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Monthly Meeting: Monday, February 2

Bayland Community Center
6400 Bissonnet, Houston

Learning Corner -- 6:30 p.m. with Steve Gross
Topic: Online Birding

7:00 p.m. – General Meeting

Program: ABA Big Year 2008 – Lynn Barber

Lynn E. Barber was born in Wisconsin, and has lived in Alaska, Oregon, North Carolina and since 2000, Texas. She is a registered patent attorney in solo practice in Fort Worth. She has a Ph.D. in bacteriology from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and a JD from Duke University Law School. Her avocations include bird-watching, nature photography, church volunteer activities, playing the hammered dulcimer, and baking cookies. She is married to Rev. David Barber, pastor at First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Fort Worth. She is past President of the Fort Worth Audubon Society and President-Elect of the Texas Ornithological Society. In 2005, she broke the previous record for number of bird species seen in Texas in one year, and in 2008, she got 723 bird species in the “ABA Area”, which covers the continental U.S., Canada, and the surrounding waters.

Please join us for the February meeting where Lynn will share her adventures and photos from her 2008 ABA Big Year.

Other Events

Feb. 21: Monthly trip
Baytown Nature Center & SJNM
(with Dwayne Litter)

Mar. 2: Monthly meeting
with John Arvin

Mar. 7: Monthly trip
Texas City Prairie Preserve

Apr. 10-19: Quarterly trip
Panhandle, W. TX Mountains
(Burr Williams & Steve Gross)

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2009 Dues are Due!! Don't forget to renew your ONC/OG dues if you haven't already done so. These dues are paid yearly on a calendar basis beginning January 1st. Life Members of ONC still need to pay yearly OG dues. OG dues are used to pay for *Spoonbill* printing and mailing expenses, honorariums and travel expenses for speakers, donations to other organizations and a few other expenses. Pay your 2009 dues at the next OG meeting, or mail your check along with the form on the back of *The Spoonbill* (it specifies the proper dues amounts). If you have questions about your membership status, contact Margret Simmons at msimmons@compassnet.com or 713-776-2511.

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Minutes of Meeting on Monday, January 5, 2009
Bayland Community Center
Number of Attendees: 62

1. **Learning Corner:** Steve Gross discussed birding by ear in the winter. Many species breed early and sing early in our area. The Mockingbird is one of the first to start to sing. Cardinals, White-eyed Vireos, Carolina Wrens, and Tufted Titmouse are also early singers. Be alert to partial songs in the winter.
2. **Sightings mentioned:** A Pine Flycatcher at Choke Canyon, Prairie Chickens and Palm Warbler at Attwater, Ovenbird at Cullen Pond, Vermilion Flycatcher at El Franco Lee; Spotted Towhee, Mountain Plover, 6 Short-eared Owls, 5 Burrowing Owls, and Masked Duck.
3. **Birder's World:** Fred Collins wrote about Russ Pittman Park in Bellaire in the February 2009 edition in the section "Hotspots Near You".
4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Minutes from the December 1 meeting were approved as printed in the previous *Spoonbill*.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Jerry Stanislav passed out an Income and Expense Report as of December 31, 2008. Membership dues are just starting to come in. The bank balance at 12/31/08 is \$9,025.
6. **Membership:** Margret Simmons reminded everyone to sign in and pay dues.
7. **Library Report:** Debbie Valdez brought an assortment of books to the meeting. There are four books by Pete Dunne who is the featured speaker at Featherfest in April. Check out the list of books on the OG website. Let Debbie know if you want her to bring a specific book to the meeting.
8. **Spoonbill:** Al Shultz reported that January 15 is the deadline for next month's submissions. Stories or notes on CBCs are needed.
9. **Nomination Committee:** The Outdoor Nature Club has openings for President, Conservation Vice President and Secretary. OG needs a Programs Vice Chairman and Secretary for next year. Adam Wood will chair the Nominations Committee.
10. **Field Trips:** Adam Wood announced that the Brazos Bend SP monthly field trip on January 17 will begin at 8 a.m., and not at 7 a.m. The quarterly trip to Matagorda Island from January 22-25 is still full with a short waiting list. The spring

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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trip to the Panhandle and Guadalupe and Davis Mountains will be from April 10-19. Let Adam know if you are interested. He will have pricing within several weeks.

11. **Program:** Pam Smolen introduced Skip Almone and John Old. Skip and John are members of OG and spoke about their trip to the Galapagos Islands from November 10-17, 2007. They went with Lindblad Expeditions on the National Geographic Polaris. The Islands are volcanic in origin, 960 km west of Ecuador and consist of 87 islands. There are 20,000 inhabitants on 5 islands, with 17,000 on one island. There are 154 indigenous species of birds, 61 resident, 29 endemic; 28 species of reptiles, 19 endemic with 11 on one island; and 42 indigenous mammal species with 6 endemic. The animals on the Islands have no fear of humans. We were treated to a fascinating collection of pictures taken by John. The outstanding slides included Blue-footed Booby, Great Frigatebird, Nazca Booby, Marine Iguana, Galapagos Hawk, Red-billed Tropicbird, Galapagos Tortoise, and many more.

-- Cindy Douglass, OG Secretary

January 31, 2009: Sparrow Workshop

Emerson Unitarian Church, 5:00 p.m.

February 1, 2009: Katy Prairie Sparrows Trip

Field Trip: Nelson's Farm Viewing Platform, 8:00 a.m.

Since there was great interest in a sparrows trip this winter, I am offering a bonus workshop on sparrow identification combined with a field trip to the Katy Prairie for sparrows. The workshop will run from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, January 31, and I will be discussing the field marks, call notes (chips), behavior and habitat requirements for the sparrows we are likely to see on the trip. I will also focus on field marks to differentiate the juvenile/immature sparrows. This will be to prep everybody for the field trip the next morning to the Katy Prairie where we will put into practice what was taught during the workshop.

We will be meeting at the Nelson's Farm viewing platform at 8 a.m. on February 1 for the field trip. I have gotten us access to the Nelson's Farm and Cooney properties for this trip. These properties are great for sparrows and are seldom accessible during the year. We will be birding these areas in search of up to 11 species of sparrows. If the weather cooperates and we get a nice day with little to no wind, the sparrows we should encounter are Savannah, Vesper, Song, Lincoln's, Fox, Chipping, Swamp, Field, Harris's, White-crowned and White-throated. Harder-to-find species that we will try for are Eastern Towhee, Lark Sparrow and LeConte's Sparrow, and if we get really lucky we could encounter Spotted Towhee (found in Barn Owl Woods during the CBC), Grasshopper Sparrow, and Dark-eyed Junco. It is possible to find up to 17 species of sparrows during this trip and this year has been a good year for a couple of the more sought-after sparrows, Fox and Harris's Sparrows. Since this is going to be dedicated sparrow trip, we will not be spending a lot of time on other families of birds, but I will be keeping my eye out for anything unusual.

Sparrow Workshop (Jan. 31st): Emerson Unitarian Church is at [1900 Bering Dr](#), Houston.

Sparrow Field Trip (Feb. 1st): From the west side of town, take Beltway 8 to Clay Road and go left (west) on Clay Road all the way out to Katy Hockley Road. Head north (right) on Katy Hockley Road to Sharp Road, which runs along the north side of Paul Rushing Park. Go west on Sharp Road through several turns. Sharp Road will turn to gravel at the Harris/Waller County line and the viewing platform is about 200 feet farther west (in Waller County) on your left-hand side.

Be sure to bring: Field guide (to the Workshop); binoculars, a warm coat or jacket in case it is cold, hat, sun block, camera, spotting scope, water, and a lunch.

~ Adam Wood, OG Field Trip Coordinator, birdsondabrain@earthlink.net, 713-515-1692

February 21, 2009: Trip to Baytown Nature Center

Butterfly Garden Parking Area (Natural Area)

Admission Fee: \$3

Meeting time: 8:00 a.m.

This month's trip will be to the Baytown Nature Center and the San Jacinto National Monument if time permits. The Baytown Nature Center is two connected peninsulas, surrounded by three bays (Burnet, Crystal and Scott). The Nature Center occupies 450 acres, with the San Jacinto Point Peninsula designated as a recreation area and the larger peninsula developed into fresh and salt water wetlands with mixed woodland habitat. More than 200 species of birds have been observed at the Nature Center since 2000.

Our guide will be Dwayne Litteer, an avid bird photographer and active member of The Friends of Baytown Nature Center. He has been birding for about ten years and his birding has taking him to many interesting places across the USA as well as to a few international locations. He has served on

the board of The Friends of Baytown Nature Center for about eight years, and has helped with the development of the Nature Center. He maintains a checklist for the Nature Center, and he also maintains The Friends of Baytown Nature Center website as well as his personal nature photography website. Dwayne will guide us around the nature center and surrounding areas in search of wintering ducks (especially Hooded Merganser and Common Goldeneye), Vermilion Flycatcher (rare), Winter Wren, wintering warblers as well as any lingering neotropical migrants, and sparrows (LeConte's Sparrow). We could even get very lucky and encounter a Groove-billed Ani as one was reported at the nature center a couple of years back. In the afternoon, after lunch or when we finish birding the nature center, we will head across the bay to the San Jacinto Monument, to look for more wintering ducks and sparrows, as well as the Peregrine Falcon that resides in one of the windows of the monument. It should be noted that this area was affected by Hurricane Ike and will look different than before the hurricane. This trip will be a great opportunity for us to contribute data to help further understand how Ike has affected the bird diversity and density of the area, and to establish a new base line of data to measure how certain species are recovering since the storm. This will be an all-day trip, so be sure to bring a lunch if you plan on staying for the whole day.

Directions: We will meet in the Butterfly Garden Parking area at 8:00 a.m. The entrance to the Baytown Nature Center is located at 6213 Bayway Drive. It is marked by a stone sign and by a Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail sign. Stop at the Visitor Building drive-through window to pay entrance fees and get information about the nature center. To get there, take I-10 east to Baytown Spur 330 (Decker Dr.) exit. This is the second exit after crossing the San Jacinto River bridge. Take the Bayway Drive exit off of Spur 330 and turn right on Bayway Drive. Proceed on Bayway Drive for approximately two miles to the entrance to the Baytown Nature Center on the right.

Be sure to bring: Binoculars, a warm coat or jacket in case it is cold, hat, sun block, camera, spotting scope, \$3 for admission into the park, water, and a lunch.

~ Adam Wood, OG Field Trip Coordinator birdsondabrain@earthlink.net 713-515-1692

Spring Quarterly Trip: April 10-19, 2009
Panhandle, Guadalupe and Davis Mountains
with Burr Williams and Steve Gross

Limit: 12 People

Since the Montana Owl Workshop was such a success, I am planning another longer trip that I think you all will enjoy. This time we are headed to the flat grassland plains of the Panhandle and then over into the mountain and basin region to bird the Guadalupe and Davis Mountains before heading home with a stop along the way at Lake Balmorhea. Unfortunately we will not have enough time to get into Big Bend; we will have to save that for a future trip.

While in the Panhandle, the first bird we hope to encounter Saturday morning will be the rare and elusive Lesser Prairie Chicken. Burr Williams of the Sibley Nature Center in Midland will be taking us out to a couple of known Lesser Prairie Chicken leks in hopes of finding them out displaying on the leks. We will spend the next couple of days birding in the northern Panhandle in the Muleshoe and Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuges, in search of early migrants, lingering winter residents (such as Ferruginous Hawk, Rough-legged Hawk, Prairie Falcon and Short-eared Owl), and the regular residents of the plains of Texas (like Ring-necked Pheasant, Lark Bunting and maybe Burrowing Owl, to name a few). The rest of the trip will be spent birding in the Guadalupe and Davis Mountains in search of some west Texas specialties, higher-elevation montane species and migrants. Our very own Steve Gross, who has done extensive birding in this region, will be our guide for the rest of the

trip. He will be trying to find such goodies as Northern Goshawk (rare), Blue-throated Hummingbird, Magnificent Hummingbird, Painted Redstart (rare), and Buff-breasted Flycatcher (rare). Birds we should encounter (to whet your appetite) are Golden Eagle, Zone-tailed Hawk, Scaled Quail, Montezuma Quail, Common Poorwill, Whip-poor-will, Cassin's Vireo, Pygmy Nuthatch, Sage Thrasher, Crissal Thrasher, Virginia's Warbler, Townsend's Warbler, Grace's Warbler, Lazuli Bunting, and Green-tailed Towhee. This is going to be an outstanding trip to some beautiful country that you will not want to miss.

Details: This trip will be limited to 12 people and I am still currently working on the pricing of this trip and will announce those details as soon as I get them. However, as with most trips of this nature, all the rooms will be prepaid, and there will be an extra fee for a single supplement. A deposit will be needed to guarantee your spot. Also, Steve and I are planning to drive from Houston to Midland. Participants are welcome to fly and then rent a car, but it is advisable that you drive because we will be carpooling during the trip and will not be renting a large van due to insurance issues.

If you are interested in going on this trip, please let me know and I will get your name on the list and let you know what the price of the trip will be as soon as I have figured it out.

~ Adam Wood, OG Field Trip Coordinator birdsondabrain@earthlink.net 713-515-1692

Reports from the 2008-2009 Christmas Bird Counts in Southeast Texas

Freeport (Dec. 14)

The 52nd Freeport CBC December 14th recorded 199 species, plus a Magnificent Hummingbird and Brewer's Blackbird seen during count week.

Highlights were Ringed Kingfisher (voted bird of the count) and Kelp Gull, both new to the count. A Black-legged Kittiwake was seen from the Quintana Jetty as well. We had 97 participants, virtually the same (98) as the previous count. The count was hampered by 30 mph. winds and hoards of thirsty mosquitoes.

--Mike Austin

Matagorda County – Mad Island Marsh (Dec. 15)

Weather is the great equalizer in all CBCs and yesterday was to some extent a test of survival and birding tenacity. Weather forecast the night before the count was a low of 60 and a high of 80 with winds out of the south up to 15 mph. There was mention of a norther arriving in late afternoon. A wind was desirable, since with warm temperatures the mosquitoes were thick and a major problem. Well, the cold front was very strong and much

faster than anticipated. Birders showed up with bug spray and light clothing expecting a hot day. The cold front arrived at 9:30 a.m. with 25+ mph winds and the temperature dropped 30 degrees in a few minutes. People had to scramble for warm gear and the two groups in boats had to deal with strong winds, low temperatures, light rain and waves.

I was out in one of the boats and when I made it to the bank to get more warm clothes at 11 a.m., I started calling section leaders to see if we still had birders working. Everybody was still out there trying to keep warm and find where the birds went to escape the weather. It was a memorable count for a number of reasons. The list reported was pretty remarkable considering weather conditions.

Birders reported 234 species at the banquet Monday night, including Fulvous Whistling-Duck, Pacific Loon, Least Bittern, Wood Stork, Aplomado Falcon, Purple Gallinule, Franklin's Gull, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Great Kiskadee, Eastern Kingbird, Wood Thrush, Tennessee Warbler, Black-headed Grosbeak, and Pine Siskin.

--Brent Ortego

Brazos Bend State Park (Dec. 20)

The Brazos Bend Christmas Bird Count benefited from great weather and a record number of participants (70). These factors, and lots of enthusiasm, resulted in 149 species (pending final review), the highest count in nearly a decade.

Franklin's Gull, Ladder-backed Woodpecker and Philadelphia Vireo were among the unusual species seen on the day of the count. Horned Lark, Wild Turkey, Ruddy Duck escaped the CBC day itself but were seen during count week. The "Big Bird" award was won by the Elm Lake teams which provided a very cooperative pair of Rusty Blackbirds. The species, in severe decline, is rarely seen this far south west in our country. To the delight of everyone, they have remained in their location for over a month now allowing many folks to view, photograph and record their song with ease.

Perhaps the most significant change this year was the opportunity to census several areas not available in the past. We are optimistic that this trend will continue and bring even more participants in our future. The great Swinging Door BBQ provided by the NRG Parish Power plant folks made the countdown itself especially enjoyable at the end of a long day.

See you next year on Saturday December 19, 2009!

-- *Bill Godley*

Buffalo Bayou (Dec. 28)

The 32nd annual Buffalo Bayou CBC was held on Sunday, December 28, 2008 in cold, windy and rainy conditions. The temperature varied very little during the count, remaining at almost a constant 49 degrees with winds between 10 and 12 mph. It rained on and off for most of the count and made for some tough birding conditions.

In spite of these tough conditions, 130 species were recorded by more than 100 participants in the field and at feeders. That is seven more species than were recorded on last year's count. Four additional species were found during count week, for a total of 134 species for the whole count period. Highlights for the count included Northern Waterthrush (new count bird), Hooded Merganser, Tricolored Heron, Bald Eagle, White-faced Ibis, Roseate Spoonbill, Crested Caracara, Solitary Sandpiper, Laughing Gull, Common Ground-dove, Broad-tailed Hummingbird, Rufous Hummingbird Vermilion Flycatcher, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Marsh Wren, Ovenbird, Fox Sparrow and Pine Siskin. Northern Pintail, Peregrine Falcon and Palm Warbler were also observed during count week. Like most other Christmas Bird Counts there was high diversity but low density in what was being observed.

Thank you to everybody who participated in this count, and we will hope for better weather for next years count.

-- *Adam Wood*

Clearing House -- December 2008
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This is a summary of bird reported to eBird.org. Unusual birds are in bold. There were 228 species reported for the Upper Texas Coast (Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, and Jefferson Counties) for December 2008 from 382 checklists.

The Christmas Bird Counts always dig up some interesting lingering and out-of-range birds. Some notables from this month are Black-legged Kittiwake, Broad-tailed Hummingbird, Ringed Kingfisher and Yellow-throated Warbler. This also seems to be a very good year for Rusty Blackbird and Pine Siskin.

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck reports=39 total= 453
Fulvous Whistling-Duck reports=3 total= 4
 Greater White-fronted Goose reports=27 total= 442
 Snow Goose reports=66 total= 13,356
 Ross's Goose reports=25 total= 31
Canada Goose reports=11 total= 24
 goose sp. reports=3 total= 40
 Wood Duck reports=8 total= 22
 Gadwall reports=47 total= 452
 American Wigeon reports=12 total= 128
 Mallard reports=33 total= 128
 Mottled Duck reports=29 total= 58
 Blue-winged Teal reports=39 total= 162
 Cinnamon Teal reports=1 total= 2
 Northern Shoveler reports=52 total= 225
 Northern Pintail reports=22 total= 123
 Green-winged Teal reports=44 total= 950
 Canvasback reports=11 total= 38
 Redhead reports=15 total= 12
 Ring-necked Duck reports=30 total= 141
 Greater Scaup reports=1 total= 1
 Lesser Scaup reports=31 total= 2,359
 scoter sp. reports=1 total= 15
 Bufflehead reports=3 total= 14
 Common Goldeneye reports=5 total= 211
 Hooded Merganser reports=21 total= 58
 Red-breasted Merganser reports=13 total= 150
 Ruddy Duck reports=18 total= 111
 Northern Bobwhite reports=5 total= 24
 Common Loon reports=12 total= 25
Least Grebe reports=1 total= 0
 Pied-billed Grebe reports=99 total= 107
Horned Grebe reports=6 total= 2
 Eared Grebe reports=9 total= 18
 Northern Gannet reports=1 total= 9
 American White Pelican reports=40 total= 499
 Brown Pelican reports=51 total= 410
 Neotropic Cormorant reports=47 total= 421
 Double-crested Cormorant reports=87 total= 631
 Anhinga reports=42 total= 30
 American Bittern reports=2 total= 3
 Great Blue Heron reports=159 total= 76
 Great Egret reports=179 total= 108
 Snowy Egret reports=128 total= 153
 Little Blue Heron reports=67 total= 19
 Tricolored Heron reports=40 total= 19
 Reddish Egret reports=10 total= 5
 Cattle Egret reports=22 total= 62
Green Heron reports=2 total= 4
 Black-crowned Night-Heron reports=23 total= 61
 Yellow-crowned Night-Heron reports=9 total= 21
 White Ibis reports=107 total= 407
 White-faced Ibis reports=27 total= 157
 Plegadis sp. reports=2 total= 500
 Roseate Spoonbill reports=40 total= 47
 Black Vulture reports=117 total= 273
 Turkey Vulture reports=139 total= 165
 Osprey reports=54 total= 31
 White-tailed Kite reports=12 total= 9
 Bald Eagle reports=18 total= 9
 Northern Harrier reports=63 total= 36
 Sharp-shinned Hawk reports=15 total= 4
 Cooper's Hawk reports=36 total= 4
 Accipiter sp. reports=13 total= 4
 Red-shouldered Hawk reports=88 total= 26
 White-tailed Hawk reports=15 total= 6
 Red-tailed Hawk reports=128 total= 35
 hawk sp. reports=1 total= 1
 Crested Caracara reports=49 total= 29
 American Kestrel reports=104 total= 30
 Merlin reports=11 total= 11
 Peregrine Falcon reports=7 total= 4
 Yellow Rail reports=1 total= 13
 Clapper Rail reports=3 total= 4
 King Rail reports=2 total= 4
 Virginia Rail reports=1 total= 5

Common Moorhen reports=28 total= 74
 American Coot reports=70 total= 2,148
 Sandhill Crane reports=34 total= 241
 Black-bellied Plover reports=15 total= 7
 Snowy Plover reports=4 total= 40
Wilson's Plover reports=2 total= 1
 Semipalmated Plover reports=1 total= 0
 Piping Plover reports=6 total= 13
 Killdeer reports=158 total= 420
 American Oystercatcher reports=4 total= 3
 Black-necked Stilt reports=5 total= 9
 American Avocet reports=9 total= 355
 Spotted Sandpiper reports=21 total= 15
Solitary Sandpiper reports=1 total= 1
 Greater Yellowlegs reports=50 total= 101
 Willet reports=25 total= 27
 Lesser Yellowlegs reports=30 total= 27
 Long-billed Curlew reports=17 total= 48
 Marbled Godwit reports=5 total= 10
 Ruddy Turnstone reports=11 total= 11
Red Knot reports=1 total= 8
 Sanderling reports=22 total= 219
 Western Sandpiper reports=9 total= 193
 Least Sandpiper reports=28 total= 313
 Dunlin reports=10 total= 46
Stilt Sandpiper reports=1 total= 0
 Short-billed Dowitcher reports=5 total= 78
 Long-billed Dowitcher reports=8 total= 45
 Wilson's Snipe reports=32 total= 150
 American Woodcock reports=7 total= 10
Black-legged Kittiwake reports=1 total= 1
 Bonaparte's Gull reports=4 total= 6
 Laughing Gull reports=71 total= 7,545
Franklin's Gull reports=2 total= 1
 Ring-billed Gull reports=70 total= 450
 Herring Gull reports=30 total= 165
 Lesser Black-backed Gull reports=6 total= 8
 Gull-billed Tern reports=2 total= 1
 Caspian Tern reports=12 total= 14
Common Tern reports=1 total= 3
 Forster's Tern reports=34 total= 215
 Royal Tern reports=24 total= 70
Sandwich Tern reports=1 total= 2
 tern sp. reports=3 total= 1
 Black Skimmer reports=7 total= 175
 Rock Pigeon reports=55 total= 519
 Eurasian Collared-Dove reports=48 total= 198
 White-winged Dove reports=102 total= 248
 Mourning Dove reports=173 total= 234
 Inca Dove reports=11 total= 16
 Common Ground-Dove reports=4 total= 5
 Monk Parakeet reports=10 total= 32
 Barn Owl reports=2 total= 3
 Eastern Screech-Owl reports=8 total= 12
 Great Horned Owl reports=15 total= 10
 Barred Owl reports=17 total= 9
Ruby-throated Hummingbird reports=3 total= 1
 Black-chinned Hummingbird reports=1 total= 1
 Ruby-throated/Black-chinned Hummingbird reports=1 total= 1
Broad-tailed Hummingbird reports=2 total= 2
 Rufous Hummingbird reports=5 total= 10
 Rufous/Allen's Hummingbird reports=1 total= 1
Ringed Kingfisher reports=2 total= 1
 Belted Kingfisher reports=74 total= 21
 Red-headed Woodpecker reports=2 total= 3
 Red-bellied Woodpecker reports=148 total= 60
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker reports=54 total= 15
 Downy Woodpecker reports=112 total= 28
Hairy Woodpecker reports=1 total= 1
 Northern Flicker reports=28 total= 18
 Pileated Woodpecker reports=37 total= 16
Least Flycatcher reports=1 total= 2
 Eastern Phoebe reports=145 total= 108
 Vermilion Flycatcher reports=12 total= 7
Ash-throated Flycatcher reports=8 total= 7
 Myiarchus sp. reports=1 total= 1

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher reports=1 total= 1
 Loggerhead Shrike reports=128 total= 68
 White-eyed Vireo reports=14 total= 6
 Blue-headed Vireo reports=32 total= 26
 Blue Jay reports=175 total= 83
 American Crow reports=114 total= 121
 Horned Lark reports=11 total= 35
 Tree Swallow reports=20 total= 250
Northern Rough-winged Swallow reports=3 total= 2
Cave Swallow reports=3 total= 4
 Carolina Chickadee reports=182 total= 141
 Tufted Titmouse reports=70 total= 65
Brown-headed Nuthatch reports=5 total= 4
 Brown Creeper reports=8 total= 8
 Carolina Wren reports=129 total= 53
 House Wren reports=52 total= 32
 Winter Wren reports=19 total= 10
 Sedge Wren reports=42 total= 57
 Marsh Wren reports=26 total= 19
 Golden-crowned Kinglet reports=7 total= 8
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet reports=165 total= 161
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher reports=92 total= 72
 Eastern Bluebird reports=44 total= 45
 Hermit Thrush reports=40 total= 31
 American Robin reports=74 total= 565
 Gray Catbird reports=19 total= 13
 Northern Mockingbird reports=257 total= 101
 Brown Thrasher reports=37 total= 13
 European Starling reports=125 total= 1,171
 American Pipit reports=83 total= 344
 Sprague's Pipit reports=6 total= 4
 Cedar Waxwing reports=18 total= 94
 Orange-crowned Warbler reports=121 total= 80
 Yellow-rumped Warbler reports=221 total= 622
Black-throated Green Warbler reports=2 total= 1
Yellow-throated Warbler reports=1 total= 1
 Pine Warbler reports=105 total= 82
 Palm Warbler reports=14 total= 14
 Common Yellowthroat reports=20 total= 17
Wilson's Warbler reports=12 total= 5
Summer Tanager reports=1 total= 1
Spotted Towhee reports=1 total= 1
 Eastern Towhee reports=2 total= 1
 Chipping Sparrow reports=44 total= 196
 Field Sparrow reports=12 total= 43
 Vesper Sparrow reports=25 total= 10
 Savannah Sparrow reports=100 total= 942
 Grasshopper Sparrow reports=1 total= 2
 Le Conte's Sparrow reports=13 total= 15
 Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow reports=1 total= 4
 Song Sparrow reports=19 total= 22
 Lincoln's Sparrow reports=43 total= 52
 Swamp Sparrow reports=58 total= 120
 White-throated Sparrow reports=60 total= 84
Harris's Sparrow reports=11 total= 10
 White-crowned Sparrow reports=33 total= 41
 Dark-eyed Junco reports=9 total= 7
Lapland Longspur reports=4 total= 3
 Northern Cardinal reports=208 total= 216
Pyrrhuloxia reports=4 total= 3
 Red-winged Blackbird reports=106 total= 7,921
 Eastern Meadowlark reports=50 total= 161
Western Meadowlark reports=1 total= 0
 meadowlark sp. reports=9 total= 14
Rusty Blackbird reports=4 total= 5
 Brewer's Blackbird reports=9 total= 181
 Common Grackle reports=43 total= 595
 Boat-tailed Grackle reports=12 total= 157
 Great-tailed Grackle reports=110 total= 1,090
 Brown-headed Cowbird reports=33 total= 1,125
 blackbird sp. reports=4 total= 1,700
 House Finch reports=38 total= 42
Pine Siskin reports=9 total= 28
 American Goldfinch reports=162 total= 457
 House Sparrow reports=84 total= 225
 Nutmeg Mannikin reports=1 total= 6

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