

The Spoonbill

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October Meeting

Monday, October 2, 2006 -- 7:00 p.m.

Bayland Community Center
6400 Bissonnet, Houston

6:30 -- Learning Corner with *Winnie Burkett*
Hérons: Long-legged Beauties

Program: The Birding Culture with *Robin Leonard*

Robin Leonard graduated in May 2006 from the University of Houston with a Master's degree in Environmental Sociology. After graduation, Robin accepted a position with Fermata Inc. where she is currently involved in the creation of America's Wetland Red River and Mississippi River Birding Trail in Louisiana, the creation of the Black Belt Nature and Heritage Trail in Alabama, and the Pineywoods Experience in East Texas.

Her graduate thesis, "Following the Flock", explored the cultural world of Texas birders. Through interviews with birders and attendance at various birding functions, she investigated the socialization process associated with becoming a birder. OG members may remember the light-haired woman with the large video camera on her shoulder during meetings, field trips, and festivals. During the project, Robin underwent this socialization process herself, in the end emerging as a Texas birder.

The program will feature the short film Robin made as the companion piece to her written thesis, wherein Texas birders describe what it means to be a birder. The film further presents a typology of birders, synthesized from the characteristics that research respondents said initially drew them to birds and birding, and their motivations to continue in the pursuit. The film will be followed by a presentation of her research findings.

Other Events

Oct. 11: Houston Arboretum
mid-week trip with Skip Almoney

Oct. 14: Little Thicket Nature Preserve
beginning birder / new member trip
with Adam Wood

Oct. 21: Quintana & Brazoria NWR
regular monthly OG trip
with Adam Wood

Oct. 27-29: Granger (Quarterly Trip)
with Tim Fennell

Nov. 6: Birding Panama -- OG meeting
with Howard Laidlaw

Nov. 18: Sheldon Lake State Park
regular monthly OG trip

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Minutes of the September 11, 2006 Meeting

Bayland Community Center

Attendance: 54

1. **Learning Corner:** Adam Wood discussed the iPod and speaker for use as a portable birdcall broadcast system. There are two ways to set the system up, by yourself or by paying for a service. He provided a five-page handout with all the details, including where to buy what you need, and ethical considerations of when and where not to broadcast calls. He offered help if you want it, by calling him at home, preferably on weekends.
2. **Welcome:** Chairman Michael Williams opened the meeting with bird sightings, which included: a banded hummingbird, Rufus Hummingbirds, Black-throated Green Warbler, Orchard Orioles, McGillivray's Warbler, Mourning Warbler, Cooper's Hawk, Northern Harrier and Red-vented Bulbul.
3. **Environmental Issues:** Concern mentioned over the possible bridge from Galveston to Bolivar.
4. **Minutes** of August meeting were approved.
5. **Newsletter:** Deadline for submissions for the October issue is extended through the 15th because of the late meeting date this month.
6. **Speaker:** The speaker for the September 11 meeting was Rich Kostecke of the Fort Hood branch of The Nature Conservancy. He mentioned that the Conservancy has projects in most regions of Texas, and also works in many other locations in all 50 states and 30 other countries. Speaking from slides, he described in detail the Fort Hood location, which is a large military base north of Austin that consists of many habitats – grasslands, caves, forests and scrub. Songbirds are plentiful, including 5,000 pairs of Black-capped Vireos and 4,600 pairs of Golden-cheeked Warblers. Bird populations have benefited from habitat protection, and from removal of Brown-headed Cowbirds which are nest parasites particularly of the vireos.
7. **Meeting adjourned** 8:30 p.m. after the talk.
--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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Remembering Al Swarts

On August 16, 2006, Mr. Al Swarts passed away and the Ornithology Group lost a wonderfully spirited birder. I know I speak for all members of the OG when I offer our sincere condolences to his family, and particularly to his wife Margaret and his daughter Katherine, whom I met through birding. What I remember most about Al was his spirit and his love for birding. Despite the effects of his Parkinson's disease, Al kept his spirit for birding alive and strong. At almost every OG meeting, Al would come up and he would tell me about the birds he had seen recently. I remember when he got new binoculars with image stabilization and how happy he was that he could continue birding and enjoying the wonderful world of birds. I, for one, will miss Al's presence at OG meetings.

Donations in Al's name may be made to the Houston Area Parkinson Society (www.hapsonline.org).

--Skip Almoney

October 14, 2006 -- The Little Thicket Nature Preserve New Member / Beginner Birder Trip II

Are you a beginning birder or interested in finding out more before joining us on our regular monthly trips? This is the second trip in the new series of trips for new members and beginning birders, and is another chance to improve your birding skills in a low-pressure environment. Come join me for a leisurely day of birding in the Little Thicket Nature Preserve. The Little Thicket Nature Sanctuary, owned and maintained by our parent organization the Outdoor Nature Club, comprises 655 acres of wilderness with trails and flowing creeks through quiet forests of huge magnolias, towering pines, holly and dogwood in the San Jacinto National Forest. There are five meadows comprising a little more than fifty acres, and more than twenty miles of foot trails and undeveloped roads. Just one heads-up: this trip will be birding in woodlands, which can be rather difficult in terms of bird diversity and density. For those of you who were on the September trip, this trip will be a big change from Brazos Bend, which was in riparian and marsh habitats with lots of bird diversity.

I have been birding for 14 years and have been a member of the Houston Ornithology Group for the past two years and am currently serving my second year as Field Trip Coordinator. I have been birding the Upper Texas Coast and surrounding counties extensively since 2004, and I will do my best to answer all participants' questions. So come on out to the Outdoor Nature Club's Little Thicket Nature Preserve, ready to meet new people and to ask questions and learn more than you ever wanted to know about birding and the birding community! After this trip I hope to see you all on some of our regular monthly trips.

We will meet in the parking lot for The Little Thicket Nature Center at 8:00 a.m. The park is approximately a one and a half hour drive from downtown Houston. Take Highway 59 north to Cleveland, then take the FM 2025 exit and head north until you get to FM 945. The Little Thicket Nature Center is located on the left hand side of FM 945 before you get to SH 150. We will bird for as long as the group wishes, and I will be willing to stay as late as the last person to make sure everybody sees most of what they want to and gets all their questions asked. Be sure to bring: binoculars, hat, sunscreen, water, snacks, a camp chair (we may be staying in one spot for quite some time at points during the trip), camera, scope and a lunch (if you plan on birding in the afternoon).

October 21, 2006 -- Quintana and Brazoria NWR

Our next Monthly Trip is our fall migration trip to Quintana and Brazoria NWR, for what should be a lovely fall day in search of the last few migrants and to see which species of our winter residents, such as ducks, geese and sparrows, have made it back to the Texas coast. A few notable species we could encounter will be Eastern Towhee, Black-throated Blue Warbler and Prairie Warbler at Quintana, and Wood Storks, Le Conte's and Grasshopper Sparrows at Brazoria NWR. This is the time of year that the weather finally starts to become pleasant, so come out and enjoy a nice fall day of birding after a long and hot summer.

Meet at the parking lot for Quintana Neotropical Nearctic Bird Sanctuary at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 21, 2006. To get there from Houston, take SH 288 south to Bus. 288 and head towards Angleton. Take a left at the third light on FM 523 and continue to FM 1495. Turn left and head south across the Intracoastal Waterway to CR 723; turn left (east) and drive for about 2.1 miles to the sanctuary. The parking lot for the sanctuary will be on your left.

Make sure to bring binoculars, a hat, sunscreen, raingear (we will bird rain or shine), water, snacks if you would like, a scope and camera. If you plan to bird in the afternoon, make sure to bring a lunch.

--Adam Wood, OG Field Trip Coordinator birdman_570@yahoo.com 713-515-1692

OG Mid-Week Birding Trips

The OG will sponsor a midweek birding trip the second Wednesday of each month from September through May. These will be informal birding trips with Skip Almoney as the leader. Skip will be at the site at 8:00 a.m. and the trip will not last beyond 12 noon. Depending on the birds and the number of participants, the trip may not be a full 4 hours. Each location listed below is in or near the city of Houston with only a few outside Beltway 8. Anyone is welcome and we will meet unless the weather is seriously inclement. The following are the locations for each month of the upcoming season.

October 2006	Houston Arboretum
November 2006	Hermann Park
December 2007	Edith L. Moore Sanctuary
January 2007	Cullinan Park
February 2007	Russ Pittman Park
March 2007	Jesse H. Jones Park
April 2007	Herman Brown Park
May 2007	Hermann Park

October Mid-Week Field Trip

The October 2006 midweek birding trip will be on October 11, 2006, at The Houston Arboretum. The leader for this trip will be Skip Almoney; he will be at the designated meeting point at 8:30 a.m. and the trip will not last beyond 12 noon. ***Note: Time change from usual 8:00 a.m.**

We will be birding the various trails throughout the Arboretum that go through a variety of habitats including forest, meadows, and wetlands. The meeting place will be in front of the Nature Center Building at the Arboretum. The Arboretum is at 4501 Woodway Drive. The entrance is several hundred feet east of the intersection of I-610 (West Loop) and Woodway Drive. After entering the gates to the Arboretum, follow the road around to the parking area at the Nature Center.

--Skip Almoney

Quarterly Trip, October 27-29: Granger Area

Tim Fennell will lead us on a birding expedition to Granger and the surrounding areas, in search of the Mountain Plover, Sprague's Pipit and late fall migrants. He has been a science teacher in Austin for the past 20 years and has been birding the Granger area intensively since 1997 when he adopted it as his local "patch." He has led field trips to the Granger area for various birding organizations and has taught a class on shorebird identification for the Travis Audubon Society since 1998. We should see some good birds over the course of the weekend, and birding in the hill country is always a treat. So come out and join us for a nice weekend of birding in the Granger Area of Central Texas.

The Best Western Taylor Inn has said that they will give a discount, charging \$67 for a double room and \$63 for a single room. The number is 512-352-5292, and all you need to do is just say that you are with the Houston Ornithology Group (Nalini quoted the rates). There are 40 rooms and she said that they can fill up as they are basically the only game in town. The motel is located on Highway 79 on the west edge of town. However, as is often the case, you can get a better deal online, at least currently. Currently at <http://www.bestwestern.com> folks can reserve a single or a double for as low as \$61 with AAA or AARP membership. I suggest they try online before they call the hotel. We will plan to meet in the hotel lobby at 9 p.m. on Friday night so that I can make sure that everybody is there and can give out details about how the weekend is going to go.

This trip will be limited to 14 people and there will be a \$25 registration fee plus a \$10 donation to the OG. Please make registration fee checks out to me and send them to Adam Wood, 2525 Old Farm Road, Houston, TX 77063. The \$10 donation should be made out to the Ornithology Group and given to me Friday night at the hotel.

Be sure to bring your binoculars, hat, sunscreen, water, lunches, spotting scope, camera, and snacks.

--Adam Wood, OG Field Trip Coordinator birdman_570@yahoo.com 713-515-1692

Brazos Bend State Park Bird Hikes 2006-2007

In addition to the planned OG hikes to Brazos Bend State Park, there will be regular bird hikes conducted throughout the forthcoming season:

- Friday morning hikes with David Heinicke and Bill Godley
- Sunday morning hikes with Bill Godley and photographer Greg Lavaty who will provide tips to "shutter bug" birders
- Saturday sunsets at the observation tower to witness the roosting of thousands of birds

The hikes start in late October and continue through early June. Please visit the park website at www.bbspvo.org for exact dates and times.

-- Bill Godley

July 22-29, 2007 Tour with VENT to SE Arizona

Brennan Mulrooney of Victor Emanuel Nature Tours will lead us on a birding tour of Southeast Arizona. Brennan has been leading this tour for the past couple of years and knows the area very well. If there is a good bird around he will know where to find it. Southeast Arizona is truly one of the great birding destinations in the United States, and July is the best time of year to bird Arizona. It is possible to see as many 13 species of hummingbirds as well as other sought-after U.S. birds and Mexican specialties that routinely show up in here. This special summer trip is limited to 14 people and will cost \$1795 plus airfare. This is a trip that you will not want to miss. If you are interested in participating, please go to the Victor Emanuel Nature Tours website at <http://www.ventbird.com> and click on Tours by Month; select July 2007, then click Arizona Hummingbirds and at the bottom of the page you can register for the trip. When registering make sure that you put on the form that you are with the Houston Ornithology Group. Also, you can find a bird list from the previous summers trip and an itinerary for the trip at the bottom of that page. The deadline for registering is January 15, 2007. FYI this will be a private trip for the OG providing that we can fill all 14 spaces.

--Adam Wood, OG Field Trip Coordinator birdman_570@yahoo.com 713-515-1692

From The Spoonbill's Past Compiled by Skip Almoney

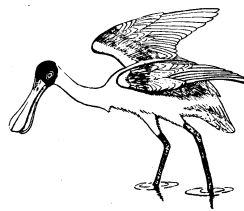
Fifty Years Ago

Thursday, October 4 - (Thelma Smith)

A hard thundershower rained out the picnic supper which was to have preceded the meeting but at about 7:45 PM Jimmy Murray, O. G. Chairman, called the meeting to order with about twenty-five present. He introduced Mr. Bob Bredehoeft and Tammy and John O'Neill, both new members, and Mr. Horace Jeter, a guest. Following the minutes Mr. Murray reported that the Ornithology Group resolution regarding wildlife sanctuaries within the City of Houston had been presented to the Board of Directors of the Outdoor Nature Club. The Board is to appoint a committee to talk to the proper city officials.

Norma Oates, in Carrie Holcomb's absence, presented at her request an idea for another O.G. project -- that of contacting Jones and Laughlin who has an option on some land at Cove for a steel plant, to see if they will set aside as a wildlife sanctuary, a small acreage on a point which is used as a feeding and resting station by migrants. After some discussion it was decided that Jimmy Murray would find out how we might best approach Jones and Laughlin on this matter.

It was also brought to the attention of the group that a bird recording by Norma and Jerry Stillwell will be played over Station KTRH on October 14 from 1:00 to 2:30 PM. (Check newspaper to be sure of correct time of the broadcast).



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Matagorda County Trip Report

One of many good things about the August field trip to Matagorda County Birding Nature Center was the weather; it didn't get hot until almost lunchtime. About 13 birders of all skill levels showed up at this 35 acres of wetlands, woods and prairie on the Colorado River. Our host and guide was Marilyn Sitz. She identified for us the many beautiful flowering shrubs, where hummingbirds were plentiful, mostly Ruby-throats but also some Black-chins. The bird of the day was a Green Kingfisher, first found by Anna Stewart and Karen McBride. They heard it call and saw it zoom away through the thick trees along the Colorado River. We all then looked for the bird, but I was very doubtful about finding it again--there seemed to be miles of riverbank on either side where it could have gone. But found again it was, perched over the water and not far from the center's observation deck, enabling everyone to see it clearly for several minutes. Other birds seen well included a colorful female Summer Tanager and numerous Orchard Orioles of both sexes. A Yellow-billed Cuckoo and *Myiarchus* flycatcher were seen from afar by at least some of the group. White-eyed Vireos sang, but mostly from hidden perches. Those participants who spent the afternoon birding Matagorda Beach were treated to good looks at Buff-breasted Sandpipers, Wood

Storks, Clapper Rail and Black Terns. In all, about 75 species of birds were seen during the trip.

--John Schneider

Smith Point Field Trip Report

On September 16, eight OG members braved warm and very humid conditions for our annual hawk watch trip to Smith Point in Chambers County. Fortunately, we had good looks from the hawk watch tower at several kettles of 200+ Mississippi Kites, with a Swallow-tail Kite thrown in for comparison. Southeast winds caused the kettles to move back and forth across our view several times before heading out across Galveston Bay. We had 11 species of raptors for the day. The nearby oak mottes were full of mosquitoes and a few migrants including Yellow-throated Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Black-and-white Warbler, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, an unidentified nightjar species and lots of Blue-gray Gnatcatchers. We made the short drive to Robbins Park at the tip of Smith Point to look for shorebirds. There we had close-up views comparing Least Sandpiper against Western Sandpiper. Other shorebird species included Semipalmated Plover, Spotted Sandpiper, Ruddy Turnstone. We had a total of 66 species for the day.

-- Bill Saulmon

Clearing House -- August 2006

David Sarkozi

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I tried using data from eBird.org for this report. I still have mixed feelings about it. There is an amazing amount of data flowing in, but it is hard to evaluate since you can't tell who is reporting it.

There are 164 species listed for the Upper Texas Coast for August from 107 checklists. Notable birds are Mallard, Osprey, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, and Gray Catbird.

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.

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck birds =298
reports = 34

Wood Duck birds =72 reports = 6

Mallard birds =2 reports = 1: Aug 16-20,
Brazoria(2,1)

Mottled Duck birds =17 reports = 2

Blue-winged Teal birds =26 reports = 3

Northern Bobwhite birds =3 reports = 2

Pied-billed Grebe birds =25 reports = 5

Brown Pelican birds =455 reports = 5

Neotropic Cormorant birds =231 reports = 9

Anhinga birds =50 reports = 11

Magnificent Frigatebird birds =5 reports = 1

Least Bittern birds =6 reports = 2

Great Blue Heron birds =90 reports = 35

Great Egret birds =281 reports = 44

Snowy Egret birds =315 reports = 31

Little Blue Heron birds =159 reports = 34

Tricolored Heron birds =101 reports = 24

Reddish Egret birds =86 reports = 4

Cattle Egret birds =386 reports = 32

Green Heron birds =57 reports = 24

Black-crowned Night-Heron birds =4 reports
= 3

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron birds =60
reports = 17

White Ibis birds =723 reports = 34

White-faced Ibis birds =1 reports = 1
 Roseate Spoonbill birds =56 reports = 7
 Wood Stork birds =21 reports = 4
 Black Vulture birds =103 reports = 17
 Turkey Vulture birds =127 reports = 22
**Osprey birds =7 reports = 3: Aug 1-5
 Fort Bend(1,1), Aug 11-15
 Harris(6,2)**
 Swallow-tailed Kite birds =5 reports = 2: Aug
 26-31 Harris(3,1), Aug 26-31 Fort
 Bend(2,1)
 White-tailed Kite birds =8 reports = 4
 Mississippi Kite birds =38 reports = 15
 Bald Eagle birds =1 reports = 1 : Aug 1-5
 Harris(1,1)
 Northern Harrier birds =2 reports = 2 : Aug
 16-20 Galveston(1,1), Aug 26-31
 Harris(1,1)
**Sharp-shinned Hawk birds =1 reports =
 1 : Aug 16-20 Galveston(1,1)**
**Cooper's Hawk birds =2 reports = 2 :
 Aug 26-31 Harris(2,2)**
 Red-shouldered Hawk birds =49 reports = 30
 Broad-winged Hawk birds =4 reports = 4 :
**Aug 1-5 Harris(1,1), Aug 16-20
 Harris(1,1), Aug 26-31 Harris(2,2)**
 Swainson's Hawk birds =1 reports = 1 : Aug
 1-5 Fort Bend(1,1)
 Red-tailed Hawk birds =5 reports = 5 : Aug 6-
 10 Harris(1,1), Aug 11-15 Harris(1,1),
 Aug 16-20 Harris(2,2), Aug 26-31
 Harris(1,1)
 Clapper Rail birds =14 reports = 4
 King Rail birds =4 reports = 1
 Purple Gallinule birds =15 reports = 4
 Common Moorhen birds =66 reports = 7
 American Coot birds =2 reports = 2
 Black-bellied Plover birds =94 reports = 4
 Snowy Plover birds =3 reports = 1 : Aug 16-
 20 Galveston(3,1)
 Wilson's Plover birds =62 reports = 2
 Semipalmated Plover birds =124 reports = 4
 Piping Plover birds =75 reports = 1 : Aug 16-
 20 Galveston(75,1)
 Killdeer birds =238 reports = 29
 American Oystercatcher birds =5 reports = 1
 Black-necked Stilt birds =187 reports = 14
 American Avocet birds =55 reports = 3 : Aug
 1-5(1,1), Aug 16-20 Brazoria(2,1) Aug
 16-20(52-1)
 Greater Yellowlegs birds =30 reports = 5
 Lesser Yellowlegs birds =17 reports = 4
 Solitary Sandpiper birds =5 reports = 5
 Willet birds =123 reports = 5
 Spotted Sandpiper birds =65 reports = 15
 Upland Sandpiper birds =3 reports = 2
 Long-billed Curlew birds =69 reports = 4
 Marbled Godwit birds =57 reports = 3 : Aug
 1-5 Brazoria(5,1), Aug 16-20
 Galveston(43,1), Aug 26-31
 Galveston(9,1)
 Ruddy Turnstone birds =90 reports = 2
 Sanderling birds =165 reports = 2
 Semipalmated Sandpiper birds =66 reports =

Western Sandpiper birds =2,400 reports = 5
 Least Sandpiper birds =551 reports = 9
 Baird's Sandpiper birds =5 reports = 1 : Aug
 1-5 Brazoria(5,1)
 Pectoral Sandpiper birds =2 reports = 2
 Stilt Sandpiper birds =5 reports = 4
 Short-billed Dowitcher birds =84 reports = 3
 Long-billed Dowitcher birds =6 reports = 2
 Wilson's Phalarope birds =100 reports = 1 :
 Aug 16-20 Galveston(100,1)
 Laughing Gull birds =742 reports = 12
 Ring-billed Gull birds =1 reports = 1
 Gull-billed Tern birds =7 reports = 2
 Caspian Tern birds =22 reports = 2
 Royal Tern birds =636 reports = 4
 Sandwich Tern birds =56 reports = 3
 Common Tern birds =1 reports = 1 : Aug 16-
 20 Galveston(1,1)
 Forster's Tern birds =89 reports = 7
 Least Tern birds =129 reports = 6
 Black Tern birds =158 reports = 2
 Black Skimmer birds =106 reports = 2
 Rock Pigeon birds =78 reports = 8
 Eurasian Collared-Dove birds =146 reports =
 9
 White-winged Dove birds =188 reports = 19
 Mourning Dove birds =522 reports = 52
 Inca Dove birds =18 reports = 6
 Monk Parakeet birds =4 reports = 1
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo birds =37 reports = 21
 Eastern Screech-Owl birds =1 reports = 1
 Great Horned Owl birds =3 reports = 2
 Barred Owl birds =7 reports = 5
 Common Nighthawk birds =25 reports = 12
 Chuck-will's-widow birds =1 reports = 1
 Chimney Swift birds =191 reports = 32
 Ruby-throated Hummingbird birds =89
 reports = 34
 Rufous Hummingbird birds =4 reports = 4 :
 Aug 11-15 Harris(1,1), Aug 16-20
 Harris(1,1), Aug 21-25 Harris(1,1), Aug
 26-31 Harris(1,1)
 Belted Kingfisher birds =15 reports = 11
 Red-headed Woodpecker birds =26 reports =
 12
 Red-bellied Woodpecker birds =122 reports =
 38
 Downy Woodpecker birds =120 reports = 39
 Northern Flicker birds =3 reports = 2 : Aug
 11-15 Harris(2,1), Aug 21-25 Harris(1,1)
 Pileated Woodpecker birds =31 reports = 23
 Olive-sided Flycatcher birds =7 reports = 4
 Eastern Wood-Pewee birds =15 reports = 9
 Yellow-bellied Flycatcher birds =1 reports = 1
 : Aug 16-20 Galveston(1,1)
 Acadian Flycatcher birds =9 reports = 8
 Alder Flycatcher birds =1 reports = 1 : Aug
 26-31 Harris(1,1)
 Least Flycatcher birds =3 reports = 2 : Aug
 16-20 Galveston(1,1)
 Great Crested Flycatcher birds =22 reports =
 15
 Eastern Kingbird birds =6 reports = 5
 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher birds =14 reports = 5
 Loggerhead Shrike birds =70 reports = 22

White-eyed Vireo birds =48 reports = 22
 Red-eyed Vireo birds =26 reports = 10
 Blue Jay birds =141 reports = 37
 American Crow birds =168 reports = 37
 Horned Lark birds =4 reports = 1
 Purple Martin birds =97 reports = 18
 Bank Swallow birds =5 reports = 2 : Aug 16-
 20 Galveston(2,1), Aug 21-25
 Brazoria(3,1)
 Cliff Swallow birds =3 reports = 1
 Cave Swallow birds =25 reports = 3 : Aug 1-5
 Brazoria(15,1), Aug 6-10 Brazoria(5,1),
 Aug 16-20 Brazoria(5,1)
 Barn Swallow birds =340 reports = 19
 Carolina Chickadee birds =343 reports = 42
 Tufted Titmouse birds =180 reports = 31
 Carolina Wren birds =177 reports = 51
 Marsh Wren birds =24 reports = 1
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher birds =113 reports =
 28
 Eastern Bluebird birds =248 reports = 23
 American Robin birds =167 reports = 15
**Gray Catbird birds =1 reports = 1 : Aug
 16-20 Galveston(1,1)**
 Northern Mockingbird birds =226 reports =
 53
 European Starling birds =713 reports = 28
 Yellow Warbler birds =9 reports = 5
 Pine Warbler birds =56 reports = 14
 Black-and-white Warbler birds =8 reports = 6
 Prothonotary Warbler birds =17 reports = 5
 Northern Waterthrush birds =1 reports = 1 :
 Aug 26-31 Harris(1,1)
 Louisiana Waterthrush birds =5 reports = 4 :
 Aug 6-10 Harris(1,1), Aug 11-15
 Harris(1,1), Aug 16-20 Harris(1,1),
 Mourning Warbler birds =1 reports = 1 : Aug
 26-31 Harris(1,1), Aug 26-31 Fort
 Bend(2,1)
 Common Yellowthroat birds =15 reports = 5
 Hooded Warbler birds =4 reports = 4
 Wilson's Warbler birds =3 reports = 3 : Aug
 26-31 Harris(3,3)
 Canada Warbler birds =3 reports = 2 : Aug
 21-25 Harris(2,1) Aug 26-31(1,1)
 Yellow-breasted Chat birds =1 reports = 1
 Summer Tanager birds =9 reports = 8
 Scarlet Tanager birds =1 reports = 1
 Seaside Sparrow birds =10 reports = 1
 Northern Cardinal birds =478 reports = 54
 Indigo Bunting birds =9 reports = 6
 Dickcissel birds =8 reports = 2
 Red-winged Blackbird birds =35 reports = 6
 Eastern Meadowlark birds =7 reports = 3
 Common Grackle birds =290 reports = 11
 Boat-tailed Grackle birds =29 reports = 3
 Great-tailed Grackle birds =502 reports = 22
 Brown-headed Cowbird birds =18 reports = 3
 Orchard Oriole birds =24 reports = 6
 Baltimore Oriole birds =1 reports = 1 : Aug
 26-31 Brazoria(1,1)
 House Finch birds =2 reports = 1
 House Sparrow birds =402 reports =
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	<i>Individual</i>	<i>Family</i>
ONC Annual Dues:	\$ 8.00	\$ 15.00
OG Annual Dues:	\$ 14.00	\$ 19.00
<i>Total:</i>	\$ 22.00	\$ 34.00

Additional contributions are welcome in any amount.

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