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The most obviously beautiful things in the world of Nature are birds and flowers and the stones we call precious.  
-Havelock Ellis

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ARMAND YRAMATEGUI: A RAY OF SUNSHINE, A FOUNTAIN OF KNOWLEDGE, AND AN INSPIRATION TO ALL WHO KNEW HIM by Noel Pettingell

I'll never forget my first spring in Houston - especially those early-morning birding walks with Armand in Hermann Park. One day in particular stands out vividly - as I know it did in Armand's mind too because he was fond of recounting it in many of our conversations over the years. It was April 19, 1952 and we were standing on the foot-bridge over Brays Bayou when suddenly a large strikingly-beautiful fork-tailed bird appeared in the sky, gracefully following the course of the bayou. It was a Swallow-tailed Kite - the first time either of us had ever seen one and a sight that we both treasured as the most memorable of many shared experiences.

There are many facets of Armand's exceptional character that will live forever in my mind and heart: his unquenchable cheerfulness and sense of humor (he was a serious student of nature and science - yet never took himself seriously); his contagious laugh, smile and enthusiasm; his willingness to talk at length on any subject at any time (he was never too busy to visit with me whenever I dropped in at the Museum unexpectedly); his encouragement and helpful suggestions; his countless thoughtful and unselfish acts. Once when visiting the Museum with my family I showed Armand a chunk of blackish rock that my son had found and thought might be of meteoric origin. Though he probably suspected the substance was not extraordinary, Armand nevertheless took the time and trouble to make various tests of the material just to satisfy my son's curiosity.

Armand Yramategui will be remembered by a great many persons of all ages and interests in places both far and near. We who have had the privilege of knowing this kind and considerate man who contributed so very much toward the preservation and appreciation of our natural environment can help to keep his ideals and visions of future goals a living memorial by taking advantage of every opportunity and all the means at our disposal to make this a better world for the benefit of all who come after us - just as he did.....

## EARLY TEXAS BIRD SOCIETY

by Bessie G. Cornelius

While I was browsing about the Browz-A-Bit Book Stoe in Beaumont, I came across a delightful bit of bibliography that may be of interest to many birders. I found all the early issues of Bird-Lore starting with Volume I, No. 1, dated February, 1899, to 1913, with the exception of two years. All were bound in six hardbacked volumes and lovingly gilt-edged by hand. Bird-Lore was the first official organ of the Audubon Societies and preceded the now nationally known Audubon Magazine. Bird-Lore's motto was "A Bird in the Bush is Worth Two in the Hand." A section of the magazine was usually devoted to the report of State Societies (and there were very few) with the names and addresses of secretaries. On page 103 of Volume I, No. 3, dated June 1899, appeared the following:

"Two New Audubon Societies. We announce with pleasure the formation of Audubon Societies in Texas and in California. The Texas Society was organized on March 4, (1899) at Galveston with Miss Cecile Seixas as Secretary.....The addresses of the secretaries of these societies are given in our 'directory' and we trust they will receive the cooperation of all bird lovers in their respective states."

In the directory appeared the name of Miss Seixas, 2008 Thirty-ninth Street, Galveston, Texas. Thereafter her name appeared in each issue but suddenly it disappeared, the last mentioned being in August, 1900 issue. I thumbed through several subsequent issues and finding no mention thought to myself that the first Texas bird society had not lasted long. However, going back I found the following sad announcement in the October, 1900 issue:

"Death of Miss Seixas. We regret to announce the death of Miss Cecile Seixas, secretary

of the Texas Audubon Society, who, with her mother and two sisters, perished in the Galveston hurricane."

It was a long time before another Texas Society was organized.

The owner of the Book Store graciously permitted me to bring Volume I, No. 1 home to read and while it was here Armand Yramategui saw it and hoped it might find its way to the library of the Museum of Natural Science. We are working to that end and hope they may be placed there shortly in Armand's memory.

#### OTHER NEWS FROM MRS. CORNELIUS

Mr. Greene was pleased with the article on the "600 Club." He said "I am so pleased to receive the copy of The Spoonbill carrying your excellent article on the "600 Club." I wish to have more. I expect to send one copy to Roger Peterson and one to Whitney Eastman." He also said he had to change the membership revision date from Feb. 1, 1970 to April 15, 1970. "All members must be in my hands by April 1, 1970".

She had a hybrid Goldenfronted Woodpecker in her yard the morning of February 5:  
"The tail was absolutely right,--pure black in the center where the Red-bellied is black and white, but the head was wrong,--absolutely the head of a male Red-bellied. I wonder if these hybrids are seen very often?"

#### FURTHER NOTES ON RIEFFER'S (RUFIOUS-TAILED) HUMMINGBIRD by John L. Tveten

As noted in the December, 1969, Spoonbill Gloria and I also saw the Rieffer's Hummingbird that Linda Snyder had at her feeder on November 12. Although the light was too poor for photography (particularly hummingbird photography), we got several good looks at the bird. We saw the various field marks already mentioned including the gray belly which distinguishes this bird from the Buff-bellied Hummingbird. About two weeks later I was in southern Mexico and got the chance to study many authentic Rufous-tails at close range. As far as I could tell they were identical with Linda's visitor.

I think it interesting that two of my four 1969 lifers were hummingbirds; both U.S. accidentals. I suspect there are a good many such strays than we realize, since these little midgets seem prone to wander. The difficulty in seeing the colors plus lack of good pictures of Mexican birds probably allows most of them to escape unnoticed. At least I know that I for one will check hummingbirds more closely in the future.

#### ARTICLES FROM THE TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Bermuda Petrel and DDT: A study indicates the Bermuda Petrel is being wiped out by DDT and describes a year by year progression of thinner shelled eggs which break while parent birds are hatching them. This bird feeds only in the open ocean, far from land, and is at the end of a very short food chain. It feeds on small cephalopods, a class of mollusks including the squid, cuttlefish, and octopus, all of which feed on the plankton in the open ocean.

Sea Gulls get Marked: If you see a sea gull with a spot on his wing, don't worry. It doesn't have the measles.

Chances are he was marked by Dr. William E. Southern of Northern Illinois University's Department of Biological Sciences in DeKalb. He's asking that sightings be reported to him with the following information: date, exact location, marker color, and observers's name.

The gulls, caught from three Great Lakes colonies, were marked with 1.5 inch "Saflag" tags. Dr. Southern is hoping to determine the dispersal pattern, migration routes, and winter range for each population.

Respondents will receive information pertaining to colony locations and date of marking.

Rare Goose seen in South Texas: An unusual visitor to South Texas, a red-breasted goose, has been seen and his identification verified on the Punta Del Monte Ranch in Kenedy County, eight miles north of Raymondville.

The red-breasted is considered a European goose and normally winters on the grassy steppes. He is found as a vagrant across Europe to Britian, France, Sweden and Iceland. It is believed that this is the first verified observation of the red-breasted goose in South Texas.

Four trained wildlife field men, J. L. McDougald, District Law Enforcement Chief; W. H. Gooch and D. L. Powell, Game Management Officers, all of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and Jerome S. Smith, U.S. Game Management Agent, made the observation.

Purchase of Whitewing Nesting Site: A 164-acre tract of excellent native brush in the Lower Rio Grande Valley has been purchased by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for preservation as a whitewing dove nesting sanctuary.

Generally speaking, the area is thought to be the best remaining whitewing habitat in the U.S. Phil Evans, whitewing project leader at Edinburg, estimated the area had at least 20 nesting pairs of whitewings per acre last spring. A flight census last August indicated 68,000 birds used the site for roosting but fed south of the river.

CLEARING HOUSE, January, 1970

- Loon, Common: (12)13, Texas City Dike, BH, JH, PE.  
Grebe, Horned: (1)13, Texas City Dike, BH, JH, PE;  
Eared: (200+)13, Texas City Dike, BH, JH, PE; (500)3, 8, Cove, AKM.  
Pied-billed: (1-6)4 days, (11)7, Cove, AKM.  
Pelican, White: (5)5, (20)8, (500)31, Cove, AKM.  
Cormorant, Double-crowned: (2)5, (14)31, Cove, AKM.  
Olivaceous: (2)8, (7)24, Cove, AKM.  
Egret, Cattle: (1)3, 4, 31, (3)27, Cove, AKM.  
Nightheron, Black-crowned: (1)7, 31, (2)8, 19, Cove, AKM.  
Ibis, White-faced: (1 to 30)4 days, (50-100)5 days, Cove, AKM.  
Spoonbill, Roseate: (2-20)4 days, (106)31, Cove, AKM; (2)29, Anahuac Refuge, I&B.  
Goose, White-fronted: (NC)4 days, (75)1, (100)3, Cove, AKM.  
Snow & Blue, frequent: (10,000)1, (2000-4000)23 to 29, Cove, AKM.  
Ducks, Mallard: (1-10)6, 7, 19, (26)31, Cove, AKM.  
Black: (6)31, (first record since (2) Nov. 29, 1959), Cove, AKM.  
Mottled: (1-6)4 days, (50)31, Cove, AKM.  
Gadwall: (1-30)3 days, (100-250)9 days, (2000)31, Cove, AKM.  
Pintail: (1-100)10 days, (100-500)3 days, (5000)19, (1000)24, (2000)31, Cove, AKM.  
Teal, Green-winged: (1-100)11 days, (300)28, (800)3, (5000)19, (8000)31, Cove, AKM.  
Cinnamon: (2)29, Anahuac Refuge, I&B.  
Widgeon, American: (4-100)11 days, (150)29, (4000)31, Cove, AKM.  
Shoveler: (2-100)11 days, (150-400)7 days, (6000)31, Cove, AKM.  
Redhead: (1)31, Galveston, NB.  
Ring-necked: (3)11, Cove, AKM.  
Canvasback: (3-35)5 days, Cove, AKM; (1)29, Anahuac Refuge, (3)29, IS10, Trinity River bridge, I&B.  
Scaup, Lesser: (1-7)8 days, (20-50)4 days, Cove, AKM.  
Bufflehead: (6)13, Texas City Dike, BH, JH, PE.  
Duck, Ruddy: (3)8, Cove, AKM.  
Merganser, Hooded: (3)2, North of Wallisville, Cove, AKM.  
Vulture, Turkey: (1-8)14 days, (11)24, Cove, AKM.  
Black: (100)2, North of Wallisville, Cove, AKM.  
Hawk, Sharp-shinned: (1)12, Baytown, D&DL.  
Red-tailed: (1-15)20 days, (40)3, (42)8, (49)19, (28)31, Cove, AKM.  
Red-shouldered: (1)4 days, (2)29, Cove, AKM.  
Eagle, Bald: (1 adult)2, North of Wallisville, AKM; (2)17 Warren Ranch Lake, DHH.  
Hawk, Marsh: (1-5)10 days, (8)3, (13)8, (13)19, (24)31, Cove, AKM.  
Pigeons: (1)13, Bayshore, IS.  
Sparrows: (12)3, (13)8, (7)19, (20)31, Cove, AKM.  
Bobwhite: (1 covey)7, Cove, AKM.  
Crane, Sandhill: (about 100)1, over Jonelle Buckles home in Cove area, AKM.  
Rail, King: (1)31, Galveston, NB.  
Coot, American: (2-7)4 days, (300)7, (26)31, Cove, AKM.  
Plover, Semipalmated: (1)3, Cove, AKM.  
Black-bellied: (2-8)3, 8, 19, 31, Cove, AKM.  
Turnstone, Ruddy: (1)3, Cove, AKM; (2)13, Galveston, NB.  
Woodcock, American: (1)30, Cove, AKM.  
Snipe, Common: (1-6)6 days, Cove, AKM.  
Curlew, Long-billed: (2)21, (3)23, 29, Cove, AKM.  
Sandpiper, Spotted: (1)3, 8, 19, 24, Cove, AKM.  
Willet: (4)3, (2)19, (30)31, Cove, AKM.  
Yellowlegs, Greater: (1-5)7 days, Cove, AKM.  
Lesser: (1-15)8 days, (20)8, Cove, AKM.

Clearing House Continued:

- Sandpiper, Least: (NC)10 days, Cove, AKM.  
 Dunlin: (NC)5 days, Cove, AKM.  
 Dowitcher Sp.: (8-25)5 days, Cove, AKM.  
 Sandpiper, Semipalmated: (NC)4 days, Cove, AKM.  
     Western: (NC)2 days, Cove, AKM.  
 Sanderling: (20)3, Cove, AKM.  
 Avocet, American: (25)3 days, (75)31, (225)3, Cove, AKM.  
 Gull, Herring: (1-7)4 days, (40)31, Cove, AKM.  
     Bonaparte's: (2+)31, Cove, AKM; (8)13, Texas City Dike, BH, JH, PE.  
 Tern, Royal: (NC)2 days, Cove, AKM.  
     Casplan: (NC)9 days, Cove, AKM.  
 Skimmer, Black: (6)13, Galveston, BH, JH, PE.  
 Dove, Inca: (3) daily in yard, Houston, BH, JH; (1)7, Baytown, NB.  
 Owl, Barn: (1)19, Cove, AKM.  
     Screech: (1)31, Cove, AKM; (1)27, Baytown, NB.  
 Hummingbird, Ruby-throated: (1 female)29, 31, 11926 Broken Bough, MA&RM; (1)27 days, Baytown, NB; (1)1, 2, Bayshore, LS.  
     Rufous: (1 female)1, 11926 Broken Bough, MA&RM; (1-2)1 through 23, (1)31, Baytown, NB; (1)31 days, Baytown, D&DL; (1)3 through 31, Bayshore, LS.  
 Kingfisher, Belted: (1)3, 7, 14, (2)8, Cove, AKM.  
 Flicker, Yellow-shafted: (1-5)16 days, (6)8, (7)4 days, Cove, AKM.  
 Woodpecker, Pileated: (1)8, (2)19, Cove, AKM; (1)24, Bear Creek Park, DHH.  
 Phoebe, Eastern: (1)6 days, (2)31, Cove, AKM.  
 Flycatcher, Vermilion: (1)7, Cove, AKM.  
 Swallow, Tree: (2-20)4 days, (32-75)3 days, Cove, AKM.  
 Chickadee, Carolina: (7)19, (1)25, Cove, AKM.  
 Titmouse, Tufted: (4)19, Cove, AKM.  
 Nuthatch, Red-breasted: (1)9, 10215 Chatterton, DHH.  
 Creeper, Brown: (1)19, Cove, AKM; (2)1, 10215 Chatterton, DHH; (2)29, Anahuac City Park, L&B.  
 Wren, House: (2)7, (1)19, 26, Cove, AKM.  
 Catbird: (1)31, Cove, AKM; (2)28, 29, Baytown, D&DL.  
 Robin: (1-50)10 days, (NC)5 days, (100-300)6 days, (800)19, Cove, AKM.  
 Thrush, Hermit: (3)4, (2)8, 19, 23, (1)26, Cove, AKM; (1)15, 28, Baytown, D&DL.  
 Gnatcatcher, Blue-gray: (2)4, 8, Cove, AKM.  
 Kinglet, Golden-crowned: (2)4, (1)25, 26, (4)31, Cove, AKM; (1)24, Bear Creek Park, DHH; (1)11, Baytown, NB; (NC)everyday with the Ruby-crowned, Bayshore, LS.  
 Pipit, Water: (1-5)5 days, (20-50+)5 days, Cove, AKM.  
 Waxwing, Cedar: (100-200)18, (30)19, Cove, AKM; (heard)13, 10215 Chatterton, DHH.  
 Vireo, Scitary: (1)19, Cove, AKM.  
 Warbler, Orange-crowned: (1)3, (3)19, Cove, AKM; (1)31, Houston, BH, JH.  
 Myrtle: (1-15)7 days, Cove, AKM.  
 Pine: (1)4, (2)25, Cove, AKM; (2)16 days, Baytown, D&DL; (1) every day, (first I've heard singing out of their nesting area) Bayshore, LS.  
 Yellow-throated: (1)29, Anahuac City Park, L&B.  
 Palm: (1)25, Cove, AKM; (1)24, Bear Creek Park, DHH.  
 Blackbird, Rusty: (1)5, Cove, AKM.  
     Brewer's: (4) 29, Anahuac, L&B.  
Tanager, Summer: (1)18, 19, Baytown, NB.  
     Western: (1 male)3, 9, Bayshore, LS  
Grosbeak, Black-headed: (1) most of January, Bayshore, LS.  
     EVENING: (2 females)24, Baytown, JLT.  
 Finch, Purple: (1)4, 25, Cove, AKM; (1-5)7 days, 10215 Chatterton, DHH; (4)31, Houston, BH&JH; (2)7, (3)18, (1)19, (3)26, (6)27, 7146 Ilex, SE Houston, NP; (2-15) all of January, Baytown, D&DL.  
 Siskin, Pine: (3)18, 23, (1)31, Cove, AKM; (1-3)2, 18, 24, (12)25 (7)31, 10215 Chatterton, DHH; (1-15) 11 days, Baytown, NB; (NC) every day of month, Bayshore, LS.  
 Goldfinch, American: (20-75) 10 days, (125-500) 4 days, (10,000) 18 (the largest flock I have seen in 50 years), (2,000)23, (1,000)25, Cove, AKM.  
 Towhee: (2)31, Cove, AKM.  
 Sparrow, Seaside: (1)3, Cove, AKM; (1)29, Anahuac Refuge, L&B.  
     Vesper: (2)31, Cove, AKM.  
     Lark: (1)2, Wallisville, AKM; (16)24, Bear Creek Park, DHH; (1)24, Baytown, JLT.

Clearing House Cont'd.

Junco, Slate-colored: (1)7, Cove, AKM; (4)every day, Bayshore, LS.  
Oregon: (2)2 through 31, Bayshore, LS. (these were the pink sided form).  
Sparrow, Chipping: (2)feeding regularly, Bayshore, LS.  
Field: (2)24, Bear Creek Park, DHH.  
White-crowned: (3)7, (11)19, Cove, AKM.  
Lincoln's: (2)7, (1)31, Cove, AKM; (2)feeding regularly, Bayshore, LS.  
Swamp: (10)7, (1-6)8, 26, 31, Cove, AKM.  
Song: (3)7, (1)31, Cove, AKM.

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LS	Linda Snyder

Clearing House Notes:

Correction: The Whistling Swans were seen by Douglas Morris (not Myers) and James Howard, as reported in the December Spoonbill.

Notes from Archie McKay: It was over thirty years of daily recording of birds before I identified my first Purple Grackle. The nine I saw December 29 was my second. I have seen hundreds of thousands of Bronzed Grackle in one flock. (The editors erroneously reported his Purple Grackle as the Bronzed Grackle in the December Spoonbill and for this we apologize, Mr. McKay)

December 31 I found a dead immature Ferruginous Hawk. Its under parts were white with scattered specks of black. Its feathered legs were light, and it had only a few rusty feathers on shoulders. The tail was light gray below, and dark gray and white above; the dark being the rear half. I had seen a red-tail in late December that was hard for me to identify, being very much like this rough-leg except it had clean legs and no reddish on shoulders. The only other Ferruginous Hawk I have identified was very dark except its tail. Its tail above was like the dark Rough-leg's below as shown on page 64, Peterson's Birds of Texas, except it was about one half dark, and a very narrow and faintly lighter edge to end of feathers.

Mr. McKay also found one dead Rose-breasted Grosbeak on the 23rd. He also reports that the sparrows seem fewer than ever before, even the Savannahs are fewer, and White-throats greatly so.

Notes from Mary Ann and Robert B. Moore: On January 31, 1970 my wife and I observed what we believe is a Roseate Tern. The bird was feeding with a large group of feeding gulls (Laughing, Ringbill, Herring and Bonaparte's) and Terns (Gull-billed, Forster's and Caspian) in one of the canals crossing Highway 523 at the Freeport City Limits. We observed the bird for 10 to 15 minutes using both 20x scope and 7x binoculars. The bird came to within about 50 yards from us on several occasions. The time was about 3pm and the day was heavily overcast. The bird did not perch so that we could not compare tail and wing lengths in this posture. We did observe the following:

- a) Very long tail streamers
- b) Black bill, reddish base
- c) Black cap: no white on top of head although forehead appeared lighter
- d) Red legs
- e) Very light back and mantle, white tail.

Notes from Nettie Busby: Rufous Hummingbirds: I have been feeding two Rufous Hummingbirds, one an immature male, one a female, and observing them closely, since early in November of last year. The male became very friendly, and monopolized the feeder just outside my den window. It has always been my understanding that hummingbirds bathe and drink only among foliage that is wet from dew or rain. On one occasion I looked out and saw the male bathing in the large concrete bird-bath. After several minutes he hopped

out onto the rim of the bowl, shook himself well, then waded right back in for another dose.

Summer Tanager: An immature male (mostly olive-colored, with pinkish tail and neck) was at my feeder two days. My neighbor told me she had been feeding him for about 10 days, on bread crumbs.

Other Notes: Bill Harwell, Jean Harwell and Pat Ellis sighted two White-winged Scoters on the 13th at the Texas City Dike where they also saw 'THE GULL'.

SNOWMOBILING IN MONTANA

by David and Dorothy Lefkovits

Since both David and I were raised in the Gulf Coast area and have not even a speaking acquaintance with snow we decided to take a winter vacation at the 320 Ranch, Gallatin Gateway, Montana.

The snow was beautiful, the temperature mild (disappointing!) and the birds scarce but interesting. Jim and Patty Goodrich are owners of the ranch and Patty is quite a bird lover. Marie Stevens who cooked marvelously, fed the birds each morning and hung a great chunk of suet out every few days for Clark's Nutcrackers, Canada or Gray Jays, Ravens, Mountain chickadees and Black-capped Chickadees. Pat McCrosson took us on snowmobiles to Burnt Top where the Magpie squiled among snow covered trees. The Water Ouzels were plentiful and the ice-rimmed, cold rushing water didn't deter them at all. Dorothy Nile told us they had the sweetest, most piercing song but she heard it only when the temperature was around zero.

We rode into West Yellowstone with Jim one day and saw an immature Golden Eagle far above a mountain; and when Jim and Lee Stewart "escorted" us to Old Faithful we saw ten majestic and beautiful trumpeter swans, hordes of Canada geese, a few Barrow's Goldeneyes, Mallards, and some smaller ducks that we didn't have time to identify because of an irate buffalo resenting our intrusion. The canvasbacks were not as plentiful, nor were the scaups.

Patty arranged for Dorothy and Steve Nile to show us some slides that Dorothy had taken of birds, a hobby she's enjoyed for several years, and they were delightful. My favorite slide was a pair of Canada Geese with little fluffy goslings surrounding them. This was taken at the Red Rock Wildlife Refuge which is located not far from the 320 Ranch. Steve, who has his doctorate in physics and is an expert in earthquakes, gave us the most interesting thumbnail biography of the Yellowstone quake.

Patty told us that it was not uncommon for birds to light in the snow near the creek to rest and one such incident had a tragic end. A duck had landed in the meadow and rested there most of the day before ravens discovered it and killed it.

The people were some of the nicest we have ever met, and their love and concern for the wildlife were extraordinary. We intend to go back, but until we can, we have our pictures to bring back many delightful experiences.

WELCOME! WELCOME!

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REMINDER

Don't forget to make reservations for the April field trip of the ONC to Hodges Gardens. This is a two day trip April 18 and 19 and will be made by bus so reservations must be made no later than April 3. Details of the trip may be found in the February issue of Nature Club Notes.

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, March 10: Regular meeting of the ONC, usual time and place. Program will be "Geology of the Moon," presented by Dr. E. A. King, Jr.

Saturday and Sunday, Mar. 28-29: ONC field trip, "The Brush Country." This will be a trip to George West, Texas. Some of the birds that can be expected to be seen are the Caracara, Pyrrhuloxia, Black-throated Sparrow, Roadrunner, and Harris Hawk. This is always an interesting trip for birders to see many birds not usually seen in our vicinity.

LATE NOTE

First reports of sightings of Purple Martins are in. Nettie Busby saw one in Baytown February 10, and Lyvonda Mebane saw one in Sharpstown February 12.

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