



The Spoonbill

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August Meeting

Monday, August 1, 2005 -- 7:00 p.m.

Bayland Community Center

6400 Bissonnet, Houston

Learning Corner, 6:30 p.m.

Two Shorebird Groups

with Don Richardson

We'll not try to ID all the shorebirds. We'll spend about ten minutes on the "ringed" plovers and the remainder of our time with "Peep" sandpipers.

Program: What Makes a Bird a Bird?

by Don Richardson

Most programs about birds deal with identifying them, the seasons when they are here, how they are distributed, how and why they migrate, or in general, how they look and what they do. This program is about what "makes 'em tick." While that might sound like an Ornithology 101 course, it's not -- and it's fun. It's full of "OOOOO - That's Neat", and "WOW, I didn't know that."

Other Events

Saturday, August 20:

Field Trip to Mad Island Marsh

Monday, September 12: OG Meeting

Texas Pelagics with John Arvin, GCBO

Fri.-Sun., September 16-18 (Quarterly Trip)

Pelagic Trip from South Padre Is.

Saturday, September 24:

Field Trip to Smith Point Hawk Watch

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Minutes of the May 2, 2005 Meeting

Bayland Community Center

Attendance:

- 1. Learning Corner:** OG members Bill Saulmon and Bob Honig acted as a panel to field questions about birds and birding from other OG members. The questions and information ranged from hawk identification (with exact directions on where to find them, and other hot-spots for Houston-area birding) to nest boxes for various birds; from out-of-range birds in the Houston area (Black-whiskered Vireo, Black-billed Cuckoo) to female identification of grosbeaks and hummingbirds; and even included discussion of the words "variant" and "morph" and pinpointing the end of spring migration. The question and answer session generated much discussion and involved a broad knowledge of birds and birding for all involved.
- 2. Installation of new officers:**
Chair: Michael Williams
Vice-Chair: Bernice Hotman
Secretary: Raymond/Shirley Mondshine
Treasurer: Jim Winn
- 3. Bird sightings:** Golden-cheeked Warbler, Black-capped Vireo, Franklin's Gull, Canyon Wren, Red-eyed Vireo on OG Fort Hood field trip; Mockingbird defending young; orange morph Scarlet Tanagers; Summer Tanager, Baltimore and Orchard Oriole, Great-crested Flycatcher in member's backyard; Yellow-crowned Night-Herons; Buff-bellied Hummingbird; Cedar Waxwings; nesting Red-shouldered Hawk.
4. David Marrack reported that the **TOS spring meeting** in the Rio Grande Valley in Weslaco had about 100 attendees who saw lots of bird species and rarities and had wonderful field trips. Some people enjoyed bird-banding experiences and additional trips to other Valley "hot-spots". OG member David Sarkozi was installed as the new TOS President.
5. Members were reminded that **David Poteet** and **Kelly Scott** have been ill.
6. Pat Pease announced that Margret Simmons will be **Membership Chair**. Bill Saulmon will act as **Librarian** until Andy Scott returns.
7. **Newsletter** submissions for the August Spoonbill are due July 10.
8. **Field trips:** Bill Saulmon reported 18 participants and 121 species of birds on the Quintana/Brazoria trip; 15 participants on the Fort Hood trip with the US Army and Nature Conservancy as guides. The Brazos Bend State Park field trip on May 21 will focus on breeding birds. Adam Wood will be the new Field Trip Coordinator. Bill offered old pictures of field trip participants (for members to pick up) from the last two years.
9. Members John Old and Skip Almoney (ably assisted by wives Lynn & Jonni) presented the program on "The Birds of Tanzania" with lovely pictures of the scenery and birds they saw there last year in February on a ten-day birding safari with Victor Emanuel Nature Tours.
10. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.
--Margret Simmons

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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Chairman's Message

Greetings and salutations to all OG and ONC members. I hope that you all have had a good summer. Hopefully, like me you are looking forward to a new year of meetings, programs, and field trips. Bernice, Adam, and Kathy have been putting together an exciting year of activities that I'm sure will bring enjoyment to the membership, old and new.

I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the outgoing officers and leadership for all that they have done and are continuing to do. As the new chair I am excited and encouraged about the upcoming activities and events for this year, as well as the opportunity to work with you all to spread the "good news" that is the OG to a wider audience.

One of the challenges that we face as an organization is to broaden our appeal by attracting new members. As Chair, my principal objective will be to increase our membership, thus ensuring our continued growth as an organization for years to come. After all, it would be wonderful for others to be able to enjoy what we enjoy through the OG.

I look forward to the challenges ahead, and in order to meet those challenges, I will need your input, criticism, and support.

I look forward to seeing you all and to another exciting OG year.

--Michael Williams

2005 - 2006 OG Programs

Aug. 1	What Makes a Bird a Bird <i>Don Richardson</i>
Sept. 12	Texas Pelagics <i>John Arvin (GCBO)</i>
Oct. 3	Grouse Partners <i>Chris Godfrey (GP)</i>
Nov. 7	Digiscoping <i>Clay Taylor (Swarovski)</i>
Dec. 5	Texas Rarities & TBRC <i>Dr. Keith Arnold (TAMU)</i>
Jan. 9	Birding the Lower Rio Grande Valley <i>Martin Hagne (Valley Nature Ctr.)</i>
Feb. 6	Breeding Warblers of East Texas <i>Jesse Fagan (TOS trip leader)</i> Jesse will speak on Feb. 8 to HAS on Birding in El Salvador
Mar. 6	Owls of North America <i>Denver Holt (Owl Research Institute)</i> Denver will speak on Mar. 8 to HAS on Owl Adaptations
Apr. 3	Golden-Cheeked Warbler <i>Gil Eckrich (Fort Hood)</i>
May 1	Participating in the TX Birding Classic <i>(TBA)</i>

2005 - 2006 OG Field Trips

Aug. 20	Mad Island Marsh <i>(TNC guide)</i>
Sept. 16-18	Pelagics from South Padre Is. <i>(World Birding Center)</i>
Sept. 24	Smith Point Hawk Watch <i>(Dick Benoit)</i>
Oct. 15	Jones St. Park & Jones St. Forest <i>(Adam Wood)</i>
Nov. 6	Digiscoping: Bolivar Peninsula <i>(Clay Taylor)</i>
Nov. 19	Katy Prairie <i>(Steve Gross)</i>
Dec. 17	Houston CBC
Jan. 21	NE Texas <i>(Charles Easley)</i>
Jan. 26-29	Lower Rio Grande Valley
Feb. 18	Anahuac NWR, Lake Anahuac, Smith Point <i>(David Sarkozi)</i>
Mar. 18	West Houston & Bear Creek <i>(Adam Wood)</i>
Apr. 1 or 8*	Jasper County: Bachman's Sparrow <i>(Tom Kihn)</i>
Apr. 23-24	San Antonio <i>(Mike Creese)</i>
Apr. 29	Galveston <i>(Jim Stevenson)</i>
May 13	Big Thicket NP <i>(Tom Kihn)</i>

Dates in **Bold** are Quarterly Field Trips

* Overnight possible if target birds not seen on first day. Limit 12 people.

AUGUST FIELD TRIP

Welcome to another fun and exciting OG year. For our first monthly field trip we have a special treat. We will be going to bird the **Mad Island Marsh Preserve**. This is a very special opportunity because the only other opportunity most people have to bird this area is during the Mad Island CBC. As most of you all know, the Mad Island CBC has one of the highest species totals in the nation. A knowledgeable Nature Conservancy volunteer will give a talk about the preserve when we get there and then lead us on a bird walk. So come and enjoy a wonderful morning of birding at the Mad Island Marsh Preserve. It is not Christmas or winter but the birding still promises to be amazing. So don't miss out on this great opportunity.

On Saturday, August 20, 2005, meet at the KPC Headquarters (3015 Richmond Ave.) We will depart at 6:00 a.m., and I will hand out directions before leaving the KPC Headquarters. The trip will last until around 12 and we should be back to the KPC headquarters between 2 and 2:30. Bring hat, sunscreen, raingear (we will bird rain or shine), water, snacks if you would like, scopes if you have them, and finally binoculars of course.

QUARTERLY FIELD TRIP – Pelagic Birds

There are spaces still available for the pelagic trip out of South Padre Island, September 16-18, 2005. Limit is 15 people on a first-come, first-serve basis. We will leave from the KPC headquarters on Richmond around noon on Friday and return early Sunday evening. Cost is \$95 per person plus two nights in a hotel. Sumita will help me find a hotel that will offer us a group rate. More details as far as what to bring will follow once I figure out if we have enough people to do this trip. Also, if you have a big car and would be willing to drive, please let me know. I figure we will try to carpool in three cars if possible.

Finally, there will only be refunds if the trip does not happen. All I will need up front is the \$95 per person to cover the fees for taking the boat ride. If you are interested, please let me know ASAP!!!

Adam Wood, OG Field Trip Coordinator
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May Field Trip Report -- Our last field trip of the season was to Brazos Bend State Park on Saturday, May 21. Our trip leaders were Park Naturalist David Heinecke and OG volunteer Bill Godley. The target birds for this trip were the breeding birds of the park. After meeting at the 40 Acre Lake restrooms, the group carpoled to Hale Lake. We walked the trail around this oxbow lake and saw Acadian and Great Crested Flycatchers, Prothonotary Warbler, Northern Parula, Painted Bunting, Summer Tanager, Yellow-throated Vireo and an early Wood Stork among other species. We then returned to 40 Acre Lake and a diehard group braved the warmer temperatures in a trek around this lake. Specialty birds here included Purple Gallinule, Black-bellied Whistling Duck and Least Bittern. The trip concluded before noon and on the drive back my car added Mississippi Kite and Swainson's Hawk for a total of 52 species for the morning.

--Bill Saulmon

Words for Birds

After her husband's death in 2002, my Aunt Iris sorted through his library and kindly sent his bird books to me. Some of them I knew already, but among those volumes published long before I began birding was *Words for Birds* by Edward S. Gruson (1972). Unlike the forgettable taxonomy we had to memorize in freshman biology, this engaging work gives meaning to the common and scientific names of birds. Here we learn that our Northern Cardinal's name comes from its color that resembles the scarlet red vestments worn by Cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church. Likewise, the Prothonotary Warbler shows the same lemon-yellow color as the robes worn by Roman Catholic prothonotaries, record-keepers whose title derives from *protos*, "first", and *notarius*, "scribe." The glossy black plumage of a red-eyed desert-dwelling species earns it the name *phainos peplos*, "shining robe", i.e. the Phainopepla. Several species have double Latin names, like *Cardinalis cardinalis*, but my favorite is *Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus* from the Greek *xanthos*, "yellow" and *kephale*, "head", i.e. the Yellow-headed Blackbird.

Personal stories of those for whom birds are named provided the inspiration for this book. Each winter we hope to see McCown's Longspur to add to our Texas lists, but who was McCown? John Porter McCown came to Texas as a soldier from Tennessee in 1845 and collected bird specimens for the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia. Maybe a longspur was among them?

In my family's home state of Georgia, a Texas species has taken up residence. My Uncle Fielding might have questioned the author's attribution of its name *Passerina ciris* to the myth of Scylla who was transformed into a bird called *keiris*. *Passerina* is "little sparrow", but didn't Mr. Gruson know that the Greek goddess of the rainbow and messenger from the gods was *Iris*? Forgive me when I say it's the perfect name for a little rainbow of a bird sent from Heaven that we all know as the Painted Bunting.

If taxonomy interests you, you can learn more about the Class of *Aves* at www.itis.usda.gov. For further reading from the OG library, try *A Dictionary of Scientific Bird Names* by James Jobling; and *Birder's Miscellany, a Fascinating Collection of Facts, Figures and Folklore from the World of Birds* by Scott Weidensaul.

-- Iris Dominey Poteet

Clearing House

by David Sarkozi -- david@sarkozi.net -- 713-412-4409

Species that are listed as abundant to uncommon for the whole month are summarized. Records for rare to vagrant status are listed in full. Those records that are very rare for that week of the year are in bold; those that are new for that week of the year are bold and underlined.

Please enter your reports via the OG website at www.ornithologygroup.org You can also send reports to me via regular mail and e-mail.

April 2005

Observers: Adam Wood, Al Shultz, Art Mackinnon, Bill Saulmon, Bob & Maggie Honig, Bob Sammel, Bonnie Deming, Brian Baird, Brush Freeman, Carol Ferguson, Cin-Ty Lee, David Sarkozi, David Whipple, Derek Muschalek, Don Quaintance, Janet Rathjen, Jeff Munday, Jim Hinson, John Berner, Johnnie Greene, Kathy Reiser, Keith Anderson, Lacey Ogburn, Martin Reid, Mary Gustafson, Mary Moore, Matt Whitbeck, Melissa Farne, Melissa Farne & Justine Morton, Mike Austin, Mike Meyers, Richard Hoyer, Rob Anderson, Ron Weeks, Stan Hoekstra, Steve Gross, Susan Fennewald, Van Brinkerhoff, Zane Lee.

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck birds=45 reports=5
Fulvous Whistling-Duck birds=264 reports=9
Mottled Duck birds=43 reports=7
Blue-winged Teal birds=609 reports=13
Cinnamon Teal 4/9 Fort Bend(Brazos Bend SP) 1
Kathy Reiser
Northern Shoveler birds=94 reports=6
Green-winged Teal birds=5 reports=1
Lesser Scaup birds=10 reports=1

King Eider 4/16 Galveston(Bolivar Flats) 1 Martin Reid, 4/21 Galveston(East Beach) 1 Susan Fennewald
Long-tailed Duck 4/27 Galveston(Bolivar Flats) 1 Art Mackinnon
Red-breasted Merganser birds=44 reports=2
Common Loon birds=3 reports=3
Least Grebe 4/20 Chambers(Anahuac NWR) 1 Matt Whitbeck
Pied-billed Grebe birds=25 reports=7

American White Pelican birds=403 reports=8
Brown Pelican birds=508 reports=8
Neotropic Cormorant birds=225 reports=13
Double-crested Cormorant birds=60 reports=6
Anhinga birds=9 reports=6
Magnificent Frigatebird 4/17 Brazoria(Peach PT & Quintana) 1 Kathy Reiser
American Bittern birds=7 reports=5
Least Bittern 4/2 Brazoria(Brazoria NWR) 1 Steve Gross, 4/9 Chambers(Anahuac NWR) 1 Brian

Baird, 4/9 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 1 Art Mackinnon, 4/22 Galveston(Anahuac, High Isl, YBRoad) 8 Kathy Reiser, 4/23 Jefferson(Pilot Road) 1 Art Mackinnon, 4/24 Chambers(Anahuac NWR) 1 David Sarkozi, 4/25 Brazoria(Quintana Island) 7 Ron Weeks, 4/27 Galveston() 8 Art Mackinnon, 4/30 Chambers(Anahuac NWR) 3 Adam Wood

Great Blue Heron birds=53 reports=15
Great Egret birds=277 reports=21
Snowy Egret birds=306 reports=21
Little Blue Heron birds=36 reports=12
Tricolored Heron birds=75 reports=14
Reddish Egret birds=16 reports=3
Cattle Egret birds=559 reports=15
Green Heron birds=43 reports=14
Black-crowned Night-Heron birds=7 reports=3
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron birds=24 reports=8
White Ibis birds=408 reports=17
Glossy Ibis 4/30 Chambers(Anahuac NWR) 1 Adam Wood

White-faced Ibis birds=187 reports=9
Plegadis sp, birds=7 reports=1
Roseate Spoonbill birds=276 reports=10
Black Vulture birds=79 reports=16
Turkey Vulture birds=120 reports=20
Osprey birds=2 reports=2

Swallow-tailed Kite 4/14 Harris(Cedar Bayou Park) 1 Bill Saulmon

White-tailed Kite birds=4 reports=2
Mississippi Kite 4/11 Jefferson(Sabine Woods to Sea Rim SP) 1 Art Mackinnon, 4/2 Galveston(Off 87 north of Crystal Beach) 2 Brush Freeman, 4/14 Harris(Cedar Bayou Park) 2,498 Bill Saulmon, 4/16 Galveston(Bolivar Peninsula) 2 Bolivar Bird Count, 4/27 Galveston() 2 Art Mackinnon, 4/30 Chambers(Anahuac NWR) 1 Adam Wood

Bald Eagle 4/30 Brazoria(Brazoria NWR) 1 Cin-Ty Lee

Northern Harrier birds=13 reports=8
Sharp-shinned Hawk birds=30 reports=1
Cooper's Hawk birds=28 reports=4
Accipiter sp, 4/14 Harris(Cedar Bayou Park) 2 Bill Saulmon

Red-shouldered Hawk birds=3 reports=3
Broad-winged Hawk birds=1,189 reports=6
Swainson's Hawk birds=25 reports=3
White-tailed Hawk birds=1 reports=1
Red-tailed Hawk birds=13 reports=9
Buteo sp, 4/9 Fort Bend(Brazos Bend SP) 1 Kathy Reiser

Crested Caracara birds=11 reports=6
American Kestrel 4/9 Jefferson(SH 87) 1 Art Mackinnon, 4/14 Harris(Cedar Bayou Park) 2 Bill Saulmon, 4/18 Harris(Jesse H. Jones Park) 2 Lacey Ogburn

Merlin 4/1 Chambers(Anahuac NWR) 1 David Sarkozi, 4/9 Jefferson(SH 87) 3 Art Mackinnon, 4/14 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art Mackinnon, 4/20 Jefferson(Cattail Marsh) 1 Art Mackinnon

Peregrine Falcon 4/2 Chambers(Anahuac NWR) 1 David Sarkozi, 4/2 Galveston(Bolivar Shorebird Sanctuary) 3 Adam Wood, 4/27 Galveston() 1 Art Mackinnon

Yellow Rail birds=26 reports=5
Black Rail 4/24 Chambers(Anahuac NWR) 1 David Sarkozi

Clapper Rail birds=14 reports=4
King Rail birds=1 reports=1
Virginia Rail birds=2 reports=2
Sora birds=13 reports=8
Purple Gallinule 4/9 Fort Bend(Brazos Bend SP) 1 Kathy Reiser, 4/22 Galveston(Anahuac, High Isl, YBRoad) 6 Kathy Reiser, 4/24 Chambers(Anahuac NWR) 1 David Sarkozi,

4/25 Galveston(High Island - Boy Scout Woods) 1 Johnnie Greene

Common Moorhen birds=83 reports=8
American Coot birds=149 reports=8
Black-bellied Plover birds=420 reports=9
American Golden-Plover birds=37 reports=4
Snowy Plover 4/1 Jefferson(Sabine Woods to Sea Rim SP) 60 Art Mackinnon, 4/2 Galveston(Bolivar Shorebird Sanctuary) 15 Adam Wood, 4/16 Galveston(Bolivar Peninsula) 1 Bolivar Bird Count, 4/20 Jefferson(Searim SP) 8 Art Mackinnon, 4/23 Jefferson(Searim SP) 8 Art Mackinnon, 4/27 Galveston() 52 Art Mackinnon, 4/30 Brazoria(Bryan Beach) 2 Cin-Ty Lee

Wilson's Plover birds=26 reports=6
Semipalmated Plover birds=54 reports=7
Piping Plover birds=21 reports=5
Killdeer birds=118 reports=15
American Oystercatcher birds=25 reports=2
Black-necked Stilt birds=169 reports=13
American Avocet birds=5,009 reports=5
Greater Yellowlegs 4/2 Chambers(Anahuac NWR Main) 4 Adam Wood
Lesser Yellowlegs 4/2 Chambers(Anahuac NWR East Bay) 6 Adam Wood

Solitary Sandpiper birds=2 reports=2
Willet birds=370 reports=9
Spotted Sandpiper birds=6 reports=5
Upland Sandpiper birds=18 reports=2
Whimbrel birds=166 reports=4
Long-billed Curlew birds=15 reports=2

Hudsonian Godwit 4/9 Chambers(Anahuac NWR) 1 David Sarkozi

Marbled Godwit birds=166 reports=3
Ruddy Turnstone birds=89 reports=8
Red Knot birds=18 reports=1
Sanderling birds=3,757 reports=9
Semipalmated Sandpiper birds=231 reports=4
Western Sandpiper birds=302 reports=4
Least Sandpiper birds=173 reports=5

White-rumped Sandpiper 4/1 Jefferson(Sabine Woods to Sea Rim SP) 2 Art Mackinnon, 4/27 Galveston() 4 Art Mackinnon, 4/30 Brazoria(Bryan Beach) 200 Cin-Ty Lee

Baird's Sandpiper 4/20 Jefferson(Cattail Marsh) 4 Art Mackinnon

peep sp birds=215 reports=3
Pectoral Sandpiper birds=6 reports=2
Dunlin birds=575 reports=7
Stilt Sandpiper birds=202 reports=2
Buff-breasted Sandpiper birds=37 reports=2
Short-billed Dowitcher birds=373 reports=4
Long-billed Dowitcher birds=643 reports=7
dowitcher sp birds=75 reports=2
Wilson's Snipe birds=5 reports=2
Wilson's Phalarope 4/22 Galveston(Anahuac, High Isl, YBRoad) 5 Kathy Reiser, 4/30 Brazoria(Bryan Beach) 500 Cin-Ty Lee, 4/30 Chambers(Anahuac NWR) 150 Adam Wood

Laughing Gull birds=3,420 reports=18
Franklin's Gull 4/1 Jefferson(Sabine Woods to Sea Rim SP) 3 Art Mackinnon, 4/9 Jefferson(SH 87) 3 Art Mackinnon, 4/23 Jefferson(Searim SP) 1 Art Mackinnon

Bonaparte's Gull birds=99 reports=3
Ring-billed Gull birds=318 reports=13
Herring Gull birds=130 reports=10

Lesser Black-backed Gull 4/27 Galveston() 2 Art Mackinnon

gull sp birds=1 reports=1
Gull-billed Tern birds=17 reports=7
Caspian Tern birds=59 reports=6
Royal Tern birds=1,169 reports=11
Sandwich Tern birds=272 reports=7
Common Tern birds=50 reports=5
Forster's Tern birds=679 reports=11
Least Tern birds=653 reports=9

Black Tern 4/20 Galveston(Boliver Penn Tuna Road) 6 Carol Ferguson, 4/23 Jefferson(Pilot Road) 1 Art Mackinnon, 4/30 Galveston(East Beach) 1 Adam Wood

Black Skimmer birds=382 reports=7
Rock Pigeon birds=82 reports=6
Eurasian Collared-Dove birds=32 reports=6
White-winged Dove birds=53 reports=10
Mourning Dove birds=200 reports=24
Inca Dove birds=11 reports=4

Black-billed Cuckoo 4/14 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP Willows) 1 Art Mackinnon, 4/23 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 David Sarkozi

Yellow-billed Cuckoo birds=10 reports=7
Groove-billed Ani 4/16 Galveston(Bolivar Peninsula) 1 Bolivar Bird Count

Barn Owl birds=2 reports=2
Eastern Screech-Owl birds=1 reports=1
Great Horned Owl birds=1 reports=1
Barred Owl birds=6 reports=3
Common Nighthawk 4/9 Chambers(Anahuac NWR) 1 David Sarkozi, 4/16 Galveston(Boy Scout Woods) 1 Johnnie Greene, 4/23 Galveston(High Island - Boy Scout Woods) 1 Johnnie Greene, 4/23 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 David Sarkozi, 4/30 Chambers(Anahuac NWR) 1 Adam Wood

Chuck-will's-widow birds=12 reports=8
Chimney Swift birds=22 reports=5
Ruby-throated Hummingbird birds=77 reports=9
Belted Kingfisher birds=4 reports=3
Red-headed Woodpecker birds=2 reports=2
Red-bellied Woodpecker birds=21 reports=10
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker birds=5 reports=4
Downy Woodpecker birds=16 reports=9
Pileated Woodpecker birds=6 reports=3
Eastern Wood-Pewee birds=26 reports=8
Acadian Flycatcher birds=6 reports=6

Least Flycatcher 4/17 Brazoria(Peach PT & Quintana) 1 Kathy Reiser, 4/24 Brazoria(Quintana NBS) 1 Kathy Reiser

Great Crested Flycatcher birds=16 reports=11

Western Kingbird 4/12 Brazoria(Quintana Island) 2 Zane Lee, 4/25 Brazoria(Quintana Island) 1 Ron Weeks, 4/29 Chambers(Anahuac NWR) 1 Bob Sammel, 4/30 Brazoria(Bryan Beach) 2 Cin-Ty Lee

Eastern Kingbird birds=206 reports=15
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher birds=66 reports=14
Loggerhead Shrike birds=50 reports=16
White-eyed Vireo birds=40 reports=17
Yellow-throated Vireo birds=5 reports=4
Blue-headed Vireo birds=4 reports=3

Warbling Vireo 4/14 Jefferson() 1 Mike Meyers, 4/30 Galveston(Boy Scout Woods) 1 Adam Wood

Philadelphia Vireo 4/15 Harris(E.I. Moore Sanctuary) 3 Jim Hinson, 4/30 Galveston(Boy Scout Woods) 1 Adam Wood

Red-eyed Vireo birds=49 reports=13

Black-whiskered Vireo 4/24 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Mike Austin

Blue Jay birds=73 reports=20
American Crow birds=11 reports=5
Fish Crow birds=33 reports=6
Horned Lark birds=3 reports=1
Turtle Martin birds=165 reports=18
Tree Swallow birds=5,490 reports=14

Violet-green Swallow 4/29 Jefferson(Terrel Park - Cattail marsh) 1 Jeff Munday

Northern Rough-winged Swallow birds=14 reports=5
Bank Swallow birds=63 reports=3
Cliff Swallow 4/20 Jefferson(Cattail Marsh) 4 Art Mackinnon, 4/24 Brazoria(San Bernard NWR) 12 Kathy Reiser, 4/30 Chambers(High Island) 2 Kathy Reiser

Cave Swallow birds=1 reports=1
Barn Swallow birds=229 reports=20

swallow sp birds=2 reports=1
 Carolina Chickadee birds=17 reports=7
 Tufted Titmouse birds=10 reports=4
 Red-breasted Nuthatch 4/15 Harris(Bear Creek Park)
 1 Jim Hinson, 4/19 Harris(Bear Creek Park) 1
 Derek Muschalek Jim Hinson
 Carolina Wren birds=48 reports=19
 House Wren 4/1 Chambers(Anahuac NWR) 2 David
 Sarkozi, 4/1 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art
 Mackinnon, 4/3 Harris(west Barker Reservoir)
 1 Al Shultz, 4/9 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP
 Willows) 1 Art Mackinnon, 4/14
 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art Mackinnon
 Sedge Wren birds=10 reports=1
 Marsh Wren birds=29 reports=7
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet birds=14 reports=5
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher birds=52 reports=11
 Eastern Bluebird birds=1 reports=1
 Veery 4/14 Jefferson() 1 Mike Meyers, 4/17
 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Bonnie Deming,
 4/23 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 2 David
 Sarkozi, 4/25 Galveston(High Island - Boy
 Scout Woods) 1 Johnnie Greene, 4/25
 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Johnnie Greene,
 4/30 Galveston(Hook Woods) 2 Adam Wood
 Gray-cheeked Thrush 4/17 Brazoria(Peach PT &
 Quintana) 1 Kathy Reiser, 4/24
 Galveston(Hooks Woods) 1 David Sarkozi,
 4/24 Galveston(Hooks Woods) 1 Johnnie
 Greene, 4/25 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 3
 Johnnie Greene, 4/26 Galveston(Pelican
 Island) 2 Richard Hoyer, 4/30 Chambers(High
 Island) 1 Kathy Reiser, 4/30 Galveston(Hook
 Woods) 1 Adam Wood
Swainson's Thrush 4/9 Jefferson(Sabine Woods)
1 Art Mackinnon, 4/14 Jefferson() 4 Mike
 Meyers, 4/14 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 22 Art
 Mackinnon, 4/15 Harris(E.I. Moore Sanctuary)
 3 Jim Hinson, 4/16 Galveston(Hooks Woods)
 3 Johnnie Greene, 4/17 Jefferson(Sabine
 Woods) 3 Bonnie Deming, 4/20
 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art, 4/23
 Galveston(High Island - Boy Scout Woods) 6
 Johnnie Greene, 4/23 Jefferson(Sabine
 Woods) 30 David Sarkozi, 4/23 Jefferson(High
 Island - Smith Oaks) 2 Johnnie Greene, 4/24
 Brazoria(Quintana NBS) 1 Kathy Reiser, 4/24
 Galveston(Hooks Woods) 10 David Sarkozi,
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 Greene, 4/25 Galveston(High Island - Boy
 Scout Woods) 4 Johnnie Greene, 4/25
 Galveston(Hooks Woods) 1 Johnnie Greene,
 4/25 Galveston(High Island - Smith Oaks) 1
 Johnnie Greene, 4/25 Jefferson(Sabine
 Woods) 2 Johnnie Greene, 4/26
 Galveston(Pelican Island) 1 Richard Hoyer,
 4/27 Galveston() 1 Art Mackinnon
 Hermit Thrush 4/2 Chambers(Boy Scout Woods) 1
 Adam Wood
 Wood Thrush birds=62 reports=16
 American Robin birds=1 reports=1
 Gray Catbird birds=142 reports=22
 Northern Mockingbird birds=153 reports=28
 Brown Thrasher birds=41 reports=13
 European Starling birds=177 reports=18
 American Pipit 4/1 Jefferson(Sabine Woods to Sea
 Rim SP) 4 Art Mackinnon
 Cedar Waxwing birds=11 reports=1
 Blue-winged Warbler birds=23 reports=13
 Golden-winged Warbler 4/14 Jefferson() 1 Mike
 Meyers, 4/30 Galveston(Smith Oaks) 2 Adam
 Wood
 Tennessee Warbler birds=94 reports=15
 Orange-crowned Warbler 4/1 Galveston(High Island)
 1 John Berner, 4/1 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 2
 Art Mackinnon, 4/14 Jefferson(Sabine Woods)
 1 Don Quaintance, 4/14 Jefferson(Sabine
 Woods) 1 Art Mackinnon
 Nashville Warbler birds=17 reports=2
 Northern Parula birds=50 reports=10
 Yellow Warbler 4/14 Jefferson(Searim SP Willows) 2
 Don Quaintance, 4/23 Galveston(High Island -
 Boy Scout Woods) 2 Johnnie Greene, 4/23
 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 2 David Sarkozi,
 4/26 Galveston(Pelican Island) 1 Richard
 Hoyer, 4/30 Galveston(Boy Scout Woods) 1
 Adam Wood, 4/30 Galveston(Hook Woods) 1
 Adam Wood
**Chestnut-sided Warbler 4/1 Jefferson(Sabine
 Woods) 21 Art Mackinnon,** 4/14
 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Don Quaintance,
 4/14 Jefferson() 1 Mike Meyers, 4/14
 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art Mackinnon,
 4/15 Harris(E.I. Moore Sanctuary) 1 Jim
 Hinson, 4/20 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art,
 4/23 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 David
 Sarkozi, 4/24 Galveston(Hooks Woods) 1
 David Sarkozi, 4/25 Galveston(Hooks Woods)
 1 Johnnie Greene, 4/27 Galveston() 1 Art
 Mackinnon
 Magnolia Warbler 4/14 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1
 Art Mackinnon, 4/23 Galveston(High Island -
 Boy Scout Woods) 1 Johnnie Greene, 4/24
 Galveston(Hooks Woods) 1 David Sarkozi,
 4/25 Galveston(High Island - Boy Scout
 Woods) 1 Johnnie Greene
 Cape May Warbler 4/20 Jefferson(Mulberries end of
 SH87) 1 Art Mackinnon
 Yellow-rumped Warbler birds=77 reports=11
 Black-throated Green Warbler birds=23 reports=8
 Blackburnian Warbler birds=15 reports=7
 Yellow-throated Warbler birds=17 reports=9
**Prairie Warbler 4/1 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art
 Mackinnon,** 4/23 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1
 David Sarkozi
 Palm Warbler 4/1 Chambers(Anahuac NWR) 2 David
 Sarkozi, 4/9 Chambers(Anahuac NWR) 1
 Brian Baird, 4/20 Jefferson(Mulberries end of
 SH87) 1 Art Mackinnon
 Bay-breasted Warbler 4/30 Galveston(Smith Oaks) 1
 Adam Wood, 4/30 Galveston(Boy Scout
 Woods) 1 Adam Wood
 Blackpoll Warbler 4/20 Jefferson(Searim SP Willows)
 2 Art Mackinnon, 4/20 Jefferson(Mulberries
 end of SH87) 8 Art Mackinnon, 4/23
 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 2 David Sarkozi,
 4/24 Chambers(Anahuac NWR) 1 David
 Sarkozi
 Cerulean Warbler 4/14 Jefferson() 1 Mike Meyers,
 4/14 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art
 Mackinnon, 4/23 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 2
 David Sarkozi, 4/24 Brazoria(Quintana NBS) 1
 Kathy Reiser, 4/24 Galveston(Hooks Woods) 2
 Johnnie Greene
 Black-and-White Warbler birds=59 reports=15
 American Redstart birds=12 reports=10
 Prothonotary Warbler birds=14 reports=10
 Worm-eating Warbler birds=34 reports=8
 Swainson's Warbler birds=4 reports=3
 Ovenbird birds=17 reports=5
 Northern Waterthrush birds=13 reports=11
 Louisiana Waterthrush 4/1 Chambers(Anahuac
 NWR) 1 David Sarkozi, 4/1 Galveston(High
 Island) 1 John Berner, 4/2 Chambers(Boy
 Scout Woods) 4 Adam Wood, 4/14
 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 2 Don Quaintance,
 4/14 Jefferson() 2 Mike Meyers, 4/14
 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art Mackinnon,
 4/17 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Bonnie
 Deming
 Kentucky Warbler birds=35 reports=14
 Common Yellowthroat birds=186 reports=22
 Hooded Warbler birds=127 reports=17
 Wilson's Warbler birds=3 reports=3
 Canada Warbler 4/23 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 2
 David Sarkozi
 Yellow-breasted Chat birds=76 reports=15
 warbler sp. birds=2 reports=1
 Summer Tanager birds=91 reports=20
 Scarlet Tanager birds=92 reports=23
 Western Tanager 4/25 Brazoria(Quintana Island) 1
 Ron Weeks
 Eastern Towhee 4/1 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art
 Mackinnon, 4/14 Jefferson() 1 Mike Meyers,
 4/14 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art Mackinnon
**Clay-colored Sparrow 4/25 Brazoria(Quintana
 Island) 2 Ron Weeks, 4/26
 Galveston(Pelican Island) 2 Richard Hoyer**
 Lark Sparrow 4/25 Brazoria(Quintana Island) 5 Ron
 Weeks, 4/26 Galveston(Pelican Island) 1
 Richard Hoyer, 4/27 Galveston() 4 Art
 Mackinnon
 Savannah Sparrow birds=250 reports=8
 Grasshopper Sparrow birds=1 reports=1
 Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow birds=5 reports=2
 Seaside Sparrow birds=1 reports=1
 Lincoln's Sparrow birds=5 reports=3
 Swamp Sparrow birds=38 reports=9
 White-throated Sparrow birds=68 reports=8
 Northern Cardinal birds=221 reports=32
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak birds=40 reports=20
 Blue Grosbeak birds=60 reports=13
**Lazuli Bunting 4/25 Brazoria(Quintana Island) 1
 Ron Weeks**
 Indigo Bunting birds=310 reports=19
 Painted Bunting birds=11 reports=4
 Dickcissel birds=34 reports=5
 Bobolink 4/22 Galveston(Anahuac, High Isl, YBRowd)
 5 Kathy Reiser, 4/27 Galveston() 17 Art
 Mackinnon
 Red-winged Blackbird birds=1,929 reports=27
 Eastern Meadowlark birds=223 reports=10
 Western Meadowlark 4/16 Galveston(Bolivar
 Peninsula) 2 Bolivar Bird Count
 Common Grackle birds=45 reports=9
 Boat-tailed Grackle birds=300 reports=10
 Great-tailed Grackle birds=929 reports=25
 Bronzed Cowbird 4/3 Harris(BraesBayou just
 downstream of) 1 Bob Honig, 4/3
 Harris(BraesBayou just downstream of) 1 Bob
 Honig, 4/10 Brazoria(Quintana Santuary) 1
 Keith Anderson, 4/16 Galveston(Bolivar
 Peninsula) 1 Bolivar Bird Count, 4/16
 Harris(Braes Bayou at Buffalo Speedwa) 2 Bob
 Honig, 4/16 Harris(Houston - Purdue & Auden
 (near) 1 Bob Honig, 4/17 Brazoria(Quintana
 Neotropical Bird Sanc) 1 Kathy Reiser, 4/17
 Brazoria(Quintana Neotropical Bird Sanc) 1
 Kathy Reiser
 Brown-headed Cowbird birds=123 reports=13
 Orchard Oriole birds=74 reports=19
**Streak-backed Oriole 4/8 Fort Bend(Brazos Bend
 SP) 1 Mary Gustafson, 4/18 Fort
 Bend(Brazos Bend SP) 1 Mary Moore, 4/27
 Fort Bend(Brazos Bend SP) 1 David
 Whipple**
 Baltimore Oriole birds=46 reports=13
 House Finch birds=6 reports=1
**Pine Siskin 4/26 Galveston(Pelican Island) 1
 Richard Hoyer**
 American Goldfinch 4/17 Brazoria(Peach PT &
 Quintana) 1 Kathy Reiser
 House Sparrow birds=93 reports

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