

The Spoonbill

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October Meeting

Monday, October 4, 2004 -- 7:00 p.m.
Bayland Community Center
6400 Bissonnet, Houston

Learning Corner – 6:30 p.m.:

Bird Identification: Silhouette, Shape and Size
-- by Rob Thacker and David Poteet

Program:

A Visit to Trinidad and Tobago and Amazonian Brazil

-- by George Regmund

Our speaker this month takes us a little farther from Houston than usual. This presentation highlights summer 2004 visits by Skimmer Nature Tours to the world famous Asa Wright Nature Centre in Trinidad, and a co-sponsored riverboat tour to the Rio Negro and Amazon River in central Brazil. The general natural history of both areas will be covered, with a concentration on birds.

George Regmund is a familiar speaker to many OG members. George grew up in Corpus Christi, Texas, spending much time on Padre Island. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and joined the staff of Armand Bayou Nature Center in 1976. He worked there as Staff Naturalist, Senior Naturalist and Director through 2003. George has led birding and natural history field trips to many areas in Texas, as well as to southeastern Arizona, Maine, Hawaii, Costa Rica, Trinidad, New Brunswick, Baja California and the Yucatan. He is now the naturalist guide for Skimmer Nature Tours.

Other Events:

Saturday, October 16
Field Trip to Jones State Forest

Sat-Sun., October 30-31
Quarterly Field Trip to Corpus Christi and King Ranch

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Issues of *The Spoonbill* in 2003 were designated Volume 52. However, "Volume 52" was printed by mistake on the cover of 2004 issues. Although this is the first issue to be labeled as Volume 53, all prior numbers this year should be considered as belonging to Volume 53.

Sorry for the confusion!

Minutes of the Joint Meeting with Houston Audubon Society, September 8, 2004
Houston Zoo, Brown Education Center

The September meeting was a joint meeting with the Houston Audubon Society (HAS). HAS President John Biesman called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

OG Chair Kathy Farr announced that the September field trip is scheduled for the 18th. Bill Saulmon will meet the group at 8:30am at the Smith Point Hawk Watch tower. (A correction was noted to the Sept. *Spoonbill*, which incorrectly listed a September 25 trip to Jones State Forest.) She also encouraged members to sign up for the wait-list for the King Ranch quarterly field trip October 30 - 31. The Outdoor Nature Club meeting will be September 9 at the Bayland Community Center, featuring a program at 7:30 p.m. by Eddie Holek from the Cockrell Butterfly Center.

HAS announcements were as follows:
“For the Birds” Gala fundraiser will be October 5 with the theme “Pretty in Pink.” Members were encouraged to volunteer service to the society and/or the Docent Guild. November 3 -7 there will be a birding festival at Balmorra State Park. The Honigs are leading a trip to Trinidad and Tobago next summer. HAS field trip will be September 25 to Smith Point Hawk Watch starting at 9 a.m.

John and Gloria Tveten presented the program entitled “The Singular Beauty of Birds.” Using their own magnificent slides, the Tvetens revealed the reasons for birding. Themes included the spectacular colors of birds, their beautiful songs, amazing nest building behaviors, incredible adaptations to varied habitats, and their diverse diets and feeding behaviors. All this and more was displayed with stunning photos and great good humor.

Meeting adjourned at 9pm.

--Bernice Hotman

Chairman’s Message

Money was the main agenda item at the August 16th Board meeting. Here are the results. The Board proposes the following for the membership’s consideration:

- initiating a \$10 fee for quarterly field trips;
- purchasing a Power Point projector (costing \$1000 to \$1500) using the savings accounts funds; and
- asking our membership to decide whether we make annual donations to GCBO’s Hawk Watch, ONC’s Little Thicket, both, or neither, and donation amounts.

Here’s how things stand. Our annual budget averages \$4230, covering Spoonbill printing and postage, speaker honorariums, supplies, and an annual \$500 donation to a local conservation/birding group such as ONC’s Little Thicket or GCBO’s Hawk Watch. Our annual membership fees bring in about \$3400; sales of checklists and checking account interest bring the total to roughly \$3500. This creates a \$730 annual deficit.

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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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--Chairman's Message, cont. from p.2

The \$10 quarterly field trip fee is expected to bring in about \$500 a year, leaving a \$230 deficit.

This will be our first (that I'm aware) field trip fee. We can no longer cover operating costs with dues, which bring in \$0.61 (single membership) and \$0.83 (family membership) per event for 10 presentations, 10 monthly field trips and 3 quarterly field trips a year (quite a bang for the "less-than-buck").

If we want to make \$500 worth of annual donations the Board suggests either raising dues \$5 per person (to \$19 for single and \$24 for family memberships) or holding a fund-raiser dinner (with a speaker) at the May monthly meeting.

Increasing dues is relatively painless and requires no committee of volunteers to enact. Our bang for the buck becomes \$0.83 for a single and \$1.04 for a family membership. This will bring in between \$600 and \$1,000 annually, and will leave us with a nice surplus accumulating.

A fundraiser dinner will bring in about \$550 for 55 participants at \$10 a head (average monthly attendance is 55), and a need for volunteers to put the dinner together. We will accumulate a much smaller surplus this way, but will have more fun.

Give all this some thought and we'll start the discussion at the October meeting. The budget will be presented for approval, hopefully at the November meeting, after these issues are decided.

--Kathy Farr

News from Katy Prairie Conservancy

The Katy Prairie Conservancy (KPC) recently purchased a majority interest in the Warren Ranch, one of the largest contiguous areas of land still in agriculture on the Katy Prairie. By doing so, KPC not only protects 6,478 acres permanently but also in the long-term will provide access for wildlife viewing, hiking, and other recreational activities.

The southern end of Warren Ranch follows Cypress Creek, offering riparian forest habitat for breeding and migratory birds. Within the ranch's northern boundary is Warren Lake, long known to wildlife viewing enthusiasts as a major winter roosting and resting spot for many varieties of ducks, geese, and

raptors. The rest of the ranch comprises a diversity of habitats in open farmland, brush and pasture. The Cypress Creek/Katy Prairie Christmas Bird Count will now have access to the property that formerly could be censused only from public roads.

Anyone interested in learning more about KPC or seeing some of its other properties can attend a KPC Public Tour on Saturday, October 2, from 8 a.m. to noon at Nelson Farms Preserve. If interested, please contact KPC by phone at 713-523-6135, or send an email to info@katyprairie.org including your name, number in your party, and contact information. The KPC website is www.katyprairie.org.

Wanted from all OG members:

Birding stories, observations, field trip memories, or other things to share in *The Spoonbill*. No fancy writing or rare sightings needed--just whatever interests you. So if you have a funny story about a birder, or a surprise sighting at a backyard feeder, or anything that might be of interest to readers, just send it in. Most *Spoonbill* issues have some dates and announcements as news we can use, and the Clearing House is a great documentary record of sightings, but one of the big reasons for having a group like the OG is to share our enjoyment of birds and birding with others. Be a part of *The Spoonbill* – send materials to Al Shultz, 1715 Amber Chase, Katy, TX 77450, or email to og_spoonbill@earthlink.net.

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

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, 2004: 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.

Saturday, November 20, 2004: Field Trip to Chappell Hill Area – Join our guest leader Darrell Vollert for a birding tour of the Clarann Estate just north of Chappell Hill. Darrell will also take us birding on a section of Brazos River bottom nearby. Both sites will be included in the upcoming TP&W Prairies and Pineywoods Wildlife Trail. Darrell has developed an interesting bird list for this area (including a rare wintering Louisiana Waterthrush last year). Meet Darrell at the Clarann Estate at 8:00 AM. To get there from Houston drive northwest on US 290 to the intersection of FM1155 in Chappell Hill. Turn right (North) on FM 1155 and go about 1.1 miles to the entrance of Clarann Estate on the left (West) side of the road (look for the white fence). The entrance is marked by 6 brick columns and two iron gates. Enter through the right gate and go to the parking lot behind the first building. Allow about 70 minutes to drive there from the 610 loop.

Report of August 21, 2004 Field Trip to Bolivar Flats – A few intrepid OG members braved early morning thunderstorms to meet Winnie Burkett for a tour of the HAS Bolivar Sanctuaries. A Magnificent Frigatebird was overhead at the ferry, and a mudflat at Horseshoe Marsh was overrun with Clapper Rails, peep Sandpipers and their allies. Then it was on to Bolivar Flats where Winnie shared her personal ID tips on the many Sandpiper, Plover, Tern and Gull species that were in abundance. We covered most of the flats and some adjacent marsh where an obliging Seaside Sparrow came to our pishing. The day turned out sunny and mild for August, and we concluded at about noon.

–*Bill Saulmon*

Eagle Nest Protection

Although most Bald Eagles seen in the Houston area are winter visitors, the species also breeds here in scattered locations. One of these areas is The Woodlands, where a pair has nested successfully for several years. Although the eagles appear to tolerate the intense development and human activity in the area, a recent change may bring more conflict.

In 2002 a permit was issued to The Woodlands Operating Company (TWOC) to allow limited development near an eagle nest. The permit, known as an “incidental take permit,” provides a partial exception to the birds’ protection under the Endangered Species Act, in this case related to their habitat. The permit stipulated that a three-acre tract surrounding the nest be left completely undeveloped, and that development in a 1500-foot “management zone” surrounding the site be allowed only during the non-nesting season, defined as June through September.

But a year ago, the eagles abandoned their old nest and built a new one about one-quarter mile away, only 700 feet from the busy Woodlands Parkway. This spring, two eaglets fledged from the new nest and have been seen perching in trees overlooking ongoing construction activity, according to a spokesman for TWOC. For now, therefore, it appears that the eagles are tolerating and surviving the close proximity to intensive development.

The company has requested an amendment to the permit to include the new nest, but with a reduction in the size of the management zone around it from 1500 feet to 330 feet, to allow for the 3-acre nest site protection alone. It claims that in the end the eagles will have more habitat protected by the addition of the second site. TWOC expects the US Fish and Wildlife Service to review and decide on its request sometime this fall.

Anyone interested in reviewing the proposal by TWOC can find it on the federal register (website <http://epa.gov/fedreg>) or contact the Clear Lake Ecological Services Field Office, 17629 El Camino Real, Ste. 211, Houston TX 77058; phone 281-286-8282.

(Reported by The Villager newspaper, Aug. 19, 2004)

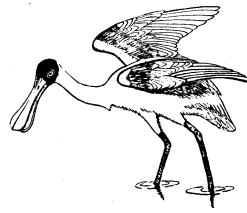
Other Events

October 28-30, 2004 – Texas Ornithological Society Fall Meeting, hosted by Travis Audubon Society, Austin, TX; lodging at Hilton Austin North, phone 512-451-5757 or 1-800-445-8667. Eleven different full-day or half-day field trips to choose from, in a variety of habitats in central Texas and the Hill Country. Information and registration online at www.texasbirds.org, or by mail to TOS Registration, PO Box 141864, Austin, TX 78714-1864.

November 10-14, 2004 – 11th Annual Rio Grande Valley Birding Festival. Field trips, workshops, presentations, youth activities, Birder’s Bazaar, and more, in the world-famous home of some of the country’s most sought-after birds—and birders. For information and registration, contact: RGV Birding Festival, P.O. Box 3162, Harlingen, TX 78551-3162. Phone 1-800-531-7346; online www.rgvbirdfest.com.

From The Spoonbill's Past

Compiled by Skip Almoney



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Fifty Years Ago

MYSTERY BIRD IDENTITY SOLVED AT MEETING AUGUST 5TH

During the last week in June and the first two weeks in July John Frels of 1518 Caywood Lane (NW Houston) watched and photographed a brightly-colored exotic-type finch feeding on bread and grain he regularly puts out for the birds in his backyard. It was yellow breasted with a green back, a long black crest, black throat, and had a yellow line over the eye and a narrow black mask across the eyes. Its identification remained a mystery until the O. G. meeting, at which time the colored pictures of the bird taken by Frels were shown and then compared with an illustration of the Green Cardinal in AVIARY AND CAGE BIRDS--THEIR CARE AND BREEDING by M. L. and Flora Flowers (Bird Haven, Reseda, Calif.).

Forty Years Ago

The following was on the front page of the September 1964 Spoonbill. Sound familiar? --Skip

Our environment is almost completely dominated by man. We once accepted human dominance of fertile lands with the thought that the cultured landscape was still rich in wildlife. Now vast areas are being sterilized by asphalt and the remaining lands are intensively managed. If wildlife is to have a place under such a system, then the needs of wildlife must be recognized in both planning and execution. Proper assessment of these needs requires an omnipresent ecological eye. We are confronted with such cases as the wetland reported from one urban plan, marked 'bird sanctuary, to be cleared, levelled and filled with clear fill' !

In the face of this attitude, bird protection must continue to adapt and take new forms, both of aggressiveness and vigilance.

"Report of The Committee on Bird Protection"
THE AUK July 1964

August 2004 Clearing House

By David Sarkozi -- david@sarkozi.net -- phone 713-412-4409

Only 377 reports this month, but 146 species. Pickings were slim – this report includes several reports gleaned from TEXBIRDS just to have enough data. Data entry is easy on the OG Website. I would also be happy to take your export file from programs like Avisys, and I don't mind paper reports either!

Some great birds were reported though, by those of you who did get out, such as the first August records of both **Merlin** and **Harris Hawk** for the UTC. Early Warblers were evident, too: Blue-winged, Prairie, American Redstart, and Canada Warblers made early appearances.

Observers this month are: Art MacKinnin, Bob & Maggie Honig, David & Deborah Veselka, John Faber, Johnnie Green, Kathy Farr, Kreg Ellzey, Michael Brand, Mike Austin, Paul Sharman, Richard Rulander, Ron Weeks, Brad Lirette, Sumita Prasad

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.

Pied-billed Grebe birds=6 reports=3
 Brown Pelican birds=30 reports=1
 Double-crested Cormorant 8/14
 Harris(Katy Prairie) 1 Bob & Maggie Honig, David & Deborah Veselka
 Neotropic Cormorant birds=55 reports=4
 Anhinga birds=28 reports=3
 Magnificent Frigatebird birds=13 reports=2
 Least Bittern birds=6 reports=2
 Great Blue Heron birds=21 reports=8
 Great Egret birds=73 reports=7
 Snowy Egret birds=79 reports=8
 Little Blue Heron birds=180 reports=7
 Tricolored Heron birds=30 reports=4
 Reddish Egret birds=7 reports=1
 Cattle Egret birds=6,309 reports=7
 Green Heron birds=15 reports=7
 Black-crowned Night-Heron birds=15 reports=2
 Yellow-crowned Night-Heron birds=17 reports=6
 White Ibis birds=148 reports=6
 White-faced Ibis birds=731 reports=5
 Roseate Spoonbill birds=81 reports=4
 Wood Stork birds=474 reports=4
 Black Vulture birds=2 reports=1
 Turkey Vulture birds=16 reports=5
 Black-bellied Whistling-Duck birds=109 reports=4
 Fulvous Whistling-Duck birds=55 reports=3
Mallard 8/8 Brazoria(Brazoria NWR) 1 Ron Weeks
 Mottled Duck birds=58 reports=3
 Blue-winged Teal birds=2 reports=1
 Ruddy Duck birds=23 reports=2
 Northern Harrier 8/8 Brazoria(Brazoria NWR) 1 Ron Weeks
Harris's Hawk 8/5 Harris(Herman Park) 1 Sumita Prasad (photo)
 Red-shouldered Hawk birds=2 reports=2
 Red-tailed Hawk 8/7 Harris(Katy Prairie) 1 Bob & Maggie Honig, David & Deborah Veselka
 Crested Caracara birds=14 reports=3
American Kestrel 8/13 Chambers(Smith Point) 1 Ron Weeks and Brad Lirette
Merlin 8/21 Brazoria(Brazoria NWR) 1 Richard Rulander (photo)
 Northern Bobwhite birds=19 reports=4
 Clapper Rail birds=2 reports=1
 King Rail birds=1 reports=1
 Purple Gallinule birds=8 reports=1
 Common Moorhen birds=10 reports=1
 American Coot birds=19 reports=4
 Black-bellied Plover birds=101 reports=2
 Snowy Plover 8/14 Galveston(Bolivar Flats) 5 John Faber
 Wilson's Plover birds=25 reports=1
 Semipalmated Plover birds=31 reports=3
 Piping Plover 8/14 Galveston(Bolivar Flats) 7 John Faber
 Killdeer birds=75 reports=7
 American Oystercatcher birds=6 reports=1
 Black-necked Stilt birds=169 reports=5
 Greater Yellowlegs birds=12 reports=6
 Lesser Yellowlegs birds=130 reports=4
 Solitary Sandpiper birds=1 reports=1
 Willet birds=20 reports=1
 Spotted Sandpiper birds=6 reports=3
 Upland Sandpiper birds=15 reports=1

Whimbrel 8/14 Galveston(Bolivar Flats) 2 John Faber
 Long-billed Curlew birds=9 reports=1
 Marbled Godwit 8/14 Galveston(Bolivar Flats) 5 John Faber
 Ruddy Turnstone birds=20 reports=1
 Sanderling birds=50 reports=1
 Semipalmated Sandpiper birds=2 reports=1
 Western Sandpiper birds=451 reports=3
 Least Sandpiper birds=301 reports=7
 Pectoral Sandpiper birds=62 reports=4
Dunlin 8/14 Galveston(Bolivar Flats) 3 John Faber
 Stilt Sandpiper birds=77 reports=2
 Buff-breasted Sandpiper 8/13 Chambers(FM 1941) 20 Ron Weeks and Brad Lirette
 dowitcher sp. birds=80 reports=2
 Wilson's Phalarope 8/13 Jefferson(Cattail Marsh) 1 Ron Weeks and Brad Lirette
 Laughing Gull birds=3 reports=3
 Ring-billed Gull birds=8 reports=1
 Herring Gull birds=4 reports=1
 Gull-billed Tern birds=2 reports=1
 Royal Tern birds=130 reports=1
 Sandwich Tern birds=7 reports=1
 Least Tern birds=30 reports=1
 Black Tern birds=7 reports=2
 Black Skimmer birds=10 reports=1
 Rock Dove birds=225 reports=2
 Eurasian Collared-Dove birds=12 reports=3
 White-winged Dove birds=61 reports=3
 Mourning Dove birds=105 reports=6
 Inca Dove birds=9 reports=4
 Monk Parakeet 8/8 Harris(Hou/WU/Bell 610-HermPk/BraeBay) 2 Bob Honig, 8/15 Harris(Hou/WU/Bell 610-HermPk/BraeBay) 3 Bob Honig
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo birds=3 reports=2
 Barn Owl birds=1 reports=1
 Great Horned Owl birds=1 reports=1
 Common Nighthawk birds=27 reports=5
 Chuck-will's-widow birds=1 reports=1
 Whip-poor-will 8/29 Harris(Houston) 1 Michael Brand
 Chimney Swift birds=48 reports=2
 hummingbird sp. 8/15 Harris(Hou/WU/Bell 610-HermPk/BraeBay) 1 Bob Honig
 Ruby-throated Hummingbird birds=12 reports=1
 Red-headed Woodpecker birds=4 reports=1
 Red-bellied Woodpecker birds=9 reports=4
 Downy Woodpecker birds=13 reports=6
 Olive-sided Flycatcher birds=3 reports=2
 Willow Flycatcher 8/26 Galveston(Magnolia St. Bolivar Peninsula) 1 Mike Austin
 Least Flycatcher 8/17 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art MacKinnin
 Empidonax species birds=5 reports=1
 Great Crested Flycatcher birds=6 reports=3
Great Kiskadee 8/18 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Kreg Elzey
 Western Kingbird birds=2 reports=1
 Eastern Kingbird birds=8 reports=4
 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher birds=20 reports=3

Loggerhead Shrike birds=17 reports=8
 Blue Jay birds=42 reports=5
 American Crow birds=8 reports=3
 Fish Crow birds=2 reports=1
 Horned Lark birds=5 reports=1
 Northern Rough-winged Swallow 8/13 Jefferson(Cattail Marsh) 2 Ron Weeks and Brad Lirette
 Bank Swallow 8/13 Chambers(Smith Point) 4 Ron Weeks and Brad Lirette
 Cliff Swallow birds=60 reports=4
 Barn Swallow birds=112 reports=7
 swallow species birds=525 reports=3
 Tufted Titmouse birds=5 reports=1
 Carolina Wren birds=7 reports=5
 Marsh Wren birds=5 reports=1
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher birds=21 reports=5
 American Robin birds=11 reports=2
 Northern Mockingbird birds=48 reports=5
 European Starling birds=46 reports=3
Blue-winged Warbler 8/13 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Ron Weeks and Brad Lirette, 8/17 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art MacKinnin, 8/26 Galveston(High Island) 1 Mike Austin
 Northern Parula birds=1 reports=1
 Yellow Warbler birds=6 reports=2
 Black-throated Green Warbler 8/14 Galveston(High Island) 1 Johnnie Green
Prairie Warbler 8/8 Brazoria(Brazoria NWR) 1 Ron Weeks, 8/13 Jefferson(Sabine Pass) 2 Ron Weeks and Brad Lirette, 8/13 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Ron Weeks and Brad Lirette, 8/13 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 2 Ron Weeks and Brad Lirette
 Black-and-White Warbler birds=8 reports=3
American Redstart 8/13 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Ron Weeks and Brad Lirette, 8/17 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art MacKinnin
 Prothonotary Warbler birds=1 reports=1
 Northern Waterthrush 8/17 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art MacKinnin
 Mourning Warbler 8/30 Harris(Houston near Bissonnet & Edloe) 1 Bob Honig
 Common Yellowthroat birds=4 reports=1
 Hooded Warbler birds=1 reports=1
Canada Warbler 8/13 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Ron Weeks and Brad Lirette, 8/14 Brazoria(Quintana NBS) 1 Ron Weeks
 Yellow-breasted Chat birds=1 reports=1
 Northern Cardinal birds=33 reports=3
 Blue Grosbeak birds=8 reports=1
 Indigo Bunting birds=6 reports=2
 Painted Bunting birds=1 reports=1
 Dickcissel birds=27 reports=2
 Red-winged Blackbird birds=50 reports=2
 Eastern Meadowlark birds=2 reports=2
 Common Grackle birds=1 reports=1
 Great-tailed Grackle birds=50 reports=2
 House Finch birds=6 reports=2
 House Sparrow birds=20 reports=2

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