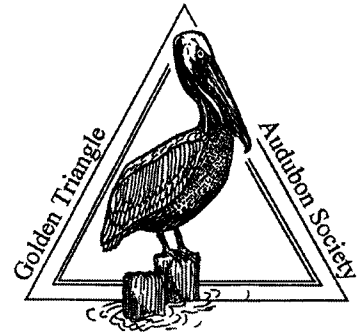


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**Membership Meeting  
Thursday, August 16, 2007, 6:00 PM**

**Garden Center, Tyrrell Park, Beaumont**

**"Waterbirds and Crawfish - What We Do and Don't Know  
About Their Interactions"**

**Dr. J.J. Huner**

Jay Huner retired as Director of the Crawfish Research Center at the University of Louisiana in Lafayette in 2005. One of his major projects involved documenting the significance of crawfish pond systems as waterbird habitat with the aim of determining what impact, if any, the birds had on crawfish production. Dr. Huner's studies involved a number of colleagues from Tulane, the University of Mississippi, LSU, and ULL. They demonstrated conclusively that the development of the crawfish industry in southern Louisiana was the primary reason for the geometric increase in wading bird populations in the region over the past 50 years. However, they were unable, through lack of significant financial support, to determine the impact of the birds on crawfish production. That effort remains to be addressed.

Dr. Huner graduated from LSU with a Ph.D. in Marine Sciences in 1975. He worked at Southern University in Baton Rouge from 1975-1988 (Biology Department and Center for Small Farm Research) and at the University of Southwestern Louisiana (now University of Louisiana at Lafayette) from 1988 until his retirement in 2005.

Dr. Huner is also a Docent (Adjunct Professor) of Applied Zoology at the University of Kuopio in Kuopio, Finland. Dr. Huner first went to Finland in 1982 with a fellowship from the Academy of Finland. His work involved studies of crawfish biology and fisheries management in Finland. In 2000, he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Natural Sciences by the university based on that work.

We will plan on having the refreshments ready by 6:00 p.m. and the program will start at 7:00 p.m. sharp.

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## Calendar of Events

**Thursday August 16. Membership Meeting.** See details on page 1

**Saturday August 25. Field Trip to Bolivar Flats.** Meet leader Steve Mayes at the vehicle barrier at Bolivar Flats at 8:30 a.m. or join the group on the flats later. Take Highway 124 south from Winnie about 20 miles through High Island. At the shoreline, turn right along Highway 87 and proceed approximately 25 miles through Gilchrist and Crystal Beach until you come to the intersection with Loop 108. At that intersection, turn left (south -- the opposite direction from Loop 108) on Rettilon Road to the beach. If conditions permit, drive onto the sand and turn right to the vehicle barrier (about 1/2 mile). It is about a 90-minute drive, with no allowance for stops for birding, from Beaumont or mid-County to the Flats.

*Important Note: As of this year Galveston County has started the parking permit program on the Bolivar Peninsula. Any one can drive on the beach for free. But if you park on the beach you must have a parking permit on your windshield. The fee for the permit is \$10.00 a year. Apparently, most merchants on the Bolivar Peninsula sell them and you should be able to find a convenience store in Gilchrist that is open as you pass through. Alternatively, you can mail a check to Galveston County Parks Department, 4102 Main (FM 519), La Marque, Texas 77568. Attn Michelle in Parking Permits.*

Details of the rest of our Fall Field Trip Program will be decided soon. Please let us have any suggestions for new trips!

**Thursday September 20. Membership Meeting.** Our own John Haynes will tell you how to identify those flying ducks that will soon be returning from their breeding grounds.

**Thursday October 18. Membership Meeting.** Dr. Brent Ortego of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department on Hummingbirds.

## Refreshments

Each month, we rely on volunteers to provide the refreshments at our membership meeting. We need volunteers to bring all items for all Fall 2007 meetings. Please do not wait until the last minute to volunteer! 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 far in advance as possible. Please help if you can!

## Subscription Renewal Reminder

Please check the mailing label on this issue. If the date on your label NOT prefixed by "AU" has passed, or there is no other date, 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.

## Bird Alerts

As fall approaches, the migratory birds that spend the summer with us and nearby start preparing to leave. Purple Martins begin to collect in large roosts, and their settling in each evening can be spectacular. The number of birds in a roost generally peaks in late August and early September. While there are some favored locations across the state used year after year, we do not seem to have such a site locally. However, this year, birds have been seen congregating in the vicinity of the Beaumont Country Club and Collier's Ferry Park, and also in a grove of trees on FM1009 south west of Nome, about 1.5 miles west of the Liberty County line.

It is also time to put your hummingbird feeders out, as the first migrants are already passing through.

# Bird Sightings – May and June 2007

**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 john.whittle@lamar.edu or call (409) 880-8276. 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." The range of dates for which the species was reported is shown in parentheses in a column before the sighting details or report summaries.

**Commentary:** Two months this time, and not much space available for commentary. The results below represent good numbers of migrants in early May, and quite a few sightings of nesting birds in the Big Thicket, both during the our Field Trip and during other trips to the area.. A Gray Kingbird was seen at the Sea Rim Willows June 2.

## May 2007

WHISTLING-DUCK, Bk.-bell.	(12-26)	JEF 5 reps(22)
WHISTLING-DUCK, Fulvous	(6-26)	JEF 5 reps(114)
DUCK, Wood	(12-12)	JEF 2 reps(6)
GADWALL	(12-12)	JEF-TP 5/12(2) MC05
WIGEON, American	(12-12)	JEF-TP 5/12(1) MC05
MALLARD	(6-6)	JEF 5/6(2) JAW
DUCK, Mottled	(6-27)	JEF 5 reps(41)
TEAL, Blue-winged	(1-27)	JEF 7 reps(88)
SHOVELER, Northern	(12-27)	JEF-TP 5/12(5) MC05;
JEF-TP 5/27(1) JAW		
TEAL, Green-winged	(12-12)	JEF-TP 5/12(2) MC05
CANVASBACK	(28-28)	JEF-PI 5/28(2) JAW
SCAUP, Lesser	(12-12)	JEF-TP 5/12(3) MC05
DUCK, Ruddy	(12-27)	JEF 5/12(26) MC09; JEF-TP 5/12(5) MC05; JEF-TP 5/27(5) JAW
BOBWHITE, Northern	(12-26)	JEF 3 reps(9)
LOON, Common	(12-12)	JEF 5/12(1) MC09
GREBE, Pied-billed	(12-12)	JEF-TP 5/12(1) MC05
PELICAN, Brown	(6-28)	JEF 4 reps(89)
CORMORANT, Neotropic	(1-28)	JEF 14 reps(273)
CORMORANT, Double-crest.	(12-12)	JEF 5/12(2) MC78
ANHINGA	(12-12)	JEF 2 reps(3)
BITTERN, Least	(12-12)	JEF-TP 5/12(1) MC05
HERON, Great Blue	(5-27)	HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 10
reps(20)		
EGRET, Great	(4-28)	JEF 20 reps(171)
EGRET, Snowy	(1-27)	JEF 18 reps(99)
HERON, Little Blue	(6-28)	JEF 13 reps(71)
HERON, Tricolored	(1-28)	HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 15
reps(49)		
EGRET, Cattle	(1-28)	HAI 1 rep(4); JEF 20
reps(1002)		
HERON, Green	(1-28)	HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 15
reps(48)		
NIGHT-HERON, Black-crown.	(1-27)	JEF 7 reps(18)
NIGHT-HERON, Yellow-crown.	(1-29)	JEF 22 reps(71)
IBIS, White	(1-28)	JEF 18 reps(787)
IBIS, White-faced	(12-27)	JEF 3 reps(23)
IBIS, Plegadis	(1-27)	JEF 8 reps(60)
SPOONBILL, Roseate	(1-12)	JEF 10 reps(42)
VULTURE, Black	(1-28)	HAI 2 reps(3); JEF 9
reps(115)		
VULTURE, Turkey	(1-30)	HAI 2 reps(10); JEF 15
reps(66)		
OSPREY	(6-6)	JEF 5/6(1) JAW
KITE, Swallow-tailed	(5-10)	HAI 5/5(1) CSL; ORA-ORG
5/10(2) LM		
KITE, White-tailed	(12-28)	JEF 3 reps(3)
HAWK, Sharp-shinned	(12-12)	JEF 5/12(2) MC06
HAWK, Red-shouldered	(1-30)	HAI 3 reps(3); JEF 5
reps(10)		
HAWK, Broad-winged	(12-24)	HAI-SILS 5/24(1) MG; JEF
5/12(1) MC78		
HAWK, Swainson's	(12-26)	JEF 5/12(1) MC78; JEF
5/26(1) JAW		
HAWK, Red-tailed	(12-12)	JEF 5/12(1) MC78; JEF-
BMT 5/12(1) MC03		
RAIL, Clapper	(12-12)	JEF 1 rep(23)
SORA	(12-25)	JEF 5/12(1) MC09; JEF-TP
5/12(1) MC05; JEF-MCF 5/25(1) MCF		
GALLINULE, Purple	(12-12)	JEF 5/12(2) MC78; JEF-TP
5/12(8) MC05		
MOORHEN, Common	(1-28)	JEF 9 reps(55)
COOT, American	(12-27)	JEF 3 reps(56)
PLOVER, Black-bellied	(6-12)	JEF 4 reps(102)

PLOVER, Snowy	(12-12)	JEF-SRSP 5/12(1) MC11
PLOVER, Wilson's	(12-12)	JEF 1 rep(4)
PLOVER, Semipalmated	(12-12)	JEF 2 reps(65)
KILLDEER	(1-28)	JEF 17 reps(127)
STILT, Black-necked	(6-28)	JEF 10 reps(71)
AVOCET, American	(12-12)	JEF 5/12(18) MC09
SANDPIPER, Spotted	(12-20)	JEF 6 reps(42)
SANDPIPER, Solitary	(4-4)	JEF-SW 5/4(1) JAW
YELLOWLEGS, Greater	(6-12)	JEF 4 reps(37)
WILLET	(1-28)	JEF 9 reps(45)
YELLOWLEGS, Lesser	(6-12)	JEF 6 reps(52)
WHIMBREL	(6-12)	JEF 5/6(34) JAW; JEF
5/12(19) MC01; JEF 5/12(32) MC78		
GODWIT, Hudsonian	(6-12)	JEF 5/6(61) JAW; JEF
5/12(2) MC01; JEF 5/12(2) MC04; JEF 5/12(4) MC09		
TURNSTONE, Ruddy	(6-12)	JEF 4 reps(26)
SANDERLING	(12-12)	JEF 3 reps(166)
SANDPIPER, Semipalmated	(20-20)	JEF-TP 5/20(5) JM
SANDPIPER, Western	(12-12)	JEF 2 reps(10)
SANDPIPER, Peep	(6-6)	JEF 5/6(50) JAW
SANDPIPER, Least	(6-12)	JEF 5/6(25) JAW; JEF
5/12(1) MC01; JEF 5/12(3) MC78; JEF-TP 5/12(24) MC05		
SANDPIPER, White-rumped	(6-20)	JEF 5/6(72) JAW; JEF
5/12(2) MC01; JEF 5/12(2) MC06; JEF 5/12(104) MC09; JEF		
5/12(16) MC78; JEF-TP 5/20(200) JM		
SANDPIPER, Baird's	(20-20)	JEF-TP 5/20(2) JM
SANDPIPER, Pectoral	(6-12)	JEF 5/6(3) JAW; JEF
5/12(6) MC01; JEF-TP 5/12(2) MC05		
DUNLIN	(6-6)	JEF 5/6(35) JAW
SANDPIPER, Stilt	(6-20)	JEF 5/6(5) JAW; JEF
5/12(16) MC09; JEF 5/12(4) MC78; JEF-TP 5/20(3) JM		
SANDPIPER, Buff-breasted	(12-12)	JEF 5/12(2) MC01
DOWITCHER, Long-billed	(6-12)	JEF 5/6(3) JAW; JEF
5/12(4) MC09		
PHALAROPE, Wilson's	(12-12)	JEF 5/12(3) MC01; JEF
5/12(2) MC09		
GULL, Laughing	(6-28)	JEF 9 reps(256)
GULL, Ring-billed	(12-12)	JEF 1 rep(1)
TERN, Least	(12-28)	JEF 7 reps(189)
TERN, Caspian	(12-27)	JEF 3 reps(8)
TERN, Black	(12-28)	JEF 4 reps(61)
TERN, Common	(12-12)	JEF 1 rep(2)
TERN, Forster's	(12-28)	JEF 7 reps(59)
TERN, Royal	(12-28)	JEF 2 reps(134)
PIGEON, Rock	(6-28)	JEF 10 reps(147)
COLLARED-DOVE, Eurasian	(5-28)	HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 11
reps(43); ORA 1 rep(1)		
DOVE, White-winged	(1-31)	JEF 37 reps(135)
DOVE, Mourning	(1-30)	HAI 3 reps(9); JEF 23
reps(486)		
DOVE, Inca	(5-24)	HAI 3 reps(6); JEF 3
reps(6)		
CUCKOO, Yellow-billed	(6-30)	HAI 3 reps(3); JEF 10
reps(55)		
CUCKOO, Black-billed	(3-19)	JEF-TX87 5/3(1) JHH; JEF
5/5(1) WTVR; JEF-SRSP 5/12(1) MC11; JEF-SW 5/19(1) RHJ		
OWL, Great Horned	(12-12)	JEF 5/12(3) MC78; JEF-
BMT 5/12(1) MC03		
OWL, Barred	(12-12)	JEF-BMT 5/12(1) MC03
NIGHTHAWK, Common	(1-26)	HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 14
reps(35)		
SWIFT, Chimney	(1-31)	HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 20
reps(125)		
HUMMINGBIRD, Ruby-throated	(2-29)	HAI 8 reps(58); JEF
24 reps(56)		
HUMMINGBIRD, Black-chinned	(6-6)	JEF-BMT 5/6(1)
RHJ		
WOODPECKER, Red-headed	(1-23)	HAI 1 rep(2); JEF 2 reps(3)

WOODPECKER, Red-bellied (10-30) HAI 3 reps(7); JEF 7  
 reps(39)  
 WOODPECKER, Downy (4-31) HAI 4 reps(6); JEF 20  
 reps(40)  
 WOODPECKER, Pileated (2-31) HAI 7 reps(13); JEF 8  
 reps(17)  
 FLYCATCHER, Olive-sided (27-27) HAI-BTTC 5/27(1) RHJ  
 WOOD-PEWEE, Eastern (1-19) JEF 12 reps(45)  
 FLYCATCHER, Yellow-bellied (12-12) JEF-SRSP 5/12(1) MC11;  
 JEF-SW 5/12(1) MC10  
 FLYCATCHER, Acadian (12-30) HAI 4 reps(4); JEF 4  
 reps(5)  
 FLYCATCHER, Willow (12-12) JEF-TP 5/12(1) MC05  
 FLYCATCHER, Trail's (12-12) JEF-SRSP 5/12(1) MC11;  
 JEF-SW 5/12(1) MC10  
 FLYCATCHER, Least (12-12) JEF 5/12(1) MC12; JEF-  
 SRSP 5/12(1) MC11  
 EMPIDONAX species (12-19) JEF 3 reps(7)  
 FLYCATCHER, Gt. Crested (1-31) HAI 6 reps(8); JEF 12  
 reps(18)  
 KISKADEE, Great (17-17) JEF-SRSP 5/17(1) JK  
 KINGBIRD, Western (12-12) JEF 2 reps(2)  
 KINGBIRD, Eastern (1-28) HAI 2 reps(5); JEF 19  
 reps(166)  
 FLYCATCHER, Scissor-tail (1-26) JEF 15 reps(73)  
 SHRIKE, Loggerhead (1-27) JEF 18 reps(94)  
 VIREO, White-eyed (1-30) HAI 4 reps(20); JEF 13  
 reps(41)  
 VIREO, Yellow-throated (12-30) HAI 2 reps(2); JEF 4  
 reps(4)  
 VIREO, Warbling (12-12) JEF-TP 5/12(1) MC05  
 VIREO, Philadelphia (4-13) JEF 5 reps(9)  
 VIREO, Red-eyed (1-30) HAI 4 reps(7); JEF 12  
 reps(88)  
 JAY, Blue (1-30) HAI 3 reps(8); JEF 14  
 reps(93)  
 CROW, American (7-30) HAI 2 reps(9); JEF 6  
 reps(14)  
 CROW, Fish (12-27) JEF 5 reps(18)  
 CROW, species (1-28) HAI 1 rep(3); JEF 10  
 reps(23)  
 MARTIN, Purple (1-28) HAI 2 reps(7); JEF 17  
 reps(239)  
 SWALLOW, Tree (12-27) JEF 4 reps(70)  
 SWALLOW, N. Rough-winged (12-22) JEF-TP 5/12(2) MC05;  
 JEF-BMT 5/22(4) RHJ  
 SWALLOW, Bank (12-12) JEF 5/12(3) MC09; JEF  
 5/12(1) MC11; JEF 5/12(2) MC12; JEF-TP 5/12(2) MC05  
 SWALLOW, Cliff (7-28) JEF 9 reps(185)  
 SWALLOW, Cave/Cliff (12-12) JEF 5/12(606) MC06  
 SWALLOW, Barn (1-28) HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 22  
 reps(459)  
 SWALLOW species (6-11) JEF 4 reps(17)  
 CHICKADEE, Carolina (1-30) HAI 7 reps(37); JEF 11  
 reps(82)  
 TITMOUSE, Tufted (12-30) HAI 3 reps(8); JEF 4  
 reps(20)  
 NUTHATCH, Brown-headed (28-30) HAI 5/28(2) JAW; HAI-  
 BTTC 5/30(4) RHJ  
 WREN, Carolina (1-30) HAI 3 reps(17); JEF 12  
 reps(67)  
 WREN, Marsh (12-26) JEF 2 reps(3)  
 GNATCATCHER, Blue-gray (12-30) HAI 5/28(1) JAW; HAI-  
 BTTC 5/30(1) RHJ; JEF 5/12(1) MC02; JEF 5/12(1) MC06; JEF  
 5/12(1) MC78; JEF-BMT 5/12(1) MC03  
 BLUEBIRD, Eastern (2-28) HAI 5 reps(19); JEF 6  
 reps(12)  
 VEERY (12-19) JEF-SRSP 5/12(2) MC11;  
 JEF-SW 5/12(2) MC10; JEF-SW 5/13(1) JAW; JEF-SW 5/19(1)  
 SM  
 THRUSH, Gray-cheeked (12-19) JEF-SW 5/12(2) MC10;  
 JEF-SW 5/19(1) SM  
 THRUSH, Swainson's (1-19) JEF 8 reps(29)  
 THRUSH, Wood (12-30) HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 3 reps(3)  
 ROBIN, American (5-26) JEF 14 reps(20)  
 CATBIRD, Gray (1-31) HAI 1 rep(3); JEF 36  
 reps(162)  
 MOCKINGBIRD, Northern (4-28) HAI 2 reps(9); JEF 20  
 reps(447)  
 THRASHER, Brown (4-29) HAI 1 rep(2); JEF 15  
 reps(16)  
 STARLING, European (4-28) HAI 2 reps(6); JEF 22  
 reps(393)  
 WAXWING, Cedar (4-26) JEF 11 reps(335)  
 WARBLER, Tennessee (1-12) JEF 6 reps(15)  
 PARULA, Northern (4-30) HAI 3 reps(4); JEF 4  
 reps(31)

WARBLER, Yellow (1-30) HAI 2 reps(2); JEF 9  
 reps(61)  
 WARBLER, Chestnut-sided (1-12) JEF 6 reps(13)  
 WARBLER, Magnolia (1-19) JEF 12 reps(93)  
 WARBLER, Cape May (3-22) JEF-SRSP 5/3(1) MR; JEF-  
 SRSP 5/4(1) JAW; JEF-SRSP 5/5(1) WTVR  
 WARBLER, Black-thr. Blue (3-3) JEF-SRSP 5/3(1) JHH  
 WARBLER, Black-thr. Green (4-12) JEF 4 reps(9)  
 WARBLER, Blackburnian (1-19) JEF 7 reps(11)  
 WARBLER, Yellow-throated (12-30) HAI-BTTC 5/30(1) RHJ;  
 JEF 5/12(3) MC78; JEF-BMT 5/12(1) MC03; JEF-TP 5/12(2)  
 MC05  
 WARBLER, Pine (7-31) HAI 5 reps(29); JEF 11  
 reps(30)  
 WARBLER, Prairie (28-28) HAI 5/28(3) JAW  
 WARBLER, Bay-breasted (4-13) JEF-SW 5/4(2) JAW; JEF-  
 SW 5/5(1) WTVR; JEF-SW 5/6(2) JAW; JEF 5/12(1) MC09; JEF  
 5/12(4) MC78; JEF-SRSP 5/12(2) MC11; JEF-SW 5/12(8) MC10;  
 JEF-SW 5/13(1) JAW  
 WARBLER, Blackpoll (1-19) JEF-SW 5/1(1) JAW; JEF-  
 SRSP 5/4(1) JAW; JEF-SW 5/5(2) WTVR; JEF-SRSP 5/12(1)  
 MC11; JEF-SW 5/12(1) MC10; JEF-SW 5/13(1) JAW; JEF-SW  
 5/19(1) RHJ  
 WARBLER, Black-and-white (1-19) JEF 9 reps(22)  
 REDSTART, American (1-19) JEF 12 reps(72)  
 WARBLER, Prothonotary (1-30) HAI 3 reps(5); JEF 5  
 reps(14)  
 WARBLER, Worm-eating (1-30) HAI-BTTC 5/30(1) RHJ;  
 JEF-SW 5/1(1) JAW  
 WARBLER, Swainson's (22-28) HAI-BTTC 5/27(1) RHJ;  
 HAI 5/28(3) JAW; JEF 5/22(1) RHJ  
 OVENBIRD (4-19) JEF 7 reps(14)  
 WATERTHRUSH, Northern (1-19) JEF 7 reps(9)  
 WARBLER, Kentucky (12-30) HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 1 rep(1)  
 YELLOWTHROAT, Common (1-30) HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 11  
 reps(41)  
 WARBLER, Hooded (4-30) HAI 3 reps(13); JEF 5  
 reps(7)  
 WARBLER, Canada (11-12) JEF-SW 5/11(1) JHH; JEF-  
 SW 5/12(1) MC10  
 CHAT, Yellow-breasted (12-28) HAI 5/28(5) JAW; JEF  
 5/12(1) MC78; JEF-BMT 5/12(1) MC03  
 TANAGER, Summer (1-30) HAI 4 reps(4); JEF 6  
 reps(7)  
 TANAGER, Scarlet (6-19) JEF 5 reps(6)  
 TANAGER, Western (5-8) JEF-SW 5/5(1) JHH; JEF-  
 SW 5/5(2) WTVR; JEF-SW 5/7(1) CD; JEF-SW 5/8(1) JAW  
 TOWHEE, Eastern (1-1) JEF-SW 5/1(2) JAW  
 SPARROW, Chipping (30-30) HAI-BTTC 5/30(1) RHJ  
 SPARROW, Savannah (1-12) JEF 4 reps(14)  
 SPARROW, Nelson's Sharp-tail. (12-12) JEF 5/12(17) MC09  
 SPARROW, Seaside (12-12) JEF 1 rep(14)  
 SPARROW, White-throated (1-1) JEF-SW 5/1(3) JAW  
 CARDINAL, Northern (1-30) HAI 4 reps(45); JEF 18  
 reps(197)  
 GROSBEEK, Rose-breasted (1-19) JEF 10 reps(22)  
 GROSBEEK, Blue (6-12) JEF 5 reps(9)  
 BUNTING, Indigo (1-28) HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 9  
 reps(23)  
 BUNTING, Painted (1-27) JEF 10 reps(24)  
 DICKCISSEL (3-26) JEF 13 reps(90)  
 BLACKBIRD, Red-winged (1-28) JEF 20 reps(599)  
 MEADOWLARK, Eastern (6-26) JEF 11 reps(90)  
 MEADOWLARK species (1-27) JEF 11 reps(32)  
 GRACKLE, Common (4-28) HAI 1 rep(2); JEF 16  
 reps(334)  
 GRACKLE, Boat-tailed (1-27) JEF 10 reps(204)  
 GRACKLE, Great-tailed (5-28) HAI 2 reps(13); JEF 17  
 reps(326)  
 GRACKLE, Gt./Boat-tailed (6-8) JEF 2 reps(17)  
 COWBIRD, Brown-headed (1-27) JEF 16 reps(140)  
 ORIOLE, Orchard (1-28) HAI 4 reps(5); JEF 14  
 reps(127)  
 ORIOLE, Baltimore (1-12) JEF 5 reps(11)  
 FINCH, House (1-31) JEF 24 reps(39)  
 GOLDFINCH, American (12-12) JEF-TP 5/12(7) MC05  
 SPARROW, House (1-28) HAI 1 rep(10); JEF 14  
 reps(128)

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WHISTLING-DUCK, Blk.-bell. (10-10) JEF 1 rep(2)  
 DUCK, Mottled (10-10) JEF 2 reps(4)

**PELICAN, Brown** (10-10) JEF-MCFW 6/10(10) JAW  
**CORMORANT, Neotropic** (3-10) JEF 2 reps(16)  
**BITTERN, Least** (3-10) JEF 2 reps(3)  
**HERON, Great Blue** (2-2) HAI 1 rep(1)  
**EGRET, Great** (3-27) JEF 4 reps(30)  
**EGRET, Snowy** (3-27) JEF 4 reps(19)  
**HERON, Little Blue** (10-14) JEF 2 reps(3)  
**HERON, Tricolored** (3-10) JEF 2 reps(13)  
**EGRET, Cattle** (2-27) HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 8  
 reps(72)  
**HERON, Green** (3-27) JEF 3 reps(7)  
**NIGHT-HERON, Yellow-crowned** (2-27) JEF 5 reps(26)  
**IBIS, White** (3-27) JEF 3 reps(119)  
**IBIS, White-faced** (10-10) JEF 1 rep(2)  
**IBIS, Plegadis** (3-10) JEF 2 reps(26)  
**SPOONBILL, Roseate** (3-19) JEF 3 reps(14)  
**VULTURE, Black** (2-3) HAI 1 rep(5); JEF 1 rep(2)  
**VULTURE, Turkey** (2-10) HAI 2 reps(19); JEF 3  
 reps(13)  
**HAWK, Red-shouldered** (9-9) JEF 1 rep(1)  
**HAWK, Broad-winged** (3-25) JEF 3 reps(3)  
**HAWK, Swainson's** (3-3) JEF-TX87 6/3(1) MW  
**HAWK, White-tailed** (3-3) JEF-TX87 6/3(1) MW  
**CARACARA, Crested** (25-25) JEF-TXPT 6/25(1) CWE  
**SORA** (19-19) JEF-MCF 6/19(1) MCF  
**MOORHEN, Common** (10-10) JEF 1 rep(1)  
**KILLDEER** (3-28) HAI 2 reps(2); JEF 3  
 reps(7)  
**STILT, Black-necked** (3-10) JEF 2 reps(14)  
**WILLET** (3-10) JEF 2 reps(6)  
**GULL, Laughing** (3-10) JEF 2 reps(6)  
**TERN, Least** (3-3) JEF 1 rep(1)  
**TERN, Caspian** (10-10) JEF 1 rep(1)  
**TERN, Black** (10-10) JEF 1 rep(1)  
**TERN, Forster's** (10-10) JEF 1 rep(1)  
**PIGEON, Rock** (10-22) JEF 4 reps(25)  
**COLLARED-DOVE, Eurasian** (2-21) HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 9  
 reps(14)  
**DOVE, White-winged** (2-26) JEF 23 reps(125)  
**DOVE, Mourning** (2-28) HAI 3 reps(19); JEF 10  
 reps(54)  
**DOVE, Inca** (7-7) HAI 1 rep(2)  
**CUCKOO, Yellow-billed** (2-10) HAI 2 reps(3); JEF 2  
 reps(5)  
**OWL, Barred** (27-27) JEF-BMT 7/26(2) CSL  
**NIGHTHAWK, Common** (3-27) JEF 8 reps(11)  
**SWIFT, Chimney** (2-25) HAI 1 rep(2); JEF 10  
 reps(67)  
**HUMMINGBIRD, Ruby-throated** (4-30) HAI 10 reps(46);  
 JEF 15 reps(18)  
**HUMMINGBIRD species** (2-2) HAI 6/2(1) FTCH  
**WOODPECKER, Red-bellied** (2-19) HAI 5 reps(12)  
**WOODPECKER, Downy** (2-25) HAI 5 reps(7); JEF 12  
 reps(16)  
**WOODPECKER, Pileated** (2-24) HAI 4 reps(6); JEF 3  
 reps(3)  
**WOOD-PEWEE, Eastern** (3-3) JEF 1 rep(7)  
**FLYCATCHER, Acadian** (2-16) HAI 3 reps(8)  
**FLYCATCHER, Traill's** (3-3) JEF-MCFW 6/3(2) MW;  
 JEF-SRSP 6/3(1) MW  
**EMPIDONAX species** (3-3) JEF-SRSP 6/3(1) MW  
**FLYCATCHER, Gt. Crested** (2-16) HAI 5 reps(6); JEF 2  
 reps(3)  
**KINGBIRD, Eastern** (3-14) JEF 5 reps(14)  
**KINGBIRD, Gray** (2-2) JEF-SRSP 6/2(1) DV  
**FLYCATCHER, Scissor-tailed** (3-27) JEF 4 reps(9)  
**SHRIKE, Loggerhead** (2-27) JEF 6 reps(10)  
**VIREO, White-eyed** (2-16) HAI 3 reps(24)  
**VIREO, Yellow-throated** (2-2) HAI 2 reps(2)  
**VIREO, Red-eyed** (2-16) HAI 3 reps(10)  
**JAY, Blue** (2-26) HAI 2 reps(2); JEF 6  
 reps(17)  
**CROW, American** (2-30) HAI 5 reps(11)  
**CROW, species** (2-20) JEF 6 reps(13)  
**MARTIN, Purple** (2-26) HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 15  
 reps(146)  
**SWALLOW, Barn** (2-26) HAI 1 rep(2); JEF 4  
 reps(15)  
**CHICKADEE, Carolina** (2-16) HAI 4 reps(24); JEF 3  
 reps(6)  
**TITMOUSE, Tufted** (2-28) HAI 5 reps(24)  
**NUTHATCH, Brown-headed** (2-2) HAI 6/2(6) FTCH  
**WREN, Carolina** (2-28) HAI 6 reps(30); JEF 1  
 rep(1)  
**GNATCATCHER, Blue-gray** (2-28) HAI 6/2(1) FTCH; HAI-  
 BTTC 6/2(2) JAW; HAI-SILS 6/28(2) MG  
**BLUEBIRD, Eastern** (2-28) HAI 3 reps(8); JEF 2  
 reps(6)

**THRUSH, Wood** (2-2) HAI 6/2(1) FTCH; HAI  
 6/2(1) JAW  
**ROBIN, American** (2-26) JEF 13 reps(30)  
**CATBIRD, Gray** (2-26) HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 14  
 reps(15)  
**MOCKINGBIRD, Northern** (2-29) HAI 5 reps(11); JEF 10  
 reps(33)  
**THRASHER, Brown** (2-25) HAI 5 reps(5); JEF 7  
 reps(7)  
**STARLING, European** (2-26) HAI 3 reps(18); JEF 9  
 reps(41)  
**PARULA, Northern** (2-2) HAI 1 rep(2)  
**WARBLER, Yellow-throated** (30-30) HAI-SILS 6/30(1) MG  
**WARBLER, Pine** (2-16) HAI 3 reps(15); JEF 2  
 reps(2)  
**WARBLER, Prairie** (2-2) HAI 6/2(3) FTCH; HAI  
 6/2(2) JAW  
**WARBLER, Prothonotary** (2-2) HAI 2 reps(4)  
**WARBLER, Swainson's** (2-2) HAI 6/2(10) FTCH  
**YELLOWTHROAT, Common** (3-10) JEF 2 reps(2)  
**WARBLER, Hooded** (2-16) HAI 3 reps(13)  
**CHAT, Yellow-breasted** (2-10) HAI 6/2(4) FTCH; HAI  
 6/2(1) JAW; JEF-SW 6/10(1) JAW  
**CARDINAL, Northern** (2-28) HAI 6 reps(75); JEF 4  
 reps(10)  
**GROSBEAK, Blue** (2-2) HAI 6/2(1) FTCH  
**BUNTING, Indigo** (2-2) HAI 6/2(5) FTCH; HAI  
 6/2(1) JAW  
**BUNTING, Painted** (2-10) HAI 1 rep(2); JEF 2 reps(4)  
**DICKCISSEL** (3-10) JEF 3 reps(6)  
**BLACKBIRD, Red-winged** (2-27) JEF 4 reps(96)  
**MEADOWLARK species** (3-3) JEF 1 rep(1)  
**GRACKLE, Common** (2-22) HAI 3 reps(13); JEF 10  
 reps(49)  
**GRACKLE, Boat-tailed** (3-10) JEF 4 reps(40)  
**GRACKLE, Great-tailed** (2-25) HAI 2 reps(13); JEF 10  
 reps(69)  
**GRACKLE, Gt./Boat tailed** (10-10) JEF 1 rep(5)  
**COWBIRD, Brown-headed** (3-10) JEF 2 reps(12)  
**ORIOLE, Orchard** (3-10) JEF 4 reps(31)  
**FINCH, House** (5-26) JEF 18 reps(44)  
**SPARROW, House** (2-26) HAI 1 rep(2); JEF 13  
 reps(67)

**Number of Species** 100  
**Number of Individuals** 2311

**County Abbreviations:**  
 HAI — Hardin; JEF — Jefferson

**Location Codes:**  
 BMT — Beaumont; BTTC — Big Thicket NP - Turkey Creek Unit; GROV — Groves; MCFW — McFaddin NWR; NEDR — Nederland; PI — Pleasure Island, Port Arthur; PTA — Port Arthur; SILS — Silsbee; SNDY — Nature Conservancy Sandyland Sanctuary; SRSP — Sea Rim State Park; SW — Sabine Woods; TX87 — Texas 87 Pt. Arthur-Sabine Pass-Sea Rim SP; TXPT — Road to Pilot Station at Texas Point

**Observer Abbreviations:**  
 CD — Carolyn Dill; CSL — Christine Sliva; CWE — Colt Westbrook; DV — Don Verser; FTCH — Field Trip to Hardin County; HD — Howard Davis; JAW — John Whittle; JHH — John H. Haynes; JJW — John and Jana Whittle; JK — Joseph Kennedy; JM — John Mariani; JP — John Park; LM — Laverne Mathews; MC01 — Migration Count, Area 1; MC02 — Area 2; MC03 — Area 3; MC04 — Area 4; MC05 — Area 5; MC06 — Area 6; MC09 — Area 9; MC10 — Area 10; MC11 — Area 11; MC12 — Area 12; MC78 — Area 7/8; MCF- McFaddin NWR (P. Walther); MG — Melanie Goetsell; MW — Steve Mayes and John Whittle; MR — Martin Reid; RHJ — Rose Ann and Harrison Jordan; SBE — Sheri Bethard; SR — Sherry Roden; WTVR — Adam Wood, B. Tarbox, D. Vollmar, M. Razones.



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# Spring 2007 Migration Summary

Once again, we present, largely in tabular form, a summary of the sightings of passerine neotropical migrants. The methodology employed was as follows. We considered four "locations": Sabine Woods, the Willows at Sea Rim State Park, the road to the Pilot Station at Texas Point, and points elsewhere along Texas 87 west of Sabine Pass. If there were multiple reports for any given location on any given day, the highest count for each species submitted by any of the observers was used. The counts for each of the four locations were added to determine the total of that

species reported on that day. As usual, there were many more reports from Sabine Woods than for any other sites. This year, many reports were the combined efforts of several observers compiled at the time, so the number of reports may appear less than in previous years without there being much actual difference.

We thank the following observers who submitted reports for multiple days: John Haynes, Steve Mayes, and John and Jana Whittle. Others whose reports were used included John Berner, Erik Breeden, Matt Denton, Carolyn Dill, Merri and Steve Dillinger,

Gerald Duhon, Nancy and Don Fisher, William and Teresa Hitchcock, Don Jeane, Rose Ann and Harrison Jordan, Joseph Kennedy, Alex Lin-Moore, Dwayne Litterer, Don Quaintance, Martin Reid, Ken Sztraky, Bill Tarbox, Tex Wells, Adam Wood and others who posted on TEXBIRDS. Our apologies to anyone we may have omitted.

We now have data for each year since 1996 compiled under the same procedure. It may be possible to detect if any species are tending to migrate earlier. Copies of all previous compilations are available.

## Spring 2006 -- Coast of Jefferson County -- Cuckoos, Flycatchers

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Transcriptions of many current and recent email alerts are available on the Siler's Birding on the Net at <http://birdingonthe.net/hotmail.html> Detailed information (maps and text) on birding sites on the Upper Texas Coast is also available on the Web at <http://www.texasbirding.net>. This includes all the Jefferson County hotspots published in very early issues.

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