

# The Spoonbill

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## May Meeting

**Monday, May 2, 2005 -- 7:00 p.m.**  
**Bayland Community Center**  
**6400 Bissonnet, Houston**

**Learning Corner, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Q&A Panel**  
with Bill Saulmon, David Sarkozi, and Bob Honig

### Program:

**The Birds of Tanzania**  
by John Old and Skip Almoney

An account of a birding safari last year with Victor Emanuel Nature Tours.

## Other Events

**Fri. April 29 – Sun. May 1:**  
**Chappell Hill BirdFest**  
<http://www.chappellhillbirdfest.com/>

**Saturday, May 21: Field Trip to**  
**Brazos Bend State Park**

**Wed. June 1: Spring NatureFest,**  
**Nacogdoches**  
[www.srs.fs.usda.gov/wildlife/trail.htm](http://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/wildlife/trail.htm)  
or call 936-569-7981.

**Saturday, June 4: 8:30 a.m.**  
**ONC Highway Cleanup,**  
**Little Thicket Nature Sanctuary,**

**Monday, August 1: Monthly OG Meeting**

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*The Spoonbill* will return in August after a summer break.

Materials for the August issue should be sent to the Editor by July 10, 2005.

**Have a great,  
birdy Summer!**

## Minutes of the April 4, 2005 Meeting

Bayland Community Center

Attendance: 46

1. **Learning Corner:** David Poteet presented information on the warblers seen in Texas, with focus on habitat of each species: where they nest and where they feed.
2. **Bird sightings:** Swallow-tailed Kite; Chimney Swifts; Painted Bunting; Sora; Yellow Rail; American Bittern; Swainson's Hawk taking an American Coot; flock of 300 Long-billed Curlews; kettle of 32 Anhinga; Blue-winged, Hooded, Black-throated Green, Kentucky, Tennessee, Worm-eating Warblers; Ovenbird; Northern Parula; Louisiana Waterthrush; White-Eyed, Red-eyed, and Yellow-throated Vireos; possible Eskimo Curlew
3. No reports were offered for Membership or the Library.
4. **Newsletter** submissions are due April 10. Al Shultz reminded members that there will be no *Spoonbill* in June or July. Materials for the August issue should be submitted by July 10.
5. For **Environmental Issues**, Mary Dodson announced that the granting of conservation easements for tax incentives is being reassessed. See [www.refuge.net](http://www.refuge.net) for more information.
6. The **Outdoor Nature Club** "Birding Program" was presented to the Westbury Civic Club and AARP.
7. **Migration Celebration** at San Bernard NWR is April 9 & 10.
8. **Field Trips:** Bill Saulmon announced that Mike Austin will lead the April 16 trip to Quintana and Brazoria. Meet at Oyster Creek at 6:30am. There are still openings for the Ft Hood quarterly trip April 23 & 24. Target birds are the Golden-cheeked Warbler and Black-capped Vireo.
9. **2003-2005 Officer Appreciation** tokens were presented by outgoing Chair Kathy Farr.
10. Skip Almoney reported that **FeatherFest** exceeded the planners' expectations with 300+ registrants. OG provided 50-60 % of field trip liaisons. Patches, tee shirts, and tote bags are still available.
11. As Chair of the **Nominations Committee**, Skip Almoney presented the slate of officers for 2005 - 2007. Committee members were Margaret Simmons and Bill Saulmon. The nominees were Michael Williams, Chair; Bernice Hotman, Vice-Chair; Shirley and Raymond Mondshine, Secretary; and Jim Winn, Treasurer. Skip Almoney asked for nominations from the floor. The motion was made and seconded that the slate be accepted by acclamation. Motion carried.
12. **Dr Jane Packard** was introduced by Michael Williams. She presented a program "*Courting Birds and Bird-Watchers in the Big Thicket*". Dr Packard is Associate Professor of Ethology at TAMU. She studies bird behavior. Each species has unique appearance and methods for mating purposes. With video clips, Dr Packard showed some of the dances and displays, postures and plumages birds use in courting. In the second part of her program, Dr Packard discussed her involvement in community-based conservation in The Big Thicket. By participating in breeding bird surveys and transect studies, it is hoped that residents will see value in maintaining buffer zones around each of the nine habitat types in the preserve.

## 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

Since I will be out of town for the May OG meeting, I chose the April meeting for acknowledging my co-leaders for their great work of the past two years. Having chosen a wonderfully tacky, fun gift for each person, I proceeded to give each officer their "prize" for a job well done. As least that was the plan. At meeting's end someone asked me why I'd left out Bill Saulmon, and I was stunned. How embarrassing and thoughtless of me.

Bill Saulmon has performed his duties as Field Trip Chair with creative imagination, boundless energy, and professional leadership. He deserves our group's public recognition and gratitude. He did get his little plastic pink flamingo after the meeting from a chagrined Chairman. He didn't get to enjoy the group's appreciation with his co-leaders. Bill, I apologize for thoughtlessly skipping you. It won't happen again, I promise.

Because this is my last column as Chairman, I want to acknowledge everyone responsible for helping make our group successful over the past two years. It has required a lot of time, energy, and effort to schedule educational Learning Corners, great programs, and wonderful field trips for our participation. This is also true for supervising our membership and treasury, and keeping us environmentally informed. OG is a dynamic group that demands excellence. Our out-going leaders have served us well. Thank you all for your efforts on our behalf.

And a special Thank You to Skip Almoney for an outstanding job of organizing and managing our FeatherFest volunteers. Our volunteer liaisons were quite successful in assuring the smooth workings of the field trips. Skip's organizational skills made that possible. Thank you, Skip.

I have enjoyed being Chairman. You are a great group of people. You have made your appreciation known to me throughout my term, and I thank you for that.

May spring migration bring you wonderful birding! Have a great summer, and I'll see you in August as Learning Corner organizer.

--Kathy Farr

### From the New Field Trip Coordinator:

I would first like to thank Bill Saulmon for the excellent job he did as Field Trip Coordinator. He wasn't afraid of not going to all the traditional places, and took us to places we hadn't been before and places that some of us didn't know about. I appreciated that greatly. I am going to try and pick up where he left off, and to continue to guide this organization in the same direction.

A little background about me: I am 23 years old and have been birding for over 13 years now. I was born and raised in the Houston area. I know Houston pretty well, but there are still many places I have not been, don't know about or can't get access to. This is where I need your help!

I want you to have a say in where we go and what we look for. I welcome suggestions on places to go or certain birds you would all like to see. I would like to try to take field trips onto private land, provided that I can get access. On that note, if you know of any area that may be particularly birdy that is on private land and you know the owner of the property, I would appreciate it if you could email me their contact information so I can try to obtain their permission to bird on their property.

One final note: I think this is a great organization, but I would like to try and see us grow by attracting more members, especially younger members who can help keep this great organization going for many years to come. So if you know of people who might be interested, let them know about us and what we are about, and invite them to a meeting.

I look forward to a fun and exciting new OG year.

Thanks,

**Adam Wood, OG Field Trip Coordinator**

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## FIELD TRIPS

Our last field trip of this season will be on **May 21, 2005** to **Brazos Bend State Park**. It's been a few years since the OG visited nearby Brazos Bend State Park, so it's time to get reacquainted with this great birding spot. We will be targeting species that breed here, such as Purple Gallinule, Least Bittern, Prothonotary Warbler, Northern Parula, Yellow-throated Vireo, Hooded Warbler, Indigo and Painted Buntings and Acadian Flycatcher, among others. David Heinecke, who is the Senior Park Naturalist, and Bill Godley, the OG's own Brazos Bend "native," will lead this field trip. Meet them at 7:30 a.m. at the 40 Acre Lake restrooms. To get there from Houston, take U.S. 59 South to Crabb River Road (FM 2759) and turn south. Continue on this road (which becomes FM 762) to Brazos Bend State Park; look for the brown park sign on your left.

We had a joint field trip with the Houston Audubon Society on March 12, led by noted bird photographer and author Kevin Karlson. We chartered a bus for this trip and had to limit attendance to 45 people. Winnie Burkett, Don Richardson and Bill Saulmon helped out as assistant guides for the trip. Although the bus got stuck for a while at Bolivar Flats, it gave Kevin more time to demonstrate his new shorebird identification method, which is the basis for his new book coming out next year. We then went to the North Jetty where Kevin pointed out the differences between the Eastern & Western subspecies of Willets. We then went to High Island where everyone enjoyed the activity at the Smith Oaks rookery, but migrants were hard to find. The weather was nice but windy. On the bus trip home we reviewed the day's checklist -- we had 100 bird species for the trip.

Eighteen folks attended our regular monthly field trip on March 19 to the Texas City area. We met at a beach park by the levee and saw a flock of Bonaparte's Gulls. The highlight of the trip was a visit to a very obliging Burrowing Owl at a nearby housing development. We returned to the Dike and located a flock of Eared Grebes in breeding plumage along with all the expected species. After lunch in a pleasant park we had a guided tour of the Nature Conservancy Prairie Preserve by Manager Brandon Crawford. Brandon explained the habitat management practices employed to preserve the Attwater's Prairie Chicken. We had about 79 bird species for the day.

Adam Wood will be replacing me as our new field trip coordinator. Please let Adam know of any birding sites you would like to visit in the future. I'm sure that Adam would also appreciate folks volunteering to lead field trips next season.

See you on a future field trip.

*--Bill Saulmon*

## Exotic Records

Do you watch immigrant birds? Several species in the Houston area are not native to North America but have established local breeding populations. There are Monk Parakeets in Sharpstown and Clear Lake, Red-vented Bulbuls in the Heights, Nutmeg Mannikins and Orange Bishops by the West Beltway. If you've seen some of these or other notable local exotics, tell *The Spoonbill*. If there's interest, we'll cover them in a future issue.

In general, exotics are not "listable" (under ABA rules) if they escaped from captivity or were brought by humans. But beyond that, what defines an established population? House Sparrows, European Starlings and Rock Pigeons were once newcomers, but are now beyond any doubt as successful breeders (too successful, arguably). Cattle Egrets and Eurasian Collared-Doves are almost ubiquitous now on the Upper Texas Coast, yet they are not native to this continent. At one time – not all that long ago – these species would have been considered rarities, whether accidental or introduced.

If we are interested in birds as more than items on a list, we should note the exotics. Many seem to be well on their way to wider establishment. For better or worse, bird distributions change through time, and their populations rise and fall. There will be much debate about these changes: the extent to which they can be called good or bad in broader ecological terms, the role of humans in causing them. Meanwhile, the birds are going about their business. Let's learn something about them.

- Editor

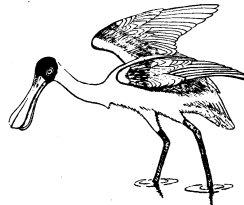
## From The Spoonbill's Past

Compiled by Skip Almoney

*Forty Years Ago*

**OLIVE-BACKED WARBLER  
HIGHLIGHTS GEORGE WEST TRIP**

by Pat Sullivan



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Clayton Gilman, demonstrating all the attributes of a true leader, spotted an Olive-backed Warbler at the Frio River lunch site, Tilden, Texas on Sunday, March 28th, to climax the George West Ornithology Group Field Trip. This misplaced resident of the lower Rio Grande Valley "upriver to Rio Grande City" was observed for approximately 2 hours and all party members were able to clearly distinguish the olive saddle spot, black facial markings and absence of white eye ring. The field trip party of 26 left their headquarters at the Buenas Noches Motel, George West, Texas. ...The first stop at the Houdmann Ranch provided a variety of habitats and the following noteworthy birds were seen: (1) in plowed fields and on fences - Clay-colored Sparrow, Lark Bunting, Vermilion Flycatcher and Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, (2) on the lake and in the marsh - American Bittern, Cinnamon Teal, Blue-winged Teal, Gadwall, Shoveler, Snipe, King Rail, Sora, (3) in trees and hedgerows - Black-headed Oriole, Cactus Wren, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Curve-billed Thrasher, Sage Thrasher and Black-crested Titmouse. A stop at Pauraque Creek proved a dry run for both water and Pauraques but Golden-fronted Woodpeckers, Ladder-backed Woodpeckers, Black-and-white Warblers and the Townsend's Warblers were found in this area. En route to the lunch site at Carone Ranch Lark Sparrows, Scaled Quail, several Harris' Hawks, a Caracara and a Roadrunner were spotted. Exploration of ranch roads resulted in sunburned faces and many additions to the list including the Pyrrhuloxia, House Finch, Chipping Sparrow, Black-throated Sparrow, Grasshopper Sparrow and Blue-gray Gnatcatchers in distracting numbers. The 23 mile trip back to George West was enlivened by a Cassin's Sparrow who obligingly sang his sweet song on demand, a Great Horned Owl who regarded the party with disdain, and a Verdin, up Pauraque Creek. The sundown count was 86 species.

## March 2005 Clearing House

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

Reporters this month are: Kathy Reiser, Al Shultz, Jim Hinson, Art Mackinnon, Adam Wood, Rick Bello, Matthew Moskwik, Johnnie Greene, Cin-Ty Lee, Steve Gross, Maggie & Bob Honig, Debbie McCue, Linda Scott, Bob Douat, Terry Baldwin, Don Verser, Bob & Maggie Honig, Terry Baldwin, Gregory Lavaty

Species that are listed as abundant to uncommon for the whole month are summarized. Records for rare to vagrant status are listed in full. Those records that are very rare for that week of the year are in bold; those that are new for that week of the year are bold and underlined.

Please enter your reports via the OG website at [www.ornithologygroup.org](http://www.ornithologygroup.org)

You can also send reports to me via regular mail and e-mail.

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck birds=50 reports=6  
Greater White-fronted Goose birds=3 reports=1  
Snow Goose birds=1 reports=1  
Wood Duck birds=4 reports=2  
Gadwall birds=56 reports=4  
American Wigeon birds=1 reports=1  
Mallard birds=12 reports=1  
Mottled Duck birds=34 reports=4  
Blue-winged Teal birds=262 reports=10  
Cinnamon Teal birds=2 reports=1  
Northern Shoveler birds=281 reports=5  
Northern Pintail birds=2 reports=1  
Green-winged Teal birds=51 reports=2  
Lesser Scaup birds=19 reports=1  
Red-breasted Merganser birds=13 reports=3  
**Least Grebe 3/29 Fort Bend(Brazos Bend SP 40 Acre Lake) 1 Matthew Moskwik**  
Pied-billed Grebe birds=30 reports=9  
American White Pelican birds=13 reports=4  
Brown Pelican birds=47 reports=7  
Neotropic Cormorant birds=60 reports=6  
Double-crested Cormorant birds=39 reports=10  
Anhinga birds=2 reports=1  
American Bittern birds=8 reports=4  
Great Blue Heron birds=22 reports=14  
Great Egret birds=51 reports=12  
Snowy Egret birds=60 reports=11  
Little Blue Heron birds=14 reports=7  
Tricolored Heron birds=22 reports=7  
Cattle Egret birds=25 reports=4  
Green Heron 3/28 Jefferson(Sabine Woods to Sea Rim SP) 1 Art Mackinnon  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron birds=2 reports=2  
White Ibis birds=71 reports=6  
White-faced Ibis birds=44 reports=2  
Roseate Spoonbill birds=42 reports=5  
Black Vulture birds=19 reports=8  
Turkey Vulture birds=91 reports=10  
Osprey birds=4 reports=4  
White-tailed Kite birds=4 reports=2  
Bald Eagle 3/13 Harris(Katy Prairie) 1 Kathy Reiser  
Northern Harrier birds=15 reports=4  
Red-shouldered Hawk birds=10 reports=5  
Broad-winged Hawk 3/28 Jefferson(Sabine Woods to Sea Rim SP) 2 Art Mackinnon  
**Swainson's Hawk 3/23 Harris(Edith L. Moore) 1 Jim Hinson**  
Red-tailed Hawk birds=15 reports=9  
Crested Caracara birds=4 reports=2  
American Kestrel birds=20 reports=9  
Merlin 3/3 Harris(Bear Creek Park) 2 Jim Hinson, 3/28 Jefferson(Sabine Woods to Sea Rim SP) 1 Art Mackinnon  
Peregrine Falcon 3/27 Harris(McGovern Lake in Hermann Park) 1 Bob Honig  
Prairie Falcon 3/20 Chambers(Anahuac NWR - East Tract) 1 Cin-Ty Lee  
falcon sp. birds=1 reports=1  
Sora birds=1 reports=1  
Purple Gallinule 3/13 Fort Bend(Brazos Bend State Park) 1 Steve Gross, 3/19 Fort Bend(Brazos Bend SP) 1 Kathy Reiser, 3/26 Fort Bend(Brazos Bend SP) 1 Kathy Reiser  
Common Moorhen birds=127 reports=5  
American Coot birds=217 reports=10  
Black-bellied Plover birds=26 reports=4  
American Golden-Plover birds=9 reports=2  
Snowy Plover 3/11 Jefferson() 4 Art Mackinnon, 3/19 Galveston(Bolivar Shorebird Sanctuary) 3 Adam Wood, 3/28 Jefferson(Sabine Woods to Sea Rim SP) 40 Art Mackinnon  
Wilson's Plover birds=6 reports=2  
Semipalmated Plover birds=7 reports=3  
Piping Plover birds=23 reports=3  
Killdeer birds=58 reports=10  
Black-necked Stilt birds=17 reports=2  
American Avocet birds=25 reports=2  
Greater Yellowlegs birds=37 reports=4  
Lesser Yellowlegs birds=13 reports=4  
Willet birds=41 reports=4  
Upland Sandpiper 3/28 Jefferson(Sabine Woods to Sea Rim SP) 1 Art Mackinnon  
Long-billed Curlew birds=6 reports=2  
Marbled Godwit birds=1 reports=1  
Ruddy Turnstone birds=2 reports=2  
Sanderling birds=2,376 reports=4  
Western Sandpiper birds=44 reports=2  
Least Sandpiper birds=112 reports=4  
Dunlin birds=275 reports=2  
Long-billed Dowitcher birds=1,033 reports=3  
dowitcher sp birds=4 reports=1  
Wilson's Snipe birds=2 reports=1  
**American Woodcock 3/7 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art Mackinnon**  
Laughing Gull birds=468 reports=8  
Bonaparte's Gull birds=72 reports=3  
Ring-billed Gull birds=195 reports=6  
Herring Gull birds=41 reports=5  
Lesser Black-backed Gull 3/11 Jefferson() 1 Art Mackinnon  
gull sp birds=1 reports=1  
Gull-billed Tern birds=6 reports=2  
Caspian Tern birds=29 reports=4  
Royal Tern birds=182 reports=5  
Sandwich Tern birds=35 reports=3  
Common Tern 3/11 Jefferson() 1 Art Mackinnon, 3/19 Galveston(Bolivar Shorebird Sanctuary) 5 Adam Wood  
Forster's Tern birds=110 reports=3  
Least Tern 3/19 Galveston(Bolivar Shorebird Sanctuary) 10 Adam Wood  
Rock Pigeon birds=25 reports=1  
Eurasian Collared-Dove birds=10 reports=4  
Streptopelia sp. birds=1 reports=1  
White-winged Dove birds=36 reports=6  
Mourning Dove birds=100 reports=14  
Inca Dove birds=2 reports=1  
Great Horned Owl birds=2 reports=2  
Barred Owl birds=8 reports=5  
Chuck-will's-widow 3/22 Harris(Edith L. Moore) 1 Jim Hinson, 3/28

Jefferson(Sabine Woods to Sea Rim SP) 1 Art Mackinnon  
 Whip-poor-will 3/28 Jefferson(Sabine Woods to Sea Rim SP) 1 Art Mackinnon  
 Chimney Swift 3/26  
 Harris(MasonCr&BarkerRes.) 4 Al Shultz, 3/27 Harris(Houston near Bissonnet & Edloe) 1 Maggie & Bob Honig  
**Buff-bellied Hummingbird 3/14 Chambers(my yard Anahuac) 1 Linda Scott**  
 Ruby-throated Hummingbird birds=12 reports=7  
 Archilochus sp birds=1 reports=1  
 Rufous Hummingbird 3/13 Harris(Mason Cr & Barker Res) 1 Al Shultz, 3/19 Harris(MasonCr&BarkerRes.) 1 Al Shultz  
 hummingbird sp birds=1 reports=1  
 Belted Kingfisher birds=4 reports=3  
 Red-headed Woodpecker birds=7 reports=3  
 Red-bellied Woodpecker birds=37 reports=8  
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker birds=8 reports=5  
 Downy Woodpecker birds=23 reports=7  
 Northern Flicker birds=3 reports=3  
 Pileated Woodpecker birds=12 reports=7  
 Eastern Phoebe birds=8 reports=6  
 Vermilion Flycatcher birds=1 reports=1  
 Great Crested Flycatcher 3/28  
 Jefferson(Sabine Woods to Sea Rim SP) 17 Art Mackinnon  
 Eastern Kingbird 3/28 Jefferson(Sabine Woods to Sea Rim SP) 2 Art Mackinnon  
 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 3/26 Fort Bend(Katy Mills Mall) 1 Al Shultz, 3/28 Jefferson(Sabine Woods to Sea Rim SP) 12 Art Mackinnon  
 Loggerhead Shrike birds=30 reports=11  
 White-eyed Vireo birds=32 reports=12  
**Bell's Vireo 3/11 Jefferson() 1 Art Mackinnon**  
 Yellow-throated Vireo 3/22 Hardin(Bear Creek Park) 1 Jim Hinson, 3/24 Galveston(High Island) 1 Don Verser, 3/28 Jefferson(Sabine Woods to Sea Rim SP) 1 Art Mackinnon  
 Blue-headed Vireo birds=7 reports=5  
 Red-eyed Vireo 3/24 Galveston(High Island) 1 Don Verser  
 Blue Jay birds=21 reports=7  
 American Crow birds=44 reports=9  
 Fish Crow birds=8 reports=1  
 Purple Martin birds=66 reports=11  
 Tree Swallow birds=2,509 reports=5  
**Cliff Swallow 3/13 Harris(Katy Prairie) 1 Kathy Reiser**  
 Barn Swallow 3/2 Harris(Beltway 8 & Kempwood) 1 Bob Honig  
 Carolina Chickadee birds=33 reports=7  
 Tufted Titmouse birds=42 reports=6  
 Red-breasted Nuthatch 3/3 Harris(Bear Creek Park) 2 Jim Hinson, 3/22 Hardin(Bear Creek Park) 2 Jim Hinson

Carolina Wren birds=43 reports=8  
 House Wren birds=3 reports=3  
 Winter Wren 3/3 Harris(Bear Creek Park) 1 Jim Hinson  
 Sedge Wren birds=8 reports=1  
 Marsh Wren birds=4 reports=2  
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet birds=97 reports=11  
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher birds=40 reports=8  
 Hermit Thrush birds=16 reports=6  
 Wood Thrush 3/22 Harris(Edith L. Moore) 1 Jim Hinson, 3/28 Jefferson(Sabine Woods to Sea Rim SP) 1 Art Mackinnon  
 American Robin birds=213 reports=7  
 Gray Catbird birds=6 reports=3  
 Northern Mockingbird birds=60 reports=13  
 Brown Thrasher birds=17 reports=3  
 European Starling birds=291 reports=11  
 American Pipit birds=1 reports=1  
 Cedar Waxwing birds=38 reports=3  
 Orange-crowned Warbler birds=33 reports=10  
 Nashville Warbler 3/22 Harris(Edith L. Moore) 2 Jim Hinson, 3/23 Harris(Edith L. Moore) 2 Jim Hinson, 3/28 Jefferson(Sabine Woods to Sea Rim SP) 1 Art Mackinnon  
 Northern Parula 3/7 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art Mackinnon  
 Yellow-rumped Warbler birds=621 reports=14  
 Black-throated Green Warbler 3/22 Harris(Edith L. Moore) 3 Jim Hinson, 3/23 Harris(Edith L. Moore) 3 Jim Hinson, 3/24 Galveston(High Island) 3 Don Verser  
 Yellow-throated Warbler 3/7 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art Mackinnon, 3/11 Fort Bend(Cullinan Park) 1 Terry Baldwin, Gregory Lavaty, 3/28 Jefferson(Sabine Woods to Sea Rim SP) 1 Art Mackinnon  
 Pine Warbler birds=2 reports=2  
**Prairie Warbler 3/7 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art Mackinnon, 3/11 Jefferson() 1 Art Mackinnon, 3/28 Jefferson(Sabine Woods to Sea Rim SP) 1 Art Mackinnon**  
 Palm Warbler birds=2 reports=1  
 Black-and-White Warbler 3/7 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art Mackinnon, 3/11 Jefferson() 26 Art Mackinnon, 3/12 Harris(Houston near Bissonnet & Edloe) 3 Bob & Maggie Honig, 3/18 Brazoria(Quintana Island) 1 Rick Bello, 3/22 Harris(Edith L. Moore) 4 Jim Hinson, 3/23 Harris(Edith L. Moore) 4 Jim Hinson, 3/24 Galveston(High Island) 3 Don Verser, 3/26 Harris(MasonCr&BarkerRes.) 1 Al Shultz, 3/28 Brazoria(Brazoria NWR & Quintana) 2 Kathy Reiser, 3/28 Jefferson(Sabine Woods to Sea Rim SP) 23 Art Mackinnon

**Prothonotary Warbler 3/12 Brazoria(Quintana Island) 1 Johnnie Greene, 3/12 Brazoria(NBS, Quintana) 1 Terry Baldwin, 3/12 Brazoria(NBS, Quintana) 1 Terry Baldwin, 3/26 Fort Bend(Brazos Bend SP) 3 Kathy Reiser, 3/28 Jefferson(Sabine Woods to Sea Rim SP) 1 Art Mackinnon**  
**Ovenbird 3/24 Galveston(High Island) 1 Don Verser**  
**Louisiana Waterthrush 3/7 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art Mackinnon, 3/11 Jefferson() 6 Art Mackinnon, 3/24 Galveston(High Island) 1 Don Verser, 3/28 Jefferson(Sabine Woods to Sea Rim SP) 1 Art Mackinnon**  
 Kentucky Warbler 3/28 Jefferson(Sabine Woods to Sea Rim SP) 1 Art Mackinnon  
 Common Yellowthroat birds=15 reports=5  
 Hooded Warbler 3/22 Harris(Edith L. Moore) 3 Jim Hinson, 3/23 Harris(Edith L. Moore) 1 Jim Hinson, 3/24 Galveston(High Island) 3 Don Verser, 3/28 Jefferson(Sabine Woods to Sea Rim SP) 35 Art Mackinnon  
 Wilson's Warbler 3/24 Galveston(High Island) 5 Don Verser  
 Eastern Towhee birds=1 reports=1  
 Chipping Sparrow birds=1 reports=1  
 Field Sparrow birds=1 reports=1  
 Savannah Sparrow birds=60 reports=9  
 Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow birds=1 reports=1  
 Fox Sparrow 3/7 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art Mackinnon, **3/11 Jefferson() 2 Art Mackinnon**  
 Song Sparrow birds=5 reports=5  
 Lincoln's Sparrow birds=3 reports=3  
 Swamp Sparrow birds=32 reports=8  
 White-throated Sparrow birds=52 reports=6  
 White-crowned Sparrow birds=1 reports=1  
 Dark-eyed Junco 3/5 Harris(Houston, Dairy Ashford/Westiemer - home) 1 Terry Baldwin  
 Northern Cardinal birds=86 reports=14  
 Indigo Bunting 3/24 Galveston(High Island) 1 Don Verser  
 Red-winged Blackbird birds=864 reports=10  
 Eastern Meadowlark birds=57 reports=5  
 Common Grackle birds=28 reports=2  
 Boat-tailed Grackle birds=87 reports=6  
 Great-tailed Grackle birds=265 reports=13  
 Brown-headed Cowbird birds=92 reports=5  
 House Finch birds=6 reports=1  
 Pine Siskin 3/22 Hardin(Bear Creek Park) 3 Jim Hinson  
 American Goldfinch birds=5 reports=3  
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