



# THE SPOONBILL

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 \* MERRY CHRISTMAS! \*  
 \* Of all the wonderful creatures of the wilder- \*  
 \* ness, birds seem to be the most "Christmasy". The \*  
 \* softness of their feathers bring us cheer as we \*  
 \* gaze in wonder at their beauty; their merry twit- \*  
 \* terings bring warmth to our minds as we listen to \*  
 \* their carols; their animation and energy bring us \*  
 \* inspiration as we observe their way of life. Yet \*  
 \* these exquisite jewels of God's handiwork can \*  
 \* never compare to His greatest gift to us—a Savior! \*  
 \* This season, let us be thankful for . . . \*  
 \* "His unspeakable gift". (II Cor. 9:15) \*  
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### COMING EVENTS

- December 26 (Monday) The Freeport Invitational Christmas Count. Nancy and Jerry Strickling, Drumbaters Pro-Tem. Victor Emanuel, Jr., Compiler and leader Emeritus. No. 1, No. 1, No. 1 That's us.
- January 2 (Monday) The Houston Christmas Bird Count led by John Tveten. See below for details.
- January 10 (Tuesday) Regular ONC meeting at Garden Center, 1500 Hermann Drive, 8 PM. The program will include a presentation on "Endangered Wildlife" by Howard Dodgen, Executive Director Texas Wildlife.
- January 21 (Saturday) OG field trip to the Cypress area, where we shall visit the fresh water marsh "Sparrow-Lands" and woodlands, and where we hope to see some Bald Eagles! We plan to meet our leaders, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hoffman at 8:30 AM BEHIND Kitzman Chevrolet, where there is a Texaco Filling Station on Highway 290 in Cypress. Bring a picnic lunch.
- January 21 & 22 (Saturday and Sunday) ONC field trip led by Jim O'Neill, who is planning a visit to "Cave Country" by bus. See your Nature Club Notes for details.
- January 30 (Monday) Audubon Wildlife Film presented by Hugh Land—"Out of the Selva." Pershing Jr. High School, 7000 Braes Blvd. at 8 PM.
- February 12 (Sunday) Tentative plans are being made for an OG field trip to Palmetto State Park, led by Dr. Mary Sears.

### HOUSTON CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Monday, January 2, 1967 - - - Leader: John L. Tveten, 512 Inwood Dr., Baytown, Texas 77520 (Phone: 583-4431)

Tentative assignments for areas are listed below. This list does not cover those people who were uncertain as to their participation at the time The Spoonbill went to press. Anyone who is not included in this list, and who would like to help, is urged to call John Tveten immediately. It is very difficult to contact everyone who might be interested; addresses change and records are often incomplete, so don't take offense if your name has been omitted. Just pick up the phone and you will be added to the troops.

Each participant will be contacted by the appropriate area leader. It is up to them to work out their own schedules, assignments, meeting places, etc. Several of our former leaders will not be able to attend, so this puts an added burden on the rest of us to learn the areas well.

Field check-lists will be provided for recording species in the field and for tabulating the final results. All members are responsible for the following:

1. Make sure your name appears on the upper right-hand corner of your check-list. This assures an accurate listing of participants for the Audubon Field Notes and also helps in determining who identified any rare or unusual species (of which we hope there will be many).
2. Return the check-list to your area leader at the meeting following the count.
3. Record an estimate of your total mileage by car and foot, and times in and out of your area.
4. Pay 50¢ to your area leader. This is to help defray the cost of publishing the count in Audubon Field Notes.

## Area Leaders should:

1. Obtain permission to enter all private property and keep a record of these areas for future use.
2. Familiarize yourself with your area.
3. Introduce the members of your party to the area before the count if possible.
4. Arrange your own schedules and assignments within the area.

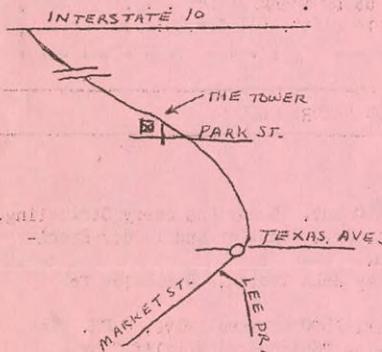
Meeting: The meeting after the count will be held at the Tower Restaurant in Baytown. This is located on Decker Drive. Arrangements have been made to use one of the banquet rooms. The entrance to these rooms is on the right as you face the building. Field dress is the attire of the day, but please try to have a clean pair of shoes after all that marsh-hopping.

In order to avoid a long delay in obtaining meals, the manager will have three main choices of meals:

Meal	Cost*
Chicken-fried Steak - - - - -	\$2.30
Seafood Dinner - - - - -	2.55
Club Steak - - - - -	3.35

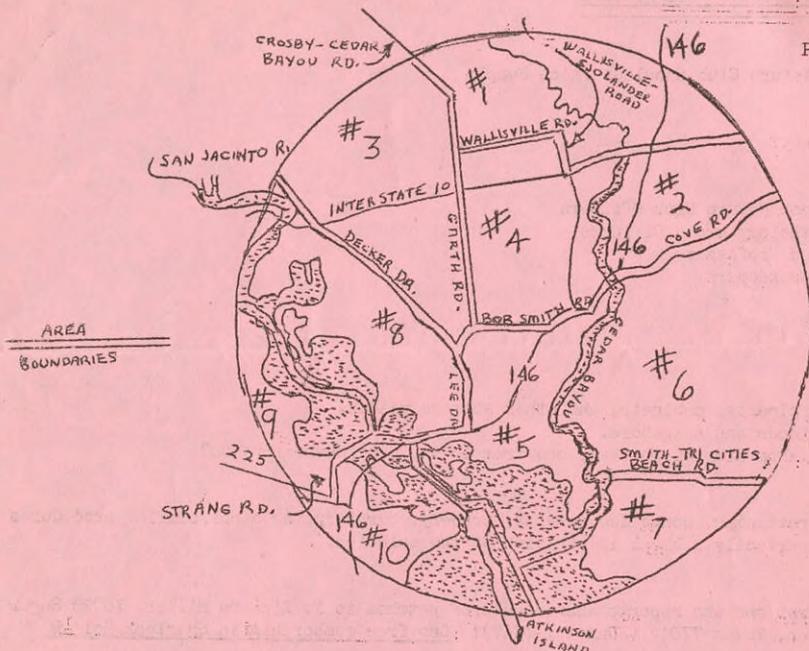
\*Includes salad, drink, dessert and tip. Of course, anything else may be ordered from the menu, but will require more time to prepare.

For those who are new to the count, this meeting begins after birding ceases (at dark) and is a lot of fun. This is where you reveal your big finds of the day, and we learn how well we did. Please inform your area leaders if you will not be able to come to the meeting so that the restaurant can have an approximate count.



## Area Assignments:

1. Joe Farrell  
Dirk Hagemeyer  
Mr. and Mrs. R.B. Moore  
Mr. and Mrs. F. Richard Miller
2. L.A.M. Barnette  
Mrs. Barnette  
Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Mebane  
Louise Rogers  
Jane Dodge  
Edna Fielding  
E.W. Taylor
3. Jerry (Mrs. C.F.) Baker  
Norma Oates  
Bud Anderson  
Margaret Anderson  
Charlotte Johnson  
Josephine Wilkin
4. John Tveten  
Gloria Tveten  
Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood Davis
5. Bill Wright  
Betty Wright  
Nell Ray  
Melba Drake  
Sarah Gordon  
Mr. and Mrs. John A. Lynch
6. David Marrack  
Arlie McKay  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Hoffman  
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel T. Washburn
7. Clayton Gilman  
Mrs. Gilman  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kokesh  
Johanna Grabbe  
Jane Robinson
8. Steve Williams  
Hardin Craig  
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Caillet  
Helen Wolfer  
Ella Wolfer
9. Jerry Strickling  
Nancy Strickling  
Dr. and Mrs. Bill Harwell  
Bobby Dugan  
Mr. and Mrs. J.H. O'Neill  
Ruth Moorman
10. Linda Snyder  
Irving Greenbaum  
Dennis Shepler  
Noel Pettingell  
Mr. and Mrs. C.P. McKnight



#### Area Boundaries

1. From the intersection of the circle circumference and Crosby-Cedar Bayou Rd. south-east to Garth Rd., south on Garth to Wallisville Rd., then east and south on Wallisville to IH 10 and east to edge of circle.
2. Area in northeast part of circle south of IH 10, east of Cedar Bayou and north of Cove Rd.
3. Area in northwest part of circle northwest of Crosby-Cedar Bayou Road, west of Garth Rd., and north of Decker Dr. The southeast portion of this area is defined as north of Goose Creek and portion of Bob Smith Rd.
4. Area in north central part of circle east of Garth Rd., south of Wallisville Road and IH 10, west of north-south branch of Wallisville Rd. and Cedar Bayou and north of Bob Smith Rd.
5. Baytown proper in south central part of circle. Bordered on the East by Cedar Bayou (Dr. Fayle's Island is included) on the North by Bob Smith Rd., on the West by Goose Creek, Decker Dr., Lee Dr., and Hwy. 146 west. The southwest boundary begins at the outlet to Black Duck Bay, extends south-eastward along the west side of Hog Island, then eastward between Hog Island and Atkinson Island to a point midway between Atkinson Island and the shoreline near Cedar Bayou. The boundary then extends southeastward parallel to and one mile east of Atkinson Island to intersect the circle circumference.
6. Area in eastern portion of circle, bounded on the north by Cove Rd., on the west by Cedar Bayou and on the south by the Smith-Tri-Cities Road.
7. Area in southeast portion of the circle, bounded on the north by the Smith-Tri-Cities Rd. and on the west by Cedar Bayou.
8. Area in western portion of circle. Bordered on the east by Decker Dr. and Lee Dr., on the south by Hwy 146, and on the southwest by the Houston Ship Channel. This area covers both sides of IH 10 where it crosses the San Jacinto River.
9. Area in the southwest portion of circle, bordered on the northeast by the Houston Ship Channel, on the east by Strang Rd., and on the south by Hwy 225.
10. Area in the southern portion of the circle, bordered on the northeast as described for the southwest of Area 5. Bordered on the northwest by Hwy 225, Strang Rd., a line  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile northwest of and parallel to Hwy 146, to intersect the ship channel, and Hwy 146, to intersect the ship channel, and Hwy 146 northeast to the Black Duck Bay outlet.

PUZZLE SECTION : Solve this Mystery

The Victim:

X Outdoor Nature Club Shoulder Patch Supply

The Question:

Where are they?

The Suspects:

Former Outdoor Nature Club Officers  
Former Ornithology Group Officers  
Absent-minded Professors  
Careless Housekeepers  
Hoarders  
Bird Hunters  
Ecdysiasts

Clues:

Search your closets, cabinets, and other storage places.  
Ask your friends and neighbors.  
Think back: Whom did you purchase one from in the past several years?

Rules:

Bugging, wiretapping, concealed cameras, bribery, burglary, or other similar procedures considered perfectly ethical in arriving at the solution.

First Prize:

Given to first one who reports whereabouts of patches to F. Richard Miller, 10023 Sugar Hill, Houston, Texas 77042 (SUNset 1-1747): One free membership in Sherlock Holmes Rangers!

REPORT on the FIELD TRIP to the ROB & BESSIE WELDER WILDLIFE REFUGE NEAR SINTON, TEXAS, 11/19

by Dr. David Marrack

Through the courtesy of Dr. Clarence Cottam, Director of the Welder Wildlife Refuge, a large party from the Outdoor Nature Club were able to enjoy the great variety of flora and fauna of this 8,000 acre refuge. We assembled outside the gates at 8:30 AM in dense mist. It was remarkable that such a large group assembled on time in such driving conditions. Most people had spent the night in the area but there were hardy souls that had driven from afar through the mist during the early hours of the morning, including a couple from Beaumont. Visibility was so bad that from near the front of the line of cars it was impossible to see whether Mr. Barnette, who brought up the rear, had closed and locked the front gates! Despite these communication difficulties, we all managed to reach the car park, passing on the way a fine party of wild turkey and some javelina.

The conditions were obviously unsuitable for continuing the field trip until some of the mist had burned off. With the help of Mr. Glazener, the Assistant Director, the opportunity was taken to visit the refuge's museum and look at the natural history of some of the species that we anticipated seeing. Mrs. Bobbi Low supplemented this with a series of slides covering flora and fauna and other features of the refuge combining them in an excellent talk. She also entertained us with the subjects of her husband's research project on javelinas. Two juvenile experiments were scampering around the refuge buildings.

It was nearly ten o'clock before bright sunshine burned through the mist and serious birdwatching could begin. A large group took off in the direction of the main lake with a view to looking at duck and other water fowl before they were disturbed. We were pleased to see a number of visitors from other societies in Texas with us for this field trip.

On the way to the lake, more turkeys and a roadrunner put us in the mood for a productive field trip. At the lake the group split into two parties and went in opposite directions along the bank in the hope that everyone would have an opportunity of seeing the majority of birds. Apart from a large number of water fowl, including very good views of Bufflehead, there was a fine pair of Vermilion Flycatchers which displayed conveniently and, possibly more interestingly, a mixed party of Pyrrhuloxia and Cardinals which made comparison between the species easy. One party disturbed a small Western Diamond Backed Rattlesnake which beat a hasty retreat into the base of a bush and refused to be driven out to be caught and examined. The presence of the Black-bellied Tree Duck was a surprise and it was interesting to be able to compare these with the Fulvous Tree Duck and the Mottled Duck also present. On returning from the lake, the leader spotted a sparrow amongst the Vespers that he did not recognize as it flew from the scrub at the edge of the road. An extensive search found him a Life Bird, Black-throated Sparrow, and several members also saw a Verdin.

After the picnic lunch in the comforts of the Rotunda, a trip was made down to the river bottom and there was much discussion over a hawk which sat on the end of a tree in rather

difficult light. It was finally pinned down as an Osprey. The party examined a large wild bee's nest hanging out of a tree and then broke up into groups to screen the woodland. Rain was threatening and this was not particularly profitable; in fact, it was not long before the expedition was terminated by a heavy shower. After examining a turkey netting site, several shore birds, duck and snipe were studied at great convenience on a small group of lakes just below the Rotunda. The group, after a brief stop to allow some members to leave the refuge, returned to a dried-up lake and formed themselves into a-line-abreast to try and drive Long-eared Owls out of the grasses. Unfortunately, the attempt was a failure; very few birds were disturbed in the excellent cover, which seemed rather surprising; however, we did have a fine view of four Sandhill Cranes.

As the sun was setting, the party returned to the large lake. A number of duck and some geese were settling down for the night. The party returned to Rotunda for supper. Some decided to spend the rest of the weekend on the Refuge and others proceeded to Rockport for a further field trip the following day. 93 species of birds were recorded. Amongst those on this field trip were the following who signed the register. In retrospect, it appears that some six additional individuals failed to sign themselves on.

Dirk Hagemeyer	Wallace C. Mebane, Jr.	Ruth Ray
Eva & Clayton Gilman	Marion & Ed Taylor	Sarah Gordon
Bill & Betty Wright	Jesiephine Wilkin	Nell Ray
Jonny Fay & Barney Barnette	S.L. & Sharon Davis	Melba Drake
Lib & Charles Hagemeyer	Johanna Grabbe	Sue M. Buck
Wilmot & Elsie Everett	David Marrack	Bud Anderson
Louise Rogers		

FIELD TRIP, NOV. 20 in the "MARY LOU" from ROCKPORT along the INTRACOASTAL CANAL, SKIRTING ARANSAS WILDLIFE REFUGE -----by Dr. David Marrack

This early morning trip on a beautiful clear day was extremely productive and many of the species of birds seen the previous day were seen again. In addition, 15 Whooping Cranes were watched at leisure including two young ones. We saw a Bonaparte's Gull, 13 Brown Pelicans, and a Red-breasted Merganser. Later, on the way to the Aransas Refuge, a Prairie Chicken was seen beside the road, and in the Refuge we found a Yellow-throated Warbler and a solitary Robin. The Aransas Refuge was notable for lack of water in the lakes and marshy areas. The main party departed for Houston at about 3 PM in the afternoon after a very successful day.

CLEARING HOUSE, November, 1966

Common Loon: (5)22 Galveston HP.  
 Eared Grebe: (10)14 Anahuac Refuge "A".  
 Least Grebe: (1)22 Galveston HP.  
 Pied-billed Grebe: (15)1, (50)14, (1)3, 12, 17 Cove AKM; (3)25 Baytown BS; (20-30)22 Galveston "A" HP.  
 White Pelican: (350)25 Baytown BS; (5)18 Warren Lake "A"; (4)Salt Mine Lake, Katy-Hockley Rd. DM.  
 Cormorant (sp): (5)25 Baytown BS.  
 Double-crested Cormorant: (3)14 Anahuac Refuge, (2)18 Warren Lake "A".  
 Great-blue Heron: (10)25 Baytown BS; (2)22 Galveston HP.  
 Little Blue Heron: (2)22 Galveston HP.  
 Cattle Egret: (1)25 Baytown BS; (15-20)22 Galveston HP.  
 Reddish Egret: (1)22 Galveston HP.  
 Common Egret: (10)25 Baytown BS; (10)14 Anahuac Refuge "A"; (5)22 Galveston HP.  
 Snowy Egret: (20)25 Baytown BS; (7)14 Anahuac Refuge "A"; (nc)22 Galveston HP.  
 Louisiana Heron: (10)25 Baytown BS; (4)14 Anahuac Refuge "A"; (nc)22 Galveston HP.  
 White-faced Ibis: 13 days (150)1, 13, 14, 28, (500)11 Cove AKM; (25)14 Anahuac Refuge, (1)18 Warren Lake "A"; (300)2 Freeport MA, JWR.  
 White Ibis: (1)14 Anahuac Refuge "A"; (6)22 Galveston HP.  
 Roseate Spoonbill: (1-10)8 days Cove AKM.  
 Canada Goose: (6)14 Anahuac Refuge, (100)18 Warren Lake "A"; (63)22 Galveston HP.  
 Greater Canada Goose: (2)18, 28 Cove AKM.  
 White-fronted Goose: (50)14 Anahuac Refuge, (1000)18 Warren Lake "A"; (24)22 Galveston HP; 7 days (52)24, (200)28 Cove AKM.  
 Snow Goose: (1500)14 Anahuac Refuge, (5000)18 Warren Lake "A".  
 Blue Goose: (500)14 Anahuac Refuge, (2000)18 Warren Lake "A".  
 Mallard: 16 days (10-15)3, 6, 17 Cove AKM; (15)14 Anahuac Refuge, (2)18 Warren Lake "A".  
 Mottled Duck: 16 days (10-35)3, 5, 6, 7, 26, 28 (100)17 Cove AKM; (30)14 Anahuac Refuge "A"; (8)22 Galveston HP.  
 Gadwall: (1500)1, (500)3, (3500)14 Cove AKM; (12)14 Anahuac Refuge, (100)18 Warren Lake "A"; (nc)22 Galveston HP.  
 Pintail: (100-300)1, 3, 7, 17, 29 Cove AKM; (200)14 Anahuac Refuge, (25)18 Warren Lake "A"; (nc)22 Galveston HP.  
 Green-winged Teal: 13 days (30-150)6, 12, 17, (1000)26 Cove AKM; (100)14 Anahuac Refuge, (50)14 Warren Lake "A".  
 Blue-winged Teal: (1)5, (11)17 Cove AKM; (1)22 Galveston HP.  
 American Widgeon: (500)1, 29 (100-200)12, 14, 17 Cove AKM; (1)25 Baytown BS; (25)14 Anahuac Refuge, (10)18 Warren Lake "A"; (nc)22 Galveston HP.

Shoveler: 15 days, (25-30)1,28, (100)17 Cove AKM; (2)25 Baytown BS; (50)14 Anahuac Refuge, (30)18 Warren Lake "A"; (nc)22 Galveston HP.

Redhead: (4)1, (1)3, (1)17 Cove AKM; (5)14 Anahuac Refuge "A"; (1)22 Galveston HP

Ring-necked Duck: (30-100)1,3,7,17 Cove AKM; (4)14 Anahuac Refuge "A"; (50)8 W. Harris Co. MA JWR.

Canvasback: (30-75)1,3,13,14, (100)17 Cove AKM; (2)14 Anahuac Refuge (50)18 Warren Lake "A".

Lesser Scaup: (3)25 Baytown BS; 8 days (75)3, (300)21 Cove AKM; (8)14 Anahuac Refuge "A"; (nc)22 Galveston HP.

Bufflehead: (1)14 Anahuac Refuge "A".

COMMON SCOTER: (1)14 Anahuac Refuge "A".

Ruddy Duck: (8-13)1,7,14,17, (25)3 Cove AKM; (5)25 Baytown BS; (30)14 Anahuac Refuge "A"; (1)22 Galveston HP.

Red-breasted Merganser: (7)21 Cove AKM; (1)22 Galveston HP.

Turkey Vulture: (1)25 Baytown BS.

Black Vulture: (2-4)14,17,30 Cove AKM.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: (1)12,14 Cove AKM.

Red-tailed Hawk: (1)14 Anahuac Refuge, (12)18 Clay Rd. "A"; (1)22 Galveston HP.

Harlan's Hawk: (1)17 Cove AKM.

Red-shouldered Hawk: (1)17,19 Cove AKM; (1)14 Anahuac Refuge, (2)18 Clay Rd. "A".

Broad-winged Hawk: (1)14 Anahuac Refuge "A".

Marsh Hawk: (15)14 Anahuac Refuge, (12)18 Clay Rd. "A"; (2)22 Galveston HP.

Peregrine Falcon: (1)2 Freeport MA JWR.

Sparrow Hawk: (3)25 Baytown BS; (8)18 Clay Rd. "A"; (4)22 Galveston HP.

Bobwhite: (1)25 Baytown BS; (15)18 Clay Rd. "A".

King Rail: (1)7 Cove AKM; (1)25 Baytown BS.

Clapper Rail: (3)22 Galveston HP.

Common Gallinule: (1)1, (2)24 Cove AKM; (6)14 Anahuac Ref. "A"; (7)22 Galveston HP.

American Coot: (20)25 Baytown BS; 9 days (2000-4000)1,12,14 Cove AKM; (2000)14 Anahuac Ref. (3)18 Warren Lake "A"; (nc)22 Galveston HP.

Semipalmated Plover: (2)22 Galveston HP.

Piping Plover: (7)22 Galveston HP.

Killdeer: (nc)25 Baytown BS; (nc)22 Galveston HP.

Black-bellied Plover: (3-13)3,12,21, (50)17 Cove AKM; (2)14 Anahuac Ref., (1)18 Warren Lake "A"; (2)22 Galveston HP.

Ruddy Turnstone: (1)13 Cove AKM; (4)22 Galveston HP.

Common Snipe: (1-5)7 days Cove AKM; (10)18 Clay Rd. "A"; (5)22 Galveston HP.

Long-billed Curlew: (1-8)7 days, (42)29 Cove AKM; (3)25 Baytown BS; (1)14 Anahuac Ref., (4)18 Clay Rd. "A"; (7)22 Galveston HP.

Spotted Sandpiper: (1)3,12 Cove AKM; (2)25 Baytown BS; (1)22 Galveston HP.

Willet: (5-9)4 days Cove AKM; (12)25 Baytown BS; (2)14 Anahuac Ref., (1)18 Warren Lake "A"; (nc)22 Galveston HP.

Greater Yellowlegs: (1-5)8 days Cove AKM; (1)25 Baytown BS; (1)14 Anahuac Ref., (5)18 Clay Rd. "A"; (2)22 Galveston HP.

Lesser Yellowlegs: (1-8)4 days Cove AKM; (3)25 Baytown BS; (6)18 Clay Rd. "A"; (nc)22 Galveston HP.

Least Sandpiper: (4)25 Baytown BS; (1)14 Anahuac Ref. "A"; (nc)22 Galveston HP.

Dunlin: (25)14 Anahuac Ref. "A"; (nc)22 Galveston HP.

Short-billed Dowitcher: (nc)22 Galveston HP.

Dowitcher(sp): (8-15)4 days Cove AKM; (15)18 Clay Rd. "A".

Semipalmated Sandpiper: (200)25 Baytown BS; (10)14 Anahuac Ref., (3)18 Clay Rd. "A"; (nc)22 Galveston HP.

Western Sandpiper: (4)14 Anahuac Ref. "A"; (1)22 Galveston HP.

Sanderling: (2)3 Cove AKM; (nc)22 Galveston HP.

American Avocet: (6)12, (18)27, (52)21, (7)29 Cove AKM; (4)25 Baytown BS; (50)14 Anahuac Ref. "A".

BLACK-NECKED STILT: (1)25 Baytown BS.

Herring Gull: (nc)25 Baytown BS; (20-30)22 Galveston HP.

Franklin's Gull: (1)14 Anahuac Ref. "A"; (150)8 W. Harris Co. MA JWR.

Gull-billed Tern: (1)22 Galveston HP.

Forster's Tern: (15)22 Galveston HP.

Common Tern: (nc)3, (20)21 Cove AKM.

Royal Tern: (4)25 Baytown BS; (3)14 Anahuac Ref. "A"; (nc)22 Galveston HP.

Sandwich Tern: (1)3, Cove AKM; (8-10)22 Galveston HP; (6)2 Freeport MA JWR.

Caspian Tern: (1)25 Baytown BS; (2)22 Galveston HP.

Ground Dove: (5)14 Cove AKM.

Groove-billed Ani: (1)8 Katy-Hockley Rd. MA JWR.

Screech Owl: (1)1, (2)29 Cove AKM.

Great-horned Owl: (or 2)29 Cove AKM.

Barred Owl: (1)13, (2)24, 30 Cove AKM.

Common Nighthawk: (1)3, (2)4, (2)7, 9 (1)11, 22 Downtown Houston NP.

Belted Kingfisher: (1-2)7 days Cove AKM; (2)14 Anahuac Ref. "A"; (2)22 Galveston HP.

Yellow-shafted Flicker: (1-5)24 Days Cove AKM; (3)25 Baytown BS; (8)18 Clay Rd. "A"; (1)22 Galveston HP.

Red-bellied Woodpecker: (3)18 Clay Rd. "A".

Red-headed Woodpecker: (1-2)12 days (total of 4) Cove AKM.  
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: (1)9 days Cove AKM; (1)25 Baytown BS.  
 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher: (1)3 Cove AKM; (1)18 Clay Rd. "A".  
 Eastern Phoebe: (2)25 Baytown BS; (1)18 Clay Rd. "A".  
 Vermilion Flycatcher: (1-2)7 days Cove AKM.  
 Horned Lark: (10)14 Anahuac Ref, (3)18 Clay Rd. "A"; (5)22 Galveston HP.  
 Tree Swallow: (100)12, (2)22 (not common as misstated last month, but never so scarce) Cove AKM; (1500)14 Anahuac Ref. "A".  
 Rough-winged Swallow: (nc)4 Cove AKM.  
 Barn Swallow: (1)4 Cove AKM.  
 Blue Jay: (nc)25 Baytown BS; (nc)22 Galveston HP.  
 Tufted Titmouse: (2)17 Cove AKM.  
 House Wren: (1-3)5 days Cove AKM; (2)18 Clay Rd. "A".  
 Long-billed Marsh Wren: (5)22 Galveston HP.  
 Short-billed Marsh Wren: (2)22 Galveston HP.  
 Mockingbird: (nc)25 Baytown BS; (nc)22 Galveston HP.  
 Brown Thrasher: (10)25 Baytown BS; (4)18 Clay Rd. "A".  
 Robin: (25)18 Clay Rd. "A".  
 Hermit Thrush: (1)18, 19 Cove AKM.  
 Golden-crowned Kinglet: (1)18, 10102 Hollysprings JWR.  
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet: (2)25 Baytown BS; (3)18 Clay Rd. "A".  
 Water Pipit: (1-10)5 days (80)14, (30)17 Cove AKM; (25)25 Baytown BS; (6)14 Anahuac Ref. (15)18 Clay Rd. "A"; (nc)22 Galveston HP.  
 Sprague's Pipit: (1)17, 26, 28 Cove AKM.  
 Loggerhead Shrike: (nc)25 Baytown BS; (2)14 Anah. Ref, (8)18 Clay Rd. "A"; (nc)22 Galveston HP.  
 Starling: (100+)25 Baytown BS; (nc)22 Galveston HP.  
 Orange-crowned Warbler: (2)21, (1)24, 26, 30 Cove AKM; (1)25 Baytown BS.  
 Myrtle Warbler: (1-10)10, (2-8)4 days Cove AKM; (3)25 Baytown BS; (2)14 Anahuac Ref, (10)18 Clay Rd. "A".  
 Yellow-throated Warbler: (1)5, 9, 10102 Hollysprings JWR.  
 BAY-BREASTED WARBLER: (1)6, 10102 Hollysprings JWR (see notes).  
 Pine Warbler: (1)30 Cove AKM.  
 Palm Warbler: (3)28 Cove AKM.  
 Eastern Meadowlark: (nc)25 Baytown BS; (nc)22 Galveston HP.  
 Red-winged Blackbird: (200)25 Baytown BS; (15)14 Anahuac Ref. "A".  
 RUSTY BLACKBIRD: (1)1 Cove AKM.  
 Boat-tailed Grackle: (nc)25 Baytown BS; (nc)22 Galveston HP.  
 Common Grackle: (200)18 Clay Rd. "A".  
 Brown-headed Cowbird: (5)25 Baytown BS; (4000)14 Near Anahuac Ref. "A"; (nc)22 Galveston HP.  
 Cardinal: (nc)25 Baytown BS; (nc)22 Galveston HP.  
 BLUE GROSBEAK: (1)14 Cove AKM.  
 American Goldfinch: (20)28 Cove AKM; (15)25 Baytown BS.  
 Savannah Sparrow: (20)14 Anahuac Ref, (75)18 Clay Rd. "A"; (nc)22 Galveston HP.  
 Grasshopper Sparrow: (1)8 Beeler Rd. MA JWR.  
 Sharp-tailed Sparrow: (3)22 Galveston HP.  
 Seaside Sparrow: (4), (6)21 Cove AKM; (3)14 Anahuac Ref. "A"; (2)22 Galveston HP.  
 Vesper Sparrow: (9)18 Clay Rd. "A".  
 Field Sparrow: (2)28 Cove AKM.  
 White-crowned Sparrow: (nc)17 Cove AKM; (2)18 Clay Rd. "A".  
 White-throated Sparrow: (20)18 Clay Rd. "A"; (2)25 Baytown BS.  
 Lincoln's Sparrow: (6)18 Clay Rd. "A"; (nc) never scarce in November before) Cove AKM.  
 Swamp Sparrow: (1-3)17, 21, 24, 26, 28 Cove AKM; (6)25 Baytown BS.

#### Clearing House Notes

BAY-BREASTED WARBLER: "I saw this bird clearly. It had wing bars and all the proper marks and fortunately to make things easier had a good bit of bay color left on its sides and traces of it still across the throat - somewhat like a necklace." JWR

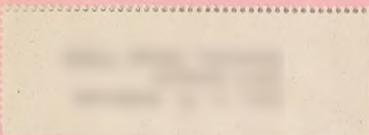
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