

# The Spoonbill

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## Monthly Meeting: Monday, April 6

Bayland Community Center  
6400 Bissonnet, Houston

**Learning Corner -- 6:30 p.m. with Steve Gross**  
**Topic: Migration Timing**

**7:00 p.m. – General Meeting**

**Program: - Hummingbirds of West Texas**  
with **Kelly Bryan**

Kelly Bryan started birding in 1962, when as a 13-year-old Boy Scout he attended Camp Tahuaya in Belton. The science teacher from Waco took the Scouts out for a bird walk before breakfast, and as Kelly says, “that’s when I got hooked - it was the best way to get to chow time!”

Kelly attended Sam Houston State University, where he earned a BS in biology and a master’s degree in ornithology. His master’s thesis was on geographical song variations of the Prothonotary Warbler. Before Kelly’s study, it was thought that all warblers had learned songs and therefore many geographical song variations. The results showed that the Prothonotary Warbler has absolutely no geographical song variations and therefore has only inherited song and not learned song. This means that the Prothonotary Warbler may be one of most primitive of all warblers.

College was interrupted from 1970-73 when Kelly served as an Army radio specialist, stationed in the US and Japan. After college, Kelly went to work for Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and in 1983 he became an EMS/Fire Supervisor for Montgomery County. In 1987 he became the park Superintendent at Kickapoo Cavern State Park near Brackettville, and in 1991 he became Superintendent at Davis Mountains State Park in Fort Davis. Kelly retired in 2005 and is currently Volunteer Fire Chief in Fort Davis, where he also pursues his interest in birds and photography.

Please join us for the April meeting when Kelly will discuss the Hummingbirds of West Texas.

## Other Events

**Apr. 2-5: Galveston FeatherFest**  
[www.galvestonfeatherfest.org](http://www.galvestonfeatherfest.org)

**Apr. 10-19: Quarterly trip**  
Panhandle, W. TX Mountains  
(Burr Williams & Steve Gross)

**Apr. 11: Gulf Coast Bird Observatory**  
Passerine Banding and  
Surroundings (Cecilia Riley)

**April 26 - May 3: Great Texas  
Birding Classic**

**May 30: Kayaking Christmas Bay**  
(Artist Boat)

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**Outdoor Nature Club -- Ornithology Group**  
Minutes of Meeting on Monday, March 2, 2009  
Number of Attendees: 70

1. **Learning Corner:** Steve Gross discussed early nesting in southern Texas. Late February and March is the beginning of mate selection and nest building for many species in southern Texas. Many species are singing loudly this time of year, and we may often hear them long before we see them.
2. **Sightings:** Swallow-tailed Kites on Bolivar, Bald Eagles at El Franco Lee, Kleb Woods, Hagar Wood, Matagorda, Sims Bayou, and Sugar Creek; 2 Golden Plovers at Matagorda, 80 White Ibis at Kleb Woods, Roseate Spoonbill in Sugar Creek, 200 Black-bellied Whistling Ducks in Crosby, White-tailed Kite at St. Bernard, Wilson's Warbler and Wilson's Snipe at El Franco Lee.
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Minutes from the February meeting were approved as printed in the previous Spoonbill with one correction: the cash balance last month was \$9,060 rather than \$9,600.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Jerry Stanislav reported that we have \$10,342 as of the end of February.
5. **Membership:** Margret Simmons reminded everyone to sign in and pay dues.
6. **Library Report:** Bernice Hotman had a copy of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition of the Peterson Field Guide. She placed her copy on the back table for viewing.
7. **Spoonbill:** The deadline for the next *Spoonbill* is March 15.
8. **Houston Audubon News:** March 5 is their Gala benefit. Additional information can be obtained by calling their office. A shorebird workshop and field trip led by Kevin Karlson will take place March 6 and 7.
9. **Nominating Committee:** Adam Wood, Betsy Winn, and Frank Farese are on the nominating committee. Adam Wood, chair of the committee, introduced the nominees for next year: Pam Smolen for Chair, John Schneider for Programs Chair, and Lenore Alfredson for Secretary. Voting by the membership will take place at the April meeting.
10. **Field Trip Reports:** Frank Farese reported the highlights from the trip to the Baytown Nature Center on February 21 were Ospreys, Kestrels, Purple Martins, Roseate Spoonbills and Hooded Mergansers.
11. **Future Field Trips:** Adam Wood reported that the monthly trip on March 7 to the Texas City Prairie Preserve will be a general tour of the preserve. The chances of seeing a Prairie Chicken are slim. There is one spot open on the Davis Mountains spring quarterly trip; please let Adam know if you are interested. The

## 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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- May 30 kayaking trip on Christmas Bay is a joint field trip with Houston Audubon. The trip is limited to 26 people. Details will be in the April Spoonbill.
12. **Jones Park Nature Fest:** This festival takes place on March 7 at Jesse Jones Nature Park.
  13. **Galveston Featherfest:** Adam Wood and Pam Smolen will each be presenting programs.
  14. **Program:** Pam Smolen introduced John Arvin, Research Coordinator at the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory. John discussed tropical bird communities and showed interesting and beautiful slides of tropical birds. John has guided trips to the tropics for 25 years. Diversity is much higher in the tropics than elsewhere. From Mexico south through South America there are 3,751 species of neotropical birds, and 315 species of hummingbirds. There is also an incredible diversity of plant species: over 85,000 species of flowering plants, 5 times more than in North America. John encouraged everyone to visit the tropics because he predicts that loss of habitat will greatly diminish the diversity within the next 15 to 20 years.
  15. **Meeting adjourned** at 8:30 pm.

-- Cindy Douglass, OG Secretary

## Ethics, Manners and Courtesies

The column I haven't felt the need to write during the last two years is the one on birding courtesies or ethics. In my experience, each of you is a courteous, friendly, helpful birder.

The year that the Streak-backed Oriole spent time out at Brazos Bend State Park, lots of birders from a variety of places vied for the chance to see that bird. Too many times birders went off the marked trails, disrupting habitat and blocking the view of playing-by-the-rules birders. Those couldn't have been OG members because you all help other birders see the birds you find, and try to avoid damaging habitat.

Repeatedly I have seen birders in Texas without spotting scopes allow birders with them get to the front to have the best view with the scope. And, invariably, the scope user offers to let others have an enlarged view of the field. At my height, I try to be sensitive to birders around me but, if you are shorter than I, please ask me to let you stand in front of me so that we both may view the bird. (I must confess that sometimes I am lost in the moment and forget to be aware of others around me, and for that I apologize.)

The two times that I have seen birders "stress" a bird were extraordinary circumstances – not that that makes it all right. One year the owner of a birding touring company saw a Black-throated Blue Warbler in Smith Oaks. He pointed at the bird as he raced down the trail trying to get all the other birders on the beautiful bird. All the calling, pointing, and running would certainly have gotten to me had I been the small bird who just flew over the Gulf of Mexico. The other time I was concerned about stressing a bird was for what I thought was overuse of a tape or iPod to call in sparrows. Yes, we all want to see the rare winter sparrows, but please don't use the bird song so much that the bird learns to ignore it and recognizes that it's not another bird but that obnoxious birder.

And, I am still mad at whoever it was that "got smart" with the Oilfield Road worker at High Island. Thanks to that rude birder the loop road around the High Island sanctuaries is now closed to birders. Good birders respect property rights of others and don't abuse the private property of others. Who was that birder that led the rancher with Lesser Prairie Chickens on his property to close his ranch to birders?!? Please don't ever be that kind of birder.

Most of us live for spring when the colorful flying gems pass through on their way north. And this is a chance for Texas birders to shine. In my experience, the birders here are wonderfully helpful to new and/or visiting birders. How nice it is to have a friendly person help you find the obscure desired wonder. Common courtesies all the way around will lead to general goodwill toward the birding community in general and you in particular.

*--Bernice Hotman, OG Chairman*

**Monthly Field Trip -- April 11, 2009**  
**Gulf Coast Bird Observatory and Surroundings**  
**8:00 a.m., Gulf Coast Bird Observatory Parking Lot**

Spring migration is upon us once again, and for this year's trip during the height of spring migration we are going to bird the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory (GCBO) property and surrounding areas. We are in for a treat on this trip -- the staff at GCBO will be conducting passerine bird banding in the morning and we are welcome to observe. Once they wrap up the bird banding in the late morning or early afternoon, it will be just about time for the neotropical migrants to be arriving, so we will hit the trails through the woodlands on the GCBO's property looking for all the migrants we can find. Cecilia Riley, the executive director of GCBO, will be heading up the bird banding efforts and has generously agreed to show us around the GCBO after the banding is finished.

A native Texan, biologist and avid bird watcher, Cecilia has committed her life's work to avian research and natural history in both North America and Latin America. Cecilia's educational background includes a B.S. in Ecology from the University of Texas at Arlington and a M.S. in Zoology from the University of Arkansas. Prior to her position at the GCBO, she spent 2 years as the state coordinator for Texas Partners in Flight and 8 years as a research associate of marine studies at the University of Texas Marine Science Institute in Port Aransas. Currently, Cecilia's professional efforts focus on the conservation issues associated with the protection of migratory songbirds and stopover habitat in the ecologically important Gulf of Mexico region.

The GCBO was founded as a partnership to accomplish conservation through avian research and the protection of coastal habitat utilized as stopover by migratory songbirds. In 1992, to obtain funding for land acquisitions along the Chenier Plain of Texas, Houston Audubon Society (HAS) approached Phillips Petroleum Company for support. Phillips responded enthusiastically with a \$60,000 challenge grant. About the same time, The Nature Conservancies of Texas and Louisiana (TNC) were also working to protect the important habitat of the Chenier region. Amoco Production Company had pledged \$200,000 and land valued at over \$700,000 in support of that effort. In 1993 the two complementary initiatives merged, forming the framework for what is now the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory. After operating for four years as a joint endeavor between HAS and TNC, in October 1996 the founding partners of GCBO incorporated as an independent non-profit organization, which has quickly become recognized for designing and conducting a significant number of large conservation projects, including migration studies, habitat enhancement, land acquisition, regional habitat mapping, and others. Permanent headquarters in Lake Jackson, Texas, will house an Interpretive Center and Research Center for public education and volunteer-based avian monitoring programs. In addition, GCBO will continue to serve a network of site partners around the Gulf through land protection activities, birding, and research opportunities.

**Directions:** We will meet in the parking lot for the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory at 8:00 am. To get there from Houston, take 288 south to Lake Jackson. As soon as you arrive in Lake Jackson, take a right onto 2004 west. Continue on 2004 west to the 2nd traffic light, which will be HWY 332, turn west (right). On 332 you will see the Girl Scout camp on the left, then just before you get to the bridge over Buffalo Camp Bayou take a left onto a semi-paved road. Look for the large white sign with our name in blue letters. Drive down through the red gate and through the woods to our building on the right. You cannot see the building from the road.

**Be sure to bring:** Binoculars, a warm coat or jacket in case it is cold, raingear in case it rains, hat, sun block, camera, spotting scope if you have one, water, and a lunch.

~ Adam Wood, OG Field Trip Coordinator [birdsondabrain@earthlink.net](mailto:birdsondabrain@earthlink.net) 713-515-1692

**Spring Quarterly Trip: April 10-19, 2009**  
**Panhandle, Guadalupe and Davis Mountains**  
**Leaders: Adam Wood and Steve Gross**

**Fee: \$750** (Single Supplement \$400) **paid in full by April 1, 2009**

Limit: 14 People

Meet: Lobby of Holiday Inn Express (on I-40) in Amarillo, April 10, 2009, 9:00 p.m.

We will start the trip off in the Panhandle, where we will spend our time birding in locations such as Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge, and Palo Duro Canyon State Park in search of lingering winter residents, early spring migrants and regular residents of the plains. Then, on our way down to the Guadalupe Mountains, we will take an early morning Lesser Prairie-Chicken booming tour on a ranch near Kenna, New Mexico. The rest of the trip will be spent birding in the Guadalupe and Davis Mountains in search of some west Texas specialties, higher elevation montane species and spring migrants.

**Note:** This trip will be limited to 14 people. The advance payment will pay for your rooms and guide fees for the trip. Please make sure to bring money for food and fuel, as those costs are not included in the fee for the trip. Please make your checks payable to Adam Wood and send them to me at 136 Stoney Creek Dr., Houston, TX 77024. Steve and I are planning to drive from Houston to Midland. Participants are welcome to fly and then rent a car, but it is advisable that you drive because we will be carpooling during the trip and will not be renting a large van due to insurance issues. If you are interested in going on this trip, please let me know.

**Monthly OG Trip: May 30, 2009**  
**Galveston Bay Kayaking Trip with Artist Boat**  
**10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Christmas Bay – Follett's Island**

**Limit: 26 people**

**Fee: \$25 - \$50 depending on number of participants**

**To Sign Up, Contact: Britt Jones (HAS) by phone 713-932-1639**

**or email [mbjones@houstonaudubon.org](mailto:mbjones@houstonaudubon.org)**

We are going kayaking in Galveston Bay to end another great OG year. Artist Boat Inc. will be supplying the kayaks and interpreters; this is the same company that sponsors the kayaking trips for Featherfest. On this trip we will be able to get within 3 feet of most of the birds, providing for some great up-close and personal experiences with the birds, and some great photo ops. The trip will last for 4 hours and will include a safety and paddling demo for those who have never kayaked before. The trip will cost \$650 for a group of up to 26 people, so the more people we get the less money per person it will cost for the private trip. They will require the money a week in advance. So throw on your swimsuit and come out ready to have fun, get a little wet on what could be a warm day, and have some great up-close experiences with birds. If you are interested in attending this trip, please let me know.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Water, a snack, hat, bug spray, sunscreen, a change of clothes, towels, shoes and binoculars if you want. The signed waiver and medical history forms. Do not bring anything that cannot get wet or that would be ruined if it fell into the water (for example: camera, cell phone, remote keys, etc.). Please do not bring coolers that can hold more than a six-pack of coke as there is little storage space on the kayaks. **For further details**, see the OG website, or contact me:

~ Adam Wood, OG Field Trip Coordinator [birdsondabrain@earthlink.net](mailto:birdsondabrain@earthlink.net) 713-515-1692

## The State of the Birds

A report released in March 2009 by the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service and a diverse group of conservation and research organizations documents major bird population trends in North America over the past 40 years. "The State of the Birds" report indicates major gains for some species, including waterfowl and species of special attention such as the Bald Eagle. At the same time, populations of many coastal and grassland species have declined alarmingly, as a result of a wide range of factors, including disease, introduced pests and predators, and above all, habitat destruction.

Using new statistical techniques developed by U.S. Geological Survey and Audubon scientists, the report integrates long-term trend data from three bird population surveys: the North American Breeding Bird Survey administered by the USGS and the Canadian Wildlife Service, National Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Count, and the USFWS and Canadian Wildlife Service Spring Waterfowl Survey.

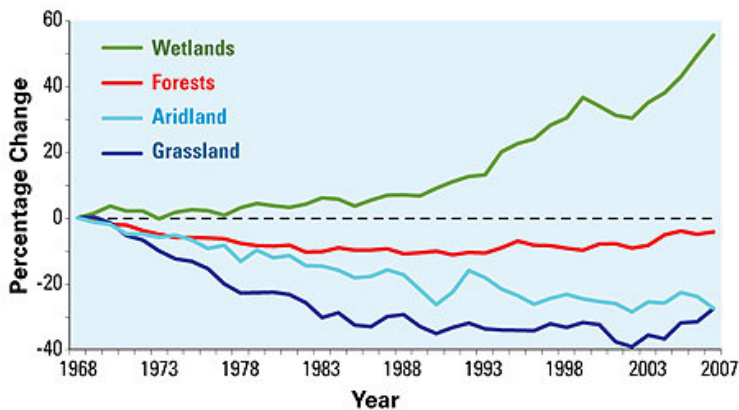
## Publisher Seeks Stories on Birds and Birding

A new anthology, *The Ultimate Bird Lover: Stories and Tips on Our Feathered Friends, at Home and in the Wild*, will be published in November 2009 by Health Communications, Inc.

If you have a way with words, and would like to submit a story about your experience for possible publication, please visit the publisher's website [www.ultimatehcibooks.com](http://www.ultimatehcibooks.com) for chapter descriptions, format and submission guidelines, and an FAQ section that addresses compensation for published material. Stories can be inspiring, humorous, enlightening, or motivating, and can cover anything you've learned about yourself, others, or the world around you because of your bird or from bird-watching.

Deadline for story submissions is June 15, 2009.

(Shared by OG member Katherine Swarts)



"Just as they were when Rachel Carson published 'Silent Spring' nearly 50 years ago, birds today are a bellwether of the health of land, water and ecosystems," said Interior Secretary Ken Salazar in a press statement. "From shorebirds in New England to warblers in Michigan to songbirds in Hawaii, we are seeing disturbing downward population trends that should set off environmental alarm bells."

<http://www.stateofthebirds.org/>

## Clearing House -- February 2009

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This is a summary of birds reported to eBird.org. Unusual birds are in bold. Very rare birds include details of the sighting the format **Location(County)Date:count**. There were 215 species reported for the Upper Texas Coast (Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, and Jefferson Counties) for February 2009 from 453 checklists.

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck reports=53 total= 682  
**Fulvous Whistling-Duck reports=7 total= 53**  
 Greater White-fronted Goose reports=17 total= 206  
 Snow Goose reports=32 total= 3,800  
 Ross's Goose reports=5 total= 3  
 Canada Goose reports=5 total= 7

Wood Duck reports=22 total= 38  
 Gadwall reports=72 total= 379  
 American Wigeon reports=21 total= 60  
 Mallard reports=23 total= 44  
 Mottled Duck reports=31 total= 35  
 Blue-winged Teal reports=77 total= 471

Cinnamon Teal reports=15 total= 8  
 Northern Shoveler reports=58 total= 662  
 Northern Pintail reports=27 total= 182  
 Green-winged Teal reports=69 total= 342  
 Canvasback reports=6 total= 7  
 Redhead reports=2 total= 2

Ring-necked Duck reports=32 total= 103  
 Lesser Scaup reports=16 total= 340  
**Black Scoter reports=1 total= 2**  
 Bufflehead reports=1 total= 8  
 Common Goldeneye reports=2 total= 1  
 Hooded Merganser reports=14 total= 23  
 Red-breasted Merganser reports=8 total= 132  
 Ruddy Duck reports=10 total= 92  
 Northern Bobwhite reports=1 total= 0  
 Common Loon reports=3 total= 38  
**Least Grebe reports=1 total= 1 San Bernard NWR(Br)28:1**  
 Pied-billed Grebe reports=111 total= 136  
 Eared Grebe reports=1 total= 5  
 Northern Gannet reports=3 total= 14  
 American White Pelican reports=28 total= 868  
 Brown Pelican reports=40 total= 263  
 Neotropic Cormorant reports=49 total= 102  
 Double-crested Cormorant reports=105 total= 321  
 Anhinga reports=43 total= 46  
 American Bittern reports=25 total= 12  
 Great Blue Heron reports=134 total= 79  
 Great Egret reports=179 total= 123  
 Snowy Egret reports=120 total= 281  
 Little Blue Heron reports=65 total= 38  
 Tricolored Heron reports=64 total= 35  
 Reddish Egret reports=9 total= 12  
 Cattle Egret reports=8 total= 257  
**Green Heron reports=4 total= 4**  
 Black-crowned Night-Heron reports=22 total= 39  
 Yellow-crowned Night-Heron reports=6 total= 24  
 White Ibis reports=92 total= 605  
**Glossy Ibis reports=1 total= 0 San Bernard NWR(Br)15:X**  
 White-faced Ibis reports=51 total= 169  
 Plegadis sp. reports=1 total= 0  
 Roseate Spoonbill reports=32 total= 82  
 Black Vulture reports=112 total= 147  
 Turkey Vulture reports=147 total= 172  
 Osprey reports=41 total= 10  
**Swallow-tailed Kite reports=1 total= 1 Yatch Basin Rd(Ga)28:1**  
 White-tailed Kite reports=7 total= 11  
 Bald Eagle reports=14 total= 6  
 Northern Harrier reports=52 total= 26  
 Sharp-shinned Hawk reports=13 total= 6  
 Cooper's Hawk reports=26 total= 9  
 Red-shouldered Hawk reports=101 total= 22  
 White-tailed Hawk reports=9 total= 6  
 Red-tailed Hawk reports=67 total= 37  
 Crested Caracara reports=21 total= 21  
 American Kestrel reports=74 total= 21  
 Merlin reports=11 total= 5  
 Peregrine Falcon reports=7 total= 4  
 Clapper Rail reports=4 total= 5  
 King Rail reports=7 total= 4  
 Sora reports=8 total= 3  
 Common Moorhen reports=62 total= 350  
 American Coot reports=86 total= 2,500  
 Sandhill Crane reports=37 total= 415  
 Black-bellied Plover reports=3 total= 32  
 Semipalmated Plover reports=2 total= 4  
 Killdeer reports=124 total= 222  
 American Oystercatcher reports=2 total= 6  
**Black-necked Stilt reports=5 total= 2**  
 American Avocet reports=2 total= 5,278  
 Spotted Sandpiper reports=21 total= 15  
 Greater Yellowlegs reports=53 total= 52  
 Willet reports=9 total= 311  
 Lesser Yellowlegs reports=31 total= 19  
 Greater/Lesser Yellowlegs reports=1 total= 1  
 Long-billed Curlew reports=10 total= 55  
 Marbled Godwit reports=2 total= 54  
 Ruddy Turnstone reports=4 total= 69  
**Red Knot reports=1 total= 2**

Sanderling reports=9 total= 372  
 Western Sandpiper reports=8 total= 200  
 Least Sandpiper reports=34 total= 244  
 Dunlin reports=3 total= 42  
 Short-billed Dowitcher reports=2 total= 50  
 Long-billed Dowitcher reports=16 total= 185  
 Short-billed/Long-billed Dowitcher reports=1 total= 6  
 Wilson's Snipe reports=52 total= 56  
 Bonaparte's Gull reports=3 total= 16  
 Laughing Gull reports=73 total= 2,662  
 Ring-billed Gull reports=65 total= 258  
 Herring Gull reports=25 total= 303  
 Lesser Black-backed Gull reports=5 total= 8  
 Gull-billed Tern reports=2 total= 2  
 Caspian Tern reports=11 total= 12  
 Forster's Tern reports=28 total= 220  
 Royal Tern reports=7 total= 73  
 Black Skimmer reports=4 total= 416  
 Rock Pigeon reports=53 total= 476  
 Eurasian Collared-Dove reports=35 total= 50  
 White-winged Dove reports=91 total= 426  
 Mourning Dove reports=200 total= 197  
 Inca Dove reports=7 total= 7  
 Common Ground-Dove reports=2 total= 3  
 Monk Parakeet reports=5 total= 16  
 Eastern Screech-Owl reports=5 total= 3  
 Great Horned Owl reports=5 total= 5  
 Barred Owl reports=9 total= 9  
**Buff-bellied Hummingbird reports=1 total= 1**  
**Ruby-throated Hummingbird reports=2 total= 3**  
**Houston(Ha)14:2, Port Neches(Je)20:1**  
 Black-chinned Hummingbird reports=2 total= 2  
 Rufous Hummingbird reports=4 total= 10  
 Rufous/Allen's Hummingbird reports=2 total= 2  
 Belted Kingfisher reports=62 total= 17  
 Red-headed Woodpecker reports=9 total= 8  
 Red-bellied Woodpecker reports=183 total= 42  
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker reports=37 total= 11  
 Downy Woodpecker reports=143 total= 29  
 Northern Flicker reports=22 total= 13  
 Pileated Woodpecker reports=30 total= 14  
**Empidonax sp. reports=2 total= 2 San Bernard NWR(Br)20:2**  
 Eastern Phoebe reports=140 total= 53  
 Vermilion Flycatcher reports=18 total= 6  
**Ash-throated Flycatcher reports=2 total= 1**  
**Couch's Kingbird reports=1 total= 1**  
 Loggerhead Shrike reports=93 total= 35  
 White-eyed Vireo reports=7 total= 4  
 Blue-headed Vireo reports=31 total= 13  
 Blue Jay reports=184 total= 64  
 American Crow reports=162 total= 88  
 Horned Lark reports=1 total= 4  
**Purple Martin reports=62 total= 73**  
 Tree Swallow reports=12 total= 141  
 Northern Rough-winged Swallow reports=5 total= 20  
**Cave Swallow reports=4 total= 52**  
 Barn Swallow reports=7 total= 9  
 Carolina Chickadee reports=189 total= 89  
 Tufted Titmouse reports=102 total= 35  
**Brown-headed Nuthatch reports=9 total= 8**  
 Brown Creeper reports=4 total= 9  
 Carolina Wren reports=125 total= 35  
 House Wren reports=32 total= 12  
 Winter Wren reports=23 total= 8  
 Sedge Wren reports=26 total= 27  
 Marsh Wren reports=18 total= 17  
 Golden-crowned Kinglet reports=16 total= 6  
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet reports=169 total= 74  
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher reports=101 total= 46  
 Eastern Bluebird reports=59 total= 60  
 Hermit Thrush reports=28 total= 8  
 American Robin reports=149 total= 791

Gray Catbird reports=19 total= 10  
 Northern Mockingbird reports=250 total= 123  
 Brown Thrasher reports=27 total= 10  
 European Starling reports=148 total= 1,062  
 American Pipit reports=71 total= 515  
 Cedar Waxwing reports=23 total= 182  
 Orange-crowned Warbler reports=114 total= 37  
**Nashville Warbler reports=2 total= 1 Brazos Bend SP(FB)7:1**  
**Tropical Parula reports=6 total= 3 Brazos Bend SP(FB)2-11:1**  
 Yellow-rumped Warbler reports=253 total= 662  
**Yellow-throated Warbler reports=1 total= 1 Pearland(Br)14:1**  
 Pine Warbler reports=97 total= 106  
 Palm Warbler reports=6 total= 4  
**Black-and-white Warbler reports=2 total= 1**  
**Ovenbird reports=1 total= 1 Cullen Park(Ha)8:1**  
**Northern Waterthrush reports=1 total= 1 San Bernard NWR(Br)7:1**  
**Louisiana Waterthrush reports=1 total= 1 Cullinan Park(FB)12:1**  
 Common Yellowthroat reports=38 total= 20  
 Wilson's Warbler reports=14 total= 5  
**Summer Tanager reports=1 total= 1**  
**Western Tanager reports=1 total= 1 Cypress(Ha)22:1**  
**Spotted Towhee reports=4 total= 1**  
 Chipping Sparrow reports=53 total= 155  
 Field Sparrow reports=19 total= 31  
 Vesper Sparrow reports=7 total= 8  
**Lark Sparrow reports=1 total= 2**  
 Savannah Sparrow reports=99 total= 260  
 Le Conte's Sparrow reports=4 total= 4  
 Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow reports=1 total= 23  
 Seaside Sparrow reports=2 total= 6  
**Fox Sparrow reports=2 total= 1**  
 Song Sparrow reports=16 total= 12  
 Lincoln's Sparrow reports=40 total= 19  
 Swamp Sparrow reports=67 total= 60  
 White-throated Sparrow reports=53 total= 51  
**Harris's Sparrow reports=7 total= 12**  
 White-crowned Sparrow reports=13 total= 7  
 sparrow sp. reports=1 total= 1  
 Northern Cardinal reports=255 total= 187  
**Pyrrhuloxia reports=1 total= 1 Katy Prairie(Ha)7:1**  
 Red-winged Blackbird reports=176 total= 1,470  
 Eastern Meadowlark reports=43 total= 162  
 meadowlark sp. reports=2 total= 1  
 Rusty Blackbird reports=18 total= 123  
 Brewer's Blackbird reports=9 total= 255  
 Common Grackle reports=68 total= 2,830  
 Boat-tailed Grackle reports=18 total= 55  
 Great-tailed Grackle reports=88 total= 900  
 Brown-headed Cowbird reports=33 total= 436  
 blackbird sp. reports=11 total= 350  
 House Finch reports=40 total= 31  
 Pine Siskin reports=7 total= 19  
 American Goldfinch reports=116 total= 239  
 House Sparrow reports=80 total= 510  
 meadowlark sp. reports=9 total= 14  
**Rusty Blackbird reports=4 total= 5**  
 Brewer's Blackbird reports=9 total= 181  
 Common Grackle reports=43 total= 595  
 Boat-tailed Grackle reports=12 total= 157  
 Great-tailed Grackle reports=110 total= 1,090  
 Brown-headed Cowbird reports=33 total= 1,125  
 blackbird sp. reports=4 total= 1,700  
 House Finch reports=38 total= 42  
**Pine Siskin reports=9 total= 28**  
 American Goldfinch reports=162 total= 457  
 House Sparrow reports=84 total= 225  
 Nutmeg Mannikin reports=1 total= 6

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