



The Spoonbill

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May Meeting

Monday, May 5, 2008 -- 7:00 p.m.
Bayland Community Center
6400 Bissonnet, Houston

Learning Corner (6:30 p.m.)

Program: Bill Baker speaks about
The Great Texas Birding Classic

Bill Baker is Manager, Ecological Programs for Reliant Energy. He has a BS in Wildlife & Fisheries Biology from Texas A&M and a MS in Environmental Science from the University of Houston Clear Lake. He worked six years as a marine biologist with Texas Parks & Wildlife. He has been in the Environmental Department of Reliant Energy for 25 years.

Currently Bill is responsible for the implementation of Reliant Energy's National Environmental Partnership Program. He also provides guidance to Reliant Energy land managers across the U.S. to encourage habitat enhancement and preservation of ecological resources. Bill is active in the restoration of wetlands, prairies, forests, and reef habitats.

He is a member of the Great Texas Birding Classic's Reliant birding team. The Reliant team is the only team to participate in the Great Texas Birding Classic's week-long competition all 12 years of the tournament. During the last five years they placed 3rd once, 2nd once, and won first place the last 3 years in a row. The 2008 Classic week-long competition is April 29 – May 3.

Please join us on May 5 when Bill will discuss bird conservation and his adventures during the Great Texas Birding Classic. He will also discuss several Reliant projects to restore and protect avian habitat, in particular their recent \$300,000 commitment to the restoration of the Columbia Bottomlands.

Other Events

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)

The next issue of *The Spoonbill*
will be **August 2008**, following our
usual 2-month summer break.

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What Did You Like in 2007-2008?

Please indicate your ratings of this year's programs by ranking 1 (most favorite) to 9 (least favorite). Submit this section of the newsletter to Pam Smolen or Margret Simmons at the OG meeting on Monday, May 5, or by mail or email during the following week. Thank you!

August	Shorebird Migration on the Upper Texas Coast	
September	eBird	
October	Trip to the Amazon	
November	Citizen Science	
December	John O'Neill, Bird Artist	
January	Bird Banding	
February	Birding Down Under	
March	Chimney Swifts	
April	Birding by Ear	
May	<i>Adventures During the Great Texas Birding Classic</i>	

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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A Year Finished, A Year Ahead

As another Ornithology Group program year draws to a close, it is good to pause and reflect and offer thanks to participants and leaders.

Jim Winn not only has done a fine job as treasurer for the group but he also has been a joy to work with. Perhaps Houston Audubon has taken him for leadership before he finished fully serving OG. And I would be remiss in not thanking Jerry Stanislav for stepping forward to assume fiduciary duties for the group.

Andy Scott has been a good sport about loading, unloading, and toting books and audio-visual materials for your enjoyment. I am still searching for someone to replace him in this valuable position.

After finishing a term as Vice-Chairman and another as Chairman, Michael Williams agreed to be responsible for the Learning Corner this past year. In my opinion, maintaining a strong Learning Corner is a key to the continued vitality of OG, and Michael has worked hard to be effective with the part of the program.

Having said thank you to Michael leads me to thanking Steve Gross for agreeing to assume the Learning Corner responsibilities in the coming year. Steve presented a program last year on birding in Southeast Arizona and then co-led the OG trip there. Steve is an educator and comes to this position with ideas on programs; I know you will enjoy learning about birds and birding from him.

Not enough thanks can be said to those who continue in the work that they have done so well this last year: Cindy Douglass as secretary, Adam Wood with field trips, Al Shultz preparing the vital *Spoonbill*, and Margret Simmons maintaining the membership records for ONC and OG at the same time. Often overlooked is David Sarkozi, who compiles the Clearinghouse and owns the URL for the website. Kudos to David!

Have you noticed the "missing" name? This group absolutely must have quality programs and Pam Smolen has done a wonderful job lining up excellent presenters. Above is a list of this year's programs for you to number 1 to 9 in order of your favorite (#1) to your least favorite (#9) and hand to Pam or Margret at the May meeting. Yes, there are ten programs a year -- but take a minute now to complete the ranking so you can turn it in as you enter the meeting on Monday, May 5. If you promise to remember to do it, you may turn it in after the program that night. Thank you in advance for your guidance in planning next year's programs.

Thanks again and again to all those who assume leadership roles, and ably perform their responsibilities, for this organization!

--Bernice Hotman, OG Chairperson

Ornithology Group of the Houston Outdoor Nature Club
Minutes of Meeting on
Monday, April 7, 2008

Meeting Place: Bayland Community Center
Number of Attendees: 86

1. Learning Corner: Glenn Olsen discussed warblers. He encouraged everyone to look at the overall impression, the patterns, and even the facial expression of the birds in order to identify them more easily.

2. Sightings: Bernice Hotman opened the meeting with a request for recent sightings. Some birds recently seen were Purple Martins, Reddish Egret, Eastern Kingbirds, Masked Ducks at King Ranch, 2 Pacific Loons in Galveston, a fledging Barn Owl and Broad-winged Hawks at Barker Reservoir, Chimney Swifts, and Swallow-tailed Kite at Southside Place and Trinity NWR.

3. Minutes of the March 3rd meeting as published in the Spoonbill were approved.

4. Treasurer's Report: Jim Winn presented a Treasurer's Report dated April 2, 2008 with the budget for next year. For the fiscal year ending May 31, 2009, total income is budgeted at \$3,584, total expenses is budgeted at \$3,580, with a projected ending bank balance of \$8,702. The budget was approved.

5. New Treasurer: Jerry Stanislav was elected as the new treasurer of OG.

6. Membership: Margret Simmons encouraged members to sign in. We must maintain a certain number in order to use the room at Bayland Center.

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

8. Spoonbill: The deadline for submission is the 10th or the end of the week.

9. Featherfest 2008: Many excellent reports indicate that the festival was a great success.

10. Past Field Trips: Adam Wood reported that the trip to see the Rails was very strenuous and everyone who attended needed to be commended. The trip was successful in that two Yellow Rails and one Black Rail were seen.

11. Future Field Trips: The Spring trip to Laredo still has openings. Please contact Adam if you are interested in attending. The next monthly trip is to Armand Bayou Nature Center on April 19. Plan to meet at 7:00 am at the center. Target birds will be migrants, warblers, vireos, and lingering wintering ducks. Another trip is planned for the Navasota Bottoms on May 31, 2008. This trip is limited to 15 people. Contact Adam Wood if interested in attending. Target birds will be Swainson's Warblers and nesting flycatchers.

12. Program: Pam Smolen introduced Mike Austin who spoke on Birding By Ear. Mike grew up in Canada and has been birding since he was seven. Mike stressed the importance of learning the sounds of birds to help identify them. Many good birders bird by ear rather than by sight. In addition to bird songs, there are chip notes in winter and alarm notes when the bird is in danger. Mike presented an interesting slide show and illustrated many bird songs. He suggested a website, www.birdsounds.nl as a resource. Also contact him at Mausti5@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

-- Cindy Douglass, OG Secretary

Trip Announcement: Huntsville State Park

May 17, 2008

**Visitor Center Parking Lot, 7:00 AM
\$4.00 Admission Fee**

For the final trip of the OG year we will be headed up to Huntsville State Park. Rick Bello will be our guide for the day. Rick knows the Huntsville area and the state park well, so if there are good birds around he will know where to find them. Huntsville State Park is a 2083 acre park that lies in the pineywoods of the Sam Houston National Forest. The park is located near the western edge of the Southern Pine Belt, and is a woodland dominated by loblolly and shortleaf pines. A dominant feature of the park is the 210-acre Lake Raven, which depending on conditions can be very attractive to ducks and shorebirds, especially in the winter. The park is most productive in the spring, when migrant wood warblers, vireos and thrushes can be common, and in the summer, when up to 14 species of breeding warblers can be found in the park. Over the years, 230 species of birds have been observed in the park and a checklist is available from the park's website: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/huntsville/>

While we are there we will be in search of Wood Duck, Mississippi Kite, Broad-winged Hawk, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Hairy Woodpecker, Yellow-throated Vireo, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Red-breasted, White-breasted and Brown-headed Nuthatches, Winter Wren, Wood Thrush, migrant warblers, Dark-eyed Junco, Painted Bunting and Pine Siskin. The species we will make a special effort to see are Hairy Woodpecker, all three nuthatches, Winter Wren, Dark-eyed Junco and Pine Siskins since those species are much less common in our neck of the woods the Upper Texas Coast. This should be a great trip and this will be the last good time of the year until the fall to visit this park before it gets unbearably hot. So come out and join us on what should be one of the last nice spring days before the onslaught of summer.

Directions: Take IH 45 north out of Houston to Park Road 40 and go west (left) on Park Road 40 to the State Park Headquarters Parking Lot.

Be sure to bring: Binoculars, field guide, water, hat, sunscreen, snacks, camera, spotting scope, rain gear in case of rain and a lunch if you plan to bird in the afternoon.

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

Trip Report: San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge, March 22, 2008

Eight participants went tromping through the salt marsh of the Sargent Unit of the San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge in search of the elusive Yellow and Black Rails. We were afforded the opportunity of assisting Jennifer Wilson and Charlie Brower in their rail monitoring project. All eight participants found out that it is hard work to find and flush these rails. I was proud of all the participants for hanging tough for as long as they could. This is not easy work and it is among the hardest type of field work that ornithologists do. Everybody who went on this trip should be proud of themselves.

I am pleased to report that we found and banded three rails: two Yellow Rails and one Black Rail. I thought it was ironic that we wound up capturing the only Black Rail of the night on our last transect about 50 meters from where the cars were parked. It worked out perfectly, and even those participants who got tired and were waiting for us on the road got the opportunity to see this truly exquisite rail. All in all, it was a slower evening than I had hoped for in terms of total number of birds captured. That just goes to show that going out looking for Yellow and Black Rails can be like going on a pelagic trip -- some trips are great with loads of birds being

Trip Announcement: Navasota Bottoms and Washington-on-the-Brazos

May 31, 2008

Meet at Exxon Station (SH 6 & SH105), 7:00 AM

Limit: 15 People

Fee: \$200 (about \$15 per person)

Darrell Vollert has volunteered to take 15 birders on private property in the Navasota River Bottoms in search of nesting Swainson's Warblers. Darrell offers this trip to the public every spring. He knows the territory very well and he knows where the Swainson's Warblers are likely to be. Other nesting species we are likely to encounter are Painted Bunting, Mississippi Kite, Acadian Flycatcher, Yellow-throated Vireo, White-breasted Nuthatch, Northern Parula, Prothonotary Warbler, Kentucky Warbler, Summer Tanager, Lark Sparrow, Blue Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting and Dickcissel, We could also find nesting Black-and-white Warbler and Orchard Oriole and we should encounter quite a few migrant passerines on this trip as well.

This will be a full day trip from 7:00 to 5:30, with much of the morning spent on foot, walking in the Navasota Bottoms. You will need to bring a lunch. We will be walking up to two miles in the Navasota Bottoms. The property is long and narrow. The ground will be fairly level but there is a low water crossing that we will need to cross on our walk to the river, and parts of the trail have holes, so you will need to wear rubber boots or sturdy waterproof hiking boots while in the Navasota Bottoms. The afternoon will be spent birding the Brazos Bottoms in Brazos and Washington Counties including Washington-on-the-Brazos. The afternoon will not require much walking.

This should be a great trip were we will have a chance to see both nesting and migrant passerines. We should have a good total by day's end. You will not want to miss this trip. If you are interested in going on this trip, please let me know.

Directions: From Houston take IH 10 west to Loop 610. Go north on Loop 610 to US 290 and then proceed west on US 290 to where SH 6 splits from US 290. Take SH 6 north towards College Station/Bryan. When approaching Navasota take SH 6 Business Route into Navasota. The Exxon Station is on the left side of SH 6. You will need to take the Hwy. 90/SH105 exit off of SH 6. Once you exit SH 6, turn left at the light at SH 105 and Hwy. 90. Drive under Hwy. 90 and the Exxon will be on your right.

Be sure to bring: Binoculars, plenty of water, rubber boots or waterproof hiking boots, lunch, snacks, hat, sunscreen, camera and spotting scope.

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

seen, and others can be dull with very little bird activity -- except for the fact that going for the rails is a lot harder work. The other highlight for the evening was seeing a six-foot Western Diamondback Rattlesnake posturing in the road as we were driving to the site where we were going to look for rails. For those snake lovers we did not kill the snake. Charlie forcefully ushered it off the road and back into the marsh so we would not run over it. It was truly a beautiful snake and it was

really neat to see it raised up and posturing like that. I believe that is a pretty rare sight around these parts. A big thanks goes to Jennifer Wilson and Charlie Brower for allowing us to come out and assist them in finding the rails so they could capture and band them. I believe that all participants enjoyed themselves in spite of how difficult this trip was.

~ Adam Wood

Clearing House – March 2008
David Sarkozi david@sarkozi.net 713-412-4409

This is a summary of bird reported to eBird.org. Unusual birds are in bold. Location detail on unusual birds is in the following format: Location[County]:date. There were 269 species reported for the Upper Texas Coast (Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, and Jefferson Counties) for March 2008 from 459 checklists.

Wow, this was a month with a lot of birds. I would have to say the bird of the month was the Fork-tailed Flycatcher on Pilot Road in Jefferson County (Sabine Pass). Rare gulls and some southern and western vagrants also made this a very interesting month.

Keep entering those sightings into eBird. As of the halfway mark in April the total was already 267 species reported, and the peak of spring migration is not here yet!

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck reports=42 total= 920

Fulvous Whistling-Duck reports=5 total= 91

Greater White-fronted Goose reports=2 total= 2

Snow Goose reports=2 total= 26

Ross's Goose reports=2 total= 2

Cackling Goose reports=1 total= 2

Canada Goose reports=1 total= 2

Wood Duck reports=18 total= 53

Gadwall reports=23 total= 355

American Wigeon reports=9 total= 46

Mallard reports=13 total= 67

Mottled Duck reports=26 total= 127

Blue-winged Teal reports=66 total= 1,162

Cinnamon Teal reports=6 total= 12

Northern Shoveler reports=33 total= 1,727

Northern Pintail reports=9 total= 178

Green-winged Teal reports=20 total= 639

Canvasback reports=5 total= 26

Redhead reports=5 total= 13

Ring-necked Duck reports=10 total= 93

Greater Scaup reports=1 total= 30

Lesser Scaup reports=9 total= 468

Surf Scoter reports=1 total= 3

White-winged Scoter reports=1 total= 2

Black Scoter reports=1 total= 1

Long-tailed Duck reports=0 total= 0

Bufflehead reports=1 total= 3

Common Goldeneye reports=1 total= 3

Hooded Merganser reports=1 total= 1

Red-breasted Merganser reports=27 total= 205

Ruddy Duck reports=8 total= 83

Wild Turkey reports=0 total= 0

Northern Bobwhite reports=2 total= 18

Common Loon reports=10 total= 28

Least Grebe reports=0 total= 0 – Brazos Bend SP[F]:24

Pied-billed Grebe reports=55 total= 407

Horned Grebe reports=0 total= 0

Eared Grebe reports=13 total= 185

Northern Gannet reports=1 total= 1

American White Pelican reports=30 total= 1,394

Brown Pelican reports=41 total= 668

Neotropic Cormorant reports=41 total= 409

Double-crested Cormorant reports=76 total= 755

Anhinga reports=27 total= 101

American Bittern reports=11 total= 19

Least Bittern reports=1 total= 1

Great Blue Heron reports=96 total= 212

Great Egret reports=97 total= 1,554

Snowy Egret reports=92 total= 629

Little Blue Heron reports=51 total= 434

Tricolored Heron reports=44 total= 376

Reddish Egret reports=15 total= 34

Cattle Egret reports=39 total= 335

Green Heron reports=13 total= 28

Black-crowned Night-Heron reports=19 total= 114

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron reports=19 total= 67

White Ibis reports=51 total= 1,371

Glossy Ibis reports=0 total= 0 – Anahuac NWR[C]:30

White-faced Ibis reports=26 total= 634

Roseate Spoonbill reports=41 total= 445

Black Vulture reports=69 total= 490

Turkey Vulture reports=81 total= 366

Osprey reports=24 total= 35

Swallow-tailed Kite reports=2 total= 2

White-tailed Kite reports=14 total= 22

Mississippi Kite reports=1 total= 1

Bald Eagle reports=6 total= 10

Northern Harrier reports=42 total= 80

Sharp-shinned Hawk reports=8 total= 8

Cooper's Hawk reports=14 total= 16

Red-shouldered Hawk reports=35 total= 49

Broad-winged Hawk reports=3 total= 3

Swainson's Hawk reports=2 total= 2

White-tailed Hawk reports=4 total= 7

Red-tailed Hawk reports=49 total= 76

Crested Caracara reports=27 total= 41

American Kestrel reports=37 total= 58

Merlin reports=6 total= 6

Peregrine Falcon reports=6 total= 9

Yellow Rail reports=2 total= 5

Black Rail reports=1 total= 1 – Brazoria NWR[B]:2,12,20; Anahuac NWR[C]:29

Clapper Rail reports=15 total= 27

King Rail reports=5 total= 9

Virginia Rail reports=1 total= 1

Sora reports=5 total= 9

Purple Gallinule reports=0 total= 0

Common Moorhen reports=43 total= 374

American Coot reports=65 total= 4,785

Sandhill Crane reports=7 total= 220

Black-bellied Plover reports=21 total= 199

American Golden-Plover reports=6 total= 32

Snowy Plover reports=11 total= 72

Wilson's Plover reports=4 total= 45

Semipalmated Plover reports=4 total= 24

Piping Plover reports=4 total= 20

Killdeer reports=80 total= 293

American Oystercatcher reports=13 total= 46

Black-necked Stilt reports=36 total= 250

American Avocet reports=21 total= 13,714

Spotted Sandpiper reports=14 total= 23

Solitary Sandpiper reports=1 total= 2

Greater Yellowlegs reports=30 total= 110

Willet reports=42 total= 439

Lesser Yellowlegs reports=20 total= 145

Upland Sandpiper reports=3 total= 4

Whimbrel reports=6 total= 29

Long-billed Curlew reports=12 total= 70

Marbled Godwit reports=16 total= 194

Ruddy Turnstone reports=8 total= 109

Red Knot reports=1 total= 10

Sanderling reports=12 total= 921

Semipalmated Sandpiper reports=1 total= 8

Western Sandpiper reports=7 total= 4,257

Least Sandpiper reports=11 total= 747

Baird's Sandpiper reports=1 total= 2 – Crosby Sod Farms[H]:19

Dunlin reports=7 total= 493

Stilt Sandpiper reports=0 total= 0

Short-billed Dowitcher reports=11 total= 399
 Long-billed Dowitcher reports=11 total= 978
 Wilson's Snipe reports=9 total= 11
 Laughing Gull reports=82 total= 13,101
 Franklin's Gull reports=4 total= 11
 Bonaparte's Gull reports=9 total= 367
 Ring-billed Gull reports=46 total= 8,817
 Herring Gull reports=35 total= 4,862
Thayer's Gull reports=4 total= 4 – Bryan Beach[B]:20, Quintana Beach[B]:20, NE Harris County[H]:11
Iceland Gull reports=4 total= 4 – NE Harris County[H]:7,11,15
 Lesser Black-backed Gull reports=10 total= 22
Glaucous Gull reports=3 total= 3 – NE Harris County[H]:11,15
 Least Tern reports=6 total= 17
 Gull-billed Tern reports=7 total= 31
 Caspian Tern reports=12 total= 37
 Black Tern reports=0 total= 0
 Common Tern reports=4 total= 11
 Forster's Tern reports=28 total= 485
 Royal Tern reports=22 total= 219
 Sandwich Tern reports=11 total= 76
 Black Skimmer reports=17 total= 1,903
 Rock Pigeon reports=33 total= 503
 Eurasian Collared-Dove reports=32 total= 120
 White-winged Dove reports=48 total= 341
 Mourning Dove reports=149 total= 556
 Inca Dove reports=19 total= 37
Common Ground-Dove reports=1 total= 6 – Chambers Co[C]:27
 Monk Parakeet reports=4 total= 17
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo reports=0 total= 0
 Greater Roadrunner reports=1 total= 1
 Barn Owl reports=1 total= 1
 Eastern Screech-Owl reports=4 total= 7
 Great Horned Owl reports=9 total= 10
 Barred Owl reports=10 total= 11
 Short-eared Owl reports=1 total= 1
 Whip-poor-will reports=0 total= 0
 Chimney Swift reports=10 total= 74
Buff-bellied Hummingbird reports=2 total= 3 – GCBO[B]:21, Boy Scout Woods[G]:21, Polivar Penn[G]:23
 Ruby-throated Hummingbird reports=13 total= 13
 Black-chinned Hummingbird reports=7 total= 7
 Belted Kingfisher reports=40 total= 76
 Red-headed Woodpecker reports=4 total= 6
 Red-bellied Woodpecker reports=114 total= 208
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker reports=18 total= 21
 Downy Woodpecker reports=72 total= 110
 Northern Flicker reports=9 total= 11
 Pileated Woodpecker reports=21 total= 32
 Least Flycatcher reports=6 total= 6
 Eastern Phoebe reports=55 total= 109
 Ash-throated Flycatcher reports=3 total= 3
 Great Crested Flycatcher reports=4 total= 5
Great Kiskadee reports=3 total= 4 Near Aanhuac[C]:1
 Eastern Kingbird reports=9 total= 26
 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher reports=12 total= 21
Fork-tailed Flycatcher reports=1 total= 1 Pilot Station Rd[J]:15
 Loggerhead Shrike reports=62 total= 136
 White-eyed Vireo reports=45 total= 85
 Yellow-throated Vireo reports=2 total= 2
 Blue-headed Vireo reports=23 total= 37
 Red-eyed Vireo reports=3 total= 4
 Blue Jay reports=131 total= 389
 American Crow reports=60 total= 206
 Fish Crow reports=1 total= 1
 Horned Lark reports=4 total= 12
 Purple Martin reports=54 total= 323
 Tree Swallow reports=28 total= 735
 Northern Rough-winged Swallow reports=10 total= 41
 Cliff Swallow reports=5 total= 64
 Cave Swallow reports=3 total= 23
 Barn Swallow reports=69 total= 337
 Carolina Chickadee reports=91 total= 262
 Tufted Titmouse reports=40 total= 117
 Red-breasted Nuthatch reports=7 total= 7
 Brown Creeper reports=2 total= 3
 Carolina Wren reports=111 total= 223

House Wren reports=10 total= 14
 Winter Wren reports=2 total= 2
 Sedge Wren reports=10 total= 40
 Marsh Wren reports=10 total= 52
 Golden-crowned Kinglet reports=0 total= 0
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet reports=89 total= 339
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher reports=52 total= 118
 Eastern Bluebird reports=10 total= 21
 Hermit Thrush reports=28 total= 44
 Wood Thrush reports=0 total= 0
 American Robin reports=25 total= 922
 Gray Catbird reports=16 total= 30
 Northern Mockingbird reports=176 total= 605
 Brown Thrasher reports=12 total= 15
 European Starling reports=89 total= 1,439
 American Pipit reports=13 total= 199
 Sprague's Pipit reports=3 total= 7
 Cedar Waxwing reports=52 total= 3,402
 Tennessee Warbler reports=1 total= 1
 Orange-crowned Warbler reports=36 total= 57
 Northern Parula reports=20 total= 34
 Yellow-rumped Warbler reports=101 total= 747
 Yellow-throated Warbler reports=7 total= 9
 Pine Warbler reports=23 total= 83
 Prairie Warbler reports=0 total= 0
 Palm Warbler reports=5 total= 12
 Cerulean Warbler reports=1 total= 1
 Black-and-white Warbler reports=18 total= 27
 American Redstart reports=0 total= 0
 Prothonotary Warbler reports=5 total= 6
 Worm-eating Warbler reports=1 total= 1
 Northern Waterthrush reports=2 total= 2
 Louisiana Waterthrush reports=4 total= 4
 Common Yellowthroat reports=28 total= 64
 Hooded Warbler reports=18 total= 29
 Wilson's Warbler reports=14 total= 14
 Yellow-breasted Chat reports=1 total= 1
 Summer Tanager reports=1 total= 3
 Eastern Towhee reports=0 total= 0
 Chipping Sparrow reports=22 total= 150
 Field Sparrow reports=6 total= 17
 Vesper Sparrow reports=2 total= 2
 Savannah Sparrow reports=72 total= 1,202
 Grasshopper Sparrow reports=1 total= 1
 Le Conte's Sparrow reports=5 total= 11
 Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow reports=2 total= 5
 Seaside Sparrow reports=5 total= 43
 Fox Sparrow reports=0 total= 0
 Song Sparrow reports=5 total= 9
 Lincoln's Sparrow reports=10 total= 14
 Swamp Sparrow reports=29 total= 72
 White-throated Sparrow reports=19 total= 77
 Harris's Sparrow reports=3 total= 4
 White-crowned Sparrow reports=9 total= 34
 Dark-eyed Junco reports=0 total= 0
 Northern Cardinal reports=186 total= 917
Pyrrhuloxia reports=2 total= 2 – Quintana Neotropical Bird Sanctuary[B]:8,20,23
Black-headed Grosbeak reports=0 total= 0 – San Bernard NWR[B]:11
 Blue Grosbeak reports=1 total= 1
 Indigo Bunting reports=4 total= 5
 Painted Bunting reports=1 total= 1
 Red-winged Blackbird reports=100 total= 2,751
 Eastern Meadowlark reports=48 total= 371
 Brewer's Blackbird reports=11 total= 401
 Common Grackle reports=49 total= 1,131
 Boat-tailed Grackle reports=23 total= 456
 Great-tailed Grackle reports=78 total= 1,126
 Bronzed Cowbird reports=1 total= 1
 Brown-headed Cowbird reports=39 total= 673
 Orchard Oriole reports=6 total= 16
 House Finch reports=33 total= 112
 Pine Siskin reports=1 total= 2
 American Goldfinch reports=37 total= 180
 House Sparrow reports=58 total= 480
 Nutmeg Mannikin reports=3 total= 23

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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 by email at

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Field Trip Photo Gallery is now posted on the OG website. Have a look at photos from recent trips...and consider sharing your photos, too. Birds, birders, and places are all suitable.

http://www.ornithologygroup.org/_mgxroot/page_10742.html

TO START OR RENEW A MEMBERSHIP:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

	<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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