



# THE SPOONBILL

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\* The Purple Martin is the largest of \*  
\* the American Swallows, with plumage \*  
\* of a bluish-black intermingled with \*  
\* purple and violet. In beauty it is \*  
\* not surpassed by any of the species. \*  
\* It seems to have no fear of man, who \*  
\* from immemorial time has protected \*  
\* it. The aboriginal inhabitants set \*  
\* hollowed gourds upon the trees to \*  
\* draw the Martins to their huts. \*  
\* And when the white man came, he \*  
\* provided them with a meeting-house, \*  
\* considering it a fitting structure \*  
\* for their musical congregations. \*  
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\* A Year with the Birds - \*  
\* by Wilson Flagg \*  
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### COMING EVENTS

- March 22 (Sunday) - O. G. Field Trip to Sheldon Reservoir and Buckhorn Lake. Led by Dr. Pat Sullivan. Meeting time is 9:00 AM at Southwest corner of Sheldon Reservoir, off Hwy. 90, reached by turning left at Fauna and going to entrance.
- March 28-29 (Saturday and Sunday) O. N. C. Field Trip to the brush country. Meet at Buena Noches Motel in George West, at 9:00 AM on Saturday. Mrs. Clayton B. Gilman will lead the trip. to this delightful area.
- April 3 (Friday) - Audubon Wildlife Film. Houston Home Builders Auditorium. Emerson Scott will present "Our Changing Heritage".
- April 2 (Thursday) - Regular O. G. Meeting at 7:30 PM at the Downtown Recreation Center. Linda Snyder will be in charge of the program.
- April 11 (Saturday) - O. N. C. Field Trip, leader Russel E. Hilliard to see East Texas Wild Flowers.
- April 14 (Tuesday) - Regular O. N. C. Meeting. 8:00 PM. Houston Garden Center, 1500 Hermann Drive. The program will be a "Study of Sanctuary Plants" by Robert A. Vines.
- April 19 (Sunday) - Annual Spring Big Day Run. All information to be sent to the compilers, Paul and Betty Cailliet, 4930 Kelso, Houston, Texas. Send a complete list of all valid species - individual numbers optional. Rarities must be substantiated by a complete description,

exact location, number of individuals, and names of observers. If in doubt - leave it out. Go where ever you want to go. Give the route or area covered, hours spent in the field and car miles. List the names of all observers in party or parties. Please submit all material to the compilers by May 1, 1964.

April 24 thru 26

(Friday - Sunday) T. O. S. Annual Spring Meeting. Headquarters at the Holiday Inn in Beaumont, Texas. Meeting and dinner will be at the Holiday Inn. There are three other first class motels within one block of the Holiday Inn for late comers not able to get in (the Inn). These are the Ridgewood Motel, Rodeway Inn, and the Ramada Inn. Registration in the afternoon and evening of Friday, April 24th. Field trips Saturday and Sunday to Sabine Pass, High Island, and Bolivar Peninsula. Saturday evening a buffet dinner followed by meeting and program. Sunday, April 26th, Mrs. Aline Bachman will lead a trip to East Texas piney woods to look for such birds as Brown-headed Nuthatches, Red-cockaded Woodpeckers, and Bachman's Sparrow.

May 9 (Saturday) - O. G. Field Trip led by Harvey Patten to the Arcola area to look for Hudsonian Godwits, Mountain Plovers, and White-rumped Sandpipers. Details in next Spoonbill and at O. G. Meeting on April 2nd.

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Howard Dodgen, former Director of the Texas Game and Fish Commission, was listed in very good condition after suffering a heart attack in the Valley. Mr. Dodgen was in Harlingen on a business trip for the World Wildlife Association when he became ill.

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#### BIRD CALL

Call in your ornithological goodies (rare birds, accidentals) to Darris Massingill at WA 1-4441. She in turn will start the chain of telephone calls so that everyone who has indicated an interest in being on the Bird Call will be notified.

Please, if you are unable to get your party, will you call the members they were supposed to call so that the chain of information is unbroken.

#### LETTERS

Nancy and I tried again today (3-1-64)(unsuccessfully) to find that Henslow Sparrow. We searched some grassy fields near the new Colt Stadium. All we found were LeConte's Sparrow (1), Grasshopper Sparrow (5), Short-billed Marsh Wren (1), and Savannah Sparrow (384).

On to Sheldon where we found one Cinnamon Teal and the Whistling Swan. Then a Common Tern at Lynchburg Ferry.

Jerry and Nancy Strickling

3-9-64

I saw the first Chimney Swift of year today at 5:30 PM at the Telephone Building (Commercial) at 3333 Fannin.

Jerry Strickling

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Patsy Dickerson reported seeing an Eastern Kingbird on February 6th at Witte Road and Katy Highway. Also a Bullock's Oriole in her yard on February 21st.

## FEBRUARY O. G. FIELD TRIP

by Helen Via

It was a fine day for birding Sunday, February 23rd - crisp and clear; and a goodly number of birders took advantage of it, namely, Cathy and Milton Frashier, Mr. and Mrs. James H. O'Neill, Koss, Chip, Taylor, Cayce Weber, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Ervin, Eve. and Ev. Miley, Eva and Clayton Gilman, Flower Follett, Johanna Grabbe, Carol Cunningham, Bob Braden, Ruby and Tom Daniel, Richard Miller, Marjorie H. Susie, Charles Susie, Bill and Betty Wright, Ray C. Jordan, Bill Harwell, Jr., Bill and Jean Harwell, H. I. Pearl, John Tveten, David and Paul Marrack, Bill Ladwig, Katrina Thompson, John Houze, Louise and Henry Hoffman, Mary Sears, Thelma Smith, Bob Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ray, Betty and Scott Williams, Noel Pettingill, Joe Farrell, Ted and Jean Willis, Linda Snyder, Nancy and Jerry Strickling, Nan Bracker and Helen Via.

We met at the Katy High School and saw American Goldfinches, Pine Siskins, Killdeer, Cedar Waxwings among others, just while we were there waiting to be organized. We were informed that we could not go to the Longenbaugh Ranch because someone had been guilty of trespassing. This of course was disappointing, but we started out the Katy-Hockley Road and were gratified at the abundance of Ducks, Sandhill Cranes, Hawks and an exciting Caracara we were able to see at close range. We made a stop near Warren Lake and some spotted a Bald Eagle at some distance away. Driving on further on the Warren Lake Road we were able to see the magnificent Bald Eagle at closer range. We turned off on Hager Road and rode on to the Cain Farm. There we had the happy experience of being more or less surrounded by lovely Eastern Bluebirds. There was a wooded area here that afforded many nice birds for the lucky participants of this trip. Those seen here and on the way were Brewer's and Red-winged Blackbirds, Eastern Bluebirds, Caracara, Cardinals, Carolina Chickadees, Brown-headed Cowbirds, Sandhill Cranes, Brown Creepers, Common Crow, Long-billed Curlew, Mourning Dove, Canvasback, Gadwall, Mallard, Pintail, Redhead, Lesser Scaup, American Widgeon Ducks, Bald Eagle, Cattle and Common Egrets, Yellow-shafted Flickers, American Goldfinches, Blue, Snow, Canada and White-fronted Geese, Boat-tailed Grackle, Marsh and Red-tailed Hawks, Great Blue Heron, Bluejay, Killdeer, Belted Kingfisher, Golden-crowned and Ruby-crowned Kinglets, Purple Martin, Eastern Meadowlark, Mockingbird, Eastern Phoebe, Water Pipit, Robin, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Loggerhead Shrike, Pine Siskin, Common Snipe, Chipping, Field, Fox, Harris, House, Lark, Lincoln's, Savannah, Swamp, Vesper, White-crowned, White-throated Sparrows, Starling, Green-winged Teal, Brown Thrasher, Hermit Thrush, Tufted Titmouse, Rufous-sided Towhee, Black and Turkey Vultures, Myrtle Warbler, Cedar Waxwing, American Woodcock, Downy, Hairy, Pileated, Red-bellied, Red-headed Woodpeckers, Bewick's and Carolina Wrens, Winter Wren and Greater Yellow-legs.

It was a most rewarding day for birders, and we are grateful to Mr. Bob Braden for leading us on a very enjoyable excursion.

CONTINENTAL BALD EAGLE PROJECT - NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY

"We need everyone's cooperation in the reporting of Eagle Nests, both new and old. We need information on nesting success. Efforts should be directed toward finding out in as great detail as possible exactly what happens in the nests under observation. If the nest fails to produce, we will make every effort to find out why. The U. S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife is most interested in securing eagles for determination of pesticide residue. If you hear of or find a dead eagle or a sick eagle, please communicate with your nearest U. S. Game Management Area."

Please contact the OG Co-ordinator, Jerry Strickling, 5118 West Bellfort, Houston, Texas 77035, phone 713 + PA 3-5394 for assistance or furnish him what information you have.

Table 1 NUMBER OF BALD EAGLES REPORTED IN THE UNITED STATES DURING JANUARY, 1963 EXCLUSIVE OF ALASKA

State	No. of Adults	% Adults	Number of Immature	% Immature	Total
ALABAMA	2	100.0	0	0	2
ARIZONA	32	88.89	4	11.11	56
ARKANSAS	101	74.89	34	25.11	135
CALIFORNIA	61	73.49	22	26.51	86
COLORADO	41	100.0	0	0	89
CONNECTICUT	7	70.0	3	30.0	10
DELAWARE	4	80.0	1	20.0	5
FLORIDA	380	-2	31	-2	411
GEORGIA	0	0	0	0	0
IDAHO	81	84.38	15	15.62	96
ILLINOIS	491	75.5	158	24.50	649 <sup>3</sup>
INDIANA	3	22.27	8	77.73	11
IOWA	14	66.66	7	33.34	21 <sup>3</sup>
KANSAS	55	76.39	17	23.61	139
KENTUCKY	4	26.66	11	73.34	15
LOUISIANA	5	62.50	3	37.50	8
MAINE	22	78.58	6	21.42	28
MARYLAND	40	88.89	5	11.11	45
MASSACHUSETTS	7	87.50	1	12.50	8
MICHIGAN	39	97.50	1	2.50	41
MINNESOTA	11	100.00	0	0	11 <sup>3</sup>
MISSISSIPPI	1	100.00	0	0	1 <sup>3</sup>
MISSOURI	179	61.09	114	38.91	300
MONTANA	195	93.31	14	6.69	209
NEBRASKA	78	75.0	26	25.0	117
NEVADA	13	8.25	3	18.75	16
NEW HAMPSHIRE	0	0	0	0	0
NEW JERSEY	18	90.0	2	10.0	20
NEW MEXICO	20	60.6	13	39.4	33
NEW YORK	11	100.0	0	0	11
NORTH CAROLINA	4	100.0	0	0	5
NORTH DAKOTA	7	100.0	0	0	7
OHIO	2	100.0	0	0	2
OKLAHOMA	-	-	-	-	168
OREGON	33	89.19	4	10.81	37
PENNSYLVANIA	2	100.0	0	0	2
RHODE ISLAND	0	0	0	0	0
SOUTH CAROLINA	24	66.67	12	33.33	36
SOUTH DAKOTA	137	78.74	37	21.26	177
TENNESSEE	41	56.16	32	43.84	73
TEXAS	6	33.33	12	66.67	18
UTAH	35	85.37	6	14.63	49
VERMONT	3	75.0	1	25.0	4
VIRGINIA	59	74.68	20	25.32	79
WASHINGTON	89	72.96	33	27.04	126
WEST VIRGINIA	0	0	0	0	0
WISCONSIN	130	86.09	21	13.91	151 <sup>3</sup>
WYOMING	14	53.85	12	46.15	40
TOTALS	2501	78.4	689	21.6	3547

1 The totals in this column will not always be the sum of the adults and immatures. Some unaged birds are included.

2 Percentages were not calculated because of bias introduced by inclusion of nesting adults in total.

3 All Eagles in Mississippi Valley from St. Louis to Minnesota are counted in Illinois and Wisconsin.

Table 11 BALD EAGLE NESTS REPORTED ACTIVE IN THE UNITED STATES DURING 1963

	No. Active Nests	No. Nest Results Known	No. Nests Successful	No Young Fledged	No. Young Per Nest	% of Success-Nest
CALIFORNIA	2	1	0	0	0	0
DELAWARE	2	2	0	0	0	0
FLORIDA	190	145	89	122	1.30	61.37

	No. Active Nests	No. Nests Results Known	No. Nests Successful	No. Young Fledged	No. Young Per Success- ful Nest	% OF Nest Succ.
LOUISIANA	2	0				
MAINE	35	34	9	12	1.33	26.17
MARYLAND	4	3	1	1	1.0	33.3
MICHIGAN	81	76	23	31	1.35	30.3
MINNESOTA	40	40	13	21	1.61	32.5
MISSOURI	1	1	0	0		0
NEW JERSEY	8	8	2	2	1.0	25.0
NORTH CAROLINA	4	4	1	2	2.0	25.0
OHIO	11	10	1	2	2.0	10.0
OREGON	2	2	2	3	1.5	100.
PENNSYLVANIA	5	4	0	0		0
SOUTH CAROLINA	3	3	2	3	1.5	66.6
TENNESSEE	5	5	0	0		0
TEXAS	1	1	0	0		0
VIRGINIA	8	7	1	2	2	14.2
WASHINGTON	11	3	2	2	1.0	66.6
WISCONSIN	64	60	25	40	1.6	41.6
WYOMING	8	8	1	3	3	12.5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>1.43</b>	<b>41.2</b>

The following article from the Baytown paper was submitted by Arlie McKay

EAGLES CONGREGATE FOR FISH BANQUET - West Glacier, Montana

Bald Eagles are swarming to Glacier National Park to feast on spawning land-locked salmon. W. E. Welch, a park ranger, said he counted 352 bald eagles in a five-mile stretch along McDonald Creek and the middle fork of the Flathead River.

The latest official census lists a total of 3,807 bald eagles in the United States exclusive of Alaska.

PURPLE MARTIN ARRIVAL DATES AT BLALOCK-MCCALL LUMBER CO., INC. Noel Pettingell

1006 Evergreen Drive, Pecan Park, Houston

1952	-	Feb. 12	1959	-	Feb. 7
1953	-	Feb. 15	1960	-	Feb. 8
1954	-	Feb. 10	1961	-	Feb. 13
1955	-	Feb. 15	1962	-	Feb. 8
1956	-	Jan. 26	1963	-	Feb. 15
1957	-	Feb. 4	1964	-	Feb. 18
1958	-	Feb. 10			

Source for the above information is Robert L. Mills, an employee of the lumber company where he has erected 5 houses for the use of these large and interesting swallows. The first two "scouts" arrived on February 18th this year, followed by an additional 4 birds within the next 2 days. Mr. Mills has also erected a number of martin houses near Galveston Bay and urges all interested birders to put them up at their homes as there is always a shortage of these bird houses for use by martins, especially since many of the compartments are occupied by House Sparrows who wont be dislodged by the efforts of man or martin. The following information is extracted from a pamphlet published by a Florida martin-lover, Laymond M. Hardy, entitled "The Purple Martin":

Martins enjoy living near people and like to live with other Martins. The happiest arrangement for them is a spacious multi-room box for 20 families or so...placed safely away from marauders on a pole about 15 feet from the ground...not too close to trees. They come back year after year to the same apartment and relish having their human neighbors an audience to their coming and going. In desperation for available nesting sites, martin pairs now commonly succeed each other for the same compartment until there are up to three separate consecutive families reared in each compartment in one breeding season. The martin population has diminished to a fraction of one percent of what it was in 1938."

LET'S KEEP THEM BOOMING

Nancy Strickling

We are all aware of the plight of the Greater Attwater Prairie Chicken, and perhaps know that a large tract of virgin prairie will be purchased if the money can be raised. This consists of some 3,428 acres at a cost of \$364,000. and is backed by the National Wildlife Federation, The National Audubon Society, the World Wildlife Fund and the Nature Conservancy.

Here is a chance to save an endangered species that is practically our own bird because of the type of habitat it requires. Very few colonies are left in the coastal area and each day that passes puts the birds in more jeopardy, since civilization, industry and all types of development are crowding out the bird. This is a great challenge to do something constructive toward conservation that we should not let go unheeded.

Every bit of money that we can spare from the treasury of both the Outdoor Nature Club and the Ornithology Group should go to this cause. Every single person that can make any donation of any size should do so now.

Let's not just talk about it or think about it but act on it now as a group and as individuals.

Houston will probably rank second in the nation (second only to Cocoa, Florida) in the Christmas Bird Census for this year. We are growing and will be getting more attention and publicity. This opportunity to preserve one of the most interesting birds that is on the near extinction list is our opportunity to do something very worthwhile.

Who has not thrilled to the sight of a flight of Prairie Chickens sailing across a road; who has not been fascinated by the sight of the males on the booming grounds performing a courtship ritual unique to this species. It would be very sad indeed to think that this may all end in a few years time if we don't rally around this bird's cry for protection. If we are real conservationists let's prove it by giving all we can to these reputable organizations and the sooner the better.

Make your check payable to the Ornithology Group of the Outdoor Nature Club and mail it to Miss Ella Wolfer, 3707 Reveille, Houston, Texas 77017. We will print the names of donors in each issue of the Spoonbill.

EAGLE LAKE PRAIRIE CHICKEN SANCTUARY

Louise Hoffman

We may not be "the fustest with the mostest" but we are the "fustest." Thanks to the cooperation of the members of the February O.G. Field Trip, and the excellent salesmanship of young Paul Marrack, a check for \$13.00 was sent to the Texas Chapter of the Nature Conservancy as its first donation toward the Eagle Lake Prairie Chicken Sanctuary. The money was raised by the sale of candy.

POSTAL BULLETIN - March 5, 1964

Noel Pettingell

5-cent Audubon Commemorative Postage Stamp

Additional 5-cent Audubon commemorative postage stamps portraying the Columbia Jay are being printed due to continued public demand.

I have heard that some notorious game hogs, who pass themselves as sports, have been arrested for shooting out of season. I have seen nothing of it in the papers. It seems that the press by policy is opposed to game law enforcement. One arrest publicized is more deterrent than ten in secret.

Arlie McKay

## CLEARING HOUSE -Feb. 1964

- Common Loon: (1)23 Galveston GP BP.  
 Horned Grebe: first for February, (3)2, (11)16, (5)22, (25)29 Cove AKM.  
 Eared Grebe: (6)2, (7)16, (1)22, (120)29 Cove AKM; (1)22 Lake Houston  
 MAM BM LH HH.  
 Pied-billed Grebe: 2 to 12 on 6 days Cove AKM.  
 White Pelican: 10 days, (700)16, (1000)29 Cove AKM.  
 Double-crested Cormorant: (15)3, (30)8, (11)28, (20)29 Cove AKM; (6)23  
 Bolivar GP BP.  
 Reddish Egret: first for February, (2)7,28, (1)29 (total 2) Cove AKM.  
 Black-crowned Night Heron: (3)16,29 Cove AKM.  
 American Bittern: (1)26 Cove AKM.  
 White-faced Ibis: (6)5, (1)22, (3)24 Cove AKM.  
 Roseate Spoonbill: 7 days, (125)29 Cove AKM.  
 Whistling Swan: (1)22 Sheldon Reservoir MAM BM LH HH.  
 Canada Goose: (8)13, (13 or 14)16,29 Cove AKM.  
 White-fronted Goose: 9 days, (280)7, (200)28, (300)29 Cove AKM; (2)2  
 Tomball area GP BP.  
 Blue Goose: (2)23 Galveston GP BP.  
 Mallard: 17 days, (40)2, (30)19, (4)29 Cove AKM.  
 Black Duck: (6)24 Galveston CJ ER.  
 Mottled Duck: 18 days, (60)3, (50)28,29 Cove AKM.  
 Gadwall: 8 days, (60)14, (100)26 Cove AKM.  
 Pintail: 14 days, (8000)3, (3000)8 Cove AKM.  
 Green-winged Teal: 17 days, (15,000)3, (4000)28 Cove AKM; (6)2 Tomball  
 area GP BP.  
 Blue-winged Teal: 6 days, (22)16, (15)23 Cove AKM.  
 American Widgeon: 13 days, (1000)3, (800)28 Cove AKM; (3)23 Galveston  
 GP BP.  
 Shoveler: 13 days, (500)3, (200)28 Cove AKM; (6)23 Galveston GP BP.  
 Wood Duck: (9)10, (2)23,29 Cove AKM; (2)2 Tomball area GP BP.  
 Ring-necked Duck: (50)26, (2)29 Cove AKM.  
 Canvasback: 8 days, (40)2,8,22, (51)16 Cove AKM; (2)23 Galveston GP BP.  
 Lesser Scaup: 11 days, (75)1,28, (150)16,22 Cove AKM.  
 Common Goldeneye: (9)2, (2)3, (40)16, (15)22, (25)29 Cove AKM.  
 Bufflehead: (16)2, (30)16, (25)22,29 Cove AKM; (3 females)24 Texas  
 City Dike CJ ER.  
 Ruddy Duck: (35)3, (2)23, (178)28, (30)29 Cove AKM.  
 Hooded Merganser: (7)3, (6)7, (1)29 Cove AKM.  
 Red-breasted Merganser: (3)2, (6)16, (5)22 Cove AKM.  
 Black Vulture: 5 days, (32)23, (20)29 Cove AKM; (2)2 Lake Houston GP BP.  
 Sharp-shinned Hawk: (1)7 Cove AKM.  
 Cooper's Hawk: (1)3 Cove AKM.  
 Red-tailed Hawk: (8)2, (7)15 Cove AKM.  
 Harlan's Hawk: (1)3,7,8 Cove AKM.  
 Red-shouldered Hawk: (1)3,7,22,28, (3)4,29 Cove AKM.  
 Bald Eagle: (1 adult)3, 14 Cove AKM.  
 Marsh Hawk: (11)7, 23, (12)18, Cove AKM.  
 Peregrine Falcon: (1)16 Cove AKM.  
 Pigeon Hawk: (1)28 Cove AKM.  
 Sparrow Hawk: (12)8, (9)15, (7)22 Cove AKM; (18)2 Tomball area, (8)9  
 Sheldon Res. (23)23 Galveston GP BP.  
 Greater Prairie Chicken: (8)20 Fondren Road CJ ER.  
 Bobwhite: (8)9 San Jacinto Monument GP BP.  
 Clapper Rail: (1)2, (2)29 Cove AKM; (1)23 Galveston GP BP.  
 American Coot: 8 days, (150)3, (200)26 Cove AKM.  
 Semipalmated Plover: (6)8, (7)16, (10)22, (2)29 Cove AKM.  
 Black-bellied Plover: 7 days, (175)28, (38)29 Cove AKM; (1)23 Galveston  
 GP BP.  
 Ruddy Turnstone: (5)8,22, (3)16 Cove AKM.  
 American Woodcock: (1)8 Cove AKM.  
 Common Snipe: 5 days, (25)16, (9)29 Cove AKM; (4)23 Galveston GP BP.  
 Long-billed Curlew: 10 days, (33)8, (15)16 Cove AKM.  
 Willet: 8 days, (20)3, (48)29 Cove AKM.  
 Greater Yellowlegs: (1 to 5) 5 days Cove AKM.  
 Lesser Yellowlegs: (3)2, (25)3, (60)5, (2)10, (1)12 Cove AKM.(None in  
 the last half-AKM)  
 Least Sandpiper: 2 days Cove AKM.

Dunlin: 6 days Cove AKM.  
 Dowitcher species: 8 days (2000)29 Cove AKM.  
 Semipalmated Sandpiper: 3 days Cove AKM.  
 Western Sandpiper: 6 days, Cove AKM.  
 Sanderling: (3)8,16, (6)22, (4)29 Cove AKM.  
 American Avocet: (3)3 Cove AKM.  
 Bonaparte's Gull: (4-9 of same flock) on 4 days Cove AKM.  
 Royal Tern: 6 days Cove AKM.  
 Caspian Tern: 10 days Cove AKM.  
 Black Skimmer: (12)23 Bolivar GP BP.  
 Ground Dove: (3)26, (4)29 Cove AKM.  
 Inca Dove: (2)23 Galveston GP BP.  
 Barn Owl: (1)26 Cove AKM.  
 Screech Owl: 6 days Cove AKM.  
 Great Horned Owl: (1)16,29 Cove AKM.  
 Barred Owl: (1)22, (2)26 Cove AKM; (1)2 Sheldon Res. GP BP.  
 Short-eared Owl: (1)22 Cove AKM.  
 Belted Kingfisher: (1 to 2) on 6 days Cove AKM.  
 Yellow-shafted Flicker: (1 to 5) on 15 days Cove AKM.  
 Pileated Woodpecker: (1)26 Cove AKM; (1)9 Sheldon Res. GP BP.  
 Red-bellied Woodpecker: (1 to 5) on 21 days Cove AKM; (3)2 Tomball GP BP.  
 Red-headed Woodpecker: (1)2 Tomball area, (1)28 Milby Park GP BP.  
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 14 days, (4)8,22, (8)29 Cove AKM.  
 Hairy Woodpecker: (2)22 Rivercrest Road CJ.  
 Downy Woodpecker: (3)14,26, (2)29 Cove AKM; (2)2 Tomball GP BP.  
 Eastern Phoebe: (1-5) 14 days Cove AKM.  
 Purple Martin: (1)15,22, (4)23, (3)24,25,28, (5)26 Cove AKM; (4)19 North  
 Shore (Off Hwy. 73), (1)23 Galveston GP BP.  
 Tufted Titmouse: (1)14,29 Cove AKM.  
 Brown Creeper: (1) 7 days Cove AKM.  
 House Wren: (1)3,6,14,16,22 Cove AKM.  
 Winter Wren: (2)26 Cove AKM; (2)20 Fondren Woods CJ ER  
 Bewick's Wren: (1)22 Cove AKM.  
 Long-billed Marsh Wren: (1)2,8,16,22,29 Cove AKM.  
 Short-billed Marsh Wren: (1)29 Cove AKM.  
 Catbird: (1)3,22,25, (4)29 Cove AKM.  
 Robin: 26 days, (100)22,27, (350)29 Cove AKM.  
 Hermit Thrush: 10 days, (5)8, (9)29 Cove AKM; (1)2 Spring Creek Park,  
 (1)9 Sheldon Res. GP BP.  
 Eastern Bluebird: 9 days, (7)8, (8)29 Cove AKM; (4)2 Tomball Area,  
 (6)9 Sheldon Res. GP BP.  
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: (2)8 Cove AKM.  
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet: (1-5) on 3 days Cove AKM.  
 Water Pipit: 8 days, (100)3,23, (125)7 Cove AKM.  
 Sprague's Pipit: (1)8,12,13, (2)18 Cove AKM.  
 Cedar Waxwing: 6 days, (75)14, (35)22 Cove AKM; (300)2 Waller-Tomball Road  
 (6)9 Sheldon Res., (80)19 Texaco Club GP BP.  
 Solitary Vireo: (1)29 Cove AKM.  
 Orange-crowned Warbler: (1-4) on 8 days Cove AKM; (1)2 Tomball area,  
 (1)9 Sheldon Res. GP BP.  
 Myrtle Warbler: 8 days, (15)21, (30)29 Cove AKM.  
 Yellow-throated Warbler: (1)22 Lake Houston MAM BM LH HH.  
 Pine Warbler: (1)7, (2)23 Cove AKM; (1)2 Tomball GP BP.  
 Palm Warbler: (1)22 Cove AKM.  
 Yellowthroat: (1)3,7,8,29 Cove AKM.  
 Rusty Blackbird: (50)22, (20)29 Cove AKM; (35)9 Galveston GP BP.  
 Brewer's Blackbird: 16 days Cove AKM.  
 Common Grackle: 7 days Cove AKM.  
 Pine Siskin: (2-20) on 5 days Cove AKM; (NC)19 Deussen Park CJ ER.  
 American Goldfinch: 27 days, (1000)23, (800)29 Cove AKM.  
 Rufous-sided Towhee: (1)14,26, (3)22, (9)29 Cove AKM.  
 Grasshopper Sparrow: (1)8,17,26,29 Cove AKM.  
 LeConte's Sparrow: (1)2,28, (2)5,13 Cove AKM.  
 Seaside Sparrow: (1-8) on 5 days Cove AKM.  
 Vesper Sparrow: (9)14, (3)22, (15)29 Cove AKM; (1)2 Tomball GP BP.  
 Lark Sparrow: (1)9 Sheldon GP BP.  
 Slate-colored Junco: (8)7,8,22, (40)29 Cove AKM; (4)6 Cinco CJ JH.  
 Chipping Sparrow: (5)14, (1)26, (2)29 Cove AKM; (12)2 Lake Houston,  
 (15)9 Sheldon GP BP.  
 Harris' Sparrow: (2)8 Cove AKM.

White-crowned Sparrow: (5)22 Cove AKM.

Fox Sparrow: (1)14,22,29 Cove AKM.

Song Sparrow: (1-2) on 6 days AKM; (1)9 San Jacinto GP BP

AKM	Arlie K. McKay	CJ	Charlotte Johnson
GP	Gene Pettit	ER	Elaine Robinson
BP	Bill Pettit	JH	Jean Harwell
LH	Louise Hoffman	MAM	Mary Ann Moore
HH	Henry Hoffman	BM	Bob Moore

NOTE FROM CLEARING HOUSE REPORTS

I recorded 148 species in February; 128 in first 14 days, 138 the last 15; compared with 123 for first half in 1955, and 1961, and 135 for second half in 1952. I was out until 5 PM February 29th and got 116 species.

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