



# The Spoonbill

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## Monthly Meeting: Monday, December 6

General Meeting -- 7:00 p.m.

Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet, Houston

Learning Corner, 6:30 p.m.

## Program: Nesting Birds of America's Prairie Grasslands

Greg Lasley first pointed a camera at a bird in 1971, a Horned Lark at Great Salt Lake, Utah, while he was in the U.S. Air Force. By 1976, as a novice but enthusiastic bird-watcher, he became interested in documenting rare birds, and from the late 1970s until the late 1980s most of Greg's wildlife photography focused on documenting rarities and obtaining slides of birds to illustrate his lectures for Audubon chapters and other nature groups. In 1983 he became Texas co-editor of American Birds, now known as North American Birds, a publication of the American Birding Association. Greg continued in that role through 2000 and was Secretary of the Texas Bird Records Committee from 1986 to 2000. He also served on the Bird Records Committee of the ABA for two terms, until 2005.

After 1988, Greg became more serious about photography, and his photo credits now exceed 2,000 published images in more than 100 different books and magazines, such as Texas Highways Magazine, Texas Parks and Wildlife Magazine, American Birds, and Wildlife Conservation.

In 2000, Greg and his friend and fellow photographer Larry Ditto jointly won the prestigious Valley Land Fund Wildlife Photo Contest, and in 2002 they took third place.

Greg's [photography](#) continues to branch out into new subjects. Dragonflies and damselflies have been a favorite subject for him in recent years; however, birds are still a prime focus.

Greg spent 25 years in law enforcement, retiring from the Austin Police Department in 1997 as a lieutenant. From 1997 through early 2005 he divided his time between photographing wildlife and leading bird-watching trips over much of the western hemisphere for Victor Emanuel Nature Tours; he had also led trips for VENT part-time from 1985 to 1997. In March 2005 Greg decided to take a sabbatical from regular tour leading. He now concentrates on photography and other wildlife pursuits, and still leads occasional trips for VENT. He and his wife, Cheryl Johnson, reside in Austin, Texas.

## Other Events

**Dec. 18: Houston Christmas Bird Count**

**Dec. 14 - Jan. 5: [other Christmas Bird Counts](#)**

**Jan. 10: Monthly OG Meeting**

**Jan. 27-30: Quarterly Field Trip (Wichita Falls)**

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# Ornithology Group Houston Outdoor Nature Club

## Minutes of Meeting

Monday, November 1, 2010

Bayland Community Center

Number of Attendees: 44

**1. Learning Corner:** Sumita Prasad discussed tips on distinguishing Hummingbirds. In her presentation she compared Ruby-throated to Black-chinned, and also the *Selasphorus* Rufous, Allen's and Broad-tailed. Differences between the Ruby-throated and the Black-chinned include: smaller bill and a longer tail on the Ruby-throated, and an angular wing on the Ruby-throated compared to a paddle-shaped wing with rounded primaries on the Black-chinned. While feeding, the Black-chinned pumps his tail, but the Ruby-throated does not pump as much. The crown colors are emerald green for the Ruby-throated and grayish for the Black-chinned. The Rufous and Allen's are very similar and have rounded heads. The Broad-tailed's head is a little bit cone-shaped. When comparing the three, look at key features, but the tail feathers if separated out are a great indicator. The Rufous has a notched tail; the Allen's has a pointed tail with no notch and the Broad-tailed has rounded tail feathers.

**2. Sightings:** Birds recently sighted include: Winter Wren at Clear Lake; Nashville Warbler, Mourning Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler; Red-breasted Nuthatch. In Galveston: orioles, Indigo Buntings, Franklin's Gull, Common Terns, Western Tanagers and Golden-crowned Kinglets. At Sabine Woods: Barn Owls. A Gray Catbird was seen in a member's yard.

**3. Minutes:** Minutes from the October 4, 2010 meeting were approved as printed in the November issue of *The Spoonbill*.

**4. The Spoonbill:** All articles for the December issue are due by November 15. Al Shultz has requested any information on the CBCs to be sent to him to be added to the next issue.

**5. Membership:** Margret Simmons reminded everyone to please sign in. Margret also mentioned that she has extra copies of the ONC Yearbook if someone had not received a copy.

**6. Library Report:** Deborah Valdez reported the Library has 2 field guides on Hummingbirds and also a DVD available. *A Guide to Hawks From Every Angle*, by Jerry Liguori, has been purchased for the Library. Deborah asked if members were interested in purchasing older books that OG no longer uses. Please contact Deborah if you are interested.

## 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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**7. Treasurer's Report:** Jerry Stanislav reported that the OG balance is \$10,084.76. Jerry mentioned that the OG is saving money by using HISD for printing. Jerry will have a more detailed budget at the December meeting.

## 8. Announcements:

- Pam Smolen has received a request from the GCBO for a donation for the Smith Point Hawk Watch. The OG has \$400.00 budgeted yearly for donations. The OG Board has recommended a \$200.00 donation be given. Because costs in printing *The Spoonbill* are less this year, the OG would be able to give the donation. A vote approved the donation.
- Houston Audubon Society is collecting donations for the Nash Prairie. Anyone wishing to make a donation should send a check to HAS with a notation in the check's memo line to Nash Prairie.
- Pam announced that seven board positions will be available for next year including Membership Secretary, *Spoonbill* Editor, and Chair. If anyone is interested in volunteering for a position, please contact Pam. John Schneider announced that he will be unable to be on the slate for Chair and will answer any questions regarding the positions.
- Bob Honig discussed the progress of the Matt Cook Memorial Wildlife Viewing Platform at Warren Lake. The parking lot has been built and the structure is pretty much completed. There is a trail with new native plantings leading to the platform. It is expected to be open for daylight hours in December. Bob will have a more firm date at the December meeting.

**9. Past Field Trips:** Adam Wood reported on the Quarterly field trip in the Austin area. Around 102 birds were seen. Highlights included an Ash-throated flycatcher and wild Mallards flying overhead.

**10. Future Field Trips:** November's Field Trip will be to Bolivar. Meeting time is 8:00 a.m. at the ferry parking lot on Bolivar. A beach parking pass is needed and can be purchased at gas stations on Bolivar or at Fort Travis's office. The permit is \$10.00 and good until the end of this calendar year. Adam announced the Winter Quarterly trip will be in northeast Texas, Throckmorton to Fort Worth, January 27-30. Fourteen or fifteen people may attend. Please contact Adam for information and he will add you to the list.

**11. Program:** John Schneider introduced Sumita Prasad, the southwest regional manager for the

Wildlife Habitat Council. She is a licensed bird-bander and specializes in hummingbirds. Sumita presented the program "Hummingbirds of Houston and Southwest Texas". She offered some interesting facts on hummingbirds: they can fly at a speed of 50 mph, and their wings beat 60-80 times per second. While resting their heart beats 250 times a minute and 1,250 times per minute in flight. Their feathers have iridescent colors. Young hummingbirds have buffy colored tips on their crown feathers; they need to be a year old to get their adult plumage and distinctive gorget colors. The young also have rough bills that smooth out from wear as they get older. Hummingbirds migrate great distances and banding helps monitor their patterns.

-- Lenore Alfredson, OG Secretary

## Pioneer Naturalists

This month is a continuation of the story of the pioneer naturalists of the US-Mexico Border Survey (1848-1855). Darius Nash Couch and Charles Wright are the subjects of this month's article.

Darius Nash Couch was a West Point graduate and Mexican War participant. In 1853 he took a year's leave of absence to make a zoological expedition into Mexico loosely attached to the Border Survey. As a result of his trip into Mexico, Couch described a junco, Scott's Oriole, and the Chihuahuan Raven. The raven was a completely new species. The name Scott's Oriole derived from Couch's proposed scientific name, *Icterus scottii*. Couch named the oriole as a token of his high regard for Major General Winfield Scott, Commander in Chief of the U.S. Army. Unknown to Couch, the oriole had already been described by Charles Bonaparte who gave it the scientific name *Icterus parisorum*. Baird described the Couch's Kingbird after a specimen that Couch collected in Mexico.

Couch went on to become a Union general during the Civil War, and fought at Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. After the Civil War, Couch did not continue with his interest in birds. He held several different jobs, including quartermaster-general and adjutant-general of Connecticut.

Charles Wright was one of the best and most successful of the nineteenth-century American plant

hunters. Most of his collecting was done in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and Cuba. He also spent three years attached to the Rodgers and Ringgold Pacific Exploring Expedition. Wright is described as an eccentric who preferred exploring more than anything else.

After graduating from Yale, Wright traveled to Mississippi to become a tutor for a plantation owner's family. He then traveled to Texas where he worked as a teacher and land surveyor. During this time he started collecting plants for Asa Gray. In 1849 he joined an army expedition in Texas, botanizing from Galveston to San Antonio and then on to El Paso. In the spring of 1851 he joined the United States and Mexican Boundary Survey. His collections from these two trips form the basis of Gray's *Plantae Wrightianae* (1852-53). While Wright's primary interest was plants, records show that he collected a surprisingly large quantity of birds.

Charles Wright is commemorated in the names of several plants and Gray Flycatcher, *Empidonax wrightii*, by Baird. The name Wright's Flycatcher, though derived from this scientific name, was used erroneously for many years for the Dusky Flycatcher.



OG Chairperson

## **December Field Trip: Houston CBC December 18, 2010**

The holiday season is upon us once again and you know what that means --it is time for another fun and exciting round of Christmas Bird Counts. The December field trip will be the annual Houston Christmas Bird Count that is sponsored by the Houston Ornithology Group. This year's count will be held on the 18th of December.

The count circle is centered in Baytown and extends south to La Porte and Morgan's Point, west to San Jacinto Monument and Lynchburg, north to Highlands and Mont Belvieu, and east to Beach City. The count compiler is David Sarkozi ([david@sarkozi.net](mailto:david@sarkozi.net) , 713-412-4409) who can be contacted for area assignments and meeting times unless you are already in touch with an area leader.

We strongly encourage you to participate in the Christmas Bird Count even if it is only watching your feeder in your back yard. This is a chance for all us to practice citizen science and contribute valuable information to the scientific community that will help in tracking population changes in bird species. The information gathered during the counts will also help monitor how bird species and populations are doing year to year, and to find out if any are declining significantly. The more eyes we have out there, the less chance for a bird to go by unnoticed. We also encourage everyone to participate in other Christmas Bird Counts besides Houston's.

## **Winter Quarterly Trip: Wichita Falls and surroundings January 27 - 30, 2011**

Our winter quarterly trip this year will be to Wichita Falls and surroundings (Wilbarger, Throckmorton, and Archer Counties). This trip will be an opportunity for us to bird off the beaten path in one of the more under-birded areas of the state due to its relative remoteness and lack of birding hotspots. But don't let the fact that this area gets scant birding coverage fool you. This area has had a habit of producing some really good rarities over the last several winters, most notably raptors. This could be the case again this year, especially if scientists' prediction of a major vole crash in the north comes to fruition causing the northern raptors to come further south in search of prey than they typically do. With that in mind this trip will be more of a target orientated trip than what we have done in the past. We will mostly be working on tracking down some of the harder to find winter species in Texas like the rarer grebes (Red-necked), ducks (Eurasian Wigeon, Long-tailed, and Common Merganser), raptors (Golden Eagle, Rough-legged Hawk, Ferruginous Hawk, and Prairie Falcon), and sparrows (especially the Longspurs (Smith's, Lapland, and Chestnut-colored), and maybe even an American Tree Sparrow). We of course will not ignore the more common species around while we are searching for the rarities that have a history of showing up in this area. Under these circumstances who knows what goodies we could encounter. A Northern Goshawk could be out there waiting for us to find it.

This trip will also be a good opportunity for any of you who are county listers since we will be spending a good amount of time in Wilbarger, Archer and Throckmorton Counties during this trip. We will not be specifically working on building large county lists for those counties but it will be an opportunity to get a good start in those further a field and under birded counties. This trip unlike previous trips will give us an opportunity to bird some off the beaten path locations in a vastly different landscape than what we are use to along the coastal plains on the UTC for a bit of a change of pace. This should be a great trip with memorable experiences in some relatively unknown locations that you will not want to miss.

We are still working on arranging a leader(s) and accommodations for this trip. As for the accommodations we will be staying in Wichita Falls. Look for further information on the OG website as we get it and further details will be in the January Spoonbill. Again like all other quarterly trips this trip will be limited to the first 14 members that sign up. If you are interested in this trip please let me know and I will get your name on the list and get more details to you when I have them.

### Field Trip Coordinators:

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**Christmas Bird Counts, Upper Texas Coastal Area  
Dec. 2010 – Jan. 2011**

<b>Matagorda County - Mad Island Marsh</b>	<b>Tuesday, December 14, 2010</b>
Brent Ortego brent.ortego@tpwd.state.tx.us 361-576-0022 ext. 24	
<b>Galveston</b>	<b>Tuesday, December 14, 2010</b>
Dick Peake 409-744-4301 Gordon Nunn (h) 409-740-0082 (c) 409-770-7034, gleath@comcast.net	
<b>Guadalupe River Delta - McFaddin Family Ranches</b>	<b>Thursday, December 16, 2010</b>
Brent Ortego brent.ortego@tpwd.state.tx.us 361-576-0022 ext. 24	
<b>San Bernard NWR</b>	<b>Friday, December 17, 2010</b>
Ron Weeks ronweeks@sbcglobal.net (evenings) 979-299-0066 Jennifer Wilson jennifer_wilson@fws.gov (day) 979-964-4011	
<b>Armand Bayou Nature Center</b>	<b>Saturday, December 18, 2010</b>
Martha Hood lazuli007@yahoo.com 281-286-6746	
<b>Brazos Bend State Park</b>	<b>Saturday, December 18, 2010</b>
Bill Godley fribbish@msn.com 281-341-6684	
<b>Spring Creek</b>	<b>Saturday, December 18, 2010</b>
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<b>Houston (Baytown)</b>	<b>Saturday, December 18, 2010</b>
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<b>Freeport</b>	<b>Sunday, December 19, 2010</b>
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<b>Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR</b>	<b>Wednesday, December 22, 2010</b>
Sumita Prasad sumita@alumni.utexas.net 832-453-4374	
<b>Trinity River</b>	<b>Tuesday, December 28, 2010</b>
Stuart Marcus stuartma@sbcglobal.net (h) 936-336-9786, (w) 936-336-9786	
<b>Old River</b>	<b>Thursday, December 30, 2010</b>
Harry Elliott harry_s_elliott@yahoo.com 832-444-0965	
<b>Cypress Creek (Katy Prairie)</b>	<b>Saturday, January 1, 2011</b>
Fred Collins fred_collins@hctx.net 282-357-5324	
<b>Brazoria</b>	<b>Saturday, January 1, 2011</b>
Tom Taroni taroni@comcast.net 979-297-5563	
<b>San Jacinto Wilderness</b>	<b>Saturday, January 1, 2011</b>
David Henderson dandewild@consolidated.net	
<b>Buffalo Bayou</b>	<b>Sunday, January 2, 2011</b>
Michael Williams txbfcbc@houstonarboretum.org 832-723-0653 Adam Wood birdsondabrain@earthlink.net 713-515-1692	
<b>Sea Rim State Park</b>	<b>Monday, January 3, 2011</b>
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# Clearing House -- October 2010

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This is a summary of birds reported to [eBird.org](http://eBird.org). Rare and very rare birds are in bold. There were 280 species reported for the Upper Texas Coast (Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, and Jefferson Counties) for October 2010 from 848 checklists from 112 observers. Rare and very rare are listed in this format: County:location(date)[Observer].

Reports from the following observers were used in this report: Aaron Stoley, Adam Wood, Alasdair Brown, Albert Shultz, Andrew Hamlett, Andy Jordan, Arlette Keene, Ben Hulsey, Bernd Gravenstein, Bill Duke, Bill Doss, Bill Townsley, Bill Wright, Bob &/or Maggie Honig, Brad Wier, Brandon Robertson, Bryan Tarbox, Candy McNamee, Caroline Bik, Charmaine Ganson, Chris Goulart, Chuck Davis, Cin-Ty Lee, Courtney Little, Dave Hawksworth, David Brotherton, David Dolan, David Florance, David Sarkozi, Deborah Valdez, Debra Logsdon, Derek Muschalek, Dolan Geiman, Donna Moore, Dorothy Borders, Drew Dickert, Dwayne Littere, Ed Allday, Elizabeth Bik, Frank Farese, Fred Collins, Gabor Olah, Geoff Butcher, Gil Bozeman, Greg Page, Hannah Meddaugh, Harvey Laas, Helen Weaver, Howard Smith, J Berner, J. C. Stormer, Jacob C. Cooper, Jade Hems, James Penny, Janet Rathjen, Jason Bonilla, Jeff Mohamed, Jeffrey Thomas, Jennifer Lezak, Jerry Eppner, Jesse Jones Park, Jim Hinson, Joachime Bellomo, Joe Cornelius, Joe Fischer, Joe Tillery, John Arvin, John Cocanower, John O'Brien, John Romano, John Schneider, John Sharp, Judy Behrens, Judy Sharp, Justin Bower, Karen Carbiener, Karen Horn, Kelley Sampeck, Ken Hartman, Laurie Sines, Luanne Brotherton, Marcy Brown, Margaret Farese, Margaret Leger, Marie Asscherick, Mark Meyer, Mark Scheuerman, Mark Westelev, Martha Hood, Matt Gearheart, Maureen Morales, Michael Hilferty, Michael Kuzio, Michael Weaver, Mike Austin, Mike Rogan, Nina Rach, Owen Hehmeyer, Paula Keeth, Peyton Martin, Richard Houck, Riley Fairchild, Robert Chase, Robert Opperman, Sarah Kuzio, Stennie Meadours, Susan Orwig, Thomas Kihn, Thomas Riddle, Tobi Troxell, and Tom Morris.

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck reports=95 total= 282  
Fulvous Whistling-Duck reports=1 total= 8  
Greater White-fronted Goose reports=16 total= 390  
Snow Goose reports=7 total= 129  
**Ross's Goose** reports=2 total= 2 Harris:Kleb Woods Nature Preserve(30)[Fred Collins], Harris:Nassau Bay (Clear Creek) (UTC 083)(19)[Joe Fischer]  
goose sp. reports=1 total= 3  
Muscovy Duck (Domestic type) reports=5 total= 31  
Wood Duck reports=33 total= 52  
Gadwall reports=9 total= 50  
American Wigeon reports=4 total= 11  
Mallard reports=12 total= 42  
Mallard (Domestic type) reports=9 total= 51  
Mottled Duck reports=45 total= 127  
Blue-winged Teal reports=77 total= 1,239  
Northern Shoveler reports=13 total= 157  
Northern Pintail reports=4 total= 23  
Green-winged Teal reports=8 total= 20  
**Canvasback** reports=2 total= 2 Harris:Katy Prairie-Paul Rushing / Chain of Lakes Park(23)[Frank Farese], Harris:Katy Prairie- Paul Rushing / Chain of Lakes Park(23)[Margaret Farese], Harris:Katy Prairie- Paul Rushing / Chain of Lakes Park(25)[Greg Page], Harris:Katy Prairie-Paul Rushing / Chain of Lakes Park(26)[Greg Page], Harris:Katy Prairie- Paul Rushing / Chain of Lakes Park(30)[Drew Dickert], Harris:Pearland, TX(18)[Jeffrey Thomas], Harris:Pearland, TX(20)[Jeffrey Thomas], Harris:Sheldon Lake SP (UTC 033)(4)[Chuck Davis], Harris:Shoreacres, TX(1)[david florance], Harris:Shoreacres, TX(2)[david florance], Harris:Shoreacres, TX(30)[david florance],  
**Redhead** reports=5 total= 6 Brazoria:Big Slough area (Cemetery /Hoskins Mound Rds)(30)[Hannah Meddaugh], Brazoria:Brazoria NWR (UTC 108)(29)[Joe Fischer], Brazoria:Brazoria NWR (UTC 108)(31)[Joe Fischer], Harris:Katy Prairie- Paul Rushing / Chain of Lakes Park(25)[Greg Page], Harris:Katy Prairie- Paul Rushing / Chain of Lakes Park(26)[Greg Page],  
Ruddy Duck reports=5 total= 9  
duck sp. reports=8 total= 20  
Northern Bobwhite reports=5 total= 27  
Pied-billed Grebe reports=114 total= 104  
American White Pelican reports=22 total= 160  
Brown Pelican reports=109 total= 628  
Neotropical Cormorant reports=87 total= 395  
Double-crested Cormorant reports=78 total= 123  
cormorant sp. reports=33 total= 68  
Anhinga reports=48 total= 29  
**Magnificent Frigatebird** reports=20 total= 8  
Brazoria: Quintana Neotropical Bird Sanct. (UTC 121)(2)[Frank Farese], Brazoria: Quintana Neotropical Bird Sanct. (UTC 121)(2)[Margaret Farese], Brazoria: Quintana Neotropical Bird Sanct. (UTC 121)(9)[Jeff Mohamed], Brazoria: Quintana area, TX(9)[Geoff Butcher], Chambers: Anahuac NWR (UTC 049)(11)[Chris Goulart], Chambers: Anahuac NWR (UTC 049)(11)[Joachime Bellomo], Chambers: Smith Point (15)[Drew Dickert], Chambers: Smith Point Hawk Tower(2)[Harvey Laas], Chambers: Smith Point-Abshier WMA (UTC 048)(GCBO Hawk Watch location)(1)[Joe Fischer], Chambers: Smith Point-

Abshier WMA (UTC 048)(GCBO Hawk Watch location)(2)[Laurie Sines], Chambers: Smith Point- Abshier WMA (UTC 048)(GCBO Hawk Watch location)(2)[Tobi Troxell], Chambers: Smith Point- Abshier WMA (UTC 048)(GCBO Hawk Watch location)(3)[John Sharp], Galveston: Bolivar Flats Shorebird Sanctuary (UTC 058)(1)[Joe Fischer], Galveston: Bolivar Flats Shorebird Sanctuary (UTC 058)(15)[Drew Dickert], Galveston: Bolivar-Galveston Ferry(9)[Janet Rathjen], Galveston: High Island- Boy Scout Woods (UTC 055)(12)[Helen Weaver], Galveston: High Island- Boy Scout Woods (UTC 055)(12)[Michael Weaver], Galveston: Rollover Pass (UTC 056)(1)[Joe Fischer], Galveston: San Luis Pass (Galveston Co.)(UTC 071)(10)[Howard Smith],  
American Bittern reports=9 total= 10  
Great Blue Heron reports=241 total= 45  
Great Egret reports=321 total= 188  
Snowy Egret reports=205 total= 154  
Little Blue Heron reports=127 total= 59  
Tricolored Heron reports=116 total= 50  
Reddish Egret reports=36 total= 33  
Cattle Egret reports=144 total= 615  
Green Heron reports=31 total= 19  
Black-crowned Night-Heron reports=16 total= 14  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron reports=61 total= 37  
White Ibis reports=199 total= 430  
Glossy Ibis reports=3 total= 8  
White-faced Ibis reports=66 total= 365  
Plegadis sp. reports=7 total= 453  
Roseate Spoonbill reports=66 total= 57  
Wood Stork reports=20 total= 796  
Black Vulture reports=179 total= 570  
Turkey Vulture reports=250 total= 357  
Osprey reports=89 total= 19  
White-tailed Kite reports=31 total= 27  
**Mississippi Kite** reports=4 total= 3 Chambers: Smith Point Hawk Tower(2)[Harvey Laas], Chambers: Smith Point- Abshier WMA (UTC 048)(GCBO Hawk Watch location)(1)[Joe Fischer], Chambers: Smith Point- Abshier WMA (UTC 048)(GCBO Hawk Watch location)(2)[Greg Page], Harris: Harris(10)[Bill Doss],  
Bald Eagle reports=9 total= 7  
Northern Harrier reports=87 total= 40  
Sharp-shinned Hawk reports=48 total= 108  
Cooper's Hawk reports=54 total= 108  
Accipiter sp. reports=13 total= 5  
Red-shouldered Hawk reports=140 total= 20  
Broad-winged Hawk reports=32 total= 534  
Swainson's Hawk reports=13 total= 6  
White-tailed Hawk reports=13 total= 8  
Red-tailed Hawk reports=115 total= 114  
Buteo sp. reports=1 total= 2  
Crested Caracara reports=45 total= 20  
American Kestrel reports=125 total= 37  
Merlin reports=27 total= 9  
Peregrine Falcon reports=23 total= 4  
large falcon sp. reports=1 total= 1  
**Black Rail** reports=2 total= 1 Chambers: Anahuac NWR (UTC 049)(11)[Joachime Bellomo], Chambers: Anahuac NWR (UTC 049)(11)[Chris Goulart],

Clapper Rail reports=27 total= 17  
King Rail reports=12 total= 7  
Virginia Rail reports=6 total= 3  
Sora reports=2 total= 2  
Purple Gallinule reports=2 total= 1  
Common Moorhen reports=52 total= 392  
American Coot reports=61 total= 1,608  
**Sandhill Crane** reports=7 total= 51 Brazoria: Brazoria NWR (UTC 108)(29)[Joe Fischer], Brazoria: San Bernard NWR (UTC 125)(19)[Tom Morris], Brazoria: San Bernard NWR (UTC 125)(29)[Joe Fischer], Brazoria: Sea Center Texas (UTC 113)(14)[Tom Morris], Brazoria: Sea Center Texas (UTC 113)(14)[Jerry Eppner], Fort Bend: Riverpark (Sugar Land)(29)[Mark Scheuerman], Harris: Katy Prairie- Paul Rushing / Chain of Lakes Park(20)[Greg Page],  
Black-bellied Plover reports=53 total= 49  
**American Golden-Plover** reports=2 total= 2 Brazoria: Quintana Neotropical Bird Sanct. (UTC 121)(8)[Joe Fischer], Galveston: Bolivar Flats Shorebird Sanctuary (UTC 058)(15)[Dorothy Borders],  
Snowy Plover reports=27 total= 61  
**Wilson's Plover** reports=1 total= 1 Galveston: Bolivar Flats Shorebird Sanctuary (UTC 058)(16)[Greg Page],  
Semipalmated Plover reports=24 total= 31  
Piping Plover reports=28 total= 44  
Killdeer reports=219 total= 252  
American Oystercatcher reports=24 total= 33  
Black-necked Stilt reports=45 total= 85  
American Avocet reports=9 total= 19  
Spotted Sandpiper reports=19 total= 14  
Solitary Sandpiper reports=4 total= 3  
Greater Yellowlegs reports=93 total= 138  
Willet reports=95 total= 168  
Lesser Yellowlegs reports=48 total= 69  
Whimbrel reports=2 total= 4  
Long-billed Curlew reports=20 total= 41  
Marbled Godwit reports=34 total= 120  
Ruddy Turnstone reports=37 total= 48  
Red Knot reports=15 total= 49  
Sanderling reports=65 total= 295  
**Semipalmated Sandpiper** reports=17 total= 54  
Brazoria: Quintana Island(26)[Jerry Eppner], Brazoria: Quintana Island(26)[Tom Morris], Brazoria: Quintana Lagoons(1)[Geoff Butcher], Brazoria: Quintana Neotropical Bird Sanct. (UTC 121)(3)[Joe Fischer], Brazoria: Quintana Neotropical Bird Sanct. (UTC 121)(6)[Joe Fischer], Brazoria: Quintana Neotropical Bird Sanct. (UTC 121)(8)[Joe Fischer], Brazoria: Surfside(31)[Joe Fischer], Chambers: Anahuac NWR (UTC 049)(11)[Joachime Bellomo], Chambers: Anahuac NWR (UTC 049)(11)[Chris Goulart], Galveston: Bolivar Flats Shorebird Sanctuary (UTC 058)(1)[Joe Fischer], Galveston: Bolivar Flats Shorebird Sanctuary (UTC 058)(12)[Helen Weaver], Galveston: Bolivar Flats Shorebird Sanctuary (UTC 058)(12)[Helen Weaver], Galveston: Bolivar Flats Shorebird Sanctuary (UTC 058)(12)[Michael Weaver], Galveston: Bolivar Flats Shorebird Sanctuary (UTC 058)(15)[Dorothy Borders], Galveston: Galveston East Beach(8)[Geoff

Butcher], Galveston:Rollover Pass (UTC 056)(1)  
 [Joe Fischer], Galveston:Texas City Dike (UTC  
 074)(21)[Judy Sharp],  
 Western Sandpiper reports=34 total= 83  
 Least Sandpiper reports=83 total= 1,509  
 Pectoral Sandpiper reports=3 total= 1  
 Dunlin reports=9 total= 28  
 Stilt Sandpiper reports=6 total= 6  
 Short-billed Dowitcher reports=11 total= 36  
 Long-billed Dowitcher reports=28 total= 540  
 Short-billed/Long-billed Dowitcher reports=12 total= 70  
 Wilson's Snipe reports=45 total= 112  
 shorebird sp. reports=1 total= 200  
 Laughing Gull reports=202 total= 2,002  
 Franklin's Gull reports=3 total= 1  
 Ring-billed Gull reports=41 total= 123  
 Herring Gull reports=21 total= 43  
 Lesser Black-backed Gull reports=8 total= 6  
 gull sp. reports=3 total= 6  
**Least Tern** reports=6 total= 4 Brazoria:Quintana  
 Island(26)[Tom Morris], Brazoria:Quintana Island  
 (26)[Jerry Eppner], Galveston:Bolivar- b/w  
 Rollover Pass & High Isl.(9)[Andy Jordan],  
 Galveston:Galveston East End(2)[Bill Townsley],  
 Galveston:Texas City Dike (UTC 074)(19)[Bill  
 Townsley], Harris:Seabrook (2nd@coast)(24)  
 [david florance],  
 Gull-billed Tern reports=4 total= 31  
 Caspian Tern reports=41 total= 102  
**Black Tern** reports=3 total= 2 Fort Bend:Brazos Bend  
 SP (UTC 117)(24)[Charmaine Ganson], Fort  
 Bend:Brazos Bend SP (UTC 117)(24)[Candy  
 McNamee], Galveston:Galveston- Apfel Park /  
 East Beach (UTC 062)(23)[Greg Page],  
 Common Tern reports=6 total= 8  
 Forster's Tern reports=50 total= 193  
 Royal Tern reports=67 total= 205  
 Sandwich Tern reports=25 total= 61  
 Black Skimmer reports=14 total= 340  
 Rock Pigeon reports=146 total= 495  
 Eurasian Collared-Dove reports=72 total= 148  
 White-winged Dove reports=189 total= 239  
 Mourning Dove reports=420 total= 491  
 Inca Dove reports=21 total= 28  
 Common Ground-Dove reports=9 total= 9  
 Monk Parakeet reports=7 total= 37  
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo reports=11 total= 4  
 Greater Roadrunner reports=3 total= 1  
 Groove-billed Ani reports=5 total= 4  
 Barn Owl reports=6 total= 5  
 Eastern Screech-Owl reports=10 total= 4  
 Great Horned Owl reports=23 total= 10  
 Barred Owl reports=24 total= 20  
 owl sp. reports=1 total= 1  
 Common Nighthawk reports=2 total= 1  
 Chuck-will's-widow reports=2 total= 2  
 Chimney Swift reports=61 total= 81  
**Broad-billed Hummingbird** reports=9 total= 1  
 Harris:Harris Co.: (Rollingbrook Dr.)(28)[Drew  
 Dickert], Harris:Harris Co.: (Rollingbrook Dr.)(28)  
 [Jim Hinson], Harris:Harris Co.: (Rollingbrook  
 Dr.)(28)[Howard Smith], Harris:Houston(28)  
 [Adam Wood], Harris:Houston- 7831  
 Rollingbrook Dr.(31)[Mark Westelev],  
 Harris:Houston- Creekbend area(27)[J Berner],  
 Harris:Rollingbrook(28)[Janet Rathjen],  
 Harris:Rollingbrook(30)[Janet Rathjen],  
 Harris:Sellin's house(31)[Greg Page],  
 Buff-bellied Hummingbird reports=2 total= 1  
 Ruby-throated Hummingbird reports=126 total= 58  
 Rufous Hummingbird reports=4 total= 5  
 hummingbird sp. reports=3 total= 4  
 Belted Kingfisher reports=130 total= 18  
 Red-headed Woodpecker reports=49 total= 30  
 Red-bellied Woodpecker reports=293 total= 61  
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker reports=93 total= 30  
**Ladder-backed Woodpecker** reports=3 total= 3 Fort  
 Bend:Ft Bend: FM1489 @ Moore Ranch Rd(1)[J  
 Berner], Fort Bend:Ft Bend: FM1489 @ Moore  
 Ranch Rd(1)[Drew Dickert],  
 Galveston:Galveston- Lafitte's Cove (UTC 068)  
 (16)[Drew Dickert],  
 Downy Woodpecker reports=238 total= 42  
 Northern Flicker reports=75 total= 23  
 Pileated Woodpecker reports=83 total= 28  
 Eastern Wood-Pewee reports=25 total= 10  
 Yellow-bellied Flycatcher reports=4 total= 4

**Acadian Flycatcher reports=1 total= 1**  
**Willow Flycatcher** reports=1 total= 1  
 Brazoria:Quintana Neotropical Bird Sanct. (UTC  
 121)(3)[Cin-Ty Lee],  
 Alder/Willow Flycatcher (Traill's) reports=2 total= 2  
 Brazoria:Quintana Neotropical Bird Sanct. (UTC  
 121)(1)[Geoff Butcher], Harris:Kleb Woods  
 Nature Preserve(14)[Fred Collins],  
 Least Flycatcher reports=16 total= 6  
 Empidonax sp. reports=4 total= 3  
 Eastern Phoebe reports=184 total= 59  
 Vermilion Flycatcher reports=15 total= 9  
 Ash-throated Flycatcher reports=1 total= 1  
 Great Crested Flycatcher reports=11 total= 3  
**Great Kiskadee** reports=1 total= 1 Harris:Katy  
 Prairie- Paul Rushing / Chain of Lakes Park(13)  
 [Greg Page],  
**Couch's Kingbird** reports=1 total= 1 Fort  
 Bend:Cullinan Park (Sugar Land) (UTC 095)(15)  
 [Bernd Gravenstein],  
 Western Kingbird reports=1 total= 1  
 Eastern Kingbird reports=3 total= 2  
 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher reports=121 total= 179  
 Loggerhead Shrike reports=180 total= 40  
 White-eyed Vireo reports=45 total= 30  
**Bell's Vireo** reports=1 total= 1 Galveston:High Island-  
 Smith Oaks (UTC 052)(1)[Mike Austin],  
 Yellow-throated Vireo reports=2 total= 1  
 Blue-headed Vireo reports=18 total= 7  
 Cassin's/Blue-headed Vireo reports=1 total= 1  
 Warbling Vireo reports=2 total= 2  
 Philadelphia Vireo reports=2 total= 2  
 Red-eyed Vireo reports=6 total= 5  
 Blue Jay reports=372 total= 139  
 American Crow reports=247 total= 133  
 Fish Crow reports=1 total= 1  
 Horned Lark reports=11 total= 24  
 Northern Rough-winged Swallow reports=40 total= 161  
 Tree Swallow reports=28 total= 453  
 Bank Swallow reports=7 total= 53  
 Barn Swallow reports=47 total= 410  
 Cliff Swallow reports=16 total= 60  
 Cave Swallow reports=5 total= 24  
 Cliff/Cave Swallow reports=1 total= 3  
 swallow sp. reports=18 total= 61  
 Carolina Chickadee reports=263 total= 133  
 Tufted Titmouse reports=112 total= 77  
**Red-breasted Nuthatch** reports=13 total= 9  
 Brazoria:Quintana Neotropical Bird Sanct. (UTC  
 121)(3)[Cin-Ty Lee], Fort Bend:Ft Bend: FM723  
 @ Bellaire(31)[J Berner], Galveston:Galveston-  
 Lafitte's Cove (UTC 068)(30)[Greg Page],  
 Harris: Bear Creek Park (Houston) (UTC097)(9)  
 [Jim Hinson], Harris: Bear Creek Park (Houston)  
 (UTC097)(14)[Drew Dickert], Harris: Bear Creek  
 Park (Houston) (UTC097)(14)[Jim Hinson],  
 Harris: Bear Creek Park (Houston) (UTC097)(20)  
 [Jim Hinson], Harris: Bear Creek Park (Houston)  
 (UTC097)(27)[Greg Page], Harris:Houston(11)  
 [susan orwig], Harris:Kleb Woods Nature  
 Preserve(22)[Fred Collins], Harris:Kleb Woods  
 Nature Preserve(27)[michael kuzio], Harris:Kleb  
 Woods Nature Preserve(27)[Fred Collins],  
 Harris:Kleb Woods Nature Preserve(27)[sarah  
 kuzio],  
 Brown-headed Nuthatch reports=10 total= 9  
 Brown Creeper reports=6 total= 5  
 Carolina Wren reports=233 total= 70  
 House Wren reports=109 total= 43  
 Winter Wren reports=9 total= 4  
 Sedge Wren reports=34 total= 53  
 Marsh Wren reports=51 total= 40  
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher reports=169 total= 66  
 Golden-crowned Kinglet reports=21 total= 10  
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet reports=183 total= 73  
 Eastern Bluebird reports=77 total= 171  
 Swainson's Thrush reports=2 total= 1  
 Hermit Thrush reports=14 total= 7  
 Wood Thrush reports=3 total= 2  
 American Robin reports=26 total= 194  
 Gray Catbird reports=89 total= 35  
 Northern Mockingbird reports=504 total= 169  
 Brown Thrasher reports=166 total= 84  
 European Starling reports=213 total= 2,745  
 American Pipit reports=8 total= 6  
 Tennessee Warbler reports=3 total= 3  
 Orange-crowned Warbler reports=34 total= 19

Nashville Warbler reports=66 total= 23  
 Northern Parula reports=25 total= 10  
 Yellow Warbler reports=4 total= 2  
 Magnolia Warbler reports=13 total= 7  
 Yellow-rumped Warbler reports=70 total= 78  
 Black-throated Green Warbler reports=27 total= 13  
 Yellow-throated Warbler reports=3 total= 3  
 Pine Warbler reports=81 total= 129  
 Palm Warbler reports=20 total= 34  
 Black-and-white Warbler reports=22 total= 8  
 American Redstart reports=19 total= 36  
 Prothonotary Warbler reports=1 total= 0  
 Northern Waterthrush reports=1 total= 1  
 Mourning Warbler reports=2 total= 4  
 Common Yellowthroat reports=82 total= 49  
 Hooded Warbler reports=2 total= 2  
 Wilson's Warbler reports=32 total= 22  
 Canada Warbler reports=1 total= 1  
 Yellow-breasted Chat reports=8 total= 4  
 warbler sp. reports=9 total= 4  
 Chipping Sparrow reports=27 total= 19  
 Clay-colored Sparrow reports=6 total= 6  
 Vesper Sparrow reports=1 total= 0  
 Lark Sparrow reports=3 total= 1  
 Savannah Sparrow reports=56 total= 158  
 Grasshopper Sparrow reports=1 total= 1  
 Le Conte's Sparrow reports=1 total= 1  
 Nelson's Sparrow reports=7 total= 18  
 Seaside Sparrow reports=7 total= 24  
 Song Sparrow reports=2 total= 2  
 Lincoln's Sparrow reports=35 total= 17  
 Swamp Sparrow reports=24 total= 27  
 White-throated Sparrow reports=11 total= 7  
 White-crowned Sparrow reports=8 total= 12  
 sparrow sp. reports=1 total= 2  
 Summer Tanager reports=13 total= 7  
**Scarlet Tanager** reports=5 total= 3 Brazoria:Quintana  
 Neotropical Bird Sanct. (UTC 121)(17)[John  
 Arvin], Brazoria:Quintana Neotropical Bird  
 Sanct. (UTC 121)(24)[Charmaine Ganson],  
 Brazoria:Quintana Neotropical Bird Sanct. (UTC  
 121)(24)[Candy McNamee], Brazoria:Sea  
 Center Texas (UTC 113)(21)[Jerry Eppner],  
 Harris:San Jacinto Battleground (UTC 041)(2)  
 [Karen Carbiener],  
**Western Tanager** reports=1 total= 1 Harris:Kleb  
 Woods Nature Preserve(22)[Fred Collins],  
 Northern Cardinal reports=361 total= 180  
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak reports=6 total= 3  
 Blue Grosbeak reports=14 total= 8  
 Indigo Bunting reports=100 total= 123  
 Painted Bunting reports=4 total= 3  
 Dickcissel reports=10 total= 25  
 Red-winged Blackbird reports=130 total= 1,135  
 Eastern Meadowlark reports=58 total= 113  
**Western Meadowlark** reports=1 total= 1 Harris:Kleb  
 Woods Nature Preserve(20)[Fred Collins],  
 meadowlark sp. reports=6 total= 25  
**Yellow-headed Blackbird** reports=1 total= 1  
 Brazoria:Big Slough area (Cemetery/Hoskins  
 Mound Rds)(30)[Hannah Meddaugh],  
**Brewer's Blackbird** reports=6 total= 5 Harris:Katy  
 Prairie- Paul Rushing / Chain of Lakes Park(8)  
 [michael kuzio], Harris:Katy Prairie- Paul  
 Rushing / Chain of Lakes Park(8)[sarah kuzio],  
 Harris:Katy Prairie- Paul Rushing / Chain of  
 Lakes Park(22)[Greg Page], Harris:Katy Prairie-  
 Paul Rushing / Chain of Lakes Park(22)[Nina  
 Rach], Harris:Katy Prairie- Paul Rushing / Chain  
 of Lakes Park(25)[Greg Page], Harris:Katy  
 Prairie- Paul Rushing / Chain of Lakes Park(26)  
 [Greg Page],  
 Common Grackle reports=139 total= 815  
 Boat-tailed Grackle reports=41 total= 112  
 Great-tailed Grackle reports=202 total= 785  
 grackle sp. reports=3 total= 20  
**Bronzed Cowbird** reports=1 total= 0  
 Brown-headed Cowbird reports=82 total= 15,705  
 Brazoria:Quintana area, TX(9)[Geoff Butcher],  
 Orchard Oriole reports=1 total= 1  
 Baltimore Oriole reports=10 total= 8  
 blackbird sp. reports=4 total= 33  
 House Finch reports=77 total= 28  
 House Sparrow reports=176 total= 376  
 Orange Bishop reports=11 total= 20  
 Nutmeg Mannikin reports=13 total= 12

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