



# THE SPOONBILL

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 \* "It kept going behind that grass clump."  
 \* "I almost had it when it flew away!"  
 \* "If I'd only had time to check one more fieldmark  
 \* I'd have had it!"  
 \* "You see, this bird had just had a bath..."  
 \* "I just couldn't get it in my glasses!"  
 \* "The windshield was dirty. I couldn't get a good  
 \* view through it."  
 \* "It must have been a bird in immature plumage."  
 \* "If I had had the two species side by side..."  
 \* "It was preening itself so I couldn't get a good  
 \* look at it."  
 \* "If I could have seen the color of its feet..."  
 \* "I forgot to take off my sunglasses. I couldn't  
 \* get the colors right..."  
 \* "It must have been a hybrid!"  
 \* "The wind was blowing so hard I couldn't hold my  
 \* glasses still!"  
 \* "But what else could it be?" (The last refuge of  
 \* the baffled birdwatcher.)  
 \* 2nd half of "Birding Alibis I Have Known  
 \* And/Or Used" by Edwin Way Teale, Audubon  
 \* Society Magazine, May-June, 1959.  
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## COMING EVENTS

July 16 (Saturday) OG field trip, led by Harvey Patten. Meet at the Cafe at the East End of the Galveston Sea Wall at 7:30 AM sharp. This trip will be an excellent opportunity to learn and study the various shorebirds. Don't miss it.

## ONCE MORE UNTO THE THICKET by Betty Williams

Dr. William Graeber of Beaumont led a small but determined group to the edge of the Big Thicket near Silsbee to search for that elusive Red Cockaded Woodpecker. After several hours of fruitless searching, we found his nest in a "still live" pine tree and pecking out at us was our bird. We banged on the tree and out he flew for all of us to view.

The group sighted at least 49 different species during the day. Included were many Brown-headed Nuthatches, and a real "goodie" was the Bachman's Sparrow in full spring plumage AND singing two of his lovely melodies while perched in full view on the top of a small oak!

About 10 miles west of Beaumont was a plowed field just brimful of White-rumped Sandpipers - at least 100! The woodpecker, sparrow and sandpiper were all lifers for me so I'm not going to complain about the poison oak, mosquitoes and chiggers that found us!

Mr. Sherwood Davis found the nest of the Red-cockaded Woodpecker. If you'd like to see this nest, call Harvey Patten for route particulars.

## FIELD TRIP TO AVERY ISLAND BY BUS by Edna Miner

(Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22, 1966. Led by Jim O'Neill and Clayton Gilman)

It was fun. With two supermen as leaders, more than 85 members of the Outdoor Nature Club went in two busses and four, or more private cars. Seven in the morning was the deadline at the Continental station. All arrived in high spirits, ready to enjoy the trip to the limit, which they did.

The first stop for a coffee break at the Ramada Inn in Beaumont gave a chance to take a picture of the sign "Welcome Outdoor Nature Club". The lunch at the Holiday Inn in Lafayette got the whole crowd together to see who was there.

The Jungle Gardens at Avery Island are a rewarding experience at any time of the year, but this was the nesting season for the Common Egrets, Snowy Egrets, Louisiana Herons, and Anhingas.

Thousands of these, with young at different stages of development, were crowded on great platforms, built of bamboo that resembled piers jutting out into the water. These provided nesting materials and space during the breeding season. In the water were Purple Gallinules as well as nutria and alligators. The forests of "timber bamboo" and the colorful sacred lotus of China provided an oriental setting for the Buddha that had been worshipped for hundreds of years in the Shonfu Temple near Peking.

The Beau Sejour Motel in New Iberia provided excellent accommodations for all. Some of the party ate crawfish etouffe and crawfish bisque here for dinner while most preferred rib-eye steaks at French House Restaurant, which place also gave the entire group an excellent pre-arranged roast-beef dinner the next day.

Sunday was delightfully filled and somewhat crowded with a tour of Shadows on the Teche, a trip to St. Martinville for a tour through the Evangeline Church, the burial plot, the Longfellow - Evangeline Park with the famous oak where (according to Longfellow) the lovers met and were reunited; also, we saw the Acadian Craft House and the 200-year-old Acadian House Museum. The charming and witty guide was greatly appreciated for her historical knowledge, narrated with delightful Cajun humor.

It was a marvelous trip that constantly demonstrated the thoughtful ability of the fine leaders who organized it. The entire club is greatly indebted to them.

#### SIDNEY'S ISLAND TRIP by Grace Clark from Beaumont

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The weather discouraged all but "hard core" birders. Mrs Martin, G. Miller, and Mrs. Robert Sabom came from Houston. About eight others from Beaumont and Port Arthur made up the group.

We saw thousands of birds on an island three miles long by one-half mile wide.

Species seen with nests, eggs, and young were Spoonbills, Louisiana Herons, Common, Snowy, and Cattle Egrets, Black-crowned Night Herons, and one young Great Blue Heron. Others: One Cormorant (probably Mexican), Black Necked Stilts and of all things one Barn Owl that looked fine, but obviously was not well as he was caught and settled down to sleep in his captors arms. It was hoped that he could be restored to health.

Four species seen last year but absent this year were Little Blue Heron, Yellow-crowned Night Heron, White and Glossy Ibis.

We would like for more interested people to see and realize the importance of this rookery.

Dr. Bill Graber's Field Trip to the piney woods was attended by about twenty people. Happily they found the Red Cockaded Woodpecker and her nest, the Pine Warbler and her nest, the Brown Headed Nuthatch, and the Bachman's Sparrow.

Maybe another trip to Sidney's Island another day can be planned and fine better weather.

#### CLUCKINGS AND CROAKINGS

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Following is a letter to Fred Webster, South Texas Regional Editor for Audubon Field Notes:

April was a big month for me, birdwise. When I relocated here from S. California last fall, one compensation for the hot muggy climate was, of course, the wealth of birdlife, especially the well advertised spring migration. I work at TRW Systems near NASA and have opportunities to get out into the immediate area over my lunch hour or before work in the mornings, another advantage that doesn't go along with working in Los Angeles.

I got out a total of seventeen days in April and was rewarded with about twenty lifers, missing only some of the rare migrants. The highlight of the month was an observation I made at Galveston County Park in League City. On the morning of April 23 I observed a perfectly plumaged Lawrence's Warbler for twenty minutes. I was expecting Elric McHenry and his wife to meet me there so I did my best to keep the bird in sight hoping that they would arrive and get to see it. My abilities and endurance gave out after twenty minutes but I assure you every minute was worth it.

Field marks as I recorded them on the spot, were:

Underparts; bright yellow extending from the throat to the under-tail coverts.

Under-tail coverts; white.

Head markings; yellow face and crown with black patches (as in Golden-winged) on side of head and throat.

Back; greenish-gray.

Wings; same color as the back with two distinct yellow wing bars (no white observed).

To my knowledge no other birders got to see the bird. John Tveton and his wife helped me search the rest of the morning, but we couldn't find it. I am aware, from reading the literature, of the status of this hybrid in Texas. I had my telephoto in the car a hundred yards off but the possibility of getting a recognizable photograph of a warbler bouncing around in the tops of forty foot oak trees seemed remote, and I didn't want to take my eyes from it for an instant, with the hope that other observers would arrive at the park.

I am sympathetic with the policy of questioning sight records for State Records, especially when there is only one observer, but in the same breath I will defend my observation. I couldn't have asked for better looks at the bird even if it had cooperated with my requests. The very fact that I had it under observation for twenty minutes is a feat not often repeated, especially when the subject is a migrating warbler. Light conditions were adequate for color to show up and I had no trouble in getting every detail. I am completely satisfied that the warbler I observed was indeed a Lawrence's Warbler.

Wes Hetrick

Rereading last month's Spoonbill I find that my reference to a White-collared Seedeater, and Brewster's and Lawrence's Warblers was unclear. These observations were "unsanitary" and we did not include them in our trip list. The field marks seen pointed to the birds mentioned, but in each case circumstances prevented us from making a complete observation of all field marks. My purpose in mentioning these birds was to point out that a more experienced birder could have made a positive identification and that the Goose Island area might hold some excellent migration finds.

Co-ed.

Coming next month: Noel Pettinge 1's "Summary of 1965 Christmas Counts".

CLEARING HOUSE, May, 1966 and BIG DAY RUN, April 23, 1966

	Big Day Run			
	Party No. (See notes)			
	1	2	3	4
Common Loons				x*
Eared Grebe: (-)28 Freeport MA, LH, HH;				
Pied-billed Grebe: (5)28, 30 Anahuac (4 nests found) JLT GAT; (-)12 Galveston HH, LH.	x		x	x
LEAST GREBE: (1-2)1, 3, 5, 8 Cove AKM.				
White Pelicans (26)2 (100)6 Cove AKM; (-)12 Galveston LH HH.	6			x
Cormorant(sp):			x*	
Double-crested Cormorant: (1)2 Cove AKM; (-)12 Galveston HH LH.				
Anhinga: (1)6 (20)9 Cove AKM.				x*
Great Blue Heron: (-)28 Freeport MA LH HH.	x		x	x
Green Heron: (2)7, 9 (1)6 days Cove AKM; (-)12 Galveston LH HH.	30		x	x
Little Blue Heron: (-)12 Galveston LH HH; (-)28 Miller Road MA LH HH.	10		x	x
Cattle Egret: (-)12 Galveston LH HH; (-)28 Miller Road MA LH HH.	x		x	x
Reddish Egrets (4)8 Galveston JLT GAT; (-)12 Galveston LH HH.	11		x	x
Common Egrets: (-)12 Galveston LH HH; (-)28 Miller Road & Freeport MA LH HH.	x		x	x
Snowy Egrets: (-)12 Galveston LH HH; (-)28 Miller Road & Freeport MA LH HH.	x		x	x
Louisiana Heron: (-)12 Galveston LH HH;	x		x	x
Black-crowned Night Heron: (8)8 Cove AKM.	2			x
Yellow-crowned Night Heron: (1)15 Cove AKM; (-)28 Miller Road MA LH HH.	2*			
Least Bittern:	1			x
American Bittern: (1)3 Cove AKM.	1*			
White-faced Ibis: (8)2 (20)5 Cove AKM; (600)8 Galveston JLT GAT; (-)12 Galveston LH HH; (-)28 Freeport MA LH HH.	75			x
White Ibis: (3)1 (75)2 (125)5 (18)26 Cove AKM; (-)12 Galveston LH HH; (-)28 Miller Road MA, LH HH.	5			x
Roseate Spoonbill: (100)22 Wallisville JLT GAT; (-)12 Galveston LH HH.	40		x	x
Canada Goose: (1)28 Anahuac JLT GAT. (see notes)				
Snow Goose: (2)28 Anahuac JLT GAT.				
Blue Goose: (7)28 Anahuac JLT GAT.				
MALLARD: (1)21 Cove AKM.				
Mottled Duck: 20 days (25)1 (5-4 imm-)5 (nest, 9 eggs)28 Cove AKM. (-)12 Galveston LH HH; (-)28 Freeport MA LH HH.	x			x
Gadwall: (10-40)9 days (40)14 (6)17 Cove AKM.	1		x	x
GREEN-WINGED TEAL: (2)3 (1)13, 21 Cove AKM.				x*
Blue-winged Teal: 7 days (300)1 Cove AKM; (-)12 Galveston LH HH; (-)28 Freeport MA LH HH.	x		x	x
American Widgeon: (2-10)6 days Cove AKM.			x*	
Shoveler:	3			x
Wood Duck: (2)1 Cove AKM.				x*
RING-NECKED DUCK: (-)28 Freeport MA LH HH.				
CANVASBACK: (1)1, 3, 2, 6 Cove AKM; (1 adult male)2 Sheldon (possible cripple) NP.				
Lesser scaup: (-)28 Freeport MA LH HH; (2, M & F)9 Lynchburg Ferry NP.	6		x	x
Ruddy Duck: (3)3 Cove AKM; (-)12 Galveston LH HH; (-)28 Freeport MA LH HH.	3			x
Red-breasted Merganser:				x*
Turkey Vulture: (-)28 Miller Rd & Freeport MA LH HH.				x*
Black Vulture: (3)1, 9 (1)26 Cove AKM; (-)28 Miller Rd MA LH HH.				x*
SWALLOW-TAILED KITE: (1)21 Cove AKM.				

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	1	2	3	4
<u>Mississippi Kite:</u> (1)7 Cove (by Jonell Buckler)AKM; (1)13 Cove AKM; (-)28 Miller Rd. MA LH HH.				
<u>Red-tailed Hawk:</u> (12)9 Duessen Park NP.				
<u>Red-shouldered Hawk:</u> (1)17 Cove AKM; (-)28 Miller Rd MA LH HH.				x*
<u>Swainson's Hawk:</u> (2)20 Baytown JLT GAT.				x*
<u>Marsh Hawk:</u>	1			x
<u>Osprey:</u> (-)12 Galveston LH HH.				
<u>SPARROW HAWK:</u> (-)12 Galveston LH HH.	1*			
<u>Bobwhite:</u> (-)12 Galveston LH HH; (-)28 Miller Rd. MA LH HH; (1)30 Southmayd Pk in Pecan Park Adn, SE Houston NP.	10	x	x	x
<u>King Rail:</u> (2)8 Galveston JLT GAT.				
<u>Clapper Rail:</u> (1)6 Cove AKM; (6)8 Galveston JLT GAT; (-)12 Galveston LH HH.	10			x
<u>Virginia Rail:</u> (1)1 Wallisville JLT GAT.				
<u>Sora:</u> (1)2 Cove AKM.	1		x	x
<u>Purple Gallinule:</u> (1-3)9 days Cove AKM; (1)15 Galveston (30)28,30 Anahuac (12 nests found) JLT GAT; (-)12 Galveston LH HH.				
<u>Common Gallinule:</u> (1)1,3 Cove AKM; (25-10 nests-)28-30 Anahuac JLT GAT.	40		x	x
<u>American Coot:</u> (1-17)7 days (130)3 (15)27 Cove AKM; (1)29 Anahuac JLT GAT; (-)12 Galveston LH HH; (-)28 Freeport MA LH HH.	x		x	x
<u>Semipalmated Plover:</u> (-)12 Galveston LH HH.	6		x	x
<u>Wilson's Plover:</u> (-)12 Galveston LH HH; (-)28 Freeport MA LH HH.	3			x
<u>Killdeers:</u> (-)12 Galveston LH HH; (-)28 Freeport & Miller Rd MA LH HH.	x	x		x
<u>American Golden Plover:</u> (1)2 (2)26 Cove AKM; (75+)9 Saralia Rd, N of Highlands Reservoir NP.	x		x	x
<u>Black-bellied Plover:</u> (3)2 (1)1,3,5,13,26 Cove AKM; (-)12 Galveston LH HH;	x		x	x
<u>Ruddy Turnstone:</u> (2)1 (1)17 (3)21 Cove AKM; (-)12 Galveston LH HH; (-)28 Freeport MA LH HH.	x		x	x
<u>Common Snipe:</u>	2		x	x
<u>Long-billed Curlews:</u> (-)12 Galveston LH HH.	x			x
<u>Whimbrel:</u> (1)8 Galveston JLT GAT.	4		x	x
<u>Upland Plover:</u>	15		x	x
<u>Spotted Sandpiper:</u> (1-4)thru 17th Cove AKM; (8)8 Galveston JLT GAT; (-)12 Galveston to LH HH; (-)28 Freeport MA LH HH.				x*
<u>Solitary Sandpiper:</u> (1)8 Galveston JLT GAT	3		x	x
<u>Willet:</u> (3)6 Cove AKM (-)12 Galveston LH HH; (-)28 Freeport LH MA HH.	x		x	x
<u>Greater Yellowlegs:</u> (10)1 (5)2 (2)5 Cove AKM; (-)12 Galveston LH HH.	x			x
<u>Lesser Yellowlegs:</u> (300)1 Cove AKM; (-)12 Galveston LH HH.	x		x	x
<u>Knot:</u>	5		x	
<u>Pectoral Sandpiper:</u> (1-6)thru 6th Cove AKM; (-)12 Galveston LH HH.	3*			
<u>White-rumped Sandpiper:</u> (30)13 Cove AKM; (-)28 Miller Rd MA LH HH.				
<u>Baird's Sandpiper:</u> (1)7 Wallisville JLT GAT.				x*
<u>Least Sandpiper:</u> (-)thru 13th Cove AKM; (-)12 Galveston LH HH.	x		x	x
<u>Dunlin:</u> (-)1,2 Cove AKM; (-)12 Galveston LH HH.	x		x	x
<u>Short-billed Dowitcher:</u>	x		x	x
<u>Long-billed Dowitcher:</u>	x*			
<u>Dowitcher(sp):</u> (15)1 Cove AKM; (-)12 Galveston LH HH.				
<u>Stilt Sandpiper:</u> (1)1,2 (5)5 Cove AKM; (3)7 Wallisville JLT GAT; (-)12 Galv LH HH.				x*
<u>Semipalmated Sandpiper:</u> (-)6 Cove AKM; (-)12 Galveston LH HH; (-)28 Freeport MA LH HH.	x		x	x
<u>Western Sandpiper:</u> (-)12 Galveston LH HH; (-)28 Freeport LH MA HH.	x			x
<u>Buff-breasted Sandpiper:</u> (65)2 Cove AKM.				
<u>MARBLED GODWIT:</u> (4)15 Galveston JLT GAT; (-)12 Galveston LH HH.	2		x	
<u>Hudsonian Godwit:</u> (1)13 Cove AKM; (-)Galveston LH HH; (2)15 Galv JLT GAT.				
<u>Sanderling:</u> (1)2,6 Cove AKM; (-)28 Freeport MA LH HH;	x		x	x
<u>American Avocet:</u> (3)9 Battlegrounds near Peggy's Lake NP.	50			x
<u>Black-necked Stilt:</u> (-)12 Galveston LH HH; (-)28 Miller Rd MA LH HH.	x		x	x
<u>Wilson's Phalarope:</u>	x			
<u>Herring Gull:</u> (-)12 Galveston LH HH.	x			x
<u>Ring-billed Gull:</u> thru 6th Cove AKM.	x		x	x
<u>Laughing Gull:</u> (-)12 Galveston LH HH.	x		x	x
<u>Gull-billed Tern:</u>	x*			
<u>Forster's Tern:</u> (-)12 Galveston LH HH; (-)28 Freeport MA LH HH.	x		x	x
<u>Common Tern:</u> (-)28 Freeport MA LH HH.				
<u>Least Tern:</u> (-)12 Galveston LH HH; (-)28 Freeport MA LH HH.	x		x	x
<u>Royal Tern:</u> (-)12 Galveston LH HH; (-)28 Freeport MA LH HH.	x		x	x
<u>Sandwich Tern:</u> (-)12 Galveston LH HH; (-)28 Freeport MA LH HH.	1			x
<u>Caspian Tern:</u> (-)28 Freeport MA LH HH.	x			x
<u>Black Tern:</u> (-)6-19 (45)6 (100)19 Cove AKM; (-)12 Galv LH HH; (-)28 Freeport & Miller Rd MA LH HH.				
<u>Black Skimmer:</u> (-)12 Galveston LH HH; (-)28 Freeport MA LH HH.	x		x	x

## Clearing House

Big Day Run  
Party Number

	1	2	3	4
Rock Dove:	x	x	x	
Mourning Dove: (-)12 Galveston LH HH; (-)28 Freeport & Miller Rd MA LH HH.	x	x	x	x
Inca Dove: (-)12 Galveston LH HH.	10		x	x
Yellow-billed Cuckoo: (50)8 Anahuac JLT GAT; (-)12 Galveston LH HH; (-)28 Miller Rd MA LH HH.	50			x
Black-billed Cuckoos:	1*			
Screech Owl: (1)28 Cove AKM.				
Great Horned Owl: (1)7,8 Cove AKM.				
Barred Owl:	1			x
Chuck-Will's-Widow: (1)9 Cove AKM; (1)8 Anahuac JLT GAT.				x*
Common Nighthawk: (-)12 Galveston LH HH; (-)28 Freeport MA LH HH.	x		x	x
Chimney Swift: (-)28 Miller Rd. MA LH HH.	x			x
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: (1)6,13 Cove AKM; (30)8 Anahuac Refuge JLT GAT; (-)12 Galveston LH HH; (-)28 Miller Rd MA LH HH.	25		x	x
Belted Kingfisher: (-)12 Galveston LH HH.	7		x	x
Yellow-shafted Flicker:	1*			
Pileated Woodpecker: (4)28 Cove AKM; (-)28 Miller Rd MA LH HH.				x*
Red-bellied Woodpecker: (-)28 Miller Rd MA LH HH.	5	x		x
Red-headed Woodpecker: (7)3 (1)6 days Cove AKM.	x	x	x	x
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:	4			x
Hairy Woodpecker:				x*
Downy Woodpecker: (2)3 (1)24 Cove AKM; (-)28 Miller Rd MA LH HH.				x*
Eastern Kingbird: (-)12 Galv LH HH; (-)28 Freeport & Miller Rd MA LH HH.	12		x	x
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher: (-)12 Galv LH HH; (-)28 Freeport & Miller Rd MA LH HH.	x	x	x	x
Great-crested Flycatcher: (1)2 Cove AKM; (2)8 Galv JLT GAT; (-)28 Miller Rd MA LH HH.	1			x
EASTERN PHOEBE: (-)12 Galv LH HH;				
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: (1)8 Galv JLT GAT.				
Acadian Flycatcher: (1)6,7,146 Ilex, Houston; (1)7 C.E.King Parkway, S. of US 90; (2)9 Sheldon NP (all birds by call).				
Empidonax Flycatchers: (1)8 Cove AKM; (5)8 Galv JLT GAT.				
Eastern Wood Pewee: (1-10)8 days (24)13 (1)21 Cove AKM; (50)8 Galv JLT GAT; (-)12 Galv LH HH.				x*
Olive-sided Flycatcher: (1)9,18 Cove AKM.				
Horned Lark: (-)12 Galv LH HH; (-)28 Freeport MA LH HH.	x		x	x
Tree Swallow: (-)12 Galv LH HH.	x			x
Bank Swallow:	x			x
Rough-winged Swallow: (-)12 Galv LH HH.	x		x	x
Barn Swallow: (-)12 Galv LH HH.	x*		x	x
Cliff Swallow:				
Purple Martin: (-)12 Galv LH HH; (-)28 Freeport MA LH HH.	x	x	x	x
Blue Jay: (-)12 Galv LH HH; (-)28 Miller Road MA LH HH.	x	x	x	x
Common Crow: (-)28 Miller Rd MA LH HH.	x		x	x
Fish Crow: (-)28 Miller Rd MA LH HH.				
Carolina Chickadee: (-)28 Miller Rd MA LH HH.	x			x
Tufted Titmouse: (-)28 Freeport & Miller Rd MA LH HH.	x	x		x
Brown-headed Nuthatch: (2)9 Sheldon (Lockwood Rd, 1/2 mi N of Garrott Rd) NP.				x*
House Wren:				
Carolina Wren: (-)28 Freeport & Miller Rd MA LH HH	1			x
Long-billed Marsh Wren:	1			x
Mockingbird: (-)12 Galv LH HH; (-)28 Freeport MA LH HH.	x	x	x	x
Catbirds: (1)4,5,6,9 (2)7,8,12,14 Cove AKM; (50)8 Galv JLT GAT; (-)12 Galv LH HH.	10		x	x
Brown Thrasher: (1)2,5,8 (2)7 Cove AKM; (3)8 Galv JLT GAT.	4		x	x
Robins: (pr building nest at Barbershill)27 Cove by Bessie Armstrong AKM. (2)8,15 Galv (nesting) JLT GAT.	2	x	x	x
Wood Thrush: (5+)6, (2+)7 Cove AKM; (2)8 Galv JLT GAT.	1		x	x
Swainson's Thrush: (2-10)4,8,9,10 Cove AKM; (15)8 Galv JLT GAT.	10			x
Gray-cheeked Thrush: (1)3 (5-10)6,7,9 Cove AKM; (4)8 Galv JLT GAT.	3			x
Veery: (2)2,8 (10)6 Cove AKM; (2)8 Galv JLT GAT.				
Eastern Bluebirds: (-)28 Miller Rd MA LH HH.				x*
BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER: (2)9 Cove AKM.				x*
Ruby-crowned Kinglet:				x*
Water Pipit: (2)6 Cove AKM.			x	x
Cedar Waxwing: (20)9 Cove AKM; (100)9 Crosby NP.	x		x	x
Loggerhead Shrike: (-)12 Galv LH HH; (-)28 Miller Rd MA LH HH.	x	x	x	x
Starlings: (nesting more widely than ever) Cove AKM; (-)12 Galv LH HH.	x		x	x
White-eyed Vireo: (-)28 Miller Rd MA LH HH.	2		x	x
Yellow-throated Vireo: (1)8 Galv JLT GAT.				x*
Solitary Vireo:	3*			
Red-eyed Vireo: (1-10) 6 da(1)13 Cove AKM; (12)8 Galv JLT GAT; (-)12 Galv LH HH.	3			x

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	1	2	3	4
Philadelphia Vireos: (1)8,13 (3)14 Cove AKM; (2)8 Galv JLT GAT.				
Warbling Vireo: (1)7,14 Cove AKM; (2)8 Galv JLT GAT.				
Black-and-White Warbler: (1)2,6,7,8 Cove AKM; (5)8 Galv JLT GAT; (-)12 Galv LH HH; (1)7,9 Duessen Park NP.	6		x	x
Prothonotary Warbler: (1)7 Sheldon, (1)9 Buckhorn Lake NP.				x*
Swainson's Warbler: (2)9 Sheldon (Ralston Rd), Duessen Park NP				x*
Worm-eating Warbler: (1)6 Cove AKM.	4		x	x
Blue-winged Warblers:	2			x
Tennessee Warbler: (1-10)7 days to 14th Cove AKM; (4)8 Galv JLT GAT.	5		x	x
Orange-crowned Warbler:	1*			
Parula Warbler: (1)7 Cove AKM; (-)28 Miller Rd MA LH HH.	1			x
Yellow Warbler: (3-25)8 days to 14th Cove AKM; (2)8 Galv JLT GAT. (-)12 Galv LH HH.	4			x
Magnolia Warbler: (2)2 (1)3,4,8,9 Cove AKM; (15)8 Galv JLT GAT; (-)12 Galv LH HH; (1)7 Duessen Park NP.				
Cape May Warbler: (1 male)8 Galv JLT GAT.				
Black-throated Blue Warbler:				x*
Myrtle Warblers:	20			x
Black-throated Green Warbler: (2)6,8,13 (1)7,14 Cove AKM; (6)8 Galv JLT GAT.	1		x	x
Cerulean Warblers:				x*
Blackournian Warbler: (1)5,9,14 (3)7,13 Cove AKM; (2)8 Galv JLT GAT; (-)12 Galv LH HH.				x*
Yellowthroated Warblers:				x*
Chestnut-sided Warbler: (1)2,3,6,7 (3)8,14 (8+)13 Cove AKM; (4)8 Galv JLT GAT; (-)12 Galv LH HH.	2*			
Bay-breasted Warblers: (1-3)10 days to 14th Cove AKM; (4)8 Galv JLT GAT; (-)12 Galv LH HH.	1*			
Blackpoll Warblers: (1)4 Cove AKM; (2)8 Galv JLT GAT; (3)1 Galv NP.				x*
Pine Warblers:				
Palm Warblers:	1*			
Ovenbirds: (1)6 (2)7 Cove AKM; (1)8 Galv JLT GAT; (-)12 Galv LH HH.	2			x
Northern Waterthrush: (1)6 Cove AKM; (1)8 Galv JLT GAT; (-)12 Galv LH HH.	7		x	x
Louisiana Waterthrush:	1*			
Kentucky Warblers:	5*			
MOURNING WARBLER: (1)9 Duessen Park NP (See Notes).				
Yellowthroats: (1)2 Cove AKM; (10)8 Galv JLT GAT.	15		x	x
Yellow-breasted Chat: (1)8 Cove AKM;				x*
Hooded Warblers: (1)4 Cove AKM.	10		x	x
Canada Warblers: (1)13 Cove AKM.				
American Redstart: (1-3)2,5,6,7,8 (8)13 Cove AKM; (6)8 Galv JLT GAT; (-)12 Galv LH HH.	12			x
House Sparrows:	x	x	x	x
Bobolink: (1 male adult)1 Old House, Galv NP.				
Eastern Meadowlark: (-)12 Galv LH HH; (-)28 Freeport & Miller Rd MA LH HH.	x	x	x	x
Western Meadowlark: (1)1 Wallisville JLT GAT.				
Red-winged Blackbird: (-)12 Galv LH HH; (-)28 Freeport & Miller Rd MA LH HH.	x	x	x	x
Orchard Oriole: (1+)2,5 Cove AKM; (-)12 Galv LH HH.	30		x	x
Baltimore Oriole: (1-5)to 14th Cove AKM; (30)8 Galv JLT GAT; (-)12 Galv LH HH.	1		x	x
Brewer's Blackbirds:	2*			
Boat-tailed Grackle: (-)12 Galv LH HH; (-)28 Freeport & Miller Rd MA LH HH.	x	x	x	x
Common Grackle: (-)28 Freeport LH MA HH.	x	x	x	x
Brown-headed Cowbirds: (-)28 Miller Rd MA LH HH; (-)12 Galv LH HH.	x	x	x	x
Scarlet Tanager: (1)4,5,6,7,20 Cove AKM; (2)8 Galv JLT GAT; (-)12 Galv LH HH.	2			x
Summer Tanager: (1)3,4,5,6,13 Cove AKM; (10)8 Galv JLT GAT; (-)12 Galv LH HH; (-)28 Miller Rd MA LH HH.	20	x	x	x
Cardinals: (-)12 Galv LH HH; (-)28 Miller Rd MA LH HH.	x	x	x	x
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: (2-15)8-13 Cove AKM; (40)8 Galv JLT GAT; (-)12 Galv LH HH.	10			x
Blue Grosbeak: (2)2 (1)30 Cove AKM; (-)12 Galv LH HH.	20		x	x
Indigo Bunting: (1-6)thru 11th Cove AKM; (40)8 Galv JLT GAT; (-)12 Galv LH HH.	500		x	x
Painted Bunting: (-)28 Miller Rd MA LH HH.	3			x
Dickcissel: (1-3)from 2nd Cove AKM; (5)8 Galv JLT GAT; (-)12 Galv LH HH; (-)28 Freeport MA LH HH.	2	x	x	x
Savannah Sparrow: (-)thru 7th Cove AKM.	1		x	x
Sharp-tailed Sparrow:			x*	
Seaside Sparrows:	5		x	x
Lark Sparrow: (1)7,9 Sheldon NP see notes.				
WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: (1 adult male)7 Sheldon NP (See notes).				
White-throated Sparrows:	6		x	x
Lincoln's Sparrow:				x*
Swamp Sparrows:				x*
Song Sparrows:	1*			

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HH	Henry Hoffman				

Clearing House Notes

Big Day Run- April 23, 1966      Compiled by Jane Doige and Nancy Kilpatrick

Party No.	Names	Locations	Total Species	Exclusives
1.	John and Gloria Tveten	Baytown, Galv., Co. Pk. Galveston, Bolivar High Island, Anahuac Refuge, 275 miles; 3 miles on foot	150	19
2.	Wallace C. Mebane, Jr.	Fondren Woods Hermann Park Hiway 6 Lake west of Arcola; 50 car miles 1 mile on foot	22	
3.	Jerry Baker Edna Miner Darris Massingill	Houston to Galveston & back incl. Kempner Pk. East Beach 137 miles	93	4
4.	Joe Farrell Harvey Patten Noel Pettingell	Houston, Sheldon Battlegrounds Baytown Tunnel Cove, Anahuac Refuge 194 miles, 6½ miles on foot, 3½ miles by ferry	162	32

Notes for Big Day Run:

Party 3: One Purple Gallinule dead in road

Party 4: Black-throated Blue Warbler (adult male) seen by all 3 observers in party at High Island (Brannon's Woods). Bird clearly seen and studied at leisure-- all field marks noted. Short-billed Dowitcher by call

Other Clearing House Notes:

I did very little birding in the last half of May. I recorded 142 species; 137 for first half, 166 for 1951, and 1960, a total of 245. In the second half 66 were seen against 124 for 1963 and a total of 201, and a total of 252 for the month in 31 years.

Arlie K. McKay

Canada Goose: Probably Richardson's-- much smaller than accompanying Snows and Blues. About the size of Mottled Ducks. John and Gloria Tveten

Mourning Warbler: N. Lake Houston Pkwy. 1/10th mi. N. of Sonnier Drive; adult male in perfect plumage seen at 25 ft. in good light (8X40 Bushnell binoculars); gray hood with black bib (no partial eye-ring thus ruling out MacGillivray's), underparts entirely rich yellow (call note, not given in Peterson guides, a sharp "pich!") Noel Pettingell

Lark Sparrow: Sheldon (Lockwood Rd. ¼ mi. N. Garrett Rd.- possible breeding area- should be checked from late May through July. Noel Pettingell

White-crowned Sparrow: Sheldon (Jct. Garrett & Pumping Sta. Rds.) seen perched on fence post at about 50 feet; black & white striped crown & grayish throat clearly seen during 5 min. watch through 8X40 Bushnell binoculars. Noel Pettingell

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