owl Great Horned Owl Barred Owl Rufous Hummingbird RUBY-THRT HUMMINGBIRD

2005 Triangle Area Christmas Bird Counts

- Chapel Hill Observer Party -Falls CH 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 Species 3 4 5 6 7 Belted Kingfisher Red-headed Woodpecker Red-bellied Woodpecker Yellow-bellied Sapsucker Downy Woodpecker Hairy Woodpecker N. (Yellow-shafted) Flicker Pileated Woodpecker Eastern Phoebe Loggerhead Shrike Blue-headed Vireo Blue Jay American Crow Fish Crow COMMON RAVEN Carolina Chickadee Tufted Titmouse Red-breasted Nuthatch White-breasted Nuthatch Brown-headed Nuthatch Brown Creeper Carolina Wren House Wren Winter Wren Marsh Wren Golden-crowned Kinglet Ruby-crowned Kinglet Blue-gray Gnatcatcher cw Eastern Bluebird Hermit Thrush 67 907 American Robin Gray Catbird Northern Mockingbird Brown Thrasher European Starling American Pipit Cedar Waxwing Orange-crowned Warbler NASHVILLE WARBLER NORTHERN PARULA Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler Pine Warbler Palm Warbler Black-and-white Warbler Common Yellowthroat YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT Eastern Towhee Chipping Sparrow Field Sparrow Savannah Sparrow Fox Sparrow Song Sparrow Lincoln's Sparrow Swamp Sparrow White-throated Sparrow White-crowned Sparrow Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco Northern Cardinal

2005 Triangle Area Christmas Bird Counts

| _ | Chape | l Hill | Obser | rver P | arty – | _ | |
|---|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|---|--|
| | 4.0 | 4.0 | | | | | |

| Species | Ral | Dur | Kerr | JL | Falls | СН | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | | - | | 14 | | | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|------|------|------|-----|----|------|------|------|------|-----|----|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|----------|------|------|
| Blue Grosbeak | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Red-winged Blackbird | 476 | 2072 | 278 | 600 | 51 | 719 | 1 | | | | | 21 | 9 | | 100 | | 2 | 1 | 27 | | 20 | 180 | 161 | 45 | 3 | | 8 | 116 | | | 5 | | 20 |
| Eastern Meadowlark | 39 | 30 | 35 | 23 | 4 | 8 | 1 | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 5 | | | | |
| Rusty Blackbird | 60 | 17 | | 2 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Common Grackle | 8052 | 24 | | 44 | 4700 | 001 | | | 1 | | | | 3 | 110 | 220 | | | 40 | 225 | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | | | 5 |
| Brown-headed Cowbird | 1541 | 18 | | 20 | | 261 | 260 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Baltimore Oriole | 10 | | | | | 7 | | | | | | | | | | | 5 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | |
| Purple Finch | 3 | 4 | 11 | | 3 | 19 | 1 | | | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | | | | 6 | | | | | igsquare | 2 | 2 |
| House Finch | 172 | 157 | 8 | 51 | 28 | 192 | 21 | 5 | 15 | 1 | | 14 | 10 | 5 | 13 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 12 | 2 | 2 | | 20 | | | | | 8 | 25 | 8 | 5 | 8 | 4 |
| Pine Siskin | 1 | 3 | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | \Box | | 1 |
| American Goldfinch | 453 | 629 | 174 | | 309 | | 12 | 18 | 46 | 4 | | 41 | 19 | 19 | 7 | | 2 | 1 | 34 | | 6 | 54 | 30 | 9 | | 8 | 31 | 21 | 6 | 8 | 1 | 20 | 13 |
| House Sparrow | 22 | 49 | 6 | 11 | 2 | 39 | 3 | | | | | | 1 | | 2 | | | | 3 | 9 | | | | | | 5 | | | | 16 | ш | | |
| TOTAL SPECIES 126 | 98 | 96 | 92 | 92 | 91 | 93 | 67 | 42 | 47 | 24 | 18 | 53 | 42 | 46 | 46 | 20 | 21 | 25 | 50 | 34 | 31 | 53 | 38 | 49 | 30 | 30 | 44 | 40 | 35 | 32 | 26 | 37 | 43 |
| TOTAL INDIVIDUALS | 24670 | 24305 | 8988 | 21500 | 21818 | 17644 | 1468 | 665 | 1496 | 61 | 77 | 1266 | 909 | 701 | 1009 | 58 | 83 | 179 | 851 | 410 | 426 | 1343 | 969 | 492 | 348 | 192 | 396 | 1470 | 498 | 282 | 476 | 318 | 1201 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of Field Parties | | 19 | | 24 | 17 | 22 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Number of Participants | 58 | 26 | 12 | 55 | 18 | 41 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 5 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Start Time: | | | | | | 100 | 600 | 710 | 730 | | | 615 | 615 | 730 | 700 | | | | 530 | 830 | 715 | 700 | 715 | 700 | 730 | 700 | 630 | 650 | 710 | 713 | 800 | 100 | 530 |
| End Time: | | | | | | 1800 | 1800 | 1650 | 1730 | | | 1505 | 1100 | 1500 | 1715 | | | | 1730 | 1500 | 1215 | 1320 | 1645 | 1330 | 1130 | 1700 | 1330 | 1220 | 1700 | 1210 | 1715 | 1700 | 1140 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Party Hours: Total | 92 | 97.5 | 74.75 | 135.25 | 66.75 | 144.25 | 10 | 8 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 9.2 | 4.25 | 7 | 9.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8.5 | 5.5 | 5 | 7 | 9.5 | 6.5 | 4 | 3 | 6.5 | 5.5 | 5.8 | 5 | 5.5 | 0 | 7 |
| Party Hours: On Foot | | 76.25 | | | 54 | 118.15 | 9 | 7.5 | 8.5 | | 2 | 5.2 | 4.25 | 5.5 | 3 | | | | 8 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 5.5 | 3 | 3 | 5.5 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 1.5 | 5 | | 7 |
| Party Hours: By Car | | 21.25 | | | 12.75 | 26.1 | 1 | 0.5 | 1.5 | | | 4 | | 1.5 | 6.5 | | | | 0.5 | 0.5 | | | 1.5 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 0.6 | 3.5 | 0.5 | | |
| Owling Hours | | 0.25 | | | 2 | 5 | 1 | | | | | | 0.5 | | | | | | 1 | 0.5 | | | | | | | 0.5 | | | | | 0.5 | 1 |
| Feeder Hours | | 1.75 | | | | 40 | | | | 3.5 | | 2 | | | | 6.5 | 1 | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 10 | 10 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Party Miles: Total | | 287.8 | | | 147.75 | 335.5 | 42 | 11 | 22 | 0 | 1 | 37 | 3 | 36.5 | 38.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6.5 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 28 | 10 | 12 | 0.5 | 9 | 8.5 | 10 | 36 | 7 | 0 | 3 |
| Party Miles: On Foot | | 72.5 | | | 48.75 | 86.3 | 3 | 6 | 7 | | 1 | 6 | 3 | 6.5 | 1.5 | | | | 4.5 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 0.5 | 4 | 0.5 | 7.8 | 1 | 4 | | 3 |
| Party Miles: By Car | | 215.3 | | | 99 | 249.2 | 39 | 5 | 15 | | | 31 | | 30 | 37 | | | | 2 | 1 | | | 24 | 2 | 10 | | 5 | 8 | 2.2 | 35 | 3 | | |
| Owling Miles | | | | | 0.5 | 4.5 | 2 | | | | | | 0 | | | | | | 0.5 | 0 | | | | | | | 0 | | | | | 1 | 1 |

Chapel Hill count date: 12/26/05; compiler: Will Cook; 42-52F; W 10-20; mostly sunny Raleigh count date: 12/17/05; compiler: John Connors; weather: 30-45F, cloudy Falls Lake count date: 1/2/06; compiler: Brian Bockhahn; 47-52F; rain; cloudy

Kerr Lake count date: 12/29/05; compiler: Brian Bockhahn; 47-58F; cloudy-p.c., light rain Durham count date: 12/18/05; compiler: Mike Schultz; 34-43F; cloudy, lt rain - partly clear Jordan Lake count date: 1/1/05; compiler: Norm Budnitz; 30-65F, partly cloudy

| Party Areas | Party Members | Party | Areas | Party Members |
|---------------|--|-------|---------|--|
| 1 1,4 | Derb Carter, Jane Oliver, Ann Oliver | 16 | 20 | Will Cook, Sally Jackson, Robert Jackson, Carl Howard |
| 2 2,7 | Pam Timmons, Perry Haaland | 17 | 21 | Harriet Sato, Judith Horton |
| 3 3, 6 | Jeff Pippen, Toni Rexrode | 18 | 22 N | Brian Bockhahn |
| 4 4-yard | Cynthia Fox | 19 | 22 S | Anson Cooke, Dwayne Cooke |
| 5 6, 8 (part) | Shantanu Phukan | 20 | 23, 25 | Shelley Theye |
| 6 8, 13 | Tom & Barbara Driscoll, Calyer Durovitch | 21 | 24 N | Doug Shadwick |
| 7 9, 10 | Norm Budnitz | 22 | 24S | Alan Johnston, Edith Tatum |
| 8 11, 12 | Kent Fiala | 23 | 26 | Jane Brinkley |
| 9 14, 17 | Betty King, Judy Teague | 24 | 27, 28 | David Curtin |
| 10 14-yard | Carol Hamilton | 25 | 29 | Pat Cummins, Tom Biek |
| 11 14-yard | Judy Murray | 26 | 30-yard | Jill Froning |
| 12 14-yard | Julia Shields | 27 | 32 | Maury Graves, Dave Murdock, Steven Graves, Bobbie Hahn, Carolyn Kozelka; |
| 13 15, 18 | Robert H. (Bob) Chase, Robert W. Chase | | | Feeder watchers: Jim & Alice Lash, Elvin Strowd, Betty Kent, |
| 14 16 | John Frederick | | | Fred & Eleanor Kilgour, Harry & Celina Pedersen |
| 15 19 | Carol Williamson | | | |