

The Spoonbill

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November Meeting

Monday, November 5, 2007 -- 7:00 p.m.

Bayland Community Center 6400 Bissonnet, Houston

Learning Corner (6:30): Fred Collins on Wintering Hummingbirds of the Upper TX Coast

Program: Citizen Science with Fred Collins

Fred Collins is director of the Kleb Woods Nature Preserve in Harris County Precinct 3. Since 2002 he's been employed by Harris County Commissioner Steve Radack to develop Kleb Woods Nature Center and Heritage Farm, and to guide the development of the Cypress Top Historic Park. Fred also works as a consultant wildlife biologist. He served as director of the Nature Discovery Center in Bellaire from 1994-2002.

Fred is currently co-chair (with Stennie Meadours) of Houston Audubon's Citizen Science Committee. He has been active with HAS since 1972, and served as its president. He's a life member of the Texas Ornithological Society and the Southwestern Association of Naturalists, a long time member of the American Ornithologists' Union, Wilson Ornithological Society, Cooper Ornithological Society and Association of Field Ornithologists. He is also a member of the Katy Prairie Conservancy Advisory Board.

Fred and his wife live on the Katy Prairie with 8 dogs, 11 horses, an uncountable flock of free-ranging chickens, 120 parrots and one cat.

Other Events

Nov. 17: Brazos Bend State Park with Bill Godley

December 3: Monthly OG meeting with John O'Neill, artist

December 15: Houston CBC

January 14: Monthly OG meeting the Lookingbills on bird banding

January 19: Chappel Hill, Washington County

January 24-27: Winter Quarterly Trip to Calhoun County

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Your Publication -- While Adam Wood and David Sarkozi are major contributors, and Al Shultz makes it all happen, *The Spoonbill* is really your publication. What would you like to see included in it? At most meetings, unless he is out of town, Al asks for contributions from members. Truth be told, writing something for *The Spoonbill* is for me the hardest part of chairing this organization. But if I can do it, so can many of you! How about some alternatives to full-length columns? What about...

Magic Moments: special times you have had with birds – long or short stories. Surely you have stood beside Highway 90 mesmerized by the tail movement of Swallow-tailed Kites as they chased dragonflies or cicadas flying over the highway. What effortless muscle control! And then isn't it incredible how the birds hold the prey in their talons and dine while still in flight? Much more elegant than Highway 59 drivers noshing on fast-food drive-thru fare.

Were you among those who saw the huge numbers of charismatic mega-migrants this spring at High Island? From that one bottlebrush plant flew more Baltimore Orioles than I had seen altogether in

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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the few years that I have been birding. I distinctly remember striving to find my first one in the fence at Dauphin Island and there was only one to be seen that weekend. Yet this year the numbers were wonderful!

Birds Do Have Fun: Have you watched a bird having fun? Swallows playing catch with feathers? We read about the HAS Birdathon winners in this category but what about the rest of you? I'm not sure the juvenile Northern Cardinal I watched at a stop light last week was having fun but it was amusing to me to watch it with a cicada. It seemed to be playing catch-and-release with its lunch, not knowing what to do with the flittery, buzzing thing when it caught it. My heart stopped when the cicada escaped and the bird flew between cars just as the light turned green. Bug and bird made it across Voss, but the cicada did lose its life and the bird had a nibble.

Maybe we should have an *Open Forum*. Is there a bird-related topic about which you feel strongly and would like an audience? Maybe an incident of poor birding etiquette you experienced – be sure to offer the solution. Al would have editor's discretion here.

OBT Birding Sites: Do you have a favorite birding site you are willing to share with the group? Some place with public access with which not everyone is familiar (Off the Beaten Track)? With all the new detention ponds that new neighborhoods and roads are creating, some of them are developing better for birds than others.

Book Bites: As opposed to sound bites...have you read any good bird or birding-related books lately? Most birders I know really enjoyed the story of the Big Year competition between the three guys, but no one wrote a recommendation of the book for *The Spoonbill*. There is a copy in the library...

Adam's articles are wonderful and some of you are members just to receive the Clearing House, but this is a publication to and for all members, so please feel free to contribute!

Minutes of the October 1, 2007 Meeting

Bayland Community Center

Attendance: 79

- 1. **Learning Corner**: Bernice Hotman led the group in taking a "Ducks Unlimited" Waterfowl Quiz. Michael Williams passed out a Field I.D. Pamphlet for North American Raptors which will be discussed at a later date.
- 2. **Sightings:** Bernice Hotman opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with bird sightings. Sightings included Broad-Winged Hawks, a Pacific Golden-Plover, Monk Parakeets, a Yellow Breasted Chat, Broad-Tailed and female Rufous Hummer, Nutmeg Mannikins and Mississippi Kites.
- 3. **Minutes** of the September meeting were accepted as printed in the Spoonbill with one correction: Pam Smolen introduced the speaker rather than Bernice Hotman.
- 4. **Announcements**: Teddy Wright was welcomed as a visitor. Although Kathy Farr was unable to attend, best wishes were extended to her while she travels to England where she will live for the next year. The October 20th Katy Prairie Family Day has been cancelled. Jim Winn encouraged everyone to vote on November 6th for Proposition 4 which will benefit the Parks and Wildlife Dept. Peg McNealy asked people to sign a petition opposing the Rio Grande Valley border fence. David Marrack encouraged everyone to support efforts to acquire Sun Woods. Michael Williams reminded everyone about birding ethics and asked that we speak up if we see something inappropriate. October 17th, 7pm is the next Nature Photography class at Edith Moore Nature Sanctuary.
- 5. **Field Trips**: *Future Trips*: Adam Wood announced a beginning birder trip on October 13th to

- Lafitte's Cove in Galveston. This will be run at a slow pace. The next monthly trip will be to Kleb Woods Nature Preserve on October 20. Fred Collins, director of Kleb Woods, will be our guide. We should see Nutmeg Mannikins, Greater Roadrunner, and many Warblers and Vireos. Past Trips: Several people joined Adam on 9/15 for the quarterly trip in Rockport during the Hummingbird Festival. Fifty-six species were seen. The number of hummers was low during the festival as they arrived in large numbers the next week. The Smith Point Hawk watch on September 22nd was enjoyed by many. The number of hawks was fairly low, but there were good looks at Mississippi Kites and Broad-Winged Hawks as they flew fairly low. Prior to watching from the tower, a drive down Hawkins Camp Road produced good views of Couch's Kingbird, Red Shouldered Hawk, juvenile Mississippi Kites, Least Flycatcher, and Buff Breasted Sandpipers. Forty-five species were seen during the trip. The beginning birding trip to Cullinan Park on September 30 was enjoyed by 5 people. There were good looks at Broad-Winged Hawks and about 20 Wood Ducks.
- 6. **Program:** Pam Smolen introduced George Regmund, co-owner of Skimmer Nature Tours. He led a birding tour on the Amazon River in Brazil during this past summer. The group lived and slept in a 75 foot river boat for two weeks. There is a huge diversity of birds in Brazil with over 1600 species. He presented an excellent slide show of the beautiful birds found along the Amazon River including Macaws, Parrots, Toucans, Kingfishers and many others.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

-- Cindy Douglass

Proposition 4 – Vote on November 6

Help is at hand to begin to remedy the lack of funds for repairs and operations at Texas state parks, and many other state agencies. Proposition 4, which will appear on the statewide ballot on November 6, enables a state amendment to provide funding to a wide range of agencies by bond issuance. Contingent on its passage, the state Legislature has already approved \$52 million for Texas Parks and Wildlife, but the money will only be there if Proposition 4 is approved, allowing the bonds to be issued. Other agencies to benefit include, among others, the Texas Historical Commission, Department of Criminal Justice, Department of Public Safety, Department of State Health Services, and the schools for the deaf and blind. More information can be found at www.proposition4.org. I urge all members to carefully consider supporting this proposition for the sake of our needy State Parks. --Editor

Trip Announcement Brazos Bend State Park November 17, 2007

Meet at 8:00 a.m. at 40 Acre Lake Parking Lot Park Admission Fee: \$3

This month's trip will be to Brazos Bend State Park. Most of the park is in the Brazos River floodplain, but there are also areas of flat upland coastal prairies. Numerous swales and depressions become freshwater marshes during periods of heavy rain. In addition to the Brazos River, Big Creek meanders diagonally across the park and is associated with sloughs and cutoff meanders called oxbow lakes. Other lakes have been created by levees. The creek and riverbanks are lined with sycamore, cottonwood, and black willow. Campsites and picnicking areas are located among huge, moss-draped live oaks; trails run along the lakes and through bottomland hardwood forests. Nature lovers, birders, campers, and other outdoor enthusiasts will delight in a visit to the park, which boasts more than 270 species of birds, 21 species of reptiles and amphibians, including American alligator, and 23 species of mammals including bobcat, white-tailed deer, raccoon, gray fox, and feral hog. An observation tower and platforms are popular for wildlife observation and photography

Bill Godley, one of the State Park's volunteers, will guide us around the park and surrounding areas in search of American Bittern, wintering ducks, Vermilion Flycatcher, Winter Wren, wintering warblers (including Palm Warbler) as well as a few lingering neotropical migrants (two years ago the Brazos Bend CBC produced two Prairie Warblers), and sparrows. If we get permission we will be birding outside the park around Davis Estates in the afternoon. One of the areas we will be birding is great for sparrows but is a challenging walk along a narrow path with a fence on one side and a pit on the other side. If you feel that you are not up for that hike you may wait for us at the start of the hike. If we do not get permission to enter Davis Estates we will spend more time birding the park. This will be an all-day trip with one not-so-easy hike. If you stick with us for the whole time you will not be disappointed. This park is great to bird all year round but the best time to bird the park in my opinion is in the late fall and winter. So come out and join us for a great day of birding in a truly impressive park.

Directions: We will meet in the 40 Acre Lake parking lot at 7:00 am. The park is approximately a one-hour drive from downtown Houston. Take Highway 59 South to the Crabb River Road exit. You may also take State Highway 288 south to FM 1462 West. Follow FM 1462 to FM 762 North. From the south follow State Highway 288 North to the FM 1462 exit or take State Highway 36 to FM 1462 East. All routes are marked with brown signs to guide you.

Be sure to bring: binoculars, a warm coat or jacket in case it is cold, hat, sun block, camera, spotting scope, \$3 for admission into the park, water, and a lunch.

-- Adam Wood, OG Field Trip Coordinator birdsondabrain@earthlink.net 713-515-1692

Field Trip Reports

Hummer/Bird Celebration in Rockport-Fulton, TX, September 13-16, 2007

This year's Hummer/Bird Celebration appeared to be well attended, and good weather prevailed for the whole weekend, but unfortunately the large push of Rubythroated Hummingbirds did not hit the area until a couple of days after the festival. However, there were still decent numbers of hummingbirds around for the participants to enjoy. I am not sure how many folks from the OG wound up attending the festival but I hope those who attended but were unable to join me on Saturday had a nice time and enjoyed themselves.

I'll offer a few observations about the festival. It is definitely better to get a map of the hummer homes and drive around them on your own. Don't spend money on the two-hour Hummer Bus Tour, because the tour only went to three hummer homes and there was no real attempt to discuss identification of the hummingbirds that were being seen. However, the Fennessey Ranch trip is definitely worth the money. It is a great place with a variety of habitats, from marshes to woodlands, allowing you the opportunity to see ducks, herons, egrets, raptors. turkeys, and small migrants such as vireos and warblers as well as hummingbirds at feeders. I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Fennessey Ranch on Sunday morning and saw some good birds including hummingbirds. As a bonus we saw the biggest coyote that I think I have ever seen.

On Saturday, Layton, Marie and I birded at Blucher Park, Hazel Bazemore County Park, and Hill Top Community Center. We tried to find the Fred Jones Nature Sanctuary but were unsuccessful. It was a nice day with a few notable birds seen, including a Swainson's Warbler and a probable Great Horned Owl in Blucher Park, a Common Paurague at Hill Top Community Center, and a very brief distant look at a Zone-tailed Hawk at Hazel Bazemore. Another highlight was seeing two large kettles of over 1,000 Broad-winged Hawks streaming by the Hazel Bazmore Hawk Watch area. The experience of the day for me was getting to see the golden crown on one of the Great Kiskadees that we saw at Hazel Bazemore. I don't know how unusual it is to see the golden crown on a kiskadee; it was only my second time and it was spectacular. Migrant passerines and hummingbirds were fairly scarce, with shorebirds and Wood Storks being the only notable migrants besides the hawks. We wound up seeing 56 species for the day, an oddly low total for the places we birded. I bet all the action was on Mustang Island at places like Paradise Pond and Turnbull Birding Center that I was hoping to get to but we ran out of time. I would like to thank Layton and Marie for joining me for a nice day of birding on Saturday and I hope you two enjoyed the day as well.

~ Adam Wood

Smith Point Hawk Watch, Sept. 22, 2007

This year's annual Hawk Watch trip to Smith Point was a great one. Fourteen participants enjoyed a rather pleasant late September day with clear skies and winds out of the north (good for big raptor movements). After arriving we birded along Hawkins Camp Road while waiting for thermals to develop and hawks to begin to kettle. We found our first hawk right off the bat, an immature Red-shouldered Hawk, which coincidentally led us to finding the Couch's Kingbird pair that have been seen along Hawkins Camp Road the last couple of years. The kingbirds were not happy with the presence of the hawk and were making that fact known by harassing the poor hawk. Hawkins Camp Road is one of the few reliable locations to find Couch's Kingbirds on the Upper Texas Coast. While watching the Couch's Kingbirds we had several immature Mississippi Kites, Sharp-shinned Hawks and Broad-winged Hawks glide low over us affording us great looks at all the markings on their undersides. We also got good looks at a Least Flycatcher in the same area.

After pulling ourselves away from the hawks and the kingbirds we continued to make our way to the point when we passed a sod field with a few birds in it. We discovered that the birds in the field were Killdeer, but while looking through the Killdeer we found two other birds that were slightly smaller and more slender. They were Buff-breasted Sandpipers, a rare migrant at this time of year. I was able to get the scope on them, and all participants were able to get looks at them. I believe it was a life bird for many of the participants. The group that made it to the point reported that they encountered nothing out of the ordinary but did get good looks at several American Oystercatchers.

We got back to the hawk watch tower around 10:30, thinking that it had warmed up enough for thermals to form and that we would be in for large numbers of Broadwinged Hawks. It was not to be, but that did not dampen our spirits as we made up for the lack of large numbers of hawks by getting close looks at the hawks we did see. They were low enough that you could see all the markings clearly. I believe by the end of the trip most of the participants were getting more confident with identifying raptors on the wing. The raptors that we saw were Red-shouldered Hawk (immature), Broad-winged Hawks (mature and immature), Mississippi Kites (immature), Cooper's Hawks (immature), Sharp-shinned Hawks (immature), American Kestrel and Northern Harrier. A big thanks goes to John Arvin for doing a wonderful job leading this trip. I hope everybody had as good a time as I did and enjoyed the birds we saw. Overall we saw about 40 species for the morning.

~ Adam Wood

More Development Threatens Bolivar

(from Houston Audubon Society website)

Bolivar Holdings, LLC proposes to build a 37.95 acre, 150+ unit development on land surrounded by the Bolivar Flats Shorebird Sanctuary. A permit application has been submitted to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers outlining the wetland impacts of the development and proposed mitigation. To see the permit application, go to: (http://www.swg.usace.army.mil/reg/notice/PN20 07-321.pdf)

Please consider writing a letter to the Corps of Engineers, stating your concerns about the impact of the development on the sanctuary, and requesting that a public meeting be held. Letters are due on November 5, 2007.

Letters should be sent to:

Jayson Hudson Regulatory Branch, CESWG-PE-RB U.S. Army Corp of Engineers P.O. Box 1229 Galveston, Texas 77553-1229

If you prefer, fax to (409) 766-6301

Sun Oil Woods

Dr. David Marrack remembers birding the Sun Oil property on Bolivar peninsula in the 1960s. This property also is now for sale, but we have no further information on its fate or plans at the present.

The Sun property was a past favorite of mine until it was closed. Louise and Henery Hoffman took me there with Ben Feltner when he was starting birdwatching in '61 or '62, and we went there many times afterwards.

I happened to be there when the Yucatan Vireo netted itself in Dr. Barry Hinderstein's mist net at the edge of the woods. I believe the Masseys were there, and others. None of us knew for sure which vagrant vireo it was. None of our books referenced it, and identity was not confirmed until reference books at home could be checked several days later. I suspect it is not so rare a visitor, but is easily misidentified flitting amongst the leaves.

I hope the conservation groups can pull together to acquire this prime birding habitat close to the Coastal Birding Trail; it is worth a lot of effort, particularly if the available property includes the land and marshes to the Intracoastal Canal. There are several spoil ponds just east of the woods whose acquisition would further enhance the property.

- D. Marrack

Clearing House -- September 2007

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This is a summary of birds reported to eBird (http://ebird.org/content/tx/). Unusual birds are in bold with the date and location of the sighting in the format: location[county]:date

There are 230 species listed for the Upper Texas Coast (Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, and Jefferson Counties) for September 2007 from 374 checklists.

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck reports=56 total= 1,103

Fulvous Whistling-Duck reports=4 total= 27 Wood Duck reports=8 total= 36

Gadwall reports=1 total= 1 – Warren Ranch Lake[HAR]:2

Mottled Duck reports=23 total= 126
Blue-winged Teal reports=11 total= 1,116
Northern Shoveler reports=4 total= 8
Green-winged Teal reports=1 total= 2
Northern Bobwhite reports=1 total= 5
Pied-billed Grebe reports=25 total= 94
American White Pelican reports=12 total= 639
Brown Pelican reports=34 total= 544
Neotropic Cormorant reports=65 total= 543
Double-crested Cormorant reports=12 total= 207
Anhinga reports=24 total= 121
Magnificent Frigatebird reports=6 total= 10
American Bittern reports=8 total= 11

Great Blue Heron reports=93 total= 196 Great Egret reports=112 total= 673 Snowy Egret reports=93 total= 662 Little Blue Heron reports=80 total= 283 Tricolored Heron reports=60 total= 156 Reddish Egret reports=16 total= 47 Cattle Egret reports=63 total= 4,292 Green Heron reports=54 total= 127 Black-crowned Night-Heron reports=15 total= 29 Yellow-crowned Night-Heron reports=47 total= 98 White Ibis reports=83 total= 956 Glossy Ibis reports=3 total= 4 White-faced lbis reports=17 total= 540 Roseate Spoonbill reports=48 total= 325 Wood Stork reports=32 total= 276 Black Vulture reports=44 total= 273 Turkey Vulture reports=57 total= 188 Osprey reports=28 total= 31 White-tailed Kite reports=13 total= 19 Mississippi Kite reports=9 total= 175

Bald Eagle reports=2 total= 2 Northern Harrier reports=11 total= 12 Sharp-shinned Hawk reports=5 total= 90 Cooper's Hawk reports=23 total= 47 Red-shouldered Hawk reports=49 total= 76 Broad-winged Hawk reports=18 total= 334 Swainson's Hawk reports=10 total= 12 White-tailed Hawk reports=1 total= 1 Red-tailed Hawk reports=15 total= 18 Crested Caracara reports=10 total= 16 American Kestrel reports=9 total= 18 Merlin reports=8 total= 8 Peregrine Falcon reports=4 total= 5 Black Rail reports=1 total= 1 - Brazoria NWR [CHA]:2 Clapper Rail reports=11 total= 19 King Rail reports=2 total= 5 Virginia Rail reports=1 total= 1 - Yatch Basin Rd[GAL1:30

Common Moorhen reports=23 total= 339 American Coot reports=6 total= 15 Black-bellied Plover reports=16 total= 87

Snowy Plover reports=6 total= 26 - Apffel Park[GAL]:30, Quintana Beach[BRA]:29, Bolivar Flats[GAL]:28, Texas City Dike[GAL]:11, [BRA]:4, Quintana Beach[BRA]:2

Wilson's Plover reports=3 total= 7 Semipalmated Plover reports=5 total= 264 Piping Plover reports=10 total= 72 Killdeer reports=84 total= 453 American Oystercatcher reports=9 total= 31 Black-necked Stilt reports=32 total= 491 American Avocet reports=5 total= 141 Spotted Sandpiper reports=26 total= 45 Solitary Sandpiper reports=8 total= 10 Greater Yellowlegs reports=17 total= 35 Willet reports=34 total= 194 Lesser Yellowlegs reports=10 total= 27

Whimbrel reports=1 total= 1 - Bolivar Flats[GAL]:28

Long-billed Curlew reports=5 total= 12 Marbled Godwit reports=8 total= 63 Ruddy Turnstone reports=20 total= 208 Red Knot reports=3 total= 8 Sanderling reports=13 total= 291 Semipalmated Sandpiper reports=7 total= 41 Western Sandpiper reports=12 total= 427 Least Sandpiper reports=19 total= 338

Baird's Sandpiper reports=1 total= 1 - Crosby Sodfarms[HAR]:28

Pectoral Sandpiper reports=6 total= 59

Dunlin reports=2 total= 5 – [CHA]:29, Brazoria

NWR[BRA]:2

Stilt Sandpiper reports=2 total= 6 Buff-breasted Sandpiper reports=2 total= 12 Short-billed Dowitcher reports=4 total= 57 Long-billed Dowitcher reports=5 total= 29

Wilson's Snipe reports=1 total= 1 – Eldridge Retention Basin[HAR]:14

Wilson's Phalarope reports=1 total= 4 Laughing Gull reports=82 total= 6,843 Ring-billed Gull reports=11 total= 58 Herring Gull reports=3 total= 7 Lesser Black-backed Gull reports=2 total= 3 Least Tern reports=6 total= 266 Gull-billed Tern reports=7 total= 17 Caspian Tern reports=18 total= 199 Black Tern reports=9 total= 417 Common Tern reports=5 total= 128 Forster's Tern reports=28 total= 562 Royal Tern reports=23 total= 1,211 Sandwich Tern reports=11 total= 57 Black Skimmer reports=12 total= 340 Rock Pigeon reports=41 total= 644 Eurasian Collared-Dove reports=41 total= 183 White-winged Dove reports=43 total= 330 Mourning Dove reports=134 total= 1,036 Inca Dove reports=20 total= 32 Monk Parakeet reports=4 total= 9 Yellow-billed Cuckoo reports=13 total= 13

Black-billed Cuckoo reports=1 total= 1 – Quintana Bird Sanctuary[BRA]:2 Greater Roadrunner reports=5 total= 5 – Kle

Greater Roadrunner reports=5 total= 5 – Kleb Woods[HAR]:4,5,19,26

Barn Owl reports=3 total= 5
Eastern Screech-Owl reports=5 total= 5
Great Horned Owl reports=4 total= 5
Barred Owl reports=9 total= 10
Common Nighthawk reports=17 total= 23
Chuck-will's-widow reports=2 total= 2
Chimney Swift reports=58 total= 399
Ruby-throated Hummingbird reports=120 total= 474

Black-chinned Hummingbird reports=1 total= 1 - [BRA]:23

Calliope Hummingbird reports=1 total= 1 – Galveston[GAL]:28

Rufous Hummingbird reports=2 total= 2 – [HAR]:19, Pearland[BRA]:16

Allen's Hummingbird reports=1 total= 1 – Houston[HAR]:6

Belted Kingfisher reports=51 total= 75 Red-headed Woodpecker reports=20 total= 40 Red-bellied Woodpecker reports=92 total= 215 Downy Woodpecker reports=69 total= 154

Northern Flicker reports=2 total= 5 - Kleb Woods[HAR]:26, W 11th Steet Park[HAR]:18

Pileated Woodpecker reports=31 total= 39 Olive-sided Flycatcher reports=10 total= 14 Eastern Wood-Pewee reports=38 total= 57 Yellow-bellied Flycatcher reports=19 total= 23 Acadian Flycatcher reports=5 total= 5

Alder Flycatcher reports=2 total= 2 – Sabine Woods[JEF]:29, Kleb Woods[HAR]:5

Willow Flycatcher reports=3 total= 3 Least Flycatcher reports=21 total= 29

Eastern Phoebe reports=3 total= 3 – Atascocita Rd[HAR]:28, Baytown NC[HAR]:19, Warren Ranch Lake[HAR]:16, Brazos Bend SP[FOB]:14

Vermilion Flycatcher reports=1 total= 1 – Brazos Bend SP[FOB]:21

Great Crested Flycatcher reports=48 total= 71 Couch's Kingbird reports=7 total= 11 Western Kingbird reports=1 total= 1 Eastern Kingbird reports=23 total= 51 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher reports=39 total= 111 Loggerhead Shrike reports=85 total= 158 White-eyed Vireo reports=43 total= 110 Yellow-throated Vireo reports=2 total= 2

Blue-headed Vireo reports=1 total= 1 – Quintana Bird Sanctuary[BRA]:16

Warbling Vireo reports=4 total= 5
Philadelphia Vireo reports=1 total= 1
Red-eyed Vireo reports=14 total= 16
Blue Jay reports=140 total= 492
American Crow reports=69 total= 251
Fish Crow reports=1 total= 1
Horned Lark reports=2 total= 9
Purple Martin reports=13 total= 149
Tree Swallow reports=4 total= 10
Northern Rough-winged Swallow reports=4 total= 81
Bank Swallow reports=5 total= 46

Cliff Swallow reports=7 total= 50 Cave Swallow reports=1 total= 1 – Quintana Bird Sanctuary[BRA]:22

Barn Swallow reports=22 total= 157 Carolina Chickadee reports=73 total= 390 Tufted Titmouse reports=37 total= 152

Red-breasted Nuthatch reports=5 total= 5 – Bear Creel Park[HAR]:29, Cedar Hill Park[CHA]:29, Hooks Woods[GAL]:28, Bear Creek Park[HAR]:23

Carolina Wren reports=96 total= 228 Marsh Wren reports=3 total= 4

Ruby-crowned Kinglet reports=5 total= 11 – Sabine Woods[Jefferson;:28, Quintana Bird Sanctuary[BRA]:23, Quintana Bird Sanctuary[BRA]:22

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher reports=73 total= 314 Eastern Bluebird reports=24 total= 165

Veery reports=1 total= 1 – Sea Rim SP[JEF]:28 Swainson's Thrush reports=3 total= 3 –

Quintana Bird Sanctuary[Brazora]:23, Quintana Bird Sanctuary[BRA]:22, Boy Scout Woods[GAL]:16

American Robin reports=13 total= 47 Gray Catbird reports=9 total= 13 Northern Mockingbird reports=157 total= 657 Brown Thrasher reports=4 total= 13 European Starling reports=73 total= 1,585 Blue-winged Warbler reports=1 total= 1
Tennessee Warbler reports=1 total= 1 Quintana Bird Sanctuary[BRA]:14
Orange-crowned Warbler reports=1 total= 1 Kleb Woods[HAR]:1

Nashville Warbler reports=10 total= 13 Northern Parula reports=9 total= 12 Yellow Warbler reports=28 total= 66

Chestnut-sided Warbler reports=1 total= 1 – Sabine Woods[JEF]:30

Magnolia Warbler reports=1 total= 1 – Sabine Woods[JEF]:30, Quintana Birds Sanctuary[BRA]:18, Smith Oaks{Galveston]:17

Black-throated Green Warbler reports=4 total= 4
- Sabine Woods[JEF]:28, Boy Scout
Woods[GAL]:28, Dos Vacas
Muertas[GAL]:14, Kleb Woods[HAR]:1

Blackburnian Warbler reports=1 total= 1 – Quintana Bird Sanctuary{Brazoria]:14

Yellow-throated Warbler reports=4 total= 4 Pine Warbler reports=24 total= 99

Prairie Warbler reports=1 total= 2 – [BRA]:4 Black-and-white Warbler reports=22 total= 34 American Redstart reports=14 total= 27

Prothonotary Warbler reports=7 total= 8
Worm-eating Warbler reports=4 total= 4 Lafitte's Cove[GAL]:18, Lafitte's
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Vacas Muertes[GAL]:14, Dos Vacas Muertes[GAL]:8, Lafitte's Cove[GAL]:2 Northern Waterthrush reports=8 total= 13

Louisiana Waterthrush reports=2 total= 3 – [HAR]:15, [BRA]:4

Kentucky Warbler reports=3 total= 3
Mourning Warbler reports=8 total= 17
Common Yellowthroat reports=11 total= 16
Hooded Warbler reports=11 total= 16
Wilson's Warbler reports=20 total= 32
Canada Warbler reports=16 total= 29
Yellow-breasted Chat reports=13 total= 14
Summer Tanager reports=20 total= 37

Chipping Sparrow reports=2 total= 2 – [BRA]:24,
Quintana Bird Sanctuary[BRA]:21

Lark Sparrow reports=3 total= 6 - Corps Woods[GAL]:30, 14, 9

Savannah Sparrow reports=1 total= 1 – Sea Rim SP[JEF]:30

Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow reports=1 total= 1 – Yatch Basin Rd[GAL]:30

Seaside Sparrow reports=5 total= 14
Northern Cardinal reports=153 total= 706
Blue Grosbeak reports=12 total= 45
Indigo Bunting reports=11 total= 28
Painted Bunting reports=11 total= 14
Dickcissel reports=3 total= 3
Red-winged Blackbird reports=22 total= 150
Eastern Meadowlark reports=9 total= 16

Yellow-headed Blackbird reports=0 total= 0 – Smith Point[CHA]:22

Common Grackle reports=33 total= 1,956 Boat-tailed Grackle reports=13 total= 107 Great-tailed Grackle reports=63 total= 968

Bronzed Cowbird reports=2 total= 3 – Quintana Bird Sanctuary[BRA]:21, Lafitte's Cove[GAL]:9

Cove[GAL]:9

Brown-headed Cowbird reports=14 total= 117

Orchard Oriole reports=15 total= 23

Baltimore Oriole reports=44 total= 116

House Finch reports=6 total= 22

House Sparrow reports=43 total= 331

Nutmeg Mannikin reports=3 total= 14 – Kleb
Woods[HAR]:26, 22, 19, 15, 9

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