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GREEN VIOLET-EAR IN AUSTIN SEEN BY MANY HOUSTON BIRDERS - by Noel Pettingell

On August 24 a strange hummingbird was discovered by Nila Ruth (Mrs. Ken) Copeland among the many Ruby-throats feeding around her house at 4404 Stearns Lane. Three days later (Aug. 27) Mexican bird expert Edgar Kincaid identified the vagrant hummer as a Green Violet-ear (*Colibri thalassinus*), also confirming it as a fully "sanitary" stray (i.e., not an escapee) in excellent adult male plumage. The normal range of this species is central Mexican mountain forests at about 6,000 feet (from Jalisco and San Luis Potosi southward).

Mr. Kincaid's announcement started an immediate "bird rush" to the site of the "discovery". Scores of local and out-of-town birders converged upon Mrs. Copeland's home overlooking the picturesque Barton Creek Valley in order to take advantage of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity: adding an accidental species to their life lists.

On Sept. 2 numerous colored portraits of the Violet-ear were taken by two photographers from Texas Parks and Wildlife Magazine, one of which may appear on the cover along with others accompanying an article in a forthcoming issue.

Having never seen an accidental species in the U.S., the writer took advantage of this splendid opportunity on Sept. 3 and was rewarded by five appearances of Lifer #492 at a feeder in the Copelands' beautifully-planted back yard from 8:40 to 10:55 AM. By noon of this day at least 82 people had taken advantage of Mrs. Copeland's hospitality and viewed this exquisitely-plumaged feathered visitor from Mexico.

The only other published record of this species north of Mexico occurred on April 14, 1964 near San Benito (Cameron Co.), Texas when C. E. Hudson, Jr. and Ray Fleetwood (of Santa Ana Refuge) saw a hummingbird which Mr. Hudson described in a letter to Edgar Kincaid as a Green Violet-ear. The letter with complete details of the observation was published in the Texas Ornithological Society Newsletter of June 15, 1964 (page 8) and the report appeared in Audubon Field Notes, Aug. 1964 (page 470).

RESULTS OF EIGHT-MONTH STUDY OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE - Published by Dept. of Interior

A Texas Technological College research team of scientists -- including a biologist, ornithologist, wildlife management expert and livestock specialist -- issued a lengthy report based upon an eight-month study of the golden eagle as a predator. Although many things were learned, the scientist pointed out the necessity for further study before definite conclusions can be reached.

The study was sponsored by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, the National Audubon Society and the National Wool Growers Association through a grant to Texas Tech's International Center for Arid and Semi-Arid Land Studies.

Participating in the 1968 study were Biology Professor Robert L. Packard and Wildlife Management Professor Eric G. Bolen as project leaders. Working with them were Professor M. Kent Rylander, ornithologist, and Professor Frank A. Hudson, professor of animal science.

The field research team consisting of graduate students compiled statistics on eagle numbers in three important ranching areas in Texas and New Mexico, traditional wintering grounds for migrant eagles. These areas also contain a smaller number of eagles year around.

Survey routes covered 4,500 square miles in Presidio, Jeff Davis, Culberson and Hudspeth Counties in West Texas; 5,000 square miles in the Edwards Plateau area of Central Texas in Kerr, Edwards, Bandera, Real, Kinney and Uvalde Counties; and 2,400 square miles in McCulloch, San Saba, Llano, Lampasas and Mason Counties.

The New Mexico study area included 10,000 square miles near Roswell, an area for which aerial census figures were available for every year since 1964. The area customarily produces approximately a quarter-million lambs per year. The Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife provides the annual eagle census.

The team summed up their short-term study as follows:

"Based upon the aerial census data available to us and on our interpretation of these data, we are unable to report the location of any meaningful populations of wintering golden eagles in the Edwards Plateau."

"The census data for the Trans-Pecos area of Texas indicated eagle populations of 1-3 eagles per 100 square miles, or a total population of approximately 60-160 birds. We searched for nests in areas of previous use but located only a single active nest where one eaglet was successfully reared."

"Eagle populations in New Mexico were, by comparison with Texas, quite large. The over-all population in the census area has been estimated as numbering 900 birds in the winter months; densities may reach 8-9 birds per 100 sq. miles on the average."

"Ranchers we visited in each area stressed that the 1968 eagle population present during their respective lambing seasons was not of the same size as other years. They believe rather large annual fluctuations occur in local eagle populations (wintering and/or nesting). Our inability to locate many active eagle nests in 1968 concurs with at least the latter point. The population estimates for eagles wintering in New Mexico have not varied greatly in recent years. However, larger and inconsistent variations appear in the Trans-Pecos data.

"The Tech Eagle Team found only one instance of known eagle predation that occurred during our survey; this happened in the Edwards Plateau Region and involved a bald eagle."

"More livestock carcasses were located per man-hour research in the Edwards Plateau Region (Eldorado study area) than elsewhere. However, using criteria we established from the literature and from our own observations, we think that approximately 10 per cent of these carcasses were actually victims of predation (all types). Stillbirths and other circumstances seemed to account for many of the other losses."

"About 38 per cent of the dead lambs or kids found in the Val Verde Region were attributed to predatory losses. Only two dead lambs were discovered in the Guadalupe Mountain Region; of these, one appeared the victim of predation, the other was a birth fatality."

"Ranchers we interviewed indicated that little or no eagle damage occurred during the 1968 lambing season."

"Examination of materials found in eagle nests consistently revealed the extensive use (both in frequency and in composition) of jackrabbits and cottontails. Remains of livestock were found in most nests (average of about 70%), but represented only two animals per nest. The competitive aspects of avian versus ground predators, considering the availability of either small rodent populations or rabbits, seems an important ecological relationship acting on any damage eagles may cause to livestock."

"An appraisal of the habitat suggested that brush cover serves to protect important buffer foods from eagles (or ground predators) and that livestock may then be sought as food instead."

Despite the fact the studies did not fully coincide with the beginning of the various lambing seasons the research team members stated that there is no question

that golden eagles do, upon occasion, kill young lambs. They pointed out, however, that it is almost impossible to assess the exact amount of this economic loss because of the eagle's habit of feeding upon carrion. Also, the presence of lamb carcasses or parts of carcasses in eagle nests does not reflect the true picture, according to Dr. Eric G. Bolen, because many lambs which die from natural causes are represented in the carcasses found in eagle nests.

Regional Director William T. Krummes of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife in commenting upon the report received from Texas Tech, called attention to the fact that this report was made by a team of specialists, each representing a different discipline.

Calling attention to the scientific necessity for further study, team members Bolen and Packard stressed that they had recommended further research based upon intensive study of sheep flocks in areas of relatively heavy eagle populations, rather than a continuation of the extensive study of the huge southwestern sheep production area. Concrete proposals for the continuation of the study have been made, Dr. Bolen stated.

WEDDING BELLS FOR STEVE WILLIAMS - by Wallace C. Mebane, Jr.

Who but a bird watcher would spend his honeymoon in a place called Garza Blanca? This is a hotel in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, whose Spanish name translates to "White Heron."

Steve and the former Maria Giacosa of Uruguay were married in Houston on August 6. If we can believe Steve, and who would doubt the word of a bird watcher, they spent their time watching such Mexican exotics as the San Blas Jay, Blue-footed Booby, Brown Booby, and Rufous-capped Motmot.

Maria came to the United States in 1966 as an exchange student on a Fulbright Scholarship. She obtained her Master's Degree in Vocational Rehabilitation at the University of Iowa. She is now getting some on-the-job experience before completing her doctorate.

Steve and Maria will lead the October O.G. field trip on Sunday, the 26th. So bring your binoculars, bird books, and rice. Come on out and meet the bride.

A NATURE GUIDE FOR THE PALO DURO CANYON, by B. James Jekerst--from Signal Smoke

This 41-page booklet is a handy reference to the more common mammals, plants and birds of the region. Included are the author's illustrations of 17 mammals, 26 plants and 31 birds. It can be bought for \$1.55 per copy at the concession building in the canyon, at the garden center, and bookstores around town, or from Jim himself--Box 159, Rt. 2, Canyon, Texas 79015.

COMING EVENTS

- October 2 Regular meeting of OG, at Fonde Recreation Center. A representative of Books, Inc. will speak on bird books that have been published recently.
- October 18 ONC field trip to Big Thicket Scenic Area, north of Cleveland, where the Red-cockaded Woodpecker is known to nest. Leaders for this Saturday trip will be Nance and Raymond McDavid.
- October 26 OG field trip to Anahuac Wildlife Refuge. Meet at 9:00 AM at the intersection of SH 65 and SH 61. Bring drinking water and lunch. Will look for the Masked Duck, Fulvous Tree Duck and maybe some rails. Leader will be Steve Williams.

EXHIBIT COMMITTEE- by Wallace C. Mebane, Jr.

I have appointed Gladys Galbreath as chairman of this committee created for the purpose of organizing and presenting an outstanding exhibit of photographs and books at the Little Thicket Nature Sanctuary field trip scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, November the 15th and 16th.

Gladys can be contacted by phone at 523-5805, in the evenings. Please call and volunteer to help.

BIG DAY RUN - APRIL 19, 1969

SPECIES	PARTY NUMBERS											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Loon, Common	x	x										
Grebe, Eared	x	x	x			x						
Pied-billed	x	x	x	x				x			x	x
Pelican, White	x	x		x				x				x
Cormorant, Double-crested Olivaceous	x			x				x	x			x
Anhinga	x											
Heron, Great Blue	x	x	x	x		x	x	x				x
Egret, Common	x	x	x	x		x		x				x
Snowy	x	x	x	x		x		x			x	x
Cattle	x	x	x	x		x		x		x	x	x
Reddish	x		x									
Heron, Louisiana	x	x	x	x		x					x	x
Little Blue	x					x		x			x	x
Green	x	x	x			x	x	x	x			x
Black-crowned Night	x		x					x				x
Yellow-crowned Night	x	x			x		x					x
Bittern, American	x	x				x						
Least	x	x				x		x				
Ibis, White-faced	x	x	x	x		x		x				
White	x		x			x						
Spoonbill, Roseate	x	x	x			x		x				x
Goose, Canada	x											
Mallard	x					x						
Duck, Mottled	x	x	x	x					x		x	
Gadwall	x	x	x	x				x				
Pintail	x							x				
Teal, Blue-winged	x	x	x			x		x			x	x
Widgeon, American	x	x	x					x				
Shoveler	x	x		x		x		x				
Duck, Wood	x						x					
Redhead	x											
Canvasback			x									
Scalp, Lesser			x	x				x				
Duck, Ruddy	x	x	x					x				
Merganser, Red-breasted		x										
Vulture, Turkey	x							x	x	x		x
Black								x				
Kite, White-tailed											x	
Hawk, Sharp-shinned								x				
Cooper's	x											x
Red-tailed												x
Red-shouldered	x		x	x	x		x	x			x	x
Broad-winged	x				x	x	x	x				
Swainson's									x			
Marsh						x		x				
Sparrow	x							x	x			
Bobwhite	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x
Rail, King						x						
Clapper	x	x	x					x				
Virginia	x											
Sora			x	x		x		x				
Gallinule, Purple			x			x						
Common	x		x			x		x				
Coot, American	x	x	x	x		x		x	x		x	
Plover, Piping	x											
Semi-palmated	x	x	x			x		x				
Wilson's	x		x									
Killdeer	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Plover, American Golden	x	x	x					x			x	
Black-bellied	x	x	x	x		x		x				
Turnstone, Ruddy	x		x			x		x				
Flover, Mountain								x				
Snipe, Common	x		x	x		x		x				

SPECIES	PARTY NUMBERS											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Curlaw, Long-billed	x	x	x			x		x				
Whimbrel	x		x					x				
Plover, Upland	x	x	x	x		x		x	x		x	
Sandpiper, Spotted	x	x	x	x				x				
Solitary		x	x					x				
Willet	x	x	x	x		x		x				
Yellowlegs, Greater	x	x	x	x		x		x			x	
Lesser	x	x	x			x		x			x	x
Knot	x		x					x				
Sandpiper, Pectoral		x	x			x			x		x	
Least	x	x	x					x				x
Dunlin	x	x	x	x		x		x				
Dowitcher, Short-billed			x			x		x				
Long-billed	x		x	x		x						
Dowitcher, Sp.		x										
Sandpiper, Stilt	x	x	x								x	
Semi-palmated	x	x	x					x			x	
Western	x	x						x				
Buff-breasted						x						
Godwit, Marbled	x		x			x						
Sanderling	x	x	x			x		x				
Avocet, American		x		x				x				
Stilt, Black-necked	x	x	x	x		x		x			x	
Gull, Herring	x	x	x	x		x		x				
Ring-billed	x	x	x			x		x				x
Laughing	x	x	x	x		x		x				
Franklin's	x											
Tern, Gull-billed			x					x				
Forster's	x	x	x	x		x		x				x
Common						x						
Least	x	x	x	x		x		x				
Royal	x	x	x	x		x		x				
Sandwich	x		x									
Caspian	x	x	x					x				
Black	x							x				x
Skimmer, Black	x	x	x	x		x		x				
Dove, Rock	x	x	x		x	x	x					
Mourning	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x
White-winged	x											
Inca	x		x	x				x		x		
Cuckoo, Yellow-billed	x	x	x	x				x				
Roadrunner								x	x			
Owl, Barn	x							x				
Screech	x							x	x			
Great Horned	x							x	x			
Barred	x	x	x					x				
Chuck-will's Widow	x	x						x	x	x		
Whip-poor-will								x	x	x		
Nighthawk, Common	x	x	x	x		x	x	x		x		x
Swift, Chimney	x	x	x	x				x	x	x		x
Hummingbird, Ruby-throated	x	x	x	x	x			x	x			x
Kingfisher, Belted	x	x	x	x		x		x	x			x
Flicker, Yellow-shafted								x	x			
Woodpecker, Pileated	x							x				
Red-bellied	x	x	x	x	x			x		x	x	x
Red-headed	x	x	x	x	x			x	x			x
Sapsucker, Yellow-bellied	x			x				x				
Woodpecker, Hairy	x											x
Downy	x							x				x
Kingbird, Eastern	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x			x
Western		x	x			x						
Flycatcher, Scissor-tailed	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Great Crested	x	x		x	x			x		x		
Acadian	x							x				
Empidonax		x		x				x				
Wood Pewee, Eastern	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x		x

SPECIES	PARTY NUMBERS											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Lark, Horned	x	x	x			x		x				
Swallow, Tree	x							x	x			
Bank	x							x				
Rough-winged	x			x		x						
Barn	x	x	x			x		x	x		x	x
Cliff						x						
Martin, Purple	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x
Jay, Blue	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Crow, Common	x	x	x	x	x		x	x			x	x
Chickadee, Carolina	x	x	x		x		x	x	x	x	x	x
Titmouse, Tufted	x	x	x		x		x	x	x	x	x	x
Wren, House	x			x		x		x				x
Carolina	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x		x	x
Long-billed Marsh	x											
Short-billed	x					x	x		x			
Mockingbird	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Catbird	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				
Thrasher, Brown	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Robin	x	x	x	x			x	x				
Thrush, Wood	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			
Hermit	x	x										
Swainson's	x	x		x				x				
Gray-cheeked	x	x										
Veery		x		x								
Bluebird, Eastern	x						x	x			x	
Gnatcatcher, Blue-gray	x	x	x	x		x	x	x				x
Kinglet, Golden-crowned								x				
Ruby-crowned	x		x	x			x		x	x		
Pipit, Water			x		x			x				
Sprague's					x							
Waxwing, Cedar	x		x	x			x	x	x			x
Shrike, Loggerhead	x	x	x	x		x	x				x	x
Starling	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x			x
Vireo, White-eyed	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Yellow-throated	x	x		x			x	x				x
Solitary		x						x				
Red-eyed	x	x	x	x			x	x				x
Philadelphia		x	x					x				
Warbling		x	x	x	x	x						
Warbler, Black-and-white	x	x	x	x		x	x	x				
Prothonotary							x					x
Swainson's	x		x									
Worm-eating	x	x						x		x		
Golden-winged				x								
Blue-winged	x		x	x				x				
Tennessee	x	x	x			x		x	x			
Orange-crowned		x										
Nashville	x	x	x	x	x	x			x			
Parula	x	x	x				x	x	x			
Yellow						x		x				
Myrtle	x	x	x	x	x	x		x				x
Black-throated Green	x		x	x		x		x				
Cerulean	x	x	x	x				x				
Blackburnian	x	x	x					x				
Yellow-throated			x	x	x		x	x				
Chestnut-sided		x		x								
Bay-breasted								x				
Pine	x		x				x					
Palm		x				x						
Ovenbird			x	x				x				
Waterthrush, Northern	x		x			x		x				
Louisiana	x		x					x				
Warbler, Kentucky	x	x	x	x			x		x	x		
Mourning				x								
Yellowthroat	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x		x

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Chat, Yellow-breasted	x	x		x	x	x	x		x	x		
Warbler, Hooded	x	x	x	x			x	x				
Wilson's Canada			x	x	x							
Redstart, American	x	x		x		x		x		x		
Sparrow, House	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Meadowlark, Eastern	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Blackbird, Yellow-headed			x	x								
Red-winged	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Oriole, Orchard	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Baltimore	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				x
Bullock's								x				
Blackbird, Brewer's		x			x		x					
Grackle, Boat-tailed	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x		x	x
Common	x		x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Cowbird, Brown-headed	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x
Tanager, Western						x						
Scarlet						x		x				
Summer	x	x	x	x	x	x	x					
Cardinal	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Grosbeak, Rose-breasted	x	x	x	x		x		x				
Blue	x	x		x	x	x	x	x				
Evening										x		
Bunting, Indigo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				x
Painted	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x			x
Dickcissel	x		x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x
Goldfinch, American	x							x	x			x
Sparrow, Savannah	x	x	x					x	x		x	x
Seaside	x											
Vesper								x				
Lark	x							x		x		
Bachman's								x				
Chipping	x							x		x		
Field								x	x			
White-crowned			x	x								
White-throated	x	x	x	x			x	x	x			x
Lincoln's	x		x		x			x				
Swamp	x								x		x	
Song	x											
TOTAL SPECIES	176	122	140	102	51	99	85	128	58	23	50	67

PARTIES PARTICIPATING IN BIG DAY RUN APRIL 19, 1969

PARTY NUMBER AND NAMES	HOURS	LOCALE
1. Joe Farrell, Noel Pettingell, Steve Williams Mark Pettingell	4:15 - 9:15 AM PM	E. Harris Co. Galveston Co. Chambers Co.
2. John Tveten, Gloria Tveten, Sharon Davis	11 Hours	Galveston Co. Park Galveston Isle High Island
3. Norma Oates, Josephine Wilkins, Jerry Baker, Margaret Anderson	6:30 - 6:30 AM PM	Galveston Co. Park Galveston Island
4. Margaret Sullivan, Mary Sears	10 Hours	Galveston Co. Park Galveston Island High Island
5. Bill McClure	6 Hours	N.W. Houston
6. Tom Hewes, Gaylor Culp (Wisconsin), Dan & Marion Washburn		High Island Galveston Island

PARTY NUMBER AND NAMES	HOURS	LOCALE
7. Joe Heiser, Alice M. Heiser	6	Montgomery Co. San Jacinto Co. Liberty Co.
8. David Marrack	6:30-12:30 AM PM	Galveston City Galveston Isle S. Houston
9. Dan Hardy	6	Yard Bear Creek Park Logenbaugh
10. Jean & Bill Harwell	9:30-11:30 AM AM	Hunters Creek Village
11. Hardin Craig	6	Dewalt Arcola
12. Jane Dodge, Gwen Smith	6:30-11:30 AM AM	

The Big Day Run list was compiled by Dr. David Marrack. Total species seen was 233, compared to 247 in 1968, but this year there were only 12 parties and 28 observers, while the 1968 turnout was 49 observers in 21 parties. April 19 was a warm, clear day with a temperature range of 55°-80° and a light se breeze in the afternoon.

Included with the list compiled and sent to us by Dr. Marrack was the following letter from Hardin Craig:

"The prize of the short list is, of course, the White-tailed Kite. This bird, which I have seen in California, was perched on a fence post near an oil field west of Dewalt. We had come within 200 yards of it in the car before we saw it. It was devouring a rodent of some sort and did not seem concerned about us. We observed it for a long time with telescope and binoculars; finally, when we had practically counted every feather, we had to walk away and continue our bird searching, but when we returned, the Kite was still there. It stayed on that post for over an hour. It was an adult in picture-book plumage."

CLEARING HOUSE, August, 1969

Pelican, White: (125) 20, Cove, AKM.
 Frigatebird, Magnificent: (1 immature) 25, Galveston I. (13-Mile Road Beach) NP;
 (1) 3, (1) 17, West Galveston Beach near San Luis Pass, J&EB.
 Heron, Green: (2 - 1 immature and 1 adult) 31, Rice Field near Clay Rd., J & EB;
 (1) 1, 2, (4) 8, (2) 23, (3) 31, Cove area, AKM.
 Nightheron, Black-crowned: (3) 23, Cove, AKM.
 Yellow-crowned: (8) 3, (9) 23, Cove, AKM.
 Bittern, Least: (1) 23, Cove, AKM.
 Stork, Wood: (45) 1, (4) 6, (14) 9, Cove, AKM.
 Ibis, White-faced: (16) 1, (25-70) 5, 11, 13, 14, Cove, AKM.
 Spoonbill, Roseate: (4) 1, (60) 8, (14) 23, (1) 28, (4) 29, Cove, AKM.
 MALLARD: (1) 23, Cove, AKM.
 Duck, Mottled: (1 - 30) 1, 2, 8, 12, 28, (500) 23, (800-1000) 29, Cove, AKM
 Pintail: (7+) 23, Cove, AKM.
 TEAL, GREEN-WINGED: (12+) 23 - Excepting scattered summer records, the earliest
 ever by 1 day.
 Teal, Blue-winged: (1500-2000) 23, (8) 31, Cove, AKM.
 Kite, Mississippi: (9) 31, (2 perching) Bear Creek Park, (1 immature) 31, Clay
 Rd. J & EB; (1 immature) 31, Cove, AKM.
 Hawk, Red-shouldered: (1) from 19th to 31st, Cove, AKM.
 Marsh: (1) 1, Wallisville, AKM.
 Rail, King: (1) 1, Cove, AKM.
 Curlew, Long-billed: (1) 7, Galveston I. (Sea-a-rama) NP.
 Plover, Upland: (1) 23, 29 (Third earliest), Cove, AKM.
 Sandpiper, Spotted: (5) 23, Cove, AKM
 Yellowlegs, Lesser: (30) 1, (15) 23, Cove, AKM

- Sandpiper, Pectoral: (16 - 30) 1, 8, 23, Cove, AKM.
Sandpiper, Sp.: (8) 3, (225) 23, Cove, AKM.
Least: (220) 23, Cove, AKM.
Dowitcher, Sp.: (2) 8, (1) 23, Cove, AKM.
Sandpiper, Stilt: (14) 23, Cove, AKM.
Semi-palmated: (2+) 23, Cove, AKM.
Western: (5+) 23, Cove, AKM.
Tern, Gull-billed: (2) 23, Cove, AKM.
Caspian: (1) 23, Cove, AKM.
Black: (1 - 25) seven days, (30) 8, (40) 23, (140) 29, Cove, AKM.
Skimmer, Black: (5+) 8, (11) 23, Cove, AKM.
DOVE, WHITE-WINGED: (3) 7, Galveston County Courthouse (Moody Ave.) NP.
Roadrunner: (2) 31, Howell - Sugarland Road, W & IM.
Owl, Great Horned: (1 or 2) 17, Cove, AKM.
Hummingbird, Sp.: (1) 13 days, (5) 23, Cove, AKM.
Kingfisher, Belted: (1) 31, Bear Creek Park, W & IM; (1) 18, 20, Cove, AKM.
Kingbird, Eastern: (1 - 6) 12 days, (8) 23, (19) 31, Cove, AKM
Phoebe, Eastern: (2) 31, Clay Road, J & EB.
Flycatcher, Empidonax: (1) 13, 16, 23, 29, Cove, AKM.
Olive-sided: (1) 12, 13, 23, (2) 31, Cove, AKM.
Martin, Purple: (2) 2, (4) 3, (25) 23, Baytown, NB.
Gnatcatcher, Blue-gray: (1) 1, Baytown, NB, (1) 17, (8) 23, Cove, AKM.
Warbler, Black and White: (1) 1, Baytown, NB.
Yellow: (4+) 13, Cove, AKM
Yellow-throated: (1) 16, Cove, AKM.
Pine: (2) 16, (First summer record outside of breeding area. Sept. 1 is earliest fall record.)
Chat, Yellow-breasted: (1) 30, Baytown, D & DL.
Redstart, American: (1) 6, 8, Baytown, D & DL.
Oriole, Orchard: (100) 13, (2) 20, Cove, AKM.
Baltimore: (4) 23, 30, Baytown D & DL.
Grosbeak, Blue: (1) 30, Cove, AKM.
Sparrow, Seaside: (1) 23, Cove, AKM.
Lark: (1) 29, Cove, AKM.

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IN MEMORIAM

At the regular meeting of the Outdoor Nature Club held on September 9, 1969, acting upon a motion offered by Clayton B. Gilman and seconded by Mary Hutchins, the following resolution was adopted by the entire membership, standing in silent prayer:

- WHEREAS: F. Richard "Dick" Miller, immediate Past-Treasurer of the Outdoor Nature Club of Houston, who passed to his reward on August 19, 1969, was one of the Club's most outstanding officers;
- WHEREAS: We realize with sincere appreciation the benefits which our Club and other civic organizations have derived from this esteemed member;
- WHEREAS: We have come to recognize and admire his superior intellect, his integrity, his ability and desire to accomplish his tasks in a superlative manner;
- WHEREAS: He unreservedly participated in the advancement of conservation and study of nature;
- BECAUSE: Dick Miller has given leadership, strength, interest and concern to many organizations that had worthwhile causes and objectives, be it
- RESOLVED: That the Outdoor Nature Club, together with many other organizations and individual friends, has suffered an incalculable loss in the death of this beloved member; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our Club, that through this tribute to his memory future generations may know and appreciate his splendid Christian character, and the respect and esteem in which he was held, and

RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to his widow, Orbie Miller, together with the assurance of our sincerest sympathy.

Dr. John L. Tveten
President

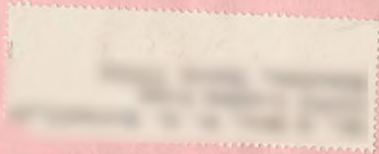
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Secretary

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