



# The Spoonbill

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## Monthly Meeting: Monday, April 5

Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet, Houston

**Learning Corner -- 6:30 p.m.    General Meeting -- 7:00 p.m.**

### Program: *Birding Namibia* with Dr. Richard Peake

Have you seen the huge dunes along the southwestern coast of Africa? Visit some of the most remarkable landscapes of the world and see birds that have adapted to this harsh climate. Dick Peake will give a slide-illustrated talk about a trip through Namibia during the year 2000, plus a pelagic birding trip from Capetown. For this trip, the Namibia portion was led by the renowned guide Terry Stevenson, the South African extension by the equally famous Ian Sinclair. See birds and animals of the Etosha Pan, a panorama of wildlife as interesting as any to be seen in East Africa.

Dick Peake has been a birder for over 60 years and sports a life list over 5500 species. He has birded many African venues including Ethiopia, Uganda, Kenya, Gabon, and Sierra Leone and has an African list exceeding 1300 species.

Dick began his birding early in Chesapeake, Virginia. When he was 11 years old, his fifth grade teacher started a junior Audubon Club in her class. Two years later, Peake persuaded his parents to buy him a pair of WWII army surplus 6x30 binoculars. Imagine his excitement when one of the first birds he found in his neighborhood was a Western Kingbird. At the University of Virginia, Dick and his roommate Renwick Kerr spent more time birding than studying for classes. While attending Old Dominion University for a semester, Dick made his first significant contribution to Virginia ornithology by finding a group of Lincoln's Sparrows wintering in Tidewater Virginia. After taking a Ph.D. in English at the University of Georgia, he became Chair of the Department of English at the University of Virginia's College at Wise, Virginia, a post that he held for thirty years. During that time he was active in the Virginia Society of Ornithology and served as a member of its governing board, its records committee, and its President. After retirement in 1998 he began spending much of his time in Texas, specifically Galveston. He became co-compiler of the Freeport Christmas Bird Count, a post he has just relinquished.

## Other Events

- March 27 - May 2:** [HAS Birdathon](#)  
**April 17:** Monthly [OG Field Trip \(Matagorda\)](#)  
**April 24 - May 2:** [Great Texas Birding Classic](#)  
(Texas Parks & Wildlife; GCBO)  
**April 29 - May 2:** [Quarterly OG Field Trip \(LRGV\)](#)  
**May 3:** Monthly OG Meeting (Bob Honig on Katy Prairie)

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**Ornithology Group**  
**Houston Outdoor Nature Club**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Monday, March 1, 2010**  
Bayland Community Center  
Number of Attendees: 43

**1. Learning Corner:** Pam Smolen discussed “Common Birds.” Pam suggested spending time in local areas to observe birds’ behaviors and habits. Areas she suggested include Pine Brook Wetlands and Armand Bayou. Pam recommended the website of Cornell Lab of Ornithology and their “All About Birds” site for bird information. Birds we see all the time can be interesting to watch for their behaviors. She mentioned that American Crows are ground feeders, eating earthworms, insects and other small animals; they live about 15 years and live in the same roost sites. Blue Jays have tight family bonds but have no distinctive patterns for migrating. Robins have 3 different broods a year; their diet consists of earthworms in the morning but they often switch to fruit later in the day. Other birds of interest are Carolina Chickadees, which mingle with other species during migration; Yellow-rumped Warblers, which can eat insects off the surface of water; and Cedar Waxwings, whose diet consists of fruit for several months.

**2. Sightings:** Recent bird sightings include: Townsend’s Warbler, Rufous Hummingbird, Couch’s Kingbird; Tree and Barn Swallows and Purple Martins at Katy Prairie; Western Kingbird at Cedar Hill Park; a pair of Red-headed Woodpeckers at Bear Creek Park; and at El Franco Lee Park a Harris’s Hawk, Screech Owl and Vermilion Flycatcher.

**3. Minutes:** Minutes from the February 1, 2010 meeting were approved as printed in *The Spoonbill*.

**4. Treasurer’s Report:** Jerry Stanislav reported that the OG balance is \$10,091.00, up from last month, and will increase as more membership dues are paid.

**5. Spoonbill:** Al Shultz informed members that *The Spoonbill* was mailed late this month but will be arriving by mail shortly. Items for the April issue are due by March 15th.

**6. Membership:** Margret Simmons has a few extra ONC year books for the 2009-2010 year if anyone

**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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needs a copy. She reminded everyone to please sign in.

**7. Announcements:** Pam Smolen reminded members of the [lecture by Dr. Douglas Tallamy](#) on Wednesday, March 31, 2010 at Rice University. A \$5 parking fee can be paid by debit or credit card. Pam announced that the Chimney Swifts were starting to arrive in our area.

**8. Past Field Trips:** Adam Wood reported on the San Antonio Quarterly field trip, stating that 14 people attended and 121 species were observed, including Cinnamon Teal, Bank Swallow, Green-tailed Towhee and Greater Scaup. On the Katy Prairie field trip, 16 people attended, observing 87 Species including Western Meadowlark, Canvasback and Harris’s Sparrow. Kevin Poling will be taking over for Adam as Field Trip Coordinator.

**9. Upcoming Field Trips:** This month’s field trip will be on Saturday, March 20, 2010 to Sheldon Lake State Park. Meeting time is 8:00 a.m. at the Environmental Learning Center Parking Lot. The Spring Quarterly Field Trip will be April 29 to May 2 to the Lower Rio Grande Valley and King Ranch. Contact Adam Wood and the OG website for more details. The quarterly trip has 12 openings.

**10. Program:** John Schneider introduced Steve Matherly who presented the program, “The Diverse

Birdlife of Goa, India.” Steve shared his photos from his November 2006 trip to Goa, featuring the different habitats and diverse bird life in the area. During his two week stay, Steve observed approximately 300 species. On the hotel grounds, Steve was able to photograph the Common Flameback, Coppersmith Barbet and Rufous Treepie among others. At the beaches and flats area, Brown-headed Gulls and Lesser Sand-plover were spotted. Indian Pond-heron, Marsh Sandpiper, Common Greenshank and Greater Painted-snipe were seen at the wetlands, paddy fields. At the mangroves, Steve

took photos of Grey Heron, Little Egret and Common, Black-capped and Collared Kingfishers. The grassy fields had Red-whiskered and Red-vented Bulbul, and Pallid Harrier and Brahminy Kites. The Bondla Forest Preserve fruit trees provided figs for such birds as the Asian Koel, Malabar Trogon and Malabar Barbet. For more information, Steve’s website is: [www.ImpressionsofNature.com](http://www.ImpressionsofNature.com)

Lenore Alfredson, OG Secretary  
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### **The Story behind Bicknell’s Thrush**

Bicknell's Thrush reminds us how we are constantly learning more about birds. This thrush did not become its own species until 1995. Bicknell's Thrush was first discovered in 1881 by 21 year old amateur ornithologist Eugene P. Bicknell. Bicknell and a local guide were at the summit of Slide Mountain in the Catskills near New York City when Bicknell heard singing Swainson's Thrushes and what sounded like a Veery. He collected the thrush and tentatively identified it as a Gray-cheeked Thrush.

Bicknell sent the specimen to Dr. Robert Ridgway at the American Museum of Natural History. Ridgway determined that the bird was a new subspecies of the Gray-cheeked Thrush and gave it the name Bicknell's Thrush. Bicknell surprised the ornithological community with this startling discovery of an unknown thrush just outside of America's largest metropolitan area in the backyard of many great ornithologists.

Ornithologists studied Bicknell's Thrush in the 1930's and again in the early 1990's. They found that Bicknell's Thrush was considerably smaller than Gray-cheeked Thrush with some coloration differences. They also found that the known breeding and winter ranges did not appear to overlap between the two thrushes. There were significant differences in the calls and songs of the two birds. The recent studies included an examination of the DNA of both thrushes. DNA studies showed a significant divergence between the thrushes and indicated that they separated from a common ancestor about one million years ago.

In 1995 the American Ornithological Union's Committee on Classification and Nomenclature examined all of the available evidence and gave Bicknell's Thrush full species status with the scientific name *Catharus bicknelli*.



OG Chairperson

## April 17, 2010 -- [Field Trip to Matagorda County](#)

Matagorda County Birding Nature Center, 8 a.m.

This year's spring migration trip will be to Matagorda County and the Matagorda County Birding Nature Center. This trip will give us a chance to compare spring migration to what we saw during the fall migration at this location. During the trip we will visit most of the birding hot spots in Matagorda County. Our main targets will be the neotropical migrant passerines, especially warblers (i.e. Golden-winged Warbler, Cape May Warbler, Cerulean Warbler, Swainson's Warbler, and Mourning Warbler) but we will also spend some time birding the beach for non-passerine migrants like sandpipers (i.e. Whimbrel, Red Knot, Baird's Sandpiper, and Buff-breasted Sandpiper) and lingering winter species such as ducks (i.e. Cinnamon Teal, Greater Scaup, Canvasback, Redhead, Hooded Merganser, Common Goldeneye, and Bufflehead) and geese..

This trip should be a great one where we will hope to encounter a fallout if weather conditions work out right for us. Even without a fallout we could find 25+ species of warblers including some of the more western warblers like McGillivray's. This trip will also be a good opportunity for those birders who are participating in the Century Club to work on their Matagorda County lists. Remember that we want it to rain in the late morning or early afternoon if we want a chance to witness a fallout. So if it looks like it is going to rain during the day, that is what we are looking for, so don't let it scare you. Come out and join us for what could be a magical afternoon of birding.

**Directions:** We will meet at the [Matagorda County Birding Nature Center](#) at 8 a.m. The nature center is 1.7 miles west of Bay City on SH 35. If you wish to carpool from Houston, I will be at the Katy Prairie Conservancy Headquarters at 3015 Richmond Avenue at 5:30 and will leave by 6:00 a.m. Please call me and let me know to expect you if you are planning on carpooling. This will be an all-day trip and the best passerine birding usually occurs in the afternoon especially if we have fallout conditions.

**Be sure to bring:** binoculars, hat, sunscreen, water, a lunch, spotting scope, camera, rain gear in case it rains, and snacks.

## April 29 - May 2, 2010

### Quarterly Field Trip -- Lower Rio Grande Valley including King Ranch

Our spring quarterly trip will be to the Lower Rio Grande Valley and will include a possible full day tour of the King Ranch on April 29 – May 2, 2010. We will have several guides during the weekend. If we tour the King Ranch, Jim Sinclair and Tom Langshield will be our guides for the day. Dan Jones or Roy Rodriguez will be our guides to the best birding locations that Hidalgo County has to offer and Scarlet Colley will be our guide on Sunday on our boat trip out to see the Mangrove Warbler (weather permitting). During the trip we will of course try to make attempts at any "mega-rarities" that we catch word of. The current itinerary for this trip is contingent on guide availability and weather so the final itinerary maybe quite different. For now the itinerary is:

Stay in **Weslaco** on Thursday, April 29.

April 30: We will bird locations like **Bentsen State Park, Estero Llano Grande, Santa Ana NWR, and Anzalduas County Park**. (Dan Jones and/or Roy Rodriguez)

Stay in **Kingsville** on Friday, April 30.

May 1: Full day birding tour on the **King Ranch**; stay in **Weslaco**.

May 2: Take a two to three hour boat tour; return to **Houston**.

You will not want to miss this trip as it should be a great one. More details will be posted on the [OG website](#) as they become available. If you are interested in this trip, please let me know and I will get your name on the list and get more details to you when I get them.

**Be sure to bring:** Binoculars, a warm coat or jacket in case it is cold, rain gear in case it rains, hat, sun block, camera, spotting scope, \$20 for admission fees and \$20 dollar donation to the OG, you can bring extra money for a tip for the guides if you wish, and water.

~Adam Wood, OG Field Trip Coordinator, [birdsondabrain@earthlink.net](mailto:birdsondabrain@earthlink.net), 713-515-1692



# Clearing House -- February 2010

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This is a summary of birds reported to [eBird.org](http://eBird.org). Rare and very rare birds are in bold. There were 237 species reported for the Upper Texas Coast (Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, and Jefferson Counties) for February 2010 from 772 checklists from 117 observers. Rare and very rare are listed in this format: County:location(date)[Observer]

Some notable sightings are Harris Hawk (Very Rare), Zone-tailed Hawk (one previous record in 2003), Whimbrel (Very Rare), Common Tern (Very Rare), Nighthawk sp. (Very Rare), Ladder-backed Woodpecker (Very Rare), Western Kingbird (Very Rare), Rock Wren (one previous record for the UTC, 1974), Tennessee Warbler (no previous records for the month), Western Tanager (Very Rare) and Baltimore Oriole (Very Rare). This is a listing of species reported and not all of these reports have been validated and reviewed. For ease of editing, domestic and exotic species reported were left in.

Reports for the following observers were used in this report: Adam Wood, Alasdair Brown, Albert Shultz, Andy Jordan, Anita Barnett, Arlette Keene, Asdf Slkd, Austin Brooks, Ben Sonnier, Bernd Gravenstein, Betty Vermeire, Bill Duke, Bill Townsley, Bill Wright, Brian Dannenfesler, Brian Frey, Bryan Tarbox, Calvin Vanreken, Cameron Goddard, Charlie Brower, Chester Studdard, Chuck Davis, Corey Callaghan, Courtney Parker, Cris Carey, Daniel Hodges, Dave Parr, David Dolan, David Florance, David Sarkozi, David Smith, David Whipple, Deborah Valdez, Debra Logsdon, Denise Herzberg, Derek Grayson, Don and Kristi Person, Drew Dickert, Dwayne Litteer, Ed Allday, Eddie Findley, Erin Yoes, Frank Farese, Fred Collins, Gary Binderim, Gayle Rained, Geoff Butcher, Grant McGough, Greg Page, Helen Baines, Howard Smith, J Berner, J. C. Stormer, Jake McCumber, James Granahan, James Penny, Janet Landry, Jason Bonilla, Jay Keller, Jeff McIntyre, Jeff Mohamed, Jeff Sexton, Jerry Eppner, Jim Cluck, Joe Cornelius, Joe Fischer, John Cocanower, John Galluzzo, John O'Brien, John Schneider, Jui Owens, Judith , Evans, Judy Behrens, Judy Heffner, Judy Sharp, Karen K, Kim Cerny, Kristina Radivojevich-Cross, Kyle McCreary, Laura Sare, Laurie Sines, Lynn McCarty, Margaret Farese, Marie Asscherick, Mark Meyer, Mark Scheuerman, Mark Westeleventh, Martha Hood, Megan Hartweck, Michael Hardee, Michael Kuzio, Mike Austin, Nigel Curlet, P Angert, P Van Wagen, Rachel Clapsaddle, Richard Houck, Richard Ventre, Robert Opperman, Robert Scranton, Rdney Cassidy, Romey Swanson, Ron Ware, Sarah Kuzio, Stennie Meadours, Stephanie Smith, Steve Astrich, Steven Berenzweig, Susan Thompson, Terry Woodward, Thomas Kihn, Tim Junker, Tobi Troxell, Tom Morris, Tom Taroni, V L Kirby, Zach Berner.

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck reports=27  
total= 238

**Fulvous Whistling-Duck reports=1  
total= 2 Galveston:Galveston Island  
SP (UTC 070)(19)[Jake McCumber]**

Greater White-fronted Goose reports=20  
total= 107

Snow Goose reports=35 total= 14,828

Ross's Goose reports=9 total= 4

Cackling Goose reports=3 total= 3

Canada Goose reports=6 total= 13

Muscovy Duck (Domestic type)  
reports=15 total= 25

Wood Duck reports=47 total= 80

Gadwall reports=90 total= 530

American Wigeon reports=26 total= 140

Mallard reports=45 total= 68

Mallard (Domestic type) reports=23 total=  
57

Mottled Duck reports=78 total= 100

Blue-winged Teal reports=101 total= 394

Cinnamon Teal reports=3 total= 3

Blue-winged/Cinnamon Teal reports=1  
total= 2

Northern Shoveler reports=109 total=  
1,025

Northern Pintail reports=25 total= 154

Green-winged Teal reports=58 total= 386

Canvasback reports=15 total= 75

Redhead reports=10 total= 238

Ring-necked Duck reports=44 total= 206

Greater Scaup reports=3 total= 4

Lesser Scaup reports=45 total= 342

Bufflehead reports=2 total= 4

Common Goldeneye reports=7 total= 17

Hooded Merganser reports=4 total= 13

Red-breasted Merganser reports=36  
total= 129

Ruddy Duck reports=20 total= 146

duck sp. reports=1 total= 6

Northern Bobwhite reports=1 total= 12

Common Loon reports=8 total= 10

Pied-billed Grebe reports=150 total= 164

Eared Grebe reports=1 total= 1

American White Pelican reports=88 total=  
356

Brown Pelican reports=91 total= 190

Neotropic Cormorant reports=107 total=  
102

Double-crested Cormorant reports=142  
total= 334

cormorant sp. reports=7 total= 23

Anhinga reports=21 total= 10

Great Blue Heron reports=213 total= 43

Great Egret reports=260 total= 165

Snowy Egret reports=189 total= 91

Little Blue Heron reports=67 total= 40

Tricolored Heron reports=54 total= 20

Reddish Egret reports=22 total= 9

Cattle Egret reports=14 total= 20

**Green Heron reports=12 total= 6**

**Chambers:Anahuac NWR (5)[Bill  
Townsley],Harris:Edith L. Moore**

**Nature Sanctuary (4)[Bernd  
Gravenstein],Harris:El Franco Lee**

**Park(6)[Judy Behrens],Harris:El**

**Franco Lee Park(13)[Judy  
Sharp],Harris:El Franco Lee Park(13)**

**[Martha Hood],Harris:El Franco Lee  
Park(16)[Jim Cluck],Harris:El Franco**

**Lee Park(16)[Judy Behrens],Harris:El  
Franco Lee Park(18)[Jeff**

**Mohamed],Harris:El Franco Lee Park  
(19)[Mike Austin],Harris:El Franco**

**Lee Park(26)[Rachel  
Clapsaddle],Harris:El Franco Lee**

**Park(28)[Judy  
Behrens],Harris:Houston- Hermann**

**Park (UTC 091)(2)[CALVIN  
VANREKEN]**

Black-crowned Night-Heron reports=49  
total= 754

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron reports=12  
total= 63

White Ibis reports=134 total= 807

White-faced Ibis reports=72 total= 445

Plegadis sp. reports=2 total= 24

Roseate Spoonbill reports=54 total= 50

Black Vulture reports=154 total= 150

Turkey Vulture reports=203 total= 158

Osprey reports=77 total= 15  
White-tailed Kite reports=25 total= 21  
Bald Eagle reports=18 total= 10  
Northern Harrier reports=116 total= 60  
Sharp-shinned Hawk reports=16 total= 8  
Cooper's Hawk reports=75 total= 12  
Accipiter sp. reports=11 total= 5  
**Harris's Hawk reports=6 total= 1**  
**Harris:El Franco Lee Park(26)[Rachel Clapsaddle],Harris:El Franco Lee Park(28)[Judy Behrens],Harris:El Franco Lee Park(28)[Jeff Mohamed],Harris:El Franco Lee Park (28)[Bill Duke],Harris:Sheldon Lake SP (UTC 033)(20)[sarah kuzio],Harris:Sheldon Lake SP (UTC 033)(20)[michael kuzio],**  
Red-shouldered Hawk reports=121 total= 23  
White-tailed Hawk reports=18 total= 10  
**Zone-tailed Hawk reports=1 total= 1**  
**Harris:Zone-tailed Hawk spot (Longenbaugh 1/2 mile E of powerlines)(13)[Drew Dickert]**  
Red-tailed Hawk reports=221 total= 80  
**Ferruginous Hawk reports=1 total= 0**  
**Galveston:Galveston Island SP (UTC 070)(9)[John Galluzzo]**  
Buteo sp. reports=1 total= 1  
Crested Caracara reports=46 total= 13  
American Kestrel reports=129 total= 53  
**Merlin reports=14 total= 5 Brazoria:San Bernard NWR (UTC 125)(7)[Joe Fischer],Brazoria:San Bernard NWR (UTC 125)(19)[Geoff Butcher],Chambers:Anahuac NWR (13)[Tobi Troxell],Chambers:Anahuac NWR(13)[Laurie Sines],Chambers:Anahuac NWR(13) [Denise Herzberg],Chambers:Anahuac NWR (UTC 049)(10)[John Galluzzo],Chambers:Anahuac NWR (UTC 049)(26)[Stephanie Smith],Chambers:Chambers Co: FM562/1985 roads to Anahuac(13) [Margaret Farese],Chambers:Chambers Co: FM562/1985 roads to Anahuac(13) [Frank Farese],Galveston:Galveston Island SP (UTC 070)(9)[John Galluzzo],Galveston:Galveston-Apfel Park (East Beach) (UTC 062) (14)[Greg Page],Galveston:High Island- Crawford Sanctuary(13) [Chuck Davis],Harris:Houston-Willow Waterhole Park(19)[mark westeleventh],Harris:personal location(4)[chester studdard],**  
Peregrine Falcon reports=19 total= 6  
Yellow Rail reports=4 total= 76  
**Black Rail reports=3 total= 3**  
**Brazoria:Brazoria NWR (28)[Joe Fischer],Brazoria:San Bernard NWR**

**(7)[Charlie Brower],Chambers:Anahuac NWR (10)[John Galluzzo]**  
Clapper Rail reports=4 total= 12  
King Rail reports=1 total= 1  
Clapper/King Rail reports=1 total= 1  
Sora reports=7 total= 3  
Common Moorhen reports=45 total= 113  
American Coot reports=144 total= 4,100  
Sandhill Crane reports=30 total= 238  
Black-bellied Plover reports=29 total= 73  
Snowy Plover reports=10 total= 10  
**Wilson's Plover reports=3 total= 7**  
**Brazoria:Surfside Beach & Jetty (3) [Robert Scranton],Chambers:Anahuac NWR (2)[Robert Scranton],Galveston:Galveston-Apfel Park (East Beach) (UTC 062) (19)[Jake McCumber],Galveston:San Luis Pass (20)[Howard Smith]**  
Semipalmated Plover reports=5 total= 20  
Piping Plover reports=12 total= 29  
Killdeer reports=157 total= 191  
American Oystercatcher reports=9 total= 33  
Black-necked Stilt reports=31 total= 144  
American Avocet reports=11 total= 902  
Spotted Sandpiper reports=27 total= 25  
Greater Yellowlegs reports=61 total= 97  
Willet reports=46 total= 71  
Lesser Yellowlegs reports=31 total= 42  
**Whimbrel reports=2 total= 3**  
**Chambers:Anahuac NWR (2)[Robert Scranton],Galveston:Galveston-Sportsmens/8-Mile/Anderson Rds (25)[Stephanie Smith],**  
Long-billed Curlew reports=19 total= 29  
Marbled Godwit reports=15 total= 129  
Ruddy Turnstone reports=16 total= 58  
**Red Knot reports=1 total= 0**  
**Chambers:Anahuac NWR (10)[John Galluzzo],**  
Sanderling reports=32 total= 440  
Western Sandpiper reports=17 total= 85  
Least Sandpiper reports=18 total= 168  
Dunlin reports=13 total= 144  
**Stilt Sandpiper reports=1 total= 2**  
**Brazoria:San Bernard NWR(12) [Charlie Brower],Chambers:Anahuac NWR (10)[John Galluzzo]**  
Short-billed Dowitcher reports=4 total= 33  
Long-billed Dowitcher reports=14 total= 168  
Short-billed/Long-billed Dowitcher reports=5 total= 23  
Wilson's Snipe reports=18 total= 49  
**American Woodcock reports=2 total= 1**  
**Brazoria:San Bernard NWR(12) [Charlie Brower],Chambers:Anahuac NWR (10)[John Galluzzo]**  
Bonaparte's Gull reports=10 total= 69  
Laughing Gull reports=124 total= 3,453  
Ring-billed Gull reports=114 total= 539

Herring Gull reports=50 total= 129  
Lesser Black-backed Gull reports=3 total= 2  
**Glaucous Gull reports=1 total= 1**  
**Galveston:Galveston- Sportsmens/8-Mile/Anderson Rds (UTC 066)(25) [Stephanie Smith]**  
gull sp. reports=1 total= 20  
Gull-billed Tern reports=4 total= 2  
Caspian Tern reports=12 total= 10  
**Common Tern reports=1 total= 0**  
**Galveston:Galveston Island SP (9) [John Galluzzo]**  
Forster's Tern reports=52 total= 224  
Royal Tern reports=17 total= 72  
Black Skimmer reports=21 total= 682  
Rock Pigeon reports=124 total= 636  
Eurasian Collared-Dove reports=78 total= 41  
White-winged Dove reports=134 total= 370  
Mourning Dove reports=353 total= 308  
Inca Dove reports=11 total= 17  
Common Ground-Dove reports=1 total= 1  
Monk Parakeet reports=9 total= 98  
Barn Owl reports=1 total= 1  
Eastern Screech-Owl reports=12 total= 4  
Great Horned Owl reports=6 total= 2  
Barred Owl reports=4 total= 5  
Short-eared Owl reports=1 total= 1  
**nighthawk sp. reports=1 total= 1**  
**Brazoria:San Bernard NWR(2) [Charlie Brower]**  
**Buff-bellied Hummingbird reports=3 total= 1 Galveston:Friendswood (21) [J Berner],Galveston: Friendswood (21)[Drew Dickert],Jefferson:My yard (21)[Anita Barnett]**  
**Ruby-throated Hummingbird reports=2 total= 2 Brazoria:Gulf Coast Bird Observatory(27)[Andy Jordan],Galveston:Home(28)[Michael Hardee]**  
Black-chinned Hummingbird reports=4 total= 1  
Rufous Hummingbird reports=7 total= 5  
Selasphorus sp. reports=1 total= 1  
hummingbird sp. reports=2 total= 1  
Belted Kingfisher reports=121 total= 25  
Red-headed Woodpecker reports=7 total= 6  
Red-bellied Woodpecker reports=231 total= 35  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker reports=94 total= 16  
**Ladder-backed Woodpecker reports=4 total= 2 Galveston:Galveston-Lafitte's Cove (6)[Howard Smith],Galveston:Galveston-Lafitte's Cove (6)[Bryan Tarbox],Galveston:Galveston-Lafitte's Cove (6)[Stephanie Smith],Galveston:Galveston-Lafitte's Cove (12)[Stephanie Smith]**

Downy Woodpecker reports=161 total= 34  
**Hairy Woodpecker reports=1 total= 1**  
**Harris:Houston(5)[Ron Ware]**  
Northern Flicker reports=34 total= 12  
Pileated Woodpecker reports=52 total= 22  
Eastern Phoebe reports=177 total= 44  
Vermilion Flycatcher reports=17 total= 7  
**Ash-throated Flycatcher reports=2**  
**total= 3 Brazoria:San Bernard NWR**  
**(7)[Joe Fischer],Fort Bend:Brazos**  
**Bend State Park (28)[James**  
**Granahan]**  
**Couch's Kingbird reports=5 total= 3**  
**Fort Bend:Cullinan Park (Sugar**  
**Land) (2)[J Berner],Fort**  
**Bend:Cullinan Park (Sugar Land)**  
**(13)[Joe Cornelius],Fort**  
**Bend:Cullinan Park (Sugar Land)(18)**  
**[Greg Page],Fort Bend:Cullinan Park**  
**(Sugar Land) (19)[Greg Page],Fort**  
**Bend:Pecan Grove Plantation(26)**  
**[Helen Baines],**  
**Western Kingbird reports=3 total= 2**  
**Chambers:Cedar Hill Park**  
**(Chambers Co.)(13)[Janet**  
**Landry],Chambers:Cedar Hill Park**  
**(Chambers Co.)(27)[J. C.**  
**Stormer],Chambers:Cedar Hill Park**  
**(Chambers Co.)(28)[David Sarkozi],**  
Loggerhead Shrike reports=159 total= 41  
White-eyed Vireo reports=5 total= 7  
Blue-headed Vireo reports=31 total= 9  
Blue Jay reports=266 total= 59  
American Crow reports=213 total= 87  
Fish Crow reports=1 total= 5  
Horned Lark reports=18 total= 30  
Purple Martin reports=23 total= 51  
Tree Swallow reports=22 total= 127  
**Northern Rough-winged Swallow**  
**reports=3 total= 12 Fort Bend:Brazos**  
**Bend State Park (UTC 117)(20)[David**  
**Whipple],Fort Bend:Cullinan Park**  
**(Sugar Land) (UTC 095)(2)[J**  
**Berner],Fort Bend:Cullinan Park**  
**(Sugar Land) (UTC 095)(13)[Joe**  
**Cornelius],**  
**Cave Swallow reports=5 total= 17 Fort**  
**Bend:Brazos Bend State Park (UTC**  
**117)(12)[Greg Page],Harris:El Franco**  
**Lee Park(18)[Jeff**  
**Mohamed],Harris:El Franco Lee Park**  
**(19)[Mike Austin],Harris:El Franco**  
**Lee Park(25)[Mike Austin],Harris:El**  
**Franco Lee Park(27)[David Whipple],**  
**Barn Swallow reports=7 total= 6**  
**Brazoria:Lakes at Country Place**  
**Entrance(25)[David**  
**Whipple],Chambers:Trinity River**  
**Island Rec Area (Chambers Co.)(27)**  
**[J. C. Stormer],Fort Bend:River Park,**  
**Sugar Land, TX(14)[Mark**  
**Scheuerman],Galveston:Galveston-**  
**Lafitte's Cove (UTC 068)(19)[Drew**

**Dickert],Harris:El Franco Lee Park**  
**(19)[Mike Austin],Harris:El Franco**  
**Lee Park(25)[Mike**  
**Austin],Harris:Katy Prairie (Harris**  
**Co.)(20)[Adam Wood],**  
swallow sp. reports=7 total= 37  
Carolina Chickadee reports=226 total= 87  
Tufted Titmouse reports=137 total= 51  
Brown-headed Nuthatch reports=13 total= 10  
Brown Creeper reports=12 total= 3  
**Rock Wren reports=2 total= 2 Harris:El**  
**Jardin Park/Beach(12)[Michael**  
**Hardee],Harris:Pine Gully Park (UTC**  
**079)(6)[Joe Fischer],**  
Carolina Wren reports=176 total= 38  
House Wren reports=36 total= 14  
Winter Wren reports=10 total= 5  
Sedge Wren reports=15 total= 112  
Marsh Wren reports=12 total= 24  
Golden-crowned Kinglet reports=13 total= 4  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet reports=193 total= 41  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher reports=61 total= 17  
Eastern Bluebird reports=52 total= 47  
Hermit Thrush reports=37 total= 10  
American Robin reports=214 total= 5,105  
Gray Catbird reports=20 total= 11  
Northern Mockingbird reports=372 total= 80  
Brown Thrasher reports=22 total= 10  
European Starling reports=225 total= 780  
American Pipit reports=72 total= 287  
Sprague's Pipit reports=9 total= 8  
Cedar Waxwing reports=183 total= 2,204  
**Tennessee Warbler reports=1 total= 1**  
**Galveston:Galveston- Corps Woods**  
**(UTC 061)(19)[Jeff Sexton],**  
Orange-crowned Warbler reports=132 total= 32  
Yellow-rumped Warbler reports=313 total= 280  
Pine Warbler reports=170 total= 87  
Palm Warbler reports=9 total= 5  
Common Yellowthroat reports=35 total= 25  
Wilson's Warbler reports=10 total= 4  
warbler sp. reports=1 total= 5  
**Western Tanager reports=1 total= 1**  
**Jefferson:My yard(21)[Anita Barnett],**  
Eastern Towhee reports=1 total= 2  
Chipping Sparrow reports=71 total= 202  
Field Sparrow reports=13 total= 14  
Vesper Sparrow reports=17 total= 11  
**Lark Sparrow reports=1 total= 1**  
**Galveston:Galveston- Lafitte's Cove**  
**(UTC 068)(13)[Deborah Valdez],**  
Savannah Sparrow reports=145 total= 405  
Le Conte's Sparrow reports=2 total= 2  
Seaside Sparrow reports=6 total= 14

**Fox Sparrow reports=1 total= 1**  
**Harris:Addicks Reservoir, Westwick**  
**(20)[Bernd Gravenstein],**  
Song Sparrow reports=32 total= 24  
Lincoln's Sparrow reports=22 total= 10  
Swamp Sparrow reports=65 total= 42  
White-throated Sparrow reports=43 total= 58  
Harris's Sparrow reports=13 total= 11  
White-crowned Sparrow reports=13 total= 19  
**Dark-eyed Junco reports=1 total= 0**  
**Brazoria:Freeport(13)[Corey**  
**Callaghan],**  
Northern Cardinal reports=350 total= 200  
Red-winged Blackbird reports=198 total= 21,550  
Eastern Meadowlark reports=97 total= 175  
**Western Meadowlark reports=1 total= 4**  
**Brazoria:Freeport(14)[Corey**  
**Callaghan],Harris:Katy Prairie-**  
**Longenbaugh/Porter Rd. UTC 098**  
**(19)[J Berner],**  
meadowlark sp. reports=19 total= 72  
Brewer's Blackbird reports=21 total= 211  
Common Grackle reports=65 total= 810  
Boat-tailed Grackle reports=21 total= 96  
Great-tailed Grackle reports=150 total= 1,120  
grackle sp. reports=5 total= 31  
**Bronzed Cowbird reports=3 total= 17**  
**Brazoria:Bryan Beach (Freeport)**  
**(UTC 123)(28)[Joe**  
**Fischer],Harris:Houston- Arthur**  
**Storey Park(13)[Bernd**  
**Gravenstein],Harris:Houston-**  
**Weslayan x U.S. 59(6)[mark**  
**westeleventh],**  
Brown-headed Cowbird reports=57 total= 818  
**Baltimore Oriole reports=3 total= 2**  
**Galveston:Friendswood(19)[Lynn**  
**McCarty],Galveston:Friendswood**  
**(23)[Lynn McCarty],Harris:Spring(1)**  
**[dave parr],**  
blackbird sp. reports=4 total= 201  
House Finch reports=73 total= 61  
American Goldfinch reports=162 total= 425  
House Sparrow reports=188 total= 240  
Nutmeg Mannikin reports=1 total= 5  
**Purple Finch reports=2 total= 5**  
**Sighting Data unavailable**  
House Finch reports=75 total= 75  
**Pine Siskin reports=1 total= 20**  
**Sighting Data unavailable**  
American Goldfinch reports=231 total= 640  
House Sparrow reports=183 total= 249  
Orange Bishop reports=2 total= 8  
Nutmeg Mannikin reports=7 total= 68

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