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February Meeting

Monday, February 5, 2007 -- 7:00 p.m.

Bayland Community Center
6400 Bissonnet, Houston

6:30 -- Learning Corner: Sparrows (Part 2)
with **David Bradford**

**Program: The Northern Aplomado Falcon:
Natural History and Current Conservation Status**
presented by **John Coffman**

The subspecies of Aplomado Falcon that once was considered widespread in grasslands of the southwest United States and Mexico all but disappeared from the US portion of its range by 1930.

This presentation covers what is known about the Aplomado Falcon's behavior, breeding biology, habitat characteristics, and identification. Also included in the program is a brief history of the restoration efforts to reestablish a population in South Texas, the process by which it is introduced, and the importance of the population in West Texas.

John Coffman grew up in West Texas and developed a strong interest in wildlife, especially birds of prey, at a young age. While currently pursuing a university degree, in the summer of 2005 he worked for The Peregrine Fund on the Northern Aplomado project, and this spring will be conducting Aplomado Falcon habitat research. John has also worked alongside a UC Davis raptor biologist in California rehabilitating birds of prey.

Other Events

February 10: special trip to Lake Houston
(for Henslow's Sparrow)

February 17: Texas City Prairie Preserve
Monthly OG trip, led by The Nature
Conservancy, to see Attwater's
Prairie Chickens

March 5: Monthly OG meeting
Carol Jones: The Great Texas
Birding Classic

March 18: Bolivar and Texas City Dike
Monthly OG trip, with Adam Wood

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Minutes of the January 8, 2007 Meeting

Bayland Community Center

Attendance: 70

1. **Learning Corner:** David Bradford talked about sparrows, giving a useful handout and lots of things to look for in the field when encountering sparrows.
2. Michael Williams opened the meeting at about 7:05 p.m. with **bird sightings**. Mary Dodson mentioned a large variety of raptors drawn by a goose carcass during the Cypress Creek CBC; there were four eagles, some Caracaras, and a Red-tailed Hawk. Adam Wood noted that the Buffalo Bayou CBC got all the possible sparrow species, and several other good sightings were mentioned.
3. **Minutes** of the December meeting as printed in *The Spoonbill* were accepted .
4. **Spoonbill:** Al Shultz asked us to submit CBC stories. He also noted that we are using a new printer. A few of us received our Spoonbill late, but not as many people or as late in the past.
5. **Library:** Andy Scott reminded us to take advantage of our library.
6. **Field Trips:** Adam Wood noted that the OG's turnout for the Houston CBC was disappointing -- it was the lowest on record for that count. Skip said the turnout for the mid-week trip was excellent. It was to E.L. Moore Sanctuary. The next mid-week trip is Cullinan Park in southwest Houston. Adam invited all to come to the Jan. 20 Brazos Bend S.P. trip, but said it might be strenuous in the afternoon. He also urged us to sign up for the trip to northeast Texas, January 25 to 28.
7. **Budget:** Jim Winn reminded us to contact our legislators to remind them that we care about parks funding. He and many others are riding to Austin by bus on January 17 to visit with legislators in person about it.
8. **Program:** Bernice Hotman introduced Tim Brush, of Edinburg. He discussed the birds of the Lower Rio Grande Valley, with background on the history of the region and its biology. He gave perspectives on the spread of some birds into the area and the decline of others, and possible reasons for these changes. His presentation included a lot of great photos of regional specialty birds, as well as beautiful artwork by Gerald Sneed and exclusive maps, from Tim's book, *Nesting Birds of a Tropical Frontier*. Tim answered many questions afterward.
9. **Meeting adjourned** about 8:15 p.m.

-- John Schneider

◆ **SPEAK UP FOR TEXAS PARKS:** Please help preserve your state's natural assets – those parklands that are our legacy to future generations; those places where the birds feed and breed; parks that renew our spirit ... parks available to all Texas residents! House Bill No. 6 provides dependable, adequate funding for state and local parks. The State Legislature will pass this bill if enough of us request they do so. Please ask your Representative to support House Bill No. 6. Contact information for him/her is found at www.capitol.state.tx.us. Go to the "Who Represents Me?" section. A visit, letter, email or phone call is all that's required. Please inform us of the results of your contact so we will know who supports Texas parks and who does not. Email jimwinn@swbell.net. When all the parks once again look inviting, we will all be glad we made it happen! Write, right now! --Jim Winn

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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Special Trip to Lake Houston State Park: February 10, 2007

In mid-December, three Henslow's Sparrows were spotted at Lake Houston State Park. I have made arrangements with Jerry Walls, the park naturalist, for the OG to search for these small elusive birds

Trip is full (8) with a waiting list – contact Adam Wood for information.

Field Trip Announcement -- February 17, 2007

Texas City Prairie Preserve: Attwater's Prairie Chicken Booming Tour

Meet at Texas City Prairie Preserve: Main Building, 5:45 a.m.
Limit 10 people

This month's trip will be to the Texas City Prairie Preserve to participate in the Attwater's Prairie Chicken Booming Tour. This is one of the few opportunities left to see wild Attwater's Prairie Chickens. The Texas City Prairie Preserve features rare coastal prairie habitat and is one of the last remaining sites that supports wild Attwater's Prairie Chickens. In 1900 there were approximately 1 million Attwater's Prairie Chickens along the Texas coast. However, loss of coastal prairie habitat over the years devastated the population, and less than 50 remain in the wild today, making the bird one of the most endangered in North America. In addition to habitat for the prairie chicken, the property provides a home for wintering and migrating grassland songbirds. The preserve also contains excellent wetlands that support migratory and year-round populations of waterfowl, shorebirds and wading birds, including nesting colonies of least terns and black skimmers. Other birds sighted here include brown pelican, white-faced ibis, black rail, American peregrine falcon, white-tailed hawk, reddish egrets, Forster's terns and American oystercatchers.

A Nature Conservancy guide at the Texas City Prairie Preserve will take us out to the blind promptly at 6:00 am. We will be in the blind until the last prairie chicken leaves the lek. We will probably be in the blind for a long time, so make sure to make a pit stop before we leave for the blind. After we leave the blind the guide will show us around some of the other parts of the preserve in search of waterfowl, shorebirds, and sparrows.

Directions: We will meet at the main building at 5:45 a.m. and the gates will close at 6:00 a.m., so make sure to be there before 6:00 or you will get left behind -- they will not wait for stragglers. This trip is limited to 10 people, so if you are interested in going, please let me know. To get there from Houston, go south on I-45 to FM 1764 and go east on FM 1764 to highway 146. Go under highway 146 and turn left. Go approximately 1.9 miles north and the gate entrance will be on your right after crossing Moses Bayou. The main building is 1.4 mile down the gravel road.

Be sure to bring: binoculars, a spotting scope (the Nature Conservancy will provide two to share), a warm coat or jacket in case it is cold, hat, sun block, camera, water, and a lunch.

--Adam Wood, OG Field Trip Coordinator birdman_570@yahoo.com 713-515-1692

February Mid-Week Field Trip Russ Pittman Park

The next midweek birding trip will be at Russ Pittman Park on February 14, 2007. Russ Pittman Park is a peaceful 4-acre park nestled just inside the 610 Loop within the City of Bellaire. The Nature Discovery Center is located within the historic Henshaw House, a prominent feature at the north end of the park. The leader for this trip will be Skip Almoney. He will be at the designated meeting point at 8:00 a.m. and the trip will not last beyond 12 noon. We will bird the feeders around the nature Discovery Center and along the trails throughout the grounds. If you have never birded this urban site, you will find it most remarkable. Wintertime has produced any number of hummingbirds in this small park, including a Calliope Hummingbird several years ago. Russ Pitman Park is located on Newcastle Ave. in Bellaire. To reach the park, turn south on Newcastle from Bellaire Boulevard (inside West Loop 610). After you pass Oleander Street, there is an off-the-street parking area on the left at the north end of the Park. You can also turn right off of the West Loop N feeder road at Oleander and then right on Newcastle to the parking area.

OG Mid-Week Birding Trips

The OG sponsors a midweek birding trip the second Wednesday of each month from September through May. These are informal birding trips with Skip Almoney as the leader. Skip will be at the site at 8:00 a.m. and the trip will not last beyond 12 noon. Depending on the birds and the number of participants, the trip may not be a full 4 hours. Each location listed below is in or near the city of Houston with only a few outside Beltway 8. Anyone is welcome and we will meet unless the weather is seriously inclement. The following are the locations for each month of the upcoming season.

February 2007	Russ Pittman Park
March 2007	Jesse H. Jones Park
April 2007	Herman Brown Park
May 2007	Hermann Park

Field Trip Report -- Cullinan Park January Mid-week Field Trip

On a beautiful and sunny January day, the OG Field Trip to Cullinan Park yielded about 35 bird species. There were five species of ducks on the lake: Gadwall in good numbers, Wood Ducks, Ruddy, American Widgeon and one Blue-winged Teal. There were about a dozen White Pelicans and two Anhingas. There were hundreds of American Coots and about 50 Pied-billed Grebes, the large majority of which were huddled together in the center of the lake. Raptors seen were an immature Red-tailed Hawk, an Osprey with prey in its talons, a Northern Harrier, and a Red-shouldered Hawk that was very vocal but stayed out of visual range. The wooded areas provided some species also, including a Yellow-throated Vireo, a couple of Blue-gray Gnatcatchers, Mourning Doves, Ruby-crowned Kinglets, Northern Cardinals, lots of Yellow-rumped Warblers, and several Loggerhead Shrikes. There were also large numbers of American Robins flying over the whole morning. A pair of Belted Kingfishers doing aerial warfare over the lake provided an interesting highlight to the birding.

-- Skip Almoney

Sugar-Free Birds

Some birds in the neotropics have learned to knock the top of the sugar bowl to eat sugar, as Dr. John O'Neill has reported. Some Houston birds have learned a different trick. Friends who recognize grackles told me of observing them carefully taking out packets of Splenda, Sweet and Low, but NOT sugar from tabletop containers on the patio dining area at the Houston Country Club in southwest Houston this fall. Waiters there said the birds did not eat sugar they offered, but consumed the fake stuff. I sort of hope their elite tastebuds will perhaps diminish their numbers. --Caroline Callery

Notes from 2006-2007 Christmas Bird Counts

Guadalupe River Delta - McFaddin Family

Ranches – This 3rd annual event was conducted on 14 December 2006. 58 birders reported 220 species. Fulvous Whistling-Duck, Greater Scaup, Least Bittern, Ferruginous Hawk, Buff-bellied Hummingbird, Nashville Warbler, Fox Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco and Rose-breasted Grosbeak were new for the CBC and Yellow Rail was voted as Best Bird. Other interesting reports were 8 Cinnamon Teal, 16 Least Grebe, 9 Bald Eagle, 1 White-tipped Dove, 2 Pauraque, 6 Green Kingfisher, 5 Least Flycatcher, 24 Vermilion Flycatcher, 4 Great Kiskadee, 51 Couch's Kingbird, 12 species of warblers which included 3 Nashville, 5 Black-throated Green, 2 American Redstart and 2 Yellow-breasted Chat.

Conspicuously absent were Northern Bobwhite, Red-breasted Merganser, Rufous Hummingbird, Northern Parula, Ovenbird, Lark Sparrow, Painted Bunting and Bronzed Cowbird. Individual numbers of 40 species were higher than normal and 26 species were lower. The day's birding was highlighted by another enjoyable cookout on the Jesse Womack Ranch under the liveoaks in the riverbottom. Meal was prepared by the "Weed Prairie Lease" and provided by Jesse. Lyondell Corp. paid for activity fees. -- *Brent Ortego*

Freeport -- The 50th annual Freeport CBC was blessed by almost perfect weather (save for a little coastal fog) on Sunday, December 17th. As a result of the count's anniversary, the weather, or both, 98 observers turned out including some luminaries from across the state who had not participated for some time. As a result, I feel we got a very accurate idea of bird numbers within the circle on that date. The count tallied 215 species (plus three additional species seen count week) and 75,228 individual birds. Best bird of the count (second ever seen at the Freeport CBC) was a Red-naped Sapsucker meticulously described (as always) by John Arvin of the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory. Other unusual visitors were Cinnamon Teal, White-winged and Black Scoters, Harris's Hawk (by several different areas - they are now nesting @ Brazoria NWR), Black Rail, Solitary and Pectoral Sandpipers, Sandwich Tern, Broad-tailed Hummingbird, Red-headed Woodpecker, Couch's and Western Kingbirds, a

Sage Thrasher (watched in a scope for a number of minutes), Yellow and "Audubon's" Warblers, American Redstart, Ovenbird, Summer and Western Tanagers (in the same binocular field!), Dark-eyed Juncos, and a Spotted Towhee. Amazing numbers were 30 Merlins, good numbers of Canvasback and Redhead, a record count of Osprey (72) and White-tailed Hawks (37). There were 11 Least/Empidonax flycatchers and a record number of Blue-headed Vireos (79). In short supply were Lesser Scaup, Common Loon, and Eared Grebe (all showing continent-wide declines) and Canada Goose (wintering farther north more and more). Many thanks to all the participants and a stable cadre of area leaders who cement everything together.

-- *Mike Austin*

Matagorda County--Mad Island Marsh --

Matagorda County--Mad Island Marsh CBC was held Monday, 18 December 2006. Our 110 birders reported 233 species which will rank us number two in the nation. We congratulate Corpus Christi CBC, which posted 238 species and ended our 9 consecutive years of being number one. Western Grebe was voted as our Best Bird and was followed closely by Veery. Other good reports were 18 Cinnamon Teal, 56 Northern Gannet, 2 Least Bittern, 639 Roseate Spoonbill, 1 Swainson's Hawk, 4 Black Rail, 17 Groove-billed Ani, 61 Barn Owl, 16 Least Flycatcher, 2 Say's Phoebe, 1 Wood Thrush, 14 species of warblers (which included 10 Tennessee, 1 Yellow, 7 Black-and-White, 1 American Redstart, 3 Ovenbird, 6 Northern Waterthrush, 19 Wilson's and 9 Yellow-breasted Chat), 5 Clay-colored Sparrow and 1 Rusty Blackbird. Count Week birds missed were Fulvous Whistling-Duck, Long-eared Owl, Traill's Flycatcher and Western Kingbird. We had 105 species with high tallies and 30 species with low. The productive day ended with a banquet at the Wadsworth Community Center. We would like to thank our many sponsors who pay for our activity fees, banquet and T-shirt each year. -- *Brent Ortego*

Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR -- The 31st Attwater Prairie Chicken Christmas Bird Count took place on Wednesday, 20 December 2006. Itcontinued, p. 6

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was forecasted to rain EVERY hour of the day, and still, nearly 40 dedicated birders showed up to count. Despite these forecasts, Attwater CBCers were rewarded with relatively good weather for most of the day. In the early afternoon, there were some showers (for less than an hour) as a cool front moved through the area, and the temperature dropped more than 10 degrees. Our preliminary results indicate an unofficial total of 166 species of

birds. Highlights include Yellow Warbler, Stilt Sandpiper, Wilson's Phalarope, and Dark-eyed Junco. A total of five Attwater Prairie Chickens were spotted in three different areas of the refuge. Many thanks to our participants, our great area leaders, the many landowners who provide access to their property, and the Attwater PC- National Wildlife Refuge for all their efforts in making this such a wonderful count! -- *Sumita Prasad*

Clearing House -- December 2006

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This is a summary of birds reported to eBird (www.ebird.org) for the Upper Texas Coast (Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, and Jefferson Counties) for December 2006. Those records that are very rare for that week of the year are in **bold**. There are 188 species listed from 246 checklists. Notable birds are Canada Goose, Surf Scoter, Green Heron, Snowy Plover, Stilt Sandpiper, Greater Roadrunner, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Least Flycatcher, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Tree Swallow, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Black-and-white Warbler, Harris's Sparrow, and Rusty Blackbird.

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck birds =846 reports = 30
Greater White-fronted Goose birds =131 reports = 8
Snow Goose birds =4,596 reports = 27
Ross's Goose birds =21 reports = 6
Cackling Goose birds =135 reports = 3
Canada Goose birds =7 reports = 2
Wood Duck birds =136 reports = 20
Gadwall birds =550 reports = 14
Mallard birds =174 reports = 15
Mottled Duck birds =47 reports = 5
Blue-winged Teal birds =190 reports = 17
Northern Shoveler birds =206 reports = 20
Northern Pintail birds =243 reports = 8
Green-winged Teal birds =12 reports = 3
Redhead birds =9 reports = 3
Ring-necked Duck birds =35 reports = 9
Greater Scaup birds =4 reports = 2
Lesser Scaup birds =521 reports = 12
Surf Scoter birds =2 reports = 1
Bufflehead birds =16 reports = 5
Common Goldeneye birds =24 reports = 4
Hooded Merganser birds =21 reports = 3
Red-breasted Merganser birds =73 reports = 10
Ruddy Duck birds =159 reports = 13
Common Loon birds =8 reports = 3
Pied-billed Grebe birds =489 reports = 43
Eared Grebe birds =33 reports = 9
Northern Gannet birds =74 reports = 4
American White Pelican birds =136 reports = 12
Brown Pelican birds =226 reports = 15
Neotropic Cormorant birds =69 reports = 7
Double-crested Cormorant birds =731 reports = 40
Anhinga birds =27 reports = 12
American Bittern birds =3 reports = 3
Great Blue Heron birds =163 reports = 65

Great Egret birds =163 reports = 68
Snowy Egret birds =227 reports = 57
Little Blue Heron birds =59 reports = 30
Tricolored Heron birds =26 reports = 12
Reddish Egret birds =2 reports = 2
Cattle Egret birds =18 reports = 9
Green Heron birds =3 reports = 3
Black-crowned Night-Heron birds =57 reports = 10
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron birds =2 reports = 1
White Ibis birds =578 reports = 40
White-faced Ibis birds =226 reports = 18
Roseate Spoonbill birds =90 reports = 18
Black Vulture birds =507 reports = 46
Turkey Vulture birds =429 reports = 60
Osprey birds =19 reports = 15
White-tailed Kite birds =2 reports = 1
Bald Eagle birds =6 reports = 5
Northern Harrier birds =60 reports = 30
Sharp-shinned Hawk birds =17 reports = 15
Cooper's Hawk birds =12 reports = 10
Red-shouldered Hawk birds =86 reports = 42
White-tailed Hawk birds =5 reports = 5
Red-tailed Hawk birds =108 reports = 55
Crested Caracara birds =14 reports = 8
American Kestrel birds =63 reports = 30
Merlin birds =19 reports = 11
Peregrine Falcon birds =1 reports = 1
King Rail birds =1 reports = 1
Sora birds =16 reports = 7
Common Moorhen birds =364 reports = 24
American Coot birds =4,101 reports = 37
Sandhill Crane birds =454 reports = 14
Black-bellied Plover birds =4 reports = 3
Snowy Plover birds =2 reports = 1
Semipalmated Plover birds =1 reports = 1

Killdeer birds =481 reports = 57
 Black-necked Stilt birds =10 reports = 4
 American Avocet birds =403 reports = 2
 Greater Yellowlegs birds =29 reports = 13
 Lesser Yellowlegs birds =1 reports = 1
 Willet birds =11 reports = 7
 Spotted Sandpiper birds =14 reports = 12
 Long-billed Curlew birds =7 reports = 3
 Marbled Godwit birds =1 reports = 1
 Ruddy Turnstone birds =83 reports = 5
 Sanderling birds =137 reports = 7
 Western Sandpiper birds =1 reports = 1
 Least Sandpiper birds =108 reports = 7
 Dunlin birds =1 reports = 1
Stilt Sandpiper birds =1 reports = 1
 Long-billed Dowitcher birds =253 reports = 7
 Wilson's Snipe birds =43 reports = 12
 Laughing Gull birds =3,233 reports = 22
 Bonaparte's Gull birds =56 reports = 5
 Ring-billed Gull birds =260 reports = 16
 Herring Gull birds =64 reports = 10
 Lesser Black-backed Gull birds =5 reports = 4
 Caspian Tern birds =5 reports = 4
 Royal Tern birds =123 reports = 8
Sandwich Tern birds =2 reports = 2
 Forster's Tern birds =136 reports = 9
 Black Skimmer birds =87 reports = 4
 Rock Pigeon birds =225 reports = 17
 Eurasian Collared-Dove birds =11 reports = 3
 White-winged Dove birds =130 reports = 18
 Mourning Dove birds =657 reports = 73
 Inca Dove birds =39 reports = 9
 Common Ground-Dove birds =1 reports = 1
 Monk Parakeet birds =5 reports = 2
Greater Roadrunner birds =1 reports = 1
 Groove-billed Ani birds =1 reports = 1
 Barn Owl birds =0 reports = 0
 Eastern Screech-Owl birds =4 reports = 1
 Great Horned Owl birds =3 reports = 2
 Barred Owl birds =8 reports = 3
Ruby-throated Hummingbird birds =2 reports = 2
 Rufous Hummingbird birds =2 reports = 2
 Belted Kingfisher birds =58 reports = 37
 Red-headed Woodpecker birds =36 reports = 17
 Red-bellied Woodpecker birds =222 reports = 81
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker birds =59 reports = 33
 Downy Woodpecker birds =114 reports = 57
 Northern Flicker birds =32 reports = 18
 Pileated Woodpecker birds =47 reports = 27
Least Flycatcher birds =5 reports = 5
 Eastern Phoebe birds =381 reports = 71
 Vermilion Flycatcher birds =18 reports = 14
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher birds =1 reports = 1
 Loggerhead Shrike birds =122 reports = 48
 White-eyed Vireo birds =2 reports = 2
 Blue-headed Vireo birds =39 reports = 23
 Blue Jay birds =275 reports = 75
 American Crow birds =483 reports = 65
 Horned Lark birds =0 reports = 0
Tree Swallow birds =28 reports = 4

Northern Rough-winged Swallow birds =32 reports = 4
 Carolina Chickadee birds =479 reports = 79
 Tufted Titmouse birds =228 reports = 48
Brown-headed Nuthatch birds =1 reports = 1
 Brown Creeper birds =41 reports = 19
 Carolina Wren birds =297 reports = 62
 House Wren birds =39 reports = 19
 Winter Wren birds =6 reports = 4
 Sedge Wren birds =23 reports = 5
 Marsh Wren birds =7 reports = 3
 Golden-crowned Kinglet birds =143 reports = 48
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet birds =926 reports = 99
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher birds =188 reports = 49
 Eastern Bluebird birds =198 reports = 31
 Hermit Thrush birds =72 reports = 35
 American Robin birds =6,824 reports = 91
 Gray Catbird birds =14 reports = 11
 Northern Mockingbird birds =314 reports = 96
 Brown Thrasher birds =29 reports = 17
 European Starling birds =1,520 reports = 56
 American Pipit birds =197 reports = 27
 Sprague's Pipit birds =5 reports = 2
 Cedar Waxwing birds =1,828 reports = 33
 Orange-crowned Warbler birds =145 reports = 55
 Yellow-rumped Warbler birds =1,489 reports = 102
 Pine Warbler birds =385 reports = 53
Black-and-white Warbler birds =1 reports = 1
 Common Yellowthroat birds =28 reports = 15
 Wilson's Warbler birds =16 reports = 14
 Eastern Towhee birds =7 reports = 5
 Chipping Sparrow birds =190 reports = 23
 Field Sparrow birds =34 reports = 7
 Vesper Sparrow birds =1 reports = 1
 Lark Sparrow birds =1 reports = 1
 Savannah Sparrow birds =193 reports = 28
 Grasshopper Sparrow birds =1 reports = 1
 Le Conte's Sparrow birds =37 reports = 6
 Seaside Sparrow birds =1 reports = 1
 Fox Sparrow birds =3 reports = 2
 Song Sparrow birds =23 reports = 12
 Lincoln's Sparrow birds =22 reports = 10
 Swamp Sparrow birds =104 reports = 29
 White-throated Sparrow birds =155 reports = 27
Harris's Sparrow birds =23 reports = 7
 White-crowned Sparrow birds =6 reports = 4
 Dark-eyed Junco birds =2 reports = 2
 Northern Cardinal birds =594 reports = 106
 Red-winged Blackbird birds =3,468 reports = 41
 Eastern Meadowlark birds =96 reports = 17
Rusty Blackbird birds =43 reports = 3
 Brewer's Blackbird birds =18 reports = 2
 Common Grackle birds =2,148 reports = 24
 Boat-tailed Grackle birds =118 reports = 7
 Great-tailed Grackle birds =969 reports = 41
 Brown-headed Cowbird birds =179 reports = 10
 House Finch birds =14 reports = 6
 American Goldfinch birds =758 reports = 60
 House Sparrow birds =390 reports = 32

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