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January Meeting

Monday, January 7, 2008 -- 7:00 p.m.

Bayland Community Center
6400 Bissonnet, Houston

Learning Corner (6:30): Michael Williams

Program: Bird Banding

Robert and Kay Lookingbill each grew up loving the outdoors and nature in general. Robert and Kay started birding together soon after they met and have been avid recreational birders their entire married life.

They both retired from the chemical industry and in 2000 became interested in bird banding. After they completed their training, they each received a federal bird banding permit. They work on a variety of projects to band hummingbirds and passerines in Texas. They also band raptors and have worked on projects in Montana and New Jersey as well as in Texas. Robert and Kay spent 2 weeks at Cape May capturing raptors this fall.

A provision of a grant for two habitat restoration projects in Brazoria County requires bird monitoring surveys be completed to evaluate the effectiveness of these restoration projects. As an integral part of this requirement, in March 2006 Robert and Kay established a permanent, year- round bird banding station at GCBO headquarters in Lake Jackson. They have banded birds one morning per month to establish baseline data of the avifauna at the GCBO site in the Columbia Bottomlands ecosystem.

Robert and Kay will discuss their up close look at birds during our January meeting.

Other Events

January 19: Chappell Hill, Washington County with Darrell Vollert

January 24-27: Winter Quarterly Trip
Calhoun County including
Guadalupe Delta WMA

February 16: Monthly Trip,
Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR

March Trip (date to be determined)
San Bernard NWR
(Yellow and Black Rails)

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Minutes of the Monthly OG Meeting

Monday, December 3, 2007

Meeting Place: Bayland Community Center

Number of Attendees: 78

- 1. Learning Corner:** Bernice Hotman had a handout entitled "Name That Duck". She discussed the ways to identify ducks and other duck-like birds (such as loons, grebes, geese, coots and gallinules) by looking at the location of white color on the birds.
- 2. Sightings:** Bernice Hotman opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with bird sightings. Sightings included Broad-Tailed Hummingbirds, a Vermilion Flycatcher and Eastern Bluebirds at El Franco Lee Park, Scissor-tailed Flycatchers on the Katy Prairie, Couch's Kingbirds in Waller County, a Ferruginous Hawk, Red-breasted Nuthatches in Friendswood and a Peregrine Falcon at the Waugh Street Bridge.
- 3. Minutes** of the November meeting were accepted as printed in *The Spoonbill*.
- 4. Membership:** Margret Simmons encouraged everyone to sign in. Dues for 2008 can also be paid now.
- 5. Christmas Mountains:** The vote to sell this land in the Big Bend area has been delayed. Jim Winn encouraged everyone to write to the School Land Board to oppose this sale to private interests.
- 6. Spoonbill Deadline:** The deadline for submissions is December 10. Please send your submissions to Al Shultz.
- 7. Houston Christmas Count:** Liz Zivley had information and directions about this count taking place December 15, 2007.
- 8. Cypress Creek CBC:** Bob Honig announced that this count taking place on January 1, 2008 needs volunteers.
- 9. Buffalo Bayou CBC:** Michael Williams is looking for volunteers for the December 29, 2007 count. The countdown dinner will be at Luby's at Town & Country. Michael is also trying to find copies of "Ducks at a Glance" for everyone.
- 10. Galveston Featherfest 2008:** Skip Almoney needs volunteers to serve as liaisons next April.
- 11. Refreshments:** Volunteers are needed to provide refreshments at our monthly meeting. If you can help, please contact Patsy Lawrence.

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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- 12. Field Trips:** Adam Wood reported that the December field trip will be the Houston Christmas Bird Count on December 15. This provides an excellent opportunity to practice citizen science. The quarterly trip to Calhoun County will take place January 24-27, 2008. Brent Ortego will lead the group on Friday, January 25, to the Guadalupe Delta WMA. Additional information is on OG's website. If interested, please let Adam know. Last month's field trip to Brazos Bend State Park and the Davis Estates was a great success with 42 participants, a record for OG field trips. A highlight of the trip was the Vermilion Flycatchers.
- 13. Program:** Bill Harwell introduced John O'Neill. John is a very gifted painter of birds. John showed slides and talked about his book, *Great Texas Birds*. This book has 50 beautiful paintings by John as well as commentary by 50 different people. We also enjoyed John's stories about growing up on 2 acres in Spring Branch where birds and wildlife were plentiful.
- 14. Meeting adjourned** about 8:15 p.m.

--Cindy Douglass, Secretary of OG

Ambassadors for Birding

After handbells the other night, one of the other ringers said she thought about me when she read something in the paper about counting birds. She is not a birdwatcher, but because she knows that I am, she has become more aware of birds and birding. We briefly discussed my plans to participate in counts and the relevance of the annual counts.

How about you? Are the people that you encounter in your daily life aware that you are a birdwatcher? Does that awareness make them more sensitive to birds around them? One of my friends went to Hawaii and the first thing she said upon her return was that they had seen NeNe! She was really excited by the viewing and eager to share it with me. She brought me cards of the birds of Hawaii to make sure I knew what she was so thrilled about seeing and how rare a find the birds were.

In some way or another we should be ambassadors for our birding avocation. And those around us should have a positive impression of birdlife viewing -- and maybe even the importance of saving, maintaining and restoring habitat. Some of our friends will roll their eyes and consider us odd when we comment on a bird we see or have just seen. Others, hopefully more, will show a little interest. Maybe they will become more sensitive to wildlife and wildlife issues, and maybe even to birding. Now, if you are a little sensitive, too, and have the inclination, you might help develop a future birder. When someone shows more than a passing interest, do you invite them to join you on a birding outing? Or invite them on an OG field trip? Or even just share your binoculars to look at house sparrows and starlings?

At this time of the year when we are renewing our Ornithology Group (and Outdoor Nature Club) dues, are you handing out the OG cards and membership brochures to birders around you when you're out in the field? Mary Dodson carries the brochures in her car and freely distributes them to anyone who happens to be anywhere she's birding in the area. The business cards fit nicely in your shirt pocket while you are out and about. Margret Simmons has both available at the sign-in/name tag table at all the meetings.

All birders in this area are potential members. It is not necessary to live in Houston, or to be able to attend the meetings. Our field trips cover a much greater geographic area and members living in surrounding communities may choose to join us simply for those.

While you are being attuned to the birds around you, also be attuned to the people around you. Encourage them in their birding. Be a good ambassador for our hobby. And, be a recruiter for our organization.

Renew now -- and thank you for your continued support.

-- Bernice Hotman, OG Chairperson

Trip Announcement: Chappell Hill, Washington County

January 19, 2008

Meet at 8:00 a.m. in front of Lesser's Store

Fee: \$10 for Minimum 10 people (less if more than 10 attend this trip)

This month's trip will be to Chappell Hill in Washington County, and it will be led by Darrell Vollert. A native of Chappell Hill in Washington County, Texas, Darrel has documented approximately 300 species of birds in Washington County since 1997. Darrell is an active member of the National Audubon Society, Texas Ornithological Society, American Birding Association, Cornell Lab of Ornithology, American Bird Conservancy, Native Plant Society of Texas, and The Nature Conservancy. He is truly a local expert and it is a real treat to have him lead this trip.

The main targets for this trip will be wintering sparrows (as many as 14 species are possible in this area) and finding the often elusive American Woodcock. Other species we could encounter are Hairy Woodpecker, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Pine Siskin and Purple Finch.

Directions: We will meet in front of Lesser's Store in downtown Chappell Hill at 8 a.m. Lesser's Store is the last business on your left-hand side driving north on FM1155 through downtown Chappell Hill. The downtown area is a half-mile north of US290. The store is a white, wood-frame building just north of Chappell Hill Bank. To get there, take US 290 north out of Houston to FM 1155. Head north (right) on FM 1155.

Be sure to bring: \$10 for guide fee, binoculars, hat, sunscreen, a jacket in case it is cold, rain gear in case it rains, waterproof boots, water, snacks, camera (if you wish), and a spotting scope (I am not sure that it will be necessary on this trip but it is always good to have one just in case). We will be stopping for lunch in downtown Chappell Hill; you will not need to bring a lunch unless you prefer to.

Winter Quarterly Trip -- Calhoun County and Guadalupe Delta WMA

January 24-27, 2008

This winter's quarterly trip will be to Calhoun County on the Central Texas Coast. We will be birding the Guadalupe Delta WMA on Friday with Brent Ortego. Brent is complier for the Mad Island Marsh and Guadalupe Delta WMA Christmas Bird Counts, which regularly have among the highest species counts in the nation. While in the WMA we will get the opportunity to bird a nice riparian woodland in the Guadalupe River bottom, some freshwater marshes, tidal marshes and thorn-scrub.

Since Brent will be unable to lead us for the rest of the trip, I am still working on lining up a leader for Saturday. At this point I expect it will be either Brush Freeman or Petra Hockey. They both know the area very well and are top-notch birders. The plan will be to bird a few of the other hot spots in Calhoun County like Magic Ridge, Magnolia Beach and Port Lavaca Bird Sanctuary. Sunday morning will be spent birding some fresh-water marshes that should be very productive for rails and Marsh Wrens, as well as several species of dabbling ducks and geese.

We will be staying at the Quality Inn in Victoria, Texas; phone 361-578-2030. I have 10 rooms currently blocked out, at a rate of \$60 a night plus tax; when you call to reserve your room, please tell them that you are with the Houston Ornithology Group. Also, please let me know so I can keep track of how many rooms have been taken. We will meet in the lobby of the hotel at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday night to go to dinner.

Be sure to bring: binoculars, water, snacks, a hat, sunscreen, warm clothes in case it is cold, rain gear in case it rains, camera and spotting scope if you have one. Lunches should not be necessary because we will be stopping to eat or pick up lunch on Friday and Saturday.

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

Upcoming Trips, Spring 2008

March 2008 (date to be announced): San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge

The March monthly trip will be a very special one. We will be spending the first part of the trip searching for the Yellow and Black Rails. Most birders refer to the Black Rail as the holy grail of birds because it is one of the hardest birds to find and see well. Jennifer Wilson with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will serve as our guide, and as a bonus she will do a banding demonstration with the rails. Jennifer has been monitoring the rails during the spring for the past several years. She knows where they tend to be concentrated, so there is a very high likelihood that we will see both rails. We will be in a part of the refuge that is not accessible to the public, so it is a great birding opportunity for other species as well. We should encounter Marsh and Sedge Wrens, ducks, geese, Virginia Rail, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Sprague's Pipit, and wintering sparrows including Grasshopper and Seaside Sparrows.

I can't set a date for this trip until a week or two prior, because we will need to wait for a day with a warm morning so the birds will not lose too much body heat while they are being banded. If you are interested in this trip, keep checking the website for a date to be posted, or let me know that you are interested and I will email all interested parties with the date and time for this trip as soon as it is known. I will also post a message to the OG Listserv with the date and time when I get word from Jennifer.

May 8-13, 2008: Owl Workshop in Montana

Fee: \$1575 (plus transport to Missoula, MT); \$300 Deposit due April 1; Limit 3-8 People

Since the Southeast Arizona trip was such a success I am planning another longer trip that I think you all will enjoy. This time we are headed to the beautiful Mission and Flathead Valleys in Montana to participate in an Owl Workshop led by Denver Holt, a wildlife researcher and founder and president of the Owl Research Institute and the Ninepipes Center for Wildlife Research and Education, located in Charlo, Montana. If you got a chance to hear Denver speak at an OG meeting last year, you know what a knowledgeable person he is. Assisting Denver on this trip will be Megan Fyiling, a wildlife biologist who has studied birds and their ecology throughout the western U.S., and has been guiding tours for the past three years.

Most of the trip will be spent looking for owls: Boreal, Great Gray, Long-eared, Northern Saw-whet, Northern Pygmy and Short-eared Owl. We stand a good chance at seeing all these owls as well as a few owls that we are pretty familiar with -- the Barred, Barn and Great-horned Owls -- so it is possible to see up to nine species of owls on this trip. Though the focus will be on Owls, other good birds we should encounter are Trumpeter Swan, Greater Scaup, Common Merganser, Gray Partridge, Ring-necked Pheasant, Western Grebe, Golden Eagle, Black-billed Magpie, Steller's Jay, Mountain Bluebird and Yellow-headed Blackbird.

This should be a great trip full of wonderful moments that you will not want to miss. If you are interested in going, please let me know and I will let you know where you need to send the deposit to reserve your spot.

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

Field Trip Report -- Brazos Bend State Park -- November 17, 2007

Forty-two participants enjoyed a relatively nice day of birding in Brazos Bend State Park and Davis Estates. It was cloudy all day long but the rains managed to hold off except for a brief period in the afternoon while we were out on Davis Estates. Bill Godley, one of the parks naturalists, led the trip and he also was able to get us access to Davis

Estates, which was a special treat because normally the only time that birders can get on Davis Estates is during the Brazos Bend Christmas Bird Count. We spent the morning birding around 40 Acre Lake and the prairie across from 40 Acre Lake. We went over to the pavilion at Elm Lake for lunch where we managed to find the local

Vermilion Flycatcher, a life bird for at least one of the participants. After finishing lunch we headed over to Davis Estates. Just as we got there it started to rain. We started out by scoping the big lake across from the Fort Bend County Landfill and found five Gadwalls, three Lesser Scaup, and a fourth bird that morphed from a Canvasback to a Redhead to finally a fourth Lesser Scaup. I wound up making the Redhead call, and after looking through what we all decided was the superior scope of the group (a Leica), agreed that it was indeed a Lesser Scaup. After finding not much else on the lake we went into Davis Estates. Unfortunately only one Palm Warbler was found by one participant and it did not hang around. We did add White-crowned Sparrow to the list but dipped on getting a Song Sparrow. Then, as participants were leaving, two Sandhill Cranes flew quietly overhead to end the day.

Other highlights for the trip were finding a very cooperative Marsh Wren along 40 Acre Lake,

getting brief glimpses of Sedge Wrens within about two feet from the observation platform in the prairie across from the 40 Acre Lake parking area, and finding a lingering Yellow Warbler near Hoots Hollow. We also had some nice up-close experiences with some Green Herons on 40 Acre Lake.

Overall for the trip we observed 59 species. A big thanks to Bill Godley for leading this wonderful trip and doing a wonderful job of handling all 42 participants, which was about three times as many as I was expecting. I hope everybody had as wonderful a time as I did. Forty-two participants is a record for the field trips that I have organized, so I want to thank everybody for coming out and helping to make this a truly wonderful trip. Hope to see you all on future trips. We have some great ones still to come.

~ Adam Wood

Clearing House -- November 2007

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This is a summary of birds reported to eBird. (<http://ebird.org/content/tx/>) Unusual birds are in bold. Location detail on unusual birds is in the following format: Location[County]:date. There were 205 species reported for the Upper Texas Coast (Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, and Jefferson Counties) for November 2007 from 355 checklists.

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck reports=18 total= 427
 Fulvous Whistling-Duck reports=5 total= 103
Greater White-fronted Goose reports=20 total= 2,020 – San Bernard NWR[B]:3, Hegar Lakes[H]:3, San Bernard NWR[B]:4, Katy Prairie[H]:13, Anahuac NWR[C]:19
 Snow Goose reports=37 total= 5,514
 Ross's Goose reports=8 total= 28
 Cackling Goose reports=1 total= 1
 Wood Duck reports=5 total= 31
 Gadwall reports=18 total= 272
 American Wigeon reports=8 total= 413
 Mallard reports=10 total= 81
 Mottled Duck reports=14 total= 97
 Blue-winged Teal reports=21 total= 268
 Northern Shoveler reports=24 total= 723
 Northern Pintail reports=15 total= 1,181
 Green-winged Teal reports=5 total= 110
Canvasback reports=2 total= 3 – Katy Prairie[H]:10, Freeport Storm Levee[B]:27
 Redhead reports=6 total= 38
 Ring-necked Duck reports=19 total= 361
 Lesser Scaup reports=9 total= 152
Bufflehead reports=3 total= 19 – Katy Prairie[H]:15, Hegar Lakes[H]:22, Katy Prairie[H]:29

Common Goldeneye reports=3 total= 9 – Seabrook[H]:25, Katy Prairie[H]:29, Seabrook[H]:30
Hooded Merganser reports=4 total= 7 – San Jacinto Battleground[H]:10, Baytown Nature Center[H], Katy Prairie[H]:17, Baytown Nature Center[H]:18, Baytown Nature Center[H]:26
Red-breasted Merganser reports=8 total= 164 – Quintana[B]:16, Freeport Storm Levee[B]:17, Baytown Nature Center[H]:18, Rollover Pass[G]:19, Rollover Pass[G]:20, Rollover Pass[G]:21, Seabrook[H]:25
 Ruddy Duck reports=7 total= 146
 Northern Bobwhite reports=3 total= 21
 Common Loon reports=6 total= 20
 Pied-billed Grebe reports=56 total= 382
 Horned Grebe reports=9 total= 47
 Eared Grebe reports=4 total= 17
 Northern Gannet reports=2 total= 16
 American White Pelican reports=31 total= 1,268
 Brown Pelican reports=40 total= 507
 Neotropic Cormorant reports=51 total= 572
 Double-crested Cormorant reports=52 total= 561
 Anhinga reports=13 total= 24
 American Bittern reports=3 total= 3
 Great Blue Heron reports=122 total= 238

Great Egret reports=139 total= 508
 Snowy Egret reports=99 total= 468
 Little Blue Heron reports=33 total= 76
 Tricolored Heron reports=21 total= 54
 Reddish Egret reports=7 total= 12
 Cattle Egret reports=35 total= 614
Green Heron reports=6 total= 7 – Brazos Bend SP[F]:2-4, Willow Waterhole Park[H]:4, Brazos Bend SP[F]17, Nassau Bay[H]:18, Anahuac NWR[C]:19, Houston[H]:19, Harris Co:21
 Black-crowned Night-Heron reports=13 total= 76
 Yellow-crowned Night-Heron reports=8 total= 13
 White Ibis reports=47 total= 709
 White-faced Ibis reports=19 total= 226
 Roseate Spoonbill reports=17 total= 111
 Black Vulture reports=48 total= 333
 Turkey Vulture reports=66 total= 256
 Osprey reports=44 total= 49
 White-tailed Kite reports=9 total= 22
 Bald Eagle reports=3 total= 3
 Northern Harrier reports=39 total= 90
 Sharp-shinned Hawk reports=7 total= 8
 Cooper's Hawk reports=14 total= 16
 Red-shouldered Hawk reports=39 total= 51
 White-tailed Hawk reports=6 total= 8
 Red-tailed Hawk reports=67 total= 116

Crested Caracara reports=25 total= 47
 American Kestrel reports=67 total= 108
 Merlin reports=5 total= 8
 Peregrine Falcon reports=5 total= 6
 Clapper Rail reports=17 total= 27
 Sora reports=5 total= 8
Purple Gallinule reports=0 total= 0 – Brazos Bend SP[F]:4
 Common Moorhen reports=18 total= 360
 American Coot reports=51 total= 4,732
 Sandhill Crane reports=3 total= 25
 Black-bellied Plover reports=15 total= 97
Snowy Plover reports=3 total= 33 – Quintana[B]:7, Bluewater Highway[B]:10, Port Bolivar Area[G]:17
 Semipalmated Plover reports=7 total= 41
Piping Plover reports=3 total= 51 – Bluewater Highway[B]:10, Galveston Island SP[G]:11, Port Bolivar Area[G]:17
 Killdeer reports=120 total= 1,361
 American Oystercatcher reports=6 total= 14
 Black-necked Stilt reports=12 total= 52
 American Avocet reports=13 total= 2,757
 Spotted Sandpiper reports=17 total= 28
 Greater Yellowlegs reports=40 total= 134
 Willet reports=26 total= 109
 Lesser Yellowlegs reports=13 total= 39
 Long-billed Curlew reports=12 total= 158
 Marbled Godwit reports=10 total= 86
 Ruddy Turnstone reports=12 total= 83
Red Knot reports=0 total= 0 – Galveston Island SP[G]:11
 Sanderling reports=14 total= 304
 Western Sandpiper reports=4 total= 32
 Least Sandpiper reports=18 total= 223
 Dunlin reports=5 total= 106
 Short-billed Dowitcher reports=14 total= 455
 Long-billed Dowitcher reports=8 total= 47
 Wilson's Snipe reports=15 total= 44
 Laughing Gull reports=75 total= 4,885
Franklin's Gull reports=5 total= 24 – Quintana[B]:7, Quintana[B]:16, Lynchburg Ferry[H]:18, Warren Ranch Lake[H]:25, Clear Lake Park[H]:30
Bonaparte's Gull reports=1 total= 1 – Clear Lake Park[H]:16
 Ring-billed Gull reports=35 total= 240
 Herring Gull reports=8 total= 28
 Gull-billed Tern reports=1 total= 1
 Caspian Tern reports=15 total= 47
 Common Tern reports=1 total= 1
 Forster's Tern reports=16 total= 210
 Royal Tern reports=13 total= 171
 Black Skimmer reports=10 total= 437
 Rock Pigeon reports=32 total= 578
 Eurasian Collared-Dove reports=21 total= 148
 White-winged Dove reports=54 total= 748
 Mourning Dove reports=122 total= 1,106
 Inca Dove reports=10 total= 57
 Monk Parakeet reports=4 total= 11
 Barn Owl reports=1 total= 1
 Eastern Screech-Owl reports=3 total= 3
 Great Horned Owl reports=4 total= 4
 Barred Owl reports=4 total= 5
Buff-bellied Hummingbird reports=4 total= 4 – Houston[H]:11, Houston[H]:13, Quintana[B]:16, Anahuac[C]:29
Ruby-throated Hummingbird reports=1 total= 1 – Houston[H]:13
 Rufous Hummingbird reports=5 total= 6
 Belted Kingfisher reports=53 total= 71
 Red-headed Woodpecker reports=9 total= 15
 Red-bellied Woodpecker reports=79 total= 162
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker reports=37 total= 54
 Downy Woodpecker reports=35 total= 69
 Northern Flicker reports=24 total= 37
 Pileated Woodpecker reports=20 total= 32
Eastern Wood-Pewee reports=1 total= 1 – Quintana[B]:3
Least Flycatcher reports=1 total= 1 – Spring[H]:8
 Eastern Phoebe reports=99 total= 315
Vermilion Flycatcher reports=5 total= 7 – Brazos Bend SP[F]:2, Fort Bend Co:4, Bear Creek Park[H]:8, Houston[H]:9, Brazos Bend SP[F]:17, Houston[H]:19
Ash-throated Flycatcher reports=0 total= 0 – Quintana[B]:4
Great Kiskadee reports=5 total= 13 – Katy Prairie[H]:3-4,6,8,11
 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher reports=10 total= 20
 Loggerhead Shrike reports=101 total= 234
 White-eyed Vireo reports=8 total= 11
Yellow-throated Vireo reports=1 total= 1 – Quintana[B]:3-4
 Blue-headed Vireo reports=10 total= 12
 Blue Jay reports=116 total= 335
 American Crow reports=53 total= 166
 Horned Lark reports=12 total= 63
Tree Swallow reports=2 total= 3 – Anahuac NWR[C]:3, San Bernard NWR[B]:4, Egret Bay Blvd Church[G]:10, Cullinan Park[F]:14
Northern Rough-winged Swallow reports=1 total= 1 – San Bernard NWR[B]:4, Port Bolivar Area[G]:17, Brazos Bend SP:23
Cave Swallow reports=1 total= 30 – San Bernard NWR[B]:3
 Carolina Chickadee reports=86 total= 272
 Tufted Titmouse reports=23 total= 86
 Red-breasted Nuthatch reports=21 total= 39
Brown-headed Nuthatch reports=1 total= 2 – Harris Co:10
 Brown Creeper reports=8 total= 10
 Carolina Wren reports=62 total= 150
 House Wren reports=52 total= 102
 Winter Wren reports=8 total= 8
 Sedge Wren reports=14 total= 35
 Marsh Wren reports=10 total= 30
 Golden-crowned Kinglet reports=6 total= 7
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet reports=82 total= 444
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher reports=41 total= 110
 Eastern Bluebird reports=24 total= 140
 Hermit Thrush reports=17 total= 26
 American Robin reports=23 total= 234
 Gray Catbird reports=8 total= 16
 Northern Mockingbird reports=182 total= 695
 Brown Thrasher reports=9 total= 9
 European Starling reports=93 total= 5,498
 American Pipit reports=28 total= 589
Sprague's Pipit reports=4 total= 6 – San Bernard NWR[B]:3, Quintana[B]:4, Katy Prairie[H]:11, 17
 Orange-crowned Warbler reports=39 total= 73
Nashville Warbler reports=1 total= 1 – Harris Co:1
 Yellow-rumped Warbler reports=73 total= 430
Black-throated Green Warbler reports=2 total= 4 – Quintana[B]:3, Houston Heights[H]:3
 Pine Warbler reports=35 total= 188
 Palm Warbler reports=1 total= 1
 Common Yellowthroat reports=7 total= 10
Hooded Warbler reports=1 total= 1 – Quintana[B]:3
 Wilson's Warbler reports=3 total= 3
Yellow-breasted Chat reports=1 total= 1 – Brazos Bend SP[F]:3
 Chipping Sparrow reports=28 total= 260
Clay-colored Sparrow reports=2 total= 3 – Katy Prairie[H]:4,18
 Field Sparrow reports=7 total= 18
Vesper Sparrow reports=8 total= 14 – Katy Prairie[H]:3-4,11,18,19, San Bernard NWR[B]:4, Ambrose Park[H]:15
 Lark Sparrow reports=2 total= 3
 Savannah Sparrow reports=59 total= 812
 Grasshopper Sparrow reports=1 total= 1
 Le Conte's Sparrow reports=3 total= 7
 Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow reports=2 total= 36
 Seaside Sparrow reports=2 total= 9
Song Sparrow reports=9 total= 15 – Lincoln's Sparrow reports=22 total= 44
 Swamp Sparrow reports=14 total= 73
 White-throated Sparrow reports=23 total= 114
Harris's Sparrow reports=2 total= 3 – Katy Prairie[H]:22, 25
 White-crowned Sparrow reports=19 total= 83
Lapland Longspur reports=3 total= 3 – Paul Rushing Park[H]:4,11
 Northern Cardinal reports=133 total= 556
 Indigo Bunting reports=2 total= 3
 Red-winged Blackbird reports=57 total= 2,751
 Eastern Meadowlark reports=62 total= 445
 Brewer's Blackbird reports=5 total= 289
 Common Grackle reports=37 total= 1,428
 Boat-tailed Grackle reports=6 total= 75
 Great-tailed Grackle reports=83 total= 1,694
 Brown-headed Cowbird reports=32 total= 2,326
Orchard Oriole reports=1 total= 1 – Quintana[B]:3
 House Finch reports=18 total= 68
 American Goldfinch reports=28 total= 151
 House Sparrow reports=46 total= 53

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The Spoonbill Wants Your Help...

Stories, notes, trip reports, or other materials for future issues are always welcome. Send to the Editor at

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	<i>Individual</i>	<i>Family</i>
ONC Annual Dues:	\$ 8.00	\$ 15.00
OG Annual Dues:	\$ 14.00	\$ 19.00
Total:	\$ 22.00	\$ 34.00

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Total	\$ 18.00	\$ 30.00

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