

# The Spoonbill

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## OG Joint Meeting with Houston Audubon Society

**Wednesday, September 8**  
*Social at 7:00 PM, Program at 7:30 PM.*

**Brown Education Center, Houston Zoo**

**Program:** *“The Singular Beauty of Birds”*  
*by John and Gloria Tveten*

John and Gloria Tveten are returning with their usual spectacular bird photos and compelling stories. The Tveten’s weekly column, *Nature Trails*, appeared for more than 24 years in the Houston Chronicle, and their photographs and articles, in hundreds of books and magazines. They are also authors of several books, including *The Birds of Texas* and *Vanishing Wildlife of Texas and Coastal Texas*. Their latest book, *Our Life with Birds*, will be published by Texas A&M Press this fall. The Tvetens have received several statewide awards for conservation and education.

## Other Events:

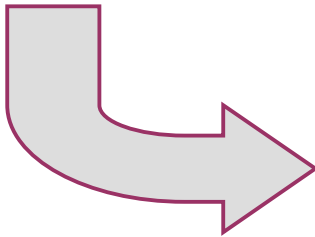
**Saturday, September 11**  
**Xtreme Hummingbird Xtravaganza**  
Gulf Coast Bird Observatory  
(see August 2004 *Spoonbill*)

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

**Sept. 25-26:**  
**Field Trip to W.G. Jones State Forest**

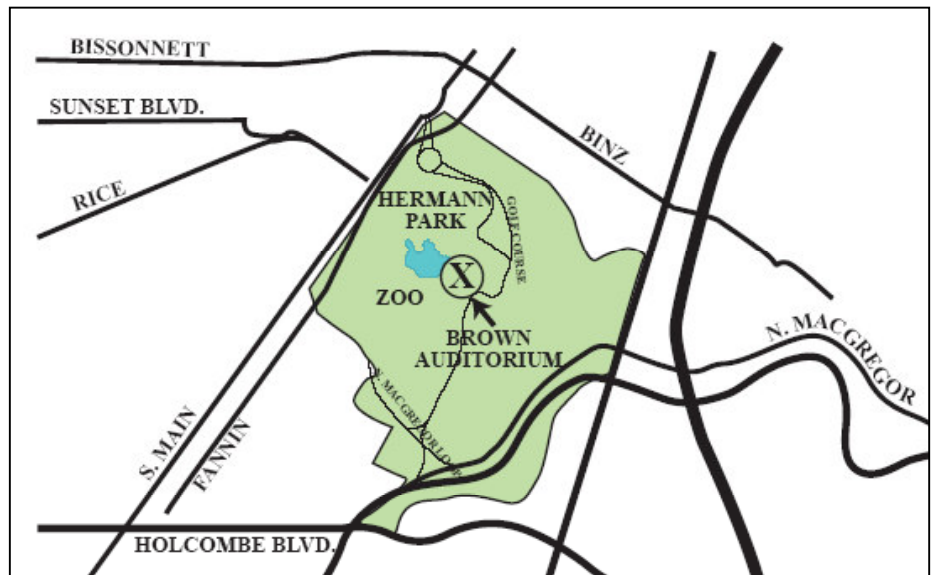
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**Brown Education Center  
Houston Zoo  
1513 N. MacGregor**

(Enter via Golf Course Dr.  
or Fannin St.)



## Minutes of the August 2, 2004 Meeting

Bayland Community Center

Attendance: 50

1. **Learning Corner:** At 6:30 p.m. David Poteet presented the recent split of Canada Goose and Cackling Goose. He also discussed the small sandpipers – Semipalmated, Western, Least.

2. **Business meeting** was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Kathy Farr.

3. **Bird sightings** included nesting Yellow-crowned Night Herons, the hybrid Gray-crowned Yellowthroat at Sabal Palms, Great White Heron and Greater Flamingo at the Texas City Dike, Red-headed Woodpeckers, Sprague's Pipit on Bolivar, and Aplomado Falcons near Brownsville.

4. New **e-mail** address for Kathy Farr:

[kafarr@hal-pc.org](mailto:kafarr@hal-pc.org)

5. **GCBO Xtreme Hummingbird Xtravaganza** is Sept. 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Lake Jackson. Skip Almoney asked for volunteers to staff the OG booth and to help at the food concession.

T-shirts will be provided for food concession volunteers. Skip also announced that Galveston has organized a non-profit organization to promote nature tourism on the island.

6. **Library** Committee Recommendation (see August *Spoonbill*) was unanimously accepted after presentation by Margret Simmons for the committee. The non-circulating collection will be placed at Bear Creek Park with the Master Naturalist Program.

7. **Membership** chair Pat Pease is requesting volunteers to help with monthly meeting registration.

8. **Library:** Andy Scott will have the recent contributions available at the next meeting.

9. **Spoonbill** editor Al Shultz is seeking contributions from all members, including short birding anecdotes. Deadline for next issue is August 10.

10. **Environmental Issues:** Mary Dodson has copies available of Jim Blackburn's letter relating to water issues.

11. **Field Trip** Coordinator Bill Saulmon announced great birds on the May and last quarterly field trips. Bachman's Sparrow and multiple Swallow-tailed Kites were seen on the Big Thicket trip and a Mourning Warbler was seen on the Sheldon Lake field trip. Winnie Burkett will lead the August 21 trip to Bolivar, meeting at 7:30am at Bolivar side of ferry. The September 18 trip will be to Smith Point Hawk Watch. The next quarterly weekend trip will be October 30 - 31 to Corpus Christi and the King Ranch.

12. **Michael Williams**, Vice-Chairman, was congratulated and thanked by Kathy Farr for the wonderful programs he has planned for the coming year. Next month the program will be a joint meeting with Houston Audubon Society at the zoo. March 2005 will also be a joint meeting with HAS with Kevin Karlson as the speaker and subsequent field trip leader.

13. **Program:** "Raptors at Smith Point" was presented by Sumita Prasad who facilitates research for the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory. The hawk watch tracks trends in abundance and distribution of migratory diurnal raptors. Non-migratory raptors are counted in their post-breeding dispersion. The Smith Point Hawk Watch is sponsored in part by GCBO, Hawk Watch International, and Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. Since 1991, twenty-four species have been documented with 55,015 being the average number of birds per season. Raptors seen include Northern Harrier, Osprey, kites, accipiters, buteos, eagles, Crested Caracara, and falcons. Neotropical migrants are seen in the nearby oak mottes and Magnificent Frigatebirds are seen overhead. September 25 & 26 workshops led by Bill Clark and others will be held at Smith Point.

14. **Meeting adjourned** at 8:20 p.m.

-- Bernice Hotman

## 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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## **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). You can also check out this season's field trip schedule on the OG website.

### **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 AM 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). Allow about 90 minutes to drive from Houston. 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.

### **Saturday, October 16, 2004: Field Trip to W.G. Jones State Forest –**

The Texas State Forest Service operates this 1700 acre demonstration forest just north of the Woodlands. The forest is known for its endangered Red-cockaded Woodpeckers (RCW), and Brown-headed Nuthatches. The forest checklist also includes 8 species of woodpeckers. Our guide will be District Forester John Warner who will meet us at the forest office at 8:00 AM and tell us about the history and status of Jones State Forest. Since the RCW is best seen at dawn coming out of its nest, those who are interested can meet Bill Saulmon at the forest office at 6:45 and we'll go to an active RCW nest site and then return to the office at 8:00. To get there travel north from Houston on I-45 to FM 1488, then go west on FM 1488 about a mile to the forest office on your right. You can bring a lunch if you want to continue birding in the area with Bill during the afternoon.

**Saturday & Sunday, October 30 & 31: Field Trip to Corpus Christi & King Ranch –** Drive on your own or carpool to Corpus Christi (the birdiest city in the U.S.) where we will spend Friday (10/29) and Saturday (10/30) nights at a local motel. We'll take a guided birding tour of the King Ranch on Saturday morning and bird some of the other area hot spots the remainder of Saturday & Sunday. We'll finish up on Sunday afternoon in time to let folks drive back to Houston before dark. Trip attendance will be limited due to King Ranch tour van restrictions. The King Ranch tour fee will be about \$25 and will require advance payment to hold reservations. Contact Bill Saulmon as soon as possible for more information and to sign up for the trip.

## **Chairman's Message**

It's time to bring up a topic that most groups prefer to avoid. . . money. OG needs more to continue our tradition of excellent programs. Last year we voted to pay a \$100 honorarium to increase our ability to attract high quality speakers.

This has been a great first step. However, we also need to upgrade our presentation abilities with a new PowerPoint-capable projector. Laptop computers and digital photography used in today's presentations require this new technology. If we want to continue to attract quality programs we need (...continued, p. 4)

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to spend between \$1000 and \$1500 to upgrade. This is a big chunk of change for us. How do we pay for it? It has been suggested that we use part of the \$3500 or so in our savings account, which may be a good idea.

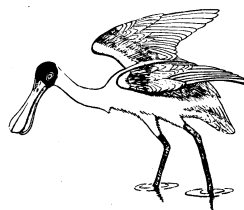
However, this won't help increase our annual income, which is necessary for paying monthly honorariums and, once or twice a year, paying expenses for "Big Birding Names," such as Kevin Karlson (our joint March program with HAS). His expenses will be about \$800. We are splitting this with Houston Audubon. Our part is \$400, of which we need an additional \$200. Where does this come from? We also have June Osborne of Wild Bird Magazine coming in January, 2005, with expenses of \$150, which is \$50 more than the honorarium.

There are many ways to raise money. All of them require our membership's commitment to achieve success. How committed are you? Will you volunteer time and money to participate in a membership drive? Would you join a team in a birding competition, getting pledges for your number of species? Are you willing to put up an additional \$50 a year for a speaker's fund? Maybe there are fresher ideas roaming about for raising the money we need. Whatever we choose, it needs to be something that can be an annual event. One idea that comes to mind is having a bird naming contest, with pledges attached. It could be silly names, mind-boggling names, or even "what they should be" names.

Whatever we decide to do, raising money and increasing membership are necessary for our continued good health as a group of folks who love birding. It's time to get involved with the green stuff so we can keep ourselves in the feathers. What are you willing to do to help?

-- Kathy Farr

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



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### *Thirty Years Ago:*

MERCER PARK ARBORETUM (1974)

This newest Harris County Park was opened just this spring:, having been acquired from Mr. & Mrs. Charles Mercer, who desired that their 14½ acre homesite be maintained as an arboretum and enjoyed by the public. It is open from 9 to 6 Monday through Friday, and 2 to 6 on Sunday. Volunteers are in attendance on Sundays to show people around and answer questions about the plants, shrubs, and flowers.

Also, people interested in various subjects have been called on to be there on Sundays to present a program, or give information, or just answer questions about their particular specialty. For instance, the OG was called on recently, and Harry and Avis, with Paul and Margaret Jones, took some printed material about the ONC and OG out there, and stayed to answer questions about birding from any interested visitor. They had already "cased the joint" the week before, and found 14 species of birds. Unfortunately, the rains came that day. The Entomology Group is to have some representatives there on August 25th.



# Clearing House

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

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.

**May 2004** -- Observers this month were: Al & Kathie Shultz, Art MacKinnon, Bob & Maggie Honig, David Sarkozi, Debbie and Scott MacSorley, Walter Pavlik, Kathy Reiser, Kreg Ellzey, Linda Scott, Mike Austin, Richard Rulander, Sue Levy:

Pied-billed Grebe birds=4 reports=2  
Brown Pelican birds=187 reports=3  
Neotropic Cormorant birds=164 reports=5  
Anhinga birds=1 reports=1  
Magnificent Frigatebird birds=1 reports=1  
Great Blue Heron birds=16 reports=8  
Great Egret birds=97 reports=11  
Snowy Egret birds=67 reports=9  
Little Blue Heron birds=42 reports=10  
Tricolored Heron birds=59 reports=4  
Reddish Egret birds=1 reports=1  
Cattle Egret birds=201 reports=9  
Green Heron birds=10 reports=4  
Black-crowned Night-Heron birds=7 reports=2  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron birds=25 reports=6  
White Ibis birds=369 reports=9  
White-faced Ibis birds=20 reports=2  
Roseate Spoonbill birds=94 reports=6  
Wood Stork 5/29 Harris(KPC Nelson Farm) 15 Al & Kathie Shultz, 5/31 Harris(Barker Res.@MasonCr.) 8 Al Shultz  
Black Vulture birds=11 reports=4  
Turkey Vulture birds=62 reports=9  
**Greater Flamingo 5/21 Galveston(Texas City Dike, .7mi. fr light at Bay S) 1 Sue Levy, 5/29 Galveston(Texas City Dike) 1 Kathy Reiser, 5/29 Galveston(Texas City Dike) 1 Kreg Ellzey, 5/30 Galveston(Texas City Dike) 1 David Sarkozi**  
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck birds=37 reports=6  
Fulvous Whistling-Duck birds=25 reports=3  
Mottled Duck birds=18 reports=3  
Blue-winged Teal birds=72 reports=5  
Northern Shoveler birds=1 reports=1  
Osprey 5/2 Harris(Barker Res. at Mason Cr.) 1 Al Shultz  
Swallow-tailed Kite 5/9 Harris(Clear Lake City) 1 Richard Rulander  
White-tailed Kite birds=4 reports=2  
Mississippi Kite 5/2 Chambers(my yard, Anahuac) 2 Linda Scott  
Sharp-shinned Hawk 5/2 Chambers(my yard, Anahuac) 1 Linda Scott, 5/19 Harris(Clear Lake City) 25 Richard Rulander  
Red-shouldered Hawk birds=2 reports=2  
Swainson's Hawk birds=3 reports=3  
Red-tailed Hawk 5/8 Fort Bend(Brazos Bend SP) 1 Kathy Reiser, 5/30 Fort Bend(Brazos Bend SP) 1 Kathy Reiser, 5/1 Harris(Barker Reservoir at Mason Cr.) 3 Al Shultz, 5/29 Harris(KPC Nelson Farm) 2 Al & Kathie Shultz, 5/31 Harris(Barker Res.@MasonCr.) 1 Al Shultz, 5/15 Waller(Hebert Property) 1 Bob Honig  
Buteo sp. birds=1 reports=1  
Crested Caracara birds=11 reports=3  
**Peregrine Falcon 5/15 Waller (KPC HQ (Hebert & Penick)) 1 Bob Honig**  
Northern Bobwhite birds=15 reports=5  
Clapper Rail birds=1 reports=1  
Purple Gallinule birds=25 reports=3  
Common Moorhen birds=21 reports=3  
American Coot birds=2 reports=2  
Black-bellied Plover birds=53 reports=3  
American Golden-Plover 5/21 Waller(Pattision Rd.) 2 Bob Honig  
Snowy Plover 5/3 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 6 Art MacKinnon  
Semipalmated Plover birds=2 reports=2  
Killdeer birds=36 reports=6  
American Oystercatcher birds=2 reports=1  
Black-necked Stilt birds=56 reports=7  
American Avocet birds=30 reports=1  
Greater Yellowlegs 5/14 Brazoria(Brazoria N.W.R.) 3 Mike Austin, 5/1 Galveston(Ferry,Hwy87 toHigh I. 4-730pm) 2 Bob Honig, 5/21 Waller(Pattision Rd.) 1 Bob Honig  
Lesser Yellowlegs 5/1 Galveston(Ferry,Hwy87 toHigh I. 4-730pm) 4 Bob Honig, 5/3 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 2 Art MacKinnon, 5/21 Waller(Pattision Rd.) 2 Bob Honig  
Solitary Sandpiper 5/1 Galveston(Ferry,Hwy87 toHigh I. 4-730pm) 2 Bob Honig  
Willet birds=38 reports=3  
Spotted Sandpiper birds=5 reports=3  
Long-billed Curlew birds=2 reports=1  
Marbled Godwit 5/1 Galveston(Ferry,Hwy87 toHigh I. 4-730pm) 1 Bob Honig  
Ruddy Turnstone birds=43 reports=3  
Red Knot 5/1 Galveston(Ferry,Hwy87 toHigh I. 4-730pm) 4 Bob Honig  
Sanderling birds=85 reports=2  
Semipalmated Sandpiper birds=20 reports=1  
Western Sandpiper birds=14 reports=2  
peep sp. birds=3 reports=1  
Least Sandpiper 5/14 Brazoria(Brazoria N.W.R.) 8 Mike Austin, 5/1 Galveston(Ferry,Hwy87 toHigh I. 4-730pm) 3 Bob Honig, 5/2 Harris(Hou/WU/Bell 610-HermPk/BraeBay) 3 Bob & Maggie Honig, 5/21 Waller(Pattision Rd.) 50 Bob Honig  
White-rumped Sandpiper birds=65 reports=2  
Pectoral Sandpiper 5/14 Brazoria(Brazoria N.W.R.) 1 Mike Austin, 5/21 Waller(Pattision Rd.) 1 Bob Honig  
Dunlin 5/3 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 40 Art MacKinnon  
Stilt Sandpiper 5/14 Brazoria(Brazoria N.W.R.) 20 Mike Austin, 5/21 Waller(Pattision Rd.) 100 Bob Honig  
Buff-breasted Sandpiper 5/21 Waller(Pattision Rd.) 100 Bob Honig  
Short-billed Dowitcher 5/3 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 18 Art MacKinnon  
dowitcher sp. 5/7 Chambers(FM 1985) 75 Bob Honig, 5/21 Waller(Pattision Rd.) 10 Bob Honig  
Long-billed Dowitcher 5/29 Galveston(Texas City Dike) 1 Kathy Reiser  
Wilson's Phalarope 5/1 Galveston(Ferry,Hwy87 toHigh I. 4-730pm) 4 Bob Honig, 5/21 Waller(Pattision Rd.) 20 Bob Honig  
Laughing Gull birds=3,096 reports=4  
Ring-billed Gull birds=6 reports=4  
Herring Gull birds=14 reports=2  
Gull-billed Tern birds=3 reports=2  
Caspian Tern birds=25 reports=2  
Royal Tern birds=154 reports=3  
Sandwich Tern birds=20 reports=2  
Common Tern birds=1 reports=1  
Forster's Tern birds=48 reports=3  
Least Tern birds=35 reports=3  
Black Tern birds=12 reports=2  
Black Skimmer birds=4 reports=1  
Rock Dove birds=42 reports=5  
Eurasian Collared-Dove birds=7 reports=3  
Streptopelia sp. birds=1 reports=1  
White-winged Dove birds=37 reports=7  
Mourning Dove birds=92 reports=16  
Inca Dove birds=19 reports=7  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo birds=19 reports=10  
Eastern Screech-Owl birds=3 reports=2  
Great Horned Owl birds=3 reports=2  
Barred Owl birds=4 reports=2  
Common Nighthawk birds=40 reports=8  
Chimney Swift birds=34 reports=7  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird birds=17 reports=6  
Red-headed Woodpecker birds=4 reports=2  
Red-bellied Woodpecker birds=12 reports=6  
Downy Woodpecker birds=14 reports=5  
Hairy Woodpecker 5/2 Chambers(my yard, Anahuac) 1 Linda Scott  
Pileated Woodpecker birds=5 reports=3  
Eastern Wood-Pewee birds=27 reports=8  
Acadian Flycatcher birds=3 reports=3  
Willow Flycatcher 5/14 Brazoria(Brazoria N.W.R.) 1 Mike Austin, 5/1 Galveston(Ferry,Hwy87 toHigh I. 4-730pm) 2 Bob Honig, 5/15 Waller(KPC HQ (Hebert & Penick)) 1 Bob Honig  
Least Flycatcher birds=3 reports=3  
Empidonax species birds=6 reports=2  
Great Crested Flycatcher birds=5 reports=4  
Western Kingbird birds=3 reports=2  
Eastern Kingbird birds=95 reports=7  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher birds=26 reports=5  
Loggerhead Shrike birds=12 reports=5  
White-eyed Vireo birds=15 reports=7  
Yellow-throated Vireo birds=1 reports=1  
Warbling Vireo 5/1 Galveston(Ferry,Hwy87 toHigh I. 4-730pm) 1 Bob Honig, 5/3 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 4 Art MacKinnon  
Philadelphia Vireo 5/14 Brazoria(Quintana) 1 Mike Austin, 5/2 Galveston(High Island) 2 Kathy Reiser, 5/3 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 2 Art MacKinnon  
Red-eyed Vireo birds=23 reports=9  
Blue Jay birds=27 reports=6  
American Crow birds=30 reports=7  
Fish Crow birds=2 reports=1  
Horned Lark birds=1 reports=1

Purple Martin birds=91 reports=8  
Tree Swallow 5/3 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 60  
Art MacKinnon, 5/3 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 23 Art MacKinnon  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow 5/1  
Galveston(Ferry,Hwy87 toHigh I. 4-730pm) 2 Bob Honig, 5/2 Galveston(High Island) 12 Kathy Reiser, 5/3 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 4 Art MacKinnon, 5/3 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 3 Art MacKinnon  
Bank Swallow 5/14 Brazoria(Brazoria N.W.R.) 6 Mike Austin, 5/15 Wharton(KPC HQ (Hebert & Penick)) 12 Bob Honig  
Cliff Swallow birds=16 reports=5  
Cave Swallow 5/14 Brazoria(Brazoria N.W.R.) 6 Mike Austin, 5/3 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 2 Art MacKinnon  
Barn Swallow birds=164 reports=11  
swallow species birds=252 reports=2  
Carolina Chickadee birds=20 reports=7  
Tufted Titmouse birds=16 reports=5  
Carolina Wren birds=40 reports=10  
Marsh Wren birds=2 reports=2  
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Swainson's Thrush birds=28 reports=9  
Catharus species birds=1 reports=1  
Wood Thrush birds=1 reports=1  
American Robin birds=10 reports=3  
Gray Catbird 5/14 Brazoria(Quintana) 1 Mike Austin, 5/2 Chambers(my yard, Anahuac) 1 Linda Scott, 5/1 Galveston(Ferry,Hwy87 toHigh I. 4-730pm) 5 Bob Honig, 5/2 Galveston(High Island) 30 Kathy Reiser, 5/3 Harris(Russ Pitman Park) 2 Kathy Reiser, 5/27 Harris(5 blks N of FM1960W, 3 blks W of I-45N) 1 Debbie and Scott MacSorley, Walter Pavlik, 5/3 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 100 Art MacKinnon, 5/3 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 15 Art MacKinnon  
Northern Mockingbird birds=98 reports=15  
Brown Thrasher 5/2 Chambers(my yard, Anahuac) 1 Linda Scott, 5/3 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art MacKinnon  
European Starling birds=63 reports=7  
**American Pipit 5/1 Galveston(Ferry,Hwy87 toHigh I. 4-730pm) 1 Bob Honig**  
Cedar Waxwing 5/1 Harris(Barker Reservoir at Mason Cr.) 2 Al Shultz, 5/2, Harris(Hou/WU/Bell 610-HermPk/BraeBay) 5 Bob & Maggie Honig  
Blue-winged Warbler 5/3 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 2 Art MacKinnon  
Golden-winged Warbler 5/2 Galveston(High Island) 1 Kathy Reiser, 5/3 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art MacKinnon  
Tennessee Warbler 5/14 Brazoria(Quintana) 2 Mike Austin, 5/14 Brazoria(Quintana) 2 Mike Austin, 5/2 Chambers(my yard, Anahuac) 1 Linda Scott, 5/1 Galveston(Ferry,Hwy87 toHigh I. 4-730pm) 1 Bob Honig, 5/2 Harris(Hou/WU/Bell 610-HermPk/BraeBay) 1 Bob & Maggie Honig, 5/16 Harris(Houston near Bissonnet & Edloe) 1 Bob Honig, 5/3 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 8 Art MacKinnon, 5/3 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 8 Art MacKinnon  
Northern Parula birds=9 reports=7  
Yellow Warbler birds=7 reports=6  
Chestnut-sided Warbler 5/14  
Brazoria(Quintana) 4 Mike Austin, 5/14 Brazoria(Quintana) 4 Mike Austin, 5/1 Galveston(Ferry,Hwy87 toHigh I. 4-730pm) 3 Bob Honig, 5/2 Galveston(High Island) 2 Kathy Reiser, 5/2 Harris(Hou/WU/Bell 610-HermPk/BraeBay) 2 Bob & Maggie Honig, 5/3 Harris(Russ Pitman Park) 1 Kathy Reiser, 5/3 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 8 Art MacKinnon, 5/3 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 1 Art MacKinnon  
Magnolia Warbler birds=105 reports=11  
Cape May Warbler 5/3 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 1 Art MacKinnon  
Black-throated Green Warbler 5/14  
Brazoria(Quintana) 1 Mike Austin, 5/14 Brazoria(Quintana) 1 Mike Austin, 5/2 Chambers(my yard, Anahuac) 1 Linda Scott, 5/2 Galveston(High Island) 1 Kathy Reiser, 5/2 Harris(Hou/WU/Bell 610-HermPk/BraeBay) 1 Bob & Maggie Honig, 5/14 Harris(Houston near Bissonnet & Edloe) 1 Bob Honig, 5/3 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 2 Art MacKinnon, 5/3 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 1 Art MacKinnon  
Blackburnian Warbler 5/14 Brazoria(Quintana) 1 Mike Austin, 5/1 Galveston(Ferry,Hwy87 toHigh I. 4-730pm) 3 Bob Honig  
**Prairie Warbler 5/29 Galveston(Boy Scout Woods) 1 Kreg Ellzey, 5/16 Harris(Sylvan Rodriguez Park (FM 2351 e. of Hwy) 2 Sue Levy**  
**Palm Warbler 5/3 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 1 Art MacKinnon**  
Bay-breasted Warbler 5/14 Brazoria(Quintana) 2 Mike Austin, 5/2 Chambers(my yard, Anahuac) 1 Linda Scott, 5/1 Galveston(Ferry,Hwy87 toHigh I. 4-730pm) 25 Bob Honig, 5/2 Galveston(High Island) 12 Kathy Reiser, 5/3 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art MacKinnon  
Blackpoll Warbler 5/3 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 1 Art MacKinnon  
Black-and-White Warbler birds=13 reports=6  
American Redstart 5/14 Brazoria(Quintana) 6 Mike Austin, 5/14 Brazoria(Quintana) 6 Mike Austin, 5/1 Galveston(Ferry,Hwy87 toHigh I. 4-730pm) 6 Bob Honig, 5/2 Galveston(High Island) 25 Kathy Reiser, 5/2 Harris(Hou/WU/Bell 610-HermPk/BraeBay) 1 Bob & Maggie Honig, 5/3 Harris(Russ Pitman Park) 1 Kathy Reiser, 5/3 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 2 Art MacKinnon, 5/3 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 1 Art MacKinnon  
Prothonotary Warbler birds=10 reports=4  
Worm-eating Warbler 5/2 Galveston(High Island) 1 Kathy Reiser, 5/3 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 2 Art MacKinnon  
Ovenbird 5/1 Galveston(Ferry,Hwy87 toHigh I. 4-730pm) 6 Bob Honig, 5/2 Harris(Hou/WU/Bell 610-HermPk/BraeBay) 1 Bob & Maggie Honig, 5/3 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 8 Art MacKinnon, 5/3 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 1 Art MacKinnon  
Northern Waterthrush 5/1  
Galveston(Ferry,Hwy87 toHigh I. 4-730pm) 4 Bob Honig, 5/2 Galveston(High Island) 3 Kathy Reiser, 5/3 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 8 Art MacKinnon, 5/3 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 1 Art MacKinnon  
Kentucky Warbler birds=4 reports=1  
Common Yellowthroat birds=53 reports=8  
Hooded Warbler birds=20 reports=6  
Wilson's Warbler 5/3 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art MacKinnon  
Canada Warbler 5/14 Brazoria(Quintana) 1 Mike Austin, 5/3 Harris(Russ Pitman Park) 1 Kathy Reiser  
Yellow-breasted Chat birds=1 reports=1  
warbler sp. birds=1 reports=1  
Summer Tanager birds=25 reports=7  
Scarlet Tanager 5/2 Galveston(High Island) 2 Kathy Reiser, 5/3 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art MacKinnon  
Savannah Sparrow 5/14 Brazoria(Brazoria N.W.R.) 1 Mike Austin  
Northern Cardinal birds=135 reports=14  
Rose-breasted Grosbeak 5/1  
Galveston(Ferry,Hwy87 toHigh I. 4-730pm) 3 Bob Honig, 5/2 Galveston(High Island) 3 Kathy Reiser, 5/2 Harris(Hou/WU/Bell 610-HermPk/BraeBay) 5 Bob & Maggie Honig, 5/12 Harris(Houston near Bissonnet & Edloe) 1 Bob Honig, 5/16 Harris(West University) 1 Bob Honig, 5/3 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 2 Art MacKinnon, 5/3 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 1 Art MacKinnon  
Blue Grosbeak birds=4 reports=3  
Indigo Bunting birds=78 reports=8  
Painted Bunting birds=6 reports=2  
Dickcissel birds=94 reports=3  
Bobolink 5/15 Wharton(KPC HQ (Hebert & Penick)) 1 Bob Honig  
Red-winged Blackbird birds=206 reports=10  
Eastern Meadowlark birds=67 reports=6  
Common Grackle birds=18 reports=5  
Boat-tailed Grackle birds=61 reports=4  
Great-tailed Grackle birds=74 reports=11  
Bronzed Cowbird 5/14 Brazoria(Entrance kiosk Brazoria N.W.R.) 1 Mike Austin  
Brown-headed Cowbird birds=40 reports=5  
Orchard Oriole birds=49 reports=5  
Baltimore Oriole 5/1 Galveston(Ferry,Hwy87 toHigh I. 4-730pm) 1 Bob Honig, 5/2 Galveston(High Island) 1 Kathy Reiser, 5/2 Harris(Hou/WU/Bell 610-HermPk/BraeBay) 2 Bob & Maggie Honig 5/3 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 2 Art MacKinnon, 5/3 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 2 Art MacKinnon  
House Finch birds=10 reports=1  
House Sparrow birds=44 reports=6

**June 2004 --** Observers this month: Bob Honig, Debbie and Scott MacSorley, Kathy Reiser, Kinjo Yonemoto, Maggie Honig, Mike Austin, Pat Hall, Richard Rulander, Robert and Kay Lookingbill, Ron Weeks, Tom Collins, Wayne Wendel:

Brown Pelican birds=15 reports=1  
 Neotropic Cormorant birds=27 reports=2  
 Anhinga birds=1 reports=1  
 Magnificent Frigatebird birds=3 reports=1  
 Great Blue Heron birds=1 reports=1  
 Great Egret birds=9 reports=3  
 Snowy Egret birds=17 reports=3  
 Little Blue Heron birds=10 reports=2  
 Tricolored Heron birds=1 reports=1  
 Cattle Egret birds=13 reports=2  
 Green Heron birds=2 reports=1  
 Yellow-crowned Night-Heron birds=6 reports=3  
 White Ibis birds=10 reports=1  
 White-faced Ibis birds=20 reports=1  
 Roseate Spoonbill birds=2 reports=1  
 Wood Stork **6/6 Brazoria(Brazoria NWR) 250 Tom Collins, 6/19 Waller(Katy Prairie Cnsrvncy HQ & vic) 4 Bob Honig, 6/23 Harris(kickapoo & betka rd (nw harris) 1 Pat Hall**  
 Turkey Vulture birds=2 reports=1  
 Black-bellied Whistling-Duck birds=18 reports=2  
 Fulvous Whistling-Duck birds=6 reports=2  
**Mississippi Kite 6/3 Galveston(Friendswood) 1 Mike Austin**  
**Sharp-shinned Hawk 6/4 Harris(Clear Lake) 2 Richard Rulander**  
 Red-shouldered Hawk birds=1 reports=1  
 Red-tailed Hawk 6/6 Fort Bend(Brazos Bend SP) 1 Kathy Reiser  
 Northern Bobwhite birds=10 reports=1  
 King Rail birds=1 reports=1

Purple Gallinule birds=8 reports=1  
 Common Moorhen birds=8 reports=1  
 Killdeer birds=19 reports=2  
 American Oystercatcher birds=11 reports=2  
 Black-necked Stilt birds=10 reports=1  
 Willet birds=1 reports=1  
**Whimbrel 6/11 Brazoria(Byan Beach) 1 Tom Collins**  
**Sempalmated Sandpiper 6/11 Brazoria(Byan Beach) 1 Tom Collins, 6/11 Brazoria(Bryan Breach) 1 Tom Collins**  
 White-rumped Sandpiper 6/11 Brazoria(Byan Beach) 1 Tom Collins  
**Wilson's Snipe 6/19 Waller(Katy Prairie Conservancy HQ pr) 1 Bob Honig**  
 Forster's Tern birds=5 reports=1  
 Black Tern birds=15 reports=1  
 Rock Dove birds=12 reports=1  
 White-winged Dove birds=1 reports=1  
 Mourning Dove birds=25 reports=3  
 Monk Parakeet 6/3 Harris(Nassau Bay) 1 Mike Austin, 6/30 Galveston(League City) 8 Mike Austin  
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo birds=6 reports=6  
 Common Nighthawk birds=6 reports=1  
 Chimney Swift birds=1 reports=1  
 Red-bellied Woodpecker birds=5 reports=2  
 Downy Woodpecker birds=1 reports=1  
**Great Kiskadee 6/11 Harris(Katy Prairie off Katy-Hockley & Sharp Rd.) 2 Wayne Wendel**  
 Western Kingbird birds=3 reports=1

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher birds=6 reports=1  
 White-eyed Vireo birds=4 reports=1  
 American Crow birds=4 reports=1  
 Horned Lark birds=2 reports=1  
 Purple Martin birds=3 reports=2  
 Barn Swallow birds=2 reports=1  
 Carolina Chickadee birds=6 reports=1  
 Tufted Titmouse birds=4 reports=1  
 Carolina Wren birds=6 reports=3  
**Gray Catbird 6/10 Harris(17811 Wild Oak Dr; near 1960W & I45N) 1 Debbie and Scott MacSorley, 6/16 Harris(17811 Wild Oak Dr; near 1960W & I45N) 2 Debbie and Scott MacSorley, 6/25 Harris(Near I45N and FM1960W) 5 Debbie and Scott MacSorley**  
 Northern Mockingbird birds=10 reports=3  
 European Starling birds=32 reports=2  
 Prothonotary Warbler birds=10 reports=1  
 Yellow-breasted Chat birds=3 reports=1  
 Northern Cardinal birds=18 reports=3  
 Blue Grosbeak birds=1 reports=1  
 Painted Bunting birds=1 reports=1  
 Dickcissel birds=25 reports=1  
 Red-winged Blackbird birds=21 reports=2  
 Eastern Meadowlark birds=12 reports=1  
 Common Grackle birds=15 reports=1  
 Boat-tailed Grackle birds=20 reports=1  
 Great-tailed Grackle birds=12 reports=2  
 House Sparrow birds=4 reports=2

**July 2004 --** Observers this month: Bob & Maggie Honig, Gardner Campbell, Jan & Mike Austin, Richard Rulander, Robert and Kay Lookingbill, Ron Weeks, Tom Collins:

American White Pelican birds=15 reports=2  
 Neotropic Cormorant birds=15 reports=3  
 Anhinga birds=3 reports=1  
 Least Bittern birds=1 reports=1  
 Great Blue Heron birds=12 reports=5  
 Great Egret birds=44 reports=3  
 Snowy Egret birds=19 reports=4  
 Little Blue Heron birds=1 reports=1  
 Reddish Egret birds=2 reports=1  
 Cattle Egret birds=106 reports=2  
 Yellow-crowned Night-Heron birds=2 reports=2  
 White Ibis birds=200 reports=1  
 White-faced Ibis birds=15 reports=1  
 Roseate Spoonbill birds=2 reports=1  
 Wood Stork birds=66 reports=3  
 Black Vulture birds=1 reports=1  
 Turkey Vulture birds=8 reports=1  
 Black-bellied Whistling-Duck birds=4 reports=3  
 Wood Duck birds=2 reports=1  
**Mallard 7/18 Harris(BraesBayou HermannPark-WLoop) 3 Bob Honig, 7/25 Harris(BraesBayou HermannPark-WLoop) 3 Bob Honig**  
 Mottled Duck birds=10 reports=1  
**Mississippi Kite 7/9 Galveston(Friendswood) 1 Mike Austin**  
 Northern Harrier 7/30 Brazoria(Brazoria NWR) 1 Ron Weeks  
 Swainson's Hawk 7/24 Brazoria(Brazoria NWR) 1 Ron Weeks  
 White-tailed Hawk birds=1 reports=1  
 Northern Bobwhite birds=1 reports=1  
 Black Rail 7/24 Brazoria(Brazoria NWR) 1 Ron Weeks

Clapper Rail birds=4 reports=2  
 Snowy Plover 7/23 Brazoria(Bryan Beach) 12 Robert and Kay Lookingbill  
 Wilson's Plover birds=4 reports=1  
 Piping Plover 7/23 Brazoria(Bryan Beach) 2 Robert and Kay Lookingbill  
 Killdeer birds=19 reports=4  
 Black-necked Stilt birds=31 reports=1  
 American Avocet 7/23 Brazoria(Bryan Beach) 2 Robert and Kay Lookingbill  
 Greater Yellowlegs 7/17 Brazoria(Sea Center Texas) 1 Tom Collins, 7/18 Harris(BraesBayou HermannPark-WLoop) 1 Bob Honig, 7/25 Harris(BraesBayou HermannPark-WLoop) 3 Bob Honig  
 Lesser Yellowlegs birds=2 reports=1  
 Spotted Sandpiper 7/17 Brazoria(Sea Center Texas) 1 Tom Collins, 7/30 Brazoria(Quintana) 1 Tom Collins  
 Long-billed Curlew birds=3 reports=1  
 Ruddy Turnstone birds=1 reports=1  
**Red Knot 7/23 Brazoria(Bryan Beach) 3 Robert and Kay Lookingbill**  
 Least Sandpiper 7/17 Brazoria(Sea Center Texas) 10 Tom Collins, 7/25 Harris(BraesBayou HermannPark-WLoop) 25 Bob Honig, 7/31 Brazoria(Quintana) 5 Bob & Maggie Honig  
 Laughing Gull birds=6 reports=2  
 Royal Tern birds=12 reports=1  
 Sandwich Tern birds=8 reports=1  
 Forster's Tern birds=4 reports=1  
 Least Tern birds=1 reports=1  
 Black Tern birds=26 reports=2

Black Skimmer birds=2 reports=1  
 Eurasian Collared-Dove birds=1 reports=1  
 White-winged Dove birds=1 reports=1  
 Mourning Dove birds=5 reports=1  
 Common Nighthawk birds=22 reports=3  
 Chimney Swift birds=3 reports=1  
 Belted Kingfisher birds=2 reports=2  
 Pileated Woodpecker birds=2 reports=1  
 Great Crested Flycatcher birds=1 reports=1  
 Western Kingbird birds=2 reports=2  
 Eastern Kingbird birds=1 reports=1  
 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher birds=38 reports=3  
 Loggerhead Shrike birds=1 reports=1  
 Red-eyed Vireo birds=1 reports=1  
 Horned Lark birds=2 reports=1  
 Purple Martin birds=22 reports=2  
 Cave Swallow 7/31 Brazoria(Quintana Bridge FM1495 N end) 10 Bob & Maggie Honig  
 Barn Swallow birds=130 reports=5  
 Carolina Chickadee birds=5 reports=1  
 Tufted Titmouse birds=3 reports=1  
 American Robin birds=1 reports=1  
 Northern Mockingbird birds=26 reports=3  
 European Starling birds=10 reports=1  
**Louisiana Waterthrush 7/17 Brazoria(near Brazoria NWR) 1 Gardner Campbell**  
 Yellow-breasted Chat birds=2 reports=1  
 Northern Cardinal birds=9 reports=2  
 Painted Bunting birds=2 reports=1  
 Dickcissel birds=1 reports=1  
 Red-winged Blackbird birds=8 reports=2  
 Eastern Meadowlark birds=5 reports=1  
 Common Grackle birds=20 reports=1  
 Great-tailed Grackle birds=12 reports=1  
 House Sparrow birds=5 reports=1

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