

The Spoonbill

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March Meeting

Monday, March 6, 2006 -- 7:00 p.m.
Bayland Community Center
6400 Bissonnet, Houston

**6:30 -- Learning Corner with Mary Anne Weber
Owls**

**Program with Denver Holt:
The Owls of North America
and their Adaptations**

Owls are perhaps the most widely recognized group of animals in the world. Owl lore, myth, and stories have been verbally passed along in many native cultures throughout the world. There are 20 species of owls that breed in the United States and Canada.

Denver Holt is the founder and president of the Owl Research Institute and the Ninepipes Wildlife Research and Education Center. Since 1978, his particular focus has been on researching owls and their ecology. Denver has published papers and technical documents, including three species accounts for the Birds of North America project. He was the team leader for the Strigidae (owls) species accounts for *The Handbook of the Birds of the World*, and he has co-authored a science book on owls for children. In 2000 Denver was named Montana's Wildlife Biologist of the Year by the Montana Chapter of the Wildlife Society of America. His work has been featured on CNN Science News, Audubon's Up-Close series, PBS's Bird Watch, David Attenborough's Life of Birds, and "National Geographic".

With thirty years of experience on which to draw, Denver's program covering field marks, habitat requirements, and vocalizations will surely offer new insights to finding and identifying owls.

After speaking to OG on Monday night, Denver will present a program to Houston Audubon Society on Wednesday, on his research on the Snowy Owl. That research was the basis of a cover story in National Geographic.

Other Events

March 8: midweek birding trip
to Barker Reservoir

March 18: monthly OG field trip
to Bear Creek, Addicks Reservoir and
Barker Reservoir with Adam Wood

March 24-26: Migration Workshop,
Gulf Coast Bird Observatory

March 30 - April 2: FeatherFest
<http://www.galvestonfeatherfest.com/>

April 8: monthly OG field trip,
Jasper County with Tom Kihn

April 8-9: Prairie Chicken Festival,
Attwater PC NWR, Eagle Lake

April 22-23: Quarterly Field Trip,
San Antonio with Mike Creese

April 29: Galveston Migrants
with Dwight Peake

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Minutes of the February 6, 2006 Meeting

Bayland Community Center

Attendance: 68

1. **Learning Corner:** David Bradford discussed the ID tips to differentiate the Cooper's Hawk from the Sharp-shinned Hawk. Do not use size. The Cooper's tail is rounded, the eye looks bigger and the tail looks longer in flight. The Sharp-shinned Hawk's tail is square.
2. Chairman Michael Williams opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. with a **TOS conference** wrap-up, and presented two bottles of wine to Kathy Farr as a token of appreciation for all of her hard work in this endeavor. There were 180 species sighted including Prairie Chickens. 120 people came from out of town.
3. **Bird Sightings:** Red-vented Bulbul in the Montrose area, Bronzed Cowbirds on Hillcroft, and Woodcocks still present.
4. **Treasury:** Budget report was presented by Jim Winn and accepted and approved.
5. **Minutes** of the February meeting were also approved.
6. **Environmental Issues:** Michael Williams discussed the State Park issue and suggested that we contact our elected officials about the lack of funding.
7. **Library:** It was suggested that any bird books donated to the library would be appreciated.
8. **Field Trips:** The monthly field trip is Saturday, February 18, at Anahuac NWR. Meet at the visitors' center at 8:00 a.m.
9. **FeatherFest** in Galveston will be March 30, 31, April 1 and 2. If you go to their website it lists all of the events and you can register online.
10. **Program:** Bernice Hotman introduced Jesse Fagan and the program "Breeding Warblers of East Texas." There are fourteen breeding warbler species: Hooded, Common Yellowthroat, Prothonotary (canary of the forest), Black-and-white, Kentucky, Worm-eating, Pine, Prairie, Northern Parula, American Redstart, Swainson's, Yellow-breasted Chat, Yellow-throated and Louisiana Waterthrush. Henslow's and Bachman's Sparrows were also discussed. Vocalizations were stressed in his talk for help in identifying the birds.
11. **Meeting adjourned** at 8:45 p.m.

--Raymond Mondshine

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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12th Annual Attwater Prairie Chicken Festival

"Booming and Blooming" -- April 8 and 9

Join trips to the booming grounds to watch Attwater's Prairie Chickens engage in their courtship displays, Saturday and Sunday morning. Refuge staff will get as many people as possible on the booming grounds to see this spectacle. The group leaves at 7 a.m., so be there no later than 6:45 am to get a space.

There will also be walking tours for native plants both days. Check their website at

www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/texas/attwater for more information.

March Field Trip

March 18th Bear Creek, Addicks & Barker Reservoirs

Come out for an expedition to Bear Creek, Addicks and Barker Reservoirs. We also may stop at the Williams home to see what hummingbirds they have around, and at Edith L. Moore Sanctuary to see what early migrants may be around. We will be in search of any lingering winter species, such as Purple Finch, Rusty Blackbird, Brown Creeper, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Winter Wren, and Fox, Harris's, LeConte's, and Grasshopper Sparrows. Also we will seek any early migrants that may have arrived, like Northern Parula and Louisiana Waterthrush. So come out and join us for a fun day of birding, where both lingering winter species and early migrants can be had.

We will meet at the parking lot for Pavilion #5 in Bear Creek Park at 7:00 a.m. To get to Bear Creek, take Beltway 8 to Clay Road and head west on Clay Road to Bear Creek Drive. Take a left on Bear Creek Drive, and go to South Schulz Lane. You will go past Egging Lane, and the parking lot for Pavilion #5 will be on your left before the road loops around. If you get to Dopslauf Drive you have gone too far.

Make sure to bring your binos, scopes if you have them, cameras (there could be a chance to practice your digiscoping skills), water, hat, sunscreen, snacks if you would like, and a lunch especially if you are planning on birding for most of the day. If you have any questions please let me know and consult the message board on the field trip section of the OG website for trip updates and carpool information.

--Adam Wood, OG Field Trip Coordinator

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Midweek Birding Trip: Barker Reservoir

The March 2006 midweek birding trip will be on March 8, 2006, at Barker Reservoir. This spot has a variety of habitats including a small lake, woods, and flooded fields if there has been sufficient rain. We will meet at the small parking lot on the west side of Highway 6 just south of the spillway. There is a gas station located south of the parking lot. We will walk up and over the dam and then along the dirt roads that lead into the reservoir. The leader for this trip will be at the designated meeting point at 8:00 a.m. and the trip will not last beyond 12 noon.. To reach the meeting spot, travel south on Highway 6 from I-10 and look for the spillway and then the parking lot on the west side of the road.

--Skip Almoney

Spring Migration Workshop on the Upper Texas Coast

The Gulf Coast Bird Observatory will host a Spring Migration Workshop on March 24-26 to help birders better understand and enjoy one of the most amazing phenomena in nature - the twice-annual mass movement of billions of creatures over hundreds or thousands of miles. Dr. Kenneth P. Able, who has spent a career studying bird migration and who is editor of the acclaimed book, *Gatherings of Angels: Migrating Birds and Their Ecology*, will share the results of decades of research into this incredible spectacle.

Presentations by Ken, John Arvin, and other migration researchers will take place on the evenings of the 24th and 25th and field trips to some of the premier locations on the Texas coast will occupy Saturday the 25th and the morning of Sunday, the 26th. Registration will be available February 5th. Spaces for the workshop are limited. To get your name on the pre-registration "early bird list", please call the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory at (979) 480-0999 or e-mail jarvin@gcbo.org.

Field Trip Reports

Lower Rio Grande Valley Trip (January 26-29)

Twenty participants enjoyed a wonderful four days of birding in the LRGV. We got sprinkled on a little bit on Friday and Saturday, but other than that the weather was very agreeable.

Thursday, after arriving in the LRGV, some of us spent the afternoon at Estero Llano Grande looking for the Ruddy Ground-Dove; two of us got good looks at it, and a few more saw it the next day. We spent Friday birding Santa Ana and Anzalduas County Park. Highlights for that day included the Red-naped Sapsucker, Cinnamon Teal, Bufflehead and Eared Grebe at Santa Anna; and Gray Hawk, Altamira Oriole, Black Phoebe and Vermillion Flycatcher at Anzalduas. Ducks and shorebirds at Santa Anna were incredible -- David Poteet said that it is the best that it has been there in a long time. On the other hand, it was sad to see how dry it was in the valley and this was really noticeable at Anzalduas County Park where many of the trees had lost leaves or curled-up leaves.

Saturday was spent birding in Salineno, at the DeWinds' El Rio RV Park in Chapeno, Star County Park in McAllen, and Seven Palms Subdivision. (I may have the name of the subdivision wrong. If I do, please let me know.) Highlights at the DeWinds included Audubon's Oriole, Clay-colored Robin, Bewick's Wren, good looks at Olive Sparrow, Audubon's Yellow-rumped Warbler, Green Kingfisher, White-tipped Dove, Altamira Oriole, Hooded Oriole, Curve-billed Thrasher, Ringed Kingfisher and Canvasback. If you have never birded Salineno at the DeWinds, I highly recommend it. I was very impressed with the setup they have there. It should be a stop on every trip to the LRGV. We added Brown Jays, Song Sparrow and Northern Bobwhite at EL Rio RV Park; Lark Sparrows, Black-throated Sparrow, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher and Greater Roadrunner at Star County Park; Tropical Kingbird at Seven Palms subdivision; and Green Parakeets and Red-crowned Parrots in McAllen.

Sunday morning was spent birding Sabal Palms in search of Groove-billed Anis and the Gray Crowned Yellowthroat. Neither bird was found, but we did see Couch's Kingbirds, Black-throated Green Warblers and a Wilson's Warbler.

133 birds were seen on the trip, with just about all of the participants adding at least one bird to their life list and with a few adding as many as 35. A complete list of birds seen on this trip will follow, broken down to what was seen at each location. A big thanks goes out to David Poteet and Sean Smith for leading this very successful trip.

--Adam Wood

Russ Pittman Park (February Mid-week Trip)

The OG Field Trip to Russ Pittman Park in Bellaire was held on February 8, 2006. In spite of the incorrect instruction as to how to find the park, seven hardy souls showed up on a crisp, clear morning to bird. We were welcomed by the sight of a female Pileated Woodpecker digging a hole in the pecan tree directly in front of the Discovery Nature Center. She was only about 15 feet above us, so we all got good looks and John Old got some wonderful pictures.

After spending some time watching this fascinating bird we began to wander the grounds. Norma Barnes, and OG member and volunteer at the Discovery Nature Center, hoped we would see several species of hummingbirds and possibly the summer tanager which has been hanging around. Well, we were lucky: we did see the summer tanager near the bee nests she has been feeding on all winter. We were also lucky enough to see three (possibly four) species of hummingbirds. Our first one was initially identified as a Rufous Hummingbird. Closer looks at the bird suggested that it might have been an Allen's Hummingbird, based upon the amount of green on its back and head, but none of the participants were familiar enough with the hummers to be sure. We later saw an additional Rufous hummer with very little green, and an immature Ruby-throated and an immature Black-chinned Hummingbird.

There were all the usual suspects one expects in a city park, including Blue Jays (lots), Mockingbirds, doves (Rock, White-winged, Mourning, Eurasian Collared, and Inca), one American Robin, Orange-crowned and Yellow-rumped Warblers, American Goldfinch, and blackbirds (Common and Great-tailed Grackles, Red-winged). In addition, we saw three Blue-gray Gnatcatchers and one Blue-headed Vireo to go along with the expected Chickadees, Ruby-crowned Kinglets, and Northern Cardinals. Our final tally was 26 species.

This close-in spot is a place for an easy stroll that will almost always provide a good look at many birds close up.

- Skip Almoney

TOS-OG-KPC WINTER MEETING REPORT

The January 2006 Winter Meeting of the Texas Ornithological Society, co-sponsored by the Ornithology Group (OG) and the Katy Prairie Conservancy (KPC), was a wonderful success! Participants numbered 110, from Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arizona and Texas, and found over 180 species on eight separate field trips during the three-day event. Five field trips covered Katy Prairie birding: 2 on KPC properties Nelson Farms and Warren Ranch; 1 driving prairie roads for wintering sparrows; 1 with Jim Hinson for Bear Creek Park specialties; and a Friday night owl prowl. Three more trips covered the specialties of Brazos Bend State Park, Jones State Forest and Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR.

Mary Anne Piacentini, KPC's Executive Director, gave an interesting talk on the history of the Katy Prairie and KPC's conservation efforts Friday evening. Fred Collins presented a delightful synopsis of his 40+ years of birding and research activities on the prairie after the delicious banquet dinner Saturday night.

Highlights were many and varied, and included the following:

- over 35 people added at least one species to their life list
- Friday's special trip to Attwater PC NWR saw five prairie chickens
- Steve Gast took a group to see ConocoPhillips's visiting Black Phoebe on Saturday afternoon
- one Houstonian discovered birding, and 20 others attended, due to Gary Clark's January 7 column
- the Katy Prairie excited many with new birding places and great species variety
- many potential members were introduced to OG
- the three-way split of profits netted OG \$1,527.72

I want to publicly thank everyone who helped make the TOS/OG/KPC Winter Meeting a huge success. It never would have happened without your help!!!

Administrative & Registration Table Assistance

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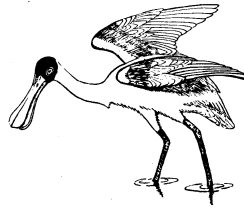
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A **BIG** THANK YOU!

--Kathy Farr

From The Spoonbill's Past

Compiled by Skip Almoney



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Thirty Years Ago

Meeting Announcements –February 1976

Under the direction of Marilyn Crane, a Bird Identification Seminar will be held at Fonde at 7:30 on March 4, concentrating on spring warblers. Fred Collins will bring some skins and run some slides. Mr. Brister encouraged as many as possible to be present and to give him some feedback after they have attended this meeting, which will be an innovation for the Group.

Announcements were made concerning other interesting things to attend this spring, including John Tveten's bird identification class to be given both morning and evening on Thursdays at the Museum of Natural History. This series will again be sponsored by the OG. Two of our members, Gladys Galbreath and Mary Gillette, volunteered to be roll call takers at the morning classes, which entitles them to attend free of charge. Volunteers are also needed for the evening classes. Also coming up in April are TOS meetings in Galveston and ABA meetings in Beaumont.

Clearing House

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

December 2005

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck birds=1,975 reports=4
Fulvous Whistling-Duck 12/17 Fort Bend(Brazos Bend State Park) 2 Adam Wood, 12/19 Fort Bend(Brazos Bend SP) 2 Kathy Reiser
Greater White-fronted Goose birds=400 reports=4
Snow Goose birds=2,939 reports=9
Ross's Goose birds=8 reports=2
Wood Duck birds=6 reports=2
Gadwall birds=25 reports=1
American Wigeon birds=1 reports=1
Mallard birds=13 reports=3
Mottled Duck birds=2 reports=1
Blue-winged Teal birds=22 reports=4
Cinnamon Teal birds=12 reports=3
Northern Shoveler birds=36 reports=5
Green-winged Teal birds=4 reports=1
Ring-necked Duck birds=4 reports=1
Ruddy Duck birds=1 reports=1
Pied-billed Grebe birds=30 reports=5
American White Pelican birds=9 reports=1
Double-crested Cormorant birds=7 reports=3
Anhinga birds=4 reports=4
American Bittern birds=2 reports=2
Great Blue Heron birds=19 reports=11
Great Egret birds=18 reports=7
Snowy Egret birds=23 reports=6
Little Blue Heron birds=9 reports=4
Tricolored Heron birds=3 reports=2
Black-crowned Night-Heron birds=6 reports=3
White Ibis birds=61 reports=7
White-faced Ibis birds=9 reports=5

Plegadis Ibis species birds=5 reports=1
Roseate Spoonbill birds=1 reports=1
Black Vulture birds=21 reports=7
Turkey Vulture birds=151 reports=9
White-tailed Kite birds=1 reports=1
Bald Eagle birds=6 reports=5
Northern Harrier birds=32 reports=7
Sharp-shinned Hawk birds=2 reports=2
Cooper's Hawk birds=1 reports=1
Harris's Hawk 12/4 Fort Bend(Brazos Bend SP)
1 Kathy Reiser
Red-shouldered Hawk birds=16 reports=8
White-tailed Hawk birds=7 reports=3
Red-tailed Hawk birds=20 reports=8
Crested Caracara birds=4 reports=2
American Kestrel birds=7 reports=6
Peregrine Falcon birds=3 reports=2
Yellow Rail birds=9 reports=1
King Rail birds=2 reports=1
Virginia Rail birds=5 reports=5
Sora birds=2 reports=1
Common Moorhen birds=415 reports=4
American Coot birds=150 reports=5
Sandhill Crane birds=24 reports=3
Snowy Plover 12/26 Brazoria(Bryan Beach) 1 John C. Arvin
Killdeer birds=110 reports=7
Greater Yellowlegs birds=13 reports=4
Lesser Yellowlegs birds=6 reports=1
Red Knot 12/26 Brazoria(Bryan Beach) 1 John C. Arvin
Least Sandpiper birds=8 reports=2

Long-billed Dowitcher birds=2 reports=1
dowitcher sp birds=20 reports=1
Wilson's Snipe birds=156 reports=3
American Woodcock birds=4 reports=3
Eurasian Collared-Dove birds=12 reports=1
Mourning Dove birds=25 reports=6
Inca Dove birds=5 reports=1
Eastern Screech-Owl birds=1 reports=1
Barred Owl birds=2 reports=2
Ruby-throated Hummingbird 12/23 Brazoria(Gulf Coast Bird Observatory) 2 John C. Arvin
Black-chinned Hummingbird 12/23 Brazoria(Gulf Coast Bird Observatory) 1 John C. Arvin
Anna's Hummingbird 12/18 Brazoria(Snow property; Oyster Creek) 1 John C. Arvin
hummingbird sp birds=4 reports=4
Belted Kingfisher birds=1 reports=1
Red-bellied Woodpecker birds=31 reports=8
Ladder-backed Woodpecker 12/31 Harris(Dam on south side of Warren La) 1 Adam Wood
Downy Woodpecker birds=9 reports=5
Hairy Woodpecker 12/28 Chambers(my yard Anahuac) 1 Linda Scott
Pileated Woodpecker birds=5 reports=3
Least Flycatcher 12/16 Brazoria(San Bernard NWR) 1 John C. Arvin
Eastern Phoebe birds=40 reports=10
Vermilion Flycatcher birds=3 reports=2
Loggerhead Shrike birds=5 reports=4
White-eyed Vireo birds=3 reports=2
Blue-headed Vireo birds=3 reports=3

Red-eyed Vireo 12/28 Chambers(my yard Anahuac) 1 Linda Scott
 Blue Jay birds=10 reports=4
 American Crow birds=44 reports=8
 Cave Swallow 12/3 Harris(Katy Prairie Conservancy Nelso) 30 Bob Honig
 swallow sp birds=25 reports=1
 Carolina Chickadee birds=35 reports=9
 Tufted Titmouse birds=20 reports=7
 Brown Creeper birds=3 reports=3
 Carolina Wren birds=50 reports=7
 House Wren birds=2 reports=2
 Winter Wren birds=2 reports=1
 Sedge Wren birds=57 reports=3
 Marsh Wren birds=103 reports=3
 Golden-crowned Kinglet birds=15 reports=6
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet birds=48 reports=10
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher birds=5 reports=4
 Eastern Bluebird birds=3 reports=1

Hermit Thrush birds=4 reports=4
 American Robin birds=67 reports=7
 Gray Catbird birds=3 reports=3
 Northern Mockingbird birds=14 reports=9
 Brown Thrasher birds=3 reports=3
 European Starling birds=1 reports=1
 American Pipit birds=21 reports=3
 Orange-crowned Warbler birds=16 reports=7
 Yellow-rumped Warbler birds=72 reports=8
 Pine Warbler birds=10 reports=5
 Black-and-white Warbler 12/18 Brazoria(Snow property; Oyster Creek) 1 John C. Arvin
 Common Yellowthroat birds=8 reports=3
 Wilson's Warbler birds=3 reports=3
 Eastern Towhee birds=1 reports=1
 Chipping Sparrow birds=2 reports=2
 Savannah Sparrow birds=96 reports=4
 Le Conte's Sparrow birds=15 reports=1
 Song Sparrow birds=2 reports=2

Swamp Sparrow birds=43 reports=5
 White-throated Sparrow birds=8 reports=4
 Northern Cardinal birds=147 reports=10
 Red-winged Blackbird birds=1,900 reports=8
 Eastern Meadowlark birds=48 reports=3
 Rusty Blackbird 12/4 Harris(Bear Creek) 25 Adam Wood
 Brewer's Blackbird birds=50 reports=1
 Common Grackle birds=22 reports=2
 Boat-tailed Grackle birds=2 reports=1
 Great-tailed Grackle birds=51 reports=4
 Bronzed Cowbird 12/24 Harris(Westpark @ W Loop 610 (SE corn) 4 Bob Honig
 Brown-headed Cowbird birds=70 reports=3
 blackbird sp. birds=10,025 reports=2
 Hooded Oriole 12/29 Harris(Houston) 1 Lucy Vick
 American Goldfinch birds=12 reports=5

January 2006

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck birds=126 reports=3
 Fulvous Whistling-Duck 1/8 Fort Bend(Brazos Bend SP) 2 Kathy Reiser
 Greater White-fronted Goose birds=36 reports=2
 Snow Goose birds=1,626 reports=6
 Snow Goose (Blue phase) birds=15 reports=1
 Snow Goose (White phase) birds=140 reports=1
 Ross's Goose birds=21 reports=2
 Gadwall birds=18 reports=4
 Mallard birds=153 reports=5
 Mottled Duck birds=8 reports=3
 Blue-winged Teal birds=40 reports=2
 Cinnamon Teal birds=7 reports=2
 Northern Shoveler birds=79 reports=3
 Northern Pintail birds=70 reports=3
 Green-winged Teal birds=109 reports=4
 Red-breasted Merganser birds=16 reports=2
 Northern Bobwhite birds=2 reports=2
 Common Loon birds=4 reports=2
 Pied-billed Grebe birds=25 reports=6
 Eared Grebe birds=6 reports=2
 American White Pelican birds=12 reports=2
 Brown Pelican birds=27 reports=3
 Neotropic Cormorant birds=12 reports=2
 Double-crested Cormorant birds=49 reports=8
 Anhinga birds=2 reports=2
 American Bittern birds=1 reports=1
 Great Blue Heron birds=30 reports=12
 Great Egret birds=18 reports=8
 Snowy Egret birds=10 reports=6
 Little Blue Heron birds=10 reports=4
 Tricolored Heron birds=1 reports=1
 Black-crowned Night-Heron birds=3 reports=2
 White Ibis birds=27 reports=2
 White-faced Ibis birds=76 reports=3
 Roseate Spoonbill birds=12 reports=2
 Black Vulture birds=54 reports=7
 Turkey Vulture birds=91 reports=11
 Osprey birds=4 reports=4
 White-tailed Kite birds=1 reports=1
 Bald Eagle birds=2 reports=2
 Northern Harrier birds=26 reports=8
 Cooper's Hawk birds=1 reports=1
 Harris's Hawk 1/31 Brazoria(Quintana Island) 1 Mike Lindsey
 Red-shouldered Hawk birds=11 reports=6
 White-tailed Hawk birds=1 reports=1
 Red-tailed Hawk birds=47 reports=10
 Crested Caracara birds=12 reports=4
 American Kestrel birds=5 reports=5
 Merlin birds=1 reports=1
 Peregrine Falcon birds=1 reports=1
 Common Moorhen birds=125 reports=2

American Coot birds=130 reports=5
 Sandhill Crane birds=21 reports=2
 Black-bellied Plover birds=40 reports=2
 Semipalmated Plover birds=2 reports=2
 Piping Plover 1/21 Galveston(E. Beach, GISP beach; Off. B.) 16 Kathy Reiser
 Killdeer birds=117 reports=9
 American Avocet birds=22 reports=2
 Greater Yellowlegs birds=61 reports=6
 Lesser Yellowlegs birds=14 reports=2
 Willet birds=101 reports=3
 Spotted Sandpiper birds=4 reports=3
 Long-billed Curlew birds=23 reports=3
 Marbled Godwit birds=2 reports=2
 Ruddy Turnstone birds=50 reports=2
 Sanderling birds=400 reports=2
 Western Sandpiper birds=2 reports=2
 Least Sandpiper birds=49 reports=3
 peep sp birds=10 reports=2
 Dunlin birds=5 reports=1
 Short-billed Dowitcher birds=24 reports=2
 Long-billed Dowitcher birds=1,225 reports=2
 dowitcher sp birds=6 reports=1
 Wilson's Snipe birds=90 reports=6
 American Woodcock birds=2 reports=2
 Laughing Gull birds=100 reports=2
 Bonaparte's Gull birds=4 reports=2
 Ring-billed Gull birds=40 reports=2
 Herring Gull birds=4 reports=2
 Lesser Black-backed Gull 1/31 Brazoria(Quintana Island) 1 Mike Lindsey
 Forster's Tern birds=24 reports=2
 Rock Pigeon birds=26 reports=3
 White-winged Dove birds=1 reports=1
 Mourning Dove birds=96 reports=10
 Inca Dove birds=6 reports=1
 Common Ground-Dove birds=2 reports=1
 Great Horned Owl birds=6 reports=2
 hummingbird sp birds=1 reports=1
 Belted Kingfisher birds=5 reports=5
 Red-bellied Woodpecker birds=29 reports=8
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker birds=4 reports=4
 Downy Woodpecker birds=15 reports=8
 Hairy Woodpecker 1/16 Chambers(my yard Anahuac) 1 Linda Scott
 Northern Flicker birds=4 reports=3
 Pileated Woodpecker birds=11 reports=5
 Eastern Phoebe birds=42 reports=11
 Vermilion Flycatcher birds=2 reports=2
 Loggerhead Shrike birds=18 reports=9
 White-eyed Vireo birds=1 reports=1
 Blue-headed Vireo birds=4 reports=3

Red-eyed Vireo 1/16 Chambers(my yard Anahuac) 1 Linda Scott

Blue Jay birds=50 reports=8
 American Crow birds=35 reports=8
 Tree Swallow birds=1 reports=1
 Carolina Chickadee birds=40 reports=8
 Tufted Titmouse birds=18 reports=5
 Brown Creeper birds=1 reports=1
 Carolina Wren birds=40 reports=8
 House Wren birds=14 reports=5
 Sedge Wren birds=4 reports=3
 Golden-crowned Kinglet birds=5 reports=2
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet birds=29 reports=9
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher birds=5 reports=4
 Eastern Bluebird birds=2 reports=1
 Hermit Thrush birds=2 reports=2
 American Robin birds=84 reports=4
 Gray Catbird birds=1 reports=1
 Northern Mockingbird birds=50 reports=6
 Brown Thrasher birds=5 reports=2
 European Starling birds=14 reports=5
 American Pipit birds=19 reports=6
 Sprague's Pipit birds=4 reports=1
 Cedar Waxwing birds=33 reports=1
 Orange-crowned Warbler birds=13 reports=6
Northern Parula 1/16 Chambers(my yard Anahuac) 1 Linda Scott
 Yellow-rumped Warbler birds=139 reports=10
 Common Yellowthroat birds=6 reports=3
 Chipping Sparrow birds=5 reports=2
 Field Sparrow birds=6 reports=3
 Savannah Sparrow birds=204 reports=8
 Le Conte's Sparrow birds=1 reports=1
 Song Sparrow birds=13 reports=6
 Lincoln's Sparrow birds=2 reports=1
 Swamp Sparrow birds=9 reports=5
 White-throated Sparrow birds=51 reports=4
 White-crowned Sparrow birds=6 reports=2
 sparrow sp birds=2 reports=1
 Northern Cardinal birds=124 reports=10
 Red-winged Blackbird birds=4,020 reports=7
 Eastern Meadowlark birds=144 reports=6
 Brewer's Blackbird birds=51 reports=2
 Common Grackle birds=68 reports=4
 Boat-tailed Grackle birds=2 reports=1
 Great-tailed Grackle birds=61 reports=7
 Bronzed Cowbird 1/9 Harris(Bellaire&StellaLink) 40; (Bellaire&Ashcroft) 14 Bob Honig
 Brown-headed Cowbird birds=275 reports=2
 blackbird sp. birds=5,014 reports=4
 American Goldfinch birds=44 reports=6
 House Sparrow birds=10 reports=1

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