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NOEL PETTINGILL REPORTS:

" Dr. Kent Rylander of Texas Tech. at Lubbock, who is editor of both the TOS BULLETIN and NEWSLETTER, sent me 100 reprints and announced in the March NEWSLETTER that they are available from me upon request. So far I've had requests from College Station, Port Arthur, Gainesville, Dickinson, Austin, Texas and one each from Ark., La., Colorado and California! So you see the SPOONBILL is of considerable importance among local and out-of-state birders!"

NOTES ON MIGRATING BROAD-WINGED HAWKS, APRIL 13, 1969 -- ELRIC N. MCHENRY

A large flight of Broad-winged Hawks was observed moving north over Dickinson on April 13. Ben Feltner first noticed the hawks about 1:45 PM. Ben and I then witnessed a continual stream of migrating Broad-wings for more than an hour. It is very probable that the flight had been passing over for quite some time before we took notice. Our conservative estimate of the number of hawks observed between 1:45 PM and 3:00 PM is 15,000. By 3:00 PM only occasional stragglers were to be seen over Dickinson.

The weather that afternoon was warm, cloudy, and with a slight breeze from the south. The birds were estimated as flying between 20 mph and 30 mph at altitudes from treetop level to an estimated 1000 feet. The mass were flying at about 300-500 feet. I estimated the average width of the flight to be about 500 feet. The observations indicate that the flight must have been at least 30 miles long. The following is a summary of our count made during seventy minutes of observation:

10 minutes at 500 per minute = 5000
30 minutes at 250 per minute = 7500
20 minutes at 100 per minute = 2000
10 minutes at 50 per minute = 500
Total = 15,000

Another interesting aspect of this mass migration was the other birds of prey observed migrating along with the Broad-wings. The following is a summary of those observations:

- Cooper's Hawk - 1
- Sharp-shinned Hawk - 7
- Mississippi Kite - 5
- Swainson's Hawk - 2

We noticed that the Kites flew lower than the mass of Broad-wings and the accipiters flew higher.

REGULAR O.G. FIELD TRIP, MAY 3, 1969 -- GLADYS M. GALBREATH

Mrs. Jerry Baker was an excellent leader of nine experienced "birders", Margaret Anderson, Dirk Hagemeyer, Norma Oates, Melba Drake, Sarah Gordon, Mrs. B.H. Wilkins, Mr. and Mrs. Ewell C. Bradley, and Louise Rogers, and two amateurs, Sue Buck and Gladys Galbreath (the Bradleys insist they be included in the latter category). The locations at High Island "birded" were the Boy Scout Woods and Brannon Woods.

Three male Bobolinks and one Western Kingbird were spotted in the Boy Scout Woods meadow. The Bobolinks were quite accommodating as they went from low grass to slightly higher perches where they were studied through the telescope. Not so with the Kingbird!

Brannon Woods was practically overcrowded with birdlife, as feeding was good due to blooming honeysuckle and lantana, also some old fruit and pecan trees. Ruby-throated Hummingbirds darted about like bumblebees. Eight species of busy warblers darted among the tree tops, the outstanding being a Prothonotary. A Chuck-will's-widow was found perched on a small low limb in dense foliage, again the telescope was used to advantage. Towards the end of our "birding" a beautiful Scarlet Tanager was spotted on a bare branch high in a tree which made a beautiful sight against the green of the forest.

Since this was a half-day trip, the party disbanding immediately after lunch, only 60 species were sighted, among which were lifers for some of the birders.

PURPLE FINCH

Since this has been such a good year for Purple Finches in this area, the editors thought that the readers might enjoy Neltje Blanchan's description:

"In this 'much be-sparrowed country' of ours, familiarity is apt to breed contempt for any bird that looks sparrowy, in which case one of the most delicious songsters we have might easily be overlooked. It is not until the purple finch reaches maturity that his plumage takes on the raspberry-red tints that some ornithologists named purple. It would seem as if the people who named most of our birds and wild flowers must have been color-blind. Old rose is more nearly the color of this finch which looks like a brown sparrow that had been dipped in a bath of raspberry juice and left out in the sun to fade. But only the mature males wear this color, which is deepest on their head, rump, and breast. Their sons are decidedly sparrowy until the second year and their wives look so much like the song sparrows that one must notice their heavy, rounded bills and forked tails to make sure they are not their cousins."

NEW MEMBERS - WELCOME!

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CLEARING HOUSE, APRIL, 1969

Grebe, Pied-billed: (1-3) 4 days, (7) 18, Cove, AKM
PELICAN, BROWN: (1) 13, Galveston, Party "C"
CORMORANT, DOUBLE-CRESTED: (16+) 28, Cove, AKM
 Olivaceous: (1) 11, 13, 23, (2) 20, Cove, AKM
Anhinga: (2) 26, Galveston (Lowe property, 13 mi. Rd.), Party "D"! This species is accidental on Galveston I.
Frigatebird, Magnificent: (No count) 27, Galveston, Party "A"
Heron, Green: (1) 24, 28, Cove, AKM; (4) 30, Old River, A & JB
Egret, Cattle: (No count) 27, Galveston, Party "A"
 Reddish: (No count) 27, Galveston, Party "A"
 Snowy: (No count) 27, Galveston, Party "A"
Bittern, Least: (1) 22, Double Bayou, A & JB
 American: (1) 12, Old River, A & JB
Ibis, White-Faced: (30) 22, Double Bayou, A & JB
Goose, Canada: (7) 19, 26, Sheldon Reservoir (near west canal and Garrett Rd.), Parties "A" and "B" (seen in flight on 19th)
DUCK, MALLARD: (2) 18, (1) 28, Cove, AKM; (3-1 male, 2 females) 19, 26, Sheldon Reservoir (same site as Canada Goose), Parties "D" & "E"
 Mottled: (1-9) 8 days, (15) 10, Cove, AKM
 Gadwall: (6) 10, (2) 11, 18, Cove, AKM
 Pintail: (1-5) 3, 10, 11, Cove, AKM
 Teal, Blue-winged: 10 days, (100 ±) 10, Cove, AKM
Widgeon, American: (3-25) 3, 10, 11, Cove, AKM

- Duck, Shoveler: 3 days, (30+) 10, Cove, AKM
 REDHEAD: (1) 19, Anahuac Refuge, Party "D" (SW only); (1) 26, Galveston (Ruddy Duck Pond, E. of Sweetwater Lake, Party "E"
 Canvasback: (4) 11, Cove, AKM
 Vulture, Black: (1) 16, (est. 10) 28, Cove, AKM
 Kite, Mississippi: (2) 17, 10215 Chatterton, DHH; (4) 26, Deussen Park, Party "E"
 Hawk, Sharp-shinned: (1) 18, Cove, AKM; (1) 14, 20, 24, 1601 Woodlawn, Baytown, DL
 Red-tailed: (1) 4, 13, Cove, AKM
 Broad-winged: (6) 18, Cove, AKM; (30 +) 12, 10215 Chatterton, DHH; (5) 3, over Medical Center in mid-afternoon, (40) 13, flying over house, 420 Mulberry, Bellaire, DM
 Swainson's: (7) 18, at Dayton, AKM; (1) 24, Cove, AKM
 Zone-tailed: (1) 13, flying over house, 420 Mulberry, Bellaire, DM
 Marsh: (1+) 4, 11, Cove, AKM
 Osprey: (1) 28, Cove, AKM; (3) 1, Low over Medical Center at 9:50 a.m. in bright sunshine, DM; (1) 26, Sheldon Reservoir (near west canal and Garrett Rd.), Party "E"
 Hawk, Sparrow: (1) 11, 13, Cove, AKM; (1) 19, west of Lake Houston, Party "D"
 Bobwhite: (2) 22, Double Bayou, A & JB
PHEASANT, RING-NECKED: (1 adult male) 26, Galveston (seawall slope opposite Weis School, west of Municipal Golf Course), Party "E" (clearly seen by all observers from Stewart Rd.)
 Rail, Kings: (1) 28, Cove, AKM
 Gallinule, Purple: (1) 18, Cove, AKM
 Common: (7) 18, (1) 20, 28, Cove, AKM
 Plover, Semipalmated: (NC) 27, Galveston, Party "A"
 Killdeer: (NC) 27, Galveston, Party "A"
 Golden, American: (75) 5, (5) 11, Cove, AKM
 Black-bellied: (NC) 27, Galveston, Party "A"; (12) 12, Old River, A & JB
 Turnstone, Ruddy: (NC) 27, Galveston, Party "A"
 Snipe, Common: (1) 3, 5, (5) 10, (3) 11, Cove, AKM
 Curlew, Long-billed: (NC) 27, Galveston, Party "A"
 Plover, Upland: (1) 22, Cove, AKM; (4) 12, Old River, A & JB
 Sandpiper, Spotted: (4) 22, Old River, A & JB
 Solitary: (1) 11, 28, Cove, AKM
 Willet: (3) 10, (1) 13, Cove, AKM; (NC) 27, Galveston, Party "A"
 Yellowlegs, Greater: (2-25) 6 days, (150) 10, Cove, AKM
 Lesser: (1-75) 10 days, (250) 10, (200) 28, Cove, AKM; (NC) 27, Galveston, Party "A"
 Sandpiper, Pectoral: (1-35) 3 days, (50) 10, Cove, AKM
 White-rumped: (4) 26, Galveston (8 Mile Rd.) Party "E"
 Baird's: (5) 26, High Island, Party "B"
 Least: (NC) 5 days, Cove, AKM
 Dunlin: (NC) 27, Galveston, Party "A"
 Dowitcher, Short-billed: (5-24) 5 days, Cove, AKM
 Sandpiper, Semipalmated: (NC) 10, 11, Cove, AKM
 Buff-breasted: (3) 5, Cove, AKM
 Godwit, Hudsonian: (over 100) 27, Galveston, Party "A"
 Sanderling: (NC) 27, Galveston, Party "A"
 Stilt, Black-necked: (1-5) 6 days, Cove, AKM; (NC) 27, Galveston, Party "A"
 Gull, Herring: (NC) 27, Galveston, Party "A"
 Ring-billed: (NC) 27, Galveston, Party "A"
 Laughings: (NC) 27, Galveston, Party "A"
 Franklin's: (2 flocks of about 100 and 200) 19, Ralston Rd. (west of Sheldon Reservoir), Party "D"
 Tern, Least: (1) 28, Cove, AKM; (NC) 27, Galveston, Party "A"
 Caspian: (NC) 2 days, Cove, AKM
 Black: (5) 20, Cove, AKM
 Dove, White-winged: (1) 30, Baytown, NB; (1) 13, Lowe's house, Galveston, Party "C"; (2) 19, (1) 26, Galveston Co. Courthouse, Parties "D" and "E"
 Inca: (NC) 27, Galveston, Party "A"; (1) 9, 17 (2) 10, 106 Milner, Baytown, NB
 Cuckoo, Yellow-billed: (1) 28, Cove, AKM; (1) 29, Old River, (1) 22, Double Bayou, A & JB
 Owl, Great Horned: (1) 22, Cove, AKM
 Chuck-will's-widow: (1) 28, 106 Milner, Baytown, NB
 Whip-poor-will: (NC) 11, 12, 420 Mulberry, Bellaire, DM
 Nighthawk, Common: (1) 21, 22, (2) 28, Cove, AKM; (2) 17, Main P. O., downtown Houston, NP; (1) 20, 29, Old River, A & JB
 Swift, Chimney: (1-20) 8 days, (150) 22, Cove, AKM; (10) 6, 7146 Ilex, SE Houston, (2) 7, Sears on S. Main, Houston, (4) 8, Main P. O., NP (saw my first Swift March 22 on Galveston I. and no others in U. T. C. area until April 6, NP)

- Hummingbird, Sp.: (2) 1, 5, (1) 18, Cove, AKM
 Hummingbird, Ruby-throated: (1) 1, Old River, A&JB
 Kingfisher, Belted: (1) 11, 17, 18, 21, 24, Cove, AKM
 Flicker, Yellow-shafted: (1) 22, Double Bayou, A&JB
 Woodpecker, Pileated: (1) 13, Bear Creek Park DHH
 Woodpecker, Red-headed: (NC) 27, Galveston, Party "A"; (3) 22, Double Bayou, A&JB
 Woodpecker, Hairy: (2) 19, Deussen Park, Party "D"
 Kingbird, Eastern: (1) 9 days, (3) 21, (6) 22, Cove, AKM; (6) 9, Old River, A&JB
 Kingbird, Western: (1) 13, Stewart Road, Galveston, Party "C"
 Wood Pewee, Eastern: (1) 28, 29, Cove, AKM; (NC) 27, Galveston, Party "A"
 Swallow, Barn: (NC) 27, Galveston, Party "A"
 Crow, Fish: (2) 2, South of Dayton, (2) 21, Wallisville, AKM
 Wren, Carolina: (1) 1-9, Old River, A&JB
 Wren, Long-billed Marsh: (1) 22, Cove AKM
 Catbird: (2) 27, 28, Cove, AKM; (2) 22, Double Bayou, A&JB
 Thrasher, Brown: (NC) 27, Galveston, Party "A"; (12) 3, Old River, (3) 22, Double Bayou, A&JB
 Robin: (1) 3, Dayton, AKM; (NC) 27, Galveston, Party "A"; (1) 19, Baytown, NB; (2) 19, (3) 26, Galveston, (Kempner Park - bird on nest both days) Parties "D" and "E"
 Thrush, Wood: (18) 22, Double Bayou, A&JB
 HERMIT: (1) Buckhorn Lake Woods (Near Garrett Road, West of Sheldon - Deer Park Road) Party "D" (NP only: constantly raised and lowered reddish tail while calling low "chuck"; more heavily spotted than Swainson's; studied at close range for several minutes)
 Swainson's: (3) 22, Double Bayou, A&JB
 Gray-cheeked: (1) 25, High Island, DL
 Veery: (1) 21, 10215 Chatterton, DHH; (6) 22, Double Bayou, A&JB
 Gnatcatcher, Blue-gray: (1-3) 10-13, 10215 Chatterton, DHH
 Kinglet, Ruby-crowned: (1) 11 days until 16th, 10215 Chatterton, DHH; (3) 19, Deussen Park, Buckhorn Lake Woods, High Island, Party "D"
 Pipit, Water: (4) 11, Cove, AKM
 Waxwing, Cedar: (25) 8, Cove, AKM; (NC) 27, Galveston, Party "A"; (3) 4, (20) 9, Old River, A&JB
 Vireo, White-eyed: (2) 22, Double Bayou, A&JB
 Yellow-throated: (1) 22, Double Bayou, A&JB
 Solitary: (2) 5, (1) 14, 10215 Chatterton, DHH
 Red-eyed: (15) 22, Double Bayou, A&JB
 Warbler, Black-and-white: (2) 18, 27, Cove, AKM; (1) 22, Double Bayou, A&JB
 Prothonotary: (2) 22, Double Bayou, A&JB
 Swainson's: (1) 19, Ralston Road (Near S W Bell Station), Party "D", (2) 26, Same Site as Above + Compton's Woods (South of Red Bluff), Party "E"
 Worm-eating: (1) 4, 10215 Chatterton, DHH; (1) 19, Old River, (2) 22, Double Bayou, A&JB; (2) 17, 106 Milner, Baytown, NB
 Golden-winged: (1) 27, Cove, AKM; (1) 22, Double Bayou, A&JB; (1) 16, 1601 Woodlawn, Baytown, DL; (2) 17, 106 Milner, Baytown, NB
 Blue-winged: (1) 8, 10215 Chatterton, DHH; (2) 17, 106 Milner, Baytown, NB
 Tennessee: (20) 27, Cove, AKM; (NC) 27, Galveston, Party "A"; (3) 27, Double Bayou, A&JB
 Nashville: (1) 13, 10215 Chatterton, DHH
 Parula: (1) 13, (3) 28, Cove, AKM
 Yellow: (5) 27, (1) 28, Cove, AKM; (4) 22, Double Bayou, A&JB
 Magnolia: (NC) 27, Galveston, Party "A"; (1) 26, High Island, Party "B"
 Myrtle: (3) 2, Cove, AKM; (1) 10, Old River, A&JB
 Audubon's: (1) 3, Dickinson, ENM
 Black-throated Greens: (1) 27, Cove, AKM
 Cerulean: (1) 8, 30, 10215 Chatterton, DHH
 Chestnut-sided: (10) 27, Cove, AKM; (NC) 27, Galveston, Party "A"
 Blackpoll: (1) 26, High Island, Party "B"; (1 female) 26, Galveston (Hutchings house adjacent to Kempner Park), Party "E" (and others)
 Palm: (1) 13, Bear Creek Park, DHH
 Ovenbird: (3) 22, Double Bayou, A&JB
 Waterthrush, Northern: (2) 26, High Island, Party "B"; (1) 22, Double Bayou, A&JB
 Kentucky: (2) 22, Double Bayou, A&JB
 MOURNING: (1) 19, Compton's Woods, ENM (The date on the Mourning Warbler may be an early record; my 1962 of the Area Checklist gives April 22 as the earliest spring record.)

- Yellowthroat: (3) 11, (1) 27, (2) 28, Cove, AKM; (1) 1, 9, 10, 11, 17, Old River, A&JB
- Chat, Yellow-breasted: (1) 22, 28, Cove, AKM; (1) 26, High Island, Party "B"; (1) 19, Old River, A&JB
- Bobolink: (1 male) 26, High Island, Party "B"
- Meadowlark, Eastern: (NC) 27, Galveston, Party "A"
- Western: (1) 15, 16, Southeast Houston (Broadway & Bellfort; singing with Eastern Meadowlarks), NP
- Blackbird, Yellow-headed: (2) 24, Cove, AKM; (1) 14, 15, Galveston (99th St. south of Crash Basin), CEH
- Red-winged: (NC) 27, Galveston, Party "A"
- Oriole, Orchard: (4) 10, 17, Old River, (2) 22, Double Bayou, A&JB
- Baltimore: (15) 27, Cove, AKM; (3) 27, Double Bayou, A&JB
- Bullock's: (1 female) 17, 106 Milner, Baytown, NB
- Grackle, Boat-tailed: (NC) 27, Galveston, Party "A"
- Common: (NC) 27, Galveston, Party "A"
- Tanager, Scarlet: (1) 26, High Island, Party "B"; (6) 22, Double Bayou, A&JB
- Summer: (1) 19, Cove, AKM; (1) 11, Old River, (8) 22, Double Bayou, A&JB
- Grosbeak, Rose-breasted: (2+) 27, Cove, AKM; (20) 22, Double Bayou, A&JB
- Blue: (1) 2, 28, (2) 18, Cove, AKM
- Bunting, Indigo: (5) 23, 24, (1) 28, Cove, AKM; (75-100 estimate) 22, Double Bayou, A&JB
- Painted: (1) 11, (2) 28, Cove, AKM; (1) 16, Old River, A&JB
- Dickcissel: (2+) 22, 30, Cove, AKM; (1) 18, Old River, A&JB; (2-3) 21 days starting April 1, 1601 Woodlawn, Baytown, DL
- Finch, Purple: (1 male) 1-3, 10215 Chatterton, DHH; (1) 8, Old River, A&JB
- Goldfinch, American: (1) 9, 17, 10215 Chatterton, DHH; (12) 9, Old River, A&JB
- Sparrow, Chipping: (1-5) 9 days to 11th, (1) 13, 15, 10215 Chatterton, DHH
- White-throated: (1) 8, Old River, A&JB
- Lincoln's: (3) 11, 13, (1) 18, 24, Cove, AKM; (1) 8, Old River, (1) 22, Double Bayou, A&JB

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Party "A"	Jane Dodge & Betsey Perry
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Party "B"	Dr. & Mrs. John Tveten, Sharon Davis
Party "C"	Ben Feltner, Marie Feltner, Elric McHenry, Doris McHenry
CEH	Dr. Charles E. Hall
Party "D"	Joe Farrell, Noel & Mark Pettingell, Steve Williams
DHH	Dan H. Hardy
DL	David Lefkovits
DM	David Marrack
Party "E"	Dan Hardy, Joe Farrell, Harvey Patten, Mark & Noel Pettingell
ENM	Elric N. McHenry
NB	Nettie Busby
NP	Noel Pettingell

Clearing House Notes:

Arlie McKay reports that he observed 5-10 Evening Grosbeaks on the 11th. He also says, "The Evening Grosbeaks stayed at Mrs. Shoemaker's feeder (a few) til mid-April or a little later. If you are in the Mont Belvieu area, please call on Mrs. J.F. Shoemaker. Follow H.W. 146 to Mont Belvieu Loop, turn right, left at the second street, second house on right, Higgings St."

TWO ONE-DAY PARTY COUNTS PRODUCE 203 SPECIES - by Noel Pettingell

On April 19 Steve Williams, Joe Farrell, the writer, and his son Mark set a new Upper Texas Coast record of 176 species (including Rock Dove) in one car along a route from Houston to Sheldon Reservoir, Lake Houston, Anahuac Refuge, High Island, Bolivar Peninsula, Galveston Island, thence back to Houston. The previous UTC one-car record was 171 species (incl. Rock Dove) set on May 1, 1965 by Nancy and Jerry Strickling, Harvey Patten, and the writer. (187 species were recorded by 7 observers in 2 cars on May 1, 1960.)

A week later, on April 26, Harvey Patten, Joe Farrell, Dan Hardy, the writer and his son found 174 species (incl. Rock Dove) along the Standard UTC Big Day Route (Houston - Sheldon - Lake Houston - Battlegrounds - Seabrook - Galveston - Houston). The

combined April 19 and 26 total was 203 species, 147 of which were seen on both days. The 56 species seen on only April 19 or 26 are listed below. (Details on unusual species are included in the April Clearing House report.)

April 19, 1969 (Party "A") (Key to symbols below)

American Bittern *	Ruby-cr. Kinglet *
Gadwall (AR)	Worm-eating Warbler (HI)
Cooper's Hawk	Nashville " *
Sparrow Hawk *	Bl.-thr. Green " (HI)
Virginia Rail *	Cerulean " (HI)
Piping Plover (BP)	Blackburnian " (C)
Long-billed Dowitcher *	La. Waterthrush *
Stilt Sandpiper (AR)	Yellowthroat *
Franklin's Gull *	Am. Goldfinch *
Barn Owl*	Lark Sparrow *
Screech Owl *	Chipping Sparrow *
Great Horned Owl*	Lincoln's " *
Hairy Woodpecker *	Swamp " *
House Wren *	Song " (C)
Hermit Thrush *	

Key to symbols used above:

* Standard Big Day Route
 (AR) Anahuac Refuge
 (BP) Bolivar Peninsula
 (C) Cove area
 (HI) High Island

April 26, 1969 (Party "B")

Yel.-cr. Night Heron
 American Widgeon
 Lesser Scaup
 Black Vulture
 Mississippi Kite
 Swainson's Hawk
 Marsh Hawk
 Osprey
 Ring-necked Pheasant
 Sora
 Purple Gallinule
 Solitary Sandpiper
 Pectoral "
 White-rumped "
 Short-billed Dowitcher
 Avocet
 Wilson's Phalarope
 Gull-billed Tern
 Common Tern
 Cliff Swallow
 Veery
 Water Pipit
 Golden-winged Warbler
 Yellow Warbler
 Blackpoll Warbler
 Ovenbird
 Canada Warbler

Maximum extent of route 4/19: 56 air miles
 Total car miles: 274

Max. extent 4/26: 54 air mi.
 Total car miles: 230

REPORT FROM BRAZORIA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Mr. Raymond J. Fleetwood, the Refuge Manager, reports the Jacana was still on the refuge April 10, at the usual place in Big Slough. He was also kind enough to send The Spoonbill a list of migrants observed on the refuge and at Angleton;

BIRDS	QUANTITY	DATE
Burrowing Owl	1	3/14/69
Yellow Rail	3	3/14/69
Upland Plover	3	3/18/69
Golden Plover	12	3/21/69
Yellow-crowned Nightheron	5	3/21/69
Stilt Sandpiper	30	3/21/69
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	1	3/25/69
Rough-winged Swallow	2	3/27/69
Painted Bunting	1	3/27/69
Pectoral Sandpiper	3	3/27/69
Black-necked Stilt	2	3/27/69
Eastern Kingbird	3	4/2/69
Barn Swallow	3	4/5/69
Orchard Oriole	1	4/5/69
Chimney Swift	6	4/6/69
Yellow-throated Vireo	1	4/6/69
White-eyed Vireo	7	4/6/69
Wood Thrush	1	4/6/69
Redstart	2	4/6/69
Parula Warbler	2	4/6/69
Kentucky Warbler	1	4/6/69
Hooded Warbler	8 males	4/6/69
Black-throated Green Warbler	1	4/6/69
Yellow-breasted Chat	1	4/6/69
Worm-eating Warbler	1	4/8/69
Green Heron	8	4/10/69

Least Bittern	3	4/10/69
Least Tern	4	4/10/69
Semipalmated Plover	11	4/10/69
Jacana still on Brazoria Refuge		4/10/69
Summer Tanager	1 Angleton	4/10/69
Great-crested Flycatcher	1 Angleton	4/10/69

BIG DAY RUN

The results of the Big Day Run are being compiled by David Marnack, and will be published in a later issue of The Spoonbill.

COMING EVENTS:

- June 7 For the regular OG meeting, please refer to the April issue of
Saturday The Spoonbill.
- June 15 For land and shore birds - meet at the Courthouse at Angleton,
Sunday Route 288, at 7:45 AM. Bring lunch, mosquito repellent and your
wide-brimmed hat.

LAST-MINUTE REPORTS ON "TEXAS CITY" GULL, ALLEN'S HUMMINGBIRD, HAWK MIGRATION

Linda Snyder reports she has been in touch with experts in California, by phone and writing, and they stated positively that the Western Gull has a dark eye and flesh-colored legs, with no yellow tinge. The light eye with dark eye ring and the yellowish tinge to the legs of the gull observed at Texas City negated its being the Western Gull, and she thinks, beyond question, it was the Lesser Black-backed Gull. Linda reports her last sighting was on Friday, March 28 in the same area; she looked for it 2 days of the following week, but was unsuccessful.

The Allen's Hummingbird stayed at Linda's until April 16, at which time it had developed rufous on the lower back, solid green on the upper back.

On April 14 Linda states she observed approximately 2200 Broad-winged Hawks in migration, one group of about 100, other groups numbering in the 100's and 200's.

EDITORS' COMMENTS

As we put our first issue of The Spoonbill to rest our fingers are crossed and we still tremble at the thought of trying to maintain the high standard of excellence everyone has come to associate with this publication. We are willing, but inexperienced (both as birders and editors), but with our readers' forbearance and assistance, we hope to improve with time and to merit the trust that has been placed in us. We hope all of you will send material that might be of interest.

Dorothy and David Lefkovits

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