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April Meeting

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

Bayland Community Center
6400 Bissonnet, Houston

Learning Corner (6:30 p.m.)

Migrant Warblers with Glenn Olsen

Election by membership – OG Treasurer

Jerry Stanislav, nominee (see p. 2, item 5)

Program: Birding by Ear

Mike Austin grew up in southwestern Ontario, Canada, and has been birding since the age of seven. He lived in British Columbia for a short time while completing his medical internship, then practiced in Ontario for a short time. He moved to the Upper Texas Coast in 1978, where he has participated regularly in Breeding Bird Surveys and Christmas Bird Counts, and is compiler of the Freeport count. He is a frequent speaker and field trip leader local groups. He ran the North American Rare Bird Alert for the Houston Audubon Society for fourteen years and wrote a column for A.B.A.'s "Winging It" magazine during that time. Mike has built a North American life list of over 800 species and a Texas list of over 570.

Mike had musical training in church choir as a youth and as a lead in the musical "Camelot" in college. This led naturally to an interest in bird vocalization. Currently, he is familiar with most of the songs and calls of the 700 or so regularly occurring North American birds. He also enjoys recording bird sounds.

Mike lives on two wooded acres in Friendswood in extreme northwestern Galveston County, and enjoys trips to his cottage on Lake Erie near the gates of Point Pelee National Park, Ontario.

Other Events

April 3-6: Galveston FeatherFest

www.galvestonfeatherfest.org

April 10-13: Spring Quarterly Trip

Falcon, San Ygnacio and Laredo
(Joel Ruiz and Susan Foster)

April 19: Armand Bayou field trip

(George Regmund)

May 5: monthly OG meeting

Bill Baker on the Great Texas
Birding Classic

May 8-13: Montana Owl Workshop

(Denver Holt)

May 17: Huntsville State Park (Rick Bello)

May 31: Navasota Bottoms for breeding

Swainson's Warblers
(Darrell Vollert)

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Minutes of the Monthly OG Meeting

Monday, March 3, 2008
Bayland Community Center
53 Attendees

1. Learning Corner: There are many interesting places to see migrating warblers on the way to High Island. Michael Williams encouraged us to stop along the way. If traveling I45 South, stop at the Sims Bayou Urban Nature Center. Also, the Harris County chain of parks are an excellent choice, e.g. the Frankie Carter Randolph Park and Oxnard Park. If traveling I10 East, Hermann Brown Park and the Baytown Nature Center are excellent places to see warblers.

2. Sightings: Bernice Hotman opened the meeting with sightings. Red-winged Blackbirds and Yellow Chevron Parakeets have been seen. Many Cedar Waxwings, Robins, and Sandhill Cranes have been seen in the Katy area. Red-Breasted Nuthatches were seen in Memorial Park.

3. Minutes of the February 4 meeting as published in the Spoonbill were approved.

4. Treasurer's Report: Jim Winn reports that we have \$9,356 in the bank. We should have approximately \$8,500 by May, which should allow the club to make a contribution.

5. New Treasurer: Jim Winn's term as treasurer will end this year. Jerry Stanislav has agreed to be the nominee for treasurer for the next two years. Jerry worked for 34 years as an accountant and maintains a current CPA license. The membership will vote on his nomination at the April meeting.

6. Membership: Margret Simmons encouraged members to sign in, and reported that most have paid their dues.

7. Librarian: A replacement for Andy Scott is needed.

8. Spoonbill: Al Shultz discussed printing photos in the Spoonbill. Although photos don't work well in the printed version, they will work with the electronic version. It was suggested that a photo page be created on the website. Al also said that art work, preferably simple sketches, would be welcome for the printed version.

9. Featherfest 2008: The dates are April 3-6, 2008, in Galveston. Volunteers are needed to sit at an OG booth and answer questions for a 2 hour stretch. A sign-up sheet is at the meeting.

10. Environmental Issues: David Marrack mentioned two issues: 2 nuclear power plants are

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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being vigorously opposed, and a windmill farm near the King Ranch has no regulations.

11. Past Field Trips: Bernice Hotman reported that the February 16 trip to Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR turned into a fabulous trip. Only 4 participants gambled on the weather and won by seeing 13 Chickens booming and strutting. In addition they saw two Grasshopper Sparrows, two Lark Buntings, four pair of Cinnamon Teal, Sprague's Pipit and White-tailed Hawks for a total of 77 species seen for the day.

12. Future Field Trips: Adam Wood reported that the date to go to the San Bernard NWR trip to see Yellow and Black Rails is still undecided. He is waiting to hear from Jennifer and will notify all who are interested when the date is set. The Quarterly Trip is set for April 10-13 to Falcon, San Ygnacio and Laredo; let Adam know if you are interested. The trip to Montana for the Owl Workshop, May 8-13, now has a waiting list. Let Adam know if interested in being on the list.

13. Program: Pam Smolen introduced the topic of Chimney Swifts by telling about the exciting efforts in Houston to bring awareness to the community. The city is launching a city-wide effort to find

roosting sites. A website called "Swifts Over Houston" can be found at www.houstonaudubon.org. Pam then introduced Georgean and Paul Kyle who presented a very interesting and informative slide show about Chimney Swifts. The swifts arrive in Houston in March and are gone no later than the first of November to South America. Why should we care about them? They eat flying insects, their numbers are declining, and they rely on man-made structures. Chimney Swifts have been losing their roosting sites for many years. A pair of Chimney Swifts may take weeks to build their nest; the female and male both build, it, using their saliva to make the twigs stick to the surface. Although many

swifts roost in a chimney, there is only one nest per chimney. Why are they declining? The reason is partly due to natural predators, but mostly because of loss of habitat and ignorance and intolerance. If you are interested in learning more, go to www.chimneyswifts.org. There are also interesting videos on www.youtube.com. If you are interested in making your chimney friendly to Chimney Swifts, there are chimney sweep companies in Houston that are conservation minded and are members of the National Chimney Sweep Guild.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

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-- Cindy Douglass, OG Secretary

Diverse Interests, Shared Efforts

Did you dash down to South Padre to see the little bird from Chile? Alas, it evidently was here only two days and I was unable to make the chase. That sighting reminds me of what a diverse group of specialists we birders are.

My friend in Alabama only wants to enjoy her yard birds (which tend to be pretty incredible) and spring migration on the Gulf Coast. She loves the colorful migrants and never sees enough of them. But she's not interested much in ducks or sparrows.

Obviously by the numbers of birders reportedly lined up to see the Chilean bird, there are a goodly number of us who are working on our life list. We want to see as many birds of whatever type as we can. Our yard list includes all the birds that we can see standing in our yard (even if they are perched in the neighbor's tree). TOS is encouraging Texas birders to try for one hundred species in one hundred of the Texas counties. Lynn Barber raised the bar for the number of species seen in Texas. How far are you willing to go to add to your life list? How much time do you spend birding?

Don't like to keep lists but enjoy traveling and seeing all the birds that you can? Quite a few birders fit into that category too. Birds are an omnipresent part of our lives, so we should be able to just enjoy them.

Members of OG cover a wide range of ability and intensity, and blend together into a very interesting mix. As attendance at meetings seems to be holding strong the last couple of years, I find it interesting that membership is declining. Why do you suppose that is? Is there anything that you can do to change that?

A few years ago there was a book about bowling alone. Evidently there is a decline in participation in bowling leagues and most other "clubs". The younger generations are not into joining formal organizations. (Hurray for Adam's being the exception here!) Will attrition due to age and mobility lead to the demise of our group? I hope that each of you carries the pink business cards to share with other birders you meet out in the field. As you meet other birders where ever and however you bird, please encourage them to join this group that you have found to be of interest.

--Bernice Hotman, OG Chairperson

Spring Quarterly Trip, April 10-13, 2008: Laredo, San Ygnacio & Falcon Area

This spring's quarterly trip will be to Laredo, Falcon Dam and San Ygnacio. We will be spending Friday birding from Falcon Dam to San Ygnacio and we will spend Saturday and Sunday morning birding around Laredo. Joel Ruiz will be our leader on Friday in the Falcon area and Susan Foster will be our guide for Saturday and Sunday around Laredo. Joel Ruiz was the curator of the San Ygnacio Bird and Butterfly Sanctuary until he retired recently. He has spent most of his time recently keeping tabs on the White-collared Seedeaters in the Sanctuary. Susan Foster is the compiler for the Laredo CBC and has birded the Laredo area extensively for many years and has led several trips for the TOS and HAS in the Laredo area.

We will start the day on Friday out in the Falcon area looking for Least Grebe, lingering wintering ducks (including Canvasback), Muscovy Duck (our only chance during the trip will be here), all three kingfishers, Gray Hawk, Hook-billed Kite (if we get lucky), Red-billed Pigeon (this is also our only chance for this species during the trip), Black Phoebe, Great Kiskadee, Bewick's Wren, Cactus Wren, Clay-colored Robin, Olive Sparrow, Black-throated Sparrow, Audubon's Oriole and Altamira Oriole. Our main targets here will be the Muscovy Duck, Hook-billed Kite and Red-billed Pigeon since Falcon Dam is the only place we will have a real chance at finding these birds during the trip. If we get very lucky we could encounter a Common Black Hawk. This will be an early morning (getting going around 5:00 a.m.) because we will be staying in Laredo all three nights and it is an hour and a half drive to Falcon. The afternoon will be spent birding Zapata and San Ygnacio. The White-collared Seedeater will be our primary target at San Ygnacio and around the Zapata Library. Other good birds we may encounter are Chihuahuan Raven; migrant warblers like Townsend's and maybe Black-throated Gray; Cassin's, Brewer's (unlikely), Olive, and Clay-colored Sparrows; and lingering wintering species like Sage Thrasher, Lark Bunting and Green-tailed Towhee. You will need to bring a lunch, because there are very few locations to stop to pick up a lunch in the Zapata area.

We will spend the rest of the trip birding in and around Laredo with Susan, looking for Scaled Quail, Wild Turkey, Green Parakeet, Zone-tailed Hawk, Grove-billed Ani, Common Ground-Dove, Golden-fronted Woodpecker, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Chihuahuan Raven, White-collared Seedeater, Olive, Cassin's, Brewer's (unlikely) and Black-throated Sparrow, Pyrrhuloxia and Yellow-headed Blackbird. We will also be on the lookout for lingering winter birds like Golden Eagle, Ferruginous Hawk, Sage Thrasher, Green-tailed Towhee and Lark Bunting as well as migrants like Broad-tailed Hummingbird, Lazuli Bunting, Townsend's and Black-throated Gray Warblers, Clay-colored Sparrow and Black-headed Grosbeak. We will stop for lunch on Saturday so you will not need to bring a lunch on that day.

We will be staying in Laredo at the Family Gardens Inn & Suites (5830 San Bernardo Ave.; phone 1-800-292-4053). The hotel is located directly off of IH 35/US 83 between W Calton Road and W Mann Road. The rate is going to be \$65 a night plus taxes. When you call to make your reservation, ask to speak with Stacy Fritz (her extension is 326) and mention to her that you are with the Houston Ornithology Group. I have ten rooms blocked out. Please plan on getting there before 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 10th. We will be meeting in the hotel lobby to go to dinner at 7:30, and I will let everybody know at that point what time they will need to be ready to go the next morning. It will be early. If you can't make the dinner, please contact me so that I can let you know when and where to meet us Friday morning.

This should be a great trip, and we will spend a good bit of time trying to find some of the tougher LRGV specialties. We will have two great leaders to help us find these birds, so you will not want to miss it.

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

Trip Announcement: Armand Bayou Nature Center

April 19, 2008 -- 7:00 a.m.

Armand Bayou Nature Center, Parking Lot near Admissions Building

This month's trip will be our spring migration trip. It will be to Armand Bayou Nature Center, and our guide will be George Regmund, Naturalist Guide for Skimmer Nature Tours. George grew up in Corpus Christi, spending much time on Padre Island and exploring the South Texas brush land. He had an interest in the outdoors and nature from childhood, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Stephen F. Austin State University. George joined Armand Bayou Nature Center as Staff Naturalist in 1976, and worked there on a full-time basis until 2002 as Senior Naturalist, Assistant Director and Executive Director. He built trail systems, designed exhibits, maintained living displays, taught natural history classes for children and adults and led field trips. George has also assisted in managing the ABNC preserve property in the areas of non-native plant control, prescribed prairie burns and wildlife population surveys.

Armand Bayou was incorporated in 1974 by the efforts begun by an environmental visionary, Armand Yramategui, who foresaw the urban development around Armand Bayou and strove to protect the land as wilderness. His death inspired a local, regional and national coalition of people and organizations to acquire the 2500 acres of land that is now Armand Bayou. The 2500 acres contain natural wetland, forest, prairie and marsh habitats once abundant in this area. The nature center is home to over 350 species of animals.

Our main targets for the trip will be spring migrants like vireos, thrushes, buntings, grosbeaks, warblers, orioles and tanagers. We will also check the prairies for lingering sparrows, and the marshes and wetlands for ducks as well as our resident species of long-legged waders. This should be a great trip: we have a great leader, and if the weather cooperates, we could encounter a nice little fallout. Remember, for a fallout to occur, we need to have rain. If it is supposed to rain that day, do not let that discourage you. Come on out and help us find as many migrants as we can, and enjoy what could turn into a decent fallout.

Directions: From downtown Houston, take IH 45 south to exit 26: Clear Lake/Bay Area Blvd. Exit and turn left onto W Bay Area Blvd. The Armand Bayou Nature Center will be on your right about 6.5 miles east on Bay Area Blvd. The address for the nature center is 8500 Bay Area Blvd., Pasadena, TX 77507.

Be sure to bring: Binoculars, field guide, hat, sunscreen, water, snacks, camera, spotting scope, rain gear, and a lunch. This will be an all-day trip.

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

Trip Report: Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge, February 16, 2008

In spite of stormy weather predictions, four intrepid birders joined Justin Roach for a closed-to-the-public tour of the Attwater's Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge. Yes, we experienced three or four brief thundershowers but the birding experience made the day memorable. We were thrilled to the complete prairie chicken display! Males boomed, danced, bowed, inflated and deflated their air sacs, raised and lowered their pinnae for a truly glorious show. A total of 13 prairie chickens were in the fields around us on either side of the road. But that's not all -- two Lark Buntings were very cooperative and sat in good light for us, and two Sprague's Pipits were in the road in front of the truck. While the two Grasshopper Sparrows did perch up for us, they did not stay for long that everyone had satisfying looks.

Blame the rain for our having trouble flushing the Le Conte's Sparrow and not finding the Henslow's Sparrow. But, is there anything more beautiful than a male Cinnamon Teal in the open in the sunlight? Three pair were among the eight species of ducks that we saw. We also saw Caracaras chasing White-tailed Hawks. We ended up birding until 4:30 and had an enjoyable time. Justin was an enthusiastic, energetic, patient, knowledgeable and delightful guy. The species total was disappointing to Justin, but the four of us were well pleased with our 77 species for the day. Birders should show up like golfers do...you just never know, 'cause this day the weather men just had it wrong.

~ Bernice Hotman and Frank Farese

Looking forward to April

I just bought a new field guide. Well, ordered it, anyway. It'll be here soon. It's not even birds, but *Butterflies of North America*, by Kenn Kaufman. I'm not sure I needed something that advanced, but for less than \$4 on Amazon, I couldn't resist.

I'm excited about the spring, everything about it--the birds, of course, and when the birds are hiding, the butterflies and other natural wonders.

I'm displaying signs of that perennial syndrome, imagining that if I go out in early March I'll spot, say, Houston's first-of-season Northern Parula. I'm usually disappointed in that regard. In my case, when I'm hoping to find songbird migrants, a little patience--waiting till there are a few more around--makes for more enjoyable birding.

My excitement is hard to contain, though. I run out onto the porch every time I see a hawk fly over, or even a winged ant land on the window.

I'm trying to pay more attention to wildlife behavior, not just for identification purposes. I just watched "Life in the Undergrowth," a documentary about land invertebrates, and it inspired me. I just know the ant on my window had come there for a purpose. But I would have had to watch him for hours, probably, or days, to know what it was. After a minute or two, he flew away. But I'm sure there was a reason he did so. The same thing applies to birds. The more we study and learn about them, the more we can see how all the little things we observe relate to a larger purpose, such as feeding or reproduction.

By the time this article goes to print, spring and migration should be in full swing, and we owe it to ourselves to be out in the field enjoying it. I'll be there most weekends. I hope you will be, too.

--John Schneider

Clearing House -- February 2008

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This is a summary of birds reported to eBird.org. Unusual birds are in bold. Location detail on unusual birds is in the following format: Location[County]:date.

There were 216 species reported for the Upper Texas Coast (Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, and Jefferson Counties) for February 2008 from 309 checklists. February is often thought of as a not very "birdy" month. This month's report includes a lot of good winter birds and some early migrants. Ten species of warblers were reported, and five species of swallows. I did not give a detailed listing of the Purple Martin reports because there were so many! Green Herons were also abundant.

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck reports=15 total= 448

Fulvous Whistling-Duck reports=2 total= 2 –

Hermann Park[H]:25, Hermann Park[H]:26

Greater White-fronted Goose reports=16 total= 924

Snow Goose reports=14 total= 4,705

Ross's Goose reports=6 total= 18

Canada Goose reports=3 total= 9 – West

Jefferson County[J]:4, Anahuac

NWR[C]:22, [H]:27

Wood Duck reports=10 total= 35

Gadwall reports=30 total= 1,081

American Wigeon reports=17 total= 249

Mallard reports=12 total= 44

Mottled Duck reports=15 total= 62

Blue-winged Teal reports=37 total= 937

Cinnamon Teal reports=12 total= 17

Northern Shoveler reports=34 total= 2,156

Northern Pintail reports=23 total= 895

Green-winged Teal reports=18 total= 1,882

Canvasback reports=2 total= 51

Redhead reports=12 total= 259

Ring-necked Duck reports=22 total= 411

Greater Scaup reports=2 total= 7

Lesser Scaup reports=15 total= 396

Surf Scoter reports=1 total= 10

White-winged Scoter reports=1 total= 2 –

Bolivar Flats[G]:3

Black Scoter reports=2 total= 5 – Bolivar

flats[G]:2, Bolivar Flats[G]:3

Bufflehead reports=3 total= 7

Common Goldeneye reports=7 total= 23

Hooded Merganser reports=2 total= 12

Red-breasted Merganser reports=16 total= 266

Ruddy Duck reports=12 total= 496

Northern Bobwhite reports=2 total= 6

Pacific Loon reports=1 total= 1 – Offatts

Bayou[G]:17

Common Loon reports=7 total= 39

Pied-billed Grebe reports=54 total= 470

Horned Grebe reports=1 total= 1

Eared Grebe reports=11 total= 107

Northern Gannet reports=3 total= 14

American White Pelican reports=30 total= 2,550

Brown Pelican reports=35 total= 699

Neotropic Cormorant reports=27 total= 308

Double-crested Cormorant reports=65 total= 488

Anhinga reports=17 total= 36

American Bittern reports=1 total= 1

Great Blue Heron reports=80 total= 234

Great Egret reports=103 total= 637

Snowy Egret reports=61 total= 372

Little Blue Heron reports=28 total= 66
 Tricolored Heron reports=28 total= 70
 Reddish Egret reports=10 total= 17
 Cattle Egret reports=2 total= 2
Green Heron reports=7 total= 3 – San Luis Pass[G]:10, San Bernard NWR[B]:11, Brazoria NWR[B]:16, Brazoria NWR[B]:20, Brazoria NWR[B]:24, Brazos Bend SP[F]:25, Galveston[G]:29
 Black-crowned Night-Heron reports=10 total= 196
 Yellow-crowned Night-Heron reports=4 total= 68
 White Ibis reports=49 total= 1,291
 White-faced Ibis reports=24 total= 319
 Roseate Spoonbill reports=31 total= 250
 Black Vulture reports=58 total= 499
 Turkey Vulture reports=72 total= 500
 Osprey reports=29 total= 40
 White-tailed Kite reports=11 total= 24
 Bald Eagle reports=12 total= 16
 Northern Harrier reports=37 total= 105
 Sharp-shinned Hawk reports=13 total= 13
 Cooper's Hawk reports=19 total= 24
 Red-shouldered Hawk reports=48 total= 72
 White-tailed Hawk reports=4 total= 6
 Red-tailed Hawk reports=62 total= 150
 Crested Caracara reports=17 total= 31
 American Kestrel reports=45 total= 121
Merlin reports=4 total= 5 – Bear Creek Park[H]:2, Brazoria NWR[B]:16, Port Bolivar Area[G]:16, Jamaica Beach[G]:24
Peregrine Falcon reports=7 total= 10
 Yellow Rail reports=2 total= 7
Black Rail reports=2 total= 5 – Brazoria NWR[B]:16, San Bernard NWR[B]:17
 Clapper Rail reports=9 total= 10
 Virginia Rail reports=0 total= 0
 Sora reports=4 total= 6
 Common Moorhen reports=21 total= 789
 American Coot reports=55 total= 5,626
 Sandhill Crane reports=20 total= 767
 Black-bellied Plover reports=8 total= 142
Snowy Plover reports=3 total= 42 San Luis Pass[G]:12, Port Bolivar Area[G]:16, Bolivar Flats[G]:24
 Wilson's Plover reports=0 total= 0
 Semipalmated Plover reports=1 total= 2
 Piping Plover reports=5 total= 82
 Killdeer reports=67 total= 434
 American Oystercatcher reports=8 total= 31
 Black-necked Stilt reports=7 total= 79
 American Avocet reports=9 total= 8,242
 Spotted Sandpiper reports=10 total= 14
 Greater Yellowlegs reports=20 total= 126
 Willet reports=21 total= 216
 Lesser Yellowlegs reports=11 total= 59
Whimbrel reports=0 total= 0 – Bolivar Flats[G]:2
 Long-billed Curlew reports=9 total= 256
 Marbled Godwit reports=7 total= 143
 Ruddy Turnstone reports=7 total= 131
Red Knot reports=2 total= 7 – Port Bolivar Area[G]:16, Bolivar Flats[G]:24
 Sanderling reports=12 total= 423
 Western Sandpiper reports=2 total= 1,013
 Least Sandpiper reports=7 total= 134
 Dunlin reports=6 total= 2,146
 Short-billed Dowitcher reports=7 total= 345
 Long-billed Dowitcher reports=7 total= 672
 Wilson's Snipe reports=7 total= 54
American Woodcock reports=1 total= 1 – Anahuac[C]:13
 Laughing Gull reports=59 total= 11,371
 Bonaparte's Gull reports=12 total= 171
 Ring-billed Gull reports=33 total= 2,745
California Gull reports=1 total= 1 – Apffel Park[G]:17
 Herring Gull reports=25 total= 725
Lesser Black-backed Gull reports=5 total= 16 – Quintana Beach[B]:2, Bryan Beach[B]:2, Brazoria NWR[B]:2, NE Harris County[H]:8, NE Harris County[H]:16
 Gull-billed Tern reports=1 total= 1
 Caspian Tern reports=5 total= 14
 Forster's Tern reports=26 total= 427
 Royal Tern reports=10 total= 153
Sandwich Tern reports=1 total= 2 – Rollover Pass[G]:17
 Black Skimmer reports=9 total= 2,269
 Rock Pigeon reports=37 total= 1,014
 Eurasian Collared-Dove reports=21 total= 80
 White-winged Dove reports=46 total= 701
 Mourning Dove reports=109 total= 733
 Inca Dove reports=8 total= 23
 Monk Parakeet reports=5 total= 16
Greater Roadrunner reports=3 total= 4 – Kleb Woods[H]:2, Lake Houston SP[H]:10, Kleb Woods[H]:20
 Barn Owl reports=1 total= 1
 Eastern Screech-Owl reports=1 total= 3
 Great Horned Owl reports=0 total= 0
 Barred Owl reports=6 total= 7
Buff-bellied Hummingbird reports=1 total= 1 – Lake Jackson[B]:27
Ruby-throated Hummingbird reports=1 total= 1 – Anahuac[C]:13
Black-chinned Hummingbird reports=2 total= 2 – Pearland[B]:2, Lake Jackson[B]:27
Rufous Hummingbird reports=6 total= 8 – West Houston[H]:1, Houston[H]:2, West Houston[H]:6, [H]:8, Anahuac[C]:13, Houston[H]:16
Allen's Hummingbird reports=3 total= 3 – West Houston[H]:1, Houston[H]:2, West Houston[H]:6
 Belted Kingfisher reports=38 total= 57
 Red-headed Woodpecker reports=7 total= 10
 Red-bellied Woodpecker reports=91 total= 202
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker reports=24 total= 40
 Downy Woodpecker reports=58 total= 98
 Northern Flicker reports=10 total= 14
 Pileated Woodpecker reports=16 total= 21
Least Flycatcher reports=2 total= 2 – San Jacinto Battle Ground SP[H]:14, Dos Vacas Muertas[G]:24
 Eastern Phoebe reports=67 total= 226
 Vermilion Flycatcher reports=6 total= 7
Great Kiskadee reports=1 total= 2 – Paul Rushing Park[H]:2
 Loggerhead Shrike reports=61 total= 204
 White-eyed Vireo reports=15 total= 25
 Blue-headed Vireo reports=15 total= 19
 Blue Jay reports=103 total= 311
 American Crow reports=64 total= 266
 Horned Lark reports=3 total= 7
Purple Martin reports=10 total= 38
 Tree Swallow reports=5 total= 82
Northern Rough-winged Swallow reports=3 total= 10 – Brazos Bend SP[F]:3, Brazos Bend SP[F]:17, Cullinan Park[F]:27
Cave Swallow reports=5 total= 67 – Cullinan Park[F]:6, Damon[B]:9, Brazos Bend SP[F]:13, Brazos Bend SP[F]:23, Cullinan Park[F]:27
Barn Swallow reports=5 total= 15 – Brazos Bend SP[F]:17, Brazoria NWR[B]:20, Univ of Houston[H]:26, Cullinan Park[F]:27, Cullinan Park[F]:28
 Carolina Chickadee reports=98 total= 381
 Tufted Titmouse reports=38 total= 113
Red-breasted Nuthatch reports=11 total= 16
Brown-headed Nuthatch reports=2 total= 3 – Kleb Woods[H]:8, Kleb Woods[H]:13
 Brown Creeper reports=4 total= 5
 Carolina Wren reports=80 total= 204
 House Wren reports=15 total= 22
 Winter Wren reports=4 total= 4
 Sedge Wren reports=8 total= 12
 Marsh Wren reports=10 total= 18
 Golden-crowned Kinglet reports=4 total= 5
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet reports=76 total= 321
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher reports=43 total= 111
 Eastern Bluebird reports=28 total= 100
 Hermit Thrush reports=22 total= 35
 American Robin reports=44 total= 7,253
 Gray Catbird reports=10 total= 16
 Northern Mockingbird reports=136 total= 489
 Brown Thrasher reports=11 total= 11
 European Starling reports=72 total= 3,841
 American Pipit reports=25 total= 289
 Sprague's Pipit reports=2 total= 5
 Cedar Waxwing reports=46 total= 1,839
 Orange-crowned Warbler reports=45 total= 109
Northern Parula reports=1 total= 1 – Brazos Bend SP[F]:15
 Yellow-rumped Warbler reports=97 total= 850
Yellow-throated Warbler reports=1 total= 2 – Pearland[B]:2
 Pine Warbler reports=52 total= 210
 Palm Warbler reports=1 total= 1
Black-and-white Warbler reports=4 total= 5 – Brazos Bend SP[F]:15, Port Bolivar Area[G]:16, Houston[H]:24, Lafitte's Cove[G]:24
 Common Yellowthroat reports=17 total= 50
 Wilson's Warbler reports=8 total= 9
Yellow-breasted Chat reports=1 total= 1 – Brazoria[B]:2, Anahuac[C]:13
Summer Tanager reports=1 total= 1 – Kleb Woods[H]:8
 Eastern Towhee reports=1 total= 1
 Chipping Sparrow reports=28 total= 403
 Field Sparrow reports=10 total= 23
 Vesper Sparrow reports=2 total= 2
 Savannah Sparrow reports=59 total= 908
 Le Conte's Sparrow reports=2 total= 7
 Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow reports=2 total= 2
 Seaside Sparrow reports=2 total= 4
 Song Sparrow reports=9 total= 15
 Lincoln's Sparrow reports=15 total= 23
 Swamp Sparrow reports=25 total= 62
 White-throated Sparrow reports=19 total= 62
Harris's Sparrow reports=4 total= 9 – Logenbaugh/Porter Rd[H]:2, Paul Rushing Park[H]:2, Katy Prairie[H]:2, Logenbaugh/Porter Rd[H]:8
 White-crowned Sparrow reports=10 total= 53
Dark-eyed Junco reports=1 total= 1 – Kings River Greenbelt[H]:1
 Northern Cardinal reports=148 total= 697
Pyrrhuloxia reports=4 total= 4 – Longenbaugh/Porter Rd[H]:2, Longenbaugh/Porter Rd[H]:8, Katy Prairie[H]:13
Indigo Bunting reports=1 total= 1 – Cullinan Park[F]:28
 Red-winged Blackbird reports=75 total= 3,509
 Eastern Meadowlark reports=43 total= 367
 Brewer's Blackbird reports=4 total= 30
 Common Grackle reports=21 total= 200
 Boat-tailed Grackle reports=8 total= 324
 Great-tailed Grackle reports=64 total= 1,555
 Brown-headed Cowbird reports=23 total= 789
 House Finch reports=23 total= 53
 American Goldfinch reports=82 total= 808
 House Sparrow reports=52 total= 574

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