



# The Spoonbill

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## Monthly Meeting: Monday, December 7

Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet, Houston

### Learning Corner -- 6:30 p.m.

**A Compiler's Role in Christmas Bird Counts** -- presented by Bob Honig

### 7:00 p.m. – General Meeting

### Program: The Whooping Cranes of Aransas

In the freshwater and brackish marshes of South Texas, a distinct and wild trumpeting call rings across the marsh. It is the Whooping Crane, *Grus americana*, the rarest crane species. The only natural wild flock of Whooping Cranes nests in Wood Buffalo National Park in the Northwest Territories of Canada. Every fall, these Whoopers fly approximately 2,500 miles to their wintering grounds at [Aransas National Wildlife Refuge](#) and surrounding estuarine habitat. They travel as single pairs, family groups, or in small flocks, sometimes accompanying Sandhill Cranes. They migrate during daylight hours and make regular stops along the way. By December, all or nearly all have reached the marshes in and around Aransas.

Refuge Environmental Education Specialist Tonya Nix will present a program on the Whoopers of Aransas, and how the refuge is managed to protect and preserve this magnificent species. Tonya has been an Environmental Education Specialist for the past five years at Aransas NWR. She regularly gives programs on the Whooping Crane, and is ready to answer questions about their current status at the refuge.

### Armand Bayou Nature Center -- Saturday, December 14, 10 a.m. - noon

A two-hour program on birds, including a presentation by naturalist George Regmund, a special birding trail hike, and activities for children. The event is dedicated to the memory of the late naturalist, John Tveten, who was a long-time supporter of ABNC. This will be the first of a new monthly series of events at ABNC called **Second Saturday**, to celebrate the natural setting of ABNC and provide more opportunities to connect with nature close to home. Admission is free to members, \$3 for non-member adults and \$1 for children 4-12 and seniors 60 and older. For more information, phone 281-474-2551.

### Other Events

#### Christmas Bird Counts: December 14 - January 5

Many local counts -- see p. 3-4

**January 11:** Monthly OG Meeting

**January 16:** Monthly OG Field Trip (Brazos Bend S.P.)

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**Ornithology Group,  
Houston Outdoor Nature Club  
Minutes of Meeting**

**Monday, November 2, 2009**

Bayland Community Center

Number of Attendees: 64

1. **Learning Corner:** Glenn Olsen discussed *Melospiza* sparrows (Song, Swamp, Lincoln's). The winter months in Houston are the best time to observe sparrows; around 16 species can be seen. Glenn suggested two field guides, by David Beadle and James Rising, as references: *Sparrows of the United States and Canada: The Photographic Guide*, and *A Guide to Identification and Natural History: The Sparrows of the United States and Canada*. The Lincoln's, Song and Swamp sparrows live in similar habitat. Shape and size of the birds should first be looked at for the differences starting with the head and body. The overall color pattern should be looked at rather than just color. The streakings on the body are identifying marks of the three birds -- the Song having wider and broader streaking, the Lincoln's with fine streaking, and the Swamp with faint streaking. Use the Song Sparrow as the definitive sparrow to compare the others. Glenn suggested taking time in the field and being patient to learn to compare Sparrows.
2. **Sightings:** A Black Tern, Wood Storks and a Least Grebe with young were seen at Brazos Bend State Park. Also, a Roseate Spoonbill, White Ibis, White Throated Sparrow, Eastern Bluebirds, and a Burrowing Owl on Rettillon Rd. on Bolivar.
3. **Minutes:** Minutes from the October 5, 2009 meeting were approved as printed in *The Spoonbill*.
4. **Raffle:** Pam Smolen reminded members that tickets for the photograph by John Tveten were still available. Jerry Stanislav will be selling tickets at the November and December meetings. The winner will be announced at the December meeting. A celebration of John's Tveten's life will be Oct. 29 at 6:30 at Armand Bayou Nature center.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Jerry Stanislav reported that the OG account balance is \$9,275.00.

**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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6. **Library Report:** Deborah Valdez will be able to purchase books that members suggest. Deborah reminded members to return books that have been borrowed.
7. **Spoonbill:** Al Shultz reported the December issue will include information on Christmas Bird Counts. Items for the next issue are due by November 15.
8. **Membership:** Margret Simmons reminded everyone to sign in. The membership dues for 2010 are now due.
9. **Christmas Bird Count:** David Sarkozi discussed the upcoming Christmas Bird Counts. Spring Creek and Armand Bayou will be December 19; Saturday December 26th for Houston and December 27th for Bolivar. The Houston Audubon website has other dates listed.
10. **Announcements:** Pam Smolen announced the "Prairie Heritage Day" event at Brazos Bend State Park, Saturday November 7, 10 a.m - 4 p.m. The Whooping Crane Festival is February 25-28, 2010, in Port Aransas. A memorial service for Wayne Nicholas will be Saturday, October 7, 2 - 4 p.m. at Edith L. Moore. Peggy Boston was interviewed by the Houston Chronicle regarding the Willow Waterhole Survey. The article will be in the paper in the future.

**11. Past Field Trips:** Adam Wood announced that the Dallas area field trip was cancelled because of rain; he will try to reschedule. On the monthly trip to Palmetto State Park, 50 species were observed including 10 raptors, Spotted Towhee, Sandhill Cranes and American Wigeon.

**12. Future Field Trips:** The monthly field trip will be on November 21 at Huntsville State Park. The Washington Quarterly Field Trip has been cancelled. Adam is working on details for a San Antonio trip. Details will be in the January *Spoonbill*. A trip to the Smoky Mountains of North Carolina is being planned for June. Adam will have more details in about a month.

**13. Program:** John Schneider introduced Malcolm Mark Swan, who presented the program, "Wingbeats Over Texas, A Montage of Many Birds in Motion."

Malcolm has over 10,000 video clips of birds that can be seen on his website, <http://www.manybirds.com>. The video clips show many species of birds in their natural habitats. Differences between similar species such the Greater and Lesser Scaup could clearly be observed. The videos were taken throughout Texas; many were from the Mitchell Lake Audubon Center in San Antonio. Using a high-speed shutter he was able to see details of birds in flight. A variety of species were observed, including Black Skimmers, Common Moorhen chasing a Purple Gallinule, Black-bellied Plover, Ferruginous Hawk, Buff-bellied Hummingbird, Greater Yellowlegs and many more. The program ended with a video of a California Condor in Big Sur.

-- Lenore Alfredson, OG Secretary

## 110 years of Christmas Bird Counts

Wow! 110 years of citizen science and conservation! Christmas Bird Counts started with Frank M. Chapman and 27 enthusiastic birders on Christmas Day, 1900. At that time people participated in a holiday tradition known as the Christmas "Side Hunt". They would choose sides and go afield with their guns; whoever brought in the biggest pile of feathered and furred quarry won.

At the turn of the century, declining bird populations were a concern for many scientists and observers. The precursor to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the Lacey Act, was passed in 1900.

In comments on the House floor, Congressman Lacey told his colleagues about the agricultural damage that had accompanied the decline in bird populations. He cited numerous examples of wildlife problems of the time: the extinction of the carrier pigeon, the serious depletion of grouse, prairie chicken, and buffalo populations, and the problems created by foreign species such as the English sparrow and the French pink flower. Lacey listed the primary threats to bird populations as excessive hunting of game birds by market hunters, the introduction of harmful exotic species that displaced native populations, and the millinery industry, which at that time consumed millions of birds each year for the production of ladies' hats.

(source: [www.animallaw.info](http://www.animallaw.info), Animal Legal and Historical Web Center, Michigan State Univ.)

In that era of increased conservation awareness, Frank M. Chapman, an ornithologist at the American Museum of Natural History and the editor of *Bird-Lore*, proposed a new holiday tradition to replace the Christmas "Side Hunt". The Christmas Bird Census would count birds instead of hunting them. Twenty-five counts were held on that first Christmas Bird Count. While the count locations ranged from Toronto to California, most occurred near or in populated areas of northeastern United States. A total of 18,500 birds and 90 species were counted during the first census.

Christmas Bird Counts provide a long-term perspective on the health and status on birds in North America. CBC data have helped identify decreases in species such as the Black Duck. The data have also identified shifts in bird ranges such as the Great-tailed Grackle and Tufted Titmouse. CBC data were used for the development of two recent Audubon State (cont. p.4...)

(cont...) of the Birds Reports, Common Birds in Decline and WatchList 2007. These reports and CBC results provide information for improving conservation policies.

So get in the Christmas spirit: listen to Bob Honig's Learning Corner about CBCs, join a bird count, and check out National Audubon's CBC website for more information. -- Pam Smolen, OG Chairperson

<b>Christmas Bird Counts, Upper Texas Coastal Area Dec. 2009 – Jan. 2010</b>	
<b>Matagorda County - Mad Island Marsh</b> Brent Ortego   brent.ortego@tpwd.state.tx.us   361-576-0022 ext. 24	<b>Monday, December 14, 2009</b>
<b>Galveston</b> Dick Peake   409-744-4301 Nunn   (h) 409-740-0082 (c) 409-770-7034,   gleath@comcast.net	<b>Tuesday, December 15, 2009</b> Gordon
<b>Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR</b> Sumita Prasad   sumita@alumni.utexas.net   832-453-4374	<b>Wednesday, December 16, 2009</b>
<b>Guadalupe River Delta - McFaddin Family Ranches</b> Brent Ortego   brent.ortego@tpwd.state.tx.us   361-576-0022 ext. 24	<b>Thursday, December 17, 2009</b>
<b>San Bernard NWR</b> Ron Weeks   ronweeks@sbcglobal.net   (evenings) 979-299-0066	<b>Friday, December 18, 2009</b>
<b>Armand Bayou Nature Center</b> Martha Hood   lazuli007@yahoo.com   281-286-6746	<b>Saturday, December 19, 2009</b>
<b>Brazos Bend State Park</b> Bill Godley   fribbish@msn.com   281-341-6684	<b>Saturday, December 19, 2009</b>
<b>Spring Creek</b> Al Barr   albbarr@comcast.net   281-443-6629	<b>Saturday, December 19, 2009</b>
<b>Freeport</b> Mike Austin   MAUSTI5@hotmail.com   281-992-8888	<b>Sunday, December 20, 2009</b>
<b>Houston (Baytown)</b> David Sarkozi   david@sarkozi.net   713-412-4409	<b>Saturday, December 26, 2009</b>
<b>Trinity River</b> Stuart Marcus   stuartma@sbcglobal.net   (h) 936-336-9786, (w) 936-336-9786	<b>Monday, December 28, 2009</b>
<b>Cypress Creek (Katy Prairie)</b> Fred Collins   fred_collins@hctx.net   phone 282-357-5324	<b>Friday, January 1, 2010</b>
<b>Buffalo Bayou</b> Michael Williams   txbfcbc@houstonarboretum.org   832-723-0653 Adam Wood   birdsondabrain@earthlink.net   713-515-1692	<b>Saturday, January 2, 2010</b>
<b>San Jacinto Wilderness</b> David Henderson   dandewild@consolidated.net	<b>Saturday, January 2, 2010</b>
<b>Sea Rim State Park</b> John Whittle   409-722-4193   john.whittle@lamar.edu	<b>Sunday, January 3, 2010</b>

**A Chance to Own a Spectacular Photograph**



Gwen Kunz, a longtime OG member, has very generously donated a photograph by John Tveten to the OG, which we are pleased to offer by raffle. Tickets will be sold at \$5 each or 5 for \$20 from now until the December meeting, when the winning ticket will be chosen by drawing. You need not be present to win! Money from ticket sales will go toward OG speakers and programs.

“Eastern Screech-Owls” measures 14 x 17 inches and is signed and framed by the artist. John laminated the print and matte on hardwood which he stained. Bring cash or checks (made out to OG) and tickets to the December 7 OG meeting, or mail to:

Jerry Stanislav, OG Treasurer  
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Raffle Ticket (\$5 each – 5 for \$20)  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Clearing House -- September 2009

by David Sarkozi 713-412-4409 [david@sarkozi.net](mailto:david@sarkozi.net)

This is a summary of birds for the Upper Texas Coast (Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, and Jefferson Counties) reported to eBird.org. Very rare birds are in bold. There were 264 species reported for October 2009 from 487 checklists. (For some species, reports exceed totals because some lists have species as "present" rather than by number.)

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck reports=58 total= 512  
Fulvous Whistling-Duck reports=1 total= 1  
Greater White-fronted Goose reports=7 total= 125  
Snow Goose reports=4 total= 60  
Canada Goose reports=1 total= 4  
Muscovy Duck (Domestic type) reports=3 total= 16  
Muscovy Duck x Mallard (Domestic type) reports=1 total= 1  
Wood Duck reports=8 total= 19  
Gadwall reports=3 total= 56  
American Wigeon reports=6 total= 18  
Mallard reports=7 total= 45  
Mallard (Domestic type) reports=3 total= 9  
Mottled Duck reports=27 total= 70  
Blue-winged Teal reports=43 total= 167  
Northern Shoveler reports=9 total= 37  
Northern Pintail reports=2 total= 20  
Green-winged Teal reports=5 total= 31  
Redhead reports=1 total= 50  
Ring-necked Duck reports=2 total= 3  
Ruddy Duck reports=1 total= 2  
**Least Grebe reports=13 total= 29 Brazos Bend SP**  
Pied-billed Grebe reports=63 total= 65  
American White Pelican reports=31 total= 449  
Brown Pelican reports=46 total= 350  
Neotropical Cormorant reports=55 total= 116  
Double-crested Cormorant reports=51 total= 71  
cormorant sp. reports=3 total= 11  
Anhinga reports=19 total= 40  
Magnificent Frigatebird reports=2 total= 1  
American Bittern reports=2 total= 2  
Great Blue Heron reports=112 total= 39  
Great Egret reports=188 total= 127  
Snowy Egret reports=142 total= 140  
Little Blue Heron reports=74 total= 43  
Tricolored Heron reports=67 total= 34  
Reddish Egret reports=10 total= 10  
Cattle Egret reports=38 total= 303  
Green Heron reports=17 total= 6  
Black-crowned Night-Heron reports=6 total= 23  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron reports=24 total= 22  
White Ibis reports=85 total= 569  
White-faced Ibis reports=16 total= 128

Roseate Spoonbill reports=43 total= 149  
Wood Stork reports=6 total= 7  
Black Vulture reports=83 total= 131  
Turkey Vulture reports=122 total= 69  
Osprey reports=53 total= 19  
Swallow-tailed Kite reports=1 total= 1  
White-tailed Kite reports=15 total= 10  
**Mississippi Kite reports=2 total= 21 very rare, reported from the Smith Point Hawkwatch**  
Bald Eagle reports=6 total= 4  
Northern Harrier reports=31 total= 18  
Sharp-shinned Hawk reports=23 total= 20  
Cooper's Hawk reports=41 total= 9  
Accipiter sp. reports=3 total= 4  
Red-shouldered Hawk reports=93 total= 19  
Broad-winged Hawk reports=25 total= 725  
Swainson's Hawk reports=8 total= 3  
White-tailed Hawk reports=8 total= 7  
Red-tailed Hawk reports=53 total= 22  
Buteo sp. reports=1 total= 1  
hawk sp. reports=3 total= 5  
Crested Caracara reports=17 total= 7  
American Kestrel reports=44 total= 19  
Merlin reports=22 total= 9  
Peregrine Falcon reports=4 total= 3  
Yellow Rail reports=1 total= 1  
Clapper Rail reports=9 total= 11  
King Rail reports=1 total= 1  
Purple Gallinule reports=3 total= 2  
Common Moorhen reports=31 total= 375  
American Coot reports=37 total= 301  
Sandhill Crane reports=3 total= 20  
Black-bellied Plover reports=18 total= 69  
Snowy Plover reports=8 total= 20  
Wilson's Plover reports=4 total= 13  
Semipalmated Plover reports=12 total= 82  
Piping Plover reports=14 total= 37  
Killdeer reports=91 total= 208  
American Oystercatcher reports=12 total= 43  
Black-necked Stilt reports=17 total= 48  
American Avocet reports=17 total= 142  
Spotted Sandpiper reports=18 total= 27  
Solitary Sandpiper reports=7 total= 6  
Greater Yellowlegs reports=44 total= 69  
Willet reports=30 total= 41  
Lesser Yellowlegs reports=10 total= 17  
Whimbrel reports=2 total= 4  
Long-billed Curlew reports=14 total= 33

Marbled Godwit reports=10 total= 76  
Ruddy Turnstone reports=14 total= 21  
Red Knot reports=2 total= 9  
Sanderling reports=19 total= 170  
**Semipalmated Sandpiper reports=6 total= 28 very rare after Oct 7, reports from Sea Center Texas, Follet's Island, Quintana Beach, and Galveston Island SP**  
Western Sandpiper reports=20 total= 166  
Least Sandpiper reports=21 total= 569  
Pectoral Sandpiper reports=1 total= 2  
Dunlin reports=3 total= 5  
Stilt Sandpiper reports=1 total= 6  
Short-billed Dowitcher reports=4 total= 16  
Long-billed Dowitcher reports=8 total= 16  
Wilson's Snipe reports=8 total= 8  
shorebird sp. reports=1 total= 1  
Laughing Gull reports=71 total= 996  
Franklin's Gull reports=1 total= 2  
Ring-billed Gull reports=16 total= 122  
Herring Gull reports=7 total= 8  
Lesser Black-backed Gull reports=2 total= 4  
**Glaucous Gull reports=1 total= 1 no prior October reports, East Beach Galveston Island**  
gull sp. reports=1 total= 1  
**Least Tern reports=2 total= 11 very rare after Oct 14, reported from Quintana Beach**  
Gull-billed Tern reports=2 total= 5  
Caspian Tern reports=29 total= 79  
**Black Tern reports=2 total= 1 very rare after October 14, reported from Brazos Bend SP**  
Common Tern reports=4 total= 3  
Forster's Tern reports=30 total= 131  
Royal Tern reports=27 total= 187  
Sandwich Tern reports=8 total= 37  
Black Skimmer reports=10 total= 307  
Rock Pigeon reports=70 total= 271  
Eurasian Collared-Dove reports=54 total= 143  
White-winged Dove reports=80 total= 108  
Mourning Dove reports=224 total= 364  
Inca Dove reports=12 total= 15  
Monk Parakeet reports=4 total= 30  
**Yellow-billed Cuckoo reports=5 total= 3**  
**Groove-billed Ani reports=2 total= 1**  
Barn Owl reports=4 total= 3

Eastern Screech-Owl reports=3 total= 3  
 Great Horned Owl reports=13 total= 6  
**Burrowing Owl reports=1 total= 1 very rare, reported on Rettilon Road on the Bolivar Peninsula**  
 Barred Owl reports=5 total= 5  
 Common Nighthawk reports=3 total= 4  
 Chimney Swift reports=42 total= 61  
 Buff-bellied Hummingbird reports=2 total= 2  
 Ruby-throated Hummingbird reports=136 total= 74  
 Black-chinned Hummingbird reports=1 total= 1  
**Calliope Hummingbird reports=1 total= 1 very rare, reported in Houston**  
 Rufous Hummingbird reports=3 total= 4  
 hummingbird sp. reports=8 total= 10  
 Belted Kingfisher reports=64 total= 13  
 Red-headed Woodpecker reports=6 total= 2  
 Red-bellied Woodpecker reports=174 total= 47  
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker reports=51 total= 9  
**Ladder-backed Woodpecker reports=1 total= 1 very rare, reported from Lafitte's Cove**  
 Downy Woodpecker reports=101 total= 18  
 Northern Flicker reports=39 total= 14  
 Pileated Woodpecker reports=54 total= 16  
 woodpecker sp. reports=1 total= 1  
 Olive-sided Flycatcher reports=2 total= 1  
 Eastern Wood-Pewee reports=38 total= 15  
 Yellow-bellied Flycatcher reports=3 total= 3  
**Alder Flycatcher reports=4 total= 4 no prior October records, reported from Sabine Woods**  
 Least Flycatcher reports=16 total= 6  
 Empidonax sp. reports=6 total= 5  
 Eastern Phoebe reports=85 total= 71  
 Vermilion Flycatcher reports=14 total= 7  
 Ash-throated Flycatcher reports=1 total= 1  
 Great Crested Flycatcher reports=10 total= 6  
 Couch's Kingbird reports=1 total= 1  
 Eastern Kingbird reports=6 total= 2  
 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher reports=41 total= 110  
 flycatcher sp. reports=1 total= 1  
 Loggerhead Shrike reports=111 total= 29  
 White-eyed Vireo reports=39 total= 25  
 Yellow-throated Vireo reports=3 total= 3  
 Blue-headed Vireo reports=7 total= 5  
 Warbling Vireo reports=2 total= 2  
 Philadelphia Vireo reports=3 total= 5  
 Red-eyed Vireo reports=11 total= 7  
 Blue Jay reports=216 total= 104  
 American Crow reports=158 total= 109  
 Horned Lark reports=9 total= 19  
 Tree Swallow reports=14 total= 51  
 Northern Rough-winged Swallow reports=30 total= 270  
 Bank Swallow reports=2 total= 7  
 Cliff Swallow reports=3 total= 5  
 Cave Swallow reports=6 total= 21  
 Barn Swallow reports=28 total= 98  
 swallow sp. reports=14 total= 20  
 Carolina Chickadee reports=144 total= 66  
 Tufted Titmouse reports=88 total= 33  
 Brown-headed Nuthatch reports=12 total= 14  
 Carolina Wren reports=138 total= 38  
 House Wren reports=32 total= 29  
 Winter Wren reports=2 total= 1  
 Sedge Wren reports=9 total= 10  
 Marsh Wren reports=22 total= 26  
 Golden-crowned Kinglet reports=1 total= 1  
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet reports=41 total= 21  
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher reports=108 total= 82  
 Eastern Bluebird reports=28 total= 45  
 Swainson's Thrush reports=1 total= 1  
**Hermit Thrush reports=6 total= 4 very rare before October 15, reported from Kleb Woods Nature Preserve**  
 American Robin reports=17 total= 33  
 Gray Catbird reports=33 total= 18  
 Northern Mockingbird reports=279 total= 125  
 Brown Thrasher reports=45 total= 41  
 European Starling reports=117 total= 925  
 American Pipit reports=4 total= 51  
**Cedar Waxwing reports=1 total= 2 very rare, reported from Lafitte's Cove**  
 Blue-winged Warbler reports=4 total= 3  
 Tennessee Warbler reports=6 total= 7  
 Orange-crowned Warbler reports=11 total= 11  
 Nashville Warbler reports=22 total= 16  
 Northern Parula reports=10 total= 7  
 Yellow Warbler reports=11 total= 9  
 Chestnut-sided Warbler reports=7 total= 4  
 Magnolia Warbler reports=15 total= 9  
 Yellow-rumped Warbler reports=13 total= 13  
 Black-throated Green Warbler reports=21 total= 9  
 Yellow-throated Warbler reports=12 total= 6  
 Pine Warbler reports=42 total= 19  
 Palm Warbler reports=5 total= 5  
 Black-and-white Warbler reports=20 total= 20  
 American Redstart reports=44 total= 42  
 Worm-eating Warbler reports=1 total= 1  
 Ovenbird reports=3 total= 2  
 Northern Waterthrush reports=2 total= 1  
 Kentucky Warbler reports=2 total= 1  
 Mourning Warbler reports=2 total= 2  
 Common Yellowthroat reports=26 total= 12  
 Hooded Warbler reports=9 total= 7  
 Wilson's Warbler reports=21 total= 6  
 Canada Warbler reports=2 total= 2  
 Yellow-breasted Chat reports=3 total= 3  
 warbler sp. reports=6 total= 4  
 Summer Tanager reports=14 total= 4  
 Scarlet Tanager reports=1 total= 1  
 Chipping Sparrow reports=5 total= 13  
 Field Sparrow reports=1 total= 2  
 Lark Sparrow reports=1 total= 2  
 Savannah Sparrow reports=17 total= 32  
 Grasshopper Sparrow reports=1 total= 1  
 Le Conte's Sparrow reports=1 total= 1  
 Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow reports=3 total= 9  
 Seaside Sparrow reports=5 total= 15  
 Song Sparrow reports=1 total= 1  
 Lincoln's Sparrow reports=12 total= 7  
 Swamp Sparrow reports=10 total= 10  
 White-throated Sparrow reports=2 total= 0  
 White-crowned Sparrow reports=4 total= 3  
 Northern Cardinal reports=210 total= 170  
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak reports=7 total= 6  
 Blue Grosbeak reports=12 total= 10  
 Indigo Bunting reports=50 total= 56  
 Painted Bunting reports=6 total= 6  
 Dickcissel reports=5 total= 8  
 Red-winged Blackbird reports=62 total= 456  
 Eastern Meadowlark reports=36 total= 77  
 Yellow-headed Blackbird reports=1 total= 7  
 Brewer's Blackbird reports=1 total= 8  
 Common Grackle reports=66 total= 1,500  
 Boat-tailed Grackle reports=20 total= 84  
 Great-tailed Grackle reports=104 total= 607  
 grackle sp. reports=1 total= 1  
**Bronzed Cowbird reports=1 total= 1 very rare, reported from Houston**  
 Brown-headed Cowbird reports=22 total= 82  
 Orchard Oriole reports=2 total= 2  
 Baltimore Oriole reports=4 total= 5  
 blackbird sp. reports=16 total= 130  
 House Finch reports=31 total= 21  
 House Sparrow reports=127 total= 314  
 Nutmeg Mannikin reports=6 total= 6

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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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**TO START OR RENEW A MEMBERSHIP:**

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	<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>

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