



# The Spoonbill

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## May Meeting

**Monday, May 3, 2004 7:00 p.m.**  
**Bayland Community Center**  
**6400 Bissonnet**

### Learning Corner – 6:30 p.m.:

*Breeding Warblers of the Upper Texas Coast*  
--by Rob Thacker and David Poteet

### Program:

**“A Bird in Hand...”**

--by Mary Anne Weber

Following a PowerPoint presentation about her work over the years using educational wild birds of prey to teach children about birds, Mary Anne will introduce five of her charges: Spirit (Red-tailed Hawk), Padre (Peregrine Falcon), Cody (American Kestrel), Tskili (Great Horned Owl), and Poco (Eastern Screech Owl). She will talk about each bird's species history as well as each individual bird's personal history.

Mary Anne has a B.S. in Forestry and Wildlife Biology from Virginia Tech. She worked as a rehabilitator and educator 9 years for The Raptor Trust in New Jersey, and 8 years in Montana with her own rehab and education foundation before moving to Houston in 1999 to fill the education position with Houston Audubon.

Her experience with helping wild birds in need covers well over 200 species. Her educational programs just for HAS reach about 15,000 people each year in well over 300 programs, including the HAS summer bird camp for kids.

## Other Events:

**May 8 - 9, 2004**

**Field Trip** to East Texas & the Big Thicket

**Saturday, May 15, 2004**

**Field Trip** to Sheldon Lake State Park  
and Lake Houston

**Next issue of *The Spoonbill*: August 2004**  
(following our usual summer break  
in June and July)

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## Minutes of the April 5, 2004 meeting

Bayland Community Center -- Attendance 63

1. **Learning Corner**, presented by David Poteet, was on the breeding warblers of East Texas. Presented were Kentucky, Worm-eating, Swainson's, Prothonotary, and Yellow-throated Warblers, American Redstart, and Louisiana Waterthrush.
2. **Bird sightings** included 19 Clapper Rails, Magnificent Frigatebird, Chimney Swift, Pomarine Jaeger, Least Bittern, Eastern Kingbird, Worm-eating Warbler, Swallow-tailed Kite, Green Heron, Prothonotary Warbler, Orchard Oriole, Chuck-will's Widow, and a fly-over of about a hundred hawks.
3. **Upcoming Events** include the Great Texas Birding Classic beginning April 17, the Largo Vista Bird Festival April 30 – May 1, Fifth Annual Nature Quest April 13 – 18 in Uvalde County. Stennie Meadours requested volunteers to participate in the ABA Birdiest City Contest, April 9 and 10. Details are on the HAS website.
4. **Accolades** were offered to Skip Almoney for the work he did on behalf of the organization at the second annual Featherfest. Skip thanked the volunteers who supported the event and proclaimed it a successful four-day festival.
5. **Spoonbill** submissions are due to Al Shultz by April 10. Al reported that he hoped that all mail service problems had been resolved. After the May issue, the next will be the August issue.
6. **Membership** in the organization has declined. Please encourage former members should be encouraged to renew.
7. **Library** committee update was presented by Margaret Simmons. The Houston Arboretum has agreed to accept the books if OG surrenders ownership. The committee is pursuing storing the uncirculated books with the Master Naturalist program at Bear Creek Park. A final recommendation will be reported in *The Spoonbill* before it is presented at a meeting.
8. **Environmental issues** brought to the group by Mary Dodson were the regional water conference this Thursday at University of St. Thomas; the regional transportation meetings; and the lowering of the mercury regulation standards by EPA.
9. **Little Thicket** Nature Sanctuary field trip star was the Henslow's Sparrow. Bill Saulmon reported that Aaron Stoley and Connie Blakely led two groups through part of the sanctuary.

## About the Ornithology Group

The Ornithology Group (OG) is a division 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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10. **Upcoming field trips** will be April 17 to Sabine Woods; May 15 to Sheldon Lake State Park; April 21 at Cullinan Park; and May 8-9 to East Texas and the Big Thicket led by Fred Collins.
11. Program speaker **Cecilia Riley** was introduced by Skip Almoney. The Executive Director of the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory presented the program "Heralds of Spring: Warbler Migration". The GCBO goal is the study and conservation of birds and their habitats in and around the Gulf of Mexico. GCBO partners with five US states and five Mexican states to conserve habitat in fifty sites involving more than 7.3 million acres. The fifty-one species of warblers are active foragers moving in mixed flocks during migration. Birders should learn to watch for key behaviors and characteristics such as eye rings, eye brows, facial patterns, and wing bars. Cecilia recommended both the *Peterson Field Guide: Warblers* and the new *Stokes Field Guide to Warblers*.

--Bernice Hotman

## FIELD TRIPS

For more information on any of the field trips below, contact field trip coordinator Bill Saulmon at 281-537-6924 or at [dean1960@aol.com](mailto:dean1960@aol.com).

**Saturday & Sunday, May 8 & 9, 2004: Field Trip to East Texas & the Big Thicket** – Drive on your own or carpool to Jasper, Texas, where we will spend Friday (May 7) and Saturday (May 8) nights at the Holiday Inn. A block of rooms has been reserved for the Houston OG but members must make their own reservations. Our guide on this trip will be Fred Collins, a former President of the Houston Audubon Society and former director of the Nature Discovery Center at Russ Pittman Park. He is currently director of the Kleb Woods Nature Preserve Project in Harris County Precinct 3. Fred studied the occurrence of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker in the Big Thicket area in the 1960's and has been fascinated with the area ever since. We'll bird local hot spots on Saturday and Sunday, such as Boykin Springs, Martin Dies State Park, Big Thicket NP, Gore Store Road and the Sandyland Sanctuary. Our final agenda will depend on what is being seen in these areas. We'll finish up on Sunday afternoon in time to let folks drive back to Houston before dark. Trip attendance will be limited and there will be a small guide fee charged. Contact Bill Saulmon ASAP if you're interested. More details will be sent to participants before the trip date.

**Saturday, May 15, 2004: Field Trip to Sheldon Lake State Park & Lake Houston** – Join us for a visit to two great local parks just off Beltway 8 on the northeast side of Houston. Our guest guide will be Damien Carey, who is the President of the Friends of Sheldon Lake State Park. SLSP is a 2800-acre state park and environmental learning center containing the Sheldon Reservoir and adjacent swamps, woodlands and prairies. Sheldon also has a large waterbird rookery, so you might want to bring your camera and scope for this. We'll also visit Eisenhower County Park on Lake Houston. This park has been maintained as a natural area. We'll meet at 8:00 at the Sheldon Park Headquarters, located at 15315 Old Beaumont Highway, which is also old Highway 90, two miles east of Beltway 8 at Park Road 138. For more detailed directions go to [www.foslsp.org](http://www.foslsp.org) or contact Bill Saulmon. Bring bug spray, water, and a lunch if you wish.

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**Little Thicket Nature Sanctuary Trip Report** – On Saturday, March 20, 2004, about 19 OG members and others joined guest leaders Connie Blakely and Aaron Stoley to hike and experience nature at our very own LTNS. We split into two groups and hiked from the Cove to Cullinan Meadow, where everyone got good looks at a very obliging Henslow's Sparrow. After this long hike some members decided that the tractor wagon driven by Calvin Blakely was an easier way to return to the Cove. Our more stout-hearted members made the long trek by foot back to the Cove. Some early migrants seen or heard included Black-and-white Warbler, Northern Parula, Hooded Warbler, White-eyed Vireo and Yellow-throated Vireo. A hooting Barred Owl was also heard by some. We had 36 bird species for the morning. Thanks to Connie and Aaron for sharing their extensive knowledge of the flora and fauna of the Little Thicket - we all enjoyed it!

## Featherfest 2004 Report

*by Skip Almoney*

The Galveston Featherfest 2004 was held on April 1-4, 2004, and the Ornithology Group participated in a variety of ways. We had a booth set up during the Birding Bazaar, and a good number of people came by, took literature and showed strong interest in becoming members. We also provided volunteers for a set of lectures/field trips called Birding 101. Each volunteer worked about two hours, at either Big Reef Nature Park or at Pier 19 (Shrimp Pier), helping the new birders taking the class with bird identification, binocular use, scoping and answering general questions. A number of OG members were also field trip leaders. As part of our sponsorship we provided a "Checklist of the Upper Texas Coast" for each registrant.

It is the opinion of this author that the event was very successful. Most all the field trips were very successful and the lectures were enjoyable. The Birder's Bazaar had many interesting booths, including photographers, equipment, and birding organizations -- plenty of things to pique one's interest. There were two receptions and a final

dinner that were well attended. The keynote speaker was Ted Eubanks and he gave a marvelous talk with spectacular pictures of birds. The theme of his talk was that birds are individuals and we should consider them so and not just something to check off a list.

I want to thank all who volunteered their time to help make the OG's participation a success. They are Glenn Olsen, Michael Williams, Bill Saulmon, Jonni Almoney, Steve Abbey, Karen Vargas, Kathy Farr, Bernice Hotman, Jerry O'Brien, Elaine Speckman, David Marrack, Iris and David Poteet, Mary Dodson, and Peg McNealy.

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## Chairman's Message

by Kathy Farr

It's May once again, and this is the last newsletter of the season. Our next newsletter will be the August issue (due out the end of July) with program and field trip lists for the August, 2004 to May, 2005 year.

It's been a good year with interesting programs and speakers, and wonderful field trips to several new locations. Big OG Thank You's to Michael Williams for programs and Bill Saulmon for field trips. It takes a lot of behind-the-scenes work to have these two vital aspects of OG run smoothly. Michael and Bill definitely devoted a lot of time to their jobs this year.

Rob Thacker and David Poteet did a splendid job of making the Learning Corner a big success this year. They're a great team, teaching us details of bird identification that increase our viewing pleasure out in the field. A Big OG Thank You to the both of you.

And Skip Almoney outdid himself with OG's participation in FeatherFest. The new OG display board Skip put together is a sharp, engaging introduction to OG. He also organized our volunteers for the Birding 101 classes at the festival that introduced novices to the world of watching birds. A Big OG Thank You, Skip.

To the "behind the scenes" officers of OG, I send out my personal Thank You's to: Pat Pease, Membership Chair and keeper of those paid and unpaid; Iris Poteet, Treasurer and keeper of reimbursements; Bernice Hotman, Secretary and keeper of the monthly minutes; Mary Dodson, Environmental Chair and keeper of call to action information; Andy Scott, Librarian, keeper of books old and new; and Al Shultz, Newsletter Publisher, keeper of layout and type-set. I may be more visible than some of you during meetings, but it's our team effort that makes things work.

Have a great summer! See you in August.

## From The Spoonbill's Past

Compiled by Skip Almoney

### *Fifty Years Ago:*

HOUSTON'S SPRING ROUNDUP  
TOPS IN THE NATION  
Outlists Rio Grande and D.V.O.C.

HOUSTON, Tex., June 14.-A determined group of 58 birders in some 21 parties defied wind and rain last May 2 in order to hang up a new local record of 230 species recorded in a single day. This was 9 more than last year's record of 221 species, 2 more than the Lower Rio Grande Valley's 228 set on April 25 this year (by 31 observers in 11 parties), and 4 more than the Delaware Valley's 226 species on May 16 (by 61 observers in 14 parties).

Last year the Upper Gulf Coast Area finished third in the Nation, topped by the Rio Grande 's all-time record count of 244 species and the D.V.O.C.'s list of 230. Next year the Upper Gulf Coast Area will try to make it two in a row by enlisting the aid of an even greater "Army of Bird Watchers". Their Goal: 240 species (plus) in '55.



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## A Bird's World

*Populations and Ecology*

### British Butterfly Study:

In a study published in the journal *Nature*, Jeremy A. Thomas and others showed a steep decline in butterflies, birds and native plants in the British Isles. The authors believe that humans may be pushing the natural world into a big extinction comparable to the loss of the dinosaurs. They used 20,000 volunteers to survey England, Scotland and Wales. They tracked 201 bird species in 1968-1971 and in 1988-1991, and found a population decline of about 54%. There was also a drop of about 28% in 1254 species of native plants over 40 years. Of 58 butterfly species found, some had lost 71% of their population since similar surveys were done between 1970-1982. (*Houston Chronicle*, 3-19-2004; submitted by Mary Dodson)

### Woodpeckers and Wood Decay:

A recent journal article in *The Condor* reports that the beaks of woodpeckers carry fungus spores that are important in the decay of dead trees. "Our study shows that woodpeckers are really the architects and landlords of the forest," says Kerry Farris of the Wildlife Conservation Society, the study's lead author. "Their activities play a key role in how snags decay and are used by other species."

Woodpeckers initially puncture dead and dying trees in search of bark beetles and other wood-boring insects, a process that creates holes in wood that serve as infection sites for airborne fungal spores. As the birds return to these holes to feed, or to excavate them further for nesting, they pick up the fungi in their beaks, then help spread the spores by foraging on other dead trees.

"Our research illustrates the numerous agents contributing to the complexity of snag decomposition and eventual cavity generation by woodpeckers," Farris said. "Forest management could benefit from a consideration of these processes when managing snags on public and private lands." The authors say that more factors need to be taken into consideration than just density or spatial arrangement of the snags. (*Wildlife Conservation Society News*, 2/2004; submitted by Bob Honig)

### Compass for Migration:

How do migrating birds keep their bearings at night and under overcast skies? At least some are able to sense the earth's magnetic field; that much has long been known. A recent experiment, reported in the journal *Science*, suggests that they are able to calibrate their internal magnetic compasses by seeing the direction of the setting sun.

Researchers in Illinois and Iowa captured migrating Swainson's and Gray-cheeked Thrushes and held them in cages in an artificial magnetic field oriented 90 degrees from that of the earth. At night the birds were released and followed by radio tracking. They flew west, rather north. The next night, left in the wild, they returned to their normal northerly course. Apparently the birds find north by aiming 90 degrees right of the setting sun, but in the dark they follow the magnetic direction that they "remembered" from sunset. This finding suggests a simple and elegant way that birds might combine cues from different senses, and also may explain how they maintain a sense of direction in high latitudes where the magnetic field is locally variable. (*National Geographic News*, 4/15/2004; submitted by Al Shultz)

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## Clearing House – March 2004

by David Sarkozi -- [david@sarkozi.net](mailto:david@sarkozi.net) -- phone 713-412-4409

Nice big pile of data this month! 1007 reports totaling 26,821 birds. 180 Species, the most abundant was Lesser Scaup (8106 reported).

Observers this month were: Al & Kathie Shultz, Art MacKinnon, Bob & Maggie Honig, Kathy Reiser, Sandy West, Kevin McCormick, Linda Scott, Mike & Jan Austin, Orion Weldon, Ron Weeks, Wes Newman (reported by Bob Honig).

Birds in bold are Very Rare for that week of the year, birds in bold and underlined are new to the checklist for that week of the year. Species which are uncommon to abundant for the whole month are summarized.

Pied-billed Grebe birds=19 reports=10  
 Eared Grebe birds=4 reports=1  
 American White Pelican birds=143 reports=7  
 Brown Pelican birds=430 reports=10  
 Double-crested Cormorant birds=63 reports=13  
 Neotropic Cormorant birds=61 reports=7  
 Anhinga birds=1 reports=1  
 American Bittern birds=17 reports=4  
 Least Bittern 3/18 Brazoria(Brazoria N.W.R.) 2 Mike Austin  
 Great Blue Heron birds=24 reports=10  
 Great Egret birds=70 reports=12  
 Snowy Egret birds=252 reports=7  
 Little Blue Heron birds=91 reports=13  
 Tricolored Heron birds=137 reports=8  
 Cattle Egret birds=18 reports=6  
 Green Heron 3/24 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 1 Art MacKinnon,  
 3/30 Brazoria(Quintana) 2 Kevin McCormick  
 Black-crowned Night-Heron birds=4 reports=3  
 Yellow-crowned Night-Heron birds=26 reports=6  
 White Ibis birds=119 reports=8  
 White-faced Ibis birds=111 reports=5  
 Roseate Spoonbill birds=20 reports=4  
 Black Vulture birds=9 reports=6  
 Turkey Vulture birds=88 reports=16  
 Black-bellied Whistling-Duck birds=31 reports=5  
 Snow Goose (White phase) birds=70 reports=1  
 Gadwall birds=73 reports=4  
 American Wigeon birds=2 reports=1  
 Mottled Duck birds=14 reports=5  
 Blue-winged Teal birds=602 reports=9  
 Cinnamon Teal birds=2 reports=1  
 Northern Shoveler birds=219 reports=6  
 Northern Pintail birds=123 reports=3  
 Green-winged Teal birds=41 reports=4  
 Ring-necked Duck birds=3 reports=2  
 Greater Scaup 3/1 Jefferson(McFaddin NWR) 40 Art  
 MacKinnon, 3/1 Liberty(Sea Rim SP) 5 Art MacKinnon,  
 3/15 Jefferson(McFaddin NWR) 14 Art MacKinnon  
 Surf Scoter birds=2 reports=1  
 Red-breasted Merganser birds=192 reports=4  
 Ruddy Duck birds=1 reports=1  
 Osprey birds=2 reports=2  
**Swallow-tailed Kite** 3/25 Waller(0.5 mi E of Hebert Rd/FM  
 362) 1 Wes Newman (reported by Bob Honig)  
 White-tailed Kite birds=5 reports=3  
 Bald Eagle 3/16 Chambers(my yard Anahuac) 1 Linda Scott,  
 3/23 Chambers(my yard Anahuac) 1 Linda Scott  
 Northern Harrier birds=11 reports=7  
 Sharp-shinned Hawk birds=1 reports=1  
 Cooper's Hawk birds=3 reports=2  
 Accipiter sp. birds=1 reports=1  
 Red-shouldered Hawk birds=12 reports=8  
 Broad-winged Hawk 3/18 Harris(Edith L Moore Nature  
 Sanctuary) 1 Orion Weldon  
 Red-tailed Hawk birds=44 reports=14  
 Crested Caracara birds=6 reports=3  
 American Kestrel birds=11 reports=6  
 Merlin 3/15 Jefferson(McFaddin NWR) 1 Art MacKinnon  
 Peregrine Falcon 3/1 Jefferson(Sabine woods) 1 Art  
 MacKinnon, 3/15 Jefferson(McFaddin NWR) 1 Art  
 MacKinnon, 3/18 Brazoria(Brazoria N.W.R.) 2 Mike  
 Austin  
 Clapper Rail birds=1 reports=1  
 King Rail birds=1 reports=1  
 Sora birds=3 reports=2  
 Purple Gallinule 3/27 Fort Bend(Brazos Bend SP) 1 Kathy  
 Reiser & Sandy West  
 Common Moorhen birds=141 reports=9  
 American Coot birds=330 reports=9  
 Sandhill Crane 3/7 Fort Bend(Brazos Bend SP) 6 Kathy  
 Reiser  
 Black-bellied Plover birds=175 reports=6  
 Snowy Plover 3/15 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 12 Art  
 MacKinnon, 3/24 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 30 Art  
 MacKinnon  
 Wilson's Plover birds=2 reports=1  
 Semipalmated Plover birds=2 reports=2  
 Piping Plover birds=14 reports=1  
 Killdeer birds=35 reports=9  
 Black-necked Stilt birds=34 reports=3  
 American Avocet birds=154 reports=3  
 Greater Yellowlegs birds=50 reports=4  
 Lesser Yellowlegs birds=19 reports=4  
 Willet birds=72 reports=7  
 Spotted Sandpiper birds=1 reports=1  
 Long-billed Curlew birds=1 reports=1  
 Ruddy Turnstone birds=4 reports=1  
 Sanderling birds=1,276 reports=8  
 Western Sandpiper birds=32 reports=2  
 peep sp. birds=4 reports=1  
 Least Sandpiper birds=37 reports=2  
 Dunlin birds=166 reports=3  
 Long-billed Dowitcher birds=150 reports=1  
 Laughing Gull birds=957 reports=10  
 Bonaparte's Gull birds=957 reports=6  
 Ring-billed Gull birds=511 reports=8  
 Herring Gull birds=115 reports=7  
**Lesser Black-backed Gull** 3/15 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 1  
 Art MacKinnon, 3/15 Jefferson(McFaddin NWR) 2 Art  
 MacKinnon, 3/18 Brazoria(Quintana) 1 Mike & Jan  
 Austin, 3/24 Jefferson(McFaddin NWR) 2 Art  
 MacKinnon  
 Caspian Tern birds=66 reports=7  
 Royal Tern birds=708 reports=7  
 Sandwich Tern birds=48 reports=5  
 Common Tern 3/15 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 1 Art MacKinnon,  
 3/15 Jefferson(McFaddin NWR) 1 Art MacKinnon, 3/24  
 Jefferson(McFaddin NWR) 18 Art MacKinnon  
 Forster's Tern birds=501 reports=8  
 Least Tern 3/24 Jefferson(McFaddin NWR) 2 Art MacKinnon  
 Black Skimmer birds=1 reports=1  
 Rock Dove birds=651 reports=4  
 Eurasian Collared-Dove birds=37 reports=4  
 White-winged Dove birds=186 reports=9  
 Mourning Dove birds=164 reports=21  
 Inca Dove birds=21 reports=4  
 Monk Parakeet 3/7 Harris(Hou/WU/Bell 610-  
 HermPk/BraeBay) 2 Bob Honig  
 Eastern Screech-Owl birds=4 reports=3  
 Great Horned Owl birds=6 reports=4  
 Barred Owl birds=3 reports=2  
 Chimney Swift 3/14 Brazoria(Quintana NBS) 1 Ron Weeks,  
 3/20 Harris(Hou/Bell/WU:610-HermannPk) 2 Bob &  
 Maggie Honig, 3/28 Harris(Hou/Bell/WU-610-  
 HermPk/BraesBay) 3 Bob Honig  
 hummingbird sp. birds=5 reports=4  
 Ruby-throated Hummingbird birds=25 reports=14  
 Rufous Hummingbird 3/20 Harris(Mason Cr. @ Barker Res.)  
 1 Al & Kathie Shultz, 3/20 Harris(Hou/Bell/WU:610-  
 HermannPk) 1 Bob & Maggie Honig  
 Belted Kingfisher birds=13 reports=9  
 Red-bellied Woodpecker birds=42 reports=14  
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker birds=6 reports=6  
 Downy Woodpecker birds=27 reports=9  
 Northern Flicker birds=6 reports=2  
 Pileated Woodpecker birds=7 reports=5  
**Eastern Wood-Pewee** 3/1 Jefferson(Sabine woods) 2 Art  
 MacKinnon  
 Eastern Phoebe birds=22 reports=9  
 Great Crested Flycatcher 3/18 Harris(Edith L Moore Nature  
 Sanctuary) 3 Orion Weldon  
 Eastern Kingbird 3/24 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 4 Art  
 MacKinnon  
 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 3/28 Brazoria(Quintana) 1 Kathy  
 Reiser, 3/30 Brazoria(San Bernard NWR, Bobcat  
 Woods) 1 Kevin McCormick

Loggerhead Shrike birds=21 reports=9  
 White-eyed Vireo birds=31 reports=11  
 Blue-headed Vireo birds=8 reports=5  
 Yellow-throated Vireo 3/15 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art MacKinnon, 3/15 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 1 Art MacKinnon, 3/30 Brazoria(San Bernard NWR, Bobcat Woods) 1 Kevin McCormick  
 Red-eyed Vireo 3/30 Harris(Houston near Bissonnet & Edloe) 1 Bob Honig  
 Blue Jay birds=60 reports=12  
 American Crow birds=33 reports=13  
 Fish Crow birds=3 reports=1  
 Purple Martin birds=61 reports=12  
 Tree Swallow birds=2,006 reports=8  
 Northern Rough-winged Swallow birds=16 reports=6  
 Cliff Swallow 3/24 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 4 Art MacKinnon  
 Cave Swallow 3/24 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 2 Art MacKinnon  
 Barn Swallow 3/6 Harris(Katy Prairie-Harris&Waller Cty) 1 Kathy Reiser, 3/6 Harris(KatyPrairie NelsonFarms vicinity) 1 KPC tour (Bob Honig reporting), 3/7 Fort Bend(Brazos Bend SP) 1 Kathy Reiser, 3/7 Harris(Hou/WU/Bell 610-HermPk/BraeBay) 12 Bob Honig, 3/15 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 4 Art MacKinnon, 3/15 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 12 Art MacKinnon, 3/18 Brazoria(Brazoria N.W.R.) 6 Mike Austin, 3/18 Brazoria(Quintana) 5 Mike & Jan Austin, 3/20 Harris(Mason Cr. @ Barker Res.) 4 Al & Kathie Shultz, 3/20 Harris(Hou/Bell/WU:610-HermannPk) 10 Bob & Maggie Honig, 3/24 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 2 Art MacKinnon, 3/24 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 12 Art MacKinnon, 3/27 Fort Bend(Brazos Bend SP) 1 Kathy Reiser & Sandy West, 3/28 Brazoria(Quintana) 1 Kathy Reiser, 3/28 Harris(Hou/Bell/WU-610-HermPkBraesBay) 10 Bob Honig  
 swallow species birds=43 reports=3  
 Carolina Chickadee birds=29 reports=11  
 Tufted Titmouse birds=33 reports=6  
 Carolina Wren birds=49 reports=13  
 House Wren birds=2 reports=2  
 Sedge Wren birds=4 reports=2  
 Marsh Wren birds=5 reports=2  
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet birds=33 reports=9  
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher birds=50 reports=11  
 Eastern Bluebird birds=5 reports=4  
 Hermit Thrush birds=2 reports=2  
 American Robin birds=16 reports=5  
 Gray Catbird birds=1 reports=1  
 Northern Mockingbird birds=90 reports=18  
 Brown Thrasher birds=12 reports=6  
 European Starling birds=126 reports=11  
 Cedar Waxwing birds=338 reports=6  
 Tennessee Warbler 3/23 Chambers(my yard Anahuac) 1 Linda Scott  
 Orange-crowned Warbler birds=32 reports=15  
**Nashville Warbler** 3/18 Harris(Edith L Moore Nature Sanctuary) 2 Orion Weldon  
 Northern Parula 3/14 Brazoria(Quintana NBS) 2 Ron Weeks, 3/15 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 109 Art MacKinnon, 3/15 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 42 Art MacKinnon, 3/16 Brazoria(Quintana NBS) 1 Kathy Reiser, 3/16 Chambers(my yard Anahuac) 4 Linda Scott, 3/18 Harris(Edith L Moore Nature Sanctuary) 10 Orion Weldon, 3/20 Harris(Jesse Jones SP) 6 Kathy Reiser, 3/20 Harris(Mason Cr. @ Barker Res.) 6 Al & Kathie Shultz, 3/20 Harris(Hou/Bell/WU:610-HermannPk) 3 Bob & Maggie Honig, 3/23 Chambers(my yard Anahuac) 3 Linda Scott, 3/28 Harris(Hou/Bell/WU-610-HermPkBraesBay) 6 Bob Honig, 3/30 Brazoria(Quintana) 1 Kevin McCormick, 3/30 Brazoria(San Bernard NWR, Bobcat Woods) 1 Kevin McCormick, 3/31 Harris(Houston near Bissonnet & Edloe) 1 Bob Honig  
 Yellow-rumped Warbler birds=147 reports=18  
 Yellow-throated Warbler 3/14 Brazoria(Quintana NBS) 2 Ron Weeks, 3/15 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 8 Art MacKinnon, 3/16 Brazoria(Quintana NBS) 1 Kathy Reiser, 3/18 Brazoria(Quintana) 1 Mike & Jan Austin, 3/18 Harris(Edith L Moore Nature Sanctuary) 8 Orion Weldon, 3/30 Brazoria(Quintana) 1 Kevin McCormick, 3/30 Harris(Houston near Bissonnet & Edloe) 1 Bob Honig  
 Pine Warbler birds=9 reports=2  
**Prairie Warbler** 3/15 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art MacKinnon, 3/24 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art MacKinnon  
 Palm Warbler birds=3 reports=3  
 Black-and-White Warbler 3/14 Brazoria(Quintana NBS) 1 Ron Weeks, 3/15 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 4 Art MacKinnon, 3/15 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 8 Art MacKinnon, 3/16 Brazoria(Quintana NBS) 1 Kathy Reiser, 3/20 Harris(Mason Cr. @ Barker Res.) 1 Al & Kathie Shultz, 3/24 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art MacKinnon, 3/30 Brazoria(Quintana) 2 Kevin McCormick, 3/30 Brazoria(San Bernard NWR, Bobcat Woods) 1 Kevin McCormick, 3/30 Brazoria(Peach Point, Live Oak Loop) 1 Kevin McCormick  
**Prothonotary Warbler** 3/14 Brazoria(Quintana NBS) 1 Ron Weeks, 3/15 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art MacKinnon, 3/23 Chambers(my yard Anahuac) 1 Linda Scott, 3/24 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 2 Art MacKinnon, 3/27 Fort Bend(Brazos Bend SP) 1 Kathy Reiser & Sandy West, 3/30 Brazoria(Quintana) 1 Kevin McCormick  
**Worm-eating Warbler** 3/18 Harris(Edith L Moore Nature Sanctuary) 8 Orion Weldon, 3/30 Brazoria(Quintana) 1 Kevin McCormick  
 Louisiana Waterthrush 3/15 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 2 Art MacKinnon, 3/15 Jefferson(Sea Rim SP) 2 Art MacKinnon, 3/18 Harris(Edith L Moore Nature Sanctuary) 1 Orion Weldon, 3/24 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 1 Art MacKinnon  
 Kentucky Warbler 3/30 Brazoria(San Bernard NWR, Bobcat Woods) 1 Kevin McCormick  
 Common Yellowthroat birds=25 reports=9  
 Hooded Warbler 3/18 Brazoria(Quintana) 1 Mike & Jan Austin, 3/18 Harris(Edith L Moore Nature Sanctuary) 6 Orion Weldon, 3/20 Harris(Mason Cr. @ Barker Res.) 5 Al & Kathie Shultz, 3/24 Jefferson(Sabine Woods) 2 Art MacKinnon, 3/28 Brazoria(Quintana) 1 Kathy Reiser, 3/28 Harris(Hou/Bell/WU-610-HermPkBraesBay) 1 Bob Honig, 3/30 Brazoria(Quintana) 2 Kevin McCormick, 3/30 Brazoria(San Bernard NWR, Bobcat Woods) 1 Kevin McCormick, 3/31 Harris(Houston near Bissonnet & Edloe) 2 Bob Honig  
 Wilson's Warbler birds=6 reports=1  
 Savannah Sparrow birds=103 reports=10  
 Song Sparrow birds=2 reports=2  
 Lincoln's Sparrow birds=12 reports=5  
 Swamp Sparrow birds=54 reports=7  
 White-throated Sparrow birds=67 reports=9  
 sparrow sp. birds=2 reports=1  
 Northern Cardinal birds=174 reports=22  
**Indigo Bunting** 3/18 Harris(Edith L Moore Nature Sanctuary) 1 Orion Weldon  
**Dickcissel** 3/6 Harris(Katy Prairie-Harris&Waller Cty) 1 Kathy Reiser, 3/6 Waller (KatyPrairie Nelson FarmsLiveOakRnch) 1 KPC tour (Bob Honig reporting)  
 Red-winged Blackbird birds=2,508 reports=16  
 Eastern Meadowlark birds=60 reports=7  
 Common Grackle birds=32 reports=3  
 Boat-tailed Grackle birds=188 reports=8  
 Great-tailed Grackle birds=489 reports=18  
 Brown-headed Cowbird birds=68 reports=6  
 Orchard Oriole 3/30 Brazoria(Quintana) 3 Kevin McCormick  
 House Finch birds=11 reports=3  
 American Goldfinch birds=38 reports=8  
 House Sparrow birds=82 reports=5

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