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September Program

For the Love of Birds

Kevin Karlson, a wildlife photographer and birder, combines an environmental message with humor, serious natural history and stunning bird photography to reflect on the future of birds and birding.

Kevin views our relationship with birds and examines the changes brought about by human/bird interactions. He looks at the changing lifestyles of birders and the evolution of the sport. He will show photographs of scenery and birds from the most memorable birding hot-spots.

As a wildlife photographer for magazines and projects including Wild Bird Magazine, the ABA's North American Birds and The Birds of North America CD-Rom, Kevin has traveled from the wilds of the Alaskan Arctic to the rainforests of South America to photograph birds. He has authored numerous articles on birds, from advice on good locations to insights on their natural history.

Kevin spent the summers of 1992-95 working as a wildlife

7:00 p.m.

Monday, September 9

Bayland Community
Center

6400 Bissonnet

Learning Corner: 6:30 p.m.

Birding Basics

David Bradford will begin a two-part program on the basic principles and techniques of birdwatching. **Bring your binoculars and field guide.**

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biologist in the fragile habitat of the Alaskan Arctic, and his photo collection from this region is one of the best in the world.

Kevin is a resident of Cape May County, New Jersey.

Join us on September 9 for an important program and spectacular bird photography.

About the Ornithology Group

The Ornithology Group (OG) is a member of the Outdoor Nature Club (ONC), a non-profit organization dedicated to greater knowledge about the environment and wildlife of the Upper Texas Coast. The OG is a club of individuals interested in all aspects of birding, including bird identification, listing bird sightings, competing in birding events and preserving bird habitat. Some members study bird behavior, biology, distribution and migration, while others just enjoy watching birds. The organization is designed to accommodate these diverse birding interests. Monthly meetings and field trips provide an opportunity to interact with and learn from experts in local and international birding.

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See the back cover**

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Minutes of the August Meeting Margret Simmons

Chairman Skip Almony conducted the meeting.

Bird Sightings: Purple Martins congregating at Sharpstown Center; Red-headed Woodpeckers in East Houston near Maxie Road; Male Golden-cheeked Warbler in Austin. Several dead American Crows and Blue Jays were reported in various parts of Houston as a result of West Nile virus

Treasurer's Report: Patsy Lawrence reported that we continued to get more new members through June and more money in the treasury as a result. We'll have enough to spend some on the library, to get a boat for the Christmas Count and to make a donation for the Hawk Watch. Overall, we are in good financial shape.

Monthly Field Trips: A list of all the proposed monthly field trips was provided. Most are scheduled for the third Saturday of the month, but the final plans will be announced in the Spoonbill preceding the trip.

Quarterly Field Trips: Three have been planned: Avery Island/S. Louisiana October 25-27 (Skip would like to have a volunteer as co-leader on this trip); Rio Grande Valley January 24-26; Choke Canyon April 25-27 (Bob Honig is leading this trip in conjunction with the Outdoor Nature Club and there will be other areas of study besides birds such as butterflies, plants, etc.). Because of state limits on liability insurance coverage, participants will be expected to provide their own transportation to the area where the field trips will be, i.e., there will no longer be transportation provided by vans by OG. Let Skip know as soon as possible if you wish to go on any of these trips - remember that participants must be OG members, except for the Choke Canyon trip with ONC.

Summer Field Trips: Skip asked for suggestions on places to go. Suggestions: El Cielo Biosphere Reserve in Mexico, Costa Rica, Southeastern Arizona or New Mexico, Venezuela, Point Pelee. As above, participants will be expected to provide their own transportation to the area of the trip.

Library: Bill Saulmon brought a few selected books for people to peruse. He asked that if people have books checked out that they return them at the next meeting.

Membership: We have 30 to 40 more members this year than we had last year, due mainly to our membership drive. A prize of "The Sibley Guide to Bird Life and Behavior" was awarded to Mary Dodson for bringing in the most new members.

Environmental Issues: Texas Parks & Wildlife is creating a 10-year plan for new parks in the Houston area. Feedback on the plan can be given through their website.

Mary Dodson reported that a talk last week by the former EPA Clean Air enforcement agent pointed out that we have many more people die each year from respiratory problems than from West Nile Virus. The Bush administration wants to roll back the enforcement plan rather than implement it. We seem to be moving in the wrong direction on a Clean Air Plan. David Marrack suggested that we need an industry "plant ethics" to go along with the "corporate ethics" that are being devised in order to reduce emissions and improve performance.

Tracy Kleinhans has agreed to be the Hospitality Chairman and arrange for cookies to be provided at meetings.

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Chairman's Message Skip Almoney

We have started this new season of the Ornithology Groups activities. Despite the lack of formal speaker at the August meeting, those who attended had a good time. The discussion about field trip techniques was useful for many with some new ideas to help each of us capture field observations more quickly or accurately. We had a good deal of fun trying to name the bird. Despite our best efforts, the entire group was unable to name all of the birds from the clues I was giving. I will provide a full answer sheet at the September meeting.

Speaking of the September meeting, please note that the date is Monday, September 9th which is the second Monday. This is due to the Labor Day Holiday. I believe that you will enjoy our speaker, Kevin Karlson. Kevin is a noted birder and wildlife photographer and he is presenting two talks to Houston audiences. We have him first on Monday speaking on "For the Love of Birds". On Wednesday, September 11, Kevin will be speaking to the Houston Audubon Society with a talk entitled "Bird Migration". I wish to thank David Bradford for arranging this speaker for the OG. Later in the year, Brian Patterson will also speak to both the OG and the HAS.

I want to thank Mary Dodson, winner of the prize for recruiting the most new members during this past year's membership drive. Mary won a copy of David Allen Sibley's "The Sibley Guide to Bird Life and Behavior". Again this year we will hold a membership drive with a prize for the top recruiter. As we begin the drive later this fall, make sure that if you recruit a new member to the OG that your name is included as the referral for that person.

Another comment about membership. We are changing our dues structure at year end. The Outdoor Nature Club dues will continue to be \$8.00 and the dues for the OG will be \$14.00, in addition to the ONC dues, for a total of \$22.00 per person. The change is that for each additional family member the OG dues will be only \$5.00, rather than \$14.00.

The details of the first quarterly field trip to Avery Island and South Louisiana are firming up. A preliminary itinerary is provided in the Field Trip section of this newsletter.

Program and Field Trip Schedule for 2002-2003

August

- 5 - Meeting - TBA
- 17 - Field Trip - East Beach/Bolivar Flats

September

- 9 - Meeting - Kevin Karlson - For The Love of Birds
- Learning Corner: Birding Basics, Part I
- 21 - Field Trip - Hawk Watch

October

- 7 - Meeting - Bob Fergus - Bird Vision
- Learning Corner: Birding Basics, Part II
- 19 - Field Trip - San Jacinto Monument Park
- 25-26 - Quarterly Field Trip - Avery Island/S. Louisiana

November

- 4 - Meeting - David Dauphin - Shorebird Identification
- 16 - Field Trip - Bolivar Flats

December

- 2 - Meeting - Keith Arnold - CBC - Use of Data
- 14 - Field Trip - Houston CBC

January

- 6 - Meeting - Brian Patterson - Pelagics off N. Carolina
- 18 - Field Trip - West Harris County
- 24-26 - Quarterly Field Trip - Rio Grande Valley

February

- 3 - Meeting - Kathy Adams Clark - Photographing Birds in the Backyard
- 15 - Field Trip - Brazos Bend

March

- 2 - Meeting - Birding in Seabrook
- 25 - Field Trip - Texas City Preserve
- 29 - Field Trip - Texas City Preserve

April

- 7 - Meeting - Kelly Bryan - Davis Mountain Birding
- 19 - Field Trip - Anahuac/High Island
- 25-27 - Quarterly Field Trip: Choke Canyon

May

- 5 - Meeting - TBA
- 17 - Field Trip - Quintana/Brazoria Area

Program: Discussions of Field Trip Techniques & Bird Conservation; Bird name quiz

Skip led a discussion of techniques birders use to keep track of bird field notes.

The City of Houston wants input for the Urban Conservation Treaty for Migratory Birds initiative. Some suggestions were to leave dead trees for birds to feed on and restrict mowing to preserve wildflower seed for the following year. Leave some areas of thickets that are connected and provide water for wildlife including wetlands. Also mark the areas with signs to explain to the public what is being done and why.

The American Bird Conservancy is trying to improve towers so that fewer birds will be killed by tower collisions. Supporters and volunteers are encouraged to go to their website (<http://www.abcbird.org>).

Report on Costa Rica Trip June , 2002

Eleven members of the OG arrived in San Jose Costa Rica late on the morning of June 9, 2002. We cleared customs and immigration with no trouble and boarded our bus headed for the Allegro Resort Papagayo in the Guanacaste region of far northwest Costa Rica. It's a long drive down the Pan American Highway through Liberia and on down to the coast. It was very cloudy and rainy most of the way but we did see a few birds—Yellow-green Vireo and Semiplumbious Hawk were new birds for most. Our bus driver Mario Aguilar found a troupe of Howler Monkeys.

Most of us met up on the beach for some before-breakfast birding. Things started to really take on a tropical feel with Black-headed Trogon, Cinnamon Hummingbird, and White-lored Gnatcatcher. After breakfast, we headed for Santa Rosa N.P., where we found White-throated Magpie-Jays, Crested Guans and a nice Lineated Woodpecker. After lunch, we got rained out at a langostino (kind of a large crawfish) farm but we picked up Northern Jacana and Green Heron for the trip list.

The next day we birded before breakfast at the Allegro Papagayo. We got a very nice Mangrove Warbler to respond to pishing and owl calls. After breakfast, we headed to Palo Verde N.P. Right after we got on the main road headed for Liberia, our bus driver Mario spotted a cooperative Laughing Falcon by the side of the road. When we turned off the Pan American Highway at Bacas we saw dozens of Gray Hawks perched along the dirt road. The road soon enters rice fields and wetlands that are the attraction at Palo Verde. At the park entrance, we found a pair of Double-striped Thick-Knees by the side of the road. At the park wetlands, we found more Northern Jacanas and a Snail Kite. A little farther down the park road, we heard a loud noise being made by a group of displaying Bare-necked Tiger-Herons growling and rubbing necks in a large tree.

On our way back to the Pan American Highway, we found Yellow-napped Parrots and a Pinneated Bittern in a rice field. We passed a small cattle drive on the road. At one point, one of the cowboys looked back over his shoulder at us and then jumped onto the back of a Brahma bull and rode him bare-backed just to show off. He was bucked off quickly, but our bus driver convinced him to do it again for pictures!

The next morning we made the drive to Monteverde. The road up the mountain to Monteverde is famous in the birding world. It's a rough twisting unpaved road from sea level to about 4500 feet! Although the road itself is only about 25 miles, it takes several hours to make the trip up the mountain. Along the way we got really great looks at both Blue-crowned and Turquoise-browed Motmots. While getting our bags to our rooms we had a couple of Keel-billed Toucans in a snag overlooking the lodge. We saw our first of many Swallow-tailed Kites. After getting situated the whole crew could be found in the lounge area sorting through the dozens of hummingbirds at the three feeders. Species noted were Violet Sabrewing, Green-crowned Brilliant, Purple-throated Mountain-gem and Blue-tailed Hummingbird.

The next morning we went to the Monteverde Cloud Forest Preserve, where we saw neat birds like Emerald Toucanet and Black Guan. After we left the Preserve we visited the Hummingbird Gallery, an art Gallery with dozens of hummingbird feeders. This provided the highlight of the trip for me— thirty-five Banaquits mobbing a hummingbird feeder! For lunch we stopped at Stella's Bakery. Stella is one of the original Quaker Settlers of Monteverde. Her bakery, house and art studio are in the center of the village. Mario our bus driver is a friend of Stella and found out that a pair of Quetzals was coming to the avocado tree every morning between 6 am and 7 am. I made plans to return.

Next morning we headed for breakfast at Stella's with what I hoped was a side of Quetzals. We arrived at 6 am and as we were entering the bakery Mario shouted and the promised Quetzals were in the tree dinning on avocados! After breakfast we headed for the Santa Elena Cloud Forest Reserve. Santa Elena is very much like Monteverde with fewer visitors. My goal was to see a Three-wattled Bellbird, which has a very LOUD call that sounds like an electronic horn. We could hear them but none were close enough to see. We returned to the headquarters without seeing a Bellbird. There another birder told us of a site with a cooperative Bellbird "just down the trail." I rounded up everyone and we headed out on the "Bellbird Death March" about 2 kilometers down the trail and mostly downhill. Downhill is fine, but what goes down must come up when hiking. We were at the site for 45 minutes, and we could hear the Bellbirds really close but couldn't see them. I had given up and started back when someone spotted the birds. I ran back up the trail and with a little effort the group got me on the Bellbird! Being successful made that hike back much easier!

The next day we birded our way back to San Jose. We headed down the coast and stopped at the Tarcoles River, famous as the "Crocodile River". From the bridge I counted 19 Crocodiles. We had lunch at a very pretty roadside seafood restaurant next to the Pacific Ocean, with Frigatebirds and Brown Pelicans providing entertainment. After lunch we went to Caracra N.P., some of the best lowland forest in the northwest. Here we saw Great Tinamou, Black-throated Trogon, Amazon Kingfisher, Black-hooded Antshrike, Black-faced Antthrush and Orange-billed Sparrow to name some.

In all the group found 170 species in Costa Rica, an excellent total considering we didn't go to the very rainy Eastern coast and there were no neotropical migrants!

Cheryl and I really enjoyed leading this trip and are tentatively planning to do it again next in June 2003! We are also planning on doing a weeklong trip to Belize in February 2003. Contact us at 713-520-5906 or david@sarkozi.net for details.

Field Trips

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September 21, 2002 8:00 am Hawk Watch

Enjoy one of the wonders of the birding world and see various species of hawks, possibly numbering in the thousands, as they pass through Texas on their fall migration route. We will see many other migrating species also, usually magnificent frigatebird, terns, swallows, etc. The "on duty" counter will be our "official" guide, however, there will be a number of people there spotting and ID'ing. This is a great opportunity to learn and experience this amazing migration. Hawk Watch is sponsored by the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory.

Directions: Take I-10 East. Several miles after crossing the Trinity River/Bay area, take the Hankamer and White Memorial Park Exit. Turn South (right) on FM 562. After passing through the community of Double Bayou (about 10 miles from I-10) the road curves sharply to the left, but FM 562 curves to the RIGHT. (If you go through the curve, the road becomes FM1985 and you missed your turn.) Continue on FM 562 a few miles; it changes from paved to shell/rock/dirt (some small old buildings on the right), continue straight until you are almost at the Bay (end of the road). A dirt road to the LEFT (about 200 yards from the paved road and buildings) leads to the Hawk Watch Tower (about 3 stories high). There is good birding for other species before 8:00 am. Bring lunch and water—no nearby stores but a port-a-pot is nearby.

Fall 2002 Avery Island/South Louisiana

The following is the probable itinerary and preliminary estimates for costs.

Friday October 25, 2002	Individual transportation to New Iberia, La. With recommended stops along the way from Houston to New Iberia.
Saturday October 26, 2002	Bird at Lake Martin Nature Conservancy in the Cypress Island Preserve, then Lake Fausse Pointe State Park, then a scenic drive along Route 182 (antebellum homes), and then to Avery Island.
Sunday October 27, 2002	Bird at Pecan Island, Grand Chenier Rest Area and Cameron Prairie Refuge in the morning. Return to Houston with stops at Holly Beach, Peveto Woods and Port Arthur.

Leaders: Skip Almony and TBA.

Participants: There will be a maximum of 20 people on this trip.

Costs: Currently estimated at less than \$90.00/per person for lodging and miscellaneous expenses such as water, guides, and ice. A \$25.00 deposit will be required by October 10 and the remainder by October 23.

Transportation: Each individual will be responsible for providing their own transportation. Car pooling is strongly encouraged. The field trip will officially begin on Saturday morning at the hotel in New Iberia.

Lodging: A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn New Iberia as the preferred option. Room costs will be included in the cost of the trip and paid as a group at the Holiday Inn. Individuals may choose to obtain lodging elsewhere.

Food & Drink: There will be a cooler in the leaders' vehicle with chilled bottled water. All meals will be at the individual's expense.

Clothing: The climate will probably be warm and humid with possibly chilly evenings. It is highly recommended that cool clothing that covers both arms and legs be worn to prevent mosquito bites.

Clearing House June/July 2002

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Birding activity was very slow for these months. In June, very rare birds reported were Wood Stork, Greater Yellowlegs, Lesser Yellowlegs, Semipalmated Sandpiper, White-rumped Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, Stilt Sandpiper, Short-billed Dowitcher and Wilson's Phalarope. In July, the very rare birds were Hudsonian Godwit, Red Knot, Baird's Sandpiper, Wilson's Phalarope, Common Tern and Gray Catbird. .

You can report sightings via the Ornithology Group Website, www.ornithologygroup.org, via e-mail to me or in writing to the address above

June 2002

Snowy Egret birds=3 reports=1
Black-crowned Night-Heron birds=1 reports=1
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron birds=1 reports=1
Wood Stork 6/17 Brazoria(Barzoria NWR) 13 Ron Weeks
Blue-winged Teal birds=2 reports=1
Bald Eagle 6/25 Chambers() 1 David Sarkozi
White-tailed Hawk birds=1 reports=1
Red-tailed Hawk 6/9 Harris() 1 Ken Hartman
Crested Caracara birds=3 reports=1
Purple Gallinule birds=2 reports=1
Semipalmated Plover birds=1 reports=1
Killdeer birds=3 reports=1
American Avocet 6/17 Brazoria(Barzoria NWR) 20 Ron Weeks
Greater Yellowlegs 6/16 Brazoria(Bryan Beach) 2 Ron Weeks
Lesser Yellowlegs 6/16 Brazoria(Barzoria NWR) 10 Ron Weeks
Semipalmated Sandpiper 6/16 Brazoria(Brazoria NWR) 8 Ron Weeks, 6/17 Brazoria(Brazoria NWR) 2 Ron Weeks
White-rumped Sandpiper 6/16 Brazoria(Brazoria NWR) 20 Ron Weeks, 6/17 Brazoria(Brazoria NWR) 40 Ron Weeks
Pectoral Sandpiper 6/16 Brazoria(Brazoria NWR) 5 Ron Weeks, 6/16 Brazoria(Brazoria NWR) 5 Ron Weeks
Stilt Sandpiper 6/16 Brazoria(Brazoria NWR) 4 Ron Weeks, 6/16 Brazoria(Brazoria NWR) 4 Ron Weeks
Short-billed Dowitcher 6/16 Brazoria(Bryan Beach) 2 Ron Weeks
dowitcher species 6/16 Brazoria(Barzoria NWR) 15 Ron Weeks
Wilson's Phalarope 6/17 Brazoria(Barzoria NWR) 2 Ron Weeks
Laughing Gull birds=2 reports=1
Rock Dove birds=50 reports=1
Ringed Turtle-Dove birds=2 reports=1
Eurasian Collared-Dove birds=10 reports=1
Streptopelia sp. birds=1 reports=1
White-winged Dove birds=25 reports=1
Mourning Dove birds=20 reports=1
Inca Dove birds=4 reports=1
Common Ground-Dove 6/30 Brazoria(San Bernard NWR) 2 Ron Weeks

Monk Parakeet 6/1 Harris() 2 Bob Honig, 6/9 Harris() 6 Ken Hartman, 6/14 Harris() 8 Mike Austin, 6/29 Harris() 7 Alan Burge
Yellow-billed Cuckoo birds=1 reports=1
Chimney Swift birds=12 reports=1
Ruby-throated Hummingbird 6/5 Harris() 1 Ken Hartman, 6/9 Harris() 1 Ken Hartman, 6/16 Harris() 1 Ken Hartman, 6/18 Harris() 1 Ken Hartman
Red-bellied Woodpecker birds=4 reports=2
Downy Woodpecker birds=5 reports=2
Western Kingbird birds=1 reports=1
Loggerhead Shrike birds=6 reports=1
White-eyed Vireo birds=2 reports=1
Red-eyed Vireo birds=2 reports=1
Blue Jay birds=10 reports=1
American Crow birds=10 reports=2
Purple Martin birds=12 reports=1
Northern Rough-winged Swallow 6/17 Brazoria(Brazoria NWR) 1 Ron Weeks
Barn Swallow birds=10 reports=1
Carolina Chickadee birds=4 reports=1
Tufted Titmouse birds=3 reports=1
Carolina Wren birds=3 reports=2
American Robin birds=8 reports=1
Northern Mockingbird birds=20 reports=1
European Starling birds=10 reports=1
Yellow-breasted Chat birds=3 reports=1
Northern Cardinal birds=20 reports=2
Common Grackle birds=10 reports=1
Great-tailed Grackle birds=20 reports=1
Bronzed Cowbird 6/10 Harris() 1 Cin-Ty Lee
House Finch birds=6 reports=1
House Sparrow birds=75 reports=1

July 2002

American White Pelican birds=50 reports=1
Neotropic Cormorant birds=17 reports=2
Anhinga birds=4 reports=1
Magnificent Frigatebird birds=90 reports=3
Least Bittern birds=1 reports=1
Great Blue Heron birds=6 reports=2
Great Egret birds=9 reports=1
Snowy Egret birds=19 reports=5
Little Blue Heron birds=3 reports=1
Tricolored Heron birds=6 reports=2
Reddish Egret birds=1 reports=1
Cattle Egret birds=8 reports=1
Green Heron birds=3 reports=1
Black-crowned Night-Heron birds=1 reports=1

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron birds=7 reports=2
 White Ibis birds=5 reports=3
 Glossy Ibis 7/6 Chambers(Anahuac NWR) 1 Cin-Ty Lee, 7/29 Galveston(Bolivar Flats) 10 Mike Austin
 White-faced Ibis birds=3 reports=1
 Roseate Spoonbill birds=17 reports=2
 Wood Stork birds=13 reports=3
 Black Vulture birds=7 reports=2
 Turkey Vulture birds=8 reports=2
 Fulvous Whistling-Duck birds=8 reports=1
 Wood Duck birds=4 reports=1
 Mottled Duck birds=2 reports=1
 Swallow-tailed Kite 7/6 Liberty() 5 Derek Muschalek Rob Thacker, 7/6 Liberty() 5 Derek Muschalek Rob Thacker
 Mississippi Kite 7/6 Liberty() 1 Derek Muschalek Rob Thacker
 Red-shouldered Hawk birds=2 reports=2
 Swainson's Hawk 7/3 Harris() 1 Derek Muschalek
 Red-tailed Hawk 7/16 Harris() 1 Ken Hartman
 Crested Caracara birds=1 reports=1
 Common Moorhen birds=3 reports=1
 Black-bellied Plover birds=14 reports=2
 Wilson's Plover birds=51 reports=2
 Semipalmated Plover birds=27 reports=2
 Piping Plover 7/29 Galveston(Bolivar Flats) 10 Mike Austin, 7/31 Brazoria(Brazoria NWR) 6 Ron Weeks and Don Fry
 Killdeer birds=16 reports=4
 American Oystercatcher birds=1 reports=1
 Black-necked Stilt birds=23 reports=3
 American Avocet 7/28 Harris(San Jacinto Monument) 40 David Sarkozi, 7/31 Brazoria(Brazoria NWR) 20 Ron Weeks and Don Fry
 Greater Yellowlegs 7/28 Harris(San Jacinto Monument) 6 David Sarkozi, 7/31 Brazoria(Brazoria NWR) 2 Ron Weeks and Don Fry
 Lesser Yellowlegs birds=76 reports=2
 Willet birds=25 reports=1
 Spotted Sandpiper 7/28 Harris(San Jacinto Monument) 1 David Sarkozi, 7/31 Brazoria(Brazoria NWR) 2 Ron Weeks and Don Fry
 Whimbrel 7/29 Galveston(Bolivar Flats) 1 Mike Austin
 Long-billed Curlew birds=8 reports=1
Hudsonian Godwit 7/29 Galveston(Bolivar Flats) 1 Mike Austin
 Marbled Godwit 7/31 Brazoria(Brazoria NWR) 3 Ron Weeks and Don Fry
 Ruddy Turnstone birds=2 reports=1
 Red Knot 7/14 Brazoria(Bryan Beach) 3 Ron Weeks, 7/31 Brazoria(Brazoria NWR) 6 Ron Weeks and Don Fry
 Sanderling birds=24 reports=2
 Semipalmated Sandpiper 7/31 Brazoria(Brazoria NWR) 50 Ron Weeks and Don Fry
 Western Sandpiper birds=1,700 reports=2
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Pectoral Sandpiper 7/31 Brazoria(Brazoria NWR) 3 Ron Weeks and Don Fry
 Stilt Sandpiper 7/31 Brazoria(Brazoria NWR) 75 Ron Weeks and Don Fry
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Wilson's Phalarope 7/31 Brazoria(Brazoria NWR) 5 Ron Weeks and Don Fry
 Laughing Gull birds=19 reports=1
 Ring-billed Gull birds=1 reports=1
 Gull-billed Tern birds=2 reports=1
 Caspian Tern birds=2 reports=1
 Royal Tern birds=1 reports=1
Common Tern 7/5 Brazoria(Surfside Jetty) 3 Mike Austin
 Forster's Tern birds=1 reports=1
 Least Tern birds=31 reports=2
 Black Tern birds=34 reports=2
 Black Skimmer birds=5 reports=1
 Rock Dove birds=50 reports=1
 Ringed Turtle-Dove birds=1 reports=1
 Eurasian Collared-Dove birds=6 reports=1
 White-winged Dove birds=40 reports=1
 Mourning Dove birds=31 reports=4
 Inca Dove birds=18 reports=3
 Common Ground-Dove 7/5 Brazoria(San Bernard NWR) 2 Mike Austin
 Great Horned Owl birds=1 reports=1
 Common Nighthawk birds=5 reports=2
 Chimney Swift birds=1 reports=1
 Ruby-throated Hummingbird birds=7 reports=7
 Red-bellied Woodpecker birds=8 reports=3
 Downy Woodpecker birds=7 reports=3
 Pileated Woodpecker birds=1 reports=1
 Acadian Flycatcher birds=4 reports=2
 Loggerhead Shrike birds=1 reports=1
 White-eyed Vireo birds=15 reports=4
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 Blue Jay birds=12 reports=3
 American Crow birds=28 reports=5
 Purple Martin birds=17 reports=3
 Cliff Swallow birds=2 reports=1
 Barn Swallow birds=20 reports=1
 Carolina Chickadee birds=13 reports=4
 Tufted Titmouse birds=4 reports=2
 Carolina Wren birds=20 reports=4
 American Robin birds=1 reports=1
Gray Catbird 7/4 Harris() 1 Rob Thacker P.D Hulce
 Northern Mockingbird birds=5 reports=1
 European Starling birds=10 reports=1
 Northern Parula birds=8 reports=2
 Pine Warbler birds=4 reports=2
 Black-and-White Warbler 7/6 Chambers(Cedar Hill Park) 1 Derek Muschalek Rob Thacker, 7/21 Chambers(Cedar Hill Park) 1 Rob Thacker, Derek Muschalek

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OG Dues (each adult) 14.00

(Total dues are \$22.00 for an individual)

Gulf Coast Bird Observatory

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