

"CRAZY-LOOKING" LOONS AND A "LOST" EAGLE

reported by Linda Snyder

On the afternoon of Dec. 23 during the Freeport Count, Clint and I stopped at some lakes to re-survey the ducks. A fog in the morning had obscured much of these lakes on Bryan Mound Road. Scanning with a 'scope, Clint gave a sudden yelp of excitement and said he had "a very pale loon with what looked like an upturned bill." Then, he promptly lost it. The next half-hour or so was spent hunting for said loon with no luck. Clint remarked that it looked as though the loon had drowned and gave me the 'scope. With luck the first scan brought the loon back into view, only for me to see him dive again. This time, though, we had his area pinned down and were there to study him as he surfaced. We were struck with the small size, the pale sandy or gray color with white speckles on the back and no body contrast as in the Common Loon. But, the clincher was the slender, upturned bill (not too unlike the Avocet's in skyward thrust). This then was the Red-throated Loon! We had never before spent such a miserable time "getting a bird" - we were standing out on a spit at the lake, buffeted by cold, misty, 30 mile northerly winds for an hour and a half, wringing our hands in frustration until the final "good views". It was then, too, we discovered why the loon was so hard to trace - he had a cute little trick of partially submerging (gradually deflating his body) and ducking his head under water so only a narrow line of his back was above the choppy water!

Early in the morning on Dec. 27, I looked from our family room window and saw two birds out about 100 yards offshore. Using the 'scope, I viewed two "crazy-looking" loons. They were small, more like mergansers in size, and looked as though a couple of inches had been lopped off their rear ends. Poor Clint (ha!) was unceremoniously routed from bed. Rubbing sleep from his eyes, he, too, became excited, for studying with binoculars and 'scope, the interesting picture came into focus. We were able to see well the small size, the strong gray and white contrast in body, and the key slender, straight bill of two ARCTIC LOONS! We even followed them, as they drifted seaward, by running out on a nearby 1000 foot pier. We got one more good look at them before they "drowned". Then we made a quick dash to the Texas City Dike in the hope that the ARCTIC LOONS might turn up there (no luck) and to study the Common Loon for an immediate contrast. We were well satisfied. Within a period of a few days we had seen the rarer and the rarest of loons! On Dec. 27 there were freak weather conditions in the area. A strong Pacific front was pushing down across the northern part of the state to be met with an "incipient disturbance" from the Gulf. This "frigid air mass hit the southern disturbance butt end and the strong clash of temperatures really began to churn things up". Such conditions might explain the presence of birds ordinarily found off the Pacific Coast.

Also, on Dec. 23 at Freeport, we had seen another unusual bird. As my car was perched precariously at the top of a levee near the Brazos River, I spotted a very large, very black, soaring bird with white patches in the wings. The wings were also long, flat and kinked at the elbow (not a buteo). A quick shove made Clint hit the dirt on his side of the car. He also saw the solid black body, white wing patches, etc., and the key white tail with black band (or end) of the immature GOLDEN EAGLE! The soaring, circling flight was also distinctive.

These birds brought my total for 1962 to 279 species in the check-list area with 11 lifers, the others being HARLAN'S HAWK, CAPE MAY WARBLER, Swallow-tailed Kite, Harris' Hawk, Short-eared Owl, Fox Sparrow, Bobolink, and White-winged Dove.

NEW SPELLING FROM A.O.U.

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- Tropicbird omit hyphen
- Frigatebird omit hyphen
- Hawk Owl omit hyphen
- Pygmy Nuthatch change i to y
- Red-winged Blackbird add hyphen

HOUSTON CHRISTMAS BIRD CENSUS

Dec. 29, 1962

compiled by Harvey L. Patten

Again this year, the members of the Ornithology Group turned in a noteworthy Christmas Census, forty-one observers identifying 165 species of birds. This is exceptional considering the fact that on the eve of the count your compiler was informed that a number of persons would be unable to participate. It was necessary to move some of the area boundaries within the circle and increase the areal coverage by several of the parties. These changes were as follows:

1. The western boundary of Area 1B was moved westward from Rt. 146 to Crosby-Cedar Bayou Road,
2. The eastern boundary of Area 2 was moved eastward from Garth Rd. to Crosby-Cedar Bayou Road, and
3. The north boundary of Area 3B was moved northward from Bob Smith Rd. to Massey-Tompkins Road.
4. In addition to the enlarged Area 2, Mr. Gilman and his parties covered Area 1A.

Participants and Exclusive Birds

Area 1B - Mr. & Mrs. L. A. M. Barnette, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Hoffman, Mrs. R. P. Williams.
Exclusives - Empidonax Flycatcher, White-breasted Nuthatch, Yellow-throated Vireo, Northern Waterthrush.

Area 1A, 2 - Mr. & Mrs. C. B. Gilman, Mrs. Charles F. Baker, Johanna Grabbe, John O'Neill, Ricky Gallagher.
Exclusives - Wood Duck, Hairy Woodpecker

Area 3B - Harvey L. Patten, Noel Pettingell, Joseph Farrell, Helen Via, Jonell Buckels, Frankie Daves.
Exclusives - Sandhill Crane, Black Duck, Virginia Rail

Area 4 - Victor Emanuel, Arlie McKay, Carl Aiken, David Marrack.
Exclusives - Redhead, Bald Eagle, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Vermilion Flycatcher, White-faced Ibis, Common Loon, Semipalmated Plover, Sora Rail, Roseate Spoonbill, Tree Swallow, Wood Thrush, Ruddy Turnstone, Nashville Warbler, Bewick's Wren.

Area 5 - Mr. & Mrs. Steve Williams, Hardin Craig, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Ellis, Karen Morse, Jack Thompson.

Area 6 - Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Strickling, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Smith, Dr. & Mrs. W. S. Harwell, Melanie Massie.
Exclusives - Ringed-necked Duck, Cattle Egret, Canada Goose, King Rail, Pine Siskin, White-eyed Vireo.

Area 7 - Mrs. J. A. Snyder, Clint Snyder, Drew Snyder, Clarence E. Beezley, Marjorie Susie, Ralph Hunter.
Exclusives - Horned Grebe, Audubon's Warbler, Palm Warbler.

SPECIES	AREA	<u>1B</u>	<u>1A, 2</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	TOTALS
Avocet				50	84			235	369
Blackbird, Brewer's		100	23		270		8	10	411
Red-winged		10,000	299	275	10,000	102	400	12	21,088
Bluebird, Eastern		57		12	1	4	3		77
Bobwhite		2	11					22	35
Cardinal		105	83	154	74	37	120	52	628
Catbird			2	3			1	2	8
Chickadee, Carolina		81	60	37	36	8	65	45	332
Coot			2		270		5	10	287
Cormorant, species					2				2
D.-cr.			1			2	67	15	85
Cowbird, Br.-head.		4,000	2,953	17,614	3,500	50	170	600	28,887
Crane, Sandhill				9					9
Creeper, Brown		4	8	1	1	3	2	1	20
Crow, Common		38	12	26	13	8	29	13	139
Curlew, Long-bill.					16		1		17
Dove, Mourning		42	200	115	132	82	100	1	672
Dowitcher, species					153	9	4	100	266
Duck, Black				1					1
Bufflehead					7			3	10
Canvasback				235	2,600		2	6,000	8,837
Gadwall			8	3	160		8	420	599
Goldeneye				1	10			25	36
Mallard				4	7				11
Mottled					28			4	32

SPECIES	AREA	1B	1A, 2	3B	4	5	6	7	TOTALS
Duck, Pintail					200		200	77	477
Redhead					1				1
Ring-necked							1		1
Ruddy				3	33	128	63	50	277
Scaup, Lesser			1		2,030	60	120	9,000	11,211
Showeler				1	13		300	450	764
Widgeon, Am.			8	41	22		60	100	231
Wood			3						3
Eagle, Bald					1				1
Egret, Cattle							2		2
Common		2	30	36	91	22	35	21	237
Snowy			20	22	75	88	10	5	220
Finch, Purple		2	15						17
Flicker, Yellow-sh.		32	18	34	20	4	29	12	149
Flycatcher, Ash-throated					1				1
Flycatcher, Vermilion					1				1
Flycatcher, Empidonax		1							1
Gnatcatcher, Blue-Gray		9	11	17	32	6	13	25	113
Goldfinch, Am.		185	41	140	200	56	130	75	827
Goose, Blue		372	10	124	950	65	50	15	1,586
Canada							65		65
Snow		221	15	314	1,330		220	75	2,175
Wh.-fronted		160	4	25	225	275	37		726
Grackle, Boat-tailed		9	8	6	21	1	10		55
Common		2,100	153	13			25		2,291
Grebe, Eared				13	10	8	25	78	134
Horned								1	1
Pied-billed		1	5	8	39	12	4		69
Gull, Bonapartes						2	2	28	32
Herring			6		19	9	45	12	91
Laughing			1	22	270	39	50	220	602
Ring-billed		662	53	439	110	33	300	830	2,427
Hawk, Coopers				1	2		1		4
Harlan's		1			1		1		3
Marsh		4	3	2	7		2		18
Red-shouldered		7	4	4	2	5	3	3	28
Red-tailed		14	11	13	18	2	3	5	66
Sparrow		19	27	19	31	4	13	4	117
Heron, Great Blue		2	9	16	27	10	54	23	141
Little Blue			1	1	53		3		58
Louisiana		1	12	11	71	29	5	8	137
Black-cr. Night				4	8	60	2	5	79
Ibis, White-faced					196				196
Jay, Blue		117	55	37	50	6	21	59	345
Junco, Slate-colored		15			1				16
Killdeer		33	38	38	73	124	95	30	431
Kingfisher, Belted		2	2	4	3	7	4	3	25
Kinglet, Golden-crowned		3	3	2	5	12	8	16	49
Ruby-crowned		86	52	76	66	18	115	36	449
Loon, Common					2				2
Meadowlark, Eastern		109	69	142	76	18	100	160	674
Merganser, Red-breasted					37			1	38
Mockingbird		55	42	90	110	8	96	35	436
Nuthatch, White-breasted		1							1
Owl, Barn				1			2		3
Barred		1				1			2
Great Horned			1		1				2
Screech							3	1	4
Pelican, White				87	187	85	65	140	564
Phoebe, Eastern		31	15	38	26	6	27	15	158
Pipit, Sprague's					3	1	1		5
Water		10	7	40	9	15	11	42	134
Plover, Black-bellied					3		1	8	12
Semipalmated					5				5
Rail, Clapper					3	2			5
Rail, King							1		1
Sora					1				1
Virginia				1					1

SPECIES	1B	1A, 2	3B	4	5	6	7	TOTALS
Robin	1,004	254	586	524	63	895	535	3,861
Sanderling				12			10	22
Sandpiper, Dunlin				50			10	60
Least			32	62				94
Semipalmated			1	40			500	541
Spotted			1		6	7	5	19
Western				100	40		500	640
Sapsucker, Yellow-bellied	20	21	13	7	7	11	2	81
Shrike, Loggerhead	44	20	24	40	35	36	13	212
Siskin, Pine						1		1
Skimmer, Black				1	42		100	143
Snipe, Common				2		2		4
Sparrow, Chipping	27	1						28
Field	7			10	11	2		30
Fox					3	1		4
House	38	60	116	15	32	12	66	339
LeConte's			1	1			1	3
Lincoln's	2	4	19	3		40	62	130
Savannah	12	12	9	100	3	10	31	177
Seaside			1	40				41
Song	3	1	7	2		7	1	21
Swamp			6	38	3	10	3	60
Vesper	2	1		2		3		8
White-cr.			1	22		9		32
White-thr.	65	148	254	390	66	280	625	1,828
Spoonbill, Roseate				19				19
Starling	690	57	129	4,030	24	10	4	4,944
Swallow, Tree				5				5
Teal, Blue-winged				1		10		11
Green-winged				1,000			21	1,021
Tern, Caspian		15	14	22	34	10	22	117
Common			1		6	2	2	11
Forster's		4	72	17	15	16	200	324
Gull-billed		3		2	4			9
Royal			12	18	2	6	49	87
Thrasher, Brown	39	71	64	100	10	36	32	352
Thrush, Hermit	20	30	28	34	1	45	8	166
Wood				1				1
Titmouse, Tufted	29	43	21	10	2	30	32	167
Towhee, rufous-sided	5	54	9	16	4	6	3	97
Turnstone, Ruddy				1				1
Vireo, Solitary	2	4	2	2		1	1	12
White-eyed						1		1
Yellow-throated	2							2
Vulture, Black	7	1	3			1		12
Turkey	15	11	4	4		4		38
Warbler, Audubon's							1	1
Myrtle	205	39	324	300	36	420	483	1,807
Nashville				1				1
Orange-crowned	22	20	16	10	12	35	28	143
Palm							1	1
Parula				1			1	2
Pine	59	6	3	10	7	12	13	110
Waterthrush Northern	1							1
Wilson's		1					1	2
Yellow-thr.		1		1				2
Yellowthroat		20			2	2	1	25
Waxwing, Cedar	16	33	600	29	7	6	400	1,091
Willet			3	10		6	11	30
Woodcock, Am.		1			1	2	1	5
Woodpecker, Downy	1	7	2	2	1	1	1	15
Hairy		1						1
Pileated	6	5	3					14
Red-bellied	11	9	5		2	19	15	61
Red-headed	1	15						16
Wren, Bewick's				1				1
Carolina	44	31	30	10	52	54	40	261

SPECIES	1B	1A 2	3B	4	5	6	7	TOTALS	
Wren, House	3	8	11	1	1	9	10	43	
Marsh, Long-b.		1		3	1			5	
Marsh, Short-b.		1	4	51	6	2		64	
Winter		9			1	2		12	
Yellowlegs, Greater			4	1		3	3	11	
Lesser		9				1	2	12	
Area Counts	Species	73	88	93	126	78	110	101	165
	Individuals	21,097	5,447	22,860	31,312	2,054	5,507	23,081	162,243

CLEARING HOUSE

December, 1962

Common Loon - (12) 13, (6) 27 Tex. City Dike LS
 Grebe, Eared - (3) 1, (4) 8, (2) 19 Hou. Nav. Dist. DM, EM; (2) 5, (8) 14, (15) 27, (1) 29
 Cove AKM; (250) 13, (100) 27 Tex. City Dike LS; (2) 16 Galv. HH, LH
 Pied-billed - 8 days, (125) 5, (110) 14, Cove AKM; (5-10) daily Nav. Dist. DM, EM
 Pelican, White - (5-50) most days Bayshore LS; (20) 8 Sheldon DM, EM
 Cormorant, D.-Cr.-(NC) 5, (17) 27 Cove AKM
 Anhinga - (1) 18 Sheldon DM, EM
 Egret, Cattle - (10) 3, (1) 5, (12) 9, (2) 26 Cove AKM
 Heron, Green - (1) 5 Bayshore LS
 Bl.-C. Night - (30) 5, (40) 14, (1) 27 Cove AKM
 Yellow-C. Night - (1) 4 Cove AKM
 Ibis, White-faced - 16 days (200) 5, (150) 12, 13, 27 Cove AKM; (100) 2 Barker HH, LH;
 (4) 8 Barker BH
 White - (15) 8 Barker BH; (150) 16 Galv. HH, LH; (5) 19 Cove AKM
 Roseate Spoonbill - 5 days, (60) 5, (50) 21 Cove AKM
 Goose, White-Fronted - 8 days, (100) 1, 9, 29, (200) 5 Cove AKM
 Snows and Blues - (NC) most days Bayshore LS; (15) 1 Sheldon DM, EM
 (300) 8 Barker BH
 Canada - (2) 1 Sheldon DM, EM; (2000) 19 Longenbaugh A
 Duck, Mallard - 13 days, (150) 21, (500) 23 Cove AKM; (NC) 18 Sheldon DM, EM
 Mottled - 14 days, (25) 5, 14, (150) 21 Cove AKM
 Gadwall - 8 days (40) 5, (88) 25, (75) 27 Cove AKM; (10) 1, 12 Bayshore LS;
 (10) 1, (15) 8, (NC) 18 Sheldon DM, EM
 Pintail - (10-50) 1, 10, 25, 26 Bayshore LS; (50) 8, (20) 18 Sheldon DM, EM;
 (11 days (10,000) 5, (35,000) 21 Cove AKM
 Green-winged Teal - 6 days (3000) 5, (4000) 21 Cove AKM; (300) 6, (20) 10, (5) 12
 Bayshore LS
 Blue-winged Teal - (NC) 18 Sheldon DM, EM
 Am. Widgeon - (10-50) 1, 6 Bayshore LS; 6 days (300) 4, (2000) 5, (700) 21 Cove AKM
 Shoveler - (50-300) 1, 6, 10, 12, 15, 26 Bayshore LS; 6 days (1000) 5, (100) 21 Cove AKM
 (4) 8 Sheldon DM, EM
 Wood Duck - (5) 5, (2) 14 Cove AKM
 Ring-necked - (6) 1 Sheldon DM, EM; (1) 5, 14, 25 Cove AKM
 Canvasback - 6 days (150) 14, (500) 27 Cove AKM; (25) 18, 26 Bayshore LS
 Lesser Scaup - 8 days (500,000) 4, (15,000) 25 Cove AKM
 Common Goldeneye - (30) 14, (10) 27 Cove AKM
 Bufflehead - (6) 1 Bayshore LS; (4) 5, (11) 14, 27 Cove AKM
 Ruddy Duck - (50-300) 1, 26 Bayshore LS; (2) 1, (5) 8, (3) 18 Sheldon DM, EM;
 (75) 5, (28) 14, (50) 21 Cove AKM
 Hooded Merganser - (2) 14, (42) 21, (1) 25, 27 Cove AKM; (11) 28 Nav. Dist. DM, EM
 R.-breasted Merganser - (55) 14, 27 Cove AKM; (1) 16 Galv. HHLH; (10) 27 T. C. Dike LS
 Vulture, Black - 8 days, (11) 22, 26, (6) 30 Cove AKM
 Hawk, Sharp-shinned - (1) 21, 25 Cove AKM
 Cooper's - (1) 9, 26, 27 Cove AKM
 Red-tailed - common in area; (35) 25 Cove AKM; (10) 8 Barker BH
 HARLAN'S - (1) 23 1B area "B"
 Swainson's - (1) 15 Baytown DM, EM; (1) 27 Tex. City LS, CS
 Rough-legged - (1) 19 Longenbaugh "A"
 Marsh Hawk - (8) 5, (6) 14, (10) 21, (3-4) 22, 25, 27 Cove AKM; (3) 8 Barker BH;
 (3) 23 1B area "B"
 Osprey - (1) 1 Sheldon DM, EM
 Caracara - (1) 19 Longenbaugh "A"
 Peregrine Falcon - (1) 5, 24 Cove AKM
 Sparrow Hawk - common in area; (34) 22, 23 Cove AKM; (25) 23 1B area "B" (15) 8 Barker BH

Sandhill Crane - (400) 8 Barker BH; (42) 25 Cove AKM
 King Rail - (1) 9 Cove AKM
 Clapper Rail - (1) 24, 30 Bayshore LS
 Common Gallinule - (1) 14 Cove AKM
 Plover, semipalmated - (2) 14, (10) 27 Cove AKM
 Ruddy Turnstone - (23) 14, (3) 27 Cove AKM
 American Coot - 8 days (3000) 5, (1500) 25, 26 Cove AKM
 American Oystercatcher - (6) 16 Galv. HH, LH
 Common Snipe - (2-4) 5, 13, 14, 22, 23 Cove AKM
 Long-billed Curlew - 7 days, (19) 5, (8) 14 Cove AKM
 Spotted Sandpiper - (1-2) most days Bayshore LS, (3) 27 T. C. Dike LS, CS;
 (1-2) 5, 21, 30 Cove AKM
 Greater Yellowlegs - (5-15) most days Nav. Dist. DM, EM; (2-5) 5, 6, 14, 21, 25-27 Cove AKM
 Lesser Yellowlegs - (3-15) 5, 21, 22, 25, 26 Cove AKM
 Least Sandpiper - (NC) 4, 5, 14, 27 Cove AKM
 Dunlin - (200) 1, (500) 4, 6, (100) 10, 12 Bayshore LS; (NC) 8 days Cove AKM
 Dowitcher species - (1000) 1, 6 Bayshore LS; 9 days (100-175) 4, 5, 23 Cove AKM
 Peeps - (5000) 1, 6, (2000) 4, (1000) 10, 12, 27 Bayshore LS
 Hudsonian Godwit - (1, lame in right leg) 26, 27 Cove AKM (his 1st winter record)
 Sanderling - (4) 12, 13, 15 Bayshore LS; (52 most ever) 14, (19) 27 Cove AKM
 American Avocet - (300) 1, 4, 10, (400) 6, (100) 12, 15, (200) 27 Bayshore LS;
 (1-19) daily Nav. Dist. DM, EM; (1) 21, (92) 27 Cove AKM
 Gull, Bonaparte's - (2) 4, (1) 5, (3) 21 Cove AKM; (2) 26, (1) 27 Bayshore LS;
 (4) 9 Lynchburg "C"
 Tern, Gull-billed - (1) 9 Lynchburg "C"; (1) 18 Sheldon DM, EM
 Common - (1) 1, 15, Bayshore LS
 Sandwich - (1) 1 Bayshore LS
 Inca Dove - (5) from 13 in yard BH, JH
 Great Horned Owl - (1-2) 1, 6, 9 - 11, 24 Cove AKM
 Common Nighthawk - (1) 4, 8 Herman Park NP
 Belted Kingfisher - (5) 1, (1) 18 Sheldon DM, EM; 10 days, (5) 25 Cove AKM
 Yellow shafted Flicker - common in area
 Pileated Woodpecker - (1) 2 in yard HH, LH; (1) 10, 13 Bayshore LS; (1) 23 1B area "B"
 Red-headed Woodpecker - (2 juveniles) 6 Bayshore LS
 Yellow-b. Sapsucker - (1-2) daily Bayshore LS; most days, (9) 22, (13) 25 Cove AKM
 Scissor-t. Flycatcher - (1) 5 Cove AKM
ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER - (1) 25 Cove AKM
 Eastern Phoebe - fairly common in area; (16) 5 Cove AKM; (1-2) most days Bayshore LS
 (6) 18 Sheldon DM, EM
 Vermilion Flycatcher - 8 days (2) 15, (3) 30 Cove AKM
 Horned Lark - (5) 13 T. C. Dike LS
 Swallow, Tree- (NC) 1, 2, (15) 13, (11) 26 Cove AKM; (5) 13 Seabrook LS, (3) 15 Bayshore LS
 Barn - (1) 5 Cove AKM
 Brown-h. Nuthatch - (1-3) daily in yard HH, LH
 Brown Creeper - (1) 7, 15, 22 in yard HH, LH; (1) 18, 20 Galena Park DM, EM
 House Wren - (1-4) daily Bayshore LS; (1-2) most days Cove AKM
 Winter Wren - (1) 21, 27 Cove AKM
 Bewick's Wren - (1) 25 Cove AKM
 Long-billed Marsh Wren - (6) 14, (2) 21, (10) 27 Cove AKM
 Short-billed Marsh Wren - (3) 4, 21, (2) 5, (1) 14, (6) 27 Cove AKM
 Catbird - (1) 16 Bayshore LS; (2) 22, 27 Cove AKM
 Brown Thrasher - common in area
 Robin - (NC) 4, 15, (300) 20 thence common Bayshore LS; 10 days (30) 21 Cove AKM
 Wood Thrush - (1) 25 Cove AKM
 Hermit Thrush - in very good numbers; (3-10) daily Bayshore LS; 9 days (9) 22, 27,
 (6) 25 Cove AKM; (3) 18 San Jacinto, (10) 20 Galena Park DM, EM
 Eastern Bluebird - (1-5) 4, 6, 22, 25, 30, (10) 27 Cove AKM; (6) 18, (4) 20 Galena DM, EM;
 (15) 23 1B area "B"
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - (1-3) daily Bayshore LS
 Golden-cr. Kinglet - (2-3) 4, 16 Bayshore LS; (2) 1, 2 in yard HH, LH; (1) 17, (3) 21, 22
 Cove AKM; (2) 18, 20 Galena DM, EM; (1) 23 1B area "B"
 Ruby-cr. Kinglet - (2-6) daily Bayshore LS; (25) 18, (20) 20 Galena DM, EM
 Water Pipit - (5-100) daily Bayshore LS; (10) 14 Cove AKM
 Sprague's Pipit - (3) 4, (15) 5, (5) 22, 25 Cove AKM
 Cedar Waxwing - (25) 1, thence most days (25-200); (25) 8 Barker BH; (25) 23, (2) 25,
 (3) 27 Cove AKM; (50) 23 1B area "B"
 White-eyed Vireo - (1) 10 Bayshore LS
 Yellow-throated Vireo - (1) 8 in yard HH, LH
 Solitary Vireo - (1) 6, (2) 8 Bayshore LS; (3) 22 Cove AKM; (2) 23 1B area "B"

Warbler, Orange-cr.- (2-6) daily Bayshore LS; (1-5) most days, (8) 22 Cove AKM;
 (1) 18, (10) 20 Galena DM, EM
 Myrtle - in good numbers; (75-250) Cove AKM; (30-100) Bayshore LS; (NC) daily in
 yard BH, JH
 B.-THR. GRAY - (1) 1 Hermann Park CS
 Audubon's - (1) 1 Bayshore LS
 Yellow-throated - (1) 1 Hermann Park CS
 Pine - (4) 4, 5, 6 Bayshore LS; (5) 5, (10) 21, (1) 26, 27 Cove AKM
 Palm - (6) 5, (2) 14 Cove AKM
 Yellowthroat - (1) 1, 15 Bayshore LS; (1) 4, 14, 25, (3) 21 Cove AKM; (1) 18 Sheldon
 DM, EM
 Brewer's Blackbird - (300) 9 Highlands "C"
 Black-headed Grosbeak - (1) 25 Cove AKM
 American Goldfinch - (50-150) daily Bayshore LS; (20) 8 Barker BH; (NC) 18, 20 Galena DM, EM
 Rufous-sided Towhee - (1) 10, (3-4) 15 Bayshore LS; (1-2) 5, 26, (6) 21, 22, (7) 27 Cove AKM
 Sparrow, Le Conte's - (1) 27 Cove AKM
 Sharp-tailed - (2) 5, (1) 14 Cove AKM
 Seaside - 6 days, (26) 14, (20) 27 Cove AKM
 Vesper - (5) 5, 22, (3) 25, (12) 27 Cove AKM; (1) 23 1B area "B"
 Lark - (1) 23 1B area "B"
 Slate-colored Junco - (1) 2 in yard HH, LH
 Chipping Sparrow - (1) 11, (2) 27 in yard HH, LH; (1) 20 Galena DM, EM
 Field Sparrow - (2) 5, (10) 22, (6) 25 Cove AKM; (1) 16 Bayshore LS; (1) 19 Longenbaugh "A"
 White-crowned Sparrow - (5) 4, 25, (1) 14, (30) 22 Cove AKM
 White-thr. Sparrow - abundant this year; (50-100) daily Bayshore LS
 Lincoln's Sparrow - (4) 18 Sheldon DM, EM; (1) 20 in yard HH, LH; (2) 23 1B "B"
 (1-4) 4, 8, 10, 12, 15 Bayshore LS; (1-3) 5, 21, 22, 27 Cove AKM
 Swamp Sparrow - 7 days, (12) 4, (3) 25 Cove AKM; (2) 16 Bayshore LS
 Song Sparrow - (1) 4, 14, 25, (3) 21 Cove AKM

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"The latest from Washington is that Secretary Udall has extended the time for receiving protests about the regulation of the Department of the Interior permitting people who obtain permits for killing Golden Eagles to employ airplane hunters. If you have not already protested this regulation, please do so at once."

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