

## Monthly Meeting February 1, 2016

**Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet St, Houston, TX**



6:30 pm Learning Corner: Members will talk about experiences

7:00 pm [Ornithology Group](#) (OG) Business Meeting

7:30 pm [Program](#): Gulls and Terns of the Texas Coast by Cyn-Ty Lee

[Field Trip](#): Galveston Island, led by Alice Ann Odonel, January 24, 8am; Katy Prairie led by Bob Honig and Steve Gast February 13, 2:30pm

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## Gulls and Terns of the Texas Coast

By Cyn-Ty Lee

Cyn-Ty will have slides and ID help you will not find in your field guide.

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## Upcoming OG Field Trips – SAVE THE DATES – Mark your Calendars

### January 22 – Long Acres Ranch Nature Center – Special Bird Count.

Address is 2317 Williams Way Blvd, Richmond, TX 77469. Meet at 7 AM at the Ranger House.

### JANUARY 24 – OG Field Trip to Galveston Island.

We will meet at 8 am at **Moody Gardens at the NW Parking Lot by the Paddle Wheeler**. We will park cars there and carpool. Alice Ann Odonel, President of Galveston Audubon, and our favorite local guide, is planning to be with us to take us to special spots. It is a treat to have her join us our Galveston field trip. Our focus will be Moody Gardens and west. The ducks are so we will be focusing on ducks and shorebirds. Pack a lunch, dress warm and bring sunscreen and mosquito spray.

### Saturday, February 13, 2:30 to 6:30 PM. KATY PRAIRIE CONSERVANCY –

**Led by Bob Honig and Steve Gast.** We will focus on Katy Prairie Conservancy properties to which the public does not generally have access. Sunset is just after 6 pm and it will be dark just after 6:30, so those times will allow seeing things coming in to roost for the night (Sandhill Cranes and other species) and maybe some owls as well.

### Saturday/Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> - Balcones Sparrowfest – Hill Country

Many of you are signed up for the Sparrowfest the weekend of February 6/7. The trip is full at this time, but we do not have anyone on the wait list. If you would like to be put on the wait list, send Jean Booth an email. Also, watch the Balcones website for an opening.

## **Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> - Double Lake Recreation Area in San Jacinto County –**

**Led by Mike Austin.** March is sort of a hiatus between winter and spring and we will look for some target birds, Winter Wren, Hairy Woodpecker with a nearby Red-cockaded Woodpecker Colony and Brown-headed Nuthatch. The area is north of Cleveland. Meeting time will be confirmed.

## **Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> - TNC - Mad Island Marsh Preserve – Bay City, TX**

**Led by Steve Goetz, Manager, MIMP.** Mad Island Marsh Preserve is a TNC property to which the public does not generally have access. Steve Goetz, Manager of MIMP, will be our guide. Smithsonian will be on the property banding our migrating birds and this will be a plus. As you all probably know MIMP ranks at the top for CBC Bird Counts. **This will be considered a weekender** and you can either come out for the day or stay over and we will be bird the area more and the surrounding Matagorda area. More details to follow regarding hotel, etc.

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## **Birding the Glorious Oak with Cyn-Ty Lee**

**By Joan E. Strassmann**

**First posted November 19, 2011**



I suppose many of the migrants have made their way south by now. Those in Houston are mostly there to stay. But the extent that this is untrue will best be discovered by Cyn-Ty Lee, geologist extraordinaire, and superb chronicler of the birds. He is aware of his surroundings anywhere, making it his business what lives there and why. So it is no surprise that if you want to know something about the Rice University campus, Cyn-Ty is the one to ask. He has a great blog, very down-to-earth.

Cyn-Ty may be found many mornings at the best spot for birds on campus. When we visited at the end of September, that spot was this oak, near the northwest corner of the swimming pool. We met up there for the warblers and saw some of the subtle ones, a Tennessee, actually about 5 of them, then a mysterious one that turned out to simply be an orange-crowned warbler, one of our winter residents. The little mixed flock rounded out with a Wilson's warbler, a couple of yellow warblers, and a Nashville warbler. I'm sure Cyn-Ty saw more than I did. We watched them glean the hardy live oak leaves.

He is a delightful speaker and shares inside knowledge of the birds that you might not find in a field guide.

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## **Minutes of January OG Monthly Meeting**

**Held on Monday, January 4 at 6:30 with 30 people attending.**

**By Jean Greenhalgh**

Marcy Brown presented the Learning Corner which was a list and discussion on birding books. Marcy gave us a very thorough and extensive book list covering How to Bird, Where to Bird, Those Big years – And in Search of Birds, Essays on Birding, For the History of Birding and On the Birds Themselves. Many people contributed opinions on both the books Marcy had listed and on their own favorites in most categories. Marcy requested emails detailing and describing additional books and agreed to expand her list and email it to everyone.

As it is the beginning of the year it is time to pay dues. Margaret Simmons will be at the February meeting to collect them.

As the program was to be on Christmas Bird Counts the usual monthly sightings were not discussed.

Jean Booth listed the forthcoming field trips, details of which she emails to all members. January 22 is a bird survey of a new A&M property – Long Ranch in Richmond and January 24 is the monthly field trip which is to Galveston. Jean handed out a list of the trips for the next few months. There are two weekend trips February 6 & 7 is the Balcones Sparrowfest headquartered in Marble Falls and April 9 – 10 will be Mad Island Marsh Preserve and Bay City led by Steve Goetz. The monthly trips are February 13 Katy Prairie, March 5 Double Lake Recreation area in San Jacinto County.

JoAnn Raine gave us some history of CBCs, which started in 1900 with 27 counters spread across North America. Nina Rach led the main Program, reports about Christmas Bird Counts in which members had participated. The map Nina displayed showed 26 CBCs in the area, reaching from Matagorda to Louisiana and north to Huntsville. Attending members had participated in at least 15 of them in addition to some in other areas. A common theme was a need for more participants on every count. In particular, Bob Honig described how Cypress Creek (Katy Prairie), held on January 1<sup>st</sup>, has access to much private land but lacks the necessary people to adequately cover all these special resources. Matagorda, usually the highest species count in North America, had 239 birds. Best birds included Brown Booby – Brazos Bend; Red Knot – Galveston; Pacific Loon – Bolivar; Hooded Oriole – Armand Bayou; Zone-tailed Hawk – Attwater; Orchard Oriole – Matagorda; 5 rails seen on a marsh buggy ride– San Bernard; Pyrrhuloxia – Central Houston (a new count); Crimson-collared Grosbeak - Weslaco

The next Ornithology Group meeting will be held on February 1, 2016.

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## **2016 Dues are Due!**

Don't forget to renew your ONC/OG dues if you haven't already done so. ONC/OG dues are paid yearly on a calendar basis beginning January 1st. Ornithology Group dues are used to pay honorariums and travel expenses for speakers at OG meetings, to make OG donations to other organizations, and for a few other OG expenses. Life Members of ONC still need to pay yearly OG dues. Pay by check at the next OG meeting or use the form below with current information for the ONC database, and mail along with your check to the ONC post office box.

We need your dues to keep the Ornithology Group running!

If you have questions about your membership status, contact Margret Simmons at [msimmons@compassnet.com](mailto:msimmons@compassnet.com) or 713-776-2511.

Thank you for your renewal!

### **TO START OR RENEW A MEMBERSHIP:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

ONC Annual Dues: \$ 8.00 for individuals; \$ 15.00 for families

OG Annual Dues: \$ 12.00 for individuals; \$ 15.00 for families

**Total: \$ 20.00 for individuals; \$ 30.00 for families**

Additional contributions are welcome in any amount.

Send to:

Outdoor Nature Club

PO Box 1014

Bellaire, TX 77402

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## Upcoming Texas Birding Events

Compiled by Nina Rach, updated 21 January 2016

[please send corrections and additions to NRach@AutreVie.com]

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Jan 21 – Thurs – Baytown Nature Center Bird Survey, 8:00 am with David Hanson

Jan 22 – Fri – Long Acres Ranch Nature Center Bird Count – 800-acre private ranch, OG members meet at entrance, 8:30 am, 2317 Williams Way Blvd, Richmond, TX 77469. Count will be led by Skip Almoney.

Jan 22 – Fri – Shorebird walk, Goose Island State Park, 8:30-10:30 am;  
janelle.rand@tpwd.texas.gov

Jan 24 – Sun – Shorebird walk, Goose Island State Park, 8:30-10:30 am;  
janelle.rand@tpwd.texas.gov

Jan 24 – Sun – Monthly OG field trip, Galveston. Meet at Moody Gardens at 8am. Will be led by Alice Ann Odonel, President of Galveston Audubon. Focus will be on the west end of the island, ducks and shorebirds.

Jan 27 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:30 am – 11:30 am

Jan 27 – Wed - Shorebird walk, Goose Island State Park, 8:30-10:30 am;  
janelle.rand@tpwd.texas.gov

Jan 28 – Thurs – Guided bird walk at Bear Creek Pioneers Park. Meet at community center 8:30 am.

Jan 29 – Fri – Shorebird walk, Goose Island State Park, 8:30-10:30 am;  
janelle.rand@tpwd.texas.gov

Jan 31 – Sun – Shorebird walk, Goose Island State Park, 8:30-10:30 am;  
janelle.rand@tpwd.texas.gov

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Feb 1 – Mon – OG monthly meeting, Bayland Community Center, Speaker: Cin Ty Lee, “Gulls & Terns of Texas”

Feb 3 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:30 am – 11:30 am

Feb 3 – Wed - Shorebird walk, Goose Island State Park, 8:30-10:30 am; led by Les & Jane Hall.

Feb 3 – Wed – Winter Bird Walk at Russ Pitman Park, Noon to 1:15pm.

Feb 3-6 – Wed-Sat - Laredo Birding Festival – [www.laredobirdingfestival.com](http://www.laredobirdingfestival.com)

Feb 5 – Fri – Kleb Woods Senior bus trip to Goose Island State Park, 7 am – 7 pm; Reservation required

Feb 5 – Fri - Shorebird walk, Goose Island State Park, 8:30-10:30 am; led by Les & Jane Hall.

Feb 6 – Sat - Shorebird walk, Goose Island State Park, 8:30-10:30 am; led by Les & Jane Hall.

Feb 6 – Sat – Sparrow Fest at Balcones Canyonlands NWR, <http://www.friendsofbalcones.org/sf>

Feb 6 – Sat – Attwater Prairie Chicken monthly refuge tour (free, but must reserve in advance)  
<http://www.fws.gov/nwrs/threecolumn.aspx?id=2147494235>

Feb 10 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:30 am – 11:30 am

Feb 10 – Wed - Shorebird walk, Goose Island State Park, 8:30-10:30 am; led by Les & Jane Hall.

Feb 12 – Fri - Shorebird walk, Goose Island State Park, 8:30-10:30 am; led by Les & Jane Hall.

Feb 13 – Sat - Shorebird walk, Goose Island State Park, 8:30-10:30 am; led by Les & Jane Hall.

Feb 13 – Great Backyard Bird Count – Nature Discovery Center, Russ Pitman Park, 9:00-10:30am

Feb 13 – Sat – OG Monthly Field Trip – Katy Prairie – afternoon – led by Bob Honig and Steve Gast

Feb 13 – Sat - Armand Bayou Nature Center Bird Survey, 7am, led by *Andrew Hamlett* ([bachwblr@yahoo.com](mailto:bachwblr@yahoo.com))

Feb 14 – Sun – Registration opens for Balcones Songbird Festival (April 22-24)  
[balconessongbirdfestival.org](http://balconessongbirdfestival.org)

Feb 17 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:30 am – 11:30 am

Feb 17 – Wed - Shorebird walk, Goose Island State Park, 8:30-10:30 am; led by Les & Jane Hall.

Feb 18 – Thurs – Baytown Nature Center Bird Survey, 8:00 am with David Hanson

Feb 19 – Fri - Shorebird walk, Goose Island State Park, 8:30-10:30 am; led by Les & Jane Hall.

Feb 20 – Sat - Shorebird walk, Goose Island State Park, 8:30-10:30 am; led by Les & Jane Hall.

Feb 20 – Sat - Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, public bird banding session, 8am – 12pm.  
[www.gcbo.org](http://www.gcbo.org)

Feb 20-21 - Sat-Sun – Little Thicket Nature Sanctuary (LTNS) Visitors’ Weekend, San Jacinto County; camping permitted. Owned by Houston Outdoor Nature Club, located NW of Cleveland; entrance off FM 945.

[www.outdoornatureclub.org/LTNS\\_route\\_map.pdf](http://www.outdoornatureclub.org/LTNS_route_map.pdf)

Feb 24 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:30 am – 11:30 am

Feb 24 – Wed - Shorebird walk, Goose Island State Park, 8:30-10:30 am; led by Les & Jane Hall.

Feb 24 – Wed – Lunch with the birds, Russ Pitman Park, Bellaire, noon to 1:15 pm

Feb 25 – Thurs – Guided bird walk at Bear Creek Pioneers Park. Meet at community center 8:30 am.

Feb 25-28 – 20<sup>th</sup> annual Whooping Crane Festival, [www.whoopingcranefestival.org](http://www.whoopingcranefestival.org) Port Aransas – [www.portaransas.org](http://www.portaransas.org)

Feb 26 – Fri - Shorebird walk, Goose Island State Park, 8:30-10:30 am; led by Les & Jane Hall.

Feb 27 – Sat - Shorebird walk, Goose Island State Park, 8:30-10:30 am; led by Les & Jane Hall.

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March 2 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:30 am – 11:30 am

March 2 – Wed – Lunch with the birds, Russ Pitman Park, Bellaire, noon to 1:15 pm

March 4-5 – Fri-Sat – Marsh Madness Sandhill Crane Festival, Linton, Indiana.

March 5 – Sat – Attwater Prairie Chicken monthly refuge tour (free, but must reserve in advance)

<http://www.fws.gov/nwrs/threecolumn.aspx?id=2147494235>

March 7 – Mon – OG monthly meeting, Bayland Community Center, Speaker: Patrick Walthur, “Bird studies and future plans for Anahuac NWR.”

March 9 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:30 am – 11:30 am

March 9 – Wed – Lunch with the birds, Russ Pitman Park, Bellaire, noon to 1:15 pm

March 11 – Fri – Kleb Woods Senior bus trip to Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR, 5 am – 5 pm; Reservation required

March 11-13 – Fri-Sun – Spring Photography weekend at Mo-Ranch, Hunt, Texas – will emphasize bird photography

March 12 – Sat - Armand Bayou Nature Center Bird Survey, 7am, led by *Andrew Hamlett* ([bachwblr@yahoo.com](mailto:bachwblr@yahoo.com))

March 16 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:30 am – 11:30 am

March 16 – Wed – Lunch with the birds, Russ Pitman Park, Bellaire, noon to 1:15 pm

March 17 – Thurs – Baytown Nature Center Bird Survey, 8:00 am with David Hanson

March 17-20 – Thurs-Sun - Audubon’s Nebraska Crane Festival, [www.nebraskacranefestival.org](http://www.nebraskacranefestival.org)

March 18-20 – Fri-Sun - Davis Mountains Preserve Open Weekend (8am Fri-4pm Sun), Nature Conservancy, 25 mi west of Ft. Davis; 10 mi past McDonald Observatory.

<http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/texas/events/davis-mountains-preserve-2016-open-days.xml>

March 19 – Sat - Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, public bird banding session, 8am – 12pm. [www.gcbo.org](http://www.gcbo.org)

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March 23 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:30 am – 11:30 am

March 23 – Wed – Lunch with the birds, Russ Pitman Park, Bellaire, noon to 1:15 pm

March 24 – Thurs – Guided bird walk at Bear Creek Pioneers Park. Meet at community center 8:30 am.

March 26 – Sat -OG field trip – Mad Island Marsh Preserve – Clive Runnells Family – Smithsonian crew is banding

March 30 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:30 am – 11:30 am

March 30 – Wed – Lunch with the birds, Russ Pitman Park, Bellaire, noon to 1:15 pm

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April – all month – Spring Fling at Quintana Neotropical Reserve

April 2 – Sat – Attwater Prairie Chicken monthly refuge tour (free, but must reserve in advance) [www.fws.gov/nwrs/threecolumn.aspx?id=2147494235](http://www.fws.gov/nwrs/threecolumn.aspx?id=2147494235)

April 4 – Mon – OG monthly meeting, Bayland Community Center, Speaker: Glenn Olsen, “American Woodpeckers”



April 5 – Tues – Early evening bird walk at Russ Pitman Park, Bellaire, 6:00-7:15 pm

April 6 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:30 am – 11:30 am

April 6 – Wed – Lunch with the birds, Russ Pitman Park, Bellaire, noon to 1:15 pm

April 8 – Fri – Kickoff Dinner for Migration Celebration, Freeport RiverPlace, in Freeport Municipal Park, speaker Kelly Drinnen, Education Specialist at Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary. [www.migrationcelebration.org](http://www.migrationcelebration.org)

April 9 – Sat - Armand Bayou Nature Center Bird Survey, 7am, led by *Andrew Hamlett* ([bachwblr@yahoo.com](mailto:bachwblr@yahoo.com))

April 8-10 – Nebraska Prairie Chicken Festival, Burwell NE, [www.nebraskaprairiechickens.com](http://www.nebraskaprairiechickens.com)

April 9-10 – Sat-Sun – Booming –N- Blooming; 22<sup>nd</sup> Attwater Prairie Chicken Festival, Attwater PC NWR.

Lek viewing tours start at 7 am; Van tours 10:30-12:00-1:30; Bird walks 8:45-10:30; Native plant walking tours 1:00-2:30 pm; [www.fws.gov/refuge/attwater\\_prairie\\_chicken/](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/attwater_prairie_chicken/)

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April 13-19 – Wed-Tues - Lesser *Prairie-Chicken Festival*, Woodward, OK, [www.lektreks.org](http://www.lektreks.org)

April 14-17 – Thurs-Sun - 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Galveston FeatherFest (new – moved to third weekend) [www.galvestonfeatherfest.com](http://www.galvestonfeatherfest.com)

[April 16-17 – BP MS150 bike ride, Houston to Austin]

April 16 – Sat - Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, public bird banding session, 8am – 12pm. [www.gcbo.org](http://www.gcbo.org)

April 16 – Sat – Davis Mountains Preserve Open Day (8am-4pm), Nature Conservancy, 25 mi west of Ft. Davis  
[www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/texas/events/davis-mountains-preserve-2016-open-days.xml](http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/texas/events/davis-mountains-preserve-2016-open-days.xml)

April 16-17 – Sat-Sun - 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Migration Celebration, San Bernard NWR, southern Brazoria County, [www.migrationcelebration.org](http://www.migrationcelebration.org)

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April 28 – Thurs – Guided bird walk at Bear Creek Pioneers Park. Meet at community center 8:30 am.

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May 2 – Mon – OG monthly meeting, Bayland Community Center, Speaker: \_\_\_\_\_

May 3 – Tues – LAST Early evening bird walk at Russ Pitman Park, Bellaire, 6:00-7:15 pm

May 4 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:30 am – 11:30 am

May 4 – Wed – Lunch with the birds, Russ Pitman Park, Bellaire, noon to 1:15 pm

May 6-15 – The Biggest Week in American Birding, Black Swamp Bird Observatory, Magee Marsh and Ottawa NWR in NW Ohio, [www.biggestweekinamericanbirding.com](http://www.biggestweekinamericanbirding.com)

May 7 – Sat – Attwater Prairie Chicken monthly refuge tour (free, but must reserve in advance) <http://www.fws.gov/nwrs/threecolumn.aspx?id=2147494235>

May 11 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:30 am – 11:30 am

May 11 – Wed – LAST Lunch with the birds, Russ Pitman Park, Bellaire, noon to 1:15 pm

May 14 – Sat - Armand Bayou Nature Center Bird Survey, 7am, led by *Andrew Hamlett* ([bachwblr@yahoo.com](mailto:bachwblr@yahoo.com))

May 18 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:30 am – 11:30 am

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May 21 – Sat – Davis Mountains Preserve Open Day (8am-4pm), Nature Conservancy, 25 mi west of Ft. Davis  
<http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/texas/events/davis-mountains-preserve-2016-open-days.xml>

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May 25 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:30 am – 11:30 am

May 26 – Thurs – Guided bird walk at Bear Creek Pioneers Park. Meet at community center 8:30 am.

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June 1 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:00 am – 10:00 am [note earlier time]

June 4 – Sat – Attwater Prairie Chicken monthly refuge tour (free, but must reserve in advance)  
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June 4 – Sat – Pelagic trip (first of 7), S. Padre Island, 12-hour (June 11 weather back-up)  
[texaspelagics.com](http://texaspelagics.com)

June 8 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:00 am – 10:00 am

June 11 – Sat - Armand Bayou Nature Center Bird Survey, 7am, led by *Andrew Hamlett* ([bachwblr@yahoo.com](mailto:bachwblr@yahoo.com))

June 15 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:00 am – 10:00 am

June 18 – Sat - Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, public bird banding session, 8am – 12pm.  
[www.gcbo.org](http://www.gcbo.org)

June 22 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:00 am – 10:00 am

June 29 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:00 am – 10:00 am

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July 2 – Sat – Attwater Prairie Chicken monthly refuge tour (free, but must reserve in advance)  
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July 6 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:00 am – 10:00 am

July 8-10 – Fri-Sun - - Sat – Davis Mountains Preserve Open Weekend (8am Fri-4pm Sun), Nature Conservancy, 25 mi west of Ft. Davis; 10 mi past McDonald Observatory.

<http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/texas/events/davis-mountains-preserve-2016-open-days.xml>

July 9 – Sat - Armand Bayou Nature Center Bird Survey, 7am, led by *Andrew Hamlett* (*bachwblr@yahoo.com*)

July 13 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:00 am – 10:00 am

July 16 – Sat - Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, public bird banding session, 8am – 12pm.  
[www.gcbo.org](http://www.gcbo.org)

July 20 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:00 am – 10:00 am

July 23 – Sat – Pelagic trip (#2 of 7), **Port Aransas**, 16-hour (longer trip) [texaspelagics.com](http://texaspelagics.com)

July 27 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:00 am – 10:00 am

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Aug 1 – Mon – OG monthly meeting

Aug 3 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:00 am – 10:00 am

Aug 6 – Sat – Attwater Prairie Chicken monthly refuge tour (free, but must reserve in advance)  
<http://www.fws.gov/nwrs/threecolumn.aspx?id=2147494235>

Aug 10 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:00 am – 10:00 am

Aug 12-14 – Fri-Sun – Davis Mountains Preserve Open Weekend (8am Fri-4pm Sun), Nature Conservancy, 25 mi west of Ft. Davis; 10 mi past McDonald Observatory.

<http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/texas/events/davis-mountains-preserve-2016-open-days.xml>

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Aug 20 – Sat - Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, public bird banding session, 8am – 12pm.  
[www.gcbo.org](http://www.gcbo.org)

Aug 24 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:00 am – 10:00 am

Aug 27 – Sat – Pelagic trip (#3 of 7), S. Padre Island, 16-hour (longer trip) [texaspelagics.com](http://texaspelagics.com)

Aug 31 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:00 am – 10:00 am

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Sept 3 – Sat – Attwater Prairie Chicken monthly refuge tour (free, but must reserve in advance)  
<http://www.fws.gov/nwrs/threecolumn.aspx?id=2147494235>

Sept 6 – Tues - OG Monthly Meeting, Bayland Community Center, Houston

Sept 7 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:30 am – 11:30 am

Sept 10 – Sat - Kleb Woods Hummingbird Festival, 9 am – 3 pm

Sept 10 – Sat - Armand Bayou Nature Center Bird Survey, 7am, led by *Andrew Hamlett*  
(*bachwblr@yahoo.com*)

Sept 14 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:30 am – 11:30 am

Sept 15 – Thurs – Baytown Nature Center Bird Survey, 8:00 am with David Hanson

Sept 17 – Sat – Pelagic trip (#4 of 7), S. Padre Island, 12-hour, [texaspelagics.com](http://texaspelagics.com)

Sept 17 – Sat - Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, public bird banding session, 8am – 12pm.  
[www.gcbo.org](http://www.gcbo.org)

Sept 21 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:30 am – 11:30 am

Sept 24 Sat – Pelagic trip (#5 of 7), S. Padre Island, 12-hour (**exclusive for Arroyo Colorado Audubon Society**)

Sept 28 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:30 am – 11:30 am

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Oct 1 – Sat – Attwater Prairie Chicken monthly refuge tour (free, but must reserve in advance)  
<http://www.fws.gov/nwrs/threecolumn.aspx?id=2147494235>

Oct 3 – Mon - OG Monthly Meeting, Bayland Community Center, Houston

Oct 5 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:30 am – 11:30 am

Oct 8 – Sat – Pelagic trip (#6 of 7), S. Padre Island, 12-hour, [texaspelagics.com](http://texaspelagics.com)

Oct 8 – Sat - Armand Bayou Nature Center Bird Survey, 7am, led by *Andrew Hamlett*  
(*bachwblr@yahoo.com*)

Oct 12 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:30 am – 11:30 am

Oct 15 – Sat - Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, public bird banding session, 8am – 12pm.  
www.gcbo.org

Oct 15 – Sat – Davis Mountains Preserve Open Day (8am-4pm), Nature Conservancy, 25 mi west of Ft. Davis  
<http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/texas/events/davis-mountains-preserve-2016-open-days.xml>

Oct 19 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:30 am – 11:30 am

Oct 20 – Thurs – Baytown Nature Center Bird Survey, 8:00 am with David Hanson

Oct 26 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:30 am – 11:30 am

Oct 31 – Sat – Pelagic trip (#7 of 7), S. Padre Island, 12-hour, [texaspelagics.com](http://texaspelagics.com)

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Nov 2 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:30 am – 11:30 am

Nov 5 – Sat – Attwater Prairie Chicken monthly refuge tour (free, but must reserve in advance)  
<http://www.fws.gov/nwrs/threecolumn.aspx?id=2147494235>

Nov 7 – Mon - OG Monthly Meeting, Bayland Community Center, Houston

Nov 9 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:30 am – 11:30 am

Nov 12 – Sat - Armand Bayou Nature Center Bird Survey, 7am, led by *Andrew Hamlett* ([bachwblr@yahoo.com](mailto:bachwblr@yahoo.com))

Nov 16 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:30 am – 11:30 am

Nov 17 – Thurs – Baytown Nature Center Bird Survey, 8:00 am with David Hanson

Nov 19 – Sat - Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, public bird banding session, 8am – 12pm.  
www.gcbo.org

Nov 23 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:30 am – 11:30 am

Nov 30 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:30 am – 11:30 am

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Dec 3 – Sat – Attwater Prairie Chicken monthly refuge tour (free, but must reserve in advance)  
<http://www.fws.gov/nwrs/threecolumn.aspx?id=2147494235>

Dec 5 – Mon - OG Monthly Meeting, Bayland Community Center, Houston

Dec 7 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:30 am – 11:30 am

Dec 9-11 – Fri-Sun - Davis Mountains Preserve Open Weekend (8am Fri-4pm Sun), Nature Conservancy, 25 mi west of Ft. Davis; 10 mi past McDonald Observatory.

<http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/texas/events/davis-mountains-preserve-2016-open-days.xml>

Dec 14 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:30 am – 11:30 am

Dec 17 – Sat - Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, public bird banding session, 8am – 12pm.  
[www.gcbo.org](http://www.gcbo.org)

Dec 21 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:30 am – 11:30 am

Dec 28 – Wed – Kleb Woods weekly bird walk, 8:30 am – 11:30 am

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