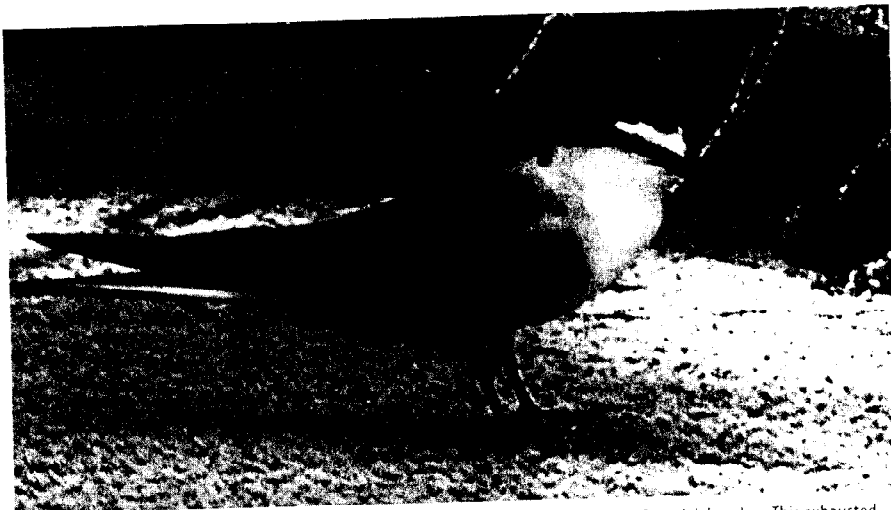
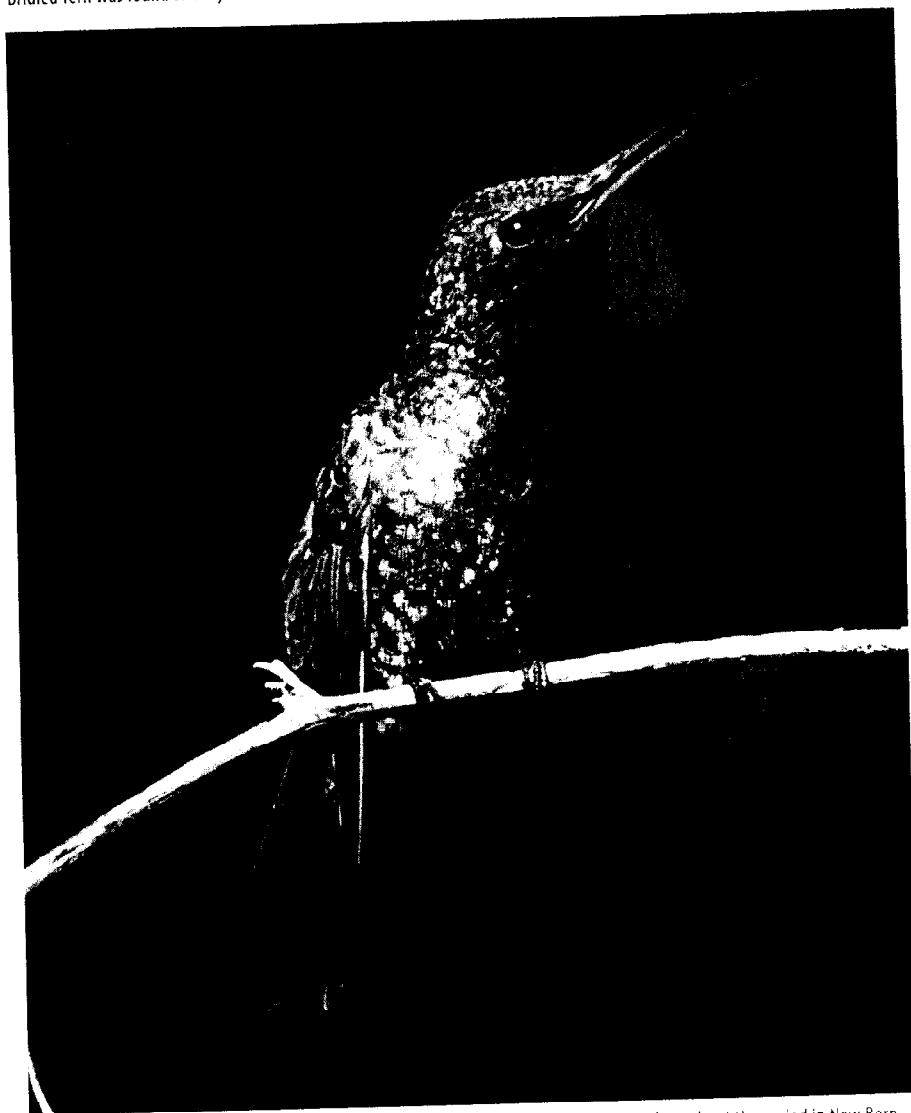


including evidence of nesting. Sightings in the Piedmont this fall included a pair in Wake, NC 13 Sep (HL et al.) and one in Hickory, NC 19 Sep (DM). Cave Swallows again dominated the Region, with singles at James I., SC 27 Oct (DF), at Altamaha W.M.A., GA 30 Oct (JG) and 24 (JSp) & 25 Nov (JS), at Euclid N.W.R., GA 1 Nov (JFI), and at the S.S.S. 5 Nov (SC et al.); 2 were at Cape Hatteras, NC 6 Nov (BB); 3 were at both Figure Eight I., NC 30 Oct (DC) and at Pine Knoll Shores, NC 1 Nov (JF); and a high count of 12 came from Washington, NC 5 Nov (RD). Vagrants of the sw. subspecies *pallida* (*pelodoma*) have been increasing in recent years in late fall, as is true in the Midwest, Northeast, and Mid-Atlantic states; these autumn visitors frequently succumb to cold weather in this Region, exemplified 19 Nov by a group of 6 at Ft. Macon, NC, which roosted piled upon one another in freezing temperatures: 2 had succumbed before morning and were taken as specimens (RN, NCMNS). A Bicknell's Thrush passing through Weymouth Woods, NC 3 Oct (b., SCA) provided the state's 3rd documented record; notably, this species is an annual migrant in the Region but virtually impossible to identify when not singing unless captured and measured. A Sprague's Pipit was an unexpected rare find at the S.S.S. 29 Oct (ph. SC).

Warbler migration was generally reported to be quite productive this fall, with many local hotspots hosting a good diversity of birds and a few sought-after rarities. A major movement of Tennessee Warblers lasted several days at Henderson Park, GA, with a new state high count of 112 established 5 Oct (HG); a count of 4 Nashville Warblers was notable there 4 Oct (PB). Quite impressive were 212 Yellow Warblers tallied at the S.S.S. 8 Aug (SC). A late Cape May Warbler was found in Browns Summit, NC 22 Nov (ph. JM). A Kirtland's Warbler was an exciting discovery in Transylvania, NC 1 Oct and represented the 4th state record (acc., N&BS). Sightings of Blackpoll Warblers, rare in fall s. of North Carolina's Outer Banks, included singles at Myrtle Beach S.P., SC 29 Sep (JPe), Jekyll I., GA 4 Oct (SW), and Little St. Simons I., GA 12 Oct (CS et al.). Both very late and very rare for the coast was a Cerulean Warbler spotted on St. Catherine's I., GA 27 Sep (*vide* GK). Rarely detected in the fall season, a Swainson's Warbler was still singing in Muscogee, GA 3 Sep (WC). Connecticut Warblers were reported at Henderson Park, GA 3 Oct (TH) and Greensboro, NC 10 Oct (HL); the former sighting was very unusual, given that most birds likely depart from the middle Atlantic coast on a direct flight to S. America. There were seven sightings of Mourning Warblers



Tropical Storm Fay displaced many seabirds in August 2008, some of which turned up on Georgia's beaches. This exhausted Bridled Tern was found on Jekyll Island on 23 August. Photograph by Steve Stokes.



Representing the third state record, this adult male Broad-billed Hummingbird present throughout the period in New Bern, North Carolina had wintered (and been banded) in South Carolina the previous year! Photograph by John Ennis.