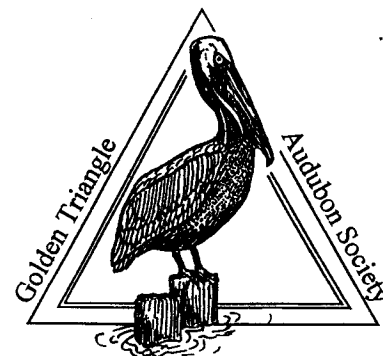


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Membership Meeting

Thursday, November 21, 2002
6:30 PM, Garden Center, Tyrrell Park, Beaumont

Your Favorite Bird Pictures
Covered Dish Requested

We invite you to bring along your five (or more) favorite bird pictures, videos or stories. Please bring a covered dish, hors d'oeuvres or soft drinks, so we can all enjoy food and drink.

This meeting is also the Society's Annual Meeting and we will conduct elections for 2003 Officers and Board, as well as consider amendments to the Bylaws – see page 3. As usual, the doors will be open no later than 6:30 p.m., and the proceedings will start at 7:15 p.m. approximately.

October Membership Meeting

Thank you Steve for a wonderful view of a part of Australia through your excellent program. Steve Mayes was kind enough to share his photos of Australia with us. He began by telling us about the first bird he saw was guess what? ?? -- Cattle Egrets. Yes, just like ours. There are some of the same species that we see here. The Great Egret and the Cattle Egret were two that he mentioned. Other bird species that are similar to ours, but have different names. He said that there are many species of birds that are black and white and have the words "magpie" or "pied" in their titles. Steve had great photos of parrots that can be hand-fed, but he said that most parrots are really hard to see because you simply see them flying overhead. He also talked about what a different feeling it was to look out and see kangaroos hopping everywhere in the wild. He had a great picture of one. One of my favorite pictures was of an aninga-like bird that was standing to let his wings dry. Steve said that the bird just stood there and allowed them to get about 3 feet away. Steve had 158 total species of which 152 were lifers.

We also had a guest speaker from "Hawk Watch International". His name is Josh Berman and he told us about some highlights at the Smith Point Hawk Watch this season. Next month is our "bring your own slides to share" program. It is also our season potluck supper.

Jana Whittle

Sabine Woods Work Day, Sat. November 16. Please Come and Help. See p.2.

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Calendar of Events

If you can present a program of interest to a Membership Meeting, or know of some person who can, please contact Jana Whittle at (409) 722-4193.

For more information on field trips, please contact Steve Mayes, (409) 722-5807 or the trip leader.

Saturday November 16. Sabine Woods Work Day. We will start about 7:30 a.m., and usually these work days do not run much beyond noon. Sabine Woods is located on Highway 87 about 4.1 miles west of the stop sign in Sabine Pass, on the north side of the highway just beyond the Petroleum Helicopters Base, and is across Highway 87 from Texas Point Refuge near its western boundary. We will try to provide at least liquid refreshment, but bring water and insect repellent. Also bring gloves, heavy duty pruning tools, machetes. We can use riding mowers, probably one chain saw and one or two push mowers for areas heavier equipment cannot reach. **Our two previously scheduled work days this fall have been essentially washed out, the first by heavy rain and the second by the aftermath of the evacuation of the area because of the threat posed by hurricane Lili.** There is a lot of work to do!

Thursday November 21. Annual Meeting. 7:00 p.m. in the Garden Center at Tyrrell Park, Beaumont. In addition to elections and other Society business, we will show members favorite slides.

Saturday November 23. Field Trip to Look for Sparrows. Leader: Steve Mayes. Meet at the Sabine Pass Battleground State Historical Park (near the restrooms) at 7:30 a.m. The Battleground is reached by proceeding to Sabine Pass on Highway 87, and continuing straight ahead at the stop sign onto FM 3322 for about a mile, and turning left into the park. There are a number of areas in an around Sabine Pass that are good for sparrows. The likely initial efforts will be around the park itself, followed by a walk along the last half mile or so of the road to the Pilot Station at Texas Point.

Saturday December 14. Turkey Creek Christmas Bird Count. Meet at 6:30 a.m. at the new Big Thicket National Preserve Visitor Center located on Highway 69 at FM 420 approximately seven miles north of Kountze, Texas. For more information call Park Ranger Merle King at (409) 839-2689 ext. 233.

Sunday, December 22. Bolivar Peninsula Christmas Bird Count. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the old Birder's Haven in High Island. For more details, contact Bill Graber, (409) 866-5452.

Sunday, December 29. Sea Rim State Park Christmas Bird Count. This is the count that we sponsor. The meeting place this year – **note new location** -- will be at the Sabine Pass Battleground State Historical Park at 7:15 a.m. To reach the park, go south on FM3322 from the main intersection in Sabine Pass (where Highway 87 turns west) for about 3/4 of a mile, and turn left into the park. Meet near the restrooms. (There is no entry charge at this park.)

Wednesday, January 1, 2003 – Orange County Christmas Bird Count. Meet at 7:15 a.m. at the Conner Service Station at the corner of Highway 105 and Highway 1442. Everybody is welcome to help, whether for half a day or all day. Feeder watchers may also participate. Contact Ken Sztraky at kens@ih2000.net or at home 409-385-2835 for further information.

Saturday, January 4, 2003. Beech Creek Christmas Bird Count. Meet at 6:30 a.m. at the Corps of Engineers Town Bluff Dam Picnic area located on FM 92 just north of FM 1746. For more information call Park Ranger Merle King at (409) 839-2689 ext. 233.

Membership Meetings in 2003

Our tentative schedule is as follows:
January 16 – David Baker, retired chief interpreter for the Big Thicket NP.
February 20 – R.A.F. (Bill) Hill on behavior of Birds on the Coastal Bend
March 20– Gerald Duhon on Birding Optics.
April 17 – Sandy Komito
May 15 – Victor Emanuel

Refreshments

Each month, we rely on volunteers to provide the refreshments at our membership meeting. We especially thank the Port Arthur Convention and Visitors Bureau for supplying the refreshments in October. November is our "pot luck": event where we ask everyone to bring something. Volunteers are now solicited for all 2003. We do not expect one person to bring everything, but please call so we can coordinate! If you can just bring drinks and cookies or something similar, please call Jana Whittle at (409) 722-4193 as soon as possible. Please help if you can!

Notice of Annual Meeting

As noted on the Calendar of Events in last month's *Brown Pelican*, the Annual Meeting of the Golden Triangle Audubon Society will take place on Thursday November 21, 2002 at 7:15 p.m. in the Garden Center, Tyrrell Park, Beaumont, Texas.

The business of the meeting will be 1) to consider adoption of amendments to the Bylaws; 2) elections of Officers and Directors; and 3) any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

The following amendments to the Bylaws have been submitted to the Secretary. The amendment to Article VIII is required to bring the Chapter into compliance with the National Audubon Society Chapter Policy. The other amendments are offered to facilitate the operation of the Society. The duties of the Recording Secretary and the Corresponding Secretary have proven very difficult to keep separate. Therefore, it is proposed that the offices be combined and that the minimum number of Directors be increased by one to maintain the Board at its present

size. Both the term limits and the long notice requirements in some of the Bylaws have proven to be impractical for the relatively small, volunteer operated Society that we are.

We apologize for the small print and crowded spacing. Marked up copies of the entire Bylaws (larger print, better spacing!) will be available at the meeting, or can be requested in advance from the Secretary, either in hard copy or electronic (Word) form.

ARTICLE II -- Meetings

Section 4.

Notice of the annual meeting, special meetings and regular meetings, at which SOCIETY business is to be conducted, shall be given not less than thirty (30) nor more than fifty (50) days before the date of the meeting. Such notice is given when deposited in the United States mail, with postage thereon prepaid, and directed to the member at his address as it appears on the record of members, or at such other address as he may request in writing to the Secretary of this SOCIETY, provided that members who elect to receive SOCIETY notices by email or facsimile may be served notice by such means in lieu of United States mail. Notice of such meetings may be published in the SOCIETY'S newsletter or other regular publication, provided such publication is mailed or otherwise distributed according to the provisions stated hereinabove.

ARTICLE III -- Board of Directors

Section 1.

The control and conduct of the business of the SOCIETY shall be vested in its Board of Directors. The Board shall include no fewer than ~~six (6)~~ seven (7) elected Directors and, ex-officio with full voting rights, the elected officers of the SOCIETY.

Section 2.

The Directors shall be elected for the term of one year, or until the following annual meeting, whichever comes first, by a plurality of the voting members of the SOCIETY present in person or by proxy at the annual meeting of members.

Section 3.

~~_____ No one individual shall serve for more than four (4) consecutive terms as a member of the Board, except in the case of an individual who, after four terms of consecutive service on the Board is elected an Officer, and as such may serv one additional term as set force in By Law Article IV, Section 2, hereinafter.~~

Section 43.

If by reason of resignation or

death, or for any other reason, vacancies exist whereby the Board has not the full complement of Directors, the Board may proceed to elect a Director or Directors to fill such vacancies and the Director or Directors so elected shall serve until the next annual meeting of members. ~~When, for such purpose, a Director has been elected for less than a full term, such part term shall be disregarded with respect to his qualification for reelection for additional consecutive terms as set forth in Section 3 hereinabove.~~ (Renumber Sections 5 through 8 as Sections 4 through 7

Section 65.

Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called by the President or the ~~Recording~~ Secretary upon request of the majority of the Board. Notice of a special meeting may be given in person or by telephone not less than three (3) nor more than (10) days prior to the date of the meeting, or, if by mail, not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) days prior to the date of the meeting.

ARTICLE IV -- Officers

Section 1.

The Officers of the SOCIETY shall be a President, a Vice President, a ~~Recording~~ Secretary, a ~~Corresponding~~ Secretary and a Treasurer, and such other Officers as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2.

The President shall hold office for a two-year term, or until his successor is elected, and shall not succeed himself. All other Officers shall serve for one (1) year terms, or until their successors are elected, ~~and no individual may hold the same office for more than three (3) consecutive terms.~~

Section 7.

The ~~Recording~~ Secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings of the SOCIETY and of the Board of Directors. He shall send notice of all meetings. He shall preserve the seal of the SOCIETY, if any, and affix it to all documents requiring the seal of the SOCIETY, and shall attest to the same.

Section 8.

~~_____~~ The Corresponding Secretary shall also conduct all the correspondence of the SOCIETY except such correspondence as, by instructions of the Board or at the discretion of the President, shall be conducted by another officer of the SOCIETY. He shall preserve all correspondence of the SOCIETY.

(Renumber sections 9 and 10 as Sections 8 and 9)

ARTICLE V -- Nominating Committee

Section 1.

The Board of Directors shall annually appoint, not later than six (6) months prior to the next annual meeting of members, a Nominating Committee, to consist of no fewer than three (3) members. The names of the members of the Nominating Committee

shall be made known to the members through the SOCIETY'S newsletter or other publication, or by mail, or at a regular meeting of members, not later than one (1) month after the Nominating Committee has been constituted. Suggestions for nominations of Officers and Directors may be submitted to the Nominating Committee by any members of the SOCIETY.

Section 2.

The Nominating Committee shall nominate candidates for Officers and Directors to succeed those whose terms expire at the next annual meeting. The Committee's report shall be presented to the membership at a regular meeting not later than one (1) month nor earlier than two (2) months prior to the annual meeting.

**ARTICLE VIII --
Discontinuance**

This SOCIETY may, by vote of its Board of Directors, terminate its status as a Chapter of the NATIONAL SOCIETY upon ~~six (6) months~~ sixty (60) days notice in writing to the State Director of NATIONAL SOCIETY, and the NATIONAL SOCIETY may terminate the status of this SOCIETY as a Chapter of the NATIONAL SOCIETY upon ~~six (6) months~~ sixty (60) days notice, in writing to this SOCIETY. Such termination by NATIONAL SOCIETY shall comply with the provisions of the NATIONAL SOCIETY's Chapter Policy as adopted by its Board of Directors in December 2001, or such amended policy as may be subsequently adopted by its Board of Directors. In the event of such notice of termination by either this SOCIETY or the NATIONAL SOCIETY, the allocation of dues by the NATIONAL SOCIETY to this SOCIETY shall cease on expiration of the ~~six (6) months~~ sixty (60) day period. However, members of this SOCIETY shall remain members of the NATIONAL SOCIETY for the balance of the term for which dues have been paid.

Important Audubon Election Under Way in the Southwestern Election Region

Nominations are now open for, the Chapter-selected candidate from the Southwestern Election Region to the National Audubon Society Board of Directors. Any Chapter, in the Southwestern Election Region may nominate one candidate for the Board this fall and winter. The election choose the candidate will be held in the spring.

Nominees should be willing and able to

- * Help set overall national policies. Articulate the issues and concerns of our region.
- * Participate in fund raising; and maintain the fiscal integrity of National Audubon Society
- * Attend 4 Board meetings per year, each 3 days in length.
- * Fill the position for the next three years, beginning December 2003.

Contact a Chapter officer with your suggestions.

The nomination from your Chapter should be sent to the Chapter Services Office by January 31, 2003.

Subscription Renewal Reminder

Please check the mailing label on this issue. If the date on your label NOT prefixed by AU has passed, please remit your contribution of \$15 to Golden Triangle Audubon Society at P.O. Box 1292, Nederland, Texas 77627-1292. Although this contribution towards the cost of the *Brown Pelican* is voluntary for National Audubon Society members living in the official chapter territory, we will appreciate your support. Our official chapter territory is defined by zip codes, but is basically Jefferson, Hardin and Orange Counties and one or two localities close to those Counties.

Volunteer Needed

Ken Sztraky has looked after our telephone answering machine for more than seven years, but is moving out of the 768 exchange area (Vidor). Is their a volunteer in Vidor or even someone elsewhere who would like to provide service to our members. We use the recording to provide information as well as receive messages. Most of the information would reach the volunteer by email. To volunteer, contact any Board member – see page 2 for numbers.

Bird Sightings – September 2002

Coverage: Jefferson, Orange, Hardin, Tyler, Jasper, Newton, Angelina, San Augustine and Sabine counties. Send Reports to: John Whittle, 3015 Nashville Avenue, Nederland, Texas 77627-6749 by the 10th of the month after or e-mail to whittleja@hal.lamar.edu or call (409) 880-8276 or fax to (409) 880-8270. For "very rare" birds, please submit a brief account of your sighting, including a description of the bird (unless unmistakable), brief details of what it was doing, and where it was seen (if on publicly accessible property).

Format: "Common" to "abundant" birds are shown in the fashion "JEF 4 reps(25)" which means four reports in Jefferson County totaling 25 birds. Less than "common", as JEF-SW 7/5(2) ABC", which means seen in Jefferson County (JEF) at Sabine Woods (SW) on the 5th of July, two (2) birds, reported by observer "ABC"

Commentary: Very little space this month, as fall migration coupled with the sightings on the Migration Count provide lots of reporting Very early sparrows and some late warblers provide the most unusual sightings.

GREBE, Pied-billed JEF 6 reps(29)
 PELICAN, Amer. White JEF 1 rep(6)
 PELICAN, Brown JEF-TX87 9/7(1) JAW; JEF 9/8(3)
 JAW; JEF-TX87 9/8(1) JAW; JEF-TX87 9/19(4) JAW; JEF 9/21(81) MC11
 CORMORANT, Neotropic JEF 17 reps (295)
 CORMORANT, Double-crested JEF 9/21(8) MC06
 CORMORANT, Species JEF 9/21(60) MC09M
 ANHINGA JEF 3 reps(11)
 BITTERN, American JEF 9/21(1) MC09M

BITTERN, Least JEF 9/21(1) MC06; JEF 9/21(2) MC11; JEF 9/21(2) MC09M
 HERON, Great Blue JEF 13 reps(56)
 EGRET, Great JEF 20 reps(648)
 EGRET, Snowy JEF 19 reps(345)
 HERON, Little Blue JEF 8 reps(88)
 HERON, Tricolored JEF 12 reps(37)
 EGRET, Reddish JEF 2 reps(3)
 EGRET, Cattle JEF 18 reps(3693)
 HERON, Green JEF-SW 9/7(1) JAW; JEF 9/8(1) JAW; JEF-SW 9/8(2) JAW; JEF 9/21(3) MC01; JEF 9/21(2)

MC09; JEF 9/21(1) MC11; JEF 9/21(4) MC7/8; JEF 9/21(7) MC09M

NIGHT-HERON, Black-cr. JEF 4 reps(15)

NIGHT-HERON, Yellow-cr. JEF 6 reps(42)

IBIS, White JAS 1 rep(6); JEF 15 reps(556)

IBIS, White-faced JEF 5 reps(403)

IBIS, *Plegadis* JEF 5 reps(72)

SPOONBILL, Roseate JEF 8 reps(84)

VULTURE, Black JEF 7 reps(44)

VULTURE, Turkey JEF 14 reps(82)

WHISTLING-DUCK, Black-bell. JEF 9/21(5) MC09M

WHISTLING-DUCK, Fulvous JEF 1 rep(300)

DUCK, Mottled JEF 9/21(6) MC09M; JEF-TP 9/21(7) MC05

TEAL, Blue-winged JEF 5 reps(49)

SHOVELER, Northern JEF 9/21(50) MC06

TEAL, Green-winged JEF 9/21(6) MC09M

SCAUP, Lesser JEF-TP 9/21(1) MC05

DUCK species JEF 1 rep(6)

DUCK, Ruddy JEF 9/21(5) MC06

OSPREY JEF-TX87 9/13(1) KRO; JEF 9/21(1) MC06; JEF 9/21(1) MC09M; JEF-SW 9/26(1) GD

KITE, White-tailed JEF 1 rep(4)

KITE, Mississippi JEF-SW 9/26(1) GD

EAGLE, Bald JAS 9/29(4) KH

HARRIER, Northern JEF 9/21(1) MC01; JEF 9/22(1) JAW

HAWK, Sharp-shinned JEF 9/21(1) MC7/8; JEF 9/21(1) MC7A; JEF-SW 9/26(5) GD

HAWK, Cooper's JEF-SW 9/26(1) GD; JEF 9/29(1) JAW

HAWK, Red-shouldered JAS 1 rep(2); JEF 9 reps(20)

HAWK, Broad-winged JEF 9/8(1) JAW; JEF 9/11(1) JAW; JEF 9/12(1) WWL; JEF 9/21(2) MC01; JEF-SW 9/26(3) GD

HAWK, Swainson's JEF 1 rep(1)

HAWK, Red-tailed JEF 9/21(2) MC01; JEF 9/21(1) MC03; JEF 9/21(2) MC05; JEF 9/21(1) MC09M; JEF-SW 9/26(1) GD

CARACARA, Crested JEF-TX87 9/26(1) GD

KESTREL, American JEF 6 reps(14)

MERLIN JEF 9/21(1) MC01; JEF 9/21(1) MC09M

FALCON, Peregrine JEF 9/22(1) JAW; JEF 9/29(1) JAW

BOBWHITE, Northern JEF 2 reps(4)

RAIL, Clapper JEF 4 reps(51)

RAIL, King JEF 9/21(8) MC09M

SORA JEF 9/21(1) MC09M

MOORHEN, Common JEF 6 reps(84)

COOT, American JEF 2 reps(252)

PLOVER, Black-bellied JEF 1 rep(4)

PLOVER, Snowy JEF 9/21(8) MC11

PLOVER, Semipalmated JEF 3 reps(5)

PLOVER, Piping JEF 1 rep(8)

KILLDEER JEF 14 reps(119)

OYSTERCATCHER, American JEF-TXPT 9/22(1) JAW

STILT, Black-necked JEF 5 reps(39)

AVOCET, American JEF 1 rep(7)

YELLOWLEGS, Greater JEF 3 reps(3)

SANDPIPER, Solitary JEF 9/8(1) JAW; JEF-TP 9/21(2) MC05

WILLET JEF 3 reps(12)

SANDPIPER, Spotted JEF 9/8(1) JAW; JEF 9/21(3) MC09; JEF-TP 9/21(1) MC05; JEF-TXPT 9/22(1) JAW; JEF 9/29(1) JAW

TURNSTONE, Ruddy JEF 2 reps(4)

SANDERLING JEF 1 rep(37)

SANDPIPER, Western JEF 2 reps(22)

SANDPIPER, Peep JEF 2 reps(2)

SANDPIPER, Least JEF 2 reps(22)

DOWITCHER, Short-billed JEF 1 rep(1)

DOWITCHER species JEF 1 rep(3)

GULL, Laughing JEF 10 reps(1445)

GULL, Ring-billed JEF 9/21(2) MC06; JEF 9/21(100) MC09M

GULL, Herring JEF 9/21(2) MC09M

TERN, Caspian JEF 2 reps(142)

TERN, Royal JEF 5 reps(202)

TERN, Common JEF 9/21(1) MC11

TERN, Forster's JEF 11 reps(387)

TERN, Least JEF 2 reps(2)

TERN, Black JEF 3 reps(107)

SKIMMER, Black JEF 1 rep(39)

DOVE, Rock JEF 12 reps(117)

COLLARED-DOVE, Eurasian JEF 13 reps(137)

DOVE, White-winged JEF-NEDR 9/8(1) JAW; JEF-NEDR 9/12(1) WWL; JEF 9/21(2) MC02; JEF 9/21(2) MC03; JEF 9/21(1) MC04; JEF 9/21(2) MC09M

DOVE, Mourning JEF 19 reps(1053)

DOVE, Inca JEF 7 reps(25)

GROUND-DOVE, Common JEF 9/22(1) JAW

CUCKOO, Yellow-billed JEF 12 reps(20)

OWL, Barn JEF-SW 9/7(1) JAW; JEF 9/21(2) MC09M

SCREECH-OWL, Eastern JEF 9/21(1) MC03; JEF-NEDR 9/22(1) JFW

OWL, Great Horned JEF-SW 9/7(1) JAW; JEF 9/21(1) MC7/8; JEF 9/21(1) MC09M; JEF-SW 9/26(1) GD

OWL, Barred JEF-TP 9/19(1) JAW; JEF 9/21(1) MC03

NIGHTHAWK, Common JEF 2 reps(26)

WILL'S-WIDOW, Chuck- JEF-SW 9/14(1) JHH; JEF-SW 9/21(1) MC10

SWIFT, Chimney JEF 10 reps(74)

HUMMINGBIRD, Ruby-thr. JEF 26 reps(516)

HUMMINGBIRD, Black-chinned JEF-BMT 9/11(1) RAJ

HUMMINGBIRD, Broad-tailed JEF-NEDR 9/16(1) JAW

HUMMINGBIRD, Rufous JEF-NEDR 9/29(1) JAW

HUMMINGBIRD species JEF-SW 9/7(1) JAW; JEF-TX87 9/19(1) JAW; JEF 9/22(1) JAW; JEF 9/29(1) JAW

KINGFISHER, Belted JEF 20 reps(41)

WOODPECKER, Red-headed JEF 9/21(2) MC02; JEF 9/21(1) MC03; JEF-SW 9/26(1) GD

WOODPECKER, Red-bellied JEF 7 reps(31)

WOODPECKER, Downy JEF 9 reps(21)

FLICKER, Northern JEF 9/21(2) MC03; JEF 9/21(3) MC09M

WOODPECKER, Pileated JEF 3 reps(3)

FLYCATCHER, Olive-sided JEF-SW 9/8(2) JAW; JEF-SW 9/10(1) JHH

WOOD-PEWEE, Eastern JEF 13 reps(45)

FLYCATCHER, Yellow-bellied JEF-SW 9/19(1) JAW; JEF-SW 9/21(2) MC10; JEF-SW 9/22(2) JAW

FLYCATCHER, Alder JEF-SW 9/19(3) JAW; JEF-SW 9/22(1) JAW

FLYCATCHER, Willow JEF-SW 9/7(1) JAW

FLYCATCHER, "Traill's" JEF 9/21(1) MC01; JEF-SW 9/21(2) MC10

FLYCATCHER, Least JEF-SW 9/7(2) JAW; JEF-SW 9/8(5) JAW; JEF-SW 9/19(2) JAW; JEF-SW 9/21(3) MC10; JEF-SW 9/22(2) JAW

EMPIDONAX species JEF 7 reps(38)

PHOEBE, Eastern JEF 9/21(1) MC7/8; JEF 9/21(5) MC09M

FLYCATCHER, Vermilion JEF 9/21(1) MC09; JEF 9/29(1) JAW

FLYCATCHER, Gt. Crested JEF 9/2(1) JAW; JEF-SW 9/2(1) JHH; JEF-SW 9/8(1) JAW; JEF-SW 9/10(1) JHH; JEF-SW 9/14(1) JHH; JEF 9/17(1) JHH; JEF 9/21(1) MC09M; JEF-SW 9/21(1) MC10; JEF-TP 9/21(1) MC05; JEF-SW 9/26(1) GD

KINGBIRD, Eastern JEF 12 reps(88)

FLYCATCHER, Scissor-tailed JEF 12 reps(153)

SHRIKE, Loggerhead JEF 19 reps(280)

VIREO, White-eyed JEF 9 reps(139)

VIREO, Yellow-throated JEF 2 reps(3)

VIREO, Blue-headed JEF-SW 9/21(1) MC10

VIREO, Warbling JEF-SW 9/10(2) JHH; JEF-SW 9/11(3) JHH; JEF 9/17(1) JHH; JEF-SW 9/21(1) MC10

VIREO, Philadelphia JEF-SW 9/19(2) JAW; JEF-SW 9/21(2) MC10

VIREO, Red-eyed JEF 10 reps(63)

JAY, Blue JEF 17 reps(181)

CROW, American JEF 6 reps(44)
CROW, Fish JEF 9/21(18) MC03; JEF 9/21(6) MC05; JEF 9/21(10) MC09M
CROW, species JEF 9 reps(82)
SWALLOW, Tree JEF 8 reps(205)
SWALLOW, N. Rough-winged JEF 1 rep(1)
SWALLOW, Bank JEF 1 rep(1)
SWALLOW, Barn JEF 10 reps(202)
SWALLOW species JEF 1 rep(4)
CHICKADEE, Carolina JEF 4 reps(25)
TITMOUSE, Tufted JEF 1 rep(8)
WREN, Carolina JEF 11 reps(39)
GNATCATCHER, Blue-gray JEF 17 reps(116)
BLUEBIRD, Eastern JEF 3 reps(10)
THRUSH, Swainson's JEF-SW 9/14(1) JHH; JEF 9/21(1) MC11; JEF-SW 9/21(1) MC10; JEF-SW 9/26(1) GD
THRUSH, Wood JEF-SW 9/21(1) MC10
ROBIN, American JEF 7 reps(36)
CATBIRD, Gray JEF-SW 9/7(2) JAW; JEF 9/17(1) JHH; JEF 9/21(1) MC7/8; JEF-SW 9/22(1) JAW; JEF-SW 9/26(6) GD
MOCKINGBIRD, Northern JEF 22 reps(544)
THRASHER, Brown JEF 9/21(1) MC03; JEF 9/21(1) MC7/8; JEF 9/21(7) MC09M; JEF-SW 9/21(6) MC10; JEF-SW 9/22(1) JAW; JEF-SW 9/26(12) GD; JEF 9/29(2) DQ; JEF-SW 9/29(2) GD
STARLING, European JEF 17 reps(1092)
WARBLER, Blue-winged JEF-SW 9/2(4) JHH; JEF-SW 9/7(1) JAW; JEF-SW 9/8(3) JAW; JEF-SW 9/10(5) JHH; JEF-SW 9/11(6) JHH; JEF-SW 9/14(1) JHH; JEF-SW 9/21(2) MC10; JEF-SW 9/22(2) JAW; JEF-SW 9/26(2) GD; JEF 9/29(2) DQ JEF-SW 9/29(2) GD
WARBLER, Tennessee JEF-SW 9/2(2) JHH; JEF-SW 9/21(2) MC10; JEF-SW 9/22(2) JAW; JEF-SW 9/26(5) GD; JEF 9/29(1) DQ; JEF-SW 9/29(1) GD
WARBLER, Orange-crowned JEF-SW 9/22(1) JAW
WARBLER, Nashville JEF-SW 9/14(1) JHH; JEF 9/21(1) MC01; JEF-SW 9/26(2) GD; JEF-SW 9/29(2) GD
PARULA, Northern JEF 9 reps(13)
WARBLER, Yellow JEF 10 reps(33)
WARBLER, Chestnut-sided JEF-SW 9/26(1) GD
WARBLER, Magnolia JEF-SW 9/26(3) GD; JEF-SW 9/29(30) DQ; JEF-SW 9/29(30) GD
WARBLER, Black-thr. Green JEF-SW 9/21(1) MC10; JEF-SW 9/26(1) GD; JEF 9/29(2) DQ; JEF-SW 9/29(2) GD
WARBLER, Blackburnian JEF-SW 9/7(1) JAW; JEF-SW 9/11(1) JHH; JEF-SW 9/14(2) JHH; JEF-SW 9/26(1) GD
WARBLER, Yellow-throated JEF 9/17(1) JHH; JEF-SW 9/21(1) MC10; JEF-SW 9/26(2) GD; JEF 9/29(1) DQ
WARBLER, Pine JEF 3 reps(14)
WARBLER, Prairie JEF-SW 9/2(1) JHH; JEF-SW 9/15(1) KE
WARBLER, Cerulean JEF-SW 9/8(1) JAW; JEF 9/17(1) JHH
WARBLER, Black-and-white JEF 16 reps(146)
REDSTART, American JEF-SW 9/11(1) JHH; JEF-SW 9/14(2) JHH; JEF 9/21(1) MC03; JEF-SW 9/21(2) MC10; JEF-SW 9/22(2) JAW; JEF-SW 9/26(15) GD; JEF 9/29(40) DQ; JEF-SW 9/29(40) GD
WARBLER, Prothonotary JEF-SW 9/2(1) JHH; JEF-SW 9/7(2) JAW; JEF-SW 9/8(1) JAW; JEF-SW 9/10(6) JHH; JEF-SW 9/11(5) JHH; JEF-SW 9/14(6) JHH; JEF-SW 9/15(5) KE; JEF 9/17(3) JHH; JEF-SW 9/19(4) JAW; JEF-SW 9/29(1) GD
WARBLER, Worm-eating JEF-SW 9/7(6) JAW; JEF-SW 9/8(6) JAW; JEF-SW 9/10(8) JHH; JEF-SW 9/11(3) JHH; JEF-SW 9/26(1) GD
OVENBIRD JEF-SW 9/7(2) JAW; JEF-SW 9/8(1) JAW; JEF-SW 9/10(4) JHH; JEF-SW 9/11(3) JHH; JEF-SW 9/14(5) JHH; JEF-SW 9/15(1) KE; JEF 9/17(3) JHH; JEF-SW 9/19(2) JAW; JEF-SW 9/21(1) MC10; JEF-SW 9/22(1) JAW JEF-SW 9/26(2) GD; JEF 9/29(1) DQ
WATERTHRUSH, Northern JEF 11 reps(41)
WATERTHRUSH, Louisiana JEF-SW 9/7(1) JAW; JEF-SW 9/8(2) JAW; JEF-SW 9/10(1) JHH; JEF-SW 9/11(1) JHH

WARBLER, Kentucky JEF-SW 9/7(7) JAW; JEF-SW 9/8(3) JAW; JEF-SW 9/10(3) JHH; JEF-SW 9/11(2) JHH; JEF-SW 9/14(1) JHH; JEF-SW 9/15(1) KE; JEF-SW 9/19(2) JAW; JEF-SW 9/29(1) GD
WARBLER, Mourning JEF-SW 9/14(4) JHH; JEF 9/17(3) JHH; JEF-SW 9/21(1) MC10; JEF 9/29(1) DQ; JEF-SW 9/29(1) GD
YELLOWTHROAT, Common JEF 12 reps(38)
WARBLER, Hooded JEF 13 reps(61)
WARBLER, Wilson's JEF-SW 9/10(1) JHH; JEF-SW 9/11(1) JHH; JEF-SW 9/14(1) JHH; JEF 9/17(2) JHH; JEF 9/21(1) MC03; JEF 9/21(1) MC09; JEF 9/21(1) MC11; JEF 9/29(4) DQ; JEF-SW 9/29(4) GD
WARBLER, Canada JEF-SW 9/2(5) JHH; JEF-SW 9/7(4) JAW; JEF-SW 9/8(5) JAW; JEF-SW 9/10(5) JHH; JEF-SW 9/11(3) JHH; JEF-SW 9/14(3) JHH; JEF-SW 9/15(1) KE; JEF 9/17(4) JHH; JEF-SW 9/19(4) JAW; JEF 9/29(2) DQ JEF-SW 9/29(2) GD
CHAT, Yellow-breasted JEF-SW 9/7(1) JAW; JEF-SW 9/8(1) JAW; JEF-SW 9/10(2) JHH; JEF-SW 9/11(4) JHH; JEF-SW 9/14(3) JHH; JEF-SW 9/15(1) KE; JEF 9/21(1) MC03; JEF-SW 9/22(1) JAW; JEF-SW 9/26(1) GD
TANAGER, Summer JEF 10 reps(16)
TANAGER, Scarlet JEF-SW 9/7(1) JAW
SPARROW, Chipping JEF 9/21(4) MC03
SPARROW, Savannah JEF 9/21(1) MC09; JEF 9/21(5) MC09M
SPARROW, Seaside JEF 2 reps(31)
CARDINAL, Northern JEF 16 reps(195)
GROSBEAK, Blue JEF-SW 9/10(2) JHH; JEF-SW 9/14(2) JHH; JEF 9/17(2) JHH; JEF 9/21(4) MC10; JEF 9/21(1) MC7/8
BUNTING, Indigo JEF 13 reps(98)
BUNTING, Painted JEF 11 reps(93)
DICKCISSEL JEF 1 rep(1)
BLACKBIRD, Red-winged JEF 15 reps(2577)
MEADOWLARK, Eastern JEF 4 reps(23)
MEADOWLARK species JEF 1 rep(2)
GRACKLE, Common JEF 14 reps(701)
GRACKLE, Boat-tailed JEF 9 reps(659)
GRACKLE, Great-tailed JEF 14 reps(652)
COWBIRD, Brown-headed JEF 8 reps(287)
BLACKBIRD species JEF 2 reps(505)
ORIOLE, Orchard JEF 5 reps(16)
ORIOLE, Baltimore JEF-SW 9/2(2) JHH; JEF-SW 9/7(1) JAW; JEF-SW 9/8(1) JAW; JEF-SW 9/10(6) JHH; JEF-SW 9/14(5) JHH; JEF-SW 9/15(5) KE; JEF 9/17(3) JHH; JEF-SW 9/21(5) MC10; JEF-SW 9/26(3) GD
FINCH, House JEF 9/21(7) MC03; JEF 9/21(5) MC06
SPARROW, House JEF 12 reps(206)
Number of Species 200
Number of Individuals 22890

County Abbreviations:
JAS - Jasper; JEF - Jefferson

Location Codes:
BMT - Beaumont; NEDR - Nederland; SW - Sabine Woods; TP - Tyrrell Park incl. Cattail Marsh; TX87 - Texas 87 Pt. Arthur-Sabine Pass-Sea Rim; TXPT - Road to Pilot Station at Texas Point.

Observer Abbreviation
DQ - Don Quaintance; GD - Gerald Duhon; JAW - John Whittle; JFW - Jana Whittle; JHH - John H. Haynes; JJW - John and Jana Whittle; KE - Kreg Ellzey; KH - Keith Hansen; KRO - Kathi and Richard Orgeron; MC01 - Migration Count Area 1 (John Whittle); MC02 - Area 2 (Bob Collier); MC03 - Area 3 (Rose Ann Jordan and helpers); MC04 - Area 4 (Don and Nancy Fisher); MC05 - Area 5 (Don and Nancy Fisher); MC06 - Area 6 (Jeannie Rabbitt and daughter); MC7/8 - Areas 7 and 8 (Ken Sztraky); MC07A - Area 7A (John Whittle); MC08A - Area 8A (John Whittle); MC09 - Area 9 (Steve Mayes); MC10 - Area 10 (Steve Mayes); MC11 - Area 11 (Steve Mayes); MC09M - Area 9 Murphree WMA (Robert Hurt); RAJ - Rose Ann Jordan; WWL - John and Jana Whittle; Jeannie Lanclos

Fall Migration Count -- September 21, 2002

The Fall Migration Count produced an "average" total of 160 species. Ducks were scarce, but only Wood Duck was "missed" even if the numbers of some species such as Blue-winged Teal were extremely low. Even though mid September is very early, there was a hint of good sparrow numbers. The beach was very difficult to survey and no one found any concentrations of shorebirds anywhere inland, possibly because they were spread out over the many wet areas. The habitat at Cattail Marsh was extremely unfavorable relative to previous years, with virtually no shallow water or mud. Our shorebird results reflect those facts. Raptors were low to normal. On the plus side, a good variety of warblers, vireos and other neotropical migrants were counted.

One group we have examined closely were the "Corvids" -- crows and Blue Jays. We are pleased to report that crow and Blue Jay numbers appear at least normal (and I have a suspicion that one group accidentally omitted its Blue Jay count in their report!)

It seemed as though Cattle Egrets were everywhere in the county, but the overall total was not a record. Others egrets and herons were about average, which means that Green Herons have fallen back from two years of remarkable numbers. Night-Herons were up from previous years, although a roost which is away from public access was fortuitously disturbed by someone or something producing most of the Yellow-crowned Night-Herons as they flew out of it.

White-tailed Kite was missed for the first time in our fall Migration Counts. Red-shouldered Hawks reached a new high. Despite the late date of the count this year, American Kestrels were very scarce, and Red-tailed Hawks were also surprisingly low. Two Merlins were nice to see, but for the third count in a row, no Peregrines were seen.

Four owl species was a nice total, but no common Nighthawks were seen for the second year in a row. Others have expressed concern about low numbers of this species this year.

There were lots of hummingbirds this year. Flycatchers were unremarkable, except for the high number of Eastern Wood-Pewees, and a Vermilion Flycatcher. Interestingly, even though Eastern Phoebes are considered very rare before October, we have recorded the species every year except last year. This year a total of six were reported. An all time high number of Loggerhead Shrikes were seen.

We have not included Orange-crowned Warbler -- very early for that species -- even though one was written on the sightings sheet at Sabine Woods for the day of the count, and we were able to confirm a rather yellow (western subspecies?) example of that species there the following day. Incredibly, we have recorded Mourning Warbler on each of the seven fall counts to date!

Sparrows were interesting. Chipping Sparrows (very early) were seen in north Beaumont, and Savannah Sparrows (also very early) were seen in Murphree WMA and on the Road to the Pilot Station at Texas Point. (Early Savannah Sparrows have appeared elsewhere this year, and other sparrow species have subsequently put in very early appearances.)

A concise listing of species seen follows. Detailed Spreadsheets of the results including all prior years is available on request from the editor.

GREBE, Pied-billed (29); PELICAN, American White (6); PELICAN, Brown (81); CORMORANT, Neotropic (151); CORMORANT, Double-crested (8); CORMORANT, Species (60); ANHINGA (10); BITTERN, American (1); BITTERN, Least (5); HERON, Great Blue (48); EGRET, Great (340); EGRET, Snowy (267); HERON, Little Blue (55); HERON, Tricolored (57); EGRET, Reddish (3); EGRET, Cattle (1863); HERON, Green (19); NIGHT-HERON, Black-crowned (15); NIGHT-HERON, Yellow-crowned (39); IBIS, White (451); IBIS, White-faced (403); IBIS, Plegadis (50); SPOONBILL, Roseate (73); VULTURE, Black (25); VULTURE, Turkey (38); WHISTLING-DUCK, Black-bellied (5); WHISTLING-DUCK, Fulvous (300); DUCK, Mottled (13); TEAL, Blue-winged (49); SHOVELER, Northern (50); TEAL, Green-winged (6); SCAUP, Lesser (1); DUCK, Ruddy (5); DUCK species (6); OSPREY (2); HARRIER, Northern (1); HAWK, Sharp-shinned (1); HAWK, Red-shouldered (14); HAWK, Broad-winged (2); HAWK, Red-tailed (6); KESTREL, American (2); MERLIN (2); BOBWHITE, Northern (2); RAIL, Clapper (50); RAIL, King (8); SORA (1); MOORHEN, Common (78); COOT, American (252); PLOVER, Black-bellied (4); PLOVER, Snowy (8); PLOVER, Semipalmated (3); PLOVER, Piping (80); KILLDEER (81); STILT, Black-necked (39); AVOCET, American (7); YELLOWLEGS, Greater (3); SANDPIPER, Solitary (2); WILLET (12); SANDPIPER, Spotted (4); TURNSTONE, Ruddy (3); SANDERLING (37); SANDPIPER, Western (2); SANDPIPER, Least (20); SANDPIPER, Peep species (1); DOWITCHER, Short-billed (1); GULL, Laughing (1279); GULL, Ring-billed (102); GULL, Herring (2); GULL, Species (8); TERN, Caspian (142); TERN, Royal (196); TERN, Common (1); TERN, Forster's (230); TERN, Least (1); TERN, Black (105); SKIMMER, Black (39); DOVE, Rock (54); COLLARED-DOVE, Eurasian (46); DOVE, White-winged (7); DOVE, Mourning (714); DOVE, Inca (20); CUCKOO, Yellow-billed (4); OWL, Barn (2); SCREECH-OWL, Eastern (1); OWL, Great Horned (2); OWL, Barred (1); CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW (1); SWIFT, Chimney (39); HUMMINGBIRD, Ruby-throated (262); KINGFISHER, Belted (27); WOODPECKER, Red-headed (3); WOODPECKER, Red-bellied (30); WOODPECKER, Downy (16); FLICKER, Northern (5); WOODPECKER, Pileated (2); WOOD-PEWEE, Eastern (14); FLYCATCHER, Yellow-bellied (2); FLYCATCHER, "Traill's" (3); FLYCATCHER, Least (3); FLYCATCHER, Empidonax (6); PHOEBE, Eastern (6); FLYCATCHER, Vermilion (1); FLYCATCHER, Great Crested (3); KINGBIRD, Eastern (40); FLYCATCHER, Scissor-tailed (69); SHRIKE, Loggerhead (128); VIREO, White-eyed (26); VIREO, Blue-headed (1); VIREO, Warbling (1); VIREO, Philadelphia (2); VIREO, Red-eyed (1); JAY, Blue (139); CROW, American (40); CROW, Fish (34); CROW, Species (43); SWALLOW, Tree (171); SWALLOW, N. Rough-winged (1); SWALLOW, Bank (1); SWALLOW, Barn (196); CHICKADEE, Carolina (25); TITMOUSE, Tufted (8); WREN, Carolina (29); GNATCATCHER, Blue-gray (50); BLUEBIRD, Eastern (8); THRUSH, Swainson's (2); THRUSH, Wood (1); ROBIN, American (8); CATBIRD, Gray (1); MOCKINGBIRD, Northern (285); THRASHER, Brown (15); STARLING, European (434); WARBLER, Blue-winged (2); WARBLER, Tennessee (2); WARBLER, Nashville (1); PARULA, Northern (4); WARBLER, Yellow (1); WARBLER, Black-throated Green (1); WARBLER, Yellow-throated (1); WARBLER, Pine (14); WARBLER, Black-and-white (12); REDSTART, American (3); OVENBIRD (1); WATERTHRUSH, Northern (4); WARBLER, Mourning (1); YELLOWTHROAT, Common (18); WARBLER, Hooded (4); WARBLER, Wilson's (3); CHAT, Yellow-breasted (1); TANAGER, Summer (4); SPARROW, Chipping (4); SPARROW, Savannah (6); SPARROW, Seaside (31); CARDINAL, Northern (175); GROSBEAK, Blue (5); BUNTING, Indigo (71); BUNTING, Painted (26); DICKCISSEL (1); BLACKBIRD, Red-winged (2440); MEADOWLARK, Eastern (18); GRACKLE, Common (158); GRACKLE, Boat-tailed (632); GRACKLE, Great-tailed (279); COWBIRD, Brown-headed (207); BLACKBIRD species (5); ORIOLE, Orchard (14); ORIOLE, Baltimore (5); FINCH, House (12); SPARROW, House (132); Total 14595 individuals of 160 species.

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