



The Spoonbill

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Monthly Meeting: Monday, November 1
General Meeting -- 7:00 p.m.
Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet, Houston

Learning Corner, 6:30 p.m. -- Sumita Prasad: Tips on distinguishing between Ruby-throated and Black-chinned Hummingbirds and Rufous and Allen's Hummingbirds.

Program: Hummingbirds of Houston presented by Sumita Prasad

Sumita is a native Houstonian and an avid birder and naturalist. With a background in biology/ecology and business management, Sumita's past professional appointments include positions at Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, Fermata Inc. & World Birding Center, and AECOM. In these roles, she has accepted work assignments all over Texas, Virginia, Mexico, and even Africa.

Over the past year, Sumita has been employed by the [Wildlife Habitat Council](#) (WHC), as the Southwest Regional Manager. WHC is an international nonprofit organization that works with private, corporate, and public land-owners to manage their greenspace by creating sustainable, quality habitat for wildlife. In this position, Sumita oversees all of WHC's business in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, New Mexico, and Arkansas and offices in downtown Houston.

Sumita is licensed by the state of Texas and the federal government as a bird-bander with a specialty in hummingbirds. She has been banding hummingbirds for a decade and has banded thousands of individuals of 12 species of hummingbirds in Texas. Her presentation will cover the Hummingbirds of Houston and Southeast Texas.

Other Events

- Nov. 20:** [Monthly OG Trip -- Bolivar](#)
- Nov. 27:** **Houston Audubon Trip**
[Brazoria & San Bernard NWR](#)
- Dec. 6:** **Monthly OG Meeting**
- Dec. 14 - Jan. 5:** **Christmas Bird Counts**

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Ornithology Group Houston Outdoor Nature Club

Minutes of Meeting

Monday, October 4, 2010

Number of Attendees: 52

1. **Learning Corner:** Mike Neal discussed how to locate migrating raptors and basics of raptor identification. HawkWatch International uses standardized protocols in counting and observing raptors. Included in Mike's presentation were techniques in using binoculars and spotting scopes at hawk watch sites: binoculars are used to locate the birds and the spotting scopes are used only for identification. Flight behavior is most important in identifying raptors -- field marks of the individual birds are not as important. The shape and position of the wings and proportions of the birds are also useful tools. Mike suggested the book, *Hawks From Every Angle*, by Jerry Liguori as an excellent field guide. The website of Hawk Migration Association of North America (HMANA) also has useful information.
2. **Sightings:** Birds seen recently include: large numbers of hawks at the Smith Point Hawk Watch; 2 Groove-billed Ani; Red-shouldered Hawk; a hummingbird that came to a hose for water; Yellow-throated Warbler at Armand Bayou; Northern Flicker at Quintana, and a Long-billed Curlew and Screech-Owl.
3. **Minutes:** Minutes from the September 13, 2010, meeting were approved as printed in the October issue of *The Spoonbill*.
4. **Library Report:** Deborah Valdez will purchase the book, *Hawks from Every Angle*, by Jerry Liguori.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Jerry Stanislav reported that as of October 1 the OG balance is \$10,169.00. The OG has not been billed for the printing of *The Spoonbill* for the last couple of months since contracting with a new printer and mailer.
6. **Membership:** Margret Simmons reminded everyone to please sign in, so that we may continue using the large room at the Bayland Center.

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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7. **The Spoonbill:** Al Shultz will need all articles for the next issue in the next few days. He needs to submit the materials early this month to make sure the issues are mailed on time.
8. **Announcements:** Pam Smolen announced that the OG is participating in the Katy Prairie Conservancy's "Big Sit". The date is Sunday, October 10 between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. A sign-up sheet and a waiver form was available for those interested. Pam will email those who signed up with directions.
9. **Past Field Trips:** Kevin Poling reported on September's Smith Point Field Trip. In the woods area, 5 warbler species and a perched Common Nighthawk were spotted. Hawks observed included Broad-winged, and a Red-tailed along with 5 Mississippi Kites.
10. **Future Field Trips:** Kevin Poling announced the next Beginning Birding Field Trip will be on October 9 at Kleb Woods Nature Preserve, meeting at the Nature Center at 8:00 a.m. The regular monthly trip will be on October 16 in the Clear Lake Area and at Armand Bayou Nature Center. Meeting time is 7:30 a.m. at Hester Garden Park. The quarterly trip to Austin is full and one person is on the waiting list. If you would like to be added to the

waiting list, please contact Adam Wood or Kevin Poling.

11. **Program:** John Schneider introduced Mike Neal, the Southwest Monitoring Coordinator for HawkWatch International (HWI). Mike explained the history of HWI, which was started by Steve Hoffman who founded the first site. Their mission is to conserve the environment through education, long-term monitoring and scientific research. There are 14 historic projects in 10 states and Mexico. They participate in standardized annual counts, banding and tracking studies and have a strong volunteer program. Smith Point is in the top five areas for volume of migrating raptors. There are more migrating birds in the western U.S. than compared to the East. The different regions include the Southwest, Manzano Mountains in New Mexico, Grand Canyon in Arizona, Gulf Coast including Vera Cruz, Mexico. Smith Point and Corpus Christi are

among the best place to see migrating hawks because of the large numbers observed. 2,300 birds were observed at Smith Point on Sunday, Oct. 3, including 740 Broad-winged Hawks and a first-year Bald Eagle. HWI is doing conservation research and consulting with wind farms regarding the conservation of raptors. HWI is working on Project Black Hawk, a program which combines science, education and conservation in studying Black Hawks. Results of their studies have shown that Osprey and Merlin are increasing in numbers and recovering from DDT, while the American Kestrel and Red-tailed Hawks are in decline. Continued use of pesticides on the wintering grounds may be one of the causes. Mike recommended the book, *State of North America's Birds of Prey*, by Keith Bildstein and Jeff Smith. The website for (HWI) is www.hawkwatch.org for membership and newsletter information.

-- Lenore Alfredson, OG Secretary

We want you!

OG is a vibrant organization with many exciting benefits for its members. We have been fortunate to have interesting and informative speakers, fun field trips, the Spoonbill newsletter, and a library. But we are approaching a crossroads. In order for OG to succeed in the future, we need you to help us out!

OG has been fortunate to have a great group of dedicated officers. These officers are coming to the end of their tenure in May of 2011. In addition, we have two officers who have graciously served longer than the standard two year term who are stepping down from the board: the **Spoonbill Editor**, Al Shultz, and the **Membership Chair**, Margret Simmons.

Al and Margret would like to step down as soon as their successors can be named, but no later than May 2011. Al will work with the new Spoonbill editor during a transition period. Margret will also share her years of experience with the new membership chair. We also have the positions of Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice-Chair up for election in May 2011.

Please think about sharing a small portion of your time to help keep the Ornithology Group the great organization that it is! Please contact any of the board members if you have any questions about the positions. Please let us know if you are interested in any of these positions.

Your help is greatly appreciated! We want you!



OG Chairperson

Bolivar Field Trip Announcement

November 20, 2010

Ferry Parking Lot on Bolivar @ 8:00 a.m.

For this month's trip we are headed to Bolivar. This area was one of the hardest hit by Hurricane Ike in September of 2008 and it looks a bit different now. The birding is different too, but still good. The main difference is that some species have moved around a bit due to changes in habitat, and some species are slowly recolonizing the peninsula. If you kept lists from before the storm, you may notice some species in locations that you had not encountered them before and absent or in limited numbers in areas where you had encountered them before. For those Century Club participants this will be a good chance to work on your Galveston County lists. The plan for the trip will be to spend much of the day birding the peninsula from Fort Travis and Frenchtown Road to Rollover Pass and Yacht Basin Road, with stops at the north jetty, Bolivar Flats, and Port Bolivar. Depending on time and interest we may add an afternoon/evening trip into Anahuac NWR. Targets for this trip will be the winter residents of the peninsula, mostly non-passerines such as Eared Grebe, ducks (especially the scoters), Northern Gannet, Virginia Rail, Clapper Rail, sandpipers (we will spend some time studying the dowitchers if we encounter mixed species flocks), Pomarine or Parasitic Jaegers (if we get lucky), and gulls (with special emphases on Lesser Black-backed Gull and any other unusual gull that maybe loafing about). On the passerine front our targets will mainly be the salt marsh sparrows (Nelson's and Seaside). It should be a great trip that you will not want to miss. So come out and join us for a fun-filled fall day of birding on Bolivar Peninsula.

This will be an all-day trip and conveniences are limited on the peninsula, so we will not be stopping to get lunch. If you plan to bird for the whole day, make sure to bring a lunch. Also, if you are going to be driving during the trip, parking passes are required to park on the beaches on Bolivar Peninsula. If you do not have a pass, you can either ride with someone or purchase a pass for \$10 at any gas station or at Fort Travis. However, the passes are only good for the calendar year through December 31, 2010, and you will have to purchase a new one in January if you plan to bird Bolivar at any point next year.

Directions: We will meet in the ferry parking lot on Bolivar at 8:00 am. The best way to get there will be to take IH 45 south to Galveston (IH 45 becomes Broadway in Galveston). In Galveston, take Broadway until it hits FM 3005 and go left onto FM 3005 and take FM 3005 to 2nd street/SH 87 and take a left and follow the road to the ferry. Take the Bolivar Ferry across to Bolivar Peninsula. Once on the Peninsula, exit the ferry onto SH 87 and take your first right into the ferry parking lot.

Be sure to bring: Binoculars, scope (will be necessary on this trip, so if you have one please bring it so that we will have enough scopes to share with those who don't have one), hat, sunscreen, water, **lunch**, snacks, rain gear (in case it rains), and a wind breaker -- it can be chilly on a windy day in November on the peninsula.

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Remembering Nancy Strickling

Nancy and Jerry Strickling were OG members way back in the 1950's, 60's and 70's, and moved to New Mexico when Jerry retired. Jerry died some years ago. Nancy and Jerry were our guides, mentors, instructors when we first began birding in 1960, and virtually taught us everything we know! Nancy lived in Silver City, NM, and she died on Oct. 6, 2010. There will be a memorial service for her in Silver City on Nov. 6, 2010 at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd. Nancy had requested that in lieu of flowers, gifts be made to the Nature Conservancy of New Mexico, 212 E. Marcy St., Ste 200, Santa Fe, NM 87501. She and Jerry were great folks, and excellent birders! -- Bill Harwell

The US and Mexican Boundary Survey

As I noted last month, the United States and Mexican Boundary Survey (1848 – 1855) set the boundary between the United States and Mexico according to the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo that ended the Mexican-American War in 1848. John H. Clark, Darius Couch, and Charles Wright were all members of the US – Mexico Border survey. John H. Clark is the subject of this month's article.


John Henry Clark was one of the dedicated and successful pioneer naturalists involved in exploration of the American West. Overall, surprisingly few details are known about Clark's life. Clark's collection was noted for the volume of species and quantity of specimens. Clark, a former student at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, was recruited by Spencer Baird.

Life as a member of the survey team was a challenge. The naturalists on the survey collected specimens while not performing their routine job responsibilities. Clark served as computer and then astronomer for the US-Mexico Border survey. They were constantly on the move, rarely sleeping more than one night in one spot. The nomadic life made specimen preservation and management of supplies difficult. At one point they traveled 50–100 miles without water, grass, or wood. The early years of the US-Mexico Border survey were marred by poor organization and mismanagement.

Although the survey was complete in 1855, the task of compiling the scientific report took several years. The first volume containing the 'Narrative of the Survey' and geological reports was published in 1857. The botany and zoology sections were published in 1859.

After the US-Mexico Border survey Clark participated in the survey of Nebraska's border with Kansas. From 1858 to 1862 he was one of the United States Commissioners of the US and Mexican Boundary Commission. Records show that he then spent time in Utah, Wyoming, and Oregon.

One of his specimens from northern Mexico, Clark's Grebe, was named for John H. Clark by George Lawrence. Clark's Grebe was subsequently demoted to a race of Western Grebe. In 1988 it was restored to full species status.



OG Chairperson

Armand Bayou CBC Saturday, December 18, 2010

Come for the birds, come for the fun, but just come! Volunteers are needed in the field and in backyards; Armand Bayou's Christmas Bird Count includes areas of LaPorte, League City, Dickinson, Seabrook and Bacliff (and lots of places in between), so we need your help. Last year we had 149 species, and could not have done it without our counters! Last year's unusual species included Rock Wren, Bald Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, Buff-bellied Hummingbird, Vermilion Flycatcher, Purple Martins, and more! We meet at 6:30 am at Armand Bayou Nature Center's auditorium and will have Tally Rally at a local restaurant afterwards. We will also be owling at ABNC (5:00 am-ish) Please contact Martha Hood at 281-286-6746 or lazuli007@yahoo.com to register, get signed up for an area and for further details. Thank you!

Clearing House -- September 2010

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This is a summary of birds reported to eBird.org. There were 247 species reported for the Upper Texas Coast (Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, and Jefferson Counties) for September 2010 from 640 checklists from 91 observers. Rare and very rare (bold) are listed in this format: County:location(date)[Observer].

Reports for the following observers were used in this report: Aaron Stoley, Adam Wood, Alyssa Garcia, Andrew Beck, Andrew Hamlett, Arlette Keene, Bea Harrison, Ben Hulsey, Bernd Gravenstein, Bill Duke, Bill Townsley, Bill Wright,

Bob Dees, Brandan Robertson, Bruce Neville, Bryan Tarbox, Carol Foil, Carolyn Rigdon, Carolyn Rohrer, Carson DeLaRosa, Charles Smith, Charmaine Ganson, Chuck Davis, Dan Pancamo, David Dolan, David Florance, David Sarkozi, David Woodson, Debra Logsdon, Donna Moore, Dorothy Borders, Dr. Rick McClain, Drew Dickert, Dwayne Litteer, Ed Allday, Elizabeth Bik, Frank Farese, Fred Collins, Gabriella Ramirez, Greg Page, Hali Ana, Hannah Meddaugh, Helen Baines, Howard Smith, J Berner, Jade Hems, James Penny, Jan Risser, Janet Rathjen, Jason Bonilla, Jeff Mohamed, Jerry Eppner, Jesse Jones Park, Jim Hinson, Jim Kelley, Joe Fischer, John Cocanower, John O'Brien, John Schneider, John Sharp, Judy Behrens, Karen Horn, Ken Hartman, Kendal Larson, Liston Rice, Marcy Brown, Margaret Farese, Marilyn Kircus, Mark Meyer, Mark Scheuerman, Mark Westelev, Martha Hood, Michael Dupree, Michael Kuzio, Mike Rogan, Nigel Curlet, Nina Rach, Richard Houck, Robert Opperman, Sarah Kuzio, Stennie Meadours, Stephanie Smith, Steve Astrich, Susan Billetdeaux, Susan Orwig, Thomas Kihn, Tom Morris, Tony Frank, William Godley, William Tarbox, Winifred Burkett.

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck reports=88 total= 427

Fulvous Whistling-Duck reports=3 total= 12

Greater White-fronted Goose reports=1 total= 1 Harris:Tom Bass Regional Park III (22)[Greg Page]

Ross's Goose reports=2 total= 2 Harris:Tom Bass Regional Park III(18)[Bill Townsley], Harris:Tom Bass Regional Park III(22)[Greg Page]

Muscovy Duck (Domestic type) reports=6 total= 14

Wood Duck reports=16 total= 47

Mallard (Domestic type) reports=6 total= 11

Mottled Duck reports=53 total= 124

Blue-winged Teal reports=38 total= 246

Northern Shoveler reports=1 total= 1

Ruddy Duck reports=3 total= 32

duck sp. reports=4 total= 16

Northern Bobwhite reports=6 total= 8

Pied-billed Grebe reports=35 total= 71

Eared Grebe reports=2 total= 14

Brazoria:Freeport/Dow Storm Levee(4)

[Tom Morris], Brazoria:Freeport/Dow Storm Levee(17)[Tom Morris]

Northern Gannet reports=1 total= 1

Brazoria:Quintana Neotropical Bird Sanct. (UTC 121)(5)[Joe Fischer]

American White Pelican reports=6 total= 97

Brown Pelican reports=100 total= 705

Neotropic Cormorant reports=99 total= 361

Double-crested Cormorant reports=17 total= 40

cormorant sp. reports=10 total= 21

Anhinga reports=27 total= 274

Magnificent Frigatebird reports=28 total= 30

American Bittern reports=1 total= 1

Least Bittern reports=7 total= 8

Great Blue Heron reports=160 total= 36

Great Egret reports=225 total= 267

Snowy Egret reports=179 total= 326

Little Blue Heron reports=114 total= 100

Tricolored Heron reports=96 total= 65

Reddish Egret reports=50 total= 27

Cattle Egret reports=119 total= 1,304

Green Heron reports=79 total= 57

Black-crowned Night-Heron reports=15 total= 10

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron reports=105 total= 108

White Ibis reports=141 total= 420

Glossy Ibis reports=1 total= 1 Brazoria:San Bernard NWR (UTC 125)(5)[Joe Fischer]

White-faced Ibis reports=30 total= 151

Plegadis sp. reports=2 total= 128

Roseate Spoonbill reports=81 total= 169

Wood Stork reports=18 total= 158

Black Vulture reports=99 total= 191

Turkey Vulture reports=146 total= 166

Osprey reports=29 total= 14

Swallow-tailed Kite reports=1 total= 4

White-tailed Kite reports=15 total= 13

Mississippi Kite reports=28 total= 180

Bald Eagle reports=4 total= 3

Northern Harrier reports=15 total= 12

Sharp-shinned Hawk reports=21 total= 70

Cooper's Hawk reports=46 total= 78

Accipiter sp. reports=8 total= 7

Red-shouldered Hawk reports=83 total= 15

Broad-winged Hawk reports=38 total= 775

Swainson's Hawk reports=14 total= 16

White-tailed Hawk reports=6 total= 2

Red-tailed Hawk reports=47 total= 16

Buteo sp. reports=1 total= 1

Crested Caracara reports=21 total= 15

American Kestrel reports=17 total= 19

Merlin reports=2 total= 3 Brazoria:Brazoria NWR (UTC 108)(21)[Joe Fischer], Chambers:Anahuac NWR (UTC 049)(17)[Marcy Brown]

Peregrine Falcon reports=6 total= 8

Chambers:Smith Point- Abshier WMA (UTC 048)(GCBO Hawk Watch location)

(26)[Donna Moore], Chambers:Smith Point- Abshier WMA (UTC 048)(GCBO Hawk Watch location)(26)[David Sarkozi],

Chambers:Smith Point- Abshier WMA (UTC 048)(GCBO Hawk Watch location)

(26)[Greg Page], Harris:Baytown Nature Center (UTC 039)(20)[Dwayne Litteer],

Harris:Bear Creek Park (Houston) (UTC097)(30)[Jim Hinson], Harris:Bear Creek Park (Houston) (UTC097)(30)[Greg Page]

Clapper Rail reports=30 total= 22

King Rail reports=6 total= 5

Clapper/King Rail reports=1 total= 1

Virginia Rail reports=1 total= 1

Chambers:Anahuac NWR (UTC 049)(25)[Dwayne Litteer]

Sora reports=2 total= 3

Purple Gallinule reports=6 total= 15

Common Moorhen reports=28 total= 209

American Coot reports=6 total= 95

Black-bellied Plover reports=47 total= 100

Snowy Plover reports=8 total= 26

Wilson's Plover reports=15 total= 35

Semipalmated Plover reports=34 total= 122

Piping Plover reports=18 total= 26

Killdeer reports=145 total= 270

American Oystercatcher reports=34 total= 42

Black-necked Stilt reports=77 total= 263

American Avocet reports=11 total= 74

Spotted Sandpiper reports=30 total= 22

Solitary Sandpiper reports=15 total= 9

Greater Yellowlegs reports=46 total= 100

Willet reports=85 total= 128

Lesser Yellowlegs reports=33 total= 83

Upland Sandpiper reports=5 total= 18

Whimbrel reports=4 total= 11

Long-billed Curlew reports=20 total= 26

Marbled Godwit reports=31 total= 87

Ruddy Turnstone reports=38 total= 106

Red Knot reports=4 total= 8

Sanderling reports=47 total= 472

Semipalmated Sandpiper reports=19 total= 112

Western Sandpiper reports=37 total= 557

Least Sandpiper reports=64 total= 507

Baird's Sandpiper reports=3 total= 5

Pectoral Sandpiper reports=14 total= 33

Dunlin reports=1 total= 1 Galveston:Bolivar Flats Shorebird Sanctuary(3)[Andrew Beck]

Stilt Sandpiper reports=6 total= 4

Buff-breasted Sandpiper reports=4 total= 5

Short-billed Dowitcher reports=19 total= 38

Long-billed Dowitcher reports=9 total= 42

Short-billed/Long-billed Dowitcher reports=9 total= 85

Wilson's Snipe reports=3 total= 3

Chambers:Anahuac NWR (UTC 049)(18)

[Carol Foil], Harris:Baytown Nature Center (UTC 039)(6)[Dwayne Litteer], Harris:Katy

Prairie- Paul Rushing / Chain of Lakes

Park(21)[Greg Page]

Wilson's Phalarope reports=10 total= 31

Red-necked Phalarope reports=4 total= 2

Brazoria:Brazoria NWR (UTC 108)(16)

[Janet Rathjen], Brazoria:Brazoria NWR (UTC 108)(17)[David Dolan],

Brazoria:Brazoria NWR (UTC 108)(17)

[Greg Page], Brazoria:Brazoria NWR (UTC 108)(17)[Howard Smith]

Laughing Gull reports=200 total= 1,000

Ring-billed Gull reports=18 total= 23

Herring Gull reports=2 total= 3

Lesser Black-backed Gull reports=2 total= 6

gull sp. reports=6 total= 4

Least Tern reports=29 total= 175

Gull-billed Tern reports=5 total= 6

Caspian Tern reports=37 total= 89

Black Tern reports=28 total= 127

Common Tern reports=8 total= 13

Forster's Tern reports=52 total= 136

Royal Tern reports=76 total= 570

Sandwich Tern reports=22 total= 68

Black Skimmer reports=27 total= 496

Rock Pigeon reports=118 total= 316

Eurasian Collared-Dove reports=67 total= 172

White-winged Dove reports=187 total= 483

Mourning Dove reports=333 total= 378

Inca Dove reports=20 total= 18

Common Ground-Dove reports=1 total= 3
 Monk Parakeet reports=13 total= 32
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo reports=21 total= 7
 Black-billed Cuckoo reports=1 total= 1
 Barn Owl reports=3 total= 1
 Eastern Screech-Owl reports=5 total= 3
 Great Horned Owl reports=12 total= 7
 Barred Owl reports=6 total= 4
 owl sp. reports=1 total= 1
 Common Nighthawk reports=39 total= 43
 Chuck-will's-widow reports=4 total= 4
Whip-poor-will reports=1 total= 1
Chambers:Smith Point- Abshier WMA
(UTC 048)(GCBO Hawk Watch location)
(25)[Bill Townsley]
 Chimney Swift reports=118 total= 533
 Ruby-throated Hummingbird reports=271 total= 155
 Rufous Hummingbird reports=5 total= 5
 hummingbird sp. reports=14 total= 9
 Belted Kingfisher reports=67 total= 14
 Red-headed Woodpecker reports=46 total= 20
 Red-bellied Woodpecker reports=216 total= 39
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker reports=2 total= 1
Chambers:Smith Point- Abshier WMA
(UTC 048)(GCBO Hawk Watch location)
(28)[winifred burkett], Harris: Bear Creek
Park (Houston) (UTC097)(30)[Jim Hinson]
Ladder-backed Woodpecker reports=2 total=
3 Fort Bend:Ft Bend: FM1489 @ Moore
Ranch Rd(4)[J Berner], Fort Bend: Ft
Bend: FM1489 @ Moore Ranch Rd(4)
[Drew Dickert]
 Downy Woodpecker reports=191 total= 40
 Northern Flicker reports=8 total= 6
 Pileated Woodpecker reports=69 total= 19
 Olive-sided Flycatcher reports=13 total= 6
 Eastern Wood-Pewee reports=79 total= 20
 Yellow-bellied Flycatcher reports=17 total= 10
 Acadian Flycatcher reports=4 total= 3
 Alder Flycatcher reports=25 total= 8
 Willow Flycatcher reports=4 total= 1
 Alder/Willow Flycatcher (Trail's) reports=9
 total= 7
 Least Flycatcher reports=32 total= 18
 Empidonax sp. reports=31 total= 12
Eastern Phoebe reports=11 total= 6
Brazoria:Quintana Neotropical Bird Sanct.
(UTC 121)(5)[Joe Fischer], Brazoria:San
Bernard NWR (UTC 125)(5)[Joe Fischer],
Harris:Core Labs Complex(28)[Drew
Dickert], Harris:Houston(6)[Stennie
Meadours], Harris:Houston(6)[Ben
Hulsey], Harris:Houston(6)[Aaron Stoley],
Harris:Houston(6)[Susan Billedeaux],
Harris:Little Cypress Crk Preserve (Harris
Co.)(18)[John Cocanower], Harris:San
Jacinto Battleground (UTC 041)(25)
[Arlette Keene], Harris:Sylvan Rodriguez
Park(3)[Brandan Robertson],
Harris:Sylvan Rodriguez Park(10)
[Brandan Robertson]
Ash-throated Flycatcher reports=1 total= 1
Galveston:Galveston- Lafitte's Cove (UTC
068)(16)[Charles Smith]
 Great Crested Flycatcher reports=81 total= 26
 Western Kingbird reports=2 total= 1
 Eastern Kingbird reports=78 total= 55
 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher reports=66 total= 46
 Loggerhead Shrike reports=125 total= 53
 White-eyed Vireo reports=52 total= 25
 Yellow-throated Vireo reports=9 total= 6
Blue-headed Vireo reports=1 total= 1 Fort
Bend:Riverpark (Sugar Land)(5)[Mark
Scheuerman]
 Warbling Vireo reports=6 total= 3
 Philadelphia Vireo reports=2 total= 1
 Red-eyed Vireo reports=29 total= 27
 Blue Jay reports=308 total= 128
 American Crow reports=137 total= 88
 Horned Lark reports=12 total= 11
 Northern Rough-winged Swallow reports=16
 total= 34
 Purple Martin reports=26 total= 68
 Tree Swallow reports=11 total= 109
 Bank Swallow reports=18 total= 28
 Barn Swallow reports=106 total= 479
 Cliff Swallow reports=18 total= 126
 Cave Swallow reports=5 total= 18
 Cliff/Cave Swallow reports=3 total= 12
 swallow sp. reports=18 total= 46
 Carolina Chickadee reports=205 total= 107
 Tufted Titmouse reports=87 total= 70
Red-breasted Nuthatch reports=2 total= 1
Harris: Bear Creek Park (Houston)
(UTC097)(30)[Jim Hinson], Harris: Bear
Creek Park (Houston) (UTC097)(30)[Greg
Page]
 Brown-headed Nuthatch reports=3 total= 3
 Carolina Wren reports=207 total= 72
House Wren reports=4 total= 2
Chambers:Smith Point- Abshier WMA
(UTC 048)(GCBO Hawk Watch location)
(28)[winifred burkett], Fort
Bend:Riverpark (Sugar Land)(10)[Mark
Scheuerman], Harris: Bear Creek Park
(Houston) (UTC097)(27)[Mark Westelev],
Harris:Russ Pittman Park (Bellaire) (UTC
092)(29)[Nina Rach]
 Marsh Wren reports=6 total= 4
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher reports=149 total= 120
Ruby-crowned Kinglet reports=10 total= 3
Chambers:Smith Point- Abshier WMA
(UTC 048)(GCBO Hawk Watch location)
(28)[winifred burkett], Harris:Kleb Woods
Nature Preserve(27)[Fred Collins],
Harris:Kleb Woods Nature Preserve(29)
[Bill Wright], Harris:Kleb Woods Nature
Preserve(29)[Fred Collins], Harris:Kleb
Woods Nature Preserve(29)[Bill
Townsley], Harris:Little Cedar Bayou
Park, La Porte(29)[Chuck Davis],
Harris:Our yard(28)[Debra Logsdon],
Harris:Russ Pittman Park (Bellaire) (UTC
092)(26)[Mark Westelev], Harris:Yard List,
La Porte(27)[Chuck Davis], Harris:Yard
List, La Porte(28)[Chuck Davis]
 Eastern Bluebird reports=37 total= 56
 American Robin reports=36 total= 177
 Gray Catbird reports=15 total= 31
 Northern Mockingbird reports=322 total= 141
 Brown Thrasher reports=12 total= 6
 European Starling reports=129 total= 630
 House-winged Warbler reports=3 total= 2
 Tennessee Warbler reports=6 total= 6
 Nashville Warbler reports=21 total= 11
 Northern Parula reports=20 total= 10
 Yellow Warbler reports=32 total= 20
 Chestnut-sided Warbler reports=1 total= 1
 Magnolia Warbler reports=8 total= 4
 Black-throated Green Warbler reports=3 total= 3
 Yellow-throated Warbler reports=3 total= 1
 Pine Warbler reports=45 total= 56
Prairie Warbler reports=9 total= 3
Brazoria:Quintana Neotropical Bird Sanct.
(UTC 121)(6)[Janet Rathjen],
Brazoria:Quintana Neotropical Bird Sanct.
(UTC 121)(6)[Adam Wood],
Galveston:Galveston Jim Stephenson(4)
[David Dolan], Galveston:Galveston
Lafittes Cove(16)[David Dolan],
Harris: Bear Creek Park (Houston)
(UTC097)(3)[Jim Hinson], Harris: Bear
Creek Park (Houston) (UTC097)(3)[Drew
Dickert], Harris: Bear Creek Park
(Houston) (UTC097)(3)[Jim Hinson],
Harris: Bear Creek Park (Houston)
(UTC097)(3)[J Berner], Harris: Bear Creek
Park (Houston) (UTC097)(4)[Adam Wood]
Cerulean Warbler reports=2 total= 1
Jefferson: Sabine Woods (UTC 026)(11)
[Janet Rathjen], Jefferson: Sabine Woods
(UTC 026)(11)[Adam Wood]
 Black-and-white Warbler reports=33 total= 13
 American Redstart reports=8 total= 7
 Prothonotary Warbler reports=12 total= 5
 Worm-eating Warbler reports=4 total= 4
 Ovenbird reports=1 total= 1
 Northern Waterthrush reports=28 total= 9
 Louisiana Waterthrush reports=18 total= 6
 Northern/Louisiana Waterthrush reports=1
 total= 1
 Kentucky Warbler reports=3 total= 5
 Mourning Warbler reports=12 total= 9
 Common Yellowthroat reports=24 total= 10
 Hooded Warbler reports=30 total= 12
 Wilson's Warbler reports=30 total= 12
 Canada Warbler reports=25 total= 12
 Yellow-breasted Chat reports=37 total= 16
 warbler sp. reports=13 total= 8
 Lark Sparrow reports=1 total= 1
 Seaside Sparrow reports=8 total= 13
 Summer Tanager reports=24 total= 10
 Scarlet Tanager reports=1 total= 1
 Northern Cardinal reports=281 total= 171
 Blue Grosbeak reports=18 total= 11
 Indigo Bunting reports=40 total= 83
 Painted Bunting reports=8 total= 3
 Dickcissel reports=10 total= 165
 Red-winged Blackbird reports=40 total= 810
 Eastern Meadowlark reports=30 total= 41
 Common Grackle reports=76 total= 479
 Boat-tailed Grackle reports=30 total= 38
 Great-tailed Grackle reports=131 total= 355
 Brown-headed Cowbird reports=25 total= 197
 Orchard Oriole reports=23 total= 21
 Baltimore Oriole reports=63 total= 36
 oriole sp. reports=3 total= 3
 blackbird sp. reports=1 total= 2
 House Finch reports=61 total= 28
 House Sparrow reports=149 total= 195
 Nutmeg Mannikin reports=22 total= 52

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