

# The Spoonbill

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## December Meeting

**Monday, December 6, 2004 -- 7:00 p.m.**  
**Bayland Community Center**  
**6400 Bissonnet, Houston**

**Learning Corner – 6:30 p.m.:**  
***Native Plants: Food and Nests for Birds***  
**-- by Glenn Olsen**

**Program: *Faces of Flight***  
**-- by Ted Eubanks**

This month's program is a preview of a new book by Ted Eubanks, Bob Behrstock and Ron Weeks, on the birds of the Upper Texas Coast. The book is being published by Texas A&M Press, and is scheduled for release in 2005.

Ted Lee Eubanks received a BA in journalism from the University of Houston in 1978. In 1992 he founded Fermata Inc., and remains its president and CEO. He resides in Austin.

Throughout Texas and the US, Eubanks and Fermata have been prominent in developing nature tourism and in conducting strategic-planning and feasibility studies for a variety of agencies and organizations in the realm of nature-based sustainable economics. Internationally, Fermata has completed projects in Mexico, Belize, Honduras, Australia, and Panama. In addition, Fermata developed a nature tourism strategy for the island of Iriomote, Japan. Eubanks frequently speaks and conducts workshops on nature-based tourism and its economic potential for communities, agencies, and landholders. Eubanks addresses state tourism conferences, wildlife meetings, and economic development forums.

## Other Events:

### ***Christmas Bird Counts --***

**Sat., December 18: Houston CBC**  
leader – David Sarkozi

**Sat., January 2: Buffalo Bayou CBC**  
leader – Bob Honig

***...additional area CBCs listed on p. 5***

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**Sat., Jan. 15: Kingwood Area Field Trip**  
leader – Damien Carey

**Jan. 29-30: Field Trip to Granger Lake**  
leader – Fred Collins

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**Minutes of the November 1, 2004 Meeting**  
Bayland Community Center  
Attendance: 48

1. **Learning Corner:** Bird identification by flight patterns and bird behaviors. David Poteet presented helpful hint such as buteos soar and accipiters flap, flap, glide; crows flap continually while ravens glide a lot; spotted sandpiper glides with wings bowed under while solitary glides with wings straight out from body.
2. **Bird sightings** included Rufous Hummingbirds, Bald Eagles, Red-shouldered Hawks in Bellaire, sapsuckers and flickers, and Bronzed Cowbirds at this community center.
3. The purchase of a Power Point **projector** for program use was announced by chair Kathy Farr.
4. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the **minutes** of the October meeting as printed in *The Spoonbill*.
5. Andy Scott announced that 225 books from the **OG library** have been moved to Bear Creek Park, where they will be available during regular business hours. The traveling library will still be available at OG meetings.
6. Al Shultz asked that contributions for the December issue of **The Spoonbill** be submitted no later than November 10. He reminded members that the e-mail version does arrive earlier than the mailed copy, and it is never too late to become an E-subscriber.
7. **Environment:** Mary Dodson told of a letter-writing campaign by ATV operators asking for continuing access to waterways and a counter-campaign by conservationists. Bill Godley reported that the landfill near Brazos Bend State Park is now operating 350 acres with a goal of 2700 acres. David Marrack announced that U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service has acquired acreage near Columbia Lake Estates but no word on when it will be accessible.
8. David Sarkozi made two announcements for **TOS**. There will be a work day at the 3.5 acre Hooks property on High Island on Saturday. El Rio RV Park in Chapeno is for sale and TOS is trying to purchase this only reliable place for Brown Jay in the U.S.
9. **Field Trips:** Bill Saulmon said the members and guests on the October trip to Jones State Forest saw 8 species of woodpeckers, including a Hairy, and also Brown-headed Nuthatch. The group going to King Ranch for the quarterly trip saw 116 species with a large number of Least Grebes and Vermilion Flycatchers. The November 20 trip to Chappell Hill will be led by Darrell Vollert. The March 12, 2005, field trip led by Kevin Karlson will be by reservation only.
10. Michael Williams introduced Houston Audubon Society's sanctuary steward **Winnie Burkett**. With the use of slides, Winnie showed the progressive development of the Bolivar Flats after the dredging of the ship channel and building of jetties. All niches in the sanctuary are used by a variety of birds. The marsh and beach are used by birds for feeding, nesting, and roosting. The habitat must be protected so that the birds will be there to enjoy.

--Bernice Hotman

## 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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## Chairman's Message

For the March, 2005, monthly meeting, OG is joining with Houston Audubon to host Kevin Karlson as our evening speaker on Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at the Houston Zoo. On Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, Kevin will be leading a joint OG/HAS field trip. Because of the expected popularity of this trip, the sign-up process will be unique. Both OG and HAS are promoting this field trip in December and January newsletters to ensure that members of both groups have ample advanced notice. Sign-ups will begin on Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. by calling the HAS office at 713-932-1639. The first 40 people to call will be registered for this trip, and a short waiting list will be taken to ensure a full trip should there be any cancellations. The cost is \$50 to cover the expense of hiring a tour bus for transportation, complete with restroom. Four local birding experts will provide assistance with this large group, and all participants are guaranteed quality time with Kevin. More details will be in the January newsletter.

Why all the excitement about Mr. Karlson? Because he is someone about whom we should be excited. Kevin is a noted wildlife photographer and expert birder, who worked closely with Peter Thayer in a major revision of the CD-ROM "*The Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Guide to Birds of North America*," as head ornithologist, photo researcher and submitter of almost 800 photos. He is currently on the advisory board of *Wild Bird Magazine*, and a staff contributor of the "Birder's ID" column. He is also working with co-authors Richard Crossley and Michael O'Brien on a new comprehensive shorebird field guide, due for release in 2005, that outlines a simpler method of bird identification (to be covered in his Wednesday night talk). Currently a resident of Cape May, New Jersey, Kevin is a 12-year member of the New Jersey Bird Records Committee, and founder and president of Jaeger Tours, Inc. ([www.jaegertours.net](http://www.jaegertours.net)).

Kevin's Wednesday night talk will be about shorebirds, including his revolutionarily simpler ID method. On Saturday he will lead us on a full day in the field (7 am to 5 pm) from Bolivar Flats to points north, possibly including High Island and Anahuac, depending on where the birds are that day.

Incredible credentials, fantastic photos, amazing energy, and wonderful generosity are qualities of Kevin Karlson. Special plans and accommodations are required for someone of his caliber, don't you think?

--Kathy Farr

### 2005 Field Trips

Jan. 15	Kingwood area
Jan. 29-30	Granger Lake (Quarterly Trip – overnight)
Feb. 19	Brazoria NWR
Mar. 12	Bolivar area with Kevin Karlson
Mar. 19	Texas City Dike
Apr. 16	Quintana area
April	Matagorda area (Quarterly Trip – overnight)
May 21	Brazos Bend State Park

### 2005 Meetings

at Bayland Community Center  
except as noted

January 10  
February 7  
March 9 (at Houston Zoo)  
*-joint meeting with Houston Audubon*  
April 4  
May 2  
*June – no meeting*  
*July – no meeting*  
August 1  
September 12  
October 3  
November 7  
December 5

## OG FIELD TRIPS

For more information on any of the field trips below, contact field trip coordinator Bill Saulmon at 281-537-6924 or by e-mail at [dean1960@aol.com](mailto:dean1960@aol.com). You can also check out this season's field trip schedule on the OG website.

**No field trip scheduled for December, so members can participate in the Houston CBC on Saturday, December 18, 2004.**

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**Saturday, January 15, 2005: Kingwood Area Field Trip** - Nestled along Lake Houston, Kingwood lies between forks of the San Jacinto River. We'll bird Kingwood College and East End Park with Kingwood birding guru Damien Carey. At Kingwood College, the Evan's Gully Trail should provide waterfowl and possible Osprey, Bald Eagle, Winter Wren and Fox Sparrow. We'll then head east on Kingwood Drive to East End Park. In a prairie-like meadow, we could find several sparrow species including LeConte's, Song, Savannah, and Field. We'll also bird a forest area of the park with oaks, magnolia and bald cypress along the San Jacinto River. Join Damien at 8:00 at the Kingwood College tennis courts. To get there from Houston, take US 59 north to the Kingwood Drive exit (the first exit after crossing the San Jacinto River). At the stop light, turn left on Kingwood Drive (over the freeway) and proceed until Kingwood Drive ends at Sorters Road. Turn right on Sorters, past the campus. As you approach the next crossing intersection you'll see the tennis courts on your left.

**January 29-30, 2005: Field Trip to Granger Lake** - Join leader Fred Collins on a weekend quest for Mountain Plover, longspurs and sparrows at their winter haven in Texas. Fred is 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. We'll meet near Granger on Saturday morning and bird through the day. We'll stay overnight at a nearby motel and then bird Sunday until heading back home to Houston. There will be a trip fee of about \$30 per person. Sign-up for the trip will begin at the December 5 meeting; attendance will be limited. Trip details will be sent to participants after the December meeting.

## FIELD TRIP REPORTS

**Oct. 16, 2004: Field Trip to Jones State Forest** - We enjoyed the hospitality of District Forester John Warner on a nice Fall morning trip to the W.G. Jones State Forest, north of Houston. Our group was treated to a hayride tour of the forest, narrated by John, who pointed out forest management practices and pine species. Our two target birds, the Red-cockaded Woodpecker and Brown-headed Nuthatch, were numerous & vocal and seen by all. The surprise of the morning was a female Hairy Woodpecker (a hard bird to find on the UTC) on Rework Road. Most of the group also saw Northern Flicker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker and Pileated Woodpecker. At least one of the group had Red-headed Woodpecker for an eight woodpecker species day. Our only migrant was a Nashville Warbler, and we ended the morning with about 31 species.

**Oct. 30-31, 2004: Field Trip to the King Ranch** - After a short drive from our motel in Corpus Christi on Saturday morning, sixteen OG members eagerly boarded the two King Ranch vans driven by guides Tom Langschieid and Jim Sinclair for a birding tour of this famous ranch. We enjoyed Tom & Jim's expertise

on the birdlife and history of the ranch. We were surprised at the amount of wetland habitat and the number of Least Grebes it held. Some of the other specialty birds seen included Curve-billed Thrasher, Olive Sparrow, Green Jay, Vermilion Flycatcher, Pyrrhuloxia and Barn Owl. After lunch at a funky campus sandwich shop in Kingsville, the group drove to Drum Point on Baffin Bay where the expected waterbirds were seen. On Sunday the group birded Polliwog Pond in Corpus Chrsiti and picked up a nice Green Kingfisher and some waterfowl but few migrants. We concluded at Hazel Bazemore Park, which is the site of the Corpus Christi Hawk Watch. A pond at the park yielded good views of various ducks and shorebirds. We had 116 species on the trip.

--Bill Saulmon

<b>Christmas Bird Counts in the Upper Texas Coastal Area, Dec. 2004 – Jan. 2005</b>	
<b>Galveston</b> Dwight Peake, dpeake@houston.rr.com 409-740-4621	<b>Tuesday, December 14, 2004</b>
<b>San Bernard NWR</b> Ron Weeks, ronweeks@sbcglobal.net (evenings)979-849-7771; or Jennifer Wilson, Jennifer_Wilson@fws.gov (daytime)979-849-7771	<b>Friday, December 17, 2004</b>
<b>Houston</b> David Sarkozi, david@sarkozi.net 713-412-4409	<b>Saturday, December 18, 2004</b>
<b>Armand Bayou Nature Center</b> Chris Battan, featheroak@ev1.net 281-316-0808	<b>Saturday, December 18, 2004</b>
<b>Brazos Bend State Park</b> Fred Land, 281-379-1050	<b>Saturday, December 18, 2004</b>
<b>Spring Creek</b> Carlos Hernandez, carlania@swbell.net (w)281-874-1115, (h)281-353-9170	<b>Saturday, December 18, 2004</b>
<b>Freeport</b> Dick Peake, rpeake1@hotmail.com 409-744-4301 (Houston-Galveston area) Tom Collins, thcollins@orbitworld.net 979-297-3954 (Brazosport area)	<b>Sunday, December 20, 2004</b>
<b>Matagorda County Mad Island Marsh</b> Brent Ortego, brent.ortego@tpwd.state.tx.us 361-576-0022	<b>Monday, December 20, 2004</b>
<b>Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR</b> Sumita Prasad, sumitap@fermatinc.com	<b>Wednesday, December 22, 2004</b>
<b>Bolivar Peninsula</b> Bill Graber, 409-866-5452	<b>Thursday, December 23, 2004</b>
<b>Old River</b> Barbara Tilton, jbtilton@imsday.com 936-258-5807	<b>Monday, December 27, 2004</b>
<b>Cypress Creek / Katy Prairie</b> Fred Collins, fred_collins@hctx.net 281-304-6471	<b>Saturday, January 1, 2005</b>
<b>Buffalo Bayou</b> Bob Honig, <a href="http://www.houstonarboretum.org/cbc/txbfintro.htm">http://www.houstonarboretum.org/cbc/txbfintro.htm</a> 713-665-6963	<b>Sunday, January 2, 2005</b>
<b>Lake Houston</b> Damien Carey, infor@lhanc.com 832-543-9401	<b>Wednesday, January 5, 2005</b>

## New Hope in California

A wild-born condor chick has taken flight -- the first wild chick to fly in California in 22 years. The chick slowly began the process of fledging (first flight) by leaving the nest in early September and perching 20-50 feet below the nest cave where it hatched April 9, near the Hopper Mountain National Wildlife Refuge in Ventura County. Only very short hopping flights were observed until mid-October, at which time it flew 30 feet. Two weeks later, a longer flight of 150 feet was observed, leaving no doubt that the chick had officially fledged. The last wild condor chick to fledge in the wild was in 1982.

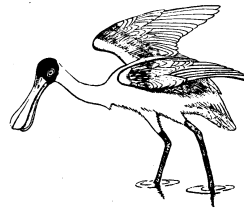
The parents are captive-released birds from two different release sites. The 10 year-old male is the dominant male of the southern California flock and he had two previous nesting attempts that failed. He was released by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Hopper Mountain National Wildlife Refuge in Ventura County in 1995. The seven year-old female was released in central California at Big Sur by the Ventana Wilderness Society in 1998. She is one of two Big Sur females that relocated to southern California about three years ago. This was her first nesting attempt. The parents will care for the chick until it is approximately 18 months old.

"This wild condor chick taking its first flight is a big step to getting back to a truly wild population," said Steve Thompson, Manager of the Fish and Wildlife Service's California-Nevada Operations Office. "The condors we have released to the wild are now actively reproducing and we hope to see more wild chicks fledge in the future." (*From a USFWS news release, 11/4/2004*)

## From The Spoonbill's Past

Compiled by Skip Almoney

### *Fifty Years Ago*



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### **Whooping Cranes --**

Newspapers, radio, and television stations all along the migration route of the cranes have been spreading the word and urging all gunners to refrain from shooting "any large white bird". Your editor can personally report that the radio station at which he works (KYOK) is taking an active part in the crusade to save these stately birds from extinction by broadcasting the public service announcements received from Rea King, Director of Radio/TV publicity for the National Audubon Society. We also hear that a televised film on the Whooping Crane is currently being shown throughout the critical period.

Let us hope that all this publicity proves as effective this year as it did last year, when the World-wide Whooping Crane population increased from 21 to 24 birds...

\*\* October 27 - Five adult Whoopers arrive at Aransas Refuge making a total of 12 to date, reports Julian Howard.

## October 2004 Clearing House

By David Sarkozi -- david@sarkozi.net -- phone 713-412-4409

There were 144 species reports this month. Best birds were a Magnificent Frigatebird on the 6<sup>th</sup>, a Broad-billed Hummingbird in Northwest Houston (photos have been taken) and the Great Kiskadees continue on the Katy Prairie. Reports were received this month from: Alex Lin-Moore, Bob & Maggie Honig, Kathie & Al Shultz, Dwayne Litteer, Jim Hinson, Kathy Reiser, Keith Kingdon, Lacey Ogburn, Mike Austin, Mira Merritt, Sumita Prasad and Winnie Burkett. (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=17 reports=6  
 American White Pelican birds=62 reports=2  
 Brown Pelican birds=6 reports=1  
 Neotropic Cormorant birds=68 reports=5  
 Double-crested Cormorant birds=29 reports=3  
 cormorant sp birds=1 reports=1  
 Anhinga birds=2 reports=1  
**Magnificent Frigatebird 10/18 Galveston(Bolivar Roads) 6 Winnie Burkett**  
 American Bittern birds=4 reports=3  
 Great Blue Heron birds=27 reports=10  
 Great Egret birds=93 reports=12  
 Snowy Egret birds=84 reports=11  
 Little Blue Heron birds=12 reports=6  
 Tricolored Heron birds=15 reports=4  
 Reddish Egret birds=4 reports=2  
 Cattle Egret birds=846 reports=8  
 Black-crowned Night-Heron birds=6 reports=2  
 Yellow-crowned Night-Heron birds=16 reports=2  
 White Ibis birds=65 reports=4  
 White-faced Ibis birds=30 reports=3  
 Roseate Spoonbill birds=59 reports=6  
 Wood Stork birds=5 reports=1  
 Black Vulture birds=7 reports=2  
 Turkey Vulture birds=10 reports=4  
 Black-bellied Whistling-Duck birds=339 reports=5  
 Fulvous Whistling-Duck birds=12 reports=1  
 Greater White-fronted Goose birds=58 reports=2  
 Wood Duck birds=2 reports=1  
 Gadwall birds=42 reports=2  
 American Wigeon birds=6 reports=1  
 Mottled Duck birds=538 reports=5  
 Blue-winged Teal birds=85 reports=3  
 Northern Shoveler birds=162 reports=3  
 Northern Pintail birds=330 reports=2  
 Green-winged Teal birds=6 reports=1  
 Osprey birds=3 reports=3  
 White-tailed Kite birds=6 reports=3  
 Bald Eagle 10/31 Harris(Katy Prairie, Harris & Waller) 1 Kathy Reiser  
 Northern Harrier birds=28 reports=7  
 Sharp-shinned Hawk birds=1 reports=1  
 Red-shouldered Hawk birds=5 reports=4  
 Red-tailed Hawk birds=10 reports=3  
 Crested Caracara birds=6 reports=4  
 American Kestrel birds=10 reports=4  
 Merlin birds=5 reports=1  
 Peregrine Falcon 10/6 Brazoria(Brazoria NWR) 2 Alex Lin-Moore, 10/9 Brazoria(Brazoria NWR) 1 Mira Merritt  
 Northern Bobwhite birds=1 reports=1  
 Common Moorhen birds=15 reports=1  
 American Coot birds=73 reports=5  
 Wilson's Plover birds=2 reports=1  
 Killdeer birds=29 reports=7  
 American Oystercatcher birds=1 reports=1  
 Black-necked Stilt birds=28 reports=2  
 American Avocet birds=54 reports=4  
 Greater Yellowlegs birds=15 reports=6  
 Lesser Yellowlegs birds=28 reports=3

Willet birds=21 reports=2  
 Spotted Sandpiper birds=4 reports=2  
 Long-billed Curlew birds=4 reports=1  
 Sanderling birds=12 reports=1  
 Least Sandpiper birds=340 reports=3  
 peep sp birds=20 reports=2  
 Dunlin birds=2 reports=1  
 Short-billed Dowitcher birds=25 reports=1  
 dowitcher sp birds=116 reports=3  
 Laughing Gull birds=51 reports=2  
 Franklin's Gull 10/21 Galveston(East Beach) 4 Mike Austin  
 Ring-billed Gull birds=3 reports=3  
 Herring Gull birds=2 reports=1  
 gull sp birds=2 reports=1  
 Caspian Tern birds=1 reports=1  
 Royal Tern birds=12 reports=1  
 Sandwich Tern birds=2 reports=1  
 Forster's Tern birds=7 reports=2  
 Rock Pigeon birds=212 reports=3  
 Eurasian Collared-Dove birds=6 reports=3  
 White-winged Dove birds=151 reports=3  
 Mourning Dove birds=107 reports=8  
 Inca Dove birds=4 reports=1  
 Monk Parakeet 10/10 Harris(Hou/WU/Bell/BraeBay610- Buffalo) 4 Bob Honig, 10/25 Harris(Webster) 6 Mike Austin  
 Great Horned Owl birds=1 reports=1  
**Broad-billed Hummingbird 10/30 Harris(NW Houston) 1 Keith Kingdon (photographs)**  
 Ruby-throated Hummingbird birds=6 reports=2  
 Black-chinned Hummingbird 10/9 Brazoria(Quintana) 1 Mira Merritt  
 Archilochus sp birds=2 reports=1  
 Rufous Hummingbird 10/30 Harris(Houston near Bissonnet & Edloe) 1 Maggie Honig  
 Selasphorus sp 10/3 Harris(Houston near Bissonnet & Edloe) 1 Bob Honig  
 hummingbird sp birds=4 reports=2  
 Belted Kingfisher birds=4 reports=3  
 Red-bellied Woodpecker birds=6 reports=4  
 Downy Woodpecker birds=3 reports=2  
 Northern Flicker birds=2 reports=2  
 Pileated Woodpecker birds=2 reports=1  
 Eastern Wood-Pewee birds=2 reports=1  
 Yellow-bellied Flycatcher 10/9 Brazoria(Quintana) 1 Mira Merritt  
 Eastern Phoebe birds=28 reports=9  
 Vermilion Flycatcher 10/23 Harris(Bear Creek Park) 1 Jim Hinson, 10/25 Harris() 1 Jim Hinson  
**Great Kiskadee 10/9 Harris(Sharp Rd. immediately W of Kat) 2 Bob & Maggie Honig**  
 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher birds=70 reports=5  
 Loggerhead Shrike birds=16 reports=7  
 White-eyed Vireo birds=2 reports=1  
 Blue-headed Vireo birds=2 reports=1  
 Warbling Vireo 10/6 Brazoria(Quintana) 1 Sumita Prasad, 10/9 Brazoria(Quintana) 1 Mira Merritt  
 Blue Jay birds=12 reports=3

American Crow birds=15 reports=3  
 Tree Swallow birds=6 reports=1  
 Northern Rough-winged Swallow birds=31 reports=2  
 Barn Swallow birds=110 reports=2  
 swallow sp birds=260 reports=2  
 Tufted Titmouse birds=1 reports=1  
 Carolina Wren birds=2 reports=2  
 House Wren birds=3 reports=1  
 Winter Wren 10/25 Harris() 2 Jim Hinson  
 Marsh Wren birds=2 reports=1  
**Ruby-crowned Kinglet 10/6 Brazoria(Quintana) 1 Sumita Prasad**  
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher birds=8 reports=1  
 Eastern Bluebird birds=1 reports=1  
 Gray Catbird birds=1 reports=1  
 Northern Mockingbird birds=61 reports=6  
 Brown Thrasher birds=5 reports=2  
 European Starling birds=137 reports=3  
 Tennessee Warbler birds=2 reports=2  
 Nashville Warbler birds=4 reports=2  
 Northern Parula 10/9 Brazoria(Quintana) 1 Mira Merritt  
 Chestnut-sided Warbler birds=1 reports=1  
 Magnolia Warbler birds=4 reports=3  
 Black-throated Green Warbler birds=3 reports=1  
 Black-and-White Warbler birds=3 reports=2  
 American Redstart 10/6 Brazoria(Quintana) 1 Sumita Prasad  
 Worm-eating Warbler 10/6 Brazoria(Quintana) 1 Sumita Prasad  
 Kentucky Warbler 10/6 Brazoria(Quintana) 1 Sumita Prasad  
 Common Yellowthroat birds=7 reports=2  
 Wilson's Warbler birds=2 reports=1  
 Yellow-breasted Chat birds=1 reports=1  
 Summer Tanager birds=1 reports=1  
 Lark Sparrow birds=2 reports=1  
**Savannah Sparrow 10/6 Brazoria(Brazoria NWR) 1 Alex Lin-Moore, 10/31 Harris(Katy Prairie, Harris & Waller) 1 Kathy Reiser**  
 Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow 10/25 Brazoria(Brazoria NWR) 1 Dwayne Litteer  
 sparrow sp birds=2 reports=1  
 Northern Cardinal birds=19 reports=5  
 Blue Grosbeak 10/9 Harris(Jesse Jones Park) 10 Lacey Ogburn  
 Indigo Bunting birds=5 reports=2  
 Red-winged Blackbird birds=424 reports=5  
 Eastern Meadowlark birds=8 reports=3  
 Meadowlark sp birds=7 reports=1  
 Brewer's Blackbird 10/31 Harris(Katy Prairie, Harris & Waller) 50 Kathy Reiser  
 Common Grackle birds=75 reports=3  
 Boat-tailed Grackle birds=29 reports=3  
 Great-tailed Grackle birds=164 reports=5  
 House Finch birds=2 reports=1  
 House Sparrow birds=25 reports=1

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	<i><b>Individual</b></i>	<i><b>Family</b></i>
ONC Annual Dues:	\$ 8.00	\$ 15.00
OG Annual Dues:	\$ 14.00	\$ 19.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 22.00</b>	<b>\$ 34.00</b>

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