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MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING, ORNITHOLOGY GROUP, AUGUST 3, 1972

Marilyn Crane, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.

Approved as read were the minutes of the June 3, 1972, meeting.

The Treasurer's Report for the period June 1 to July 31, 1972, was accepted as read. It showed receipts of \$110.83, disbursements of \$49.08, and balance on hand of \$394.85. Melba Drake commented that expenses for publishing the SPOONBILL have hit rock bottom, thanks to T. Paul Joneses, who are running the copies on the mimeograph machine. On behalf of the Group, she expressed appreciation for the work they are doing. Melba also mentioned that we were running low on Gwen Frostic stationery. Motion was made and seconded that Miss Drake be authorized to reorder the stationery, to be sold at a profit for the benefit of the Group. Motion carried.

Pat Sullivan reported that the library was the recipient of a number of new slides, 40 of which she proceeded to show, asking everyone to identify as many as possible. Paul Nimmons, who identified 23, was awarded a roadrunner armpatch. She also announced that two books were out on loan from our library.

Melba Drake called attention to the rear of the room where an enlargement of one of Marilyn Crane's slides was on display.

A brief discussion was held concerning the vast numbers of Purple Martin that are roosting at the Rohm & Haas chemical plant on the LaPorte Road. Linda Snyder said that she estimated their numbers to run from 65,000 to 100,000 and speculated that most of them were migrants.

Margaret Anderson announced that no rare birds had been reported recent. She requested that if anyone wished his name added to or deleted from the Rare Bird Alert to let her know after the meeting. Mr. James F. Murray reported what he termed a rare occurrence rather than a rare bird: namely, the singing of a Wood Thrush during a rain instead of following a rain.

A number of guests were introduced during the evening and accorded a warm welcome by our Chairman, who invited them to come again and to consider joining the Group.

It was announced that the aluminum drive was on again. For the benefit of guests and new members, Marilyn explained that we have been collecting scrap aluminum cans and other containers to raise money for our Group and to help clean up the environment.

Harry Brister reported that Friendswood has arranged for Carl Aikin to make a four-seasons survey of the birdlife at Armand's Bayou, which many birders feel will be inadequate. Mr. Brister said that OG is still trying to get permission to make a survey as frequently as every other weekend, so as to make a checklist of the area. If this cannot be worked out, Harry suggested that we might have to resort to a perimeter survey. A number of OG members have agreed to participate, he said.

Reporting on the status of a possible Memorial Fund for OG, Miss Crane said that she has brought it up at the last Board Meeting of ONC. They are now looking it up in the bylaws and she will have an answer for us at a later date.

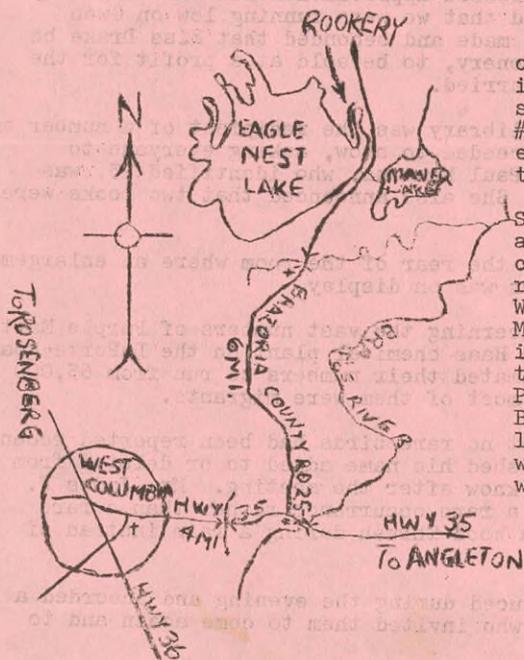
Miss Crane reported that she had learned from Mrs. Edna Fielding that a private Quetzal preserve has been established in Guatamala. The preserve will not be open to the general public, but scientists and serious students will be admitted if accompanied by a guide. Further details may be obtained from Marilyn.

Marilyn announced that Mary Tigner had invited the OG to hold its June 1973 picnic at her place outside Dayton.

There being no further business, the meeting was then turned over to the Program Chairman, Dorothy Lefkovits, who introduced Linda Snyder, our speaker for the evening. To aid us in their identification, Mrs. Snyder broke down the sandpipers into three groups, small, medium and large, and then described each bird in detail, stressing the characteristics peculiar to each species and by which it may be definitely identified. She closed the program with a series of slides of the birds she had described, together with other shorebirds.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M. Respectfully submitted, Louise Rogers, Secretary.

ROOKERY AT EAGLE NEST LAKE, BRAZORIA COUNTY



There is an enormous rookery on the NE edge of Eagle Nest Lake in Brazoria County, which can be seen from Brazoria County Road #25 about a half mile north of the entrance to Maner Lake (see map to left).

Thousands of Cattle Egrets, Snowy Egrets and Louisiana Herons are nesting there and many nestling can be seen. Also nesting in the rookery are many White-faced Ibis, White Ibis and Roseate Spoonbill. More than 100 Anhingas were seen in the rookery, but didn't appear to be nesting at this time. Mr. Phil Goodrum, Dept. of Interior Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, came by the rookery when we were observing and estimated there was a bird population of over 4000. T. Paul & Margaret Jones

PURPLE MARTIN CONCENTRATION, SWEENEY, TEXAS - FROM R. J. Fleetwood, Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife

News release of July 12, 1972: A large flock (thousands) of purple martins have chosen an unusual roosting site - three tall stove-like pipes - at the Amco Production Co., Sweeny, Texas Hwy. 35 between West Columbia and Bay City. The birds started roosting on the pipes about June 29, approximately 8 P.M. and within one-half hour, the sky seemed to be full of birds. By 9:15 p.m. all birds had found roosting space on the pipes and other structures surrounding the pipes. ... An employee who has worked at the Amco plant for over 20 years states that 'this is the first time birds have used the pipes as roosting sites.' ---Only one other such large concentration of purple martins has been observed by this writer, and that was in Macon, Georgia in about 1945. Here they were roosting in trees along a four or five block area.

The following notes on shorebirds were supplied by Linda Snyder and served as the basis for her most thorough and interesting talk given before OG on August 3rd.

SHORE BIRD DISTINCTIONS

Sandpipers

- Small (Peeps) - Least - slender, short, pointed bill; yellow legs; brown coloration.
- Semi-palmated - bill stouter at base, tapering but heavier; black legs; grayer color.
- Western - longer, heavier bill with slight droop on end (female has enlargement in droop at end - often misjudged as a Dunlin); black legs; rustier in spring; rusty scapulars in fall.
- Medium - Sanderling - rusty about head and breast in spring; conspicuous wing stripe; whitest appearing gray-backed sandpiper in fall.
- Dunlin - (last to leave nesting areas - Sept. 21) - larger, longer bill with decided droop at tip; summer - black belly, rusty red on back; grey in fall.
- White-rumped - rusty-brown streaked back, white rump; gray-backed but still streaked in fall.
- Baird's - similar to White-rumped in size and coloration, but rump dark, back buffier and scaly rather than streaked; browner in fall.
- Spotted - most noted for teetering and stiff-winged low flight; two-tone bill, light short legs, strong eye-stripe and dark spots on breast (in spring); fall bird lacks spotting, is very white-breasted with dark patch extending from shoulder into white area, white eye-stripe less distinctive.
- Purple - most noted for slaty-brown coloration, very portly appearance; two-tone bill, yellow legs, dark head and breast, eye-ring.
- Buff-breasted - very small headed with short slender bill (dove-like), distinct eye-ring, buffy wash underneath with no streaking, yellow legs.
- Large - Pectoral - Medium bill; brown, striped back; distinct line of demarcation between breast streaks and white belly; greenish-yellow legs; little change in fall.
- Stilt - larger; longer bill; rusty cheek patch and distinct barring underneath in spring; yellow legs; white rump; grayer, less marked in fall, legs may be greenish.
- Upland Plover - small head, short bill, long neck, long tail, head stripes, yellowish legs, some barring underneath.
- Knot - heavy bodied, short legged (stocky) appearance, stout bill, greenish legs, quite rusty underneath in spring; quite gray-backed in fall, white underneath.
- Solitary Sandpiper - about size of Lesser Yellowlegs but darker-winged, distinct eye-ring, dark legs, dark tail with white feathered edges. Hic-cups.
- Lesser Yellowlegs - yellow legs, white tail, hic-cup motion; separated from Greater Yellowlegs by smaller size, shorter bill - about 1 to 1½ times the depth of head. Call - one to two notes.
- Greater Yellowlegs - yellow legs, white tail, larger size, longer bill - about 2 to 2½ times depth of head. Call - distinct 3 noted whew-whew-whew.
- Short-billed Dowitcher - long probing bill (snipe-like), stocky bird, greenish or dark legs, very rusty underneath in spring - whitish in fall, white rump extending up into back in point; separated from Greater Yellowlegs by spots on side or by call - a low tu-tu-tu.
- Long-billed Dowitcher - as above, but has barring on sides and a thin call - kuk.

Plovers (one-ringed)

Wet Sand - larger, brown-backed inhabitants of mud-flats.

Semi-palmated - yellow-orange legs, two-tone bill in summer - black in winter; white on forehead only to eye.

Wilson's (Thick-billed) - larger, heavier bill, duller legs, white on forehead broader band extending above and beyond eye.

Dry Sand - smaller, shorter-billed, pale-backed (oyster or dry sand color). Found usually on sandy beaches; ring may be incomplete.

Snowy - black bill, black legs, incomplete ring; black mark behind ear best identification in winter.

Piping - yellow bill with dark tip, yellow legs, complete ring; winter - bill dark, legs may be indeterminate in color, ring incomplete.

BIG DAY RUN - APRIL 22, 1972 - By Dan Hardy

The Spring Roundup this year was a failure. I received only one other list besides my own to compile. Needless to say, this was a great disappointment.

For the record: 7 observers in 2 parties found 160 species. The party of Margaret Anderson, Jerry Baker, and Leota Stilwell reported 115 species in Galveston Co. Pk., Galveston, and High Island. Vic Emanuel, Ben Feltner, Dan Hardy and Jim Lane, covering the High Island area, found 121 species.

The space for a complete list is long and since the materiel is so small it scarcely seems necessary to publish it.

NEW CLEARING HOUSE RULES - by Dan Hardy, Editor of the Clearing House

One of my goals as Clearing House Editor is to improve this unique part of THE SPOONBILL. My basic concern is about accidentals. To be blunt, the Clearing House is open to doubts as to the validity of some accidentals because the policy of supporting details has fallen into disuse. My goal is integrity and accuracy.

Toward this end I think it is important to adopt the following rule. It will go into effect with the September, 1972 SPOONBILL.

Substantiating details will be required on birds in the following categories:

- (1) Species with no frequency status for that date. This is shown by a blank space on the bar graph in the checklist (4th Edition, 1966)
- (2) Species in "Accidentals" list of checklist
- (3) Species not on checklist

Birds submitted without details will be deleted.

In addition to these, details are welcome on any bird that may be unusual in numbers, location, etc. At the present time we do not have the space for details to be required on all "rare" species (indicated by a dotted line on checklist), but such a move may be needed in the future.

The ideal way to take details is as follows. With pencil and paper one should take down notes while in the field during or immediately after the observation. The observer should record what features were actually seen on the bird in your own words. Such items as distance, time of observation, light condition, etc. should also be noted. This whole process should be done without ever consulting a book. Do not trust field marks to memory.

I hope the Ogers will continue active participation in the Clearing House with observations and ideals. Thank you.

According to information received from Mrs. Edna Fielding, The ASOCIACION ATITLAN PARA LA PROTECCION DEL QUETZAL has been formulated to establish a private Quetzal Cloud Forest Reserve in Guatemala for the protection of the national bird of that country. This is the first protected sanctuary established in Guatemala for the Quetzal. Several organizations contributed substantially in this effort, among them the Cleveland County Bird Club of Norman Oklahoma. ONCers may recall having had the opportunity to contribute to this undertaking several years ago when Katrina Ladwig told us of the Quetzal Reserve dream and sold "quetzalitos" to contributors. (The editor's yearly emerges to brighten our Christmas tree.) We have learned now that our own organization sold more quetzalitos for CCBC than any other single group. Every little bit does help, as seen in the realization of a dream which began in Norman, Oklahoma. The sanctuary is not at present open to the public, but scientists and serious students may be admitted when accompanied by a guide, which may be arranged with the office of the Administrator of the reserve. We understand progress is being made toward a National preserve in Guatemala for the Quetzal.

CLEARING HOUSE - JULY, 1972  
(parties shown as A, B, C, or D)

PARAKEET, MONK:

(2)5, 11, 12, 19 Raywood, B;  
MS & BC, AB & BC.  
Pelican, White: (100±)1, (15)27, Cove,  
P; (300±)31, Cove, AKM.  
Cormorant, Olivaceous:  
(2)26, Cove, P.  
Anhinga:

(1)3, 29, (2)28, Cove, P.  
Frigatebird, Magnificent:  
(1)3, Cove, P; (1)23, Sea Isle  
Beach, NP; (1-Imm.)31, Tex. City Dike,  
A.

Heron, Great Blue:  
(15)28, Bayou Vista area, P&MJ;  
(2)22 High Is.; (3)23 Armand Bay.  
P&PN.

Heron, Green:  
(1)21, 23, 29, 31, Cove, AKM; (4)22  
High I.; (2)23 Armand Bay., P&PN;  
(1)19, oilfield W of HI, D.

Heron, Little Blue:  
(4)28, Bayou Vista Area, P&MJ; (1)26,  
(2)28, 31, (7)30, (3)31, Cove, P.

Egret, Cattle:  
(50+)22 HI; (5)23 Armand Bay., P&PN;  
(5)19, Oilfield W of HI, D.

Egret, Reddish:  
(1)28, Bayou Vista Area, P&MJ; (1)  
31, Cove, AKM; (6)22, H.I., P&PN; (9)  
19, Oilfield W of HI, D.

Egret, Common:  
(14)28, Bayou Vista area, P&MJ; (40+)  
22 HI, (11)23 Armand Bay., (2)30  
yard, P&PN; (3)12, Hwy. 90 near Ray-  
wood, B.

Egret, Snowy:  
(18)28, Bayou Vista Area, P&MJ; (200+)  
22 HI; (1)23 Armand Bay., P&PN; (100+)  
19, W of HI, D.

Heron, Louisiana:  
(27)28, Bayou Vista area, P&MJ;  
(10+)22 HI; (5)23 Armand Bay. P&PN;  
(15+)19, W of HI, D.

Nightheron, Black-crowned:  
(1, dying)28, Bayou Vista Area, P&MJ;  
(3+)31, Cove, AKM; (1)22, HI, (3)23  
Armand Bay., P&PN.

Nightheron, Yellow-crowned:  
(8)28, Bayou Vista area, P&MJ;  
(1)1-14, 26, 28, 30, (2)31, Cove, P;  
(2)22 HI, P&PN; (1)12 Hwy. 90  
near Raywood, B.

Bittern, Least:  
(1)28, Bayou Vista Area, P&MJ;  
(2)18, 26, 28, (1)25, 27, 30, Cove,  
P; (2)29, Cove, Neal Kader; (1)  
10, near Alvin, JF; (2 - 1 dark  
phase)31, Lafitte's Grove,  
Galveston I., A; (1)19 W of HI, I

Stork, Wood:  
(9)28, Bayou Vista Area, P&MJ;  
(2)mid-month, Cove, Neal Kader;  
(1 flock)9, Cove, Donald White:  
(50±)22 HI, P&PN; (1)31, Buckhorn  
Lake E of Sheldon Res., A; (25)  
19, HI, D.

Ibis, White-faced:  
(2)22 HI, P&PN.  
Ibis, White:  
(8)22, (15)31, Cove, P.

Spoonbill, Roseate:  
(4)28, Bayou Vista, P&MJ; (8)1  
(2)22, (45±)31, Cove, AKM; (1)  
22 HI; (1)23 Armand B., P&PN;  
(1)imm. 19, W of HI, D.

TREEDUCK, BLACK-BELLIED:  
(2)10, 5 mi. S of Alvin on Mus-  
tang Rd., JF.

Duck, Mottled:  
(1)1, (2)6, (flocks of 20+)3rd  
week, Cove, P; (2)22 HI, P&PN.

Shoveler:  
(1-Fem.)31, Sheldon Res., A.  
Scaup, Lesser:  
(1)31, Ruddy Duck Pond, Galves. I  
A.

Teal, Blue-winged:  
(2)3, (1)28, Cove, P.

Duck, Wood:  
(1)about 18th, Cove, AKM.

Vulture, Turkey:  
(1)22 HI; (1)23 Armand B, P&PN.

Vulture, Black:  
(1)22 HI; (1)23 Armand B, P&PN;  
(1)12 FM 61 W of Hankamer, B.

Hawk, Red-shouldered:  
(1)1, Cove, AKM; (5)23, Armand B.,  
P&PN; (1)12 Hwy. 90 near Raywood  
B.

- HAWK, BROAD-WINGED:**  
 (1)31, yard, DM.  
**Hawk, Marsh:**  
 (1)31, N of Tex.City, A.  
**PHEASANT, RING-NECKED:**  
 (3)12 FM 61 W.of Hankamer, B.  
 Cock, hen & imm., side of road.  
**Bobwhite:**  
 (10±)22, Anahuac P&PN  
**Rail, King:**  
 (1)3, 25, 27, (2)28, 30, Cove, P; (3 -  
 1 adult, 2 imm. 2/3 and 1/3 grown)  
 29, Cove, AKM; (6)22, HI, P&PN.  
**Rail, Clapper:**  
 (1)2, Highway 2004; (2)28 Bayou  
 Vista Area, P&MJ; (3) - 2 adult,  
 1 imm. 31 Cove, AKM; (1)31, Cove, P;  
 (2)19 W of HI, D.  
**Gallinule, Purple:**  
 (1)31, Buckhorn Lake, A.  
**OYSTERCATCHER, AMERICAN:**  
 (1)31, West Bay, Galves., A.  
**Plover, Snowy:**  
 (10±)22 HI, P&PN.  
**Plover, Wilson's:**  
 (1)1, 31, (2)27, Cove, AKM.  
**Killdeer:**  
 (4)22, HI; (4)23 Armand B., P&PN; (10)  
 19 W of HI, D.  
**Plover, Black-bellied:**  
 (3)3, Cove, P; (1)19, W of HI, D.  
**Turnstone, Ruddy:**  
 (5)31, S. Jetty, Galv. I., (6)31, N. Jetty  
 Bolivar Pen., A.  
**Curlew, Long-billed:**  
 (2)28, Bayou Vista Area, P&MJ.  
**WHIMBREL:**  
 (1)2, Surfside, P&MJ.  
**Plover, Upland:**  
 (18)31 Sheldon Res., A; (2)25 Jct.  
 Hwy. 35 & FM528, C.  
**Sandpiper, Spotted:**  
 (1)22, 28, Cove, P; (1)27, 31, Cove, AKM.  
**Sandpiper, Solitary:**  
 (1)31, Cove, AKM; (1)22, HI, P&PN.  
**Willet:**  
 (9)1, (6)27, (13)31, Cove, AKM; (15±)22  
 HI, P&PN; (25+)19, W of HI, D.  
**Yellowlegs, Greater:**  
 (1)20, 21, 22, 28, (4)28, Cove, P; (10±)  
 HI 22, P&PN.  
**Yellowlegs, Lesser:**  
 (2)20, 28, Cove, P; (10±)22 HI, P&PN;  
 (20)19 W of HI, D.  
**Sandpiper, Least:**  
 (1)22, HI P&PN.  
**Sandpiper, Baird's:**  
 (5)19, W of HI, D.  
**Dowitcher sp.**  
 (3)22, HI, P&PN.  
**Sandpiper, Stilt:**  
 (1)31, Sheldon, Res., A.  
**Sandpiper, Semipalmated:**  
 (1)19 W of HI, D.  
**GODWIT, HUDSONIAN:**  
 (1)26, (2)27, Cove, P.  
**Sanderling:**  
 (2)27, Cove, AKM; (10±)22 HI, P&PN.  
**Stilt, Black-necked:**  
 (5+)22 HI, P&PN; (200+)19, W of HI, D.  
**Gull, Herring:**  
 (1-adult)31, Texas City Dike, A.
- Gull, Ring-billed:**  
 (1)31, Tex. City Dike, A; (3)19  
 W of HI, D.  
**Gull, Laughing:**  
 (200+)Bolivar Ferry, 22, P&PN.  
**Tern, Gull-billed:**  
 (1)2, Surfside, P&MJ.  
**Tern, Common:**  
 (1)31, Lynchburg Ferry, (15)31 S.  
 Jetty, Galv., Party A.  
**Tern, Least:**  
 (25+)2, Surfside; (19)28, Tex. City  
 P&MJ; (50±)22 HI, P&PN; (19)19  
 (10 imm.) W of HI, D.  
**Tern, Royal:**  
 (5)22 HI, P&PN; (2)19, W of HI, D.  
**Tern, Sandwich:**  
 (1)1, 31, Cove, AKM.  
**Tern, Black:**  
 (2)2, Surfside; (7)28, Tex. City, P&  
 MJ; (10-15)20, 21, 22, (1)23, 25, 28,  
 29, 31, Cove, AKM; (Large numbers)31  
 Big Day Route, A; (50+)22, HI, P&PN;  
 (10)19, HI, D.  
**Skimmer, Black:**  
 (6)28, Bayou Vista Area, P&MJ; (1)  
 27, 31, 30, Cove, P; (2)22 HI, P&PN;  
 (25)19, HI, D.  
**Dove, White-winged:**  
 (1)31, Galveston Cnty. Ct. House, A;  
 (20±)22, Galves. Cnty. Ct. House, P&P.  
**Dove, Mourning:**  
 (10±)22, HI, (1)27 yard, P&PN; (8)19  
 HI, D.  
**Dove, Inca:**  
 (1)5, Cove, Donald White; (1-5) dail  
 yard, P&PN; (2)12 yard, MW.  
**Cuckoo, Yellow-billed:**  
 (3+)22, HI, (4)23 Armand B., P&PN.  
**Owl, Screech:**  
 (1)nightly, yard, P&PN.  
**Owl, Barred:**  
 (1)6, south of Dayton, AKM.  
**CHUCK-WILL'S WIDOW:**  
 (1)31, Lockwood Rd., W of Sheldon  
 Res., A (Heard by BF).  
**Nighthawk, Common:**  
 (100±)22, HI, P&PN; (20)19 W of HI,  
 D.  
**SWIFT, WHITE-THROATED:**  
 (1)22, Houston Yacht Club, DM  
 (see notes.)  
**Swift, Chimney:**  
 (2)22, HI, (3)23 Armand B., P&PN.  
**Hummingbird, Ruby-throated:**  
 (1)2, 18, 20, 21, (3)27, (2)28, Cove,  
 P; (3)21-31 yard; (2)23 Armand B.,  
 (3+)29 Woodlawn Cemetery, P&PN;  
 (2-3)4-15, 30-31, yard, MW; (1)12  
 near Hankamer - very scarce this  
 year - B.
- KINGFISHER, BELTED:**  
 (1)13, Dickinson; (1)14, Webster,  
 (3)31, Sheldon Res., Buckhorn Lake  
 (E of Sheldon Res.) & Anderson  
 Ways, Walves. I., A; (1)4, 28, yard,  
 D&DL.  
**FLICKER, YELLOW-SHAFTED:**  
 (1)Glenbrook Golf Course, SE  
 Houston, NP.

- Woodpecker, Pileated:  
(1)27,28,Cove,P;(5)23 Armand B., P&PN.
- Woodpecker, Red-Bellied:  
(1)27,Cove,AKM;(1)22, HI,(10±)23 Armand B., (3)daily yard, P&PN.
- Woodpecker, Downy:  
(1-3)daily, yard, (2)23 Armand B. P&PN.
- Kingbird, Eastern:  
(1)15,18,Cove,AKM;(20±)22,Anahuac, HI,P&PN;(19)19,HI,D.
- Kingbird, Western:  
(1)25 Jct.Hwy.35 & FM 528,C.
- Flycatcher, Scissor-tailed:  
(35+)19,Hwy.124 W of HI,D;(25+)22 HI,P&PN.
- Flycatcher, Great Crested:  
(1)4, yard,D&DL;(4)23 Armand B. (1)periodically,yard,P&PN.
- Flycatcher, Empidonax sp.:  
(1)31,Cove,AKM.
- Flycatcher, Yellow-bellied:  
(1)31 Compton's Woods, N of Seabrook, A.
- Flycatcher, Acadian:  
(1)23 Armand B.,P&PN.
- Wood Pewee, Eastern:  
(1)23 Armand B.,P&PN.
- FLYCATCHER, OLIVE-SIDED:  
(1)31, Compton's Woods, Nof Seabrook, A.
- Lark, Horned:  
(1 + 2 imm.)22 HI,P&PN (See notes)
- Swallow sp.:  
(2)27, (15)28,Cove P;
- Swallow, Rough-Winged:  
(5)31, Sheldon Res.,A.
- Martin, Purple:  
(40)19, HI, D; (10±)22, HI,(2)23 Armand B.,P&PN.
- Jay, Blue:  
(2)19 HI, D; (5+)22 HI,P&PN;
- Crow, Common:  
(2)22 HI, (10±)23 Armand B.,P&PN;(2)12 Vicinity 61 & I-10, B.
- Crow, Fish:  
(4)12, White's Park,FM61,B.
- Chickadee, Carolina:  
(4)31, Cove,AKM;(2)22 HI,(20±)23 Armand B.,P&PN.
- Titmouse, Tufted:  
(4)12,White's Park,FM61,B;(3)22 HI, (5+)23,Armand B.,P&PN.
- Wren, Carolina:  
(1)12,White's Pk.,B;(1)22 HI,(6)23,Armand B.,P&PN.
- Mockingbird:  
(5+)22 HI,(1)23 Armand B.,P&PN.
- Thrasher, Brown:  
(1)31,Cove,"My second summer record.AKM"
- Robin:  
(2-3)14-23 imms. feeding on figs, yard,D&DL; (6)25,(5)27 Glenbrook Golf Course, SE Houston,(2)29 Hermann Park,Houston,NP.
- Thrush, Wood:  
(1-2)daily,yard,P&PN;(3)31 Sheldon Res.,A.
- GNATCATCHER, BLUE-GRAY:  
(1)31 Hutchings Est.,Adjacent to Kempner Pk.,Galveston I.,A.
- Shrike, Loggerhead:  
(2)12 vicinity White's Park, B; (25+)22 HI, (1)23 Armand B,P&PN.
- Starling:  
(3)22 HI,(3)23 Armand B,P&PN; (2)12,FM 61, Party B.
- Vireo, White-eyed:  
(6)23, Armand B, P&PN.
- Vireo, Red-eyed:  
(2)31, SW Bell Sta., W of Sheldon Res., A.
- Warbler, Black and White:  
(2)31,Cove,AKM;(1)8,Dickinson, EM;(10)22 HI,P&PN;(3)31 Compton's Woods, N of Seabrook,(2)31 Kempner.Pk.,A.
- Warbler, Yellow-throated:  
(5)22 HI, (1)30 yard, P&PN.
- Warbler, Swainson's:  
(2)31, SW Bell Sta.,W of Sheldon Res.,A.
- Warbler, Kentucky:  
(5)31, SW Bell Sta.,W of Sheldon Res.,Party A.
- Waterthrush, Louisiana:  
(2)23 Armand B,P&PN.
- Chat, Yellow-breasted:  
= (1)31 SW Bell Sta. W of Sheldon Res.,A.
- Warbler, Hooded:  
(7)31 SW Bell Sta.,W of Sheldon Res; (1)31 Buckhorn Lake,A.
- Sparrow, House:  
(5)22 HI, P&PN
- Meadowlark, Eastern:  
(15)19 W of HI,D.
- Blackbird, Red-Winged:  
(100+)22, HI,P&PN; (25)19,HI,D.
- Oriole, Orchard:  
(1)12,HI,D;(4)22 HI,(2)29 & 30, yard,P&PN;(2)19,(3)27,(10)31 Cov AKM;(5-10)5-31 yard,D&DL.
- Grackle, Boat-tailed:  
(2)19, W of HI,D;(2)22,HI,P&PN.
- Grackle, Common:  
(5+)22 HI,P&PN.
- Cowbird, Brown-headed:  
(8)12 FM 563,B;(15+)22 HI,P&PN.
- Cardinal:  
(5+)22 HI,(20+)23 Armand B,P&PN; (2)12,White's Pk,B.
- Bunting, Indigo:  
(1)31,SW Bell Sta.,W of Sheldon Res.,A.
- Bunting, Painted:  
(2)22 HI, P&PN.
- Dickcissel:  
(1-2 breeding pair) 7-25,Cove,AKM
- Sparrow, Seaside:  
(3)30,31 Cove,P;(2)22 HI,P&PN; (10)19,W of HI,D.

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 C Allene Bachman, Ruth Buskirk, Katy Munro, Bessie Cornelius  
 D Eric Bernstein, Martha Simmons, Bessie Cornelius

CLEARING HOUSE NOTES

White-throated Swift: "22 July - Houston Yacht Club, early evening, I saw a 'big' swift go over with a group of swifts. Fortunately it came over twice more and the white chest and lateral patch were clearly visible by eye at 40 feet in good light from the last rays of the sun. David Marrack"

Also from David Marrack: "My resident Chimney swifts got off their 2nd brood 30th July. Their first brood left with much noise on the 2nd May, early evening. I watched them pop out of the chimney and zoom away. I had nearly burnt their nest on a 'cold' March night before I realized the parents were in residence again."

Horned Lark (1 + 2 imm.) 22 High Is.: "The UTC checklist does not show this bird as a nesting species, but we saw an adult feeding 2 immatures on the beach, which should indicate that they nested close by. Paul and Phyllis Nimmons."

From Noel Pettingell: "A total of 125 species (plus Rock Dove) were recorded on July 31 by Party A (Ben Feltner 124, Noel Pettingell 116), thus exceeding the previous Upper Texas Coast one-day record of 118 species recorded on July 15, 1967 by a 2-car party of five (see SPOONBITE August, 1967, PP. 6-8). The 1972 party followed the standard "Big Day" route (I.E., Houston-Sheldon Reservoir-Lake Houston-La Porte-Seabrook-Texas City Dike-Galveston I.), plus the Bolivar Peninsula North Jetty area - although no additional species were added on Bolivar. As expected, the last addition to the list was the Barn Owl, but entirely unexpected was an individual of this species perched high on the Bishop's Palace at 14th and Broadway in Galveston which was spotted just after a pair of birds were seen at the usual "stake-out" site in the Medical Center (student Book Store Building). Out of a total of 120 species expected along the route, only the following 9 were missed: White Pelican, Mottled Duck, Blue-winged Teal, Turkey Vulture, Black Vulture, Avocet, Tree Swallow, Robin, and Dickcissel."

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday  
 September 12 Regular Outdoor Nature Club Meeting - 8:00 p.m.  
 Program: "Beauty Beneath the Sea" - An underwater  
 Photographic Adventure, by S. Harold Reuter, M.D.

Saturday  
 September 23 ONC Field Trip- to be led by members of Entomology  
 Group. Time and place to be announced. Subject:  
 Exploring Nearby Realms of our Amazing World of Nature.

Saturday  
 September 30 OG Field Trip to Galveston and Bolivar. Meet at  
 8:00 a.m. by the Ferry (park wherever you can -  
 there is no "parking lot" as such) on Bolivar Penin-  
 sula.

Thursday  
 October 5 Regular OG Meeting - 7:30 P.M., Downtown Recreation  
 Center. Marilyn Crane will show slides and talk  
 on Alaska. (Bring aluminum to Jerry Baker, Aluminum  
 Chairman.)

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