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Monthly Meeting: Monday, September 14

Bayland Community Center
6400 Bissonnet, Houston

Learning Corner -- 6:30 p.m. -- *Bill Eley*

7:00 p.m. – General Meeting

Program: Bob Honig presents...

Two Weeks in Trinidad and Tobago

Sipping rum punch in a boat while watching the evening flight of Scarlet Ibis in Trinidad's Caroni Swamp was just one highlight of the natural history tour that Bob and Maggie Honig led to Trinidad and Tobago in 2005. With Trinidad lying only 10 miles off the Venezuelan coast, and Tobago only about 25 miles farther, the flora and fauna, including over 350 species of birds, are very representative of nearby South America. Bob's program will bring to you a variety of habitats, most prominently the rain forest at the Asa Wright Nature Center where the tour participants, many of them OG members, stayed for the bulk of the trip; and you will see a wonderful array of Neotropical birds – motmots, jacamars, antbirds, bellbirds, honeycreepers, and more – plus other tropical creatures. The presentation will feature the photos of John Old and other trip participants.

Bob Honig has a passion for all of natural history, particularly ornithology and dragonflies and damselflies. He earned a B.A. in Biology (ecology emphasis) from the University of Pennsylvania and an M.S. in Zoology in the Aquatic Ecology Program at Virginia Tech. Bob has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Katy Prairie Conservancy, a land trust focusing its efforts just west of Houston, since its founding in 1992. He has conducted many bird surveys (including several seasons for the Texas Breeding Bird Atlas Project), as well as surveys for dragonflies and damselflies, and butterflies. He has served as OG Chairman; he was compiler of the Buffalo Bayou Christmas Bird Count (CBC) from 1984 to 2005; and he was a founder and compiler of the Brazos Bend CBC. Bob – often with his wife, Maggie – has led numerous natural history field trips and tours domestically as well as to the Neotropics, and he has regularly lectured to nature and conservation organizations. Bob's professional environmental experience began with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and continued in the natural gas pipeline industry and then environmental consulting. He has addressed diverse issues such as endangered species, erosion control, revegetation, wetlands, archaeology and historic preservation, water discharges, spill prevention and control, waste minimization and recycling, and sustainable development – and his work has taken him to far-flung locales, including environmental surveys in Bolivia and the Algerian Sahara.

Other Events

- Sept. 12: Beginning Birder Trip with Adam Wood
(Nelson Farm, Katy Prairie)
- Sept. 17-20: Hummer/Bird Celebration, Rockport
www.rockporthummingbird.com
- Sept. 19: Monthly OG Field Trip -- Big Thicket
- Oct. 29 - Nov. 1: Quarterly OG Field Trip
NE Texas (Greenville, Dallas, L. Tawakoni)

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**Ornithology Group,
Houston Outdoor Nature Club
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, August 3, 2009
Bayland Community Center
Number of Attendees: 60**

1. **Learning Corner:** Pam Smolen presented a preview to “The Swift Project Citizen Science”, “Swifts over Houston.” September will be swift awareness month when these birds will be moving through Houston. Chimney Swifts roost in old chimneys and return yearly to original nesting sites. Their spine-tail is their most distinctive feature, and the birds enter the chimneys tail first. They eat small flying insects, like mosquitoes, and eat one third of their body weight a day. Swifts travel 10,000 miles in their first year of life. Swifts are very social birds but prefer to have one nest per chimney. Areas to observe Chimney Swifts are the Pershing Middle School, Whole Foods Market at 4004 Bellaire, and St. Paul’s Methodist Church. Pam’s presentation will be August 5 at the Nature Discovery Center.
2. **Sightings:** At the Katy Prairie, Wood Storks and a Peregrine; shorebirds are also coming through. At Brazoria a Brant was spotted. Other birds seen recently include: Ruby-throated Hummingbird; Swallow-tailed Kites, Carolina Wren, Great-Crested and Least Flycatchers, Red Knots, and Brown and White Pelicans.
3. **Minutes:** Minutes from the May 4, 2009 were approved as printed in the previous *Spoonbill*.
4. **Treasurer’s Report:** Jerry Stanislav reported on the budget that we have \$10,100.
5. **Library:** Deborah Valdez encouraged members to check out books and return them at next month’s meeting.
6. **Spoonbill:** Materials for the September issue are due by August 15th.
7. **Membership:** Margret Simmons announced that the new Outdoor Nature Club yearbook will be out on August 10 and will be mailed out shortly after that date. She reminded us to please sign in.
8. **Willow Waterhole Survey:** John Schneider is leading a monthly bird survey at the park. They meet

About the Ornithology Group

The Ornithology Group (OG) is a division of the Outdoor Nature Club (ONC), a non-profit organization dedicated to greater knowledge about the environment and wildlife of the Upper Texas Coast. The OG is a club of individuals interested in all aspects of birding, including bird identification, listing bird sightings, competing in birding events, and preserving bird habitat. Some members study bird behavior, biology, distribution and migration, while others just enjoy watching birds. The organization is designed to accommodate these diverse birding interests. Monthly meetings and field trips provide an opportunity to interact with and learn from experts in local and international birding.

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the third Saturday of each month at 7:00 a.m. for about two hours. If interested in joining the group, go to the Houston Audubon website for information. A segment featuring the Survey group is on Channels 13 and 39 websites.

9. **New Business:** Pam Smolen announced the 2009 Hummer/Bird Celebration in Rockport will be September 17 through 20.
10. **Katy Prairie Conservancy** sent a note thanking OG for the donation. Bob Honig announced field trips at the Prairie every Friday morning in August from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., and on the first Sunday of the month, meeting at the KPC Field Office on Hebert Road in Waller County. A bird check list is available on the KPC web site. The new viewing platform on Sharp road will begin construction later this month and should be completed late in the fall.
11. **Field Trips:** Kevin Poling, who is assisting Adam Wood this year, reported that the monthly and quarterly Field Trips for the 2009-2010 season are listed on page 3 of the August *Spoonbill*. Adam will update the O.G. Web site with information on the trips. This month’s field trip will meet August 15 at Quintana Jetty at 8:00 a.m. The first quarterly field trip is Oct. 29 - Nov. 1 at Lake Tawakoni.
12. **In Memoriam:** A special remembrance for Wayne Nicholas and Ellen Red. Peggy Boston presented a

great tribute for Ellen Red who was a long-time birder and inspired others in birding.

13. Program: John Schneider introduced Dr. Keith Arnold, who taught ornithology for many years at Texas A&M Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences, and is author of the field guide, *Birds of Texas*. Dr. Arnold's program, "Four Decades of Texas Ornithology," discussed the beginning of bird studies and record-keeping in Texas. Dr. Arnold is the originator of the Texas Bird Records Committee and has provided studies of endangered species including Black-capped Vireo and Golden-cheeked Warbler. He studied Blackbirds for fifteen years, catching, sorting and banding 100,000 cowbirds, starlings and other blackbirds. The long-term study revealed much about these birds' habits and movements. Along with Fred Collins, he studied

Snipe for seven years and kept records in Brazos County of the birds' local movements and food habits. Using nets to catch the birds, they were able to check body weight and wing measurements. Cliff Swallows were also studied for fifteen years. The first check list of Birds of Texas was published in 1974. The current list has 634 birds, with at least one more species likely to be added in the coming months.

14. Pam Smolen closed the meeting by mentioning the sightings of Purple Martins at the KPR Building at Clinton and Waco. The next OG Meeting will be Monday September 14, the second Monday of the month because of the Labor Day holiday.

-- Lenore Alfredson, OG Secretary

Enjoying a New Season

As September brings school, football, and hope of cooler weather, it also brings fall migration, fieldtrips, fall festivals, and meetings. We are starting to emerge from our air-conditioned hibernation. I've ventured out some this summer, but I have to admit that I enjoy birding from my air conditioned car!

I hope you have checked out the list of fieldtrips on the OG website. The challenges of fall migration and shorebirds were shared during the Quintana fieldtrip. The beauty of the prairie will be enjoyed during the beginning birder trip to the Katy Prairie. Trips to the Big Thicket and Palmetto State Park are also planned.

The Rockport-Fulton Hummer / Bird Celebration is September 17-20. I have already seen the hummingbird activity in my yard increase. A little closer to home, we have been counting over 500 chimney swifts at Pershing Middle School on Tuesday evenings. Several Swift Night Out Events are planned for August 27 (Dayton), September 1 (Whole Foods on Bellaire), and September 11 (St. Paul's Church on Main St.) in the Houston area.

I am glad to see the return of GCBO's Hawk Watch at Smith Point. The Hawk Watch is in its 13th year. GCBO is also opening its doors every Saturday in September for Extreme Hummingbird Xtravaganza.

OG meetings with the programs and learning corner provide a cool, bug-free way to enjoy birds. Gary Clark and Kathy Adams Clark will be sharing the birds of Ecuador with us in October.

I hope you can take advantage of some of the many ways we have to enjoy the birds. See you soon!

-- Pam Smolen, OG Chairperson

Beginning Birder Trip 1 Announcement: Katy Prairie

September 12, 2009

Nelson Farms Viewing Platform: 5:00 a.m.

Paul Rushing Park: 8:00 a.m.

If you are a beginning birder or interested in finding out more about what goes on during our field trips before joining our organization and participating in our regular monthly trips, then this trip is for you. This trip will be a chance for inexperienced birders to get more experience in a low-pressure environment where we will not be worried about finding target birds or trying to see as many species of birds as possible.

For those birders who want to have a broader birding experience by learning about owls, we will meet at **Nelson Farms Viewing Platform on Sharp Road at 5 a.m.** sharp to start our owling. To get to the viewing platform from Houston, take US 290 to FM 529 and head west on FM 529 past Highway 6; keep going west until you come to Katy Hockley Cutoff Road, and turn right (north). Drive north 2 miles and turn left onto Katy Hockley Road (at Paul D. Rushing Park). You will come to a stop sign; go straight. The road turns into Sharp Road, which has several hairpin turns. You will pass Hendrick's Kennels and a sign for Cypress Creek. The road will turn to gravel and the viewing platform is on the left about 200 feet ahead.

For those of you who wish to get a later start we will meet you at **Paul Rushing Park at 8 a.m.** for the general birding portion of this trip. Paul Rushing Park is located at 9114 Katy Hockley Road. To get there from Houston, take US 290 to FM 529 and head west on FM 529 past Highway 6 to Katy Hockley Cutoff Road and turn right (north). Drive north 2 miles, and turn left onto Katy Hockley Road. The entrance to Paul D. Rushing Park will be on your left. Go in the second gate.

Be sure to bring: binoculars, scope, camera, sturdy shoes, sunscreen, hat, water, snacks, and rain gear. We will break for lunch around noon, so make sure to bring a lunch if you plan on staying for the whole day.

Monthly Trip Announcement: Big Thicket

September 19, 2009

7:30 AM @ Super 8 in Kountze

Limit: 15 People -- Fee: \$20

Darrell Vollert will be leading us to several of the units of the Big Thicket in Hardin County, in search of migrant warblers and vireos and lingering summer residents of the Big Thicket and Piney Woods. Darrell has spent a lot of time birding in east Texas and has some reliable spots for some of the migrants that pass through this area on their way back south to their wintering grounds. Since the Big Thicket has the potential to be very quiet and unproductive this time of year, we will spend time birding Village Creek State Park, Tyrrell Park (Fish Crow), and Cattail Marsh near Beaumont, which might be more productive. We may even make a stop in at Sabine Woods if time permits, to see what is going on there migrant-wise and to see how its recovery from Hurricane Ike is coming along. Some of you probably remember we visited this area during the spring of 06' for spring migrants and lingering winter residents. Since that trip was very successful I wanted to try it again but during a different season to give us a different perspective of birding in Big Thicket and the Piney Woods of East Texas.

The plan is to meet at the Super 8 in Kountze, Texas, at 7:30 a.m. The Super 8 is located at 990 N. Pine Street, Kountze, TX 77625. To get there, take I-10 east to Beaumont; exit I-10 onto US 287 N/US 69 N towards Lufkin/Jasper. The hotel is off this highway about 24 miles northeast of Beaumont.

Be sure to bring: **at least \$30 for guide fees**, your binoculars, hat, sunscreen, water, camera (if you wish), snacks, and a lunch if you plan to bird beyond mid day (there will be a place for us to stop and eat lunch). So come out and join us for a nice fall day of birding with an experienced guide in the Big Thicket and Piney Woods.

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

At its May 2009 meeting, the Ornithology Group approved a \$500 donation to the Katy Prairie Conservancy. The following is a letter received from the KPC acknowledging their receipt of this donation.

June 3, 2009

To : Ornithology Group of the Outdoor Nature Club

Thank you, on behalf of the Katy Prairie Conservancy, for the Ornithology Group's generous donation of \$500. Your continuing support will help us in our efforts to preserve the Katy Prairie for the benefit of its wildlife and all Texans forever.

Among other things, this contribution will allow us to:

- preserve more land—we're working with conservation-minded landowners and buyers to expand our protected land;
- Increase public access—this spring and summer we're expanding our public events and opportunities for you to visit our preserves with more tours and hands-on classes;
- restore tallgrass prairie—we're expanding our native seed nursery with volunteer-grown seedlings to take more of our preserves back in time botanically; and
- create more wetlands for migratory waterfowl and wading birds that love to visit the prairie – from Green-winged Teal to Roseate Spoonbills.

We are so grateful for the support of the Board of Directors and members of the Ornithology Group at this critical time. As you know, the prairie is an amazing place to observe all numbers of birds and we hope that you take a look at the enclosed calendar and attend one of our *Prairie Discovery Tours* or *Open Trails* events. Again, thanks for your help—our benefactors are flat out wonderful!

Sincerely,

Mary Anne Piacentini
KPC Executive Director

Clearing House

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This is a summary of birds for the Upper Texas Coast (Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, and Jefferson Counties) reported to eBird.org. Unusual birds are in **bold**. For some species, reports exceed totals because some lists have species as "present" rather than by number.

June -- There were 160 species reported for the Upper Texas Coast (Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, and Jefferson Counties) for June 2009 from 438 checklists. Notable species reported this month are Least Grebe, Swallow-tailed Kite, and Glaucous Gull. The Least Grebes and Swallow-tailed Kites are possible breeders. These and other interesting reports are in bold and the location is noted. If only the county is listed it is a non public location.

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck reports=115 total= 169
 Fulvous Whistling-Duck reports=11 total= 103
 Cackling Goose reports=1 total= 1
 Muscovy Duck (Domestic type) reports=2 total= 6
 Wood Duck reports=11 total= 21
 Mallard (Domestic type) reports=3 total= 3
 Mottled Duck reports=25 total= 66
 Blue-winged Teal reports=4 total= 2
 Northern Bobwhite reports=3 total= 4
Least Grebe reports=1 total= 2 Brazos Bend SP
 Pied-billed Grebe reports=14 total= 7
 American White Pelican reports=9 total= 14
 Brown Pelican reports=53 total= 475
 Neotropic Cormorant reports=73 total= 207
 Double-crested Cormorant reports=5 total= 0
 cormorant sp. reports=1 total= 2
 Anhinga reports=27 total= 32
 Magnificent Frigatebird reports=9 total= 13
 Least Bittern reports=14 total= 38
 Great Blue Heron reports=79 total= 34
 Great Egret reports=142 total= 338
 Snowy Egret reports=87 total= 306
 Little Blue Heron reports=99 total= 109
 Tricolored Heron reports=55 total= 50
 Reddish Egret reports=13 total= 28
 Cattle Egret reports=107 total= 299
 Green Heron reports=90 total= 84
 Black-crowned Night-Heron reports=17 total= 22
 Yellow-crowned Night-Heron reports=132 total= 95
 White Ibis reports=81 total= 897
 White-faced Ibis reports=9 total= 34
 Roseate Spoonbill reports=35 total= 86
 Wood Stork reports=14 total= 323
 Black Vulture reports=64 total= 366
 Turkey Vulture reports=75 total= 45
 Osprey reports=6 total= 3
Swallow-tailed Kite reports=2 total= 4 Cedar Bayou at US 90
 White-tailed Kite reports=1 total= 0
 Mississippi Kite reports=24 total= 13
 Northern Harrier reports=1 total= 1
 Cooper's Hawk reports=5 total= 10
 Accipiter sp. reports=1 total= 1
 Red-shouldered Hawk reports=50 total= 18
 Broad-winged Hawk reports=1 total= 1
 Swainson's Hawk reports=24 total= 7
 White-tailed Hawk reports=3 total= 3
 Red-tailed Hawk reports=9 total= 8
 Crested Caracara reports=8 total= 5
 diurnal raptor sp. reports=1 total= 1
 Clapper Rail reports=14 total= 15
 King Rail reports=5 total= 17
 Clapper/King Rail reports=2 total= 2
 Purple Gallinule reports=25 total= 31

Common Moorhen reports=47 total= 176
 American Coot reports=10 total= 10
 Black-bellied Plover reports=8 total= 6
 Wilson's Plover reports=4 total= 17
 Semipalmated Plover reports=6 total= 34
 Killdeer reports=98 total= 77
 American Oystercatcher reports=2 total= 1
 Black-necked Stilt reports=53 total= 427
 American Avocet reports=5 total= 113
 Spotted Sandpiper reports=4 total= 3
 Greater Yellowlegs reports=10 total= 15
 Willet reports=31 total= 128
 Lesser Yellowlegs reports=11 total= 13
 Long-billed Curlew reports=1 total= 2
 Marbled Godwit reports=6 total= 5
 Ruddy Turnstone reports=10 total= 24
 Sanderling reports=8 total= 118
 Semipalmated Sandpiper reports=2 total= 1
 Least Sandpiper reports=1 total= 1
 White-rumped Sandpiper reports=6 total= 150
 Short-billed Dowitcher reports=5 total= 13
 Laughing Gull reports=140 total= 1,063
 Ring-billed Gull reports=2 total= 3
 Herring Gull reports=3 total= 2
Glauca Gull reports=4 total= 2 Apffel Park, East Beach
 Least Tern reports=32 total= 174
 Gull-billed Tern reports=29 total= 35
 Caspian Tern reports=11 total= 13
 Black Tern reports=13 total= 116
 Common Tern reports=6 total= 10
 Forster's Tern reports=26 total= 27
 Royal Tern reports=46 total= 470
 Sandwich Tern reports=25 total= 89
 Black Skimmer reports=29 total= 119
 Rock Pigeon reports=63 total= 427
 African Collared-Dove reports=1 total= 1
 Eurasian Collared-Dove reports=53 total= 87
 White-winged Dove reports=76 total= 230
 Mourning Dove reports=195 total= 114
 Inca Dove reports=9 total= 18
 Monk Parakeet reports=26 total= 33
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo reports=53 total= 14
 Great Horned Owl reports=3 total= 2
 Barred Owl reports=15 total= 7
 Common Nighthawk reports=47 total= 26
 Chimney Swift reports=86 total= 712
 Ruby-throated Hummingbird reports=20 total= 8
Belted Kingfisher reports=2 total= 1 Jesse Jones County Park
 Red-headed Woodpecker reports=16 total= 4
 Red-bellied Woodpecker reports=109 total= 28
 Downy Woodpecker reports=71 total= 21
Hairy Woodpecker reports=1 total= 1 Harris County
 Northern Flicker reports=1 total= 1

Pileated Woodpecker reports=32 total= 11
 Eastern Wood-Pewee reports=1 total= 1
 Acadian Flycatcher reports=16 total= 19
 Great Crested Flycatcher reports=22 total= 10
 Western Kingbird reports=11 total= 15
 Eastern Kingbird reports=14 total= 56
 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher reports=39 total= 21
 Loggerhead Shrike reports=49 total= 19
 White-eyed Vireo reports=47 total= 27
 Red-eyed Vireo reports=14 total= 14
 Blue Jay reports=123 total= 113
 American Crow reports=93 total= 70
 Horned Lark reports=2 total= 2
 Purple Martin reports=109 total= 209
 Tree Swallow reports=11 total= 14
 Cliff Swallow reports=53 total= 288
 Cave Swallow reports=6 total= 18
 Barn Swallow reports=101 total= 242
 swallow sp. reports=7 total= 12
 Carolina Chickadee reports=106 total= 47
 Tufted Titmouse reports=50 total= 34
 Brown-headed Nuthatch reports=2 total= 4
 Carolina Wren reports=110 total= 48
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher reports=2 total= 2 Harris County
 Eastern Bluebird reports=12 total= 16
 American Robin reports=23 total= 30
Gray Catbird reports=2 total= 2 Eldridge Retention Basin
 Northern Mockingbird reports=223 total= 77
 European Starling reports=106 total= 203
 Northern Parula reports=25 total= 14
 Yellow-throated Warbler reports=1 total= 0
 Pine Warbler reports=22 total= 32
 Prothonotary Warbler reports=28 total= 17
 Swainson's Warbler reports=1 total= 0
 Common Yellowthroat reports=13 total= 28
 Yellow-breasted Chat reports=1 total= 2
 Summer Tanager reports=12 total= 6
Savannah Sparrow reports=1 total= 1 Sea Center Texas
 Seaside Sparrow reports=8 total= 41
 Northern Cardinal reports=204 total= 142
 Blue Grosbeak reports=1 total= 1
 Indigo Bunting reports=6 total= 8
 Painted Bunting reports=14 total= 13
 Dickcissel reports=12 total= 23
 Red-winged Blackbird reports=97 total= 249
 Eastern Meadowlark reports=29 total= 43
 Common Grackle reports=92 total= 141
 Boat-tailed Grackle reports=24 total= 155
 Great-tailed Grackle reports=131 total= 194
 Bronzed Cowbird reports=11 total= 9
 Brown-headed Cowbird reports=41 total= 30
 Orchard Oriole reports=9 total= 46
 House Finch reports=61 total= 53
 House Sparrow reports=113 total= 143

July -- There were 175 species reported for July 2009 from 286 checklists. Even though there are a far few reports this month the species count went up from June 2009. You can see the start of fall migration with the nice number of shorebirds reported. The species of the month is surely the Brant discovered at Brazoria NWR. Close seconds are a Great Kiskadee at Texas Point NWR and a Pyrrhuloxia at George Bush Park in Houston. These and other

interesting reports are in bold and the location is noted. If only the county is listed it is a non public location.

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck reports=68 total= 221
Fulvous Whistling-Duck reports=13 total= 132
Brant reports=2 total= 1 Brazoria NWR
Muscovy Duck (Domestic type) reports=1 total= 1
Wood Duck reports=4 total= 13
Mallard reports=1 total= 1
Mallard (Domestic type) reports=3 total= 12
Mottled Duck reports=22 total= 86
Blue-winged Teal reports=1 total= 1
Ruddy Duck reports=2 total= 3
Northern Bobwhite reports=5 total= 6
Least Grebe reports=4 total= 2 Brazos Bend SP
Pied-billed Grebe reports=12 total= 25
American White Pelican reports=3 total= 6
Brown Pelican reports=27 total= 586
Neotropic Cormorant reports=32 total= 206
Anhinga reports=10 total= 16
Magnificent Frigatebird reports=9 total= 24
Least Bittern reports=5 total= 4
Great Blue Heron reports=58 total= 37
Great Egret reports=90 total= 136
Snowy Egret reports=86 total= 527
Little Blue Heron reports=84 total= 92
Tricolored Heron reports=42 total= 57
Reddish Egret reports=12 total= 37
Cattle Egret reports=61 total= 272
Green Heron reports=62 total= 51
Black-crowned Night-Heron reports=14 total= 22
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron reports=63 total= 73
White Ibis reports=72 total= 217
Glossy Ibis reports=2 total= 2
White-faced Ibis reports=21 total= 76
Roseate Spoonbill reports=39 total= 246
Wood Stork reports=16 total= 49
Black Vulture reports=27 total= 79
Turkey Vulture reports=44 total= 58
Osprey reports=7 total= 6
Swallow-tailed Kite reports=4 total= 6 Jesse Jones County Park, Cove, China, Edgewater Picnic Area
White-tailed Kite reports=1 total= 1
Mississippi Kite reports=10 total= 14
Northern Harrier reports=4 total= 5
Cooper's Hawk reports=8 total= 6
Red-shouldered Hawk reports=19 total= 14
Broad-winged Hawk reports=1 total= 1
Swainson's Hawk reports=12 total= 8
Red-tailed Hawk reports=8 total= 4
Crested Caracara reports=6 total= 6
Peregrine Falcon reports=1 total= 1
Clapper Rail reports=6 total= 11
Purple Gallinule reports=7 total= 21
Common Moorhen reports=18 total= 165
American Coot reports=4 total= 26
Black-bellied Plover reports=6 total= 17
American Golden-Plover reports=1 total= 1 S. China Road Area
Snowy Plover reports=4 total= 6
Wilson's Plover reports=11 total= 18
Semipalmated Plover reports=6 total= 59
Killdeer reports=76 total= 214
American Oystercatcher reports=4 total= 5
Black-necked Stilt reports=65 total= 320
American Avocet reports=5 total= 118
Spotted Sandpiper reports=10 total= 8
Solitary Sandpiper reports=3 total= 3
Greater Yellowlegs reports=31 total= 45
Willet reports=26 total= 205
Lesser Yellowlegs reports=19 total= 35
Whimbrel reports=3 total= 8
Long-billed Curlew reports=1 total= 5
Marbled Godwit reports=6 total= 42
Ruddy Turnstone reports=6 total= 28
Sanderling reports=8 total= 62
Semipalmated Sandpiper reports=11 total= 205
Western Sandpiper reports=22 total= 161
Least Sandpiper reports=24 total= 210
Pectoral Sandpiper reports=4 total= 15
Dunlin reports=2 total= 3
Stilt Sandpiper reports=4 total= 58
Short-billed Dowitcher reports=6 total= 25
Long-billed Dowitcher reports=7 total= 13
Short-billed/Long-billed Dowitcher reports=8 total= 8
Wilson's Phalarope reports=1 total= 3
Laughing Gull reports=88 total= 1,297
Ring-billed Gull reports=1 total= 2
Herring Gull reports=3 total= 7
Least Tern reports=28 total= 215
Gull-billed Tern reports=20 total= 47
Caspian Tern reports=9 total= 20
Black Tern reports=17 total= 165
Common Tern reports=3 total= 5
Forster's Tern reports=23 total= 75
Royal Tern reports=29 total= 597
Sandwich Tern reports=14 total= 50
Black Skimmer reports=18 total= 157
Parasitic Jaeger reports=1 total= 1
Rock Pigeon reports=44 total= 239
Eurasian Collared-Dove reports=38 total= 56
White-winged Dove reports=72 total= 227
Mourning Dove reports=161 total= 277
Inca Dove reports=16 total= 35
Monk Parakeet reports=8 total= 38
Yellow-billed Cuckoo reports=16 total= 11
Greater Roadrunner reports=2 total= 1
Eastern Screech-Owl reports=5 total= 6
Great Horned Owl reports=2 total= 4
Barred Owl reports=1 total= 1
owl sp. reports=1 total= 1
Common Nighthawk reports=29 total= 21
Chimney Swift reports=59 total= 374
Ruby-throated Hummingbird reports=35 total= 14
Rufous Hummingbird reports=3 total= 0 Harris County
Belted Kingfisher reports=2 total= 2
Red-headed Woodpecker reports=14 total= 9
Red-bellied Woodpecker reports=85 total= 25
Downy Woodpecker reports=66 total= 17
Northern Flicker reports=1 total= 2
Pileated Woodpecker reports=20 total= 6
Acadian Flycatcher reports=3 total= 2
Least Flycatcher reports=2 total= 2
Great Crested Flycatcher reports=4 total= 4
Great Kiskadee reports=1 total= 1 Texas Point NWR
Western Kingbird reports=4 total= 8
Eastern Kingbird reports=18 total= 29
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher reports=24 total= 18
Loggerhead Shrike reports=42 total= 37
White-eyed Vireo reports=24 total= 20
Red-eyed Vireo reports=4 total= 3
Blue Jay reports=103 total= 38
American Crow reports=49 total= 32
Fish Crow reports=2 total= 2
Horned Lark reports=5 total= 8
Purple Martin reports=74 total= 310
Tree Swallow reports=1 total= 1
Cliff Swallow reports=13 total= 106
Cave Swallow reports=10 total= 18
Barn Swallow reports=52 total= 238
swallow sp. reports=10 total= 81
Carolina Chickadee reports=79 total= 54
Tufted Titmouse reports=38 total= 24
Brown-headed Nuthatch reports=5 total= 3
Carolina Wren reports=87 total= 50
Marsh Wren reports=1 total= 1
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher reports=3 total= 6
Eastern Bluebird reports=6 total= 14
Wood Thrush reports=2 total= 1
American Robin reports=11 total= 7
Gray Catbird reports=1 total= 3 Jefferson County
Northern Mockingbird reports=155 total= 81
European Starling reports=61 total= 325
Northern Parula reports=1 total= 1
Pine Warbler reports=11 total= 21
Black-and-white Warbler reports=6 total= 3
Prothonotary Warbler reports=4 total= 3
Louisiana Waterthrush reports=2 total= 2
Common Yellowthroat reports=2 total= 4
Hooded Warbler reports=4 total= 5
Yellow-breasted Chat reports=1 total= 1
Summer Tanager reports=6 total= 6
Seaside Sparrow reports=4 total= 11
Northern Cardinal reports=143 total= 102
Pyrrhuloxia reports=1 total= 0 George Bush Park / Barker Reservoir
Indigo Bunting reports=2 total= 2
Painted Bunting reports=8 total= 4
Dickcissel reports=1 total= 6
Red-winged Blackbird reports=59 total= 126
Eastern Meadowlark reports=22 total= 31
meadowlark sp. reports=1 total= 0
Common Grackle reports=43 total= 52
Boat-tailed Grackle reports=10 total= 36
Great-tailed Grackle reports=59 total= 162
Bronzed Cowbird reports=2 total= 12
Brown-headed Cowbird reports=28 total= 194
Orchard Oriole reports=17 total= 28
House Finch reports=63 total= 75
House Sparrow reports=77 total= 148
Nutmeg Mannikin reports=1 total= 10

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