

# The Spoonbill

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## November Meeting

**Monday, November 1, 2004 -- 7:00 p.m.**  
**Bayland Community Center**  
**6400 Bissonnet, Houston**

**Learning Corner – 6:30 p.m.:**

***Bird Identification: Flight Patterns and Behavior***  
**-- by David Poteet and Rob Thacker**

**Program:**

***Why Rocks + Mud = Birds;***  
***The Story of Bolivar Flats***  
**-- by Winnie Burkett**

Ever wonder why is Bolivar Flats there? What makes it such an attractive place for birds and what species of birds can you see there? Find out the answers to these questions and many more.

Winnie Burkett, sanctuary manager for the Houston Audubon Society for the last 8 years, has been instrumental in the addition of 1800 acres of valuable coastal habitat to the Houston Audubon sanctuary system. Burkett was introduced to birds and bird watching at age 4, by her grandmother. She grew up looking for birds in the wetlands of South Florida and graduated with a major in biology from Florida State University. Moving around the country with her petroleum geologist husband gave her the opportunity to work on a variety of ornithological research projects while raising 3 sons. Before moving back to the Houston area in 1991, Winnie lived in Storrs, Connecticut where she worked as the naturalist for the Connecticut State Museum of Natural History and ran a bird banding station in conjunction with the University of Connecticut. Burkett's main interests and concerns are habitat protection and bird conservation.

## Other Events:

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

**November 10-14:**  
**RG Valley Birding Festival,**  
**Harlingen, TX – [www.rgvbirdfest.com](http://www.rgvbirdfest.com)**

**Saturday, November 20:**  
**Field Trip to Chappell Hill Area**  
led by Darrell Vollert; see p. 4

**Coming in December:**  
**Information on Christmas Bird Counts**  
throughout the area

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## Minutes of the October 4, 2004 Meeting

Bayland Community Center

Attendance: 50

1. **Learning Corner** began at 6:40 led by David Poteet. The focus was on bird identification by silhouette, size, and shape. After discussion of the general subject, two quiz/study handouts were distributed.
2. Call to order by Kathy Farr at 7pm beginning with **bird sightings**. The WBC pelagic trip saw a Greater Shearwater; Mourning Warbler was seen at Dos Vacas Muertas; and one member has a barred owl bathing in her bird bath.
3. **Minutes** of the August and September meetings were approved as printed in *The Spoonbill*.
4. **ONC nominating committee** begins work in November. Pat Pease asked that OG members consider serving on the committee or the board.
5. **The Spoonbill** editor Al Shultz asked for and received volunteers to submit articles for the October 10 deadline.
6. **Field Trip** coordinator Bill Saulmon will send email reminders of the trips if he is notified to do so at [dean1960@aol.com](mailto:dean1960@aol.com). The target birds for the October 16 trip are the Red-cockaded Woodpecker and the Brown-headed Nuthatch.
7. Iris Poteet presented a review of the **Budget** for 2004 – 2005 (attached). The budget included a \$10/participant fee for quarterly field trips, funds to purchase a PowerPoint projector, and donations to Hawk Watch and/or ONC Little Thicket. After considerable discussion, it was moved and seconded that the budget be approved as presented. There were three opposed.
8. **Program:** Michael Williams introduced **George Regmund** of Skimmer Nature Tours. With beautiful slides, George took us on a visit to Amazonian Brazil, Trinidad and Tobago. The Brazil trip was two weeks of living on a boat in the river and making daily excursions via canoe through the canopy. Asa Wright Nature Center was the core of the Trinidad trip whereas Tobago provided opportunity for pelagics and snorkeling.

--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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## Chairman's Message

Members attending the October meeting approved the budget, which includes a \$10 fee per participant for each quarterly field trip, a \$500 donation to GCBO's Hawk Watch, and purchase of a PowerPoint projector using the funds in the American Century investment account. The projector is on order and should be available for use by the November meeting.

The issue of why we continue to print and mail the newsletter was raised again, because it is a significant part of our budget. Even if everyone receiving *The Spoonbill* were able to do so via e-mail, we would still want to print paper copies, though in smaller numbers, to use as handouts whenever

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...Chairman's Message, cont.

we have an OG booth at various annual functions (GCBO Hummer Extravaganza, FeatherFest, etc.). We may eventually get to the point of having a "virtual" newsletter. But for now, we need to remember that OG is in business to do four things: provide the Learning Corner and monthly Speakers; provide monthly and quarterly Field Trips; print *The Spoonbill*, which includes the very important Clearing House; and provide the Upper Texas Coast checklist. That's our job, and has been for many years. Until everyone in OG embraces computer technology, that's the way things are likely to remain.

It seems like it was just yesterday that we had Christmas Bird Counts, but it's that time of year again. The 2004-5 schedule of CBC's isn't published as this is being written, but should be available during November. Be sure to check it out at the TOS website [www.texasbirds.org](http://www.texasbirds.org). We will have it on the back of the November meeting agenda, provided it's published by then.

--Kathy Farr

<b>Outdoor Nature Club - Ornithology Group</b>		
<b>Approved Budget June 1, 2004 – May 31, 2005</b>		
<b>Beginning Balance</b>		<b>\$8,593.72</b>
	<b>2004 Actual</b>	<b>2005 Budget</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Dues	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,328.00
Sales	\$ 199.28	\$ 150.00
Interest	\$ 5.45	-
Contributions	\$ 25.15	-
Facilities Deposit	-	\$ 100.00
Quarterly field trip \$10 fee	-	\$ 500.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 3,629.88</b>	<b>\$ 4,078.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Spoonbill	\$ 1,739.03	\$ 1,792.00
Speakers	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,250.00
Facilities Deposit	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Library	\$ 274.73	\$ 150.00
Supplies	\$ 223.91	\$ 230.00
Hawk Watch/Little Thicket	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Postage	\$ 282.61	\$ 280.00
OG Business Cards/Brochures	\$ 158.82	-
Display booth	\$ 548.55	-
Featherfest	\$ 69.54	\$ 80.00
Power Point Projector	-	\$ 1,500.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 4,697.19</b>	<b>\$ 5,882.00</b>
Budget surplus(deficit)	\$ (1,067.31)	\$ (1,804.00)
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>\$ 6,789.72</b>

### “Scenic Galveston” Restoration

On Saturday, Sept. 18th, I went to volunteer with Scenic Galveston to clean marshes of debris and to transplant grasses in areas designated for marsh restoration. This took place on a stretch of I-45 between Bayou Vista and the causeway bridge (The John M. O'Quinn I-45 Estuarial Corridor). I arrived early to bird and to photograph the sunrise on this beautifully restored wetland, which steadily is being transformed into a gorgeous gateway vista into Galveston. I saw 20+ species in that first all-too-short hour.

Evangeline Whorton and other dedicated volunteers quickly and ably assembled, registered, oriented, equipped, and dispersed incoming volunteers to pre-selected clean-up and restoration sites along the corridor. From an organizational standpoint that morning's operation was a

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*Scenic Galveston continued...*

marvel to behold, because it enabled a group of 30-40 people to effectively clean a highly visible area along an interstate, and to enhance this increasingly valuable habitat for birds and other wildlife. This area is open to the public and meant to be enjoyed! And it will remain so! Take exit 6 off of I-45 on your next visit to Galveston before you cross the causeway, and don't be too surprised if you see 50 or more species before you ever reach the bridge, much less the ferry to Bolivar.

The 54 species that were tallied with the able assistance of Barbara Rapstein of GOS made the work go fast. The lunch prepared by Mary Faye Barnes and Ellie Childs was true rapture. Many thanks to everyone at Scenic Galveston, especially Lalise and Greg Mason, whom I met on a Christmas bird count (Thanks OG!). I enjoyed a beautiful morning of preservation, restoration, and birding. And I'm looking forward to doing it again!

Scenic Galveston is on the web at [www.ScenicGalveston.org](http://www.ScenicGalveston.org).

-- Michael Williams

### **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, 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 nearby Brazos River bottom. 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.

**\*\*No OG field trip is scheduled for December, so members can participate in the Houston Christmas Bird Count on Saturday, December 18, 2004.**

### **Report of September 18, 2004 Field Trip to Smith Point**

Summer weather returned with a vengeance for this trip to the Smith Point Hawk Watch. Hawk watching was on the slow side but we did manage to see 8 species of raptors from the tower, including migrating Broad-winged Hawks. There were also Magnificent Frigatebirds flying over the bay. Some members braved the heat & mosquitoes to look for passerine migrants in the adjacent Oak Mottes. We found Great Crested Flycatchers in abundance and also saw Black-and-white Warbler, American Redstart, Canada Warbler, Dickcissel and several other species of flycatchers.

We concluded the trip with a visit to nearby Robbins Park on the bayshore. The expected gulls, terns, pelicans, waders, plovers & sandpipers were seen here. An obliging Clapper Rail posed up close for the group and allowed some great views. We concluded around noon with a bird list of about 60 species.

--Bill Saulmon

## Gathering After the Storm – August 21, 2004

...Barbara, Debbie and Mary got off the Bolivar ferry to join birders gathering in a parking lot. We looked at great maps in the rain, but then called off the bird count because of the danger of lightning on the beach. We made our goodbyes, saying, "Oh well, think I'll wander on down the road and see what I can from the car. Good to see you good folks!" But do you really think bad weather stops a birder? Yes, it does stop us sometimes, but we all know that bad weather can make bird-watching really interesting. You should not be surprised to hear that after about 30 or 45 minutes we found birders by the dozens gathering right at Bolivar Flats! The storm had just passed, bringing a refreshing breeze from the northwest, blue sky again, sunshine, gorgeous clouds, and glorious birds in great abundance. We joined the gentle birders for about two hours, counting the birds, checking fences that protected the nesting sites and taking notes. God must have known we needed a break!

And, Ah saving wilderness!

Just being with nature on her own terms calms the savaged person.

Away from construction, ugliness, noise, mess, days driven by the clock.

Now feeling a cooler breeze and the sweet smell of marsh.

A pair of Horned Larks sand-bathing in the dunes.

Privileged to watch the clowning of a dozen Reddish Egrets,

A molting Little Blue Heron that was calico blue and white,

And a second-year Green Heron with legs like key lime pie and handsome brown stripes.

The sound of Laughing Gulls and chattering of hundreds of Royal Terns.

Birds and bird antics some have never seen before.

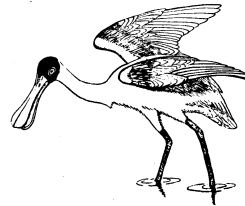
Just being there with them.

And being with people who know and love them and care they are still there.

--Mary Dillon

## From The Spoonbill's Past

Compiled by Skip Almoney



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### *Thirty Years Ago*

**A BIRD BATH IN THE WOODS** - by Wesley Cureton

Everybody has watched small birds splash in puddles, but who would think that owls might also enjoy a bath? Well, they do, and this past August I was a witness to the event. In the stream bottoms near White Oak Bayou, at 11:00 a.m., I saw a barred owl alight on an old fence post. After considerable craning of the neck and peering around, as if to insure privacy, the owl dropped to the ground, and soon the water began to splash. In keeping with the owl's dignified reputation, the splashing was slow and quiet, not vigorous. After bathing, it returned to the post for preening and fluffing of feathers, again stopping often to look around. Then it was back to the ground, where it rolled over on its side and opened its wing to the dappled sunshine. Shortly, the owl returned to the post, for more grooming, and then flew to a high willow branch. When I last looked, it was still preening. I don't I know how often an owl bathes, but when it does, it does a good job.

**"I'd rather be lucky  
than smart!"**

Several years ago, the Migration Celebration featured a hike at Brazos Bend State Park led by David Heincke. As David and the group prepared to head down the trail for a 2-3 hour hike, an elderly couple, not feeling "tip top" decided to stay behind. What a disappointment!

I chose to stay with the couple in the parking lot and we had a wonderful time learning about one another but paying little attention to the few birds which were about. Then it happened. A turkey vulture appeared and drifted over the parking area accompanied by another bird. For a moment I was speechless but then asked the nice couple if they had ever seen the bird slowly moving with the vulture to the north and beyond. They said, "no" and with great pleasure I was able to add a new bird to their life list.

Needless to say, when the remainder of the group returned several hours later, they had lots to talk about. But they were humbled (and likely jealous) of the wonderful experience that my friends were able to experience and with no effort whatsoever! They had seen a Swallow-tailed Kite.

*--Bill Godley*

<b>Brazos Bend State Park Bird Watching Hike Schedule</b>	
<b>Meet at 40 Acre Lake Restrooms</b>	
<b>Hikes will be from 2 – 3 hours in length</b>	
<b>Friday and Sunday, 8:00 a.m.</b>	
Leaders - Bill Godley and/or Mark Garbutt of the Brazos Bend Volunteer Organization.	
<b>Binoculars highly recommended.</b>	
Beginners and advanced birders are invited to participate.	
Friday, November 12, 2004	Friday, March 11, 2005
Sunday, November 21, 2004	Sunday, March 20, 2005
Friday, December 3, 2004	Friday, April 8, 2005
Sunday, December 12, 2004	Sunday, April 10, 2005
Friday, January 14, 2005	Friday, May 13, 2005
Sunday, January 16, 2005	Sunday, May 22, 2005
Friday, February 11, 2005	Friday, June 3, 2004
Sunday, February 20, 2005	

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### **August 2004 Clearing House**

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

Only 333 reports and 128 species for the month. Matt Whitbeck at Anahuac NWR found a new early record for Yellow Rail and Mike Austin found a new early record for Bobolink.

Observers this month are: Bill Saulmon, Bob & Maggie Honig, Debbie MacSorley, Don Verser, Kathy Reiser, Keith Anderson, Lacey Ogburn, Matt Whitbeck, Mike Austin, Ron Weeks, Sumita Prasad, and Tim Fennell.

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...Clearing House...

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=7 reports=2  
Double-crested Cormorant birds=4 reports=2  
Neotropic Cormorant birds=5 reports=1  
American Bittern 9/12  
Chambers(Anahuac NWR - East Bayou Tract) 1 Tim Fennell, TAS Shorebird Class  
Least Bittern birds=1 reports=1  
Great Blue Heron birds=8 reports=4  
Great Egret birds=14 reports=5  
Snowy Egret birds=16 reports=4  
Little Blue Heron birds=3 reports=2  
Tricolored Heron birds=6 reports=1  
Cattle Egret birds=83 reports=4  
Green Heron birds=8 reports=4  
Black-crowned Night-Heron birds=1 reports=1  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron birds=7 reports=2  
White Ibis birds=2 reports=1  
White-faced Ibis birds=4 reports=1  
Roseate Spoonbill birds=1 reports=1  
Black Vulture birds=1 reports=1  
Turkey Vulture birds=6 reports=4  
Mottled Duck birds=54 reports=2  
Blue-winged Teal birds=12 reports=1  
Mississippi Kite 9/3 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Mike Austin  
Cooper's Hawk birds=1 reports=1  
Red-shouldered Hawk birds=6 reports=2  
Broad-winged Hawk birds=2 reports=2  
Red-tailed Hawk 9/26 Harris(Katy Prairie: Jack Road South) 2 Kathy Reiser  
Peregrine Falcon 9/16 Harris(Dntown Houston, EPEnergy bldg) 3 Debbie MacSorley, 9/17 Harris(Dntown Houston, EPEnergy bldg) 3 Debbie MacSorley, 9/29 Brazoria(Quintana Island) 1 Sumita Prasad  
**Yellow Rail 9/12 Chambers(Anahuac NWR) 1 Matt Whitbeck**  
**Sora 9/11 Brazoria(Brazoria NWR) 1 Keith Anderson**  
Purple Gallinule birds=7 reports=1  
Common Moorhen birds=25 reports=1  
American Coot birds=8 reports=1  
Black-bellied Plover birds=1 reports=1  
Killdeer birds=30 reports=5  
Black-necked Stilt birds=30 reports=1  
Greater Yellowlegs birds=14 reports=3  
Lesser Yellowlegs birds=6 reports=1  
Willet birds=6 reports=1  
Spotted Sandpiper birds=7 reports=3  
Whimbrel 9/19 Galveston(Skyline Road near Texas City Dike) 1 Ron Weeks  
Western Sandpiper birds=25 reports=1  
Least Sandpiper birds=24 reports=3  
Long-billed Dowitcher birds=20 reports=1  
Laughing Gull birds=7 reports=2  
Ring-billed Gull birds=2 reports=1  
Rock Dove birds=46 reports=2  
Eurasian Collared-Dove birds=2 reports=1  
White-winged Dove birds=5 reports=1  
Mourning Dove birds=22 reports=5  
Inca Dove birds=3 reports=2

Barn Owl birds=1 reports=1  
Great Horned Owl birds=1 reports=1  
Common Nighthawk birds=1 reports=1  
Chuck-will's-widow birds=5 reports=3  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird birds=108 reports=7  
Rufous Hummingbird 9/5 Harris(Houston) 1 Bob & Maggie Honig, 9/18 Galveston(High Island) 75 Don Verser  
Belted Kingfisher birds=3 reports=2  
Red-headed Woodpecker birds=8 reports=3  
Red-bellied Woodpecker birds=20 reports=4  
Downy Woodpecker birds=11 reports=3  
Northern Flicker 9/19 Harris(EL Moore Nature Sanctuary) 1 Kathy Reiser  
Pileated Woodpecker birds=10 reports=3  
Olive-sided Flycatcher birds=1 reports=1  
Eastern Wood-Pewee birds=5 reports=4  
Acadian Flycatcher birds=2 reports=2  
Alder Flycatcher 9/3 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Mike Austin  
Willow Flycatcher birds=2 reports=1  
Least Flycatcher birds=16 reports=6  
Empidonax species birds=1 reports=1  
Great Crested Flycatcher birds=37 reports=4  
Western Kingbird birds=1 reports=1  
Eastern Kingbird birds=37 reports=4  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher birds=25 reports=6  
Loggerhead Shrike birds=4 reports=2  
White-eyed Vireo birds=20 reports=6  
Warbling Vireo 9/18 Galveston(High Island) 1 Don Verser, 9/18 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Don Verser  
Red-eyed Vireo birds=2 reports=2  
Blue Jay birds=34 reports=4  
American Crow birds=58 reports=6  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow birds=5 reports=1  
Bank Swallow birds=3 reports=1  
**Cave Swallow 9/3 Chambers (Anahuac N.W.R.) 4 Mike Austin**  
Carolina Chickadee birds=24 reports=3  
Tufted Titmouse birds=10 reports=3  
Carolina Wren birds=25 reports=6  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet 9/28 Harris(Jesse Jones Park) 1 Lacey Ogburn  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher birds=28 reports=8  
Eastern Bluebird birds=1 reports=1  
American Robin birds=2 reports=1  
Gray Catbird 9/28 Harris(Jesse Jones Park) 1 Lacey Ogburn, 9/29 Brazoria(Quintana Island) 1 Sumita Prasad  
Northern Mockingbird birds=19 reports=4  
Brown Thrasher 9/3 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Mike Austin, 9/28 Harris(Jesse Jones Park) 4 Lacey Ogburn, 9/29 Brazoria(Quintana Island) 7 Sumita Prasad, 9/30

Harris(Jesse Jones Park) 3 Lacey Ogburn  
European Starling birds=22 reports=2  
Nashville Warbler 9/18 Galveston(High Island) 1 Don Verser, 9/18 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Don Verser, 9/29 Brazoria(Quintana Island) 2 Sumita Prasad  
Northern Parula birds=1 reports=1  
Yellow Warbler birds=25 reports=10  
Magnolia Warbler 9/29 Brazoria(Quintana Island) 1 Sumita Prasad  
Black-throated Green Warbler 9/3 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Mike Austin, 9/18 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Don Verser, 9/29 Brazoria(Quintana Island) 1 Sumita Prasad  
Pine Warbler birds=11 reports=2  
Black-and-White Warbler birds=10 reports=6  
American Redstart 9/18 Galveston(High Island) 3 Don Verser, 9/29 Brazoria(Quintana Island) 2 Sumita Prasad  
Ovenbird 9/5 Galveston(LaFitte's Grove, West Galvesto) 1 Mike Austin, 9/22 Galveston(Boy Scout Woods, High Island) 1 Mike Austin  
Northern Waterthrush birds=7 reports=6  
Kentucky Warbler birds=1 reports=1  
Mourning Warbler birds=4 reports=4  
Common Yellowthroat birds=10 reports=4  
Hooded Warbler birds=5 reports=4  
Wilson's Warbler 9/18 Galveston(High Island) 5 Don Verser, 9/18 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 2 Don Verser, 9/18 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 1 Don Verser, 9/22 Galveston(Corps Woods, Galveston) 2 Mike Austin, 9/29 Brazoria(Quintana Island) 10 Sumita Prasad  
Canada Warbler birds=22 reports=9  
Yellow-breasted Chat birds=9 reports=7  
Summer Tanager birds=2 reports=2  
Lark Sparrow birds=1 reports=1  
Northern Cardinal birds=33 reports=4  
Blue Grosbeak birds=26 reports=5  
Indigo Bunting birds=8 reports=3  
Painted Bunting birds=13 reports=3  
**Bobolink 9/5 Galveston(Overhead LaFitte's Grove, West) 1 Mike Austin**  
Red-winged Blackbird birds=6 reports=1  
Yellow-headed Blackbird 9/12  
Chambers(Anahuac NWR - East Bayou Tract) 1 Tim Fennell, TAS Shorebird Class  
Common Grackle birds=5 reports=1  
Boat-tailed Grackle birds=12 reports=1  
Great-tailed Grackle birds=24 reports=4  
Orchard Oriole birds=2 reports=2  
Baltimore Oriole birds=17 reports=8  
House Finch birds=4 reports=2  
House Sparrow birds=31 reports=3

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