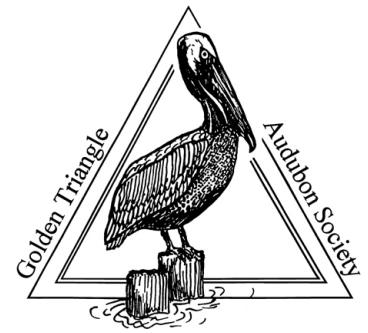


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**Membership Meeting  
Thursday, August 20, 2009  
7:00 PM  
Garden Center, Tyrrell Park, Beaumont  
Birds of Village Creek State Park  
Dr. Jim Armacost  
Assistant Professor of Biology  
Lamar University**

Since moving to the area in 2007, Jim has been carrying out regular bird counts at Village Creek State Park. His program will describe the avifauna of the Park.

Jim received his B.S. in Zoology from Louisiana State University in 1993, his M.S. in Biology from Mississippi State University in 1998 and his Ph.D. in Biology from Illinois State University in 2007. Since joining the faculty at Lamar University, he has taught, in addition to ornithology, courses in anatomy and physiology and conservation biology.

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

## **Climate Change**

It is now about 18 months since a seminal swing in public opinion towards acceptance of the reality of the threat of climate change and global warming occurred over a remarkably short time interval. Although there are still a significant number of people, including a small but significant number of very vocal scientists, who have not accepted that global warming is either upon us or shortly will be, there is almost no doubt in anyone's mind that the carbon dioxide concentration in the atmosphere has increased. The doubters contend that the relationship between carbon dioxide concentration and global temperature is not proven to be a direct or simple one. In this matter we face a dilemma similar to the one we face in monitoring bird populations. The variations from year to year due to normal variations caused by "extraneous" factors coupled with the relative paucity, on a worldwide basis, of accurate measurements means that determination that an apparent trend in the overall temperature of the earth is true and correct beyond absolutely all doubt can only be made after a decade or more. Unfortunately, we cannot afford to wait. We must act now on the basis that the apparent trend is real.

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## Calendar of Events

**Thursday August 20. Membership Meeting.** Birds of Village Creek State Park by Dr. Jim Armacost. See page 1 for details.

### Refreshments

Each month, we rely on volunteers to provide the refreshments at our membership meeting. **We need volunteers to bring items for all the fall 2009 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 Jennifer Armacost at (409) 790-7222 (or email her at [armacostj@yahoo.com](mailto:armacostj@yahoo.com)) **as far in advance as possible.** Please help if you can! We also thank those who have contributed cash towards refreshments.

**Saturday August 22. Field Trip to Bolivar Flats.** Hurricane Ike moved a lot of sand all along the shore, and Bolivar Flats is currently not easily birded. Although the birds are there, the mud flat areas are not easily accessible. Much of the area of mud flats has been on the North Jetty side, where the views are distant. On the Rettilon Road side, the water has been coming all the way up to the vegetation under most tide conditions. Given time, the flats will reform there, as the sand and sediment is transported southwestward down the shoreline. However, the process is quite slow!

Meet leader Steve Mayes at the vehicle barrier at Bolivar Flats at 8:30 a.m. 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 what is left of 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, from Beaumont or mid-County to the Flats.

It may be that because of the limitations of reasonable access, that we will not spend as much time at the flats as we normally would. If that is the case, we may well stop in at High Island and look for early land bird migrants.

**Important Note:** *Galveston County still has a beach parking permit program on the Bolivar Peninsula. Anyone can drive on the beach for free. But if you park on the beach in most areas, including the area adjacent to Bolivar Flats, you are required to have a parking permit on your windshield. The fee for the permit is \$10.00 a year. The few stores that are open on the Peninsula sell them and you should be buy one as you pass through.*

**Saturday September 12: Sabine Woods Work Day.** We are planning a work day at Sabine Woods, mainly for the routine maintenance items; mowing the trails, trimming and pruning to keep the trails clear. Possibly also some work on enhancing the habitat by removing some less desirable plants and trees to allow more desirable species to flourish. The more open canopy created by the hurricanes has led to much more growth than normal inside the woods.

We will plan to start around 7:30 a.m., and will probably work until noon or thereabouts. Sometimes on past fall work days, we have shortened the schedule because of the presence of migrants.

Please bring work gloves and insect repellent, and whatever hand tools you may have – loppers, clippers etc. We have a few, but typically enough. We will try to provide light refreshments.

We have two grants for projects at Sabine Woods this fall, so we will be looking for more volunteer hours later in the fall! See p. 3 for further details.

**Thursday September 17. Membership Meeting.** To be arranged. Details in future issues of the *Brown Pelican*.

**Saturday September 19. Jefferson County Fall Migration Count.** Contact John Whittle ([johnawhittle@aol.com](mailto:johnawhittle@aol.com) or 409-722-4193) to volunteer to help in this county-wide count.

*(Calendar continued on page 7)*

# Volunteer Opportunities

*There are always opportunities to volunteer to help either directly in our mission to conserve and restore bird habitat or in numerous "administrative" tasks that are necessary to keep Golden Triangle Audubon running smoothly. In addition to the immediate needs detailed below and the Sabine Woods Work Day scheduled for September 12 as noted on page 2, we will almost certainly be holding several work days at Sabine Woods over the winter months to plant trees. If you are physically able to help, please participate in as many as your schedule permits.*

## Garden Center Conservatory Attendants

By virtue of our membership in the Beaumont Council of Garden Clubs, we are able to meet in the splendid facilities at the Garden Center in Tyrrell Park. However, we also need to play our part in helping the Council run the Garden Center complex. The Council is looking for volunteers to man the entrance desk at the Conservatory, particularly on weekends. The duties involve greeting visitors, collecting the required donation, etc. The attendants are not expected to be able to answer botanical questions! The work is sedentary and volunteers are able to read or do any other personal business that can be done sitting at a desk. To volunteer, please call Edra Bogucki, 409-835-7245 (home) or 409-791-5616 (cell).

## Sabine Woods Project Managers

We will have two projects under way at Sabine Woods this fall and winter, and are urgently looking for volunteer(s) to manage or help manage these projects.

The most important qualities needed are an ability to monitor details and to be flexible in planning to adjust to the vagaries of weather and supplier and contractor scheduling. Management of these projects will involve locating and negotiating with contractors and suppliers, approving (with consultation on the overall plans with the board of Golden Triangle Audubon) detailed designs, plans and specifications, arranging deliveries, making the numerous small decisions that come up in all projects as well as on-site oversight to ensure that the projects are satisfactorily completed by the contractors. An ability to be available occasionally to do that during normal weekday working hours is necessary. The managers themselves will not necessarily need to be able to do any of the physical work.

Texas Ornithological Society has a \$10,000 grant from the 2008 Birding Classic for habitat improvements, focusing on repair and expansion of the water system, and planting of trees both in the woods as replacements for those lost in the hurricanes and on the east side as an expansion of the woodlot. Golden Triangle Audubon anticipates receiving a smaller grant to replace the shelter and the gates.

The tree planting may involve both contractors and volunteers and will take place during the late fall and winter, although ordering the trees will necessarily take place well in advance of delivery and planting.

The shelter and gate project has also been funded by the Sempra Energy Foundation and is planned for the time period between September 1, 2009 and March 31, 2010. This will

involve replacing the picnic shelter that was destroyed by Hurricane Ike, and installing new gates and adjacent fencing.

The scheduling of the on-site parts of the projects will, within the overall timeline given above, be up to the manager(s), so that potential volunteers should not be concerned if they plan out of town trips. We can provide limited back up to cover necessary contacts during such periods.

Please contact either Steve Mayes (722-5807) or John Whittle (722-4193) to volunteer.

## Sabine Pass Community Development Corporation

A Sabine Pass Community Development Corporation is being formed to facilitate the recovery of Sabine Pass from the devastation of Hurricane Ike. We have been invited to send a representative to the meetings of the group. The planned meetings are to be held at 6 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month. We are looking for a volunteer to be our representative. Please contact John Whittle (409-722-4193) to volunteer.

## Field Trip Suggestions

With occasional disruptions due to hurricanes, our Field Trip program has been running in a regular pattern for some years now. There is a planned schedule for the fall (which could be changed if there are any suggestions for new places to go!) Soon, we will be planning the spring schedule. We are interested in suggestions for trips. We have often gone to west Harris County in January or February, but the "birdable" area there is shrinking each year, and seemingly there is less interest in this trip because of its distance from the Triangle. We could go to Calcasieu and Cameron Parishes just over the border in Louisiana. We may be able to bird Cattail Marsh again this spring. Anahuac is certainly accessible, but the habitat was severely impacted by Ike and we do not know what this winter will bring in the way of recovery. Please let Steve Mayes (409-722-5807) know of your thoughts and any suggestions for trips.



# Bird Sightings – May and June 2009

**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 johnawhittle@aol.com or call (409) 880-8276. For "very rare" birds, or very much out-of-season species, 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:** A couple of interesting months. A late Northern Gannet on the beach on May 17 may have been impaired in some way. A late push of migrants also on May 17 was noteworthy, with

species including Golden-winged Warbler and Cape May Warbler. An even later Black-throated Blue Warbler on May 24 was even more unusual. The number of Acadian Flycatchers, one of the easier *Empidonax* warblers to be reasonably sure of the ID, in May suggests that a greater than usual number thinking about nesting in the northern part of the immediate Golden Triangle area. We have noted incremental increases over the last few years of Swallow-tailed Kites, Mississippi Kites and Swainson's Hawks, and the latter two species may now be nesting in Jefferson County, the Mississippi Kites in north Beaumont, and the Swainson's Hawks in west Jefferson County.

Our Field Trip to Hardin County this year was in late May, so the June species list is a little thin. The Wood Storks over north Beaumont on June 4 were very early, while Whimbrel along the coast in early June mean that there is now almost no period in the year when the species is absent from the area! White-breasted Nuthatches have long been listed as very rare breeders in east Texas, and one in Newton County on June 21 suggests that characterization is still valid.

## May 2009

<b>WHISTLING-DUCK, Blk-bell.</b>	(4-26)	JEF 9 reps(91)
<b>WHISTLING-DUCK, Fulvous</b>	(9-21)	JEF 7 reps(170)
<b>DUCK, Wood</b>	(12-21)	JEF 5/12(3) MC07; JEF-TP 5/21(3) MC05
<b>MALLARD</b>	(19-19)	JEF-BMT 5/19(4) MC03
<b>DUCK, Mottled</b>	(9-21)	JEF 6 reps(28)
<b>TEAL, Blue-winged</b>	(4-21)	JEF 4 reps(47)
<b>SHOVELER, Northern</b>	(21-21)	JEF-TP 5/21(2) MC05
<b>MERGANSER, Red-breasted</b>	(21-21)	JEF-TP 5/21(1) MC05
<b>DUCK, Ruddy</b>	(21-21)	JEF-TP 5/21(2) MC05
<b>BOBWHITE, Northern</b>	(16-24)	JEF 5/16(1) CSL; JEF 5/17(1) CSL; JEF 5/24(4) JAW
<b>GREBE, Pied-billed</b>	(21-21)	JEF-TP 5/21(1) MC05
<b>GANNET, Northern</b>	(17-17)	JEF-MCFW 5/17(1) RW
<b>PELICAN, Amer White</b>	(19-25)	JEF 5/19(19) MC09; ORA 5/25(40) HM
<b>PELICAN, Brown</b>	(4-21)	JEF 5 reps(324)
<b>CORMORANT, Neotropic</b>	(4-26)	JEF 13 reps(312)
<b>CORMORANT, Double-crest.</b>	(12-19)	JEF 2 reps(3)
<b>ANHINGA</b>	(9-21)	JEF 5 reps(11)
<b>FRIGATEBIRD, Magnificent</b>	(21-21)	JEF 5/21(1) SR
<b>BITTERN, Least</b>	(19-25)	JEF-MURW 5/19(4) MC9A; JEF-TP 5/21(1) MC05; ORA 5/25(1) HM
<b>HERON, Great Blue</b>	(12-30)	HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 4 reps(16)
<b>EGRET, Great</b>	(1-30)	HAI 2 reps(2); JEF 25 reps(444); ORA 1 rep(2)
<b>EGRET, Snowy</b>	(4-26)	JEF 16 reps(210)
<b>HERON, Little Blue</b>	(2-30)	HAI 1 rep(2); JEF 15 reps(107); ORA 1 rep(4)
<b>HERON, Tricolored</b>	(4-26)	JEF 14 reps(120); ORA 1 rep(1)
<b>EGRET, Reddish h</b>	(19-19)	JEF-SRSP 5/19(1) MC11
<b>EGRET, Cattle</b>	(2-30)	HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 22 reps(1306)
<b>HERON, Green</b>	(1-26)	HAI 3 reps(5); JEF 18 reps(67)
<b>NIGHT-HERON, Black-crown.</b>	(11-21)	JEF 6 reps(10)
<b>NIGHT-HERON, Yellow-cr.</b>	(4-30)	JEF 17 reps(65)
<b>NIGHT-HERON species</b>	(13-24)	JEF 2 reps(3)
<b>IBIS, White</b>	(4-30)	JEF 22 reps(1117)
<b>IBIS, Glossy</b>	(21-21)	JEF-TP 5/21(2) MC05
<b>IBIS, White-faced</b>	(9-21)	JEF 5/9(2) MC01; JEF 5/13(1) MC06; JEF-TP 5/21(35) MC05
<b>IBIS, Plegadis</b>	(9-16)	JEF 2 reps(46)
<b>SPOONBILL, Roseate</b>	(4-26)	JEF 11 reps(78)
<b>VULTURE, Black</b>	(4-30)	HAI 2 reps(15); JEF 12 reps(115); ORA 1 rep(2)

<b>VULTURE, Turkey</b>	(9-30)	HAI 1 rep(9); JEF 17 reps(97)
<b>OSPREY</b>	(17-21)	JEF 5/17(2) CSL; JEF-TP 5/21(1) MC05
<b>KITE, Swallow-tailed</b>	(1-18)	JAS 5/1(3) LG; JAS 5/1(2) LG; JEF-BMT 5/18(1) GD; ORA-ORG 5/14(1) CSL
<b>KITE, White-tailed</b>	(19-19)	JEF 5/19(1) MC09
<b>KITE, Mississippi</b>	(2-21)	JEF-BMT 5/2(1) RHJ; JEF 5/13(1) MC06; JEF-BMT 5/18(18) GD; JEF 5/19(2) MC03; JEF-TP 5/21(2) SR
<b>HARRIER, Northern</b>	(2-13)	JEF-BMT 5/2(1) RHJ; JEF 5/13(1) MC5B
<b>HAWK, Red-shouldered</b>	(1-30)	HAI 2 reps(2); JEF 9 reps(12)
<b>HAWK, Broad-winged</b>	(4-10)	JEF-BMT 5/4(1) JAW; JEF 5/10(1) JAW
<b>HAWK, Swainson's</b>	(9-13)	JEF 5/9(1) MC01; JEF 5/9(1) MC04; JEF 5/13(1) CSL; JEF 5/13(1) MC06
<b>HAWK, Red-tailed</b>	(25-25)	JEF-BMT 5/25(4) RHJ
<b>CARACARA, Crested</b>	(18-18)	JEF 5/18(1) CSL
<b>RAIL, Clapper</b>	(19-19)	JEF 3 reps(27)
<b>SORA</b>	(19-19)	JEF-SRSP 5/19(1) MC11
<b>GALLINULE, Purple</b>	(9-21)	JEF 5/9(1) MC01; JEF-TP 5/21(5) MC05
<b>MOORHEN, Common</b>	(9-24)	JEF 7 reps(36)
<b>COOT, American</b>	(21-21)	JEF-TP 5/21(7) MC05
<b>PLOVER, Black-bellied</b>	(9-23)	JEF 6 reps(187)
<b>PLOVER, Snowy</b>	(19-19)	JEF-MCFW 5/19(2) MC12; JEF-SRSP 5/19(2) MC11
<b>PLOVER, Wilson's</b>	(19-19)	JEF-SRSP 5/19(1) MC11
<b>PLOVER, Semipalmated</b>	(9-21)	JEF 6 reps(400)
<b>PLOVER, Piping</b>	(19-19)	JEF-SRSP 5/19(2) MC11
<b>KILLDEER</b>	(2-30)	HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 17 reps(117)
<b>STILT, Black-necked</b>	(4-26)	JEF 11 reps(51)
<b>AVOCET, American</b>	(19-19)	JEF 5/19(7) MC09
<b>SANDPIPER, Spotted</b>	(12-21)	JEF 5/12(3) MC07; JEF-SRSP 5/18(1) JAW; JEF 5/19(2) MC09; JEF-TP 5/21(8) MC05
<b>SANDPIPER, Solitary</b>	(19-21)	JEF-SRSP 5/19(1) MC11; JEF-TP 5/21(1) MC05
<b>YELLOWLEGS, Greater</b>	(4-26)	JEF 4 reps(12)
<b>WILLET</b>	(13-19)	JEF 4 reps(25)
<b>YELLOWLEGS, Lesser</b>	(4-21)	JEF 4 reps(34)
<b>WHIMBREL</b>	(9-19)	JEF 5/9(15) MC01; JEF 5/10(27) JAW; JEF 5/19(1) MC09
<b>GODWIT, Hudsonian</b>	(9-21)	JEF 5/9(82) MC01; JEF 5/9(10) MC02; JEF 5/10(43) JAW; JEF-TP 5/21(2) MC05
<b>TURNSTONE, Ruddy</b>	(9-26)	JEF 5 reps(69)
<b>SANDERLING</b>	(19-26)	JEF 3 reps(272)

<b>SANDPIPER, Semipalmated</b>	(26-26)	JEF-MCFW 5/26(6) JAW	<b>EMPIDONAX species</b>	(17-19)	JEF-SRSP 5/17(2) SM; JEF-SW 5/19(2) MC10
<b>SANDPIPER, Western</b>	(12-21)	JEF 3 reps(98)	<b>FLYCATCHER, Gt. Crested</b>	(1-31)	HAI 2 reps(2); JEF 11
<b>SANDPIPER, Peep</b>	(19-21)	JEF 3 reps(1151)			reps(15); ORA 1 rep(1)
<b>SANDPIPER, Least</b>	(4-21)	JEF 9 reps(127)	<b>KINGBIRD, Western</b>	(4-25)	JEF-SRSP 5/4(1) JAW; JEF 5/25(1) JAW
<b>SANDPIPER, White-rumped</b>	(4-19)	JEF-MCFW 5/4(1) JAW; JEF 5/9(135) MC01; JEF 5/10(38) JAW; JEF-MCFW 5/19(9) MC12	<b>KINGBIRD, Eastern</b>	(4-30)	HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 20
<b>SANDPIPER, Pectoral</b>	(9-21)	JEF 5/9(2) MC01; JEF-TP 5/21(40) MC05			reps(202); ORA 1 rep(1)
<b>DUNLIN</b>	(4-19)	JEF 5 reps(242)	<b>FLYCATCHER, Scissor-tailed</b>	(9-26)	JEF 10 reps(70)
<b>SANDPIPER, Stilt</b>	(4-21)	JEF-MCFW 5/4(20) JAW; JEF-MCFW 5/19(2) MC12; JEF-TP 5/21(27) MC05	<b>SHRIKE, Loggerhead</b>	(2-25)	JEF 14 reps(90)
<b>DOWITCHER, Short-billed</b>	(19-19)	JEF-MCFW 5/19(1) MC12; JEF-SRSP 5/19(6) MC11	<b>VIREO, White-eyed</b>	(1-30)	HAI 3 reps(12); JEF 7
<b>DOWITCHER species</b>	(21-21)	JEF-TP 5/21(10) MC05			reps(33); ORA 1 rep(6)
<b>SNIPE, Wilson's</b>	(2-2)	JEF 5/2(1) CSL	<b>VIREO, Yellow-throated</b>	(1-30)	HAI-SNDY 5/1(3) JA; HAI 5/30(1) FTHC; ORA 5/25(1) HM
<b>PHALAROPE, Wilson's</b>	(4-21)	JEF-MCFW 5/4(3) JAW; JEF 5/10(5) JAW; JEF 5/19(1) MC09; JEF-MCFW 5/19(3) MC12; JEF-TP 5/21(32) MC05	<b>VIREO, Warbling</b>	(19-19)	JEF-SW 5/19(2) RHJ
<b>GULL, Laughing</b>	(10-26)	JEF 10 reps(284)	<b>VIREO, Philadelphia</b>	(11-19)	JEF-SW 5/11(1) JAW; JEF-SW 5/19(1) MC10
<b>GULL, Franklin's</b>	(19-19)	JEF-SRSP 5/19(1) MC11	<b>VIREO, Red-eyed</b>	(4-30)	HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 10
<b>GULL, Ring-billed</b>	(19-21)	JEF 2 reps(20)			reps(48)
<b>GULL, Herring</b>	(19-21)	JEF 2 reps(4)	<b>JAY, Blue</b>	(1-30)	HAI 8 reps(29); JEF 14
<b>TERN, Least</b>	(13-26)	JEF 6 reps(57)			reps(73); ORA 1 rep(6)
<b>TERN, Gull-billed</b>	(19-19)	JEF 5/19(2) MC09	<b>CROW, American</b>	(9-30)	HAI 2 reps(5); JEF 9
<b>TERN, Caspian</b>	(13-26)	JEF 3 reps(88)			reps(27); ORA 1 rep(2)
<b>TERN, Black</b>	(13-21)	JEF 4 reps(101)	<b>CROW, Fish</b>	(4-19)	JEF 3 reps(12)
<b>TERN, Forster's</b>	(19-21)	JEF 2 reps(33)	<b>CROW, species</b>	(6-25)	JEF 9 reps(15)
<b>TERN, Royal</b>	(13-26)	JEF 4 reps(353)	<b>MARTIN, Purple</b>	(2-31)	JEF 26 reps(281); ORA 1
<b>TERN, Sandwich</b>	(19-19)	JEF-SRSP 5/19(7) MC11			rep(1)
<b>SKIMMER, Black</b>	(11-19)	JEF-TX87 5/11(1) JAW; JEF 5/13(2) MC06; JEF-TX87 5/18(1) JAW; JEF 5/19(4) MC09; JEF-SRSP 5/19(15) MC11	<b>SWALLOW, Tree</b>	(12-21)	JEF 4 reps(84)
<b>PIGEON, Rock</b>	(10-29)	HAI 2 reps(19); JEF 10	<b>SWALLOW, N. Rough-winged</b>	(13-21)	JEF 2 reps(48)
		reps(298)	<b>SWALLOW, Bank</b>	(18-19)	JEF-SRSP 5/18(9) JAW; JEF 5/19(1) MC09; JEF-SW 5/19(2) MC10
<b>COLLARED-DOVE, Eurasian</b>	(2-24)	HAI 1 rep(2); JEF 13	<b>SWALLOW, Cliff</b>	(2-29)	HAI 3 reps(80); JEF 11
		reps(89)			reps(815); ORA 1 rep(2)
<b>DOVE, White-winged</b>	(1-31)	JEF 40 reps(385)	<b>SWALLOW, Barn</b>	(4-29)	HAI 1 rep(2); JEF 21
<b>DOVE, Mourning</b>	(2-31)	HAI 3 reps(12); JEF 24			reps(564); ORA 1 rep(4)
		reps(451); ORA 1 rep(5)	<b>SWALLOW species</b>	(24-24)	JEF 5/24(5) JAW
<b>DOVE, Inca</b>	(6-31)	HAI 1 rep(2); JEF 4 reps(5)	<b>CHICKADEE, Carolina</b>	(1-30)	HAI 9 reps(29); JEF 7
<b>CUCKOO, Yellow-billed</b>	(4-26)	JEF 10 reps(27); ORA 1			reps(43); ORA 1 rep(12)
		rep(5)	<b>TITMOUSE, Tufted</b>	(1-30)	HAI 6 reps(14); JEF 2
<b>CUCKOO, Black-billed</b>	(4-4)	JEF-SW 5/4(1) JAW			reps(12); ORA 1 rep(4)
<b>OWL, Great Horned</b>	(9-9)	JEF 5/9(1) MC01	<b>NUTHATCH, Brown-headed</b>	(1-1)	HAI-SNDY 5/1(5) JA
<b>OWL, Barred</b>	(12-12)	JEF 5/12(1) MC07	<b>WREN, Carolina</b>	(1-30)	HAI 6 reps(13); JEF 9
<b>NIGHTHAWK, Common</b>	(2-29)	JEF 13 reps(33)			reps(51); ORA 1 rep(5)
<b>SWIFT, Chimney</b>	(1-31)	HAI 1 rep(2); JEF 19	<b>WREN, Marsh</b>	(19-24)	JEF 3 reps(3)
		reps(135); ORA 1 rep(2)	<b>GNATCATCHER, Blue-gray</b>	(1-30)	HAI-SNDY 5/1(2) JA; HAI 5/30(3) FTHC; ORA 5/25(1) HM
<b>HUMMINGBIRD, Ruby-thr.</b>	(1-26)	HAI 5 reps(6); JEF 18	<b>BLUEBIRD, Eastern</b>	(1-31)	HAI 6 reps(19); JEF 19
		reps(35); ORA 1 rep(1)			reps(42); ORA 1 rep(1)
<b>HUMMINGBIRD species</b>	(9-9)	JEF 5/9(1) MC02	<b>VEERY</b>	(19-19)	JEF-SW 5/19(3) MC10
<b>KINGFISHER, Belted</b>	(9-9)	JEF 5/9(1) MC02	<b>THRUSH, Gray-cheeked</b>	(4-19)	JEF-SW 5/4(1) JAW; JEF-SW 5/18(1) JAW; JEF-SW 5/19(3) MC10; JEF-SW 5/19(1) RHJ
<b>WOODPECKER, Red-headed</b>	(13-25)	HAI 5/24(2) RHJ; JEF 5/13(1) MC3B; ORA 5/25(2) HM	<b>THRUSH, Swainson's</b>	(4-19)	JEF-SRSP 5/4(1) JAW; JEF-SRSP 5/18(1) JAW; JEF-SW 5/18(2) JAW; JEF-SW 5/19(1) MC10; JEF-SW 5/19(1) RHJ
<b>WOODPECKER, Red-bellied</b>	(1-30)	HAI 6 reps(13); JEF 11	<b>THRUSH, Wood</b>	(1-31)	HAI 4 reps(7); JEF 4 reps(4)
		reps(41); ORA 1 rep(5)	<b>ROBIN, American</b>	(7-30)	HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 11
<b>WOODPECKER, Downy</b>	(1-31)	HAI 3 reps(3); JEF 31			reps(26)
		reps(58); ORA 1 rep(4)	<b>CATBIRD, Gray</b>	(1-30)	HAI 3 reps(5); JEF 20
<b>WOODPECKER, Hairy</b>	(9-9)	JEF 5/9(1) MC02			reps(71)
<b>FLICKER, Northern</b>	(30-30)	HAI 5/30(1) FTHC	<b>MOCKINGBIRD, Northern</b>	(1-30)	HAI 5 reps(19); JEF 21
<b>WOODPECKER, Pileated</b>	(1-30)	HAI 5 reps(10); JEF 7			reps(510); ORA 1 rep(2)
		reps(10); ORA 1 rep(1)	<b>THRASHER, Brown</b>	(3-30)	HAI 8 reps(10); JEF 18
<b>FLYCATCHER, Olive-sided</b>	(19-19)	JEF 5/19(2) MC03			reps(20); ORA 1 rep(1)
<b>WOOD-PEWEE, Eastern</b>	(4-26)	JEF 6 reps(30); ORA 1	<b>STARLING, European</b>	(2-30)	JEF 24 reps(430); ORA 1
		rep(1)			rep(6)
<b>FLYCATCHER, Yellow-bellied</b>	(17-26)	JEF-SW 5/17(1) RW; JEF-SW 5/19(1) MC10; JEF-SW 5/26(2) JAW	<b>WARBLER, Golden-winged</b>	(17-17)	JEF-SRSP 5/17(1) SM
<b>FLYCATCHER, Acadian</b>	(1-30)	HAI-SNDY 5/1(2) JA; HAI 5/30(1) FTHC; JEF 5/9(6) MC02; JEF 5/12(1) MC07; JEF-SW 5/19(1) MC10; JEF-TP 5/21(1) MC05; ORA 5/25(1) HM	<b>WARBLER, Tennessee</b>	(2-19)	JEF 3 reps(3)
<b>FLYCATCHER, Willow</b>	(13-13)	JEF 5/13(3) MC06	<b>WARBLER, Nashville</b>	(4-4)	JEF-SW 5/4(1) JAW
<b>FLYCATCHER, Traill's</b>	(11-26)	JEF-SW 5/11(1) JAW; JEF-SRSP 5/26(1) JAW; JEF-SW 5/26(1) JAW	<b>PARULA, Northern</b>	(1-25)	HAI 1 rep(4); JEF 4
<b>FLYCATCHER, Least</b>	(17-17)	JEF-SW 5/17(1) RW			reps(15); ORA 1 rep(1)
			<b>WARBLER, Yellow</b>	(2-26)	JEF 8 reps(49)
			<b>WARBLER, Chestnut-sided</b>	(4-24)	JEF 4 reps(5)
			<b>WARBLER, Magnolia</b>	(4-26)	JEF 5 reps(32)
			<b>WARBLER, Cape May</b>	(17-18)	JEF-SRSP 5/17(1) RW; JEF-SRSP 5/17(1) SM; JEF-SRSP 5/18(1) JAW

<b>WARBLER, Black-thr. Blue</b>	(24-24)	JEF-SRSP 5/24(1) DV
<b>WARBLER, Black-thr. Green</b>	(4-19)	JEF 2 reps(2)
<b>WARBLER, Blackburnian</b>	(17-26)	JEF-SRSP 5/17(2) SM; JEF-SW 5/26(1) JAW
<b>WARBLER, Yellow-throated</b>	(12-30)	HAI 1 rep(2); JEF 2 reps(2)
<b>WARBLER, Pine</b>	(1-31)	HAI 2 reps(15); JEF 7 reps(26); ORA 1 rep(6)
<b>WARBLER, Prairie</b>	(30-30)	HAI 5/30(5) FTCH
<b>WARBLER, Bay-breasted</b>	(17-19)	JEF-SRSP 5/17(1) SM; JEF-SW 5/19(1) RHJ
<b>WARBLER, Blackpoll</b>	(2-19)	JEF 6 reps(12)
<b>WARBLER, Black-and-white</b>	(4-26)	JEF 3 reps(7)
<b>REDSTART, American</b>	(4-26)	JEF 7 reps(35)
<b>WARBLER, Prothonotary</b>	(1-30)	HAI 2 reps(2); JEF 5 reps(12); ORA 1 rep(2)
<b>WARBLER, Swainson's</b>	(30-30)	HAI 5/30(3) FTCH
<b>OVENBIRD</b>	(4-19)	JEF-SW 5/4(6) JAW; JEF-SW 5/19(4) MC10
<b>WATERTHRUSH, Northern</b>	(11-24)	JEF 4 reps(6)
<b>WATERTHRUSH, Louisiana</b>	(11-11)	JEF-SW 5/11(1) JAW
<b>WARBLER, Kentucky</b>	(24-24)	JEF 5/24(1) JAW
<b>YELLOWTHROAT, Common</b>	(4-30)	HAI 1 rep(4); JEF 8 reps(42)
<b>WARBLER, Hooded</b>	(2-30)	HAI 3 reps(9); JEF 6 reps(7)
<b>WARBLER, Wilson's</b>	(4-4)	JEF-SW 5/4(1) JAW
<b>CHAT, Yellow-breasted</b>	(1-30)	HAI-SNDY 5/1(1) JA; HAI 5/30(8) FTCH; JEF 5/12(1) MC07
<b>TANAGER, Summer</b>	(1-30)	HAI 2 reps(5); JEF 2 reps(6); ORA 1 rep(2)
<b>TANAGER, Scarlet</b>	(2-19)	HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 4 reps(14)
<b>SPARROW, Savannah</b>	(9-21)	JEF 5 reps(15)
<b>SPARROW, Nelson's</b>	(19-19)	JEF 5/19(7) MC09
<b>SPARROW, Seaside</b>	(19-19)	JEF 5/19(14) MC09; JEF-MURW 5/19(2) MC9A
<b>CARDINAL, Northern</b>	(1-31)	HAI 9 reps(272); JEF 19 reps(182); ORA 1 rep(13)
<b>GROSBEAK, Rose-breasted</b>	(2-11)	HAI-SILS 5/4(5) MG; HAI-SILS 5/5(4) MG; JEF-SW 5/2(1) DFFW; JEF-SW 5/11(1) JAW
<b>GROSBEAK, Blue</b>	(4-18)	HAI-BMT 5/6(1) MG; JEF-SW 5/4(3) JAW; JEF-SW 5/18(2) JAW
<b>BUNTING, Indigo</b>	(1-30)	HAI 16 reps(28); JEF 10 reps(33)
<b>BUNTING, Painted</b>	(9-30)	HAI 1 rep(3); JEF 6 reps(12); ORA 1 rep(2)
<b>DICKCISSEL</b>	(2-26)	JEF 12 reps(131)
<b>BOBOLINK</b>	(21-21)	JEF-TP 5/21(35) MC05
<b>BLACKBIRD, Red-winged</b>	(4-26)	JEF 20 reps(558); ORA 1 rep(4)
<b>MEADOWLARK, Eastern</b>	(2-25)	JEF 9 reps(58)
<b>MEADOWLARK species</b>	(9-25)	JEF 5 reps(51)
<b>GRACKLE, Common</b>	(6-30)	HAI 1 rep(3); JEF 14 reps(318); ORA 1 rep(2)
<b>GRACKLE, Boat-tailed</b>	(4-26)	JEF 11 reps(109)
<b>GRACKLE, Great-tailed</b>	(4-30)	HAI 3 reps(10); JEF 21 reps(317); ORA 1 rep(4)
<b>GRACKLE, Gt./Boat Tl.</b>	(4-26)	JEF-TX87 5/4(5) JAW; JEF 5/24(4) JAW; JEF-TX87 5/26(3) JAW
<b>GRACKLE, Gt./Boat-tailed.</b>	(4-26)	JEF 3 reps(12)
<b>COWBIRD, Bronzed</b>	(17-17)	JEF-SRSP 5/17(3) SM
<b>COWBIRD, Brown-headed</b>	(1-30)	HAI 11 reps(35); JEF 13 reps(79)
<b>ORIOLE, Orchard</b>	(4-30)	HAI 2 reps(4); JEF 15 reps(221)
<b>ORIOLE, Baltimore</b>	(4-19)	HAI 1 rep(3); JEF 2 reps(3)
<b>FINCH, House</b>	(1-30)	HAI 3 reps(5); JEF 23 reps(49)
<b>SPARROW, House</b>	(2-29)	JEF 22 reps(233)
<b>Number of Species</b>		201
<b>Number of Individuals</b>		36614

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<b>DUCK, Wood</b>	(1-1)	HAI-SILS 6/1(2) MG
<b>TURKEY, Wild</b>	(21-21)	NEW 6/21(1) HE
<b>BOBWHITE, Northern</b>	(21-21)	NEW 6/21(1) HE
<b>PELICAN, Brown</b>	(2-2)	JEF 6/2(35) SR

<b>CORMORANT, Neotropic</b>	(2-2)	JEF 6/2(25) SR
<b>FRIGATEBIRD, Magnificent</b>	(2-2)	JEF 6/2(7) SR
<b>EGRET, Great</b>	(9-18)	JEF 2 reps(2)
<b>EGRET, Snowy</b>	(9-9)	JEF-BMT 6/9(1) RHJ
<b>EGRET, Cattle</b>	(8-17)	JEF 2 reps(11)
<b>HERON, Green</b>	(2-30)	HAI 2 reps(3); JEF 5 reps(6)
<b>NIGHT-HERON, Yellow-cr.</b>	(2-30)	JEF 9 reps(19)
<b>STORK, Wood</b>	(4-4)	JEF-BMT 6/4(28) SR
<b>VULTURE, Black</b>	(14-18)	HAI 2 reps(16)
<b>KITE, Swallow-tailed</b>	(1-21)	HAI-SILS 6/1(4) MG; NEW 6/21(1) HE; ORA -ORG 6/4(2) RHJ
<b>KITE, Mississippi</b>	(1-25)	HAI-SILS 6/1(2) MG; HAI-SILS 6/18(1) MG; HAI-SILS 6/25(2) MG; JEF-BMT 6/2(1) RHJ; JEF-BMT 6/18(1) RHJ; JEF-BMT 6/19(1) RHJ
<b>HARRIER, Northern</b>	(1-1)	HAI-SILS 6/1(1) MG
<b>HAWK, Cooper's</b>	(11-11)	JEF-GROV 6/11(1) HD
<b>HAWK, Red-shouldered</b>	(1-19)	HAI 3 reps(3); JEF 5 reps(5)
<b>HAWK, Broad-winged</b>	(10-10)	JEF-GROV 6/10(1) HD
<b>HAWK, Broad-winged</b>	(10-10)	JEF 1 rep(1)
<b>HAWK, Swainson's</b>	(4-21)	JEF 6/4(1) CSL; JEF 6/18(1) JAW; JEF 6/21(1) HD
<b>CARACARA, Crested</b>	(7-7)	JEF 6/7(1) JAW
<b>PLOVER, Wilson's</b>	(4-4)	JEF-MCFW 6/4(2) MCF
<b>KILLDEER</b>	(4-5)	HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 1 rep(1)
<b>WHIMBREL</b>	(4-4)	JEF-MCFW 6/4(4) MCF
<b>CURLEW, Long-billed</b>	(4-4)	JEF-MCFW 6/4(2) MCF
<b>GODWIT, Marbled</b>	(4-4)	JEF-MCFW 6/4(1) MCF
<b>TERN, Least</b>	(4-4)	JEF-MCFW 6/4(234) MCF
<b>PIGEON, Rock</b>	(4-29)	HAI 2 reps(24); JEF 7 reps(14)
<b>COLLARED-DOVE, Eurasian</b>	(1-30)	HAI 1 rep(4); JEF 7 reps(10)
<b>DOVE, White-winged</b>	(1-30)	JEF 37 reps(278)
<b>DOVE, Mourning</b>	(4-26)	HAI 6 reps(30); JEF 5 reps(8)
<b>DOVE, Inca</b>	(10-25)	HAI 3 reps(5)
<b>ROADRUNNER, Greater</b>	(21-21)	NEW 6/21(1) HE
<b>OWL, Barred</b>	(25-25)	HAI-SILS 6/25(1) MG
<b>SWIFT, Chimney</b>	(1-29)	JEF 23 reps(104)
<b>HUMMINGBIRD, Ruby-thr.</b>	(2-30)	HAI 9 reps(13); JEF 11 reps(11)
<b>HUMMINGBIRD species</b>	(21-21)	NEW 6/21(1) HE
<b>WOODPECKER, Red-headed</b>	(19-19)	JEF-BMT 6/19(1) RHJ
<b>WOODPECKER, Red-bellied</b>	(4-29)	HAI 8 reps(19); JEF 1 rep(1)
<b>WOODPECKER, Downy</b>	(1-27)	JEF 19 reps(19)
<b>FLICKER, Northern</b>	(6-6)	JEF-BMT 6/6(1) RHJ
<b>WOODPECKER, Pileated</b>	(2-30)	HAI 2 reps(3); JEF 6 reps(6)
<b>FLYCATCHER, Gt. Crested</b>	(2-18)	HAI 2 reps(2); JEF 2 reps(3)
<b>SHRIKE, Loggerhead</b>	(9-23)	JEF 2 reps(2)
<b>VIREO, White-eyed</b>	(1-1)	HAI-SILS 6/1(6) MG
<b>JAY, Blue</b>	(4-30)	HAI 15 reps(80); JEF 3 reps(3)
<b>CROW, American</b>	(1-9)	HAI 1 rep(2); JEF 1 rep(2)
<b>CROW, Fish</b>	(5-24)	JEF 2 reps(3)
<b>CROW, species</b>	(4-26)	JEF 5 reps(5)
<b>MARTIN, Purple</b>	(2-24)	JEF 16 reps(287)
<b>SWALLOW, Cliff</b>	(5-23)	HAI-SILS 6/5(60) MG; JEF-BMT 6/9(1) JAW; JEF-BMT 6/23(5) JAW
<b>SWALLOW, Barn</b>	(5-30)	HAI 2 reps(9); JEF 4 reps(11)
<b>CHICKADEE, Carolina</b>	(9-30)	HAI 6 reps(17)
<b>TITMOUSE, Tufted</b>	(4-30)	HAI 7 reps(16)
<b>NUTHATCH, White-breasted</b>	(21-21)	NEW 6/21(1) HE
<b>WREN, Carolina</b>	(1-25)	HAI 6 reps(15); JEF 1 rep(1)
<b>GNATCATCHER, Blue-gray</b>	(1-1)	HAI-SILS 6/1(1) MG
<b>BLUEBIRD, Eastern</b>	(1-27)	HAI 12 reps(28); JEF 7 reps(9)
<b>THRUSH, Wood</b>	(2-2)	JEF-BMT 6/2(1) RHJ
<b>ROBIN, American</b>	(2-29)	JEF 18 reps(27)
<b>CATBIRD, Gray</b>	(1-23)	HAI 2 reps(2); JEF 9 reps(10)
<b>MOCKINGBIRD, Northern</b>	(1-29)	HAI 1 rep(6); JEF 12 reps(33)
<b>THRASHER, Brown</b>	(2-30)	HAI 14 reps(25); JEF 16 reps(19)
<b>STARLING, European</b>	(3-30)	JEF 16 reps(45)
<b>PARULA, Northern</b>	(21-21)	NEW 6/21(1) HE

<b>WARBLER, Pine</b>	(10-29)	HAI 3 reps(4); JEF 2 reps(2)
<b>YELLOWTHROAT, Common</b>	(21-21)	NEW 6/21(1) HE
<b>WARBLER, Hooded</b>	(21-24)	HAI-SILS 6/24(1) MG; NEW 6/21(1) HE
<b>CHAT, Yellow-breasted</b>	(21-21)	NEW 6/21(1) HE
<b>TANAGER, Summer</b>	(21-21)	NEW 6/21(1) HE
<b>CARDINAL, Northern</b>	(4-30)	HAI 10 reps(440); JEF 4 reps(7)
<b>GROSBEAK, Blue</b>	(21-21)	NEW 6/21(1) HE
<b>BUNTING, Indigo</b>	(19-19)	HAI-SILS 6/19(1) MG
<b>GRACKLE, Common</b>	(8-23)	JEF 6 reps(12)
<b>GRACKLE, Great-tailed</b>	(1-30)	HAI 4 reps(23); JEF 13 reps(56)
<b>COWBIRD, Brown-headed</b>	(4-30)	HAI 11 reps(39)
<b>ORIOLE, Orchard</b>	(25-25)	HAI-SILS 6/25(1) MG
<b>FINCH, House</b>	(1-29)	HAI 8 reps(14); JEF 9 reps(12)
<b>SPARROW, House</b>	(5-30)	JEF 15 reps(46)
<b>Number of Species</b>		77
<b>Number of Individuals</b>		4774

#### County Abbreviations:

HAI — Hardin; JAS — Jasper; JEF — Jefferson; NEW — Newton; ORA — Orange

#### Location Codes:

BMT — Beaumont; GROV — Groves; MCFW — McFaddin NWR; MURW — J. D. Murphree WMA, west of Taylor Bayou; NEDR — Nederland; ORG — Orange; SILS — Silsbee; SNDY — Nature Conservancy Sandyland Sanctuary; SRSP — Sea Rim State Park; SW — Sabine Woods; TP — Tyrrell Park incl. Cattail Marsh; TX87 — Texas 87 Pt. Arthur-Sabine Pass-Sea Rim SP

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## Bird Alert

At this time of year, thoughts begin to turn to the upcoming fall migration. Shorebirds will soon be passing though, although the trick, as always, is finding the habitat that they elect to use in transit. We understand that it is now normally possible to bird Cattail Marsh again. One first needs to seek permission and sign a liability waiver at the guard trailer in the parking lot at the entrance. The trailer is apparently manned continuously.

Another not-to-be-missed opportunity in the first two or three weeks of August is observation of Swallow-tailed Kites in the Trinity River bottoms. A trip on July 26 in the middle of the morning immediately found five kites working close to Highway 90 between Liberty and Dayton. As usual, most were in the area just west of the river crossing itself, although one was in another favored area along the north side of the highway just before (east of) the climb up into Dayton. Normally the kites forage just above the tree tops, and now that the trees along that stretch of Highway 90 have grown considerably, the birds may be missed on a single pass along the highway. The four lane 65-mph highway can be busy, but

does have wide shoulders and some access roads off it, so it is possible with care to pull well off the road and stop. Although the highway is typically busy, the traffic lights in both Liberty and Dayton ensure that there long gaps in the traffic from time to time in either direction. Be cautious as the speed limit on Highway 90 changes frequently between Beaumont and Dayton, and there are frequent decreases and increases in the number of lanes. Some in Liberty involve unusual transitions. While in Liberty, you should also be able to find some Mississippi Kites. You may be able to see them from the Liberty Municipal Park soaring over the neighborhood to the south and south east. They will also almost always be found by driving the neighborhood very roughly in the triangle (more or less) bounded by Main Street on the west, Grand Street on the south, and Lakeland Street on the east. They do venture outside this area, especially west of Main Street. Both species of kite typically feed on dragonflies, often eating on the wing. Both species are early migrants, and numbers decrease rapidly after mid-August as the birds proceed south. (Of course, birds of these two species likely pass through the Golden Triangle as they make their way to the "assembly" areas prior to migration. On July 26th, we saw one Swallow-tailed Kite over Highway 90 just inside Jefferson County near Nome. Other raptors included a young Crested Caracara just inside Liberty County, and a Swainson's Hawk on a wire near China.)

Although west Jefferson County has had several good rains, but the water drains and dries up quite quickly. We have noticed a good number of Scissor-tailed Flycatchers in the area, but very few Eastern Kingbirds, the reverse of normal. Otherwise, the avifauna is dominated by Cattle Egrets. However, there have been numbers of swallows: Barn, Cliff, Cave and Tree. While Cliff Swallows nest in the area, and likely some Cave Swallows do also, Tree Swallows are not known to and their presence so early is unusual, perhaps related to abnormally cool weather conditions in the northern tier of the U.S. this year.

## Calendar of Events *(continued from page 2)*

**Saturday September 26 – Field trip to Smith Point Hawk Watch.** All indications at this time are that the debris has been removed from the Candy Abshier WMA and the vicinity of the Hawk Watch tower. We do not know the status of the tower itself at the time this is written. To coincide with the peak of Broad-winged Hawk migration, this trip will be one week later our normal schedule.

To reach the Smith Point Hawk Watch site from Winnie, take Highway 124 south towards High Island. After 12 miles, turn right on FM1985 and follow it about 14 miles (two miles past the access road for Anahuac NWR) until it meets FM562. Follow FM562 (south) another 14 miles to Smith Point. At the end of FM562, there are usually signs to the Hawk Watch. Continue straight until almost reaching the bay, and turn left on a shell/limestone oilfield road, bearing left again to the parking area. It takes at least 90 minutes from the Golden Triangle to reach the site. Your leaders will be there by 8:30 a.m., but join us when you can.

**Thursday October 15. Membership Meeting.** Details in next issue.

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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>.

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