



# The Spoonbill

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## September Meeting: Monday, Sept. 8

Bayland Community Center  
6400 Bissonnet, Houston

**Learning Corner -- 6:30 p.m.** Fieldcraft  
presented by **Steve Gross**

**7:00 p.m. – General Meeting**

**Program: The Future of South Texas Wildlife**  
**presented by Mark Klym**

The rolling dense brush of the South Texas Plains, and the controversial river that feeds the region, contribute to a unique and vulnerable ecosystem on the southernmost border of the United States. Many of the unique species of the region -- the ocelot, Audubon's Oriole, Buff-bellied Hummingbird, and others -- have also been recognized as vulnerable. What is being done to ensure their future?

There is a plan. The Texas Wildlife Action Plan will direct research and conservation efforts in the state into the future. The plan recognizes the vulnerability of the region (classed as a high priority in the plan), the river (various stream portions are considered sensitive and research is highly recommended), and many of the species. By not requiring species to be listed under separate federal or state legislation, this plan will direct funds to research and conservation efforts for several species for whom we have little information or high concerns.

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## Other Events

- Sept. 13: Beginning Birder Trip 1  
(Jones Park with Adam Wood and Sheena Humbird)
- Sept. 11-14: Hummer/Bird Festival  
(Rockport-Fulton)  
[www.rockporthummingbird.com](http://www.rockporthummingbird.com)
- Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27: Xtreme Hummingbird Xtravaganza  
(Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, Lake Jackson)  
[www.gcbo.org](http://www.gcbo.org)
- Sept. 20: Smith Point Hawk Watch
- Sept. 20: Kleb Woods Hummingbird Festival (near Tomball)
- Oct. 11: Beginning Birder Trip 2  
Katy Prairie
- Oct. 18: Bolivar Bird Survey
- Oct. 23-26: Quarterly Field Trip to Concan & Uvalde (Bob Rasa)

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## Service Projects

Do organizations do them, or are they done on an individual basis? Should the Ornithology Group consider taking part in a service project, in lieu of or in addition to sending a monetary contribution to other birding and/or habitat-conservation organizations? Regularly we consider making cash donations to the Smith Point Hawk Watch or for the Houston CBC boat rental (no longer necessary) or to Houston Audubon for sanctuary additions or to various other things as they occur.

For a couple of years now, individual members of OG have volunteered their time and energies to help with Galveston's Feather Fest. Do we automatically assume that OG will continue to contribute UTC checklists in exchange for a booth, and that members will act as liaisons on the field trips? Is it time to review our participation in this event? How many of us really do volunteer there in the name of OG?

What about volunteering to "adopt" Hooks Woods? How many of you bird that Texas Ornithological Society sanctuary at High Island? The Golden Triangle Audubon has adopted the TOS Sabine Woods Sanctuary. "Adoption" would mean at least participating in a couple of clean-ups each year. The sanctuary has been awarded a Great Texas Birding Classic grant, and TOS will be making some changes and doing some cleaning out of invasive species. Should OG take on such a project? Are you available to help?

From my house to High Island is exactly 100 miles, regardless of which of the two routes I take. It is 60 miles from my house to Stewart Beach. I assume most of you are similar distances away from these spots. Will the price of gasoline impact your willingness to donate your time and pruning skills?

Of course, theoretically, the big event that OG sponsors is the Houston CBC. From what I hear, the number of volunteers needed for this CBC is barely being met. Too many of us are helping with other Christmas counts done on the same day. Since OG is the sponsor of this count, we do need to get more of us involved with this count. How does OG, as an organization, make that happen?

Would the same birders who help with Feather Fest be the ones who help at Hooks Woods? If OG were to adopt Hooks Woods, the intention would be for more OG members to find a channel of service in the name of our organization. That would be one more positive way to get our name out there and promote membership. Please let me know what you think.

--Bernice Hotman, OG Chairperson

## 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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Ornithology Group, Houston Outdoor Nature Club  
Minutes of Meeting on Monday, August 4, 2008  
Number of Attendees: 45

1. **Learning Corner:** Steve Gross led a discussion about birding alone. Although we often bird in groups, it can be a positive experience to bird alone. The primary thing is to be safe. Then set a goal on each outing, such as focusing on young birds or vocalizations. Advantages of birding alone are that it can be based on your skill level and it can take place on your timetable.
2. **Sightings:** Bernice Hotman opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Louisiana Water Thrush was seen at Brazos Bend SP. Swallow-tailed Kites have also been seen.
3. **Minutes** from the May 5 meeting as published in the Spoonbill were approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Jerry Stanislav reported that the cash balance remains constant at \$9,279. New checklists are available for sale for \$1.00. This is the first time they have been revised since 1998.
5. **Fundraiser:** Bernice Hotman encouraged everyone to buy a new shirt as a fundraiser for OG. An order form is on page 7 of the August Spoonbill. Each shirt is \$30. Shirts ordered will be brought to the September meeting.
6. **Membership:** Margret Simmons encouraged everyone to sign in and pay dues. The new yearbook is out with the roster and field trips.
7. **Meeting Location:** Bernice Hotman plotted the zip codes for members and found that we are scattered over a wide area. It appears that the Bayland Community Center is as convenient a location as any other. She will not continue researching other locations. However, if anyone finds a location that they find appealing, please let her know.
8. **Library Report:** Debbie Valdez reported some books have never been checked out. She is taking a survey to determine what to do with all of the books. Your feedback would be welcomed.
9. **Environmental Concerns:** Joy Hester reported that the Nature Conservancy, Houston Audubon, and Travis Audubon are teaming up to save additional land for the Whooping Cranes.
10. **Spoonbill newsletter:** Al Shultz encouraged everyone to send in short stories and anecdotes. All submissions are due by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.
11. **Future Field Trips:** Adam Wood reported that the first field trip of the year will be on August 16 to Lake Somerville State Park. Target birds will include migrant shorebirds and early wintering ducks. A beginning birder trip will be on September 13 to Jesse Jones Park. Please RSVP directly to the park if you can attend. The first quarterly trip will be to the Hill Country around Uvalde and Concan on October 23-26. The trip is limited to 16 people so please sign up.
12. **Past Field Trips:** Adam reported that the quarterly field trip in April 2008 to Laredo was a success with 116 species seen. The highlight of the trip was the White-collared Seedeater. The April 18 trip to Armand Bayou was a little disappointing in that few migrants were seen; one unusual sighting was the Common Ground Dove. The May 17 field trip to Huntsville State Park was more successful in that 43 species were seen. The Navasota Bottomlands trip on May 31 did not produce the primary target bird, the Swainson's Warbler. However, highlights of the trip were Mississippi Kites and 5 Swainson's Hawks circling a plowed field.
13. **Swift Night Out:** Pam Smolen reminded everyone about the Swift counts in Dayton on Saturday, August 9, and at Whole Foods on August 26.
14. **Program:** Pam Smolen introduced Bob Rasa who birds extensively in Uvalde County. Bob described the many areas in the Uvalde area for birding. Some of the best areas are Cook's Slough; City Park in Uvalde where you can find all three Kingfishers; the National Fish Hatchery, a good sight for osprey; Fort Inge for Green Jays and Kingfishers; CR 202 on the Nueces River; Neal's Lodges in Concan; Park Chalk Bluff; Kerr Wildlife Mgt. Area for the Black-capped Vireo; Lost Maples for the Golden-cheeked Warbler and the Green Kingfisher; Garner State Park for the Tropical Parula; and Lunker's Pond. Bob followed up with an excellent slide show of the beautiful birds in the area.
15. Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

--Cindy Douglass, OG Secretary

**Beginning Birder Trip 1:  
Jesse Jones Park -- September 13, 2008  
Meet at Jesse Jones Park Parking Lot, 7:00 a.m.**

If you are a beginning birder, or are interested in finding out more about what goes on during our field trips, then this trip is for you. You'll have the opportunity to improve your birding skills in a low-pressure environment. This is the first of two beginning birder/new member trips that are being offered this year. This trip is sponsored by Jesse Jones Park and is part of its Early Birds program. The program will be led by Sheena Humbird, the park naturalist. Jones Park is located in northeast Harris County and contains bottomland hardwood-pine forest plants and wildlife. The park has over 300 fenced acres and more than one-half mile of frontage on Spring Creek.

Directions: From Houston, take I-59 north to the FM-1960 exit. Turn left onto FM 1960A BR (W 1st St.) and go about 1.7 miles to Kenswick Drive. Take a right on Kenswick Drive and continue 1.5 miles to the parking lot for Jesse Jones Park. It will take approximately half an hour to get there from downtown Houston, so I suggest leaving around 6:30 am or earlier if you live farther away.

Be sure to bring: binoculars, a hat, sunscreen, scope, camera, raingear (in case it rains, we will bird rain or shine), water and snacks if you would like. **Reservations are required and can be made beginning on Wed., August 27.** To make your reservation, please call Jesse Jones Park at (281) 446-8588, Monday through Friday any time from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Quarterly Trip Announcement: Hill Country (Uvalde/Concan)  
October 23-26, 2008**

Meet at Palacio del Frio Living Room, 9:00 p.m.  
\$190.00 (ESTIMATE) Accommodations Fee  
Limit: 16 People

This fall's quarterly field trip will be to the Hill Country around Concan and Uvalde. Bob Rasa will be our leader for this trip. The Golden-cheeked Warblers and Black-capped Vireos will be long gone by this date, but don't despair -- there are still many goodies for us to find. The main targets will be fall migrants, with special emphasis on finding some of the western species like MacGillivray's Warbler, Lazuli Bunting (rare) and Yellow-headed Blackbird to just name a few. We will visit Cooks Slough, the Uvalde Fish Hatchery, Lost Maples State Park, Park Chalk Bluff and Kerr Wildlife Management Area if time permits. We will also be on the lookout for other west Texas specialties such as Zone-tailed Hawk, Wild Turkey, Common Poorwill, Bell's Vireo, Hutton's Vireo (rare), Bushtit, Verdin, Cassin's Sparrow, Brewer's Sparrow (rare), Clay-colored Sparrow, Bullock's Oriole and Scott's Oriole. This is going to be a great trip in some beautiful country, the Texas Hill Country, so you will not want to miss it. If you are interested in going on this trip, please let me know and I will get your name on the list and give you details on payment.

Accommodations: I am planning to reserve two cabins in Concan, Texas. One sleeps 10 and the other sleeps 6 for \$900 a night. The larger cabin has five bedrooms with 10 beds and 3.5 baths, and has a swimming pool (bring your swim suit if you feel like a relaxing soak after a full day of birding) and a full kitchen (bring what ever drinks and food you like, but remember that there are other people bringing food and drinks as well, so don't go overboard). The other cabin has three bedrooms with six beds and three bathrooms. It also has a full kitchen and dining room. Everybody will need to bring their own bedding and bath towels.

Be sure to bring: binoculars, spotting scope, camera, rain gear in case it rains, hat, sunscreen, water, snacks for during the day, and lunch material for Friday and Saturday. If you wish to bring breakfast and dinner food as well as drinks, feel free to because the cabins have a big freezer/fridge as well as an oven and stove.

This trip is filling up fast so if you are interested in attending this trip please let me know and I will get your name on the list.

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September Trip Announcement: Smith Point Hawk Watch  
September 20, 2008  
Hawk Watch Tower, 8:30 AM

This month's trip is our annual Hawk Watch trip to Smith Point. If you are looking to really learn how to identify raptors on the wing from up close and afar, this is the trip for you. It doesn't matter if you are a beginner or a seasoned birder—the Hawk Watch counters are very knowledgeable and are willing to answer whatever questions you may have about raptor identification. This is when raptor migration peaks, so throughout the day there should be lots of raptors soaring by. However, if by some chance it is not a good day for raptor migration, we will spend time in the woods near the tower looking for migrant songbirds and drive around the point looking for migrant shorebirds like Buff-breasted Sandpipers. We will also make an attempt to find the resident pair of Couch's Kingbirds. So come and join us for a day of looking up -- not at the stars but at "kettles" of hawks soaring overhead. It should be a memorable experience.

Originating as a part-time all-volunteer effort in 1992, the Smith Point Hawk Watch has expanded to a full-time, three-month long count. HawkWatch International and the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory (GCBO; see [www.gcbo.org](http://www.gcbo.org)) teamed up during fall 1997 to begin full-season monitoring of the Gulf Coast fall raptor migration at Smith Point, which lies at the end of a peninsula that juts into Galveston Bay in southeastern Texas. For several years before 1997, local volunteers working under the auspices of the Hawk Migration Association of North America had conducted limited counts at the site, which clearly indicated that the migration through the area was substantial. Full-season counts have since ranged between 25,000-115,000 migrants of up to 23 species, with Broad-winged Hawks comprising 60-80% of the total. Other abundant species include Mississippi Kites, Sharp-shinned and Cooper's Hawks, and American Kestrels. The site is located in the Candy Abshier Wildlife Management Area administered by Texas Parks and Wildlife. Observers work from atop a 20-ft. tower situated at the southwestern tip of the Smith Point peninsula. The season runs from 15 August to 15 November each year. Counters and volunteers will be on the tower daily from 8 AM to 4 PM.

**Directions:** From Houston, take I-10 east to exit 812. (Coming from the east on I-10, take exit 813.) Turn south on Highway 61, go to the 4-way stop, where the road becomes FM 562. Follow FM 562 until a fork (Y) in the road, and go right at the Y. After approximately 14 miles you will arrive in the small village of Smith Point. Continue straight towards the bay and follow the black and white Hawk Watch signs, turning left to reach the tower. It will take approximately 1½ hour to 2 hours to get there from Houston, so I suggest leaving around 6:30 a.m.

**Be sure to bring:** binoculars, a hat, sunscreen, scope, camera, raingear (in case it rains, but we will bird rain or shine), water, and snacks if you would like (there is a gas station nearby with a food mart).

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*If life is, as some hold it to be, a vast melancholy ocean over which ships more or less sorrow-laden continually pass, yet there lie here and there upon it isles of consolation on to which we may step out and for a time forget the winds and waves. One of these we may call Bird-isle – the island of watching and being entertained by the habits and humours of birds – and upon this one, for with the others I have here nothing to do, I will straightaway land, inviting such as may care to, to follow me. – Edmund Selous, Bird Watching, 1901.*

### *Prairie Pond*

One late summer afternoon on the Katy Prairie, I spent a couple of hours at the viewing platform on Sharp Road. There were a lot of birds on the pond, including some very list-worthy species like Black-necked Stilt and Roseate Spoonbill. But the ones that made my day were the herons and egrets. Sometimes I wonder about us as birders. Rather, I wonder why there are so many birders and so few birdwatchers. So many folks are keen on getting a quick ID or a long list, but they seem to have no interest in actually studying what the objects of their attention are doing. I can think of no better bird group to reward the bird-watcher than the herons. Their lives have drama, grace, and humor. And the prairie pond, shrinking in the late afternoon heat, had it all. A group of Great Egrets glided around the shallows, moving like giraffes with their heads high, on the lookout. Beneath them, Snowy Egrets pranced and danced, the corps de ballet, and a few Little Blue Herons held their poses like mannequins. A lone Great Blue Heron stood tall and proud, then suddenly darted forward, lunging into the water with the speed of a striking snake. Some of the odder, less conspicuous herons were there also. A couple of juvenile night-herons stood nearly motionless on the bank, then tiptoed slowly along the mudflat, like large lethargic shorebirds. A Tricolored Heron crouched low in the water, in a most un-heronlike pose, more like that of a swimming grebe. And my favorite, a Green Heron, announced its flight with a piercing squawk. Each of these finds was a delight, but none would sound that great if you just heard someone tell about it. The essence of birding: just plain birds, being themselves. –Al Shultz

#### **Call for Data**

#### **YOUR VALUABLE OBSERVATIONS OF EXOTIC AND INVASIVE BIRDS**

A collaborative study is being initiated by Daniel Brooks, Ph.D. (Houston Museum of Natural Science) and David Sarkozi (Texas Ornithological Society). This citizen science project will document the spread of six species of exotic birds in Texas. Kindly provide info on the data sheet (contact info and data sheet, below) for each separate observation. Kind thanks for your help – All participants will be acknowledged in any resulting publications!

Please send us your observations included in the following information for **Egyptian Goose, Mute Swan, Monk Parakeet, Red-vented Bulbul, Nutmeg Mannikin, or Orange Bishop**  
**NOTE:** For waterfowl, please make sure birds are full winged and not pinioned (primaries of wings missing)

Kindly e-mail info on the data sheet (link below) for each separate observation to:

[dbrooks@hmns.org](mailto:dbrooks@hmns.org)

or send by post to:

Dr. Dan Brooks, Curator of Vertebrate Zoology  
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**DATA SHEET:** <http://www.houstonaudubon.org/html/invasivepasserines.pdf>

# Clearing House -- June 2008

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This is a summary of birds reported to eBird.org. Unusual birds are in bold. Location detail on unusual birds is in the following format: Location[County]:#,date or Location[County]:date

There were 75 species reported for the Upper Texas Coast (Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, and Jefferson Counties) for June 2008 from 26 checklists.

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck reports=45 total= 252  
Fulvous Whistling-Duck reports=5 total= 65  
Wood Duck reports=6 total= 52  
Mottled Duck reports=13 total= 32  
Blue-winged Teal reports=1 total= 2  
**Northern Shoveler reports=1 total= 2 – JJ Mayes Wildlife Trace[C]:2:27**  
Northern Bobwhite reports=4 total= 8  
Pied-billed Grebe reports=12 total= 23  
American White Pelican reports=3 total= 67  
Brown Pelican reports=9 total= 153  
Neotropic Cormorant reports=36 total= 263  
Double-crested Cormorant reports=3 total= 4  
Anhinga reports=18 total= 21  
Magnificent Frigatebird reports=2 total= 3  
Least Bittern reports=3 total= 6  
Great Blue Heron reports=43 total= 30  
Great Egret reports=65 total= 124  
Snowy Egret reports=43 total= 133  
Little Blue Heron reports=46 total= 62  
Tricolored Heron reports=17 total= 56  
Reddish Egret reports=4 total= 44  
Cattle Egret reports=42 total= 1,193  
Green Heron reports=39 total= 32  
Black-crowned Night-Heron reports=14 total= 22  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron reports=57 total= 36  
White Ibis reports=29 total= 155  
**Glossy Ibis reports=1 total= 0 – Anahuac NWR[C]:15**  
White-faced Ibis reports=9 total= 34  
Roseate Spoonbill reports=17 total= 58  
Wood Stork reports=7 total= 52  
Black Vulture reports=30 total= 155  
Turkey Vulture reports=34 total= 42 – Eldridge Retention Basin[H]15:1, Armand Bayou NC[H]14:1, White Oak Bayou[H]13:1  
**Osprey reports=3 total= 1**  
White-tailed Kite reports=2 total= 7  
Mississippi Kite reports=4 total= 3  
Northern Harrier reports=2 total= 3  
Red-shouldered Hawk reports=23 total= 13  
Swainson's Hawk reports=9 total= 7  
Red-tailed Hawk reports=18 total= 10  
Crested Caracara reports=9 total= 8  
Clapper Rail reports=6 total= 28  
Purple Gallinule reports=11 total= 15  
Common Moorhen reports=13 total= 56  
American Coot reports=13 total= 23  
Black-bellied Plover reports=4 total= 18  
Wilson's Plover reports=4 total= 30  
Semipalmated Plover reports=3 total= 20  
Killdeer reports=47 total= 95  
American Oystercatcher reports=2 total= 12  
Black-necked Stilt reports=18 total= 101  
**American Avocet reports=1 total= 75 – Bolivar Flats[G]11:75**  
Greater Yellowlegs reports=7 total= 9  
Willet reports=6 total= 65  
Lesser Yellowlegs reports=2 total= 3  
Long-billed Curlew reports=4 total= 8  
Marbled Godwit reports=4 total= 16  
Ruddy Turnstone reports=3 total= 20  
Sanderling reports=3 total= 26  
Semipalmated Sandpiper reports=3 total= 2  
**Western Sandpiper reports=2 total= 10 – Bolivar Flats[G]11:10**  
**Least Sandpiper reports=1 total= 3 – Eldridge Retention Basin[H]30:3**  
White-rumped Sandpiper reports=2 total= 2  
**Short-billed Dowitcher reports=3 total= 8 – Eldridge Retention Basin[H]15:1, Bolivar Flats[G]21:7, Bolivar Flats[G]**  
Laughing Gull reports=55 total= 378  
Ring-billed Gull reports=4 total= 9  
Herring Gull reports=3 total= 6  
Least Tern reports=9 total= 27  
Gull-billed Tern reports=4 total= 13  
Caspian Tern reports=5 total= 34  
Black Tern reports=4 total= 104  
**Common Tern reports=2 total= 25 – Bolivar Flats[G]21:25, Bolivar Flats[G]25**  
Forster's Tern reports=12 total= 47  
Royal Tern reports=7 total= 189  
Sandwich Tern reports=4 total= 92  
Black Skimmer reports=8 total= 43  
Rock Pigeon reports=23 total= 111  
Eurasian Collared-Dove reports=23 total= 47  
White-winged Dove reports=26 total= 109  
Mourning Dove reports=107 total= 154  
Inca Dove reports=6 total= 9  
Monk Parakeet reports=1 total= 4  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo reports=20 total= 18  
Eastern Screech-Owl reports=7 total= 12  
Great Horned Owl reports=1 total= 1  
Barred Owl reports=1 total= 1  
Common Nighthawk reports=29 total= 19  
Chimney Swift reports=36 total= 37  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird reports=9 total= 6  
Belted Kingfisher reports=3 total= 3  
Red-headed Woodpecker reports=8 total= 7  
Red-bellied Woodpecker reports=63 total= 19  
Downy Woodpecker reports=54 total= 14  
Northern Flicker reports=4 total= 3  
Pileated Woodpecker reports=9 total= 6  
Acadian Flycatcher reports=6 total= 3  
Empidonax sp. reports=1 total= 1  
Great Crested Flycatcher reports=7 total= 7  
Western Kingbird reports=7 total= 9  
Eastern Kingbird reports=14 total= 19  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher reports=30 total= 30  
Loggerhead Shrike reports=38 total= 33  
White-eyed Vireo reports=21 total= 16  
Yellow-throated Vireo reports=1 total= 0  
Red-eyed Vireo reports=8 total= 5  
Blue Jay reports=78 total= 33  
American Crow reports=36 total= 50  
Purple Martin reports=49 total= 145  
Cliff Swallow reports=27 total= 227  
Cave Swallow reports=2 total= 13  
Barn Swallow reports=48 total= 158  
swallow sp. reports=4 total= 11  
Carolina Chickadee reports=67 total= 55  
Tufted Titmouse reports=23 total= 25  
Carolina Wren reports=76 total= 41  
Marsh Wren reports=2 total= 6  
Eastern Bluebird reports=6 total= 42  
American Robin reports=9 total= 20  
Northern Mockingbird reports=107 total= 114  
European Starling reports=43 total= 335  
Northern Parula reports=10 total= 3  
Yellow-throated Warbler reports=2 total= 2  
Pine Warbler reports=14 total= 26  
Prothonotary Warbler reports=10 total= 5  
Swainson's Warbler reports=1 total= 1  
Common Yellowthroat reports=6 total= 21  
Hooded Warbler reports=4 total= 0  
Summer Tanager reports=4 total= 3  
Seaside Sparrow reports=1 total= 2  
Northern Cardinal reports=108 total= 118  
Indigo Bunting reports=5 total= 6  
Painted Bunting reports=4 total= 8  
Dickcissel reports=4 total= 6  
Red-winged Blackbird reports=44 total= 114  
Eastern Meadowlark reports=17 total= 67  
Common Grackle reports=32 total= 174  
Boat-tailed Grackle reports=4 total= 16  
Great-tailed Grackle reports=52 total= 386  
**Bronzed Cowbird reports=2 total= 3 – Houston[H]14:1, Brazos Bend SP[F]22:2**  
Brown-headed Cowbird reports=27 total= 60  
Orchard Oriole reports=5 total= 8  
House Finch reports=11 total= 17  
House Sparrow reports=56 total= 200

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***The Spoonbill*** Wants Your Help...

Stories, notes, trip reports, or other materials for future issues are always welcome. Send to the Editor by email at

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**Field Trip Photo Gallery** is now posted on the OG website. Have a look at photos from recent trips...and consider sharing your photos, too. Birds, birders, and places are all suitable.

[http://www.ornithologygroup.org/\\_mgxroot/page\\_10742.html](http://www.ornithologygroup.org/_mgxroot/page_10742.html)

**TO START OR RENEW A MEMBERSHIP:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

	<i>Individual</i>	<i>Family</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>

Additional contributions are welcome in any amount.

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