



THE SPOONBILL

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* Across the narrow beach we flit, *
* One little sandpiper and I, *
* And fast I gather, bit by bit, *
* The scattered driftwood bleached and dry. *
* The wild waves reach their hands for it, *
* The wild wind raves, the tide runs high *
* As up and down the beach we flit, -- *
* One little sandpiper and I. *
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* I watch him as he skims along *
* Uttering his sweet and mournful cry, *
* He starts not at my fitful song *
* Or flash of fluttering drapery *
* He has no thought of any wrong; *
* He scans me with a fearless eye: *
* Staunch friends are we, well tried and strong, *
* The little sandpiper and I. *
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* "The Sandpiper" by Thelia Thaxter (1835-1894) *
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IN MEMORIAM

The members of the Ornithology Group wish to take this opportunity to publicly express their sympathy to Mrs. Charles P. McKnight. We were all shocked to learn of Mr. McKnight's death and we shall miss his effectual guidance as President of the Outdoor Nature Club.

COMING EVENTS

The regular meeting of the Ornithology Group will be held at the usual place on Thursday, August 3rd. John Tveten has agreed to show us some more of his pictures. His presentations are always superb, so don't miss this one! (7:30 P. M.)

Mrs. Carl Dodge will lead an O. G. field trip on Saturday, August 26th. The group will meet at the Angleton Courthouse, south side, off of Highway 288 at 8:00 A. M. Bring lunch. Further details will be discussed at the regular O. G. meeting.

JUNE FIELD TRIP by Wallace C. Mebane, Jr.

Would you believe a Red-breasted Merganser? How about an Eared Grebe?? Well then would you believe five Redhead Ducks and a flock of Lesser Scaup and three Water Spouts? All of these were seen by the ten birders who met at the Galveston County Park on June 17th to be led by Frank Kokesh. Frank took us through the park and then to Galveston Island for a picnic lunch at Kempner Park where we found the Inca Dove and two Robins. The Red-headed Woodpecker was missing.

In the afternoon we found lots of Roseate Spoonbills and Black Skimmers and all the Terns except the Common. Rare for June were the Blue-winged Teal, American Widgeon, Black-bellied Plover, lots of Ruddy Turnstones, Dowitcher (Sp.), Sandpiper (Sp.), and Black Tern.

JUNE FIELD TRIP by Wallace C. Mebane, Jr. (continued)

Sarah Gordon brought a visitor, Marilyn Krog, who will join the O. G.'s as soon as she joins the O. N. C. The newest member in the group was Pat Ridge who found the nest of a Common Nighthawk at Mr. Sealy Hutching's Bar G Ranch. His daughter, Ramona, along with Wallace, wanted to take the two eggs home and hatch them out. However, we left them in their nest on the bare ground, well camouflaged by their protective coloration. Louise Rogers spotted an immature Night Heron but we were uncertain as to which one. Josiephine Wilkins and Jerry Baker found a Dunlin.

We saw several grey Clapper Rails and one newly hatched Clapper that was solid black. As could be expected, we saw Laughing Gulls, Black-necked Stilts, all of the Herons except one of the Night, Mottled Ducks and Willets, for a total of seventy species.

NEST OF OYSTERCATCHER FOUND IN WEST BAY by Dirk Hagemeyer

First it was a Sooty Tern, and now an Oystercatcher nest for Norma Oates! On May 27th, while on a bird-photography trip to South Deer Island in West Bay and while waiting for me to get my last pictures, Norma noticed a pair of Oystercatchers on a shell ridge. They flew up when she approached and circled above, uttering their distress call "wheep, wheep, wheep." This aroused her suspicion, but hard as she tried she could not find the expected nest. A week later, June 3rd, Norma, Jimmie Murray and I, once again went to the island. During the trip over we were treated to the beautiful sight of a couple of Magnificent Frigatebirds soaring above.

On the island Norma located the Oystercatchers at precisely the same spot as the previous week and while I was busy photographing Laughing Gulls and Snowy Egrets, she and Jimmie found the nest.

At lunch time we were treated to another rare sight, a male, female and two immature Oystercatchers in one group a hundred feet away. Here also was a pair of Avocets, and as we finished our lunch we watched the crazy antics of a Reddish Egret trying to catch a minnow in the shallow water.

We did not heed the advice of another nature photographer, who in a desperate attempt to get a picture of a nesting wary Oystercatcher, had some of his friends bury him in the sand with only his head above ground and one arm up to snap the picture! Instead we placed a blind about twenty-five feet away from the nest, a little scrape, lined with shells and holding three brown-spotted buffy eggs on top of the shell ridge. While the birds circled above, expressing their fear and annoyance at this intrusion into their private lives, I got ready in the blind and waited, cursing the heat and the mosquitoes - the first became oppressive, the latter numerous. Within five to ten minutes I was treated to a close-up view of both male and female Oystercatchers about fifteen to twenty feet beyond the nest. Their big, beautiful orange eyes watched the eggs with anxiety. A feeling of guilt rose up in me, because I had separated them from their most precious possession, three eggs in a shell-lined nest. Time and time again the female would approach the nest, but except for a few fleeting seconds when she stood over the eggs, never had enough courage to take those last few steps. However, she would still defend her possessions and whenever a gull came within ten or fifteen feet of the nest, it was chased off with no uncertain meaning.

We all got pictures, Norma, Jimmie and myself, but except for one slide of the female over the nest, the pictures are of a wary Oystercatcher eyeing her eggs from a distance. Maybe we, too, should have brought some friends with shovels!

On June 10th, Norma, Jimmie and I went back to the island to check up on the Oystercatcher nest, to be tormented by noisy Laughing Gulls and to take more pictures. On the way over we again saw two Magnificent Frigatebirds, this time feeding with gulls near the island. The Oystercatcher was back on its nest. We got our pictures and just before leaving I noticed the other Oystercatcher family, which suggests that these too, nested on South Deer Island.

Besides several thousand Laughing Gulls and the Oystercatchers, other species nesting on the island included Royal Terns, Great Blue and Louisiana Herons, Snowy Egrets, White and White-faced Ibis and possibly Reddish Egrets.

The island is an ideal place for nesting birds, with some high shell ridges, some marsh and shallow lagoons. I wonder if it always was so popular a nesting ground as it is now. Or did the new subdivisions and the rapid growth of Galveston rob these birds of their usual nesting grounds. If so, I believe that it is now the time that we, as an ornithology group, should look into the possibility of establishing South Deer Island as a bird refuge. Galveston Island still has many undeveloped acres, but how about 10 to 20 years from now?

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Following is a letter received by Mr. Miller from the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, Capitol Station, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804, together with his reply:

"Dear Mr. Miller:

June 22, 1967

We are interested in determining the present status of the brown pelican along the gulf coast and your name was mentioned as being the person who might have some information on the subject.

As you are probably aware, we lost our breeding colony several years ago. There seems to be some indication that the birds are showing up again and we are very much interested in their present status.

Any information which you can give us regarding any breeding colonies, birds present during summer and during winter, population trends, etc. would be greatly appreciated.

I do not know your areas of interest but I am enclosing a program of the MARSH AND ESTUARY MANAGEMENT SYMPOSIUM which is to be held at LSU on July 19 & 20, 1967. A number of papers relating to wildlife in coastal areas will be given and it should be an extremely interesting meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Charles R. Shaw - Supervisor
Game Section & P-R Coordinator"

Mr. Miller's reply to Mr. Shaw:

"Dear Sir:

July 3, 1967

Our group will be very happy to cooperate with you by passing on observations of the Brown Pelican which we feel might be of interest to you. Your letter will be published in the next issue of our periodical "The Spoonbill", a copy of which will be mailed to you.

Please feel free to request our assistance at any time on matters relating to conservation of our natural resources.

Yours very truly,

F. Richard Miller
Chairman, Ornithological Group
Outdoor Nature Club of Houston"

Note from Mr. Miller to the O. G. Group:

"This is an open invitation to all Ornithological Group members or others interested to be of assistance in this project in which we are all interested. Please write Mr. Shaw concerning any observations you make of this species."

FLORIDA VACATION by Wallace C. Mebane, Jr.

Fontainebleu State Park is on the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain in Louisiana. On Sunday night, June 4th, there were Nighthawks flying low over the water near the sandy beach. Under the lamp posts, in the grass, were several Gulf Coast Toads. Early Monday morning we saw four Pileated Woodpeckers together in the same tall pine tree. Two of them were drumming loudly on separate limbs. Both limbs had been broken off about a foot from the trunk.

On June 6th we saw five small Ground Doves near a motel in Eastpoint, Florida. Their wings flashed bright rufous in the sunlight as they flew. On highway 98 we stopped twelve and a half miles west of Newport to watch a Swallow-tailed Kite circle low over the trees and highway on outstretched wings and tail. In the late evening at Eustis near the home of O. N. C. member Mary Allen, we saw and heard two grey Screech Owls. Their quavering song was very low and soft.

On June 7th we watched a female Red-bellied Woodpecker eat bread in the back yard. A Blue Jay flew down after the bread but did not attack her and did not scare her off. She finished the bread and flew away. Only then did the Blue Jay come over to pick up a crumb or two she had left.

On June 8th a male Red-bellied Woodpecker was eating a large piece of bread near the same spot. There was a sudden commotion and flapping of wings and a loud squawk. The Woodpecker was gone. Standing on the ground with the bread impaled on his bill, was a Loggerhead Shrike.

FLORIDA VACATION by Wallace C. Mebane, Jr. (continued)

The Shrike flew out of sight with the bread still on his bill.

From the glass bottom boat at Silver Springs we saw Catfish, Mullet, Bream, one large Alligator, one big Water Moccasin, two Little Green Herons, several pairs of Wood Ducks in very good plumage, and two Limpkins. Some of the early Tarzan movies were filmed along Silver River. Along the bank, above the crystal clear water, were hundreds of small, pink snail eggs.

On June 10th at the camping area at Ft. Pickens State Park near Pensacola Beach, the Fish Crows usually flew alone, calling out a single note that sounded like a cross between a "quack" and a "caw." To me it sounded like "quaw." Sometimes they made a two syllable sound. Here too, on June 11th, we identified the Grey Kingbird.

The field guide Birds of North America was a big help while we were out of Texas and could not rely solely on Peterson. However, a review in the April Auk says the text of Birds of North America has many inaccuracies, contains flaws, and implied these would be corrected in the second edition.

ARIZONA ADVENTURE by John Tveten

Awakened by a buzzing noise outside our camp trailer, I looked out to see a Black-chinned, a Blue-throated and a Rivoli's Hummingbird, all trying to drink out of a red tail light. This is one of the many memories Gloria, Mike and I brought back from two weeks in South-eastern Arizona.

On May 14th we pitched camp in a lovely spot beside a little stream in the Chiricahua Mts. This was no easy task with all of the interruptions we encountered - such pests as the Mexican Jay, Acorn Woodpecker, Black and Gray's Phoebes, Bridled Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Gray Vireo, Black-throated, Gray and Grace's Warblers, Painted Redstart, and Black-headed Grosbeak repeatedly drove us to drop our chores and grab the binoculars.

Thus began one of the most fruitful birding trips I could imagine. The first couple days in the Cave Creek area added, in addition to those already mentioned: Prairie Falcon, Gambel's Quail, Band-tailed Pigeon, Flammulated, Pygmy and Elf Owls, Poor-will, Arizona Woodpecker, Western and Cassin's Kingbirds, Wied's, Ash-throated, Olivaceous, Coues' and Beardless Flycatchers, Western Wood Peewee, Bushtit, Hutton's Vireo, Lucy's Warbler, Hooded, Scott's and Bullock's Orioles, Hepatic and Western Tanagers, and Green-tailed, Spotted and Brown Towhees. One of the better (and more relaxing) spots was the Hummingbird feeders at the Southwestern Research Station. Here we saw many Hummers in addition to Orioles, Tanagers and Grosbeaks, and added the Broad-tailed, Broad-billed and Rufous to our eventual list of eight Hummingbirds.

A day of hiking along the ridge trail (over 8,000 ft.) from Rustler Park produced another long list of lifers for one or both of us: Zone-tailed Hawk, White-throated Swift, Williamson's Sapsucker (a very unexpected find), the rare Buff-breasted Flycatcher, Steller's Jay, Mexican Chickadee, Pigmy Nuthatch, Mexican Brown Creeper, and Olive, Townsend's, Hermit and Red-faced Warblers.

Such lists could go on well past the point of boredom (I hope they haven't), but each new bird left a thrill which will never be erased. After our first few days two of the biggest prizes had still escaped us. I had seen them both on a previous trip, and Gloria was determined to catch up - the Coppery-tailed Trogon and the Harlequin Quail. Here we fell back on that valuable commodity - advice. Camped near us was a wonderful couple with whom we spent some very nice times - Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Harden who are professional wildlife photographers, and with their directions we added both of these species. The Trogon was especially gratifying in that we called him in with a very unmusical "Gronk" and kept him near us for forty minutes while we studied him from all angles and as close as 20 feet. With such a thrill I hardly minded that a light rain was falling and my pictures are suitable only as record shots.

One day was set aside for a side trip to Guadalupe Canyon in the extreme southeast corner of the state. Here we got another Zone-tailed Hawk on the nest along with the Gilded Flicker Gila Woodpecker, Thick-billed Kingbird (3!), Western Flycatcher, and Bendire's Thrasher. We missed the rare Violet-crowned Hummingbird, but let's not be greedy.

With one week left and time going too rapidly, we moved our camp to Madera Canyon in the Santa Rita Mts. and set out to fill in our missing species. A valuable aid was the booklet A Birdwatcher's Guide to Southeastern Arizona by James Lane - and knowledge of places

ARIZONA ADVENTURE by John Tveten (continued)

gained from a previous trip. San Xavier Mission came through with its required Crissal Thrasher and Abert's Towhee, and Mt. Lemmon with the Mountain Chickadee and Brown-throated Wren. Madera Canyon yielded the Whiskered Owl and Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher, and a trip to the remote Pena Blanca Canyon let us study the beautiful Varied Bunting. Gloria still feels a little let down about our Rufous-winged Sparrow. I drove to a spot I knew about on Wilmot Road near Tucson, and in about 15 seconds we had a lovely view of our sparrow - singing! "Almost illegal" was her reply.

One of the best spots, of course, is the popular Patagonia, and this too cooperated fully. One of the highlights was a pair of Rose-throated Becards building a nest, but the Gray Hawk, White-eared Hummingbird, Phainopepla, and a pretty pair of Lazuli Buntings contributed to the thrills.

One of our last birds was also one of the best. On the basis of rumors we heard in the Chiricahuas, we made a hurried trip to Ramsay Canyon. Here Mr. and Mrs. Peabody who run Mile-Hi Cabins welcomed us to their feeders, and within a minute we were watching an Amethyst-throated Hummingbird (don't reach for your Peterson - it's not there). This Mexican species required the study of a number of experts before it was identified when it first appeared. We took their word for it - and marveled at its beauty.

Two weeks pass too quickly, and with it come resolutions to return soon. I added 18 lifers, and Gloria, birding Arizona for the first time, listed the wonderful total of 60. We saw 163 species, but made no attempt to look for the water and shore birds. These are the statistics, but there is so much more; the memories of lying in bed listening to the Owls and Whip-poor-wills; finding and photographing a Gila Monster; the Bobcats near our camp; even waking up the first night in surprising 24° weather. These are the things that will never be forgotten - and which will bring us back.

ADDENDA TO MAY, 1967 CLEARING HOUSE

MISSISSIPPI KITE (1) 27, 5118 W. Bellfort Blvd., Houston, Texas, N&JS
Cliff Swallow (2) 6, Sheldon Reservoir, NP
Brown-headed Nuthatch (1) 6, Deussen Park (Lake Houston), NP
Magnolia Warbler (1) 23, 5118 Bellfort Blvd., Houston, Texas, N&JS
N&JS - Nancy and Jerry Strickling. NP = Noel Pettingell
CLEARING HOUSE - June, 1967

Least Bittern: (4 pairs nesting), 17 or 24 ?, Anahuac Refuge, JT.
Wood Stork: (100)24, Anahuac Refuge, JT.
GREEN-WINGED TEAL: (1 male) 17, 24, Anahuac Refuge, JT.
Lesser Scaup: (5), 17, 24, Anahuac Refuge, JT.
BALD EAGLE: (1), 24, Anahuac Refuge, JT.
Purple Gallinule: (about 50), 17, 24, Anahuac Refuge, JT.
American Avocet: (4), 17, 24, Anahuac Refuge, JT.
Black Tern: (5), 22, Jamaica Beach (Bob Smith Rd.), Galveston, NP (See Comment).
Yellow-billed Cuckoo: (2), 24, Sheldon & Deussen Park, NP.
Yellow-shafted Flicker: (1), 17, 7146 Plex (Pecan Park, SE Houston), NP.
Pileated Woodpecker: (1), 24, Sheldon, NP.
Eastern Kingbird: (1), 24, south of Deussen Park, NP.
Great Crested Flycatcher: (1), 24, Sheldon, NP.
Acadian Flycatcher: (1), 24, Sheldon, NP.
Eastern Wood Pewee: (1), 24, Sheldon, NP.
Barn Swallow: (6), 22, Stewart Rd. (1 at culvert east of Jamaica Beach, 5 at bridge east of Bermuda Beach) Galveston, NP.
Robin: (1), 13, Rice University, Houston, (6), 14, (4), 30, Glenbrook Golf Course, (Park Place), SE Houston, NP.
White-eyed Vireo: (1), 24, Sheldon, NP.
RED-EYED VIREO: (2), 24, Sheldon, NP. (See Comment following Clearing House.)
Parula Warbler: (2), 24, Sheldon & Deussen Park, NP.
KENTUCKY WARBLER: (1), 24, Sheldon, NP. (See Comment following Clearing House.)
YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: (1), 24, Sheldon, NP. " " " " "
HOODED WARBLER: (4), 24, Sheldon (3) & Deussen Park (1), NP. See Comment.
LARK SPARROW: (1), 24, Sheldon, NP. See Comment following Clearing House.

Clearing House Comment - Noel Pettingell

Black Tern - Possibly uncommon summer resident (June and July), rather than rare as shown on

Clearing House Comment - Noel Pettingell (continued)

4th UTC Check-list - at least on Galveston, as I think I may have seen more at other sites on the Island on the above date.

RED-EYED VIREO (seen and heard singing), KENTUCKY WARBLER (adult male studied at leisure while singing), CHAT (called several times from typical thicket habitat), HOODED WARBLER (1 adult male seen singing, others heard singing) all recorded in vicinity of SW Bell Station located 3 miles north of Beaumont Highway on west side of Ralston Road (except for 1 Hooded Warbler). All species are probably uncommon summer residents rather than accidental as shown on UTC Check-list - at least in northern Harris County. LARK SPARROW - Seen (also sang several times) 3/10 miles north of Mt. Houston Road (Lake Houston Parkway) on Lockwood Road, - probably uncommon summer resident in northern and western Harris County.

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Note: Jane Robinson reports that a Ruby-throated Hummingbird was observed in her back yard all through the month of June (10102 Holly Springs in the Briargrove Park Addition), and in fact is still there accepting the hospitality of her feeder!

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BIG DAY RUN - APRIL 29, 1967Compiled by Dr. David Marrack

PARTY NO. AND NAMES	ROUTE	MILES	HOURS	SPECIES
I				
Noel Pettingell	Lake Houston, Battleground,	210	15	170
Harvey Patten	LaPorte, LaMarque,			
Wallace C. Mebane	Galveston Isle			
Steve Williams				
II				
John and Gloria Tveten	Galveston County Park	170	14	145
	High Island			
	Anahuac Refuge			
III				
Betty Williams	Backyard		12	79
Betsy Perry	Golf Course			
	Fort Bend County			
IV				
Dr. Mary Sears	Houston	150	8	95
Dr. J. K. Luce	Galveston			
V				
Jerry Baker	Galveston Isle		5	94
Margerie Adams	to			
Leota Stilwell	Houston			
Darris Massingill				
VI				
Louise & Henry Hoffman	High Island	32	7	99
	Bolivar Peninsula			
VII				
Joseph Heiser	Montgomery & San	90	6	83
	Jacinto County			
VIII				
Norma Oates	Galveston Isle	50	11	92
Dirk Hagemeyer	Kempner Park			
Jimmie Murray	Gulf Freeway			
IX				
Betty & Paul Caillet	Galveston Co.		10	103
David Craig, Mike Frost,				
Earl Hampton, Ben Johnson				
Bob Stewart				
Bob Moore				2

SPECIES	PARTY NUMBERS									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Willet	x	x		x	x	x		x	x	
Yellowlegs, Greater	x	x	x	x		x			x	
Lesser	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	
Knot	x	50		x	x			x		
Sandpiper, Pectoral	x				x				x	
<u>White-rumped</u>	x								x	
Least	x	x		x						
<u>Baird's</u>		x		x						
Dunlin	x	x		x	x			x	x	
Dowitcher, Short-billed	x	x								
Long-billed		x		x	x			x	x	
Sandpiper, Stilt	x			x	x			x	x	
Semipalmated	x	x			x					
Western	x	x								
Godwit, Marbled	x			x				x	x	
Sanderling	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	
<u>Avocet, American</u>	x		x						x	
Stilt-Black-necked	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	
Gull, Herring	x	x	x	x		x		x	x	
Ring-billed	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	
Laughing	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	
Tern, Gull-billed	x	x	x	x		x				
Forster's	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	
Common									x	
Least	x	x		x	x	x		x	x	
Royal	x	x		x	x	x		x	x	
Sandwich	x	x								
Caspian	x	x	x		x	x		x	x	
Black	x	x				x		x		
Skimmer, Black	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	
Dove, Rock	x	x		x	x					
Mourning	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Inca	x	x		x	x			x	x	
Cuckoo, Yellow-billed	x	x				x	x		x	
Black-billed		x								
Roadrunner								4		
Owl, Screech	x									
Great Horned	x									
Barred	x	x						x		
Short-eared								x		
Chuck-Will's Widow		x					x	x		
Whip-Poor-Will								x		
Nighthawk, Common	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	
Swift, Chimney	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Hummingbird, Ruby-throated	x	x		x	x	x		x	x	
Kingfisher, Belted	x							x		
Flicker, Yellow-shafted		x	x	x		x	x			
Woodpecker, Pileated	x									
Red-bellied	x	x	x	x				x		x
Red-headed	x	x	x	x	x			x		
Sapsucker, Yellow-bellied		x	x							
Woodpecker, Hairy	x									
Downy	x	x								
<u>Red-cockaded</u>								x		
Kingbird, Eastern	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Flycatcher, Scissor-tailed	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Great Crested	x					x	x			
Phoebe, Eastern		x	x							
Flycatcher, Empid. sp.		x								
Acadian	x							x		x
Wood Pewee, Eastern	x	x		x	x	x		x	x	
Flycatcher, Olive-sided								x		
Lark, Horned	x	x		x	x			x	x	
Swallow, Tree	x	x			x	x				
Bank	x	x						x		
Rough-winged	x	x		x	x	x				
Barn	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	
Cliff	x				x					

SPECIES	PARTY NUMBERS									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Grackle, Boat-tailed	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	
Common	x	x	x	x	x		x			
Cowbird, Brown-headed	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Tanager, Scarlet	x	x		x		x		x	x	
Summer	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Cardinal	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	
Grosbeak, Rose-breasted	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	
Blue	x	x		x		x	x	x	x	
Bunting, Indigo	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	
Painted	x	x				x	x			
Dickcissel	x		x				x			x
Goldfinch, American			x							x
Sparrow, Savannah	x	x	x							
LeConte's			x							
<u>Sharp-tailed</u>	x									
Seaside	x	x	x		x					
Lark	x						x			
Bachman's							x			
Chipping							x			
Field							x			
White-throated	x	x	x							
Lincoln's							x			
Swamp			x		x					
<u>Song</u>			x							

TOTAL SPECIES SEEN: 225.

Note from Dr. Marrack: The underlined species in the above list are considered to be of unusual interest, either as to numbers seen, time of year, etc.

SPECIAL NOTES: APRIL 29, 1967 BIG DAY RUN:

Party 1: PURPLE GALLINULE, 4 observers, marshy pond Galveston, West of 65th Street between Stewart Road and Oleander Avenue.

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER, Pond Galveston, Stewart Road opposite Weis School by the golf course. Bird seen resting and in flight. HLP and NP.

BLACK-THROATED WARBLER, 4 observers, Galveston, west of Kempner Park. Female completely fulfilled plate and description in Golden Field Guide, Page 265.

Party 2: WHITE-WINGED SCOTER, Galveston Island west of first road right past Sea-arama. Bird on grassy island of pond adjoining large lake. Female seen at 70-75 yards with 20x scope. Facial light spots clearly seen as well as white patches on the spread wings.

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER, Female, Kempner Park, Galveston.

BOBOLINK, Males, High Island.

Party 7: RED-COCKADED WOODPECKER, Swamp 4 miles south of Double Lake. Two birds active and noisy.

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS AND SUBSCRIBERS:

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