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Monthly Meeting: Monday, October 5

Bayland Community Center
6400 Bissonnet, Houston

Learning Corner -- 6:30 p.m. -- Fall Warblers
presented by Don Verser

7:00 p.m. – General Meeting

**Program: Birds of Ecuador --
Seeing Them and Photographing Them**
presented by Gary Clark and Kathy Adams Clark

Gary Clark is a Dean at Lone Star College in Houston, and writes the weekly column "Nature" for the Houston Chronicle. He has published numerous nature articles in such magazines as *AAA Journeys, Birds and Blooms, Birder's World, Living Bird, Rivers, Texas Highways, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Texas Wildlife, and Women in the Outdoors*; and has contributed text to several books. He has won seven writing awards, and is the recipient of the 2004 Excellence in Media Award from the Houston Audubon Society.

Gary has been active in the Houston birding and environmental community for over 30 years. He

founded the Piney Woods Wildlife Society in 1982, and the Texas Coast Rare Bird Alert in 1983. He is a past president of the Houston Audubon Society and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory and Board of Advisors for the Houston Audubon Society. Gary also co-leads bird-photography tours with his wife, professional photographer Kathy Adams Clark.

Kathy Adams Clark has been a professional nature photographer since 1995. She runs a stock agency that represents the work of fifteen outstanding nature photographers. Kathy's work has been published in calendars, books, newspapers and magazines, and her photos appear every week in the "Nature" column written for the *Houston Chronicle* by her husband, Gary Clark. Kathy and Gary currently have two books on the market and three in the works that combine their photography and writing skills.

Kathy teaches photography through Leisure Learning in Houston and at local and national events. She will lead photo workshops to Ireland, Costa Rica and Ecuador through Strabo Tours. Kathy is Past-President of the North American Nature Photography Association.

The Clarks' presentation is sure to include lots of incredible Ecuadorian bird photos by Kathy Adams Clark, along with some tips for bird photographers, plus fascinating birding tales from Ecuador by Gary Clark.

Other Events

- Oct. 10: Beginning Birder Trip (#2)**
Jesse Jones Park (led by Sheena Humbird)
- Oct. 17: Monthly OG Field Trip**
Palmetto State Park (Dwayne Rogers)
- 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, September 14, 2009
Bayland Community Center
Number of Attendees: 56**

1. **Learning Corner:** Pam Smolen introduced Bill Eley from the Houston Arboretum and Nature Center. Bill Eley presented the program *The Other Flycatchers*. He discussed ways of identifying the birds in the different flycatcher groups through comparisons and similarities. Birds' calls are also used as a way of identification. Bill mentioned that there are many new forms of information that may be used other than the field guides. Photos were shown by Greg Lavaty and Joe Kennedy to emphasize the differences in the flycatchers' characteristics. Online resources for bird photos include: Flickr; Pbase; Google Images and Greg Lavaty's website.

2. **Sightings:** Recent bird sightings included Baltimore Oriole, Canada Warbler, Blue Grosbeak, Black-and-white Warbler at Armand Bayou; 30 Wood Storks at El Franco Lee Park; and at Brazos Bend State Park a Least Grebe with 5 chicks.

3. **Minutes:** Minutes from the August 3, 2009 meeting were approved as printed in *The Spoonbill*.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Jerry Stanislav reported on the budget that our account balance is \$9,794.79.

5. **Library:** Deborah Valdez has updated the book list on the OG web site. She reminded members to return books that have been checked out.

6. **Spoonbill:** Al Shultz reported that the items for the next issue will be due by the end of the current week.

7. **Membership:** Cindy Douglass, filling in for Margret Simmons, reminded members to sign in.

8. **Announcements:** Pam Smolen mentioned the 2009 Hummer/Bird Celebration will be this month. Gulf Coast Bird Observatory will be having Hawk Watch at Smith Point. The Galveston Bay

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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Foundation's quarterly meeting will present Dr. John Anderson and a discussion of the Ike Dike.

9. **Past Field Trips:** Adam Wood reported that on the August 15 field trip to Quintana, 22 people attended and 44 bird species were seen, including Red Knots, terns and some Laughing Gulls; the number of gulls was low. The Beginning Birding trip on September 12 was led by Bob and Maggie Honig. The highlights were seeing a Groove-billed Ani and many Dickcissels.

10. **Future Field Trips:** September 19 Field Trip is to the Big Thicket. Details are on the OG website. There are 5 spots left. The fee is \$20 but may be higher if fewer than 15 people attend. The Quarterly Field Trip to Northeast Texas will be October 29 - November 1. Kevin Poling will be assisting on this trip. The trip will be led by Dell Little and D.D. Currie of Fort Worth Audubon. Adam is working out details for hotel reservations. The Winter Quarterly Field Trip will be from January 31 to February 7, 2010, to Washington and British Columbia. Bob Sundstrom will be leading and Adam will be the second leader. The limit is 14 people. Information for the trip is on the OG website.

11. **Program:** John Schneider introduced Bob Honig, who presented the program, "Two Weeks in Trinidad and Tobago." In June of 2005, Bob and his

wife Maggie led the Houston Audubon tour to Trinidad and Tobago. In Tobago they were able to observe bird species such as the Magnificent Frigatebird, Rufous-vented Chachalaca and Tropical Mockingbird. Laughing Gulls are the common gull there. The Blue-Backed Manakin can only be seen in the Forest Reserve of Tobago. In Trinidad, the Asa Wright Nature Centre has many varieties of tropical vegetation and a great diversity of wildlife; besides birds, a variety of frogs, moths and spiders were also seen. At night, Oilbirds fly long distances from their nesting cave. At dawn the Ferruginus Pygmy Owl, Spectacled Owl, Common

Potoo and Blue-crowned Motmot can be heard. Feeders below the verandah attract Bananaquits and Copper-rumped Hummingbirds, and the Tufted Coquette hummingbird appears at flowers nearby. The Bearded Bellbird is said to have the loudest song of any bird in the world. Excursions to other Trinidad sites included a sunset trip through mangrove swamps to see the Scarlet Ibis.

-- Lenore Alfredson, OG Secretary

Monthly Field Trip: Palmetto State Park

October 17, 2009

8:00 a.m. at Parking Lot at Entrance to Palmetto State Park

For this month's trip we will be headed out west to Palmetto State Park, and Dwayne Rogers will be our guide. As a native Texan, Dwayne has been birding the great state for 20 years. He served as the compiler for Palmetto State Park Christmas Bird Count for several years in the 1990's and just recently picked it back up as the compiler last year. He has served on the Boards of both Travis Audubon and Houston Audubon. He has participated in several Great Texas Birding Classics. He currently works for Harris County as an Environmental Planner for the Public Infrastructure Department. He is familiar with the park and knows the best spots to find birds. We will still be on the hunt for neotropical migrants, especially the songbirds (warblers and vireos) coming through as well as some of the winter residents that may already be in (sandpipers, any early arriving ducks and sparrows).

Palmetto State Park, named for the tropical Dwarf Palmetto plant, is located in Gonzales County, northwest of Gonzales and southeast of Luling. The park comprises 270.3 acres and abuts the San Marcos River and also has a 4-acre oxbow lake. The land was acquired by deeds from private owners and the City of Gonzales in 1934 - 1936 and was opened in 1936. The beautiful stone buildings in the park were constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) during the 1930s. The park, located on The Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail, has long been noted as a birding "hot spot." Over 240 species of birds have been observed within the park's boundaries. Some of the birds most often spotted include the Crested Caracara, Prothonotary Warbler, and Red-shouldered Hawk.

Directions: We will meet in the parking lot at the entrance to the State Park at 8:00 a.m. From Houston, take I-10 West to Luling, and go six miles southeast of Luling on US 183, then southwest on Park Road 11 for two miles. The address for the park is: 78 Park Road 11 South, Gonzales, TX 78629-5180.

Be sure to bring: \$3 for entrance fee, binoculars, spotting scope if you have one and wish to bring it, camera, snacks, water, hat, sunscreen, rain gear in case it rains, and bug spray.

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

Beginning Birder Trip 2: Jesse Jones Park

October 10, 2009
Jesse Jones Park Parking Lot
7:00 a.m.

Are you a beginning birder? Are you interested in finding out more about what goes on during our field trips before joining us on our regular monthly trips? If so, then this trip is for you -- you'll have the opportunity to improve your birding skills in a low-pressure environment. If you missed last month's beginning birder trip, you will not want to miss this one, because it is the second and last trip in the new member/beginning birder trip series. Last month's trip was to the Katy Prairie where we were birding in an open grassland ecosystem with some scattered non-forested emergent wetlands. This month we are birding in a forested habitat, where it is more difficult to find and see birds. This trip will be a good chance for everybody to practice their bird song identification skills because we will have to rely on our bird song identification skills to generate a good bird list for the day. You more often hear birds than see them in a densely forested habitat. This trip is sponsored by [Jesse Jones Park](#) and is part of its Early Birds program. The program will be led by Sheena Humbird, the park naturalist.

Sheena received her Master's in biology from Sam Houston State University in December 2006. Her research focused on the mating systems of Northern Cardinals. During her time at SHSU she became a full-time birder. She helped Huntsville Audubon with Christmas Bird Counts every year, and took many trips to see birds. She started work at Jesse H. Jones Park and Nature Center in July 2007, where she offers educational presentations on birds and other topics, leads nature walks and bird walks, and keeps track of the various birds in the park.

Jones Park is located in northeast Harris County and contains bottomland hardwood-pine forest plants and wildlife. The park has over 300 fenced acres and more than one-half mile of frontage on Spring Creek. Cypress ponds, which are scattered in a west-to-east drainage pattern that roughly parallels the creek, contain some of the largest baldcypress trees anywhere near Houston. Huge, ancient magnolias give more character to the forest. Loblolly pines, water oaks, and sweet-gum trees dominate among the tall trees, and yaupons and ironwoods in the understory.

Come out and join naturalist Sheena Humbird for an early morning walk on what should be a lovely fall day to view some of the birds found in the park. It should be a memorable experience.

Directions: From Houston, take I-59 north to the FM-1960/HUMBLE/FM-1960-BR exit. Turn left onto FM 1960A BR/W 1ST ST/OLD FM-1960 and go about 1.7 miles to Kenswick Drive. Take a right on Kenswick Drive and after 1.5 miles Kenswick Drive will dead end at the parking lot for Jesse Jones Park. It will take approximately ½ hour to get there from Downtown Houston, so I suggest leaving around 6:30 a.m. or earlier if you live farther away.

Be sure to bring: binoculars, a hat, sunscreen, scope, camera, raingear (in case it rains, we will bird rain or shine), water and snacks if you would like.

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



A Chance to Own a Spectacular Photograph

Gwen Kunz, a longtime OG member, has very generously donated a photograph by John Tveten to the OG, which we are pleased to offer by raffle. Tickets will be sold at \$5 each or 5 for \$20 from now until the December meeting, when the winning ticket will be chosen by drawing. You need not be present to win! Money from ticket sales will go toward OG speakers and programs.

“Eastern Screech-Owls” measures 14 x 17 inches and is signed and framed by the artist. John laminated the print and matte on hardwood which he stained. Bring cash or checks (made out to OG) and tickets to the next OG meeting, or mail to:

Jerry Stanislav, OG Treasurer
23 Paddington Court
Conroe, TX 77384

Raffle Ticket (\$5 each – 5 for \$20)

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Eastern Screech-Owl

October kicks off the raffle of John Tveten's Eastern Screech-Owl photograph. The photograph was generously donated by long time OG member Gwen Kunz. (See page 5 for more on the raffle.)

I thought I would take this opportunity to share a few interesting facts I discovered about the life of the Eastern Screech-Owl. Yes, I'm writing about something besides Chimney Swifts!

Eastern Screech-Owls are a common, permanent resident over much of the east. They may wander in the fall and winter. Russ Pitman Park in Bellaire regularly has Eastern Screech-Owls nesting in nest boxes in the spring. Man-made nest boxes have helped prevent the decline of this species. The Eastern Screech-Owl likes habitat that has a mix of large trees and open ground. They have whinnies and soft trills, but no screech.

Screech-owls have a wide variation in their diet from large insects to small rodents. They eat beetles, moths, crickets, and cockroaches. Their prey can include bats, squirrels, small birds, frogs, lizards, earthworms, crayfish, and even small fish. They locate prey by sound and sight. Screech-owls hunt mainly from perches, but they will catch flying insects on the wing. Predators of screech-owls include other species of owls, crows, Blue Jays, raccoons, and snakes.

Incubation is mostly by the female. The male will bring food to the female during this time. Both parents bring food to the young. Adults may bring live Blind Snakes to the nest. The small, wormlike snakes will burrow in the debris in the bottom of the nest cavity and feed on insects. The young screech-owls will leave the nest about 4 weeks after hatching. The adults continue to feed the fledglings after they leave the nest.

Thanks for supporting the raffle! The drawing will be held in December. I know the winner will enjoy the photograph.

-- Pam Smolen, OG Chairperson

Clearing House -- August 2009

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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.

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck reports=80
total= 414
Fulvous Whistling-Duck reports=3 total= 18
Muscovy Duck (Domestic type) reports=2
total= 15
Wood Duck reports=3 total= 30
Mallard (Domestic type) reports=9 total=
19
Mottled Duck reports=22 total= 68
Blue-winged Teal reports=4 total= 56
Northern Bobwhite reports=9 total= 17

Pied-billed Grebe reports=18 total= 22
American White Pelican reports=5 total=
40
Brown Pelican reports=52 total= 715
Neotropic Cormorant reports=53 total= 90
**Double-crested Cormorant reports=2
total= 2 Galveston Island**
Anhinga reports=12 total= 35
Magnificent Frigatebird reports=15 total=
42
Least Bittern reports=1 total= 1

Great Blue Heron reports=82 total= 37
Great Egret reports=143 total= 139
Snowy Egret reports=122 total= 253
Little Blue Heron reports=92 total= 76
Tricolored Heron reports=96 total= 77
Reddish Egret reports=24 total= 26
Cattle Egret reports=74 total= 2,376
Green Heron reports=82 total= 71
Black-crowned Night-Heron reports=17
total= 22

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron reports=72 total= 61
 White Ibis reports=91 total= 296
Glossy Ibis reports=1 total= 1 Robbins Park (Smith Point)
 White-faced Ibis reports=22 total= 160
 Roseate Spoonbill reports=55 total= 242
 Wood Stork reports=17 total= 78
 Black Vulture reports=43 total= 93
 Turkey Vulture reports=56 total= 61
 Osprey reports=5 total= 6
 White-tailed Kite reports=3 total= 2
 Mississippi Kite reports=28 total= 26
 Northern Harrier reports=6 total= 5
Sharp-shinned Hawk reports=1 total= 3 Baytown Nature Center
 Cooper's Hawk reports=5 total= 4
 Red-shouldered Hawk reports=33 total= 9
 Broad-winged Hawk reports=3 total= 4
 Swainson's Hawk reports=13 total= 12
 White-tailed Hawk reports=5 total= 5
 Red-tailed Hawk reports=21 total= 16
 Buteo sp. reports=2 total= 2
 hawk sp. reports=1 total= 1
 Crested Caracara reports=14 total= 7
 American Kestrel reports=1 total= 1
 Clapper Rail reports=15 total= 10
 Purple Gallinule reports=12 total= 17
 Common Moorhen reports=25 total= 125
 American Coot reports=9 total= 11
 Black-bellied Plover reports=26 total= 25
American Golden-Plover reports=2 total= 2 San Luis Pass
 Snowy Plover reports=4 total= 16
 Wilson's Plover reports=18 total= 58
 Semipalmated Plover reports=26 total= 50
 Piping Plover reports=16 total= 45
 Killdeer reports=92 total= 236
 American Oystercatcher reports=5 total= 9
 Black-necked Stilt reports=70 total= 377
 American Avocet reports=7 total= 12
 Spotted Sandpiper reports=44 total= 27
 Solitary Sandpiper reports=14 total= 6
 Greater Yellowlegs reports=48 total= 49
 Willet reports=43 total= 99
 Lesser Yellowlegs reports=35 total= 64
 Upland Sandpiper reports=4 total= 7
Whimbrel reports=3 total= 2 Big Reef (Galveston), Brazoria NWR
 Long-billed Curlew reports=11 total= 15
 Marbled Godwit reports=11 total= 55
 Ruddy Turnstone reports=26 total= 62
 Red Knot reports=5 total= 11
 Sanderling reports=31 total= 263
 Semipalmated Sandpiper reports=35 total= 104
 Western Sandpiper reports=26 total= 115
 Least Sandpiper reports=51 total= 716
 Baird's Sandpiper reports=6 total= 8
 Pectoral Sandpiper reports=4 total= 9
Dunlin reports=2 total= 3 Quintana Island, Freeport Storm Levee
 Stilt Sandpiper reports=17 total= 15
 Buff-breasted Sandpiper reports=11 total= 43
 Short-billed Dowitcher reports=6 total= 14
 Long-billed Dowitcher reports=15 total= 110

Short-billed/Long-billed Dowitcher reports=11 total= 20
 Wilson's Phalarope reports=8 total= 86
 Laughing Gull reports=109 total= 1,405
 Ring-billed Gull reports=7 total= 11
 Herring Gull reports=1 total= 1
Lesser Black-backed Gull reports=1 total= 1 San Luis Pass
Glaucon Gull reports=3 total= 1 Big Reef (Galveston), Apffel Park
 Least Tern reports=34 total= 317
 Gull-billed Tern reports=8 total= 6
 Caspian Tern reports=11 total= 38
 Black Tern reports=34 total= 1,760
 Common Tern reports=8 total= 16
 Forster's Tern reports=22 total= 237
 Royal Tern reports=37 total= 412
 Sandwich Tern reports=15 total= 33
 Black Skimmer reports=22 total= 272
 Rock Pigeon reports=66 total= 249
 African Collared-Dove reports=1 total= 1
 Eurasian Collared-Dove reports=51 total= 71
 White-winged Dove reports=92 total= 450
 Mourning Dove reports=222 total= 439
 Inca Dove reports=12 total= 12
 Monk Parakeet reports=9 total= 39
 Barred Parakeet reports=1 total= 1
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo reports=7 total= 8
 Eastern Screech-Owl reports=4 total= 3
 Great Horned Owl reports=7 total= 4
 Barred Owl reports=1 total= 1
 Common Nighthawk reports=50 total= 31
 Chuck-will's-widow reports=1 total= 1
 Chimney Swift reports=74 total= 1,870
 Ruby-throated Hummingbird reports=104 total= 66
Broad-tailed Hummingbird reports=2 total= 1 Kleb Woods
 Selasphorus sp. reports=1 total= 2
 hummingbird sp. reports=1 total= 1
 Belted Kingfisher reports=12 total= 5
 Red-headed Woodpecker reports=16 total= 15
 Red-bellied Woodpecker reports=102 total= 48
 Downy Woodpecker reports=80 total= 35
Northern Flicker reports=3 total= 2 Houston 11th St Park
 Pileated Woodpecker reports=27 total= 11
 Olive-sided Flycatcher reports=3 total= 2
 Eastern Wood-Pewee reports=15 total= 12
 Yellow-bellied Flycatcher reports=1 total= 1
 Alder Flycatcher reports=2 total= 3
 Alder/Willow Flycatcher (Traill's) reports=1 total= 2
 Least Flycatcher reports=2 total= 5
 Empidonax sp. reports=7 total= 7
 Great Crested Flycatcher reports=22 total= 7
 Western Kingbird reports=1 total= 4
 Eastern Kingbird reports=24 total= 47
 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher reports=15 total= 11
 Loggerhead Shrike reports=65 total= 22
 White-eyed Vireo reports=18 total= 28
 Yellow-throated Vireo reports=1 total= 1
Warbling Vireo reports=1 total= 1 Barker Reservoir

Red-eyed Vireo reports=2 total= 2
 Blue Jay reports=140 total= 68
 American Crow reports=74 total= 32
 Horned Lark reports=9 total= 26
 Purple Martin reports=40 total= 78
 Tree Swallow reports=3 total= 11
 Northern Rough-winged Swallow reports=3 total= 13
 Bank Swallow reports=5 total= 5
 Cliff Swallow reports=9 total= 16
 Cave Swallow reports=7 total= 23
 Barn Swallow reports=77 total= 279
 swallow sp. reports=18 total= 91
 Carolina Chickadee reports=89 total= 83
 Tufted Titmouse reports=48 total= 20
Brown-headed Nuthatch reports=2 total= 6 Kleb Woods
 Carolina Wren reports=85 total= 61
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher reports=57 total= 577
 Eastern Bluebird reports=4 total= 7
 American Robin reports=25 total= 61
Gray Catbird reports=1 total= 1 Kleb Woods
 Northern Mockingbird reports=195 total= 108
 European Starling reports=96 total= 699
 Blue-winged Warbler reports=2 total= 2
 Yellow Warbler reports=17 total= 26
 Pine Warbler reports=8 total= 23
 Black-and-white Warbler reports=11 total= 13
 Prothonotary Warbler reports=3 total= 5
 Northern Waterthrush reports=1 total= 2
 Louisiana Waterthrush reports=6 total= 6
 Common Yellowthroat reports=7 total= 12
 Hooded Warbler reports=1 total= 2
Wilson's Warbler reports=6 total= 5 Sea Center Texas
 Canada Warbler reports=1 total= 1
 Yellow-breasted Chat reports=7 total= 4
 warbler sp. reports=2 total= 2
 Summer Tanager reports=6 total= 4
 Seaside Sparrow reports=6 total= 5
 Northern Cardinal reports=151 total= 146
 Blue Grosbeak reports=3 total= 4
 Indigo Bunting reports=2 total= 2
 Painted Bunting reports=8 total= 4
 Dickcissel reports=6 total= 78
 Red-winged Blackbird reports=31 total= 263
 Eastern Meadowlark reports=25 total= 49
 Common Grackle reports=28 total= 57
 Boat-tailed Grackle reports=14 total= 63
 Great-tailed Grackle reports=93 total= 275
Bronzed Cowbird reports=2 total= 2 Freeport
 Brown-headed Cowbird reports=6 total= 108
 Orchard Oriole reports=26 total= 32
 Baltimore Oriole reports=2 total= 2
 blackbird sp. reports=1 total= 3
 House Finch reports=35 total= 27
 House Sparrow reports=86 total= 258
 Zebra Finch reports=1 total= 1
 Nutmeg Mannikin reports=1 total= 15

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