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Loggerhead Shrike recommendations

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Mr. Howard:

Thanks for talking on the phone with me this morning about management recommendations for Loggerhead Shrike, which is a State Special Concern species. This species nests around the margins of large fields -- mainly pastures, but also some croplands -- placing the nest typically in a tree or dense shrub along a vegetated hedgerow. The species favors larger pastures, such as 50 acres or more, but will use sites perhaps as small as 20 or 25 acres. However, the shrike is a scarce species as far north as Chatham County, though a handful of pairs do nest there. Apparently your property has not been surveyed for shrikes, so we do not know if the birds are present.

Our Program suggests that you, or Chatham County staff, talk with staff of the NC Wildlife Resources Commission (contact for Piedmont birds is Jeff Marcus <jeff.marcus@ncwildlife.org>; phone (910) 281-4388) for more information about the shrike and matters concerning habitat requirements and management, as this is the agency responsible for monitoring and listing animal species in the state.

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