



# The Spoonbill

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## Monthly Meeting: Monday, November 2

Bayland Community Center  
6400 Bissonnet, Houston

### Learning Corner -- 6:30 p.m.

**Melospiza Sparrows**  
(Song, Swamp, Lincoln's)  
presented by Glenn Olsen

### 7:00 p.m. – General Meeting

**Program: Wingbeats Over Texas**  
**--A Montage of Many Birds in Motion**  
presented by Malcolm Mark Swan

Malcolm will present a lively array of video clips of Texas birds, with a sprinkling of some Texas wannabes (those not yet on the list).

Malcolm began birding around 1963, learning songs and calls by hunting down noisy birds, one by one, over and over, to commit them to memory. Malcolm coordinated a Spring Count for 20 years in Illinois, ran 48 Breeding Bird Surveys from 1983 to 1998, and

co-authored the Louisiana Breeding Bird Atlas. After 30+ years of such "normal" birding, Malcolm began videotaping birds to share what he was seeing. Between the late 1990's and now, he has amassed 10,000 clips of about 1000 species, virtually all shot on weekends or vacations from work. He shows his videos for free at <http://www.manybirds.com> in partnership with the Internet Bird Collection.

Setting up a tripod and maneuvering a camera and lens for good shots doesn't stop Malcolm from calling out and pointing out birds to strangers. He just hopes that people will return the favor (female Black-throated Blue Warbler, please). However, he hasn't yet admitted to his wife Ruth that he hopes to record behaviors of every species in the lower 48 states, plus some. Vacations have taken the Swans to places like Oaxaca, Warbler Woods, Machias Seal Island, and the Huachucas - instead of Paris, Cancun, the Pyramids, and the Louvre.

Until recently, Malcolm's day job was at at The Nature Conservancy, a 17-year stint. The last 7 years were in San Antonio, where he used GIS software to map places to protect plants and animals.

## Other Events

**Oct. 29 - Nov. 1: Quarterly OG Field Trip**  
NE Texas (Greenville, Dallas, L. Tawakoni)

**Nov. 21: Monthly OG Field Trip**  
Huntsville State Park with Rick Bello

**Dec. 7: Monthly OG Meeting**  
Whooping Cranes (Tonya Nix, Aransas NWR)

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**Ornithology Group,  
Houston Outdoor Nature Club  
Minutes of Meeting  
Monday, October 5, 2009  
Bayland Community Center  
Number of Attendees: 65**

1. **Learning Corner:** Don Verser discussed Fall Warblers with the aid of his Fall Landbird Migration records. This information is available on the Houston Audubon website in an Excel spreadsheet. The second week in August usually starts the season, with the first few days of October being the best time for sightings of migrants on the coast. Don recommended the Peterson Field Guide, *Warblers*, by Jon Dunn and Kimball Garrett.
2. **Sightings:** Don Verser reported seeing 18 species of warblers, Summer Tanagers, a male Painted Bunting and Ruby-crowned Kinglets on the coast. At Brazos Bend State Park: Least Grebes with 5 chicks, 30-40 Wood Ducks and a Vermilion Flycatcher. Wood Storks were seen on the Katy Prairie, and White-fronted Geese and Northern Harriers at Smith Point. About 2,000 Swifts can still be seen in Sugarland at the Imperial Sugar Refinery.
3. **Minutes:** Minutes from the September 14, 2009 meeting were approved as printed in the *Spoonbill*.
4. **Raffle:** Pam Smolen announced an opportunity to own the John Tveten "Eastern Screech-Owls" photograph. Tickets will be available at the meetings in October, November and December before the winner is announced at the December meeting. Tickets are also in the *Spoonbill* and may be mailed to Jerry Stanislav.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Jerry Stanislav reported that the OG account balance is \$9,618.00.
6. **Library:** Deborah Valdez reported the the OG has 2 warbler books available and will purchase the Peterson Field Guide *Warblers* that was mentioned by Don Verser..
7. **Spoonbill:** Al Shultz reported that the *Spoonbill* was late getting out this month, and there was a problem getting it uploaded to the website. Items for the next issue will be due by October 15.

**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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8. **Membership:** Margret Simmons reminded everyone to sign in. A few extra copies of the *Outdoor Nature Club Yearbook* were still available.
9. **Announcements:** Pam Smolen mentioned the Bird Illustration class with Dr. John O'Neill at the Houston Arboretum and Nature Center. Dr. O'Neill will sign copies of his book, *Great Texas Birds*, on October 31 from 12:00-1:00 p.m. at the Arboretum Gift Shop.
10. **Past Field Trips:** Kevin Poling reported on the September 19, 2009 field trip to the Big Thicket. The trip was led by Darrell Vollert to Village Creek State Park and Tyrrell Park observing migrants.
11. **Future Field Trips:** The second Beginning Birder Trip is Saturday, October 10, at Jesse Jones Park. Sheena Humbird, the park naturalist, will be leading the trip. The Monthly Field Trip will be to Palmetto State Park on October 17 for neotropical migrants. The Quarterly Field Trip to northeast Texas has 5 openings available. Adam Wood will post information on the OG website next week. The Winter Quarterly trip to Washington may be cancelled if there is no interest. Full payment is due by October 31st. to hold a spot.
12. **Program:** John Schneider introduced Kathy Adams Clark, who presented the program "Birds of Ecuador." Kathy teaches photography and has been a professional nature photographer since 1995; Kathy and her husband Gary Clark write the "Nature"

column in the *Houston Chronicle*. The four birding areas of Ecuador are Paramo, a sub-Alpine zone near the city of Quito; Papallacta, the pass through the Andes to the Amazon; the low area of the Amazon; and Mindo Valley. Yanachocha Reserve outside of Quito is 11,000 feet high. Hummingbird feeders are along a 3 mile road with a variety of birds including the Rainbow-bearded Thornbill and the Great Sapphirewing Hummingbird. The Mindo Valley is more tropical and is a good place to bird. Twenty to thirty species of Hummingbirds can be seen including the Booted Racket-tail, Violet-tailed Sylph and the Rufous-tailed Hummingbird. There are many Tanagers in this area. Other birds are the Andean Cock-of-the-rock, Yellow-breasted and Giant Antpittas. Papallacta is 13,000 feet in elevation which is above the tree line. The many

species of birds in this region include Sword-billed Hummingbird with a bill that is 4" long and a body 3" long, The Buff-winged Starfrontlet and the Long-tailed Sylph. Antisana, a tundra region, is 11,000-18,000 feet high. The Andean Condor can be found here. The Carunculated Caracara and the Yellow-billed Pintail were also sighted. Napo, the Amazonian region, has much bird life. Traveling down the Napo River by canoe, Scarlet Macaws, Swallow-tailed Kites and a diversity of wildlife was observed. E-mail Kathy for Lodge information. A brochure was available for Photo Tours led by Kathy Adams Clark and Gary Clark. Kathy recommended the book, *Birds of Ecuador, A Field Guide*, by Paul Greenfield and Robert Ridgely.

-- Lenore Alfredson, OG Secretary

## **Monthly Field Trip: Huntsville State Park**

**November 21, 2009**

**Entrance Kiosk Parking Lot, 8:00 a.m.**

For this month's trip we will be headed up to Huntsville State Park. Local Rick Bello will once again be our guide for the trip. 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, near the western edge of the Southern Pine Belt. Over the years 230 species of birds have been observed in the park and a checklist is available from the park's website.

Last time we were here it was during the tail end of spring migration. Now we are visiting the park at the end of fall migration and the start of winter, so we will have a different experience this time around. We will be in search of wintering species like geese, ducks, raptors, wrens and especially sparrows instead of neotropical migrants. We of course will be on the lookout for any lingering or possible overwintering warblers and vireos as well. A few species that we will be especially on the lookout for are Wood Duck, Canvasback, American Goldeneye, Bufflehead, Eared Grebe, Hairy Woodpecker, Red-breasted, White-breasted and Brown-headed Nuthatches, Winter Wren, Dark-eyed Junco, and Pine Siskin. Many of these species are much less common in our neck of the woods (the Upper Texas Coast). This should be a great trip and the weather should be nice to allow those that wish to spend all day birding in and around the park. So come out and join us on what should be a nice fall day.

**Directions:** We will be meeting in the parking lot at the Entrance Kiosk to the park at 8:00 a.m. To get there, take I-45 North out of Houston to Park Road 40 (Exit 109) in Huntsville. Take a left (southwest) on Park Road 40 and go six miles to the park entrance parking lot.

**Be sure to bring:** \$4 dollars for the entrance fee, 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](mailto:birdsondabrain@earthlink.net), 713-515-1692

## Winter Quarterly Trip: Washington and British Columbia

JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 7, 2010

Exceptional winter birding – great variety, spectacular numbers, rarities – can be found each year in northwestern Washington and nearby British Columbia. The climate is mild for the latitude, and food resources for birds of prey, diving birds, and waterfowl are rich. Impressive arrays of raptors hunt the river deltas along the north Sound. Hundreds of Bald Eagles are seen on the tour. Peregrine Falcons and Merlins are regular and we will make a special effort to track down one of the small number of Gyrfalcons that typically winter here. Handsome Rough-legged Hawks and Northern Shrikes perch low over the fields, and the abundance of Northern Harriers and Red-tailed Hawks is striking. The snow-capped peaks of the Olympic Mountains form a majestic backdrop and limit precipitation in the heart of this excellent birding area.

The Short-eared Owl fly moth-like above the expansive river deltas; Snowy Owls are irruptive—present some winters in numbers and absent other years; Northern Saw-whet are seen on most tours and other owls are possible – including Long-eared, Barn, and sometimes Northern Pygmy, usually on day roosts. Flocks of hundreds of Trumpeter and Tundra swans whiten the winter fields, Snow Geese form tight masses of more than 25,000 birds, and Eurasian Wigeons are sprinkled through nearly every large flock of American Wigeons. The deep bays host large rafts of sea ducks and Pacific Loons; Ancient and Marbled murrelets share tide rips; and Harlequin Ducks, Barrow's Goldeneyes, and Long-tailed Ducks are in top plumage, among over 30 species of waterfowl typical in winter. Rocky shores are home to flocks of Black Turnstones, often mixed with some Surfbirds, and raucous Black Oystercatchers.

Throughout the trip we will have ready access to the excellent, varied cuisine of the Pacific Northwest. Ferry crossings pass through scenic inland marine waters and offer more chances to look for seabirds. We'll ferry to Vancouver Island in British Columbia to find Sky Larks in their only North American location. Past tour sightings have included such rarities as Arctic Loon, Northern Hawk Owl, Great Gray Owl, Xantus' Hummingbird, Dusky Thrush, Falcated Teal, Tufted Duck, Emperor Goose, King Eider, Slaty-backed Gull, and Brambling, although no one rarity can be predicted for the upcoming tour. Among the many other likely birds are Brant, Cackling Goose, Black Oystercatcher, Thayer's Gull, Mew Gull, Glaucous Gull (some years), Marbled Murrelet, Northwestern Crow, Varied Thrush, Chestnut-backed Chickadees, Anna's Hummingbird, Hutton's Vireo, and Golden-crowned and "Sooty" Fox sparrows.

### ITINERARY:

January 31, Day 1: Arrival in Seattle.

February 1-3, Day 2-4: North Puget Sound and the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

February 4-6, Days 5-7: Vancouver and Victoria, British Columbia.

February 7, Day 8: Last morning of birding before departures from Seattle.

**TOUR LEADERS:** Bob Sundstrom from Victor Emanuel Nature Tours (VENT) and Adam Wood from the Houston O.G.

**FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** The fee for the tour is now **\$2240** per person in double occupancy from Seattle, WA. This includes all meals from dinner on Day 1 to breakfast on Day 8, accommodations as stated in the itinerary, ground transportation during the tour, gratuities, and guide services provided by the tour leaders. It does not include airfare from your home to Seattle and return, airport departure taxes, alcoholic beverages, special gratuities, phone calls, laundry, or items of a personal nature. The single supplement for this tour is **\$450**.

**TOUR REGISTRATION:** To register for this tour, please contact the VENT office. The deposit for this tour is **\$300** per person.

**For more information:** see the [OG website](#), or contact Adam.

~Adam Wood, OG Field Trip Coordinator, 713-515-1692, [birdsondabrain@earthlink.net](mailto: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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## John Tveten: A Celebration of Life

“People making a difference for birds” is the theme of the Fall 2009 issue of the magazine for the American Bird Conservancy. This timely theme is important to me and was on my mind as a topic for this month. George Fenwick writes: “Often, conservation begins with the interests of one dedicated person, determined to make her or his ideas count.” I think we can all agree that John Tveten made a difference for birds, nature, and conservation.

While I did not know John personally, I was fortunate enough to attend several of his and Gloria’s outstanding presentations. I have always admired the fact that he went from being a chemist to being a naturalist. I’ve enjoyed the information others have shared with the birding community. I hope you do not mind if I share a few of them with you, since they spoke with more eloquence and knowledge than I can.

Gary Clark stated, “John was among the greatest of naturalists ever to [have] trod the earth. His knowledge was encyclopedic, and his generosity in sharing that knowledge was without equal. Through his newspaper columns, his many books, and his informative and engaging presentations, we all learned an immeasurable amount about birds, butterflies, moths, wildflowers, and countless other wonders of the natural world. Moreover, we were always inspired by his endless curiosity and enthusiasm.”

David Dauphin’s and Tom Collins’ comments show the wonderful results of John’s enthusiasm and knowledge. David notes, “John got Jan and [me] to appreciate all aspects of nature.” Tom writes, “John and Gloria were the reason I returned to birding after leaving it as a teenager. They were also responsible for getting Sherry interested in birds. John gave a birding talk at the Brazosport Museum in the 70s. It was attended by several folks who all became friends and later formed the Brazosport Birders.”

While we have heavy hearts over this great loss, we should also remember the joy and enthusiasm for nature that John brought to all of us. John’s family has asked that in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Armand Bayou Nature Center or the conservation organization of choice.

-- Pam Smolen, OG Chairperson

*(A celebration of John Tveten’s life is scheduled for October 29 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Armand Bayou Nature Center. -- Editor)*

### Clearing House -- September 2009

David Sarkozi 713-412-4409 [david@sarkozi.net](mailto:david@sarkozi.net)

This is a summary of birds for the Upper Texas Coast (Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, and Jefferson Counties) reported to [eBird.org](http://eBird.org). Unusual birds are in bold. There were 226 species reported for September 2009 from 528 checklists. For some species, reports exceed totals because some lists have species as “present” rather than by number.

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck reports=78 total= 463  
Muscovy Duck (Domestic type) reports=8 total= 20  
Muscovy Duck x Mallard (Domestic type) reports=1 total= 2  
Wood Duck reports=21 total= 49  
Mallard (Domestic type) reports=11 total= 34  
Mottled Duck reports=39 total= 52  
Blue-winged Teal reports=57 total= 183  
Northern Shoveler reports=3 total= 1

Green-winged Teal reports=1 total= 15  
duck sp. reports=3 total= 150  
Northern Bobwhite reports=4 total= 16  
Least Grebe reports=6 total= 21  
Pied-billed Grebe reports=36 total= 160  
American White Pelican reports=16 total= 227  
Brown Pelican reports=49 total= 669  
Neotropic Cormorant reports=68 total= 116  
Double-crested Cormorant reports=19 total= 41  
cormorant sp. reports=3 total= 9

Anhinga reports=30 total= 754  
Magnificent Frigatebird reports=24 total= 14  
Least Bittern reports=3 total= 1  
Great Blue Heron reports=109 total= 49  
Great Egret reports=188 total= 286  
Snowy Egret reports=167 total= 172  
Little Blue Heron reports=98 total= 48  
Tricolored Heron reports=106 total= 80  
Reddish Egret reports=28 total= 19  
Cattle Egret reports=92 total= 675

white egret sp. reports=1 total= 2  
 Green Heron reports=48 total= 30  
 Black-crowned Night-Heron reports=18 total= 16  
 Yellow-crowned Night-Heron reports=72 total= 30  
 White Ibis reports=113 total= 1,197  
 Glossy Ibis reports=2 total= 2  
 White-faced Ibis reports=28 total= 53  
 Roseate Spoonbill reports=56 total= 183  
 Wood Stork reports=39 total= 768  
 Black Vulture reports=77 total= 151  
 Turkey Vulture reports=108 total= 121  
 Osprey reports=37 total= 10  
 Swallow-tailed Kite reports=1 total= 1  
 White-tailed Kite reports=4 total= 4  
 Mississippi Kite reports=28 total= 161  
 Bald Eagle reports=2 total= 1  
 Northern Harrier reports=13 total= 4  
 Sharp-shinned Hawk reports=17 total= 19  
 Cooper's Hawk reports=35 total= 28  
 Accipiter sp. reports=2 total= 2  
 Red-shouldered Hawk reports=69 total= 18  
 Broad-winged Hawk reports=27 total= 3,552  
 Swainson's Hawk reports=12 total= 5  
 White-tailed Hawk reports=8 total= 6  
 Red-tailed Hawk reports=43 total= 22  
 Buteo sp. reports=1 total= 1  
 Crested Caracara reports=15 total= 10  
 American Kestrel reports=20 total= 11  
 Merlin reports=4 total= 1  
 Peregrine Falcon reports=6 total= 4  
 Clapper Rail reports=10 total= 13  
 King Rail reports=2 total= 1  
 Virginia Rail reports=1 total= 1  
 Purple Gallinule reports=8 total= 36  
 Common Moorhen reports=32 total= 319  
 American Coot reports=12 total= 35  
 Black-bellied Plover reports=25 total= 47  
**American Golden-Plover reports=1 total= 0**  
**Bolivar Flats**  
 Snowy Plover reports=2 total= 2  
 Wilson's Plover reports=2 total= 16  
 Semipalmated Plover reports=16 total= 24  
 Piping Plover reports=14 total= 24  
 Killdeer reports=108 total= 251  
 American Oystercatcher reports=15 total= 38  
 Black-necked Stilt reports=52 total= 143  
 American Avocet reports=12 total= 15  
 Spotted Sandpiper reports=44 total= 25  
 Solitary Sandpiper reports=13 total= 9  
 Greater Yellowlegs reports=40 total= 41  
 Willet reports=41 total= 66  
 Lesser Yellowlegs reports=24 total= 33  
 Upland Sandpiper reports=8 total= 34  
 Long-billed Curlew reports=5 total= 6  
 Marbled Godwit reports=5 total= 28  
 Ruddy Turnstone reports=24 total= 82  
 Sanderling reports=31 total= 108  
 Semipalmated Sandpiper reports=18 total= 116  
 Western Sandpiper reports=31 total= 271  
 Least Sandpiper reports=37 total= 1,087  
 Baird's Sandpiper reports=2 total= 2  
 Pectoral Sandpiper reports=1 total= 27  
 Stilt Sandpiper reports=1 total= 1  
 Buff-breasted Sandpiper reports=2 total= 66  
 Short-billed Dowitcher reports=1 total= 25  
 Long-billed Dowitcher reports=8 total= 49  
 Short-billed/Long-billed Dowitcher reports=5 total= 8  
 Laughing Gull reports=123 total= 875

Ring-billed Gull reports=23 total= 23  
 Herring Gull reports=7 total= 8  
 Lesser Black-backed Gull reports=1 total= 1  
 Least Tern reports=10 total= 37  
 Gull-billed Tern reports=4 total= 2  
 Caspian Tern reports=23 total= 102  
 Black Tern reports=8 total= 66  
 Common Tern reports=2 total= 7  
 Forster's Tern reports=48 total= 229  
 Royal Tern reports=38 total= 179  
 Sandwich Tern reports=10 total= 13  
 Black Skimmer reports=21 total= 194  
 Rock Pigeon reports=86 total= 745  
 Eurasian Collared-Dove reports=60 total= 229  
 White-winged Dove reports=89 total= 262  
 Mourning Dove reports=272 total= 426  
 Inca Dove reports=11 total= 14  
 Monk Parakeet reports=8 total= 33  
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo reports=2 total= 6  
**Groove-billed Ani reports=2 total= 2 Quintana**  
**Neotropical Bird Sanctuary**  
 Barn Owl reports=1 total= 1  
 Eastern Screech-Owl reports=3 total= 3  
 Great Horned Owl reports=11 total= 5  
 Barred Owl reports=12 total= 6  
 Common Nighthawk reports=11 total= 9  
 Chuck-will's-widow reports=2 total= 3  
 Chimney Swift reports=123 total= 4,787  
 Ruby-throated Hummingbird reports=184 total= 141  
 Rufous Hummingbird reports=1 total= 2  
 Belted Kingfisher reports=48 total= 12  
 Red-headed Woodpecker reports=15 total= 14  
 Red-bellied Woodpecker reports=178 total= 50  
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker reports=1 total= 0  
 Downy Woodpecker reports=137 total= 38  
 Hairy Woodpecker reports=2 total= 2  
 Northern Flicker reports=6 total= 5  
 Pileated Woodpecker reports=54 total= 17  
 Olive-sided Flycatcher reports=11 total= 6  
 Eastern Wood-Pewee reports=55 total= 15  
 Yellow-bellied Flycatcher reports=5 total= 5  
 Acadian Flycatcher reports=4 total= 3  
 Alder Flycatcher reports=7 total= 8  
 Alder/Willow Flycatcher (Traill's) reports=4 total= 5  
 Least Flycatcher reports=16 total= 14  
 Empidonax sp. reports=12 total= 14  
 Eastern Phoebe reports=1 total= 1  
 Vermilion Flycatcher reports=5 total= 2  
 Ash-throated Flycatcher reports=4 total= 1  
 Great Crested Flycatcher reports=59 total= 19  
 Western Kingbird reports=1 total= 1  
 Eastern Kingbird reports=41 total= 64  
 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher reports=44 total= 31  
 Loggerhead Shrike reports=108 total= 31  
 White-eyed Vireo reports=60 total= 41  
 Yellow-throated Vireo reports=1 total= 1  
 Warbling Vireo reports=2 total= 3  
 Philadelphia Vireo reports=1 total= 1  
 Red-eyed Vireo reports=9 total= 11  
 Blue Jay reports=255 total= 119  
 American Crow reports=122 total= 83  
 Horned Lark reports=7 total= 19  
 Purple Martin reports=3 total= 7  
 Tree Swallow reports=5 total= 15  
 Northern Rough-winged Swallow reports=10 total= 16  
 Bank Swallow reports=13 total= 72  
 Cliff Swallow reports=19 total= 187

Cave Swallow reports=8 total= 108  
 Barn Swallow reports=61 total= 370  
 swallow sp. reports=24 total= 290  
 Carolina Chickadee reports=152 total= 78  
 Tufted Titmouse reports=87 total= 36  
 Brown-headed Nuthatch reports=5 total= 8  
 Carolina Wren reports=145 total= 47  
 House Wren reports=2 total= 2  
 Marsh Wren reports=3 total= 2  
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet reports=2 total= 1  
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher reports=153 total= 402  
 Eastern Bluebird reports=17 total= 35  
 American Robin reports=21 total= 78  
 Gray Catbird reports=7 total= 4  
 Northern Mockingbird reports=253 total= 93  
 Brown Thrasher reports=14 total= 12  
 European Starling reports=133 total= 514  
 Blue-winged Warbler reports=2 total= 2  
 Tennessee Warbler reports=1 total= 1  
 Orange-crowned Warbler reports=1 total= 1  
 Nashville Warbler reports=10 total= 6  
 Northern Parula reports=3 total= 3  
 Yellow Warbler reports=29 total= 22  
 Black-throated Green Warbler reports=2 total= 2  
 Yellow-throated Warbler reports=3 total= 3  
 Pine Warbler reports=33 total= 44  
 Prairie Warbler reports=4 total= 4  
 Black-and-white Warbler reports=15 total= 10  
 American Redstart reports=5 total= 6  
 Prothonotary Warbler reports=3 total= 2  
 Worm-eating Warbler reports=1 total= 1  
 Northern Waterthrush reports=12 total= 11  
 Kentucky Warbler reports=1 total= 1  
 Mourning Warbler reports=4 total= 1  
 Common Yellowthroat reports=5 total= 12  
 Hooded Warbler reports=3 total= 3  
 Wilson's Warbler reports=13 total= 11  
 Canada Warbler reports=12 total= 9  
 Yellow-breasted Chat reports=17 total= 7  
 warbler sp. reports=6 total= 4  
 Summer Tanager reports=5 total= 4  
 Clay-colored Sparrow reports=1 total= 1  
 Lark Sparrow reports=4 total= 3  
 Seaside Sparrow reports=6 total= 14  
 Northern Cardinal reports=233 total= 164  
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak reports=1 total= 1  
 Blue Grosbeak reports=21 total= 13  
 Indigo Bunting reports=12 total= 16  
 Painted Bunting reports=8 total= 8  
 Dickcissel reports=9 total= 17  
 Red-winged Blackbird reports=21 total= 452  
 Eastern Meadowlark reports=8 total= 17  
**Yellow-headed Blackbird reports=1 total= 2**  
**Freeport Marsh**  
 Common Grackle reports=28 total= 1,572  
 Boat-tailed Grackle reports=10 total= 18  
 Great-tailed Grackle reports=114 total= 772  
 grackle sp. reports=3 total= 25  
 Bronzed Cowbird reports=2 total= 2  
 Brown-headed Cowbird reports=19 total= 286  
 Orchard Oriole reports=21 total= 21  
 Baltimore Oriole reports=67 total= 44  
 blackbird sp. reports=4 total= 1,002  
 House Finch reports=40 total= 31  
 House Sparrow reports=109 total= 235  
 Nutmeg Mannikin reports=5 total= 27

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