

# The Spoonbill

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## August Meeting

**Monday, August 2, 2004 7:00 p.m.**  
**Bayland Community Center**  
**6400 Bissonnet**

### Program:

*"Research at Smith Point" by Sumita Prasad*

Smith Point is known to OG members and other birders in the Houston area as a great place to watch raptors and other migrants in the fall. This locality, on the eastern shore of Galveston Bay in Chambers County, will be the destination of an OG field trip in September.

Official counts are recorded from August 15 to November 15. Mississippi kites typically show up in August; Broad-winged hawks, the most numerous migrants, pass over the tower by the hundreds or thousands in late September; and falcons, accipiters, ospreys and eagles, though less abundant, are seen regularly through much of the season. The hawk watch relies upon the efforts of volunteers in addition to the full-time counters. Visitors can practice their identification skills, or just enjoy the spectacle.

Sumita Prasad is Avian Monitoring Program Coordinator for the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory in Lake Jackson. She coordinates all of GCBO's research projects and efforts, including Smith Point Hawk Watch, Project Prairie Birds, Migration Monitoring, and the Columbia Bottomlands Forest Bird Study Group.

### Vote on Library:

A special agenda item on the regular business meeting (preceding the program) will be a vote by members on the management of the OG-ONC library. See details on page 2.

## Other Events:

**Saturday, August 21**  
**Field Trip** to Bolivar Flats

**Wednesday, September 8**  
**Joint Meeting** with Houston Audubon  
Speakers: John & Gloria Tveten

**Saturday, September 18**  
**Field Trip** to Smith Point Hawk Watch

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## Chairman's Message

Welcome to a new OG year! We are sharing two meetings with Houston Audubon this year to bring in well-known birding experts as speakers. Both September and March are months with the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday and 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday falling in the same week and thus were chosen as good times to share speakers. September 8<sup>th</sup> we are hosting the Tvetens, and March 9, 2005 Kevin Karlson is coming to Houston for the joint meeting and a field trip.

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Both meetings will be at the Houston Zoo on regular HAS meeting dates. Be sure to mark your calendars for these meetings.

Other speakers include Gary Clark (February 2005), Dr. Jane Packard of A&M (April, 2005), and our own Sumita Prasad (Hawks in August, and Hummingbirds in January). These, together with other great speakers Michael Williams is lining up, will make this a great year for speakers' topics. Sumita Prasad will start off the year talking about hawks of the Smith Point Hawk Watch to get us ready for hawk migration.

Bill Saulmon has put together a wonderful group of field trips to several new places and, of course, to many of our great seasonal locations. We'll be exploring the Chappell Hill area, Kingwood East End Park, and checking out King Ranch on one of the quarterly trips.

Thank you both for your hard work to get us ready for the 2004-2005 year. Even though it's still hot summertime in Houston, it's time to polish the lenses on your binoculars and scopes, ice up the cooler with drinks and snacks, load up the car, and go birding! See you August 2<sup>nd</sup>!

--Kathy Farr

## About the Ornithology Group

The Ornithology Group (OG) is a division of the Outdoor Nature Club (ONC), a non-profit organization dedicated to greater knowledge about the environment and wildlife of the Upper Texas Coast. The OG is a club of individuals interested in all aspects of birding, including bird identification, listing bird sightings, competing in birding events, and preserving bird habitat. Some members study bird behavior, biology, distribution and migration, while others just enjoy watching birds. The organization is designed to accommodate these diverse birding interests. Monthly meetings and field trips provide an opportunity to interact with and learn from experts in local and international birding.

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ONC website: <http://www.outdoornatureclub.org/>

## Library Committee Recommendation

The Ornithology Group Library has grown over the last fifty years to a collection of approximately 260 books, 20 video tapes and 10 audio tapes. The collection fills 10 boxes that have to be shifted around from one member to another as the librarian changes, always having to be stored somewhere between meetings. Currently the librarian brings about 2 or 3 boxes of the most recent books and tapes to each meeting for members to peruse and check out when desired.

A committee was formed at the December 2003 OG meeting to find a permanent place to house the portion of the library that is rarely used. This committee is composed of Andy Scott, Skip Almoney and Margret Simmons. Several options were investigated, including Bayland Community Center and Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary, but they didn't have room to

accept more books. The Houston Arboretum was also considered, but would not necessarily take all of the books and would require that OG give up ownership of the books.

The committee met on June 28, 2004 with Gloria Dow (President of the Texas Master Naturalist Gulf Coast Chapter) and another member of the TMN group. This group is enthusiastic about starting a library to be housed at Bear Creek Park in the TMN chapter office that could be used by TMN members, birders, scout groups, etc. They hope to add more books from other groups also looking for homes for their books, possibly the Native Plant Society or other nature-related groups. They have shelf space to store the books in an orderly manner, a table for research work and possibly use of a computer. They have personnel who will allow the books to be checked out and will take over

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the check-out procedures. An important aspect is that the OG will maintain ownership of the books.

The OG website will continue to list all of the books and tapes in the library, showing which are in the group brought to the meetings (and thus in the possession of the librarian) and

which are housed at the Texas Master Naturalist chapter office.

The committee believes that housing the excess OG books and tapes at the TMN Bear Creek office is a good workable solution to our storage problem. We recommend to the OG membership that we accept their proposal and move our books there. *–Margret Simmons*

## OG FIELD TRIPS

For more information on any of the field trips below, contact field trip coordinator Bill Saulmon at 281-537-6924 or at [dean1960@aol.com](mailto:dean1960@aol.com).

### **Saturday, August 21, 2004 -- Field Trip to Bolivar Flats**

Enjoy shorebird migration at the expanded Bolivar Flats Sanctuary. Our trip leader will be Winnie Burkett, who is the Sanctuaries Manager for Houston Audubon Society. Winnie can update us on the new Horseshoe Marsh acquisition and future plans for the Bolivar area. We'll start early to avoid some of the heat. Meet at the parking lot on the Bolivar landing side of the Bolivar ferry at 7:30 AM. Remember to allow a little extra time for the ferry ride from Galveston to Bolivar. Bring water, sun lotion, bug spray, hat, and your binoculars/scopes. We'll end around lunch time.

### **Saturday, September 18, 2004 -- Field Trip to the Smith Point Hawk Watch**

Join us for a true spectacle of nature as thousands of migrating raptors stream over the Smith Point Hawk Watch platform. Water birds including Magnificent Frigatebirds can also be seen from the platform. We'll also bird the nearby oak mottes for passerine migrants and visit Robbins Park for shorebirds. Meet hawk watch counter Bill Saulmon at 8:30 at the Smith Point Hawk Watch platform. To get there from Houston, travel east on I-10 to exit 813. Turn south on Highway 61 for a few miles to the 4-way stop. Proceed straight ahead through the stop where the road becomes FM 562. Follow FM 562 to a fork (Y) in the road and stay on FM 562, which veers to the right at the Y. After approximately 14 miles you will arrive in the small village of Smith Point. Continue straight ahead towards the bay, and just before the road dead-ends into the bay take the gravel road on the left (look for the Hawk Watch sign). Bring water, sun lotion, bug spray, hat, and your binoculars/scopes. You can bring a lunch if you want to continue birding in the afternoon.

## **Other Announcements--**

### **Saturdays, August 7 & September 4 – Breakfast with the Birds, 7:45 a.m.**

Jesse H. Jones Park and Nature Center, 20637 Kenswick Drive; ph. 281-446-8588

Informal, fun and educational outings exploring the park observing the many species of birds that live in or visit the park. Come join the fun. Great for birders at any experience level. Ages 12 and up. Free, but reservations required.

## **August 21-22 – Lubbock's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Prairie Festival**

Municipal Garden & Arts Center, 4215 South University, Lubbock, Texas -- phone 806-767-3724  
Llano Estacado Audubon Society [www.leas.bizland.com/prairiefest.htm](http://www.leas.bizland.com/prairiefest.htm)

On Saturday, August 21, the festival will preview indoor booths featuring merchandise and information, food, drinks and music, as well as speakers and displays on prairie science, ecology and restoration. The second day, Sunday, August 22, will feature field trips to several sites around Lubbock to view the prairie and its inhabitants, such as Black-tailed Prairie Dogs, Burrowing Owls and Ferruginous Hawks.

## **Sunday, August 22 – Brazoria NWR (Houston Sierra Club trip), 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

Contact: Frank Blake at (713) 528-2896 or email [frankblake@juno.com](mailto:frankblake@juno.com)

Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge, just south of Freeport, is an area of coastal marsh and grassland that provides important habitat for a variety of shorebirds and other species. In summer, birds that nest on the refuge include: ten species of herons and egrets, white ibis, roseate spoonbill, mottled duck, white tailed kite, clapper rail, horned lark, black skimmer, and scissor-tailed flycatcher. Summering wood storks may also be seen. The refuge offers several hiking trails, and a variety of wildlife viewing opportunities. After visiting Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge, a stop will be made at Sea Center Texas, a state-of-the-art marine fish hatchery and aquarium located in Lake Jackson. The focus of the Sea Center is the marine life of Texas's bays and Gulf waters. Coastal marshes, bays, estuaries, and the Gulf of Mexico are depicted in a unique series of habitats and aquaria.

## **Saturday, September 11 -- Xtreme Hummingbird Xtravaganza**

Gulf Coast Bird Observatory – 103 W. Highway 332, Lake Jackson, Texas; 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

See hundreds of migrating Ruby-throated Hummingbirds stock up on flower nectar or at feeders as they prepare for their southbound journey to the tropics. We will have speakers on hummingbird biology and gardening. On-going hummingbird banding demonstrations will provide viewers with a close-up view of these tiny jewels, and Houston Audubon Society will be on-hand with live birds of prey. The GCBO Nature Store will offer books, feeders, hummingbird plants, and other hummingbird- and migration-related items. Food and drinks will be available. A conservation donation of \$2/adult requested.

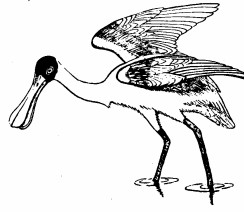
Directions: From Houston, take 288 south to Lake Jackson. As soon as you arrive in Lake Jackson, take a right onto 2004 west. Continue on 2004 west to the 2nd traffic light, which will be HWY 332 and turn west (right). On 332, you will immediately see the Girl Scout camp on the left, then just before you get to the bridge over Buffalo Camp Bayou take a left onto a semi-paved road. Look for the large white sign with "Gulf Coast Bird Observatory" in blue letters. Overflow parking with free shuttle service will be provided if necessary.

## **September 25-26: -- Magnificent Migrations: Workshops at the Smith Point Hawk Watch**

Join official hawk counters and other experts at the Smith Point Hawk Watch Tower, located at Candy Abshier Wildlife Management Area, for a full day of presentations and exhibits on raptor migration. We will have live birds of prey, raptor-banding demonstrations, skin specimens, raptor ID talks, bird walks, nature store sales and much more! Bill Clark, the guru of the raptor world, will be on hand to answer questions, sign books, and give you pointers on the fine art of raptor ID. This celebration will fall on what, traditionally, is the best weekend of hawk migration at Smith Point! You may see a kettle of 5,000 hawks soaring above! Workshops will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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## From The Spoonbill's Past Compiled by Skip Almoney



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### *Fifty Years Ago:*

The August 1954 issue of National Geographic Magazine contains an article by Roger Tory Peterson entitled "A New Bird Immigrant Arrives." The article contains 9 illustrations of the Cattle Egret of the Old-World which suddenly appeared in several states. Mr. Peterson made this significant statement: "I believe it will do extremely well when it reaches the coastal prairies of Texas. The veldlike, semiarid terrain, oak clumps, thicket-lined rivers, and hybrid Brahman livestock are made to order for the Cattle Egret's needs.

### *Forty Years Ago:*

--Notes from Clearing House reports--

A pair of Cardinals built at least three, and possibly five, nests at our house. The first two were found after the fourth was abandoned. Three fledglings in the third nest were still being fed while the fourth nest was being built. Three eggs were laid in the fourth nest, the first egg on June 17. One failed to hatch but two birds matured. The male helped build the fifth nest: The two fledglings in the fourth nest appeared hungry and neglected. The first egg was laid in the fifth nest on July 18. All hatched and are doing well. The first nest was located in a crepe myrtle 5' 8" from the north bedroom window, the second in a boxwood shrub 2' 2" from the bathroom window, the third in a honeysuckle 11' 7" from the front porch, the fourth in a huckleberry tree 3' 1" from the living room window and the fifth in a black haw 9' 1" from the south bedroom window. I am hoping they will build another nest.

- Arlie K. McKay

## April 2004 Clearing House

By David Sarkozi -- [david@sarkozi.net](mailto:david@sarkozi.net) -- phone 713-412-4409

April is always a big month and this month 176 species and 11,611 individuals were reported. Observers this month: Al and Kathie Shultz, Pat Chukurov, Art MacKinnon, Bob and Maggie Honig, Bob and Lynn Forster, Derek Muschalek, Eric Carpenter, Jan and Mike Austin, Kathy Reiser, Linda Scott, Steve Gross, and Sue Levy.

Birds in **Bold** are Very Rare for that week of the year, birds in **bold and underlined** are new to the checklist for that week of the year. Species which are uncommon to abundant for the whole month are summarized.

Common Loon birds=19 reports=2  
Pied-billed Grebe birds=3 reports=2  
American White Pelican birds=68 reports=7  
Brown Pelican birds=260 reports=9  
Double-crested Cormorant birds=14 reports=3  
Neotropic Cormorant birds=91 reports=12  
**Magnificent Frigatebird 4/7 Galveston(Rt, 87m c, 5mi.  
west of High Island) 1 Sue Levy**  
American Bittern birds=5 reports=4  
Least Bittern 4/21 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 4 Art MacKinnon

Great Blue Heron birds=17 reports=13  
**Great White Heron 4/29 Galveston(levee to the east of  
Texas Cit) 1 Kathy Reiser**  
Great Egret birds=92 reports=12  
Snowy Egret birds=228 reports=13  
Little Blue Heron birds=69 reports=15  
Tricolored Heron birds=69 reports=12  
Reddish Egret birds=1 reports=1  
Green Heron birds=39 reports=11  
Black-crowned Night-Heron birds=9 reports=5

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron birds=25 reports=7  
 White Ibis birds=119 reports=11  
 White-faced Ibis birds=226 reports=8  
 Plegadis Ibis sp. birds=450 reports=3  
 Roseate Spoonbill birds=135 reports=7  
 Black Vulture birds=9 reports=5  
 Turkey Vulture birds=32 reports=11  
 Black-bellied Whistling-Duck birds=91 reports=9  
 Fulvous Whistling-Duck birds=22 reports=2  
 Greater White-fronted Goose birds=2 reports=1  
 Snow Goose 4/18 Chambers(over my yard,Anahuac) 20 Linda Scott  
 Mottled Duck birds=22 reports=6  
 Blue-winged Teal birds=481 reports=9  
 Northern Shoveler birds=46 reports=4  
 Red-breasted Merganser birds=1 reports=1  
 Osprey birds=3 reports=3  
**Swallow-tailed Kite 4/10 Harris(Barker Reservoir) 1 A.Shultz,K.Shultz,P.Chukurov, 4/12 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP(willows)) 2 Art MacKinnon, 4/23 Chambers(over my house Anahuac) 1 Linda Scott**  
 White-tailed Kite birds=10 reports=5  
 Mississippi Kite 4/29 Brazoria(Pearland) 1 Mike Austin  
 Northern Harrier birds=3 reports=2  
 Cooper's Hawk birds=1 reports=1  
**Harris's Hawk 4/4 Chambers(Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge) 1 Bob and Lynn Forster\***  
 Red-shouldered Hawk birds=3 reports=2  
 Broad-winged Hawk birds=6 reports=3  
 Red-tailed Hawk birds=4 reports=2  
 Crested Caracara birds=3 reports=3  
 Merlin 4/12 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art MacKinnon  
 Peregrine Falcon 4/23 Chambers(Anahuac, H.I., ROP) 1 Kathy Reiser  
 Northern Bobwhite birds=10 reports=2  
 Clapper Rail birds=6 reports=4  
 Virginia Rail birds=1 reports=1  
 Sora birds=15 reports=6  
 Purple Gallinule 4/10 Fort Bend(Brazos Bend SP) 4 Kathy Reiser, 4/21 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 1 Art MacKinnon, 4/23 Chambers(Anahuac, H.I., ROP) 4 Kathy Reiser  
 Common Moorhen birds=57 reports=3  
 American Coot birds=45 reports=5  
 Black-bellied Plover birds=103 reports=10  
 American Golden-Plover birds=2 reports=1  
 Snowy Plover 4/3 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 32, 4/7 60, 4/21 2 Art MacKinnon  
 Wilson's Plover birds=3 reports=2  
 Semipalmated Plover birds=53 reports=4  
 Piping Plover birds=40 reports=1  
 Killdeer birds=35 reports=9  
 Black-necked Stilt birds=54 reports=5  
 American Avocet birds=340 reports=2  
 Greater Yellowlegs birds=13 reports=6  
 Lesser Yellowlegs birds=45 reports=5  
 Solitary Sandpiper birds=2 reports=1  
 Willet birds=124 reports=7  
 Spotted Sandpiper birds=3 reports=3  
 Whimbrel birds=5 reports=3  
 Long-billed Curlew birds=3 reports=1  
 Hudsonian Godwit 4/28 Brazoria(Brazoria N.W.R.) 1 Jan & Mike Austin, 4/29 Waller() 9 Mike Austin  
 Marbled Godwit birds=6 reports=1  
 Ruddy Turnstone birds=60 reports=4  
 Red Knot birds=1 reports=1  
 Sanderling birds=342 reports=7  
 Semipalmated Sandpiper birds=40 reports=1  
 Least Sandpiper birds=490 reports=5  
 White-rumped Sandpiper 4/28 Brazoria(Brazoria N.W.R.) 20 Jan & Mike Austin, 4/29 Waller() 1 Mike Austin  
 Pectoral Sandpiper birds=51 reports=2  
 Dunlin birds=275 reports=9  
 Stilt Sandpiper birds=20 reports=2  
 Buff-breasted Sandpiper birds=135 reports=3

Short-billed Dowitcher birds=50 reports=1  
 Long-billed Dowitcher birds=87 reports=4  
 Wilson's Snipe birds=1 reports=1  
 Wilson's Phalarope 4/23 Chambers(Anahuac, H.I., ROP) 1 Kathy Reiser, 4/28 Brazoria(Brazoria N.W.R.) 80 Jan & Mike Austin  
 Laughing Gull birds=756 reports=12  
 Franklin's Gull 4/15 Jefferson(TYRRELL PARK) 1 Art MacKinnon  
 Bonaparte's Gull birds=50 reports=6  
 Ring-billed Gull birds=71 reports=12  
 Herring Gull birds=65 reports=8  
**Lesser Black-backed Gull 4/21 Jefferson(McFaddin NWR) 1 Art MacKinnon**  
 Gull-billed Tern birds=5 reports=4  
 Caspian Tern birds=93 reports=9  
 Royal Tern birds=795 reports=8  
 Sandwich Tern birds=141 reports=7  
 Common Tern birds=26 reports=5  
 Forster's Tern birds=547 reports=11  
 Least Tern birds=323 reports=8  
 Black Tern 4/28 Brazoria(Brazoria N.W.R.) 1 Jan & Mike Austin  
 Black Skimmer birds=53 reports=3  
 Rock Dove birds=87 reports=7  
 Ringed Turtle-Dove birds=1 reports=1  
 Eurasian Collared-Dove birds=8 reports=3  
 White-winged Dove birds=126 reports=12  
 Mourning Dove birds=138 reports=22  
 Inca Dove birds=9 reports=3  
 Monk Parakeet 4/18 Harris(Houston near Bissonnet & Edloe) 1 Bob & Maggie Honig  
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo birds=15 reports=11  
 Eastern Screech-Owl birds=2 reports=2  
 Barred Owl birds=2 reports=1  
 Common Nighthawk 4/12 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP(willows)) 1 Art MacKinnon, 4/28 Brazoria(Brazoria N.W.R.) 3 Jan & Mike Austin, 4/29 Waller() 2 Mike Austin  
 Chuck-will's-widow birds=1 reports=1  
 Chimney Swift birds=27 reports=5  
 Ruby-throated Hummingbird birds=55 reports=14  
 Belted Kingfisher birds=7 reports=6  
 Red-headed Woodpecker birds=3 reports=1  
 Red-bellied Woodpecker birds=14 reports=7  
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker birds=5 reports=4  
 Downy Woodpecker birds=21 reports=9  
 Pileated Woodpecker birds=3 reports=2  
 Olive-sided Flycatcher 4/29 Waller() 1 Mike Austin  
 Eastern Wood-Pewee birds=17 reports=14  
 Acadian Flycatcher birds=7 reports=6  
**Willow Flycatcher 4/17 Harris(inside W Loop 610 to HermannPk) 1 Bob & Maggie Honig**  
 Least Flycatcher 4/26 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art MacKinnon, 4/28 Brazoria(Quintana) 1 Jan & Mike Austin  
 Empidonax species birds=2 reports=2  
 Vermilion Flycatcher 4/9 Brazoria(Xeriscape Park, Quintana) 1 Steve Gross  
 Great Crested Flycatcher birds=8 reports=4  
**Great Kiskadee 4/16 Harris(Katy Prairie) 2 Steve Gross**  
 Western Kingbird 4/17 Harris(inside W Loop 610 to HermannPk) 1 Bob & Maggie Honig, 4/23 Harris(Mason Creek, Barker Reservoir) 1 Al&Kathie Shultz, 4/26 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 1 Art MacKinnon  
 Eastern Kingbird birds=17 reports=6  
 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher birds=33 reports=7  
 Loggerhead Shrike birds=26 reports=11  
 White-eyed Vireo birds=68 reports=22  
 Blue-headed Vireo birds=10 reports=9  
 Yellow-throated Vireo birds=23 reports=11  
 Warbling Vireo 4/17 Harris(inside W Loop 610 to HermannPk) 1 Bob & Maggie Honig  
 Philadelphia Vireo 4/26 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art MacKinnon  
 Red-eyed Vireo birds=91 reports=17  
 Blue Jay birds=73 reports=12  
 American Crow birds=13 reports=4  
 Fish Crow birds=14 reports=6

Purple Martin birds=110 reports=17  
 Tree Swallow birds=558 reports=12  
 Northern Rough-winged Swallow birds=58 reports=9  
 Cliff Swallow 4/7 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 4, 4/15 2, 4/21 4,  
 4/26 14 Art MacKinnon  
 Cave Swallow birds=10 reports=5  
 Barn Swallow birds=147 reports=21  
 Carolina Chickadee birds=15 reports=4  
 Tufted Titmouse birds=8 reports=2  
 Carolina Wren birds=29 reports=9  
 House Wren 4/3 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1, 4/7 2, 4/12 1,  
 4/15 1, 4/21 1 Art MacKinnon  
 Marsh Wren birds=9 reports=3  
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet birds=6 reports=5  
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher birds=24 reports=10  
**Veery 4/12 Jefferson(the Willows at Sea Rim SP) 1 Eric  
 Carpenter,** 4/26 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art MacKinnon  
 Gray-cheeked Thrush 4/26 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 3 Art  
 MacKinnon, 4/28 Brazoria(Quintana) 1 Jan & Mike Austin  
**Swainson's Thrush 4/12 Brazoria(Quintana Neotropical  
 Bird Sanc) 1 Mike Austin, 4/12 Galveston(Dos Vacas  
 Muertas) 2 Mike Austin, 4/12 Jefferson(Sabine  
 Woods) 2 Art MacKinnon, 4/12 Jefferson(Sea Rim  
 SP(willows)) 2 Art MacKinnon, 4/12 Jefferson(Pilot  
 Road) 2 Art MacKinnon,** 4/15 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 6  
 Art MacKinnon, 4/15 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 1 Art  
 MacKinnon, 4/23 Harris(Mason Creek, Barker Reservoir) 1  
 Al&Kathie Shultz, 4/26 Harris(Russ Pitman Park) 2 Kathy  
 Reiser, 4/26 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 4 Art MacKinnon,  
 4/26 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 1 Art MacKinnon  
 Wood Thrush birds=17 reports=11  
 American Robin birds=10 reports=4  
 Gray Catbird birds=208 reports=20  
 Northern Mockingbird birds=240 reports=20  
 Brown Thrasher birds=17 reports=10  
 European Starling birds=40 reports=5  
 Cedar Waxwing birds=65 reports=3  
 Blue-winged Warbler birds=26 reports=15  
 Golden-winged Warbler 4/26 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art  
 MacKinnon  
 Tennessee Warbler birds=189 reports=14  
**Orange-crowned Warbler** 4/1 Chambers(my yard Anahuac) 1  
 Linda Scott, 4/3 Jefferson(Sabine woods) 2 Art MacKinnon,  
 4/3 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 2 Art MacKinnon, 4/7  
 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art MacKinnon, 4/7  
 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 1 Art MacKinnon, 4/12  
 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1, 4/15 1 Art MacKinnon, **4/26  
 Harris(Edith L. Moore Sanctuary) 1 Derek Muschalek**  
 Northern Parula birds=26 reports=14  
 Yellow Warbler 4/28 Brazoria(Quintana) 1 Jan & Mike Austin  
 Chestnut-sided Warbler 4/12 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art  
 MacKinnon, 4/26 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 16 Art  
 MacKinnon, 4/27 Harris(Russ Pitman park) 2 Kathy Reiser  
 Magnolia Warbler 4/26 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 22 Art  
 MacKinnon, 4/26 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 12 Art MacKinnon,  
 4/27 Harris(Russ Pitman park) 1 Kathy Reiser  
 Cape May Warbler 4/26 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 1 Art MacKinnon  
 Black-throated Blue Warbler 4/26 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art  
 MacKinnon  
 Yellow-rumped Warbler birds=33 reports=10  
 Black-throated Green Warbler birds=7 reports=5  
 Blackburnian Warbler birds=6 reports=4  
 Yellow-throated Warbler birds=15 reports=6  
 Pine Warbler birds=1 reports=1  
 Prairie Warbler 4/3 Jefferson(Sabine woods) 1 Art MacKinnon,  
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 Palm Warbler 4/3 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 1 Art MacKinnon, 4/7  
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 Road) 1 Art MacKinnon, 4/15 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 1,  
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 4/27 Jefferson(Sea Rim State Park) 2 Derek Muschalek  
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 Art MacKinnon,** 4/26 Harris(Russ Pitman Park) 1 Kathy  
 Reiser, 4/26 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art MacKinnon,  
 4/27 Harris(Russ Pitman park) 1 Kathy Reiser  
 Blackpoll Warbler 4/21 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 2 Art  
 MacKinnon, 4/26 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 4 Art MacKinnon,  
 4/26 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 16 Art MacKinnon  
 Cerulean Warbler 4/9 Brazoria(Quintana Neo. Sanctuary) 1  
 Steve Gross, 4/12 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 2 Art  
 MacKinnon, 4/12 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP(willows)) 1 Art  
 MacKinnon, 4/15 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art MacKinnon,  
 4/17 Harris(inside W Loop 610 to HermannPk) 1 Bob &  
 Maggie Honig, 4/26 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 4 Art  
 MacKinnon, 4/27 Jefferson(TOS Sabine Woods) 2 Derek  
 Muschalek  
 Black-and-White Warbler birds=47 reports=16  
 American Redstart birds=18 reports=7  
 Prothonotary Warbler birds=38 reports=12  
 Worm-eating Warbler birds=40 reports=11  
 Swainson's Warbler birds=5 reports=4  
 Ovenbird birds=14 reports=6  
 Northern Waterthrush birds=10 reports=7  
 Louisiana Waterthrush birds=8 reports=5  
 Kentucky Warbler birds=57 reports=10  
 Common Yellowthroat birds=60 reports=14  
 Hooded Warbler birds=123 reports=16  
 Wilson's Warbler birds=1 reports=1  
 Canada Warbler 4/26 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art MacKinnon,  
 4/27 Galveston(Yard-Friendswood) 1 Mike Austin  
 Yellow-breasted Chat birds=11 reports=3  
 Summer Tanager birds=40 reports=13  
 Scarlet Tanager birds=6 reports=6  
 Eastern Towhee 4/12 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art MacKinnon,  
 4/27 Jefferson(TOS Sabine Woods) 1 Derek Muschalek  
 Savannah Sparrow birds=12 reports=4  
 Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow birds=2 reports=1  
 Seaside Sparrow birds=1 reports=1  
 Lincoln's Sparrow birds=6 reports=5  
 Swamp Sparrow birds=32 reports=9  
 White-throated Sparrow birds=48 reports=7  
 Northern Cardinal birds=112 reports=18  
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak birds=21 reports=7  
 Blue Grosbeak birds=16 reports=8  
 Indigo Bunting birds=323 reports=16  
 Painted Bunting birds=14 reports=6  
 Dickcissel birds=190 reports=7  
 Bobolink 4/26 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 16 Art MacKinnon  
 Red-winged Blackbird birds=299 reports=16  
 Eastern Meadowlark birds=23 reports=7  
 Common Grackle birds=54 reports=7  
 Boat-tailed Grackle birds=145 reports=9  
 Great-tailed Grackle birds=175 reports=14  
 Brown-headed Cowbird birds=30 reports=8  
 Orchard Oriole birds=202 reports=18  
 Baltimore Oriole birds=13 reports=8  
 House Finch birds=10 reports=1  
 House Sparrow birds=43 reports=5

**\*NOTES:**

Bob and Lynn Forster, Harris Hawk, Parabuteo unicinctus.  
 [Anahuac NWR] On Sunday April 4, 2004 at 3:30PM At first  
 upon seeing the white rump, I thought it was a northern  
 Harrier but the shape was wrong. It flew differently. As it  
 came closer, and I saw the underwing pattern and long tail, I  
 thought Rough legged hawk. Then I saw the small white  
 band at the tip of the tail, and I thought, this is really  
 different. Then it banked and I saw the top of the bird. The  
 bright rufous patches on the top of the wing and the white  
 rump made it unequivocally a Harris Hawk.

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