



**Monthly Meeting December 2, 2019**  
**Bayland Community Center**  
**6400 Bissonnet St, Houston, TX**

6:30 pm Holiday Social; please bring munchies

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

7:15 pm [Program](#): So You Want to Do a Big Day: Bird ID Skills, Logistics, and Stamina by Tony Frank

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**So You Want to Do a Big Day: Bird ID Skills, Logistics, and Stamina**

By Tony Frank



This talk will discuss how to plan for a big day, what you can expect and what to do to have a “good count.”

Tony started birding in 1985 in Texas. He was co-editor for the Clearing House from 1991 through 1996. Since 2002, he has participated every year in the Great Texas Birding Classic completing 8 weeklong events and 10 Big Day events in this time. He was elected a member of Texas Birds Record Committee (TBRC) in 2016 and elected Chairman of the TBRC in 2019. He has birded extensively in Texas and other states and started birding abroad in 2013 with trips to Trinidad & Tobago, Puerto Rico, and

Argentina and has since birded in 5 other South American countries and China. Tony has visited 31 countries and 4 continents. He is an avid lister, with close to 800 birds sighted in the ABA (American Birding Association) area and 590+ birds in Texas and a life list of over 2500 species.

Tony is a native Texan growing up in the Pasadena area before moving to Kentucky for 4 years and then returning to Texas. He has lived in the Clear Lake area for the last 33 years. He graduated from the University of Houston and has worked for Dow Chemical for over 34 years

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## **Letter from the Chair**

As the year draws to a close, I'd like to welcome our new members and thank everyone for their continued membership, support and participation in the Ornithology Group. This is a unique organization with a long history, and our monthly meetings and field trips continue the legacy of sharing good birding opportunities and improving our knowledge and understanding of birds in this region and further afield.

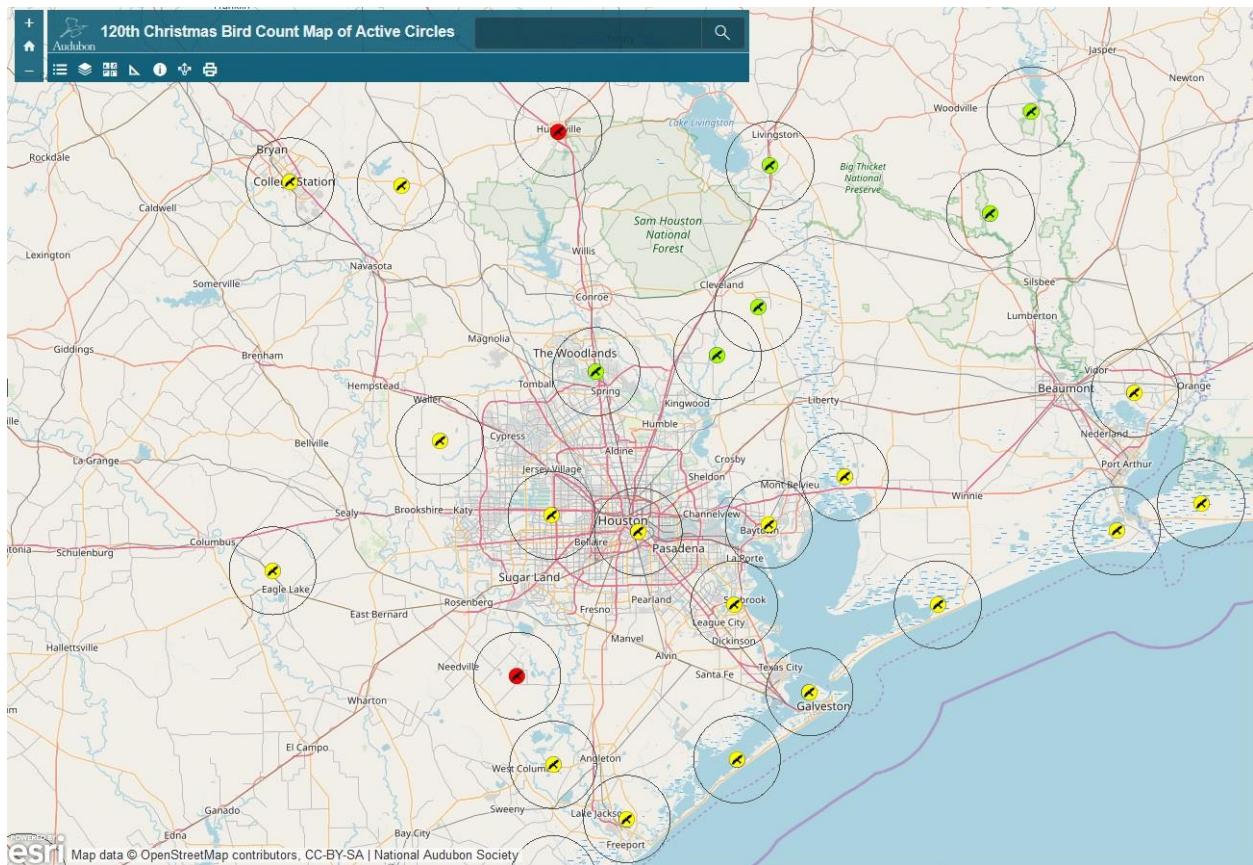
We were very sad to lose long-time member Gary Wayne Olson, who passed away suddenly at his home in Sealy on October 28. He will be missed. A celebration of his life was held at Houston Audubon's Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary on November 6.

And we were sorry to see Teresa Connell leave Houston mid-year, for new family opportunities on the west coast, but I know everyone appreciated the fine field trips she organized for us from Fall 2017 – Spring 2019. We always try to offer a variety of programs and field trip opportunities and welcome new ideas and volunteers to help make them happen. Please consider taking a role coordinating meeting programs or field trips, or helping with OG/ONC advertising or newsletter content.

Need to identify a feather? Check out this useful online tool from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that will help with flight feathers of North American birds: The Feather Atlas,

<https://www.fws.gov/lab/featheratlas/idfeather.php>

The 120<sup>th</sup> annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count season approaches! There are many opportunities to participate in CBC 120; see the map for the layout of count circles nearest Houston. If you happen to live within a count circle, you can watch feeders at home or report bird activity in your neighborhood. Or you can arrange to walk/drive a designated area for a full or partial day. If you want to expand your birding experience, just sign up to help with a CBC you have not tried before.



Full map of North, Central, and South American CBC circles:

<https://audubon.maps.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=ac275eeb01434cedb1c5dcd0fd3fc7b4>

Be sure to check out the list of upcoming birding events. Registration recently opened for the Texas Ornithological Society (TOS) Winter Meeting, in nearby Bryan-College Station (January 16-19).

Best wishes to you and yours through the holidays,

Nina Rach

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## Report from the Little Thicket Nature Sanctuary

By Nina Rach

**Texas Century Club effort on Wed, Oct 23** – Two Texas Ornithological Society Century Club birders Jean Martin (Austin) and Cinda Crosley (Pflugerville) were interested in birding San Jacinto County, so Mike Zuchowski and I met them at the gate. I led them on about 5 miles of trails at LTNS and we encountered SIX woodpecker species: Northern Flicker, Red-headed, Pileated, Downy, Red-bellied, and Hairy, as well as a mature Bald Eagle flying over Cullinan Meadow.



We noted that our northern fence line needs repairs in several places, particularly near the farm NW of Cullinan Meadow. We saw many Common Buckeyes (*Junonia coenia*) and a Texas Coral Snake (*Micrurus tener*)! We also saw a few mushrooms, but not as many as expected: Common Puffball (*Lycoperdon perlatum*), Pinewood Gingertail (*Xeromphalina campanella*), and a gilled mushroom that might be *Oudemansiella furfuracea*.

Back in the Cove, I hung two bird feeders recently donated by Marcy Spears.

[Jean, Cinda and I also visited Wolf Creek Park, north of Coldspring, with outstanding views of Lake Livingston and hundreds of gulls (predominantly Laughing, a few Ring-billed), Forster's and Caspian Terns, and a large flock of Avocets.]

**Monthly Open Day was on Saturday, Oct 23**, and the OG offered a birding field trip. It was a crisp, cool morning following a day of rain on Friday, about 50 deg at 8:30am. Pink-lilac colored Sand Palafox was blooming in the meadows, along with other bright wildflowers. The clouds cleared and the sun had warmed up the forest to 64 deg when I left about 3:15pm. There were 13 visitors, doing four separate walks. Chris Steinke, Bobby Hatfield and I walked trails in the western part of the sanctuary, clippers in hand to remove encroaching Cherry Laurel.

\*\*\*\* There are many opportunities to help with trail maintenance, so be sure to bring your favorite pruners, clippers, or handsaw on your next visit to LTNS. \*\*\*\*

We logged 17 species together: Black Vulture, Cooper's Hawk, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Pileated Woodpecker, Blue Jay, American Crow, Carolina Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Carolina Wren, Eastern Towhee, Pine Warbler, Northern Cardinal, and Indigo Bunting. I added Red-tailed Hawk and Eastern Bluebird later.



The mushrooms were very interesting; we saw Indian Pipe (*Monotropa uniflora*), small purple mushrooms with lavender gills that might be a *Laccaria* sp., salmon-colored *Lepiota* sp., Common Puffballs (*Lycoperdon perlatum*), and Pinewood Gingertail (*Xeromphalina campanella*).

Other visitors included Mark Day and his daughter Marlee; Sergio and Wanda Henao, introducing two Houston physicians, Bernard Gerber and Greg Bernica, to the property and discussing the concept of Forest Bathing (they found *Spiranthes cernua* blooming); Helen January, Charles Peterson, and Paul Roling. We noted the new solar panel installed on the roof by Calvin Blakley shortly after the September 28 Open Day.

Our next Open Day is planned for November 23, the fourth Saturday, which is the weekend before the Thanksgiving holiday. Join us there.

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## **OG's Trans-Pecos Field Trip, Aug-Sept 2019**

**By Nina Rach**

Nine of us made the trip to Jeff Davis and Brewster counties over an extended Labor Day weekend to see migrating western bird species, especially hummingbirds, in the Davis Mountains, at Christmas Mountains Oasis, and both riparian and higher altitude spots in the Chisos Mountains of Big Bend. We totaled about 140 species and it was a 1200-mile+ roundtrip.

We birded in five different types of habitat: desert scrub, desert grassland, riparian zones, Juniper-Pinyon oak woodlands, and deciduous canyon woodlands.

Attendees: Jerry Chen, Julie D'Ablaing, Susan Foster, Marilyn Holloway, Tira Overstreet, Nina Rach, Barbara Stern, Billi Wagner, and Janey Woodley.

We traveled in several vehicles and stayed for 5-7 days. Most of us drove out on Wednesday, August 28, stopped for dinner at Grape Juice in Kerrville, and spent the night in Ozona.

On Thursday, Aug 29, we drove to Fort Davis, met Bill Sain (Alpine), and went off to observe feeders (SO MANY feeders!) at two private homes. It was sunny and 80 deg when we got to **Lorrie and Bill Lowrie's home in Davis Mountains Resort** at 11am, and we spent about two hours watching Lucifer, Ruby-throated, Black-chinned, Broad-tailed, and Rufous Hummingbirds (Barbara also saw a Calliope). Other great local birds included Black-headed and Blue Grosbeaks, Painted Buntings, Canyon Towhees, Chipping Sparrows, Lesser Goldfinch, White-breasted Nuthatch, Bewick's Wren, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, and Woodhouse's Scrub-Jays, among others.

After a quick lunch at the Fort Davis Drugstore, we drove to **Limpia Crossing** to visit **D.D. Currie and Dell Little's yard**. Hummers there included Black-chinned, Broad-tailed, Rufous, Calliope, and a single Broad-billed; we also watched a family of Acorn Woodpeckers, and added Vermilion Flycatcher, Cassin's Kingbird, Western Kingbird, Bushtits, Lark Sparrows, Yellow-

breasted Chat, Summer Tanager, a Lazuli Bunting, and Dickcissel. We enjoyed the feeder activity for nearly two hours until a sudden rain squall chased us to our cars.

Traveled south to **Alpine**, where we saw Lesser Nighthawks and the group met for dinner at **Guzzi Up** (pizza & pasta), before heading 90 miles further south on 118, (saw a Greater Roadrunner) to the iconic **Terlingua Ranch Lodge**, our home for four nights (four-plex cabins and camping options).

Friday morning, we headed over to Carolyn Ohl's **Christmas Mountains Oasis**; Loggerhead Shrike and Black-throated Sparrow noted along the way. We spent about 5 hours at CMO, watching feeders and walking around the property. Had great views of Scaled Quail, Lucifer, Ruby-throated, Black-chinned, and Rufous Hummingbirds, American Kestrel, Black Phoebe, Bell's Vireos, Cactus Wrens, Curve-billed Thrasher, Cassin's Sparrow, Orchard & Scott's Orioles, Yellow-rumped, Wilson's, and Virginia's Warblers, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Western Wood-Pewee, Gray Vireo, and Pyrrhuloxia, among others (unfortunately, a few Brown-headed Cowbirds). My prize sighting was a tiny Elf Owl that was roosting in a desert willow near a drip. It was sunny and 95 deg when we left at 1:50pm. It has been a dry year and water levels were low, making CMO a particularly attractive place for wildlife.

We next visited **Elephant Mountain WMA** (23,147 acres on the east side of SH 118, 26 miles south of Alpine), known for its Desert Bighorn Sheep. Elephant Mt is 6225 ft elevation, and rises 2000 ft above the surrounding nearly land (at 4200-4800 ft). Near the gate/ sign-in kiosk, we met Dewey Stockbridge, the Texas Parks & Wildlife Biologist based in Alpine. We discovered that a Limited Public Use (LPU) Permit is required to access the extensive back-country road network (\$12 annually, separate news item).

Barbara's group investigated the camping/picnic area, and our car birded along 13 miles of dirt road; it was cloudy and 91 deg at 4:00pm. We added Golden Eagle, Cooper's Hawk, Say's Phoebe, Phainopepla, and caught fleeting glimpses of a small flock of warblers.

Back at **Terlingua Ranch** (16 miles off 118), we added Barn and Cliff Swallows, and had dinner at the **Bad Rabbit Café**.

Saturday morning we were all up early and saw a Great Horned Owl as we drove toward **Big Bend National Park** in the dark, in hopes of seeing nighthawks at the entrance station on 118. Unfortunately, the lights were not on at the station when we got there, so there were no clouds of insects, nor nighthawks hunting them. We drove up into the **Chisos Basin**, and spent an hour birding around the campground area. We saw Say's Phoebes, Acorn and Ladder-backed Woodpeckers, Mexican Jays, Bushtits, and White-throated Swifts. It was hazy with only a few clouds and 71 deg at 8am. Then three of us (Nina, Tira, Jerry) hiked the **Window Trail**, with many great birds along the way: Western Wood-Pewee, Cordilleran Flycatcher, Bell's & Cassin's Vireos, a Gray Hawk, Black-crested Titmouse, Blue-gray and Black-tailed Gnatcatchers, Rock, Canyon, and Cactus Wrens, Scott's Orioles, Hepatic, Summer, and Western Tanagers, many Black-headed Grosbeaks, and Indigo Buntings. Temp had reached 91 deg when we finished, and it was great to get back to assorted beverages and a late lunch at Chisos Mts

Lodge. We went on to Dugout Wells, and were surprised to see a Eurasian Collared-Dove among the expected birds.

Other folks visited the Chisos water treatment plant, **Sam Nail Ranch**, and **Rio Grande Village**. Back for Saturday night dinner at the Bad Rabbit Café and some chose to swim under the stars. During our very limited bouts of internet connectivity, we learned that a Long-tailed Jaeger had been spotted at **Lake Balmorhea**...

So on Sunday, two cars headed north to Balmorhea in Reeves County, while the rest of us continued to bird in Brewster County. Billi went kayaking on the Rio Grande through Big Bend Ranch State Park, finishing in Lajitas, so she observed birds in Presidio County, Texas, and Chihuahua, Mexico.

Four of us decided to hike into the high Chisos for **Colima Warbler** and Painted (and perhaps Slate-throated) Redstarts. We started the hike up the **Pinnacles Trail** in the dark at 7am (sunrise was at 7:31), and saw/heard 16 species over the 3.28 miles to the top of the escarpment. Townsend's Warbler was a surprise. We met **Alejandro Chavez** (Monterrey), a graduate student at **Sul Ross State University** in Alpine, who studies Marfa Grassland birds.

We then headed down the **Boot Canyon Trail** (another 2.32 miles), and saw 21 species, including Broad-tailed Hummingbird, Colima, Townsend's and Wilson's Warblers, American and Painted Redstarts, Spotted Towhee, Western Tanager, and Rufous-crowned Sparrows. Hiked back under a sunny, blue sky with a breeze. Had dinner in Terlingua at **La Kiva**, a semi-subterranean hideaway with dinosaur décor and rock walls.

On Monday morning, September 2, we left Terlingua Ranch and headed north back to Alpine and Fort Davis. We met Bill Sain again and drove to **Beth and Tim McBroom's house** at 6300 ft in **Davis Mountains Resort** (they purchased the property from Kelly Bryan). The deck and land near the house are festooned with 20 nectar feeders and suet, nyger seed and mixed seed feeders, and they did not disappoint. We saw Rivoli's, Lucifer, Ruby-throated, Black-chinned, Broad-tailed, and Rufous Hummingbirds. The trees are Ponderosa Pine with a few Pinyon Pine, Gray Oak, Emory Oak, Silver-leaved Oak, Madrone, and Alligator Juniper. We saw Arizona Sister and Two-tailed Swallowtail butterflies, among others. After more than 4 hours (20 species), we headed to **Stone Village Market** for lunch and supplies, before continuing on to **Lake Balmorhea**. Saw a Killdeer along the way. It was easy to find and watch the Long-tailed Jaeger, which was flying circles around the lake, under a blue sky with scattered clouds and no wind. We spent about 3 hours there, and observed 34 species, including Blue-winged and Cinnamon Teal, Northern Shoveler, Mallard and Ruddy Ducks, Western and Clark's Grebes, Black-necked Stilts, Amer. Avocets, Baird's, Western, and Spotted Sandpipers, Black and Forster's Terns, egrets and herons, White-faced Ibis, Osprey, Swainson's Hawk, and others. At sunset, we drove to Ozona.

On Tuesday, Sept. 3, we walked around the **Cedar Hill Cemetery in Ozona** (Crockett County) for 2.5 hours and observed 25 species amid the mature trees and diverse plantings and highly recommend it as a birding hotspot; it was cool, 64 deg, and breezy. We then drove to Sonora and



briefly investigated **Eaton Hill Nature Center & Preserve** (HOTW 103; Sutton County); it was sunny and warm, 86 deg (“real feel” 93 deg), and we saw 11 species in one mile. After lunch in Sonora, we drove toward San Antonio, and spent almost two hours walking at **Friedrich Wilderness Park** (HOTE 086), Bexar County, where it was sunny and 98 deg and we saw 10 species. Drove the rest of the way home, tabulating trip results.

Summary	Aug 29	Aug 30	Aug 31	Sept 1	Sept 2	Sept 3
No. of species	39	42	47	35	59	36
No. of individuals	280	156	231	135	542	175
No. of checklists	8	4	4	3	4	4

Our collective list (27+ eBird checklists); a few missing:

Blue-winged Teal (*Spatula discors*)  
 Cinnamon Teal (*Spatula cyanoptera*)  
 Northern Shoveler (*Spatula clypeata*)  
 Mallard (Domestic type) (*Anas platyrhynchos* (Domestic type))

Ruddy Duck (*Oxyura jamaicensis*)  
 Scaled Quail (*Callipepla squamata*)  
 Western Grebe (*Aechmophorus occidentalis*)  
 Clark's Grebe (*Aechmophorus clarkii*)

Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*)  
 Eurasian Collared-Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*)  
 Common Ground Dove (*Columbina passerina*)  
 White-winged Dove (*Zenaida asiatica*)

Mourning Dove (*Zenaida macroura*)  
 Greater Roadrunner (*Geococcyx californianus*)  
 Lesser Nighthawk (*Chordeiles acutipennis*)  
 Chimney Swift (*Chaetura pelagica*)

White-throated Swift (*Aeronautes saxatalis*)  
 Rivoli's Hummingbird (*Eugenes fulgens*)  
 Lucifer Hummingbird (*Calothorax lucifer*)  
 Ruby-throated Hummingbird (*Archilochus colubris*)

Black-chinned Hummingbird (*Archilochus alexandri*)  
 Broad-tailed Hummingbird (*Selasphorus platycercus*)  
 Rufous Hummingbird (*Selasphorus rufus*)  
 Calliope Hummingbird (*Selasphorus calliope*)

Broad-billed Hummingbird (*Cynanthus latirostris*)  
 Black-necked Stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus*)



American Avocet (*Recurvirostra americana*)  
Killdeer (*Charadrius vociferus*)

Baird's Sandpiper (*Calidris bairdii*)  
Western Sandpiper (*Calidris mauri*)  
Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularius*)  
Long-tailed Jaeger (*Stercorarius longicaudus*)

Ring-billed Gull (*Larus delawarensis*)  
Black Tern (*Chlidonias niger*)  
Forster's Tern (*Sterna forsteri*)  
Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*)

Great Egret (*Ardea alba*)  
White-faced Ibis (*Plegadis chihi*)  
Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*)  
Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*)

Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*)  
Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*)  
Cooper's Hawk (*Accipiter cooperii*)  
Common Black Hawk (*Buteogallus anthracinus*)

Gray Hawk (*Buteo plagiatus*)  
Swainson's Hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*)  
Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*)  
Great Horned Owl (*Bubo virginianus*)

Elf Owl (*Micrathene whitneyi*)  
Acorn Woodpecker (*Melanerpes formicivorus*)  
Golden-fronted Woodpecker (*Melanerpes aurifrons*)  
Ladder-backed Woodpecker (*Dryobates scalaris*)

Crested Caracara (*Caracara cheriway*)  
American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*)

Olive-sided Flycatcher (*Contopus cooperi*)  
Western Wood-Pewee (*Contopus sordidulus*)

Cordilleran Flycatcher (*Empidonax occidentalis*)  
Black Phoebe (*Sayornis nigricans*)  
Say's Phoebe (*Sayornis saya*)  
Vermilion Flycatcher (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*)

Cassin's Kingbird (*Tyrannus vociferans*)  
Western Kingbird (*Tyrannus verticalis*)  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus forficatus*)  
Black-capped Vireo (*Vireo atricapilla*)

White-eyed Vireo (*Vireo griseus*)  
Bell's Vireo (*Vireo bellii*)  
Yellow-throated Vireo (*Vireo flavifrons*)  
Cassin's Vireo (*Vireo cassinii*)

Loggerhead Shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus*)  
Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay (*Aphelocoma woodhouseii*)  
Mexican Jay (*Aphelocoma wollweberi*)  
Chihuahuan Raven (*Corvus cryptoleucus*)

Common Raven (*Corvus corax*)  
Carolina Chickadee (*Poecile carolinensis*)  
Black-crested Titmouse (*Baeolophus atricristatus*)  
Violet-green Swallow (*Tachycineta thalassina*)

Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*)  
Cliff Swallow (*Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*)  
Bushtit (*Psaltiriparus minimus*)  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet (*Regulus calendula*)

White-breasted Nuthatch (*Sitta carolinensis*)  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (*Poliophtila caerulea*)  
Black-tailed Gnatcatcher (*Poliophtila melanura*)  
Rock Wren (*Salpinctes obsoletus*)

Canyon Wren (*Catherpes mexicanus*)  
Bewick's Wren (*Thryomanes bewickii*)  
Cactus Wren (*Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus*)  
Curve-billed Thrasher (*Toxostoma curvirostre*)

Northern Mockingbird (*Mimus polyglottos*)  
Phainopepla (*Phainopepla nitens*)  
House Finch (*Haemorhous mexicanus*)  
Lesser Goldfinch (*Spinus psaltria*)

Cassin's Sparrow (*Peucaea cassinii*)  
Chipping Sparrow (*Spizella passerina*)  
Black-throated Sparrow (*Amphispiza bilineata*)  
Lark Sparrow (*Chondestes grammacus*)

Lark Bunting (*Calamospiza melanocorys*)  
Savannah Sparrow (*Passerculus sandwichensis*)  
Canyon Towhee (*Melospiza fusca*)  
Rufous-crowned Sparrow (*Aimophila ruficeps*)

Spotted Towhee (*Pipilo maculatus*)  
Yellow-breasted Chat (*Icteria virens*)  
Orchard Oriole (*Icterus spurius*)  
Hooded Oriole (*Icterus cucullatus*)

Bullock's Oriole (*Icterus bullockii*)  
Scott's Oriole (*Icterus parisorum*)  
Brown-headed Cowbird (*Molothrus ater*)  
Great-tailed Grackle (*Quiscalus mexicanus*)

Colima Warbler (*Leiothlypis crissalis*)  
MacGillivray's Warbler (*Geothlypis tolmiei*)  
Yellow Warbler (*Setophaga petechia*)  
American Redstart (*Setophaga ruticilla*)

Yellow-rumped Warbler (*Setophaga coronata*)  
Townsend's Warbler (*Setophaga townsendi*)  
Wilson's Warbler (*Cardellina pusilla*)  
Painted Redstart (*Myioborus pictus*)

Hepatic Tanager (*Piranga flava*) \  
Summer Tanager (*Piranga rubra*)  
Western Tanager (*Piranga ludoviciana*)  
Northern Cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*)

Pyrrhuloxia (*Cardinalis sinuatus*)  
Black-headed Grosbeak (*Pheucticus melanocephalus*)  
Blue Grosbeak (*Passerina caerulea*)  
Lazuli Bunting (*Passerina amoena*)

Indigo Bunting (*Passerina cyanea*)  
Varied Bunting (*Passerina versicolor*)  
Painted Bunting (*Passerina ciris*)  
Dickcissel (*Spiza americana*)

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## Limited Public Use Permits in Texas

**By Nina Rach**

Now is the time to purchase a Limited Public Use Permit for your next year of birding in Texas!

A **Limited Public Use Permit** is required to enter Wildlife Management Areas.

If a Game Warden finds you without one you will be told to leave. Why put a damper on a good day of birding? 100% of your license fees go to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

You can purchase one where hunting licenses are sold, including Walmart, Academy, Cabella's, etc.

**Be sure to tell them you want Item #175** (they might not be familiar with them).

A Limited public use permit is \$12; or you may buy a Senior Resident Hunting license for \$7.00

The **Texas license cycle** runs from **Sept 1 through Aug 31** of the next year.

To order online from Texas License Connection, go to:  
<http://tpwd.texas.gov/regulations/outdoor-annual/licenses/>

Bear in mind that they will add a \$5.00 admin fee.

You can contact TPWD at 1-800-792-1112, #4820#.

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## **Upcoming Events**

**by Nina Rach**

Dec 14-Jan 5 Texas Christmas Bird Counts, <https://houstonaudubon.org/birding/christmas-bird-counts/cbc.html>

Jan 6 (Mon) - OG Meeting at Bayland CC

Jan 16-19 - TOS Winter Meeting in Bryan-College Station, <http://www.texasbirds.org>

Feb 1 (Sat) - OG Field Trip led by Mark Scheuerman

Feb 3 (Mon) - OG Meeting at Bayland CC; Speaker: Glen Lindeman, "Birding Oregon"

Feb 6-9 - Laredo Birding Fest

Feb 14 (Fri) - ONC Board Meeting at Mercer Arboretum

March 2 (Mon) - OG Meeting at Nature Discovery Center, Bellaire; Speaker Robbin Mallett

March 7 (Sat) - OG Field Trip led by Robin Mallett to Cullinan Park

April 6 (Mon) - OG meeting at Bayland CC

April 15-18 - Birding the Border Festival, Del Rio (Val Verde County), <https://wildlife.tamu.edu/birding/birding-the-border/>

April 16-19 - Galveston FeatherFest, [www.GalvestonFeatherFest.com](http://www.GalvestonFeatherFest.com)

May 4 (Mon) - OG Meeting at Bayland CC

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