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* "We dedicate ourselves to the pleasant task of *
* opening the eyes of young and old that all may *
* come to enjoy the beauty of the outdoor world, *
* and to share in conserving its wonders forever." *
* -A Statement of Audubon Philosophy *
* from Signal Smoke, Newsletter of Travis *
* Audubon Society, Austin, Texas (Nov. '65) *

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COMING EVENTS

- December 1 (Thursday) Regular OG meeting at the Downtown Recreation Center at 7:30 PM. Due to an unavoidable turn of circumstances, Clayton Gilman was unable to show his slides at the last meeting. Instead we were privileged to see Doug Bagemeyer's excellent slides. Clayton's slides have again been scheduled, this time for the December 1 meeting.
- December 5 (Monday) Audubon Wildlife Film presented by Charles T. Hotchkiss- "Tidewater Trails." Pershing Jr. High School, 7000 Braes Blvd. at 8 PM.
- December 13 (Tuesday) Regular ONG meeting at Garden Center, 1500 Hermann Drive at 8 PM. John E. Werler, Director, Houston Zoological Gardens, will speak about "Zoo Management."
- December 26 (Monday) The Freeport Invitational Christmas Count. Nancy and Jerry Strickling, Drumbeaters Pro-Tem. Victor L. Emanuel Jr., Compiler and Leader Emeritus. Tempus Fugit! BSVF now!
- January 2 (Monday) The Houston Christmas Bird Count led by John Tveten. Anyone interested in this big day of vigorous birding should call or write John L. Tveten, 512 Inwood Drive, Baytown, Texas 77520 (phone: Baytown 583-4431). Time is getting short! Make your plans now! (See announcement on page 5).

OCTOBER FIELD TRIP by Mary Sears

A beautiful October day, an able leader, and better than average co-operation from the birds made a highly successful field trip for twelve birders who gathered at the Galveston side of the Bolivar Ferry and proceeded to follow Linda Snyder's big circle route in reverse. The composite total of birds observed was 115. Would you believe 114? --with a female Black-headed Grosbeak as a possible added starter.

At Galveston many Scissor-tailed Flycatchers were lined up for their trans-Caribbean trip. On the Bolivar side of the ferry route, Olivaceous Cormorants and a group of gulls afloat greeted us. The plumage of the gulls was somewhat confusing and at the time of writing I do not know the final decision about them (FLASH! Linda has researched further and pronounces Franklins due to their short bills and head markings and their togetherness).

We went on to the beach near North Jetty and were treated to a variety of shore and water birds. Hundreds of Black Skimmers were skimming and several Roseate Spoonbills were spooning, or is it bill- ing? In the distance, majestic White Pelicans formed a small flotilla. Shoreward from the Pelicans, some 200 Avocets made a colorful line.

Then, on to High Island. Although we did not encounter a huge migratory wave, representative woods birds were found, including five species of warblers, Brown Creeper, House Wren, Kinglets, Gnat-catchers, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks and White-eyed and Solitary Vireos. Lunch was spread under the trees near the entrance of our High Island birding area. The count at that midway point was 66 species.

Anahuac Refuge was the next major stopping place. Thousands of geese settled and unsettled in

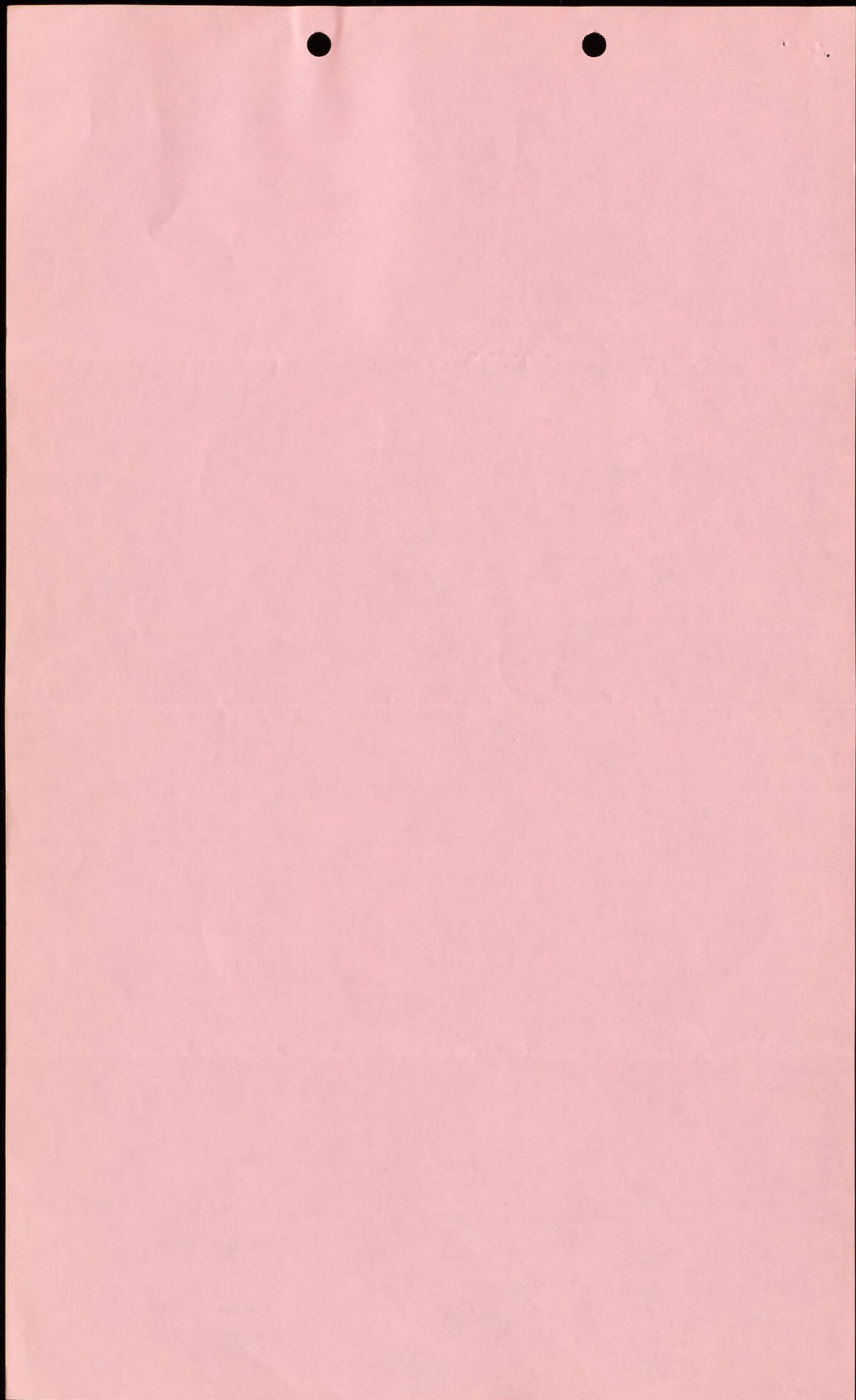
clouds of blue-gray and white. Small lines of Canadas and White Fronts complete our goose census. Other highlights at Anahuac included an estimated 100 Fulvous Tree Ducks (Russ don't allow no insecticides there, I guess) and a Peregrine Falcon perched in a roadside open field. Some of the birders were able to scout the refuge quite thoroughly, but your reporter departed in mid-afternoon. Again, my compliments to our leader and the weatherman for a profitable and enjoyable day of birding.

Those who attended the field trip were Bill and Betty Wright, Jerry Baker, Mary Sears, Wallace C. Mebane, Jr., Norma Oates, Sherwood and Sharon Davis, L.M. Hagemeyer, Tessie and Paul Edwards, Pat Sullivan, and Linda and Jay Snyder. The birds seen have been listed in the Clearing House.

CLEARING HOUSE, October, 1966

Pied-billed Grebes: (1)26 Western Harris County, "A"; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac Field Trip.
 White Pelican: (nc)8 Baytown Tunnel HP; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac Field Trip.
 Olivaceous Cormorant: (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac Field Trip.
 Anninga: (1)25 Cove AKM.
 Great Blue Herons: (nc)8 San Jacinto Battleground RP; (2)29 West Harris County HP.
 Green Herons: (2)2 Cove AKM; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac Field Trip.
 Cattle Egrets: (nc)8 San Jacinto Battleground HP; (20)28 Western Harris County "A"; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac Field Trip; (20)29 West Harris County HP.
 Reddish Egrets: (3)8 San Jacinto Battleground HP; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac Field Trip.
 Common Egrets: (nc)8 San Jacinto Battleground & Baytown Tunnel, (6)29 West Harris County HP; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac Field Trip.
 Snowy Egret: (nc)8 San Jacinto Battleground & Baytown Tunnel; (2)26 West Harris County "A".
 Louisiana Herons: (nc)8 San Jacinto Battleground & Baytown Tunnel HP; (1)26 West Harris County "A"; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac Field Trip.
 Yellow-crowned Night Heron: (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac Field Trip.
 Wood Ibis: (1)18 Cove (2)25 Liberty County AKM; (2)8 San Jacinto Battleground & Baytown Tunnel HP; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac Field Trip; (1)7,8 Baytown NB.
 White-faced Ibis: (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac Field Trip.
 White Ibis: (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac Field Trip.
 Roseate Spoonbill: (3)8 Baytown Tunnel HP; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac Field Trip.
 Canada Goose: (13)29 West Harris County HP; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac Field Trip.
 White-fronted Goose: (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac Field Trip; (nc)29 West Harris County HP.
 Snow Goose: (35)27, (24)29 Baytown NB; (nc)29 West Harris County HP
 Snow and Blue Geese: (10,000)16 Bolivar-Anahuac Field Trip;
 Blue Geese: (nc)29 West Harris County NP.
 Fulvous Tree Ducks: (100)16 Anahuac Refuge on Field Trip.
 Mottled Ducks: (7)29 West Harris County HP; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac Field Trip; (1)14 Danbury BW.
 Gadwalls: (2)26 West Harris County "A"; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac Field Trip.
 Pintails: (nc)16 Anahuac Refuge on Field Trip.
 Green-winged Teal: (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac Field Trip.
 Blue-winged Teal: (3)8 Baytown Tunnel HP; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac Field Trip.
 American Widgeons: (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac Field Trip.
 Shoveler: (nc)8 Baytown Tunnel HP; (1)26 West Harris County "A"; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac Field Trip.
 Redhead: (10)22 (1-8)24,25,26,31 Cove AKM.
 Ring-necked Duck: (20-40)12-24 (30-50)after 24th, Cove AKM; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac Field Trip.
 Lesser Scaup: (1)25 Cove AKM; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
 Ruddy Ducks: (1)12, (2-8)24,25,26,28,31 Cove AKM.
 Turkey Vulture: (nc)29 West Harris County HP; (15)26 West Harris County "A"; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
 Black Vulture: (3)1, (2)17 Cove AKM.
 Sharp-shinned Hawk: (1)15 (2)26 Cove AKM; (1)2,10102 Holly Springs JWR; (1)29, 10102 Holly Springs JWR.
 Cooper's Hawk: (1)30,31 Cove AKM.
 Red-tailed Hawk: (1)24,28,31, (2)30 Cove AKM; (4)29 West Harris County HP; (1)26 West Harris County "A".
 Red-shouldered Hawk: (1)29 West Harris County HP; (1)26 West Harris County "A".
 Broad-winged Hawk: (14)12 (92)6 (663)7 (36)8 (80)16, 10102 Hollysprings JWR.
 Swainson's Hawk: (2)18 Cove AKM; (1)30 10102 Hollysprings JWR.
 Bald Eagle: (1 imm)18 Cove AKM.
 Marsh Hawk: (3)29 West Harris County HP; (2)26 West Harris County "A"; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
 Osprey: (1)7 Cove AKM; (1)8 Baytown Tunnel HP; (1)11,20,22 Baytown NB.
 Peregrine Falcon: (1)12 Cove AKM; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
 Sparrow Hawk: (3)8 San Jacinto Battleground & Baytown Tunnel, (1)26,27 Prudential Bldg, (2)29 West Harris County HP; (6)26 West Harris County "A"; (1)5,8 Baytown NB; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
 Bobwhites: (1)29 West Harris County HP.
 Sandhill Crane: (nc)29 West Harris County HP.
 King Rail: (1)30 Cove AKM; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
 Clapper Rail: (1)26,31 Cove AKM; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
 Sora: (1)28 Cove AKM; (1)8 San Jacinto Battleground (1)29 West Harris County HP.
 Common Gallinule: (3)12 (1)15,22 Cove AKM; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
 American Coot: (12)26 West Harris County "A"; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
 Semipalmated Plover: (3)8 Baytown Tunnel HP; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
 Piping Plover: (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
 Killdeer: (nc)8 San Jacinto Battleground & Baytown Tunnel, (nc)29 West Harris County HP; (50)26 West

- Harris County "A"; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
- Black-bellied Plover: (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
- Common Snipe: (3)7 (30)13 etc. Cove AKM; (1)8 San Jacinto Battleground (8)29 West Harris Co. HP.
- Long-billed Curlew: (5)29 West Harris County HP; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
- Upland Plover: (1)29 Cove AKM.
- Spotted Sandpipers: (1)15 Clear Lake BP; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
- Willet: (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
- Greater Yellowlegs: (nc)8 San Jacinto Battleground & Baytown Tunnel; (2)29 West Harris Co. HP; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
- Lesser Yellowlegs: (nc)8 San Jacinto Battleground & Baytown Tunnel HP; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
- Least Sandpiper: (nc)8 Baytown Tunnel HP; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
- Hummingbirds: (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
- Short-billed Dowitcher: (nc)8 Baytown Tunnel HP.
- Long-billed Dowitcher: (nc)8 Baytown Tunnel HP; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
- Semi-palmated Sandpipers: (nc)8 Baytown Tunnel HP; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
- Western Sandpipers: (nc)8 Baytown Tunnel HP; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
- Marbled Godwit: (1)16 Baytown Tunnel NB.
- Sanderling: (4)8 Baytown Tunnel HP.
- American Avocet: (3)31 Cove AKM; (20)16 Baytown Tunnel NB; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
- Ring-billed Gull: (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
- Laughing Gull: (nc)8 San Jacinto Battleground & Baytown Tunnel HP; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
- Franklin's Gull: (nc)16 Bolivar on Field Trip.
- Forester's Tern: (nc)8 Baytown Tunnel & San Jacinto Battleground HP; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
- Common Tern: (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
- Royal Tern: (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
- Caspian Tern: (nc)8 Baytown Tunnel HP; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
- Black Tern: (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
- Black Skimmers: (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
- Mourning Dove: (nc)8 San Jacinto Battleground & Baytown Tunnel, (nc)29 West Harris County HP. (15)26 West Harris County "A"; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
- Ground Dove: (1)26 Cove AKM.
- Inca Dove: (1)26 Precinct Line Road "A".
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo: (1)18, 10102 Hollysprings JWR; (nc)16 Bolivar & High Island on Field Trip.
- Groove-billed Ani: (1)8 San Jacinto Battleground HP; (2)26 Precinct Line Rd "A"; (1)20 Baytown Tunnel NB.
- Barred Owl: (1)29 West Harris County HP.
- Chuck-Will's-Widow: (1)7 Cove AKM; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
- Whip-Poor-Will: (1)2 Cove AKM.
- Common Nighthawk: (1)8 San Jacinto Battleground HP; (1-3)1-21 Downtown Houston, (5)23 (4)25 (2)27 Downtown Houston NP.
- Chimney Swift: (nc)8 Baytown (15)11 Fauna Bank HP; (5)3 Baytown NB; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT; (3)3 (15)4 (1)6 Southeast Houston, Pecan Park NP; (50)8 West University (40)8 Pecan Park NP; None in Houston after 8th NP.
- Ruby-throated Hummingbirds: (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT; (1-2)29 days Baytown NB.
- Belted Kingfisher: (2)29 West Harris County HP; (2)26 West Harris County "A"; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
- Yellow-shafted Flicker: (1)8 San Jacinto Battleground (1)26-27 Prudential Bldg, (nc)29 W. Harris Co. HP; (1-2)20 days, Baytown NB; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
- Pileated Woodpecker: (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
- Red-bellied Woodpecker: (1)8 Baytown (1)29 W. Harris Co., HP; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
- Red-headed Woodpecker: (2)26 W. Harris Co. "A"; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: (2)29 W. Harris Co. HP; (1)15 (2)18, 10102 Hollysprings JWR; (5)26 W. Harris Co. "A"; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT; (1-2)13 days Baytown NB.
- Downy Woodpecker: (1)29 W. Harris Co. HP; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
- Eastern Kingbird: (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
- Western Kingbirds: (1)2 Cove AKM.
- Scissor-tailed Flycatcher: (6)26 W. Harris Co. "A"; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
- Eastern Phoebe: (1)8 San Jacinto Battleground (1)26 Prudential Bldg, (3)29 W. Harris Co., HP; (3)26 W. Harris Co. "A"; (1) 6, 8 Baytown NB.
- Empidonax Flycatcher: (1)13, 15 Baytown NB; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
- Eastern Pewee: (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT; (1)3, 7, 14, 15 Baytown NB.
- Vermilion Flycatcher: (2-4)1, 12, 15, 17, 28, Cove AKM.
- Horned Lark: (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
- Tree Swallow: (2-3)25 (usually common) Cove AKM; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
- Rough-winged Swallow: (30)14, 12926 Regg Drive HP.
- Barn Swallow: (nc)8 Baytown Tunnel HP; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
- Blue Jays: (nc)8 San Jacinto Battleground, (nc)29 W. Harris Co, HP; (2000)26 W. Harris Co. "A"; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
- Common Crow: (nc)8 Baytown (nc)29 W. Harris Co. HP; (500)26 W. Harris Co. "A"; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
- Carolina Chickadee: (2)8 Baytown (2)29 W Harris Co HP;
- Tufted Titmouse: (5)29 W. Harris Co HP.
- Red-breasted Nuthatch: (1)15, 10102 Hollysprings JWR; (1)26, 10102 Hollysprings "A".



Brown-headed Nuthatch: (2-8) resident, 10102 Hollysprings JWR.
 Brown Creeper: (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
 House Wren: (1)18, 26 Cove AKM; (1)29 W. Harris Co., HP; (1)26 W. Harris Co. "A"; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
 Winter Wren: (1)29 Cove AKM.
 Carolina Wren: (3)8 Baytown, (1)29 W. Harris Co. HP; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
 Long-billed Marsh Wren: (1)28 Cove AKM.
 Short-billed Marsh Wren: (7)26, (1)28 Cove AKM.
 Mockingbird: (nc)8 Baytown, (nc)29 W. Harris Co. HP; (20)26 W. Harris Co. "A"; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
 Catbird: (30)8 Baytown & San Jacinto Battleground HP; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
 Brown Thrasher: (nc)8 Baytown, (nc)29 W. Harris Co. HP; (3)26 W. Harris Co., "A"; (1-10) daily Baytown NB; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
 Robin: (nc)29 W. Harris Co. HP.
 Wood Thrush: (2)18 Cove AKM; (1)11 Baytown NB.
 Hermit Thrush: (1)29, 31 Cove AKM.
 Swainson's Thrush: (1)11 Baytown NB.
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: (nc)8 Baytown, (2)29 W. Harris Co. HP; (2)26 W. Harris Co. "A"; (1-2)18 days Baytown NB; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
 Golden-crowned Kinglet: (5)18 Cove AKM; (8)26 Synott Rd. "A".
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet: (3)29 W. Harris Co. HP; (4)26 W. Harris Co. "A"; (1)5 days Baytown NB; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT; (1)30 Bellairs BW.
 Water Pipit: (11-15)26, 28 Cove AKM; (2)29 W. Harris Co. HP.
 Cedar Waxwing: (20)15 Clear Lake HP.
 Loggerhead Shrike: (nc)8 San Jacinto Battleground, (nc)29 W. Harris Co. HP; (6)26 W. Harris Co. "A"; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
 Starling: (nc)8 Baytown, (nc)29 W. Harris Co. HP; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
 White-eyed Vireo: (1)2 Cove AKM; (1)26 W. Harris Co. "A"; (1)5 days NB; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
 Solitary Vireo: (1)30, 10102 Hollysprings JWR.
 Red-eyed Vireo: (2)18 Cove AKM; (2)1, (1)6 Baytown NB.
 Philadelphia Vireo: (1)18 Cove AKM; (1)18 (1)30, 10102 Hollysprings JWR.
 Black-and-white Warbler: (4)13 (8)18 Cove AKM; (1)3 Baytown NB; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
 Tennessee Warbler: (3+)13, (200)18, (10)20, (1)24, 31 Cove AKM; (1)21-22 Baytown NB.
 Orange-crowned Warbler: (2)29 Cove AKM; (2)29 W. Harris Co. HP; (1)18, 10102 Hollysprings JWR; (1)18, 22 Baytown NB; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
 Nashville Warbler: (1)2 (5)13 (20)18, 20 (3)29, 31 Cove AKM; (1)8 Baytown HP; (10)18, (1)22, (1)30, 10102 Hollysprings JWR; (1)26, 10102 Hollysprings "A"; (1)1, 2, 5, 16 Baytown NB.
 Parula Warbler: (1)2, 18, 20 (2)13 Cove AKM; (1)15 Baytown NB; (2)16 High Island on Field Trip.
 Yellow Warbler: (1)18 Cove AKM; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
 Magnolia Warbler: (7)13, (100)18 (3)20 Cove AKM; (1)6, 10102 Hollysprings JWR; (1)15, 18 Baytown NB; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
 Myrtle Warbler: (2)29 W. Harris Co. HP; (1)26 W. Harris Co. "A"; (1)31 Baytown NB.
 Black-throated Green Warbler: (3)13 (50)18 (2)20 Cove AKM; (1)13 (1)18, 10102 Hollysprings JWR; (1)26, 10102 Hollysprings JWR; (1)16, 25 Baytown NB; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
 Blackburnian Warbler: (1)7, 10102 Hollysprings JWR;
 Yellow-throated Warbler: (1)15, (1)18 (2)30, 10102 Hollysprings JWR; (1)26, 10102 Hollysprings "A"; (1)22 Baytown NB.
 Chestnut-sided Warbler: (3)18 Cove AKM.
 Pine Warbler: (1)18 (1)30, 10102 Hollysprings JWR; (1)26, 10102 Hollysprings "A".
 Palm Warbler: (3)26 Cove AKM.
 Ovenbirds: (1)13 (25)18 Cove AKM.
 Yellowthroats: (1)13 Cove AKM; (1)8 San Jacinto Battleground HP; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
 Yellow-breasted Chat: (3)2 (1)24 Cove AKM.
 Wilson's Warbler: (1)2, 13, 18 Cove AKM; (2)1 (1)5 Baytown NB.
 Canada Warbler: (1)13 Cove AKM; (1)1, 15 Baytown NB.
 American Redstart: (10)13 (25)18 Cove AKM; (2)18 (1)19 Baytown NB; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
 Eastern Meadowlark: (nc)8 San Jacinto Battleground & Baytown Tunnel, (nc)29 W. Harris Co. HP; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
 Red-winged Blackbird: (nc)8 San Jacinto Battleground & Baytown Tunnel, (nc)29 W. Harris Co. HP; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
 Baltimore Oriole: (5)2 Cove AKM; (1)16, 18 Baytown NB.
 Brewer's Blackbird: (2)24 Cove AKM.
 Boat-tailed Grackle: (nc)8 San Jacinto Battleground & Baytown Tunnel, (nc)29 W. Harris Co. HP; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
 Common Grackle: (nc)8 San Jacinto Battleground & Baytown Tunnel, (nc)29 W. Harris Co. HP.
 Brown-headed Cowbird: (nc)8 San Jacinto Battleground & Baytown Tunnel, (nc)29 W. Harris Co. HP; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
 Scarlet Tanager: (1)18 Cove AKM.
 Summer Tanager: (1)18 Cove AKM.
 Cardinal: (nc)8 San Jacinto Battleground & Baytown Tunnel, (nc)29 W. Harris Co. HP; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak: (16)18 Cove AKM; (nc)16 High Island on Field Trip.
 Blue Grosbeak: (27)3, 18 (1)31 Cove AKM.
 Indigo Bunting: (1)8 Baytown HP; (1)2, 26 (5)12 (75)13 (150)18 (2)20 Cove AKM; (nc)16 High Island on FT.

Dickcissels: (1)9 Baytown NB.
 Rufous-sided Towhees: (3)31 Cove AKM.
 Savannah Sparrows: (2)25 (7)26etc. Cove AKM; (nc)29 W. Harris Co. HP; (3)26 W. Harris Co. "A";
 (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
 Seaside Sparrows: (1-8)3,13,18,28,31, (15)26 Cove AKM; (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
 Lark Sparrows: (2)26 W. Harris Co. "A";
 Chipping Sparrows: (nc)16 High Island on Field Trip.
 Clay-colored Sparrows: (1)13 Cove AKM.
 Field Sparrows: (1)26,31 Cove AKM.
 White-crowned Sparrows: (2)26 (1)29 Cove AKM; (1)8 San Jacinto Battleground, (19-20)29 W. Harris Co.
 HP.
 White-throated Sparrows: (3)29 Cove AKM; (nc)29 W. Harris Co. HP; (1)26 W. Harris Co. "A"; (2)25, (1)
 26,28 Baytown NB.
 Lincoln's Sparrows: (2)18 (3)26 (5)31 Cove AKM; (8)29 W. Harris Co. HP; (6)26, West Harris Co., "A";
 (nc)16 Bolivar-Anahuac FT.
 Swamp Sparrows: (2)26 Cove AKM; (2)29 W. Harris Co. HP.

CLEARING HOUSE NOTES

I counted 163 species during October; 107 in first half and 167 in first half of October, 1959; 146 in second half and 163 in 1954.

I saw more Blue Jays October 6 than I had seen in all my life. There were tens of thousands from October 6 thru 13, and still are more than ever before. They must have overshoot their normal winter range. Blue Jays were an uncommon bird here from 1880 when my father was a boy until I was grown, about 1920. I never knew of a nest here until around 1935. Many with little interest in birds have been talking about the abundance of Blue Jays.

I found a bird I could not identify, October 31. It was a crested parakeet about the size of a Mourning Dove, with a longer, more pointed tail. Had large white patches on each wing. Head was light grayish with pink spots on the sides.

AKM

On October 5, 300 plus Blue Jays circled high over my house for several minutes, then flew away, leaving about a dozen of their number to rest in our trees. On the 6th and 7th, groups could be seen every 10 to 30 minutes, none so large as the first, but consisting of 25 to 200 birds each. Since then, for the remainder of the month, an accurate count has been impossible, as there have been no groups, as such. Instead the Jays have flown over in long, loosely scattered strings. I would estimate I have seen between 100 and 250 Blue Jays daily, since the 5th.

NB.

CLEARING HOUSE CONTRIBUTORS

AKM	Arlie K. McKay	"A"	Margaret Anderson, Charlotte Johnson, and Jane Robinson
NP	Noel Pettingell		
NB	Mettie Busby	HP	Harvey Patten
JWR	Jane Robinson	FW	Bill Wright
FT	Field Trip to Bolivar, High Island, and Anahuac Refuge		

HOUSTON CHRISTMAS COUNT

 * January 2, 1967 Leader: John Tveten *
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 * The Houston Area Christmas Count will be held on the 2nd of January, 1967. *
 * All members of the Outdoor Nature Club and visitors are invited to parti- *
 * cipate. This is not an activity of any group, but a collective effort of *
 * the entire club. *
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 * Experienced birder or not, everyone can play an important part in this *
 * count. Those who are novices at the science (or art if you wish) of bird- *
 * ing can contribute by assisting more experienced observers. Most of the par- *
 * ticipants will make this an all day affair, but even a few hours will be *
 * appreciated and may turn up that species which would otherwise be missed. *
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 * These nation-wide counts are one of our very important endeavors. And what *
 * is more, they are fun! Houston has been among the leaders in the country *
 * in past years - let's not stop now! *
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 * Please write or call: John L. Tveten, 512 Inwood Dr., Baytown, Texas 77520, *
 * (583-4431). Put in your reservation now so that assignments can be made. A *
 * description of the area boundaries, a list of the area leaders, and the indiv- *
 * idual assignments will appear in the December issue of The Spoonbill. It would *
 * be helpful for everyone to become familiar with his area before the count day. *
 * This is why your prompt response is so necessary. *
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CORRECTION AND ADDITION TO THE...

Those of you who are still looking for Texas' newest county can now be set straight. The reference to the Barn Swallows and Wood Storks being seen in Anahuac County by the Stricklings on page 4 of the October Spoonbill should have read Chambers County.

Also their Yellow-headed Blackbird was a female or immature as it did not have white in the wings.

HELP!

Are you interested in helping to form a 1966 Galveston Christmas Count? If you are, please contact Steve Williams, 7115 Mobud, Houston, Texas 77036 (PR 4-1147). (No definite plans have been made as yet.):

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