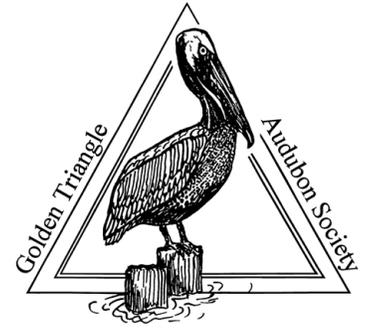


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Membership Meeting
Thursday, August 18, 2011, 7:00 PM
Garden Center, Tyrrell Park, Beaumont

"Birds and Plants of the Big Thicket National Preserve"
Paula Rivers

Paula Rivers is a Park Ranger in the Big Thicket National Preserve's Division of Interpretation and Outreach. Paula grew up in Florida and has worked for the National Park Service for over 20 years, the last eight of them at Big Thicket.

The Big Thicket National Preserve was created in 1974 to preserve the fauna and flora on the Big Thicket, an ecosystem in Southeast Texas with unique flora particularly that once encompassed a large fraction of the area. Species from the Gulf Coastal Plains, Eastern Forests, and Central Plains share space with species indicative of swamps and bayous. In modern times, however, much of the area has been changed to same-age monocultures of pine trees and to open areas with human settlements. The National Preserve includes a total of over 100,000 acres in several large tracts retaining the original vegetative characteristics and connected by riparian corridors along the major rivers and creeks.

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

Bird Cam Available for Use by Members

In July, Wild Birds Unlimited made available a Bird Cam for use by members of Golden Triangle Audubon. Harlan Stewart kindly took it, wrote directions of how to use it, and bought a bag to make it easy to carry. So far, he has used it, and Kelley Sampeck is using it this month. We plan to loan it out one month at a time. Kelley will bring it to the August meeting and the first person to ask will have it next. We will have a sign-up sheet in case anyone knows which month they would want to use it.

Jana Whittle

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Calendar of Events

Thursday August 18. Membership Meeting. Details on page 1.

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 2011 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) **as far in advance as possible.** Please help if you can! We thank all those who brought refreshments over the last year or so!

Saturday August 20. Field Trip.

Note that because of leader schedule issues, this field trip will be on August 20, the Saturday after the Membership Meeting, rather than later as had been tentatively indicated in the previous Brown Pelican.

Bolivar Flats is now very close to full recovery from Hurricane Ike, but the arrangement of mud flats continues to change, as it always has, regardless of hurricanes. There are always mud flats on the North Jetty side, but these are not easily accessed. On the Rettilon Road side, the water comes all the way up to the Spartina grass only under high tide conditions. On this day, high tide is at 7:10 a.m. and low tide at 3:47 p.m., just about ideal for a birding trip as the birds there are often most easily observed as they go onto the mud exposed as the tide recedes.

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

Important Note: Galveston County 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. Essentially all stores that are open on the Peninsula sell them and you should be buy one en route.

Thursday September 5. Membership Meeting. Tentative. Ducks of the Texas Coast, by John Haynes. Full details in the next issue of the *Brown Pelican*.

Saturday September 17. Jefferson County Fall Migration Count. Contact John Whittle (johnawhittle@aol.com or 409-722-4193) to volunteer to help in this county-wide count. In this count, we survey as much of the county as we are able, and all are welcome to help, even if you can only spend a few hours in the morning. We do survey in town as well as in the more rural areas, and can accommodate feeder watchers too.



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Saturday September 24. Field Trip to Smith Point Hawk Watch. Our leaders will be there from about 8:30 a.m. To coincide as near as possible with the peak of Broad-winged Hawk migration (ordinarily September 25 or 26, but highly dependent on weather conditions on the hawks' migratory route), this trip will be one week later than our normal field trip 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 (but since the Hawk Watch is an all volunteer operation this year, there may not be any this time). 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.

Saturday October 1: 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. While the April/May/June drought stressed some of the trees in the Woods, rain in July caused much growth, and it remains to be seen how much rain we get between now and October 1!

We plan to start around 7:30 a.m., and will probably work until about noon. 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 have – loppers, clippers etc. We have a few, but typically not enough. We will try to provide light refreshments.

Thursday October 20. Membership Meeting. Tentative. Warblers and other Neotropical Migrants by Levie Horton.

Saturday October 22. Field Trip to Sabine Woods and the Sabine Pass area (Tentative location).

Sea Rim: Little Gull on 2 April 2011 and Snow Bunting on 13 June 2011

Last month, we failed to include in either the sightings or anywhere else in the issue, anything about a first year Little Gull that was seen on the beach at Sea Rim State Park in the late afternoon of April 2 by Terry Ferguson, Harlan Stewart and Jana Whittle. Good photographs were obtained, and acceptance by the Texas Bird Record Committee is virtually guaranteed. The photos may be viewed at <http://tinypic.com/r/nwhhtk/7>. The bird could not be relocated the following day, but presumably the same bird

was located nr Cameron, LA on April 12 and seen sporadically through at least June 4.

As if that was not enough, there was another and more amazing sighting on June 13. Terry Ferguson found a breeding plumaged Snow Bunting outside her RV in the morning and was able to keep it around all day eating seed. Unfortunately, because of a marsh fire that closed Highway 87 between Sabine Pass and Sea Rim, no other birders were able to see this bird. Extensive search on the two following days failed to relocate this bird. Terry was able to get excellent photographs, and acceptance of this record by the Texas Bird Records Committee is also virtually guaranteed.

Bird Sightings May and June 2011

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STARLING, European	(4-15)	HAI 1 rep(3); JEF 2 reps(54)
WARBLER, Pine	(4-4)	HAI 6/4(8) FTHC
WARBLER, Prairie	(4-4)	HAI 6/4(5) FTHC
WARBLER, Prothonotary	(5-6)	HAI 2 reps(2)
WARBLER, Swainson's	(4-4)	HAI 6/4(2) FTHC
WARBLER, Kentucky	(4-21)	HAI 6/4(2) FTHC; HAI 6/21(2) KSA
YELLOWTHROAT, Common	(4-11)	HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 1 rep(1)
WARBLER, Hooded	(4-4)	HAI 6/4(9) FTHC
CHAT, Yellow-breasted	(4-4)	HAI 6/4(10) FTHC
BUNTING, Snow	(13-13)	JEF-SRSP 6/13(1) TF
TANAGER, Summer	(4-5)	HAI 2 reps(2)
CARDINAL, Northern	(1-30)	HAI 23 reps(1320); JEF 3 reps(4)
GROSBEAK, Blue	(4-4)	HAI 6/4(2) FTHC
BUNTING, Indigo	(4-11)	HAI 6/4(9) FTHC; HAI-SILS 6/6(1) MG; JEF-SW 6/11(3) JAW
BUNTING, Painted	(3-11)	HAI 6/4(1) FTHC; JEF-SW 6/3(1) JAW; JEF-SW 6/11(1) JAW
DICKCISSEL	(14-15)	JEF 2 reps(10)
BLACKBIRD, Red-winged	(3-18)	JEF 7 reps(82)
MEADOWLARK, Eastern	(7-15)	JEF 2 reps(3)
MEADOWLARK species	(7-18)	JEF 2 reps(12)
GRACKLE, Common	(3-15)	HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 3 reps(30)
GRACKLE, Boat-tailed	(3-15)	JEF 2 reps(12)
GRACKLE, Great-tailed	(3-17)	HAI 3 reps(5); JEF 3 reps(26)
GRACKLE, Gt./Boat-tailed	(3-3)	JEF-TX87 6/3(3) JAW
COWBIRD, Brown-headed	(1-30)	HAI 20 reps(88); JEF 4 reps(25)
ORIOLE, Orchard	(3-25)	HAI 2 reps(2); JEF 4 reps(41)
FINCH, House	(4-30)	HAI 7 reps(14)
SPARROW, House	(3-22)	JEF 5 reps(57)

Number of Species 108
Number of Individuals 7904

County Abbreviations:

ANG — Angelina; HAI — Hardin; JEF — Jefferson

Location Codes

BMT — Beaumont; GROV — Groves; MCFW — McFaddin NWR; NEDR — Nederland; PI — Pleasure Island, Port Arthur; SILS — Silsbee; SRSP — Sea Rim State Park; SW — Sabine Woods; TP — Tyrrell Park incl. Cattail Marsh; TX87 — Texas 87 Pt. Arthur-Sabine Pass-Sea Rim SP

Observer Abbreviations

AMS — Richard Atkins, Steve Mayes, Harlan Stewart; CC — Cody Conway; CK — Cody Conway and Kelley Sampeck; CSL — Christine Sliva; FTHC — Field Trip to Hardin County; JAW — John Whittle; JJW — John and Jana Whittle; JHH — John H. Haynes; JM — John Mariani; JNA — Jennifer Armacost; KSA — Kelley Sampeck; LD — Louis Debetaz; MC01 — Spring Migration Count Area 1; MC02 — Area 2; MC03 — Area 3; MC04 — Area 4; MC05 — Area 5; MC06 — Area 6; MC7/8 — Area 7 and 8; MC09 — Area 9; MC10 — Area 10; MC11 — Area 11; MC12 — Area 12; MG — Melanie Goetsell; RA — Richard Atkins; RHJ — Rose Ann and Harrison Jordan; SG — Sherry Gibson; SM — Steve Mayes; TF — Terry Ferguson.

How are the Trees Doing in Sabine Woods?

Let's go back to 1989 when Texas Ornithological Society purchased the woods. Bill Graber told me that the middle of the woods had some nice trees at that point. Several people planted oak trees in the west and east sides in 1990 to help it be even better. After looking it up on the Old Farmer's Almanac weather history website, the first year the trees were planted, June had 8.49 inches of rain in our area. My nephew says that if the rain falls evenly, if land gets one inch of rain, that is the same amount as 27,000 gallons of water over one acre. So that means those trees had lots of water naturally.

Now let's go to 2011. It has been an interesting journey for GTAS members who help at the woods. We have had ups and downs with many trees because of the two hurricanes that affected the trees. Starting in 2005, Hurricane Rita blew down at least two large oaks and numerous other trees, but during a clean up, we were able to clear paths, etc.

In 2008 Hurricane Ike was a little different story. The saltwater intrusion caused major problems for many kinds of trees. Some had already been weakened by Rita and then Ike with the winds and the saltwater lingering for hours took a toll on them. The trees in the west that had been planted in 1990 seem to have done best as is still evident today.

Trees that were killed were all of the toothache (prickly ash) trees, bald cypress, and willow and pecan. Most of the hackberry, oak and some mulberry trees survived but many were damaged. Our GTAS group that helps maintain the woods does not have a person that has had extensive experience in dealing with salt water damaged trees. So it has been a "wait and see what the tree will do" experience for most of us. Some of the trees fell over during small showers with strong winds, some look dead on part of trees, but seem to putting out new leaves, some were totally blown over, but have new limbs coming out in several directions.

We had an offer during the spring of 2009 from Jim and Kitty Anding who live in College Station that they would take mulberries from one of our local trees near Sea Rim and grow some mulberry trees so that we could plant them.

One problem that we were facing was that we did not have plumbing to water all these trees. So Gary Kelley managed the process of having three faucets put in so that we could hook up hoses to them. This was a breakthrough for us to be able to water trees on the East end and near the drip.

So, on December 5th, 2009, 15 of our members went to Sabine Pass and dug holes about a foot deep and planted 100 two to three-foot tall mulberry young trees that Jim and Kitty had brought down on a flatbed trailer. Then on December 4th, 2010 they brought down 80 young two-foot tall Willow trees, and we had 15 people who came and planted those also. With the help of a grant from the Birding Classic, 40 large (10 to 14 feet tall), oak trees were planted by a Beaumont plant nursery.

So basically altogether, our volunteers and the nursery laborers planted at least 220 trees within a year of each other. We did not plan on the drought though. There had to be some proactive moves made at that point. When we realized that we were in a drought situation, we started planning how to water. At first we tried two people at a time to water, but that ended being disastrous. It is too hot and too hard to water that many trees with only two people. Needless to say there have been at

least six of us who have become overheated during these last two years. Thankfully we all recovered but it left us realizing that we need to watch each other during watering times and that we need to communicate how we are feeling. We are very grateful that Howard Davis mows between the trees so that we can water because if he didn't, we would have had to pull loaded water hoses of huge clumps of three foot high grass about 50 yards in order to reach all the trees.

Sometime during 2011, someone came up with the idea of using "Y" valves in between each section of water hose so that we could water three trees at a time. That helped along with forming watering teams that came every Saturday during the really dry months, and every other week during August. Most days we had seven volunteers to show up to water. With the new "water three trees at a time" system, people are able to bring a chair, sit under a tree, cool down by taking time to drink water, and even have time to just visit.

There have been about 13 out of 40 of the new oak trees to die. We watered them, but they could have probably used water for 24 hours each week, and we just couldn't do it. Websites have stated that when you plant trees in the woods, you have to allot for one-third of them dying. The mulberry trees are a different story. As far as we know only one or two may have died. Jim Anding suggested that we plant them in threes because he felt we would have some to die off as statistics say. Those trees are all doing so well that they have grown from two to three feet to five to 9 1/2 feet tall in 18 months. The oak trees have also grown some too. The willow trees that were planted six months ago around the main pond ago are doing very well, only one has died. There were five hackberry trees that were planted and seem to be doing well.

Also, there was a fire that swept into part of the back of the woods on September 5, 2010. We were blessed that Levie Horton and John Whittle were there, were able to get some of the watering hoses, and keep the fire out of the Woods. We found out that unless the fire is encroaching a building, Port Arthur FD will not respond with help. So we had several trees get burned because of fire.

Who would have thought that our area would be so dry that we had a burn ban? In June of 2010, we only had 3.29 inches of rain and last month (June) of 2011, only 1.77 inches. Hopefully next June we will get more rain, so we won't have to continue to water them, but it is really nice to watch the growth progression take place. We did get 13 inches of rain in July last year, but then in August, it was back down to 3.34. Thanks to all the watering team who sacrifice their time, gas money, sweat, get scratched up from the briars out there, but special thanks to Howard Davis and Gary Kelley for all the extra work they do regularly besides helping water trees.

The purpose for this article is to clear up some misconceptions that people who don't frequent Sabine Woods have. There are occasionally people I talk with that think Sabine Woods was swept away by the hurricane and just has not recovered. The good news is that it is well on its way. No, it may never be exactly like it was before, but it may be similar or better in some ways eventually. At least now we have had some learning experiences about how to deal with damaged trees.

Jana Whittle

Bird Sightings – May and June 2011

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) 722-4193. 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: Space is at a premium again this month, as we condense two months into one report. But we would be remiss if we did not note the amazing appearance at Sea Rim State Park of a breeding plumaged Snow Bunting.

May 2011

WHISTLING-DUCK, Blk-bell. (2-24) JEF 10 reps(563)
WHISTLING-DUCK, Fulvous (14-14) JEF 3 reps(60)
DUCK, Wood (14-14) JEF-TP 5/14(2) MC05
DUCK, Mottled (2-29) JEF 14 reps(91)
TEAL, Blue-winged (4-14) JEF 4 reps(85)
SHOVELER, Northern (14-14) JEF-TP 5/14(2) MC05
SCAUP, Lesser (14-14) JEF-TP 5/14(1) MC05
BUFFLEHEAD (21-21) JEF-PI 5/21(1) CSL
DUCK, Ruddy (4-14) JEF-MCFW 5/4(2) JAW;
 JEF 5/14(81) MC09; JEF-TP 5/14(1) MC05
BOBWHITE, Northern (1-22) JEF 5/1(2) CSL; JEF
 5/11(5) CSL; JEF 5/14(3) MC01; JEF 5/14(2) MC7/8; JEF
 5/22(1) JAW
LOON, Common (14-14) JEF 5/14(1) MC06
GREBE, Pied-billed (14-14) JEF 2 reps(2)
PELICAN, Brown (4-15) JEF 4 reps(32)
CORMORANT, Neotropic (2-24) JEF 10 reps(191)
CORMORANT, Double-crest (14-14) JEF-SRSP 5/14(4) MC11
ANHINGA (3-29) JEF 6 reps(22)
BITTERN, Least (4-22) JEF 6 reps(11)
HERON, Great Blue (14-14) JEF 7 reps(14)
EGRET, Great (2-29) JEF 21 reps(211)
EGRET, Snowy (2-29) JEF 16 reps(251)
HERON, Little Blue (3-29) JEF 16 reps(269)
HERON, Tricolored (2-21) JEF 13 reps(117)
EGRET, Cattle (3-29) JEF 18 reps(1593)
HERON, Green (4-29) JEF 14 reps(72)
NIGHT-HERON, Black-cr. (4-14) JEF 4 reps(7)
NIGHT-HERON, Yellow-cr. (2-29) JEF 11 reps(82)
IBIS, White (2-29) JEF 17 reps(684)
IBIS, Glossy (14-14) JEF-TP 5/14(2) MC05
IBIS, White-faced (4-14) JEF 7 reps(84)
IBIS, Plegadis (14-22) JEF 3 reps(44)
SPOONBILL, Roseate (14-22) JEF 11 reps(40)
VULTURE, Black (3-29) JEF 15 reps(76)
VULTURE, Turkey (2-29) HAI 1 rep(3); JEF 17
 reps(110)
KITE, Swallow-tailed (10-10) HAI 5/10(1) SG
KITE, Mississippi (14-14) JEF 5/14(3) MC03; JEF
 5/14(7) MC06; JEF-TP 5/14(2) MC05
HAWK, Sharp-shinned (14-14) JEF-TP 5/14(1) MC05
HAWK, Cooper's (3-14) HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 1 rep(1)
HAWK, Red-shouldered (14-31) JEF 8 reps(14)
HAWK, Broad-winged (14-29) JEF 5/14(1) MC04; JEF-TP
 5/14(1) MC05; JEF 5/27(1) JAW; JEF 5/29(1) JAW
HAWK, Swainson's (14-24) JEF 9 reps(13)
HAWK, Red-tailed (14-14) JEF 3 reps(6)
CARACARA, Crested (4-29) JEF 5 reps(8)
FALCON, Peregrine (4-4) JEF 5/4(1) RA
RAIL, Clapper (7-14) JEF 4 reps(29)
RAIL, King (14-15) JEF 2 reps(3)
SORA (14-14) JEF-TP 5/14(17) MC05
GALLINULE, Purple (14-22) JEF 5/14(1) MC04; JEF-SW
 5/14(2) MC10; JEF-TP 5/14(35) MC05; JEF-TP 5/22(30) JM
MOORHEN, Common (4-15) JEF 4 reps(57)
COOT, American (4-14) JEF 3 reps(28)
PLOVER, Black-bellied (1-15) JEF 8 reps(92)
GOLDEN-PLOVER, Amer. (1-4) JEF 5/1(2) SM; JEF 5/4(3)
 RA
PLOVER, Snowy (14-14) JEF-SRSP 5/14(1) MC11
PLOVER, Wilson's (14-15) JEF 2 reps(6)
PLOVER, Semipalmated (14-14) JEF 4 reps(11)
KILLDEER (4-29) HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 15
 reps(87)
STILT, Black-necked (3-29) JEF 16 reps(186)
AVOCET, American (14-14) JEF 2 reps(98)

SANDPIPER, Spotted (4-15) JEF 8 reps(26)
YELLOWLEGS, Greater (14-22) JEF 3 reps(7)
WILLET (4-21) JEF 7 reps(92)
YELLOWLEGS, Lesser (4-22) JEF 7 reps(72)
YELLOWLEGS species (1-1) JEF 5/1(2) SM
WHIMBREL (1-22) JEF 7 reps(533)
CURLEW, Long-billed (4-14) JEF 2 reps(2)
GODWIT, Hudsonian (14-14) JEF-TP 5/14(1) MC05
TURNSTONE, Ruddy (4-14) JEF 4 reps(54)
SANDERLING (14-15) JEF 2 reps(56)
SANDPIPER, Semipalmated (4-14) JEF-MCFW 5/4(1) JAW;
 JEF-SRSP 5/14(62) MC11; JEF-TP 5/14(62) MC05
SANDPIPER, Western (14-15) JEF 3 reps(98)
SANDPIPER, Peep (4-14) JEF 4 reps(463)
SANDPIPER, Least (4-14) JEF 7 reps(328)
SANDPIPER, White-rumped (1-22) JEF 10 reps(778)
SANDPIPER, Baird's (4-4) JEF-MCFW 5/4(1) JAW
SANDPIPER, Pectoral (1-22) JEF 7 reps(341)
DUNLIN (14-15) JEF 4 reps(453)
SANDPIPER, Stilt (4-22) JEF 7 reps(698)
SANDPIPER, Buff-breasted (1-4) JEF 5/1(2) SM; JEF 5/4(4)
 RA
DOWITCHER species (1-14) JEF 3 reps(66)
PHALAROPE, Wilson's (1-22) JEF 5/1(5) SM; JEF 5/14(1)
 MC04; JEF 5/14(50) MC09; JEF-TP 5/14(3) MC05; JEF-TP
 5/22(6) JM
PHALAROPE, Wilson's (1-22) JEF 5 reps(65)
GULL, Laughing (3-29) JEF 12 reps(414)
GULL, Franklin's (4-4) JEF-MCFW 5/4(1) JAW
GULL, Ring-billed (14-15) JEF 4 reps(14)
GULL, Herring (14-14) JEF 2 reps(4)
TERN, Least (14-22) JEF 4 reps(32)
TERN, Caspian (3-15) JEF 5 reps(22)
TERN, Black (14-22) JEF 3 reps(21)
TERN, Forster's (14-24) JEF 5 reps(29)
TERN, Royal (14-14) JEF 3 reps(41)
TERN, Sandwich (14-14) JEF 5/14(3) MC06
SKIMMER, Black (14-21) JEF 2 reps(5)
PIGEON, Rock (3-29) JEF 15 reps(170)
COLLARED-DOVE, Euras. (3-29) HAI 2 reps(3); JEF 16
 reps(74)
DOVE, White-winged (1-31) HAI 3 reps(4); JEF 34
 reps(355)
DOVE, Mourning (2-29) HAI 10 reps(62); JEF 19
 reps(347)
DOVE, Inca (3-29) JEF 9 reps(22)
CUCKOO, Yellow-billed (2-29) ANG 1 rep(1); JEF 20
 reps(98)
CUCKOO, Black-billed (13-16) JEF-SW 5/13(1) JHH; JEF-
 MCFW 5/14(1) MC12; JEF-SW 5/14(1) MC10; JEF-SW
 5/16(1) JHH
ROADRUNNER, Greater (6-6) HAI 5/6(1) CK
OWL, Barn (14-14) JEF 5/14(5) MC01
OWL, Great Horned (14-14) JEF 5/14(1) MC7/8
OWL, Barred (14-14) JEF 5/14(1) MC03
NIGHTHAWK, Common (2-22) JEF 14 reps(66)
SWIFT, Chimney (2-31) HAI 3 reps(4); JEF 18
 reps(201)
HUMMINGBIRD, Ruby-thr. (1-21) ANG 1 rep(5); HAI 6
 reps(9); JEF 16 reps(23)
KINGFISHER, Belted (4-14) JEF 2 reps(4)
WOODPECKER, Red-head. (4-23) HAI 4 reps(7); JEF 4 reps(7)
WOODPECKER, Red-bell. (1-31) HAI 17 reps(41); JEF 9
 reps(42)
WOODPECKER, Downy (1-31) HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 24
 reps(38)
FLICKER, Northern (4-29) JEF 5 reps(5)
WOODPECKER, Pileated (4-28) HAI 10 reps(9); JEF 8
 reps(21)

FLYCATCHER, Olive-sided (14-21)	JEF-SW 5/14(1) MC10; JEF-SW 5/15(1) JAW; JEF-SW 5/16(1) JHH; JEF-SW 5/21(1) JAW
WOOD-PEWEE, Eastern (2-21)	ANG 2 reps(2); JEF 15 reps(67)
FLYCATCHER, Yellow-bell. (14-15)	JEF-SW 5/14(2) MC10; JEF-SW 5/15(1) JAW
FLYCATCHER, Acadian (10-14)	ANG 5/10(1) LD; JEF 5/14(4) MC02; JEF 5/14(1) MC7/8; JEF-SW 5/14(2) MC10
FLYCATCHER, Trail's (2-15)	JEF 8 reps(16)
FLYCATCHER, Least (4-15)	HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 5 reps(6)
EMPIDONAX species (3-21)	JEF 8 reps(10)
FLYCATCHER, Gt Crested (2-21)	ANG 1 rep(1); JEF 16 reps(44)
KISKADEE, Great (14-14)	JEF-SW 5/14(1) MC10
KINGBIRD, Western (22-22)	JEF 5/22(1) JAW
KINGBIRD, Eastern (1-29)	JEF 24 reps(217)
FLYCATCHER, Scissor-tail. (4-29)	JEF 15 reps(85)
SHRIKE, Loggerhead (1-29)	HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 19 reps(99)
VIREO, White-eyed (2-31)	ANG 1 rep(2); HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 14 reps(40)
VIREO, Yellow-throated (1-17)	ANG 1 rep(1); JEF 8 reps(14)
VIREO, Blue-headed (14-14)	JEF-SW 5/14(1) MC10
VIREO, Philadelphia (2-16)	JEF 9 reps(41)
VIREO, Red-eyed (2-17)	ANG 1 rep(2); JEF 12 reps(131)
JAY, Blue (1-31)	HAI 23 reps(129); JEF 15 reps(86)
CROW, American (3-29)	HAI 5 reps(7); JEF 4 reps(8)
CROW, Fish (5-27)	JEF 6 reps(37)
CROW, species (3-29)	JEF 11 reps(22)
MARTIN, Purple (4-29)	JEF 18 reps(263)
SWALLOW, Tree (2-15)	JEF 7 reps(50)
SWALLOW, N Rough-wing. (4-14)	JEF-SW 5/4(3) JAW; JEF- SW 5/14(3) MC10; JEF-TP 5/14(6) MC05
SWALLOW, Bank (3-14)	JEF 4 reps(111)
SWALLOW, Cliff (2-29)	HAI 3 reps(90); JEF 18 reps(1366)
SWALLOW, Barn (3-29)	HAI 4 reps(13); JEF 19 reps(375)
SWALLOW species (14-29)	JEF 4 reps(15)
CHICKADEE, Carolina (2-30)	HAI 9 reps(22); JEF 13 reps(60)
TITMOUSE, Tufted (4-31)	HAI 15 reps(62); JEF 3 reps(16)
NUTHATCH, Brown-headed (7-25)	HAI-SILS 5/7(1) MG; HAI- SILS 5/9(1) MG; HAI-SILS 5/15(2) MG; HAI-SILS 5/25(1) MG
WREN, Carolina (3-23)	HAI 8 reps(18); JEF 8 reps(44)
WREN, Marsh (4-15)	JEF 3 reps(12)
KINGLET, Ruby-crowned (16-16)	JEF-SW 5/16(1) JHH
GNATCATCHER, Blue-gray (2-14)	JEF-SW 5/2(1) JAW; JEF- SW 5/3(1) JAW; JEF 5/14(1) MC02; JEF 5/14(4) MC03
BLUEBIRD, Eastern (1-31)	HAI 16 reps(36); JEF 11 reps(35)
VEERY (2-15)	JEF-SW 5/2(1) JAW; JEF- SW 5/2(2) JHH; JEF-SW 5/4(8) JAW; JEF-SW 5/4(4) JHH; JEF-SW 5/5(1) JAW; JEF-SW 5/10(2) JHH; JEF-SW 5/15(2) JAW
THRUSH, Gray-cheeked (3-15)	JEF-SW 5/3(1) JAW; JEF- SW 5/4(3) JAW; JEF-SW 5/4(3) JHH; JEF-SW 5/5(3) JAW; JEF 5/14(1) MC09; JEF-SW 5/15(3) JAW
THRUSH, Swainson's (2-18)	JEF 11 reps(146)
THRUSH, Wood (2-14)	JEF 6 reps(33)
ROBIN, American (2-29)	JEF 16 reps(40)
CATBIRD, Gray (2-30)	JEF 13 reps(766)
MOCKINGBIRD, Northern (1-29)	HAI 7 reps(23); JEF 23 reps(549)
THRASHER, Brown (1-31)	HAI 19 reps(28); JEF 35 reps(44)
STARLING, European (2-29)	HAI 1 rep(28); JEF 20 reps(399)
WAXWING, Cedar (14-14)	JEF 5/14(25) MC06
WARBLER, Golden-winged (2-4)	JEF-SW 5/2(1) JHH; JEF- SW 5/3(1) JAW; JEF-SW 5/3(1) JHH; JEF-SW 5/4(1) JAW; JEF-SW 5/4(1) JHH
WARBLER, Tennessee (2-18)	HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 12 reps(79)
PARULA, Northern (2-16)	JEF 9 reps(23)
WARBLER, Yellow (1-16)	ANG 1 rep(1); HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 11 reps(47)
WARBLER, Chestnut-sided (2-16)	JEF 10 reps(77)
WARBLER, Magnolia (1-16)	ANG 1 rep(2); JEF 17 reps(169)
WARBLER, Black-thr. Blue (1-10)	ANG 5/10(1) LD; JEF-SW 5/1(1) JHH; JEF-SW 5/1(1) SM; JEF-SW 5/3(1) JAW; JEF- SW 5/3(2) JHH; JEF-SW 5/4(1) JAW; JEF-SW 5/4(1) JHH
WARBLER, Black-thr. Grn (2-16)	HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 7 reps(25)
WARBLER, Blackburnian (1-16)	JEF 9 reps(38)
WARBLER, Yellow-throated (14-14)	JEF 5/14(2) MC7/8
WARBLER, Pine (2-14)	JEF 8 reps(13)
WARBLER, Prairie (6-6)	HAI 5/6(4) CK
WARBLER, Palm (1-13)	JEF 9 reps(11)
WARBLER, Bay-breasted (1-16)	HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 12 reps(62)
WARBLER, Blackpoll (3-14)	JEF-SW 5/3(1) JHH; JEF- SW 5/12(1) JHH; JEF 5/14(1) MC09
WARBLER, Black-and-wh. (2-16)	JEF 14 reps(72)
REDSTART, American (1-18)	JEF 18 reps(215)
WARBLER, Prothonotary (14-14)	JEF 5/14(1) MC02; JEF 5/14(8) MC03; JEF 5/14(6) MC7/8; JEF-TP 5/14(2) MC05
WARBLER, Worm-eating (2-3)	JEF 3 reps(4)
OVENBIRD (1-16)	JEF 12 reps(64)
WATERTHRUSH, Northern (1-18)	JEF 11 reps(15)
WARBLER, Kentucky (3-4)	JEF-SW 5/3(1) JHH; JEF- SW 5/4(1) JHH
WARBLER, Mourning (17-17)	ANG 5/17(1) LD
YELLOWTHROAT, Common (1-16)	ANG 1 rep(4); JEF 19 reps(73)
WARBLER, Hooded (2-17)	ANG 1 rep(2); HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 9 reps(10)
WARBLER, Canada (14-16)	JEF-SW 5/14(1) MC10; JEF-SW 5/16(1) JHH
CHAT, Yellow-breasted (6-6)	HAI 5/6(8) CK
SPARROW, Lark (3-14)	JEF-SW 5/3(2) JAW; JEF 5/14(1) MC09
SPARROW, Savannah (4-15)	JEF 5 reps(25)
SPARROW, Grasshopper (7-7)	JEF-SRSP 5/7(1) AMS
SPARROW, Nelson's (14-14)	JEF 5/14(15) MC09
SPARROW, Seaside (14-14)	JEF 2 reps(17)
TANAGER, Summer (3-28)	ANG 1 rep(1); HAI 4 reps(4); JEF 6 reps(15)
TANAGER, Scarlet (3-14)	JEF 5 reps(15)
CARDINAL, Northern (3-31)	HAI 23 reps(950); JEF 16 reps(143)
GROSBEAK, Rose-breasted (2-21)	HAI 3 reps(6); JEF 9 reps(53)
GROSBEAK, Blue (2-14)	JEF 4 reps(12)
BUNTING, Indigo (2-15)	HAI 4 reps(12); JEF 13 reps(234)
BUNTING, Painted (2-22)	JEF 11 reps(24)
DICKCISSEL (2-29)	JEF 19 reps(176)
BOBOLINK (7-7)	JEF-TX87 5/7(5) AMS
BLACKBIRD, Red-winged (2-29)	JEF 19 reps(528)
MEADOWLARK, Eastern (1-29)	JEF 12 reps(73)
MEADOWLARK species (3-29)	JEF 5 reps(11)
GRACKLE, Common (3-29)	HAI 2 reps(2); JEF 16 reps(230)
GRACKLE, Boat-tailed (2-21)	JEF 10 reps(124)
GRACKLE, Great-tailed (2-29)	HAI 5 reps(15); JEF 19 reps(385)
GRACKLE, Gt./Boat-tailed (15-29)	JEF 5 reps(23)
COWBIRD, Bronzed (3-15)	JEF-SW 5/3(1) JAW; JEF- SW 5/15(1) JAW
COWBIRD, Brown-headed (2-31)	HAI 12 reps(23); JEF 18 reps(210)
BLACKBIRD species (22-29)	JEF 2 reps(18)
ORIOLE, Orchard (1-29)	JEF 16 reps(212)
ORIOLE, Baltimore (2-14)	JEF 9 reps(30)
FINCH, House (8-31)	HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 16 reps(66)
SPARROW, House (3-29)	JEF 17 reps(313)
Number of Species	212
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WHISTLING-DUCK, Blk-bell. (3-15)	JEF 5 reps(275)
DUCK, Wood (4-4)	HAI 6/4(1) FTHC
DUCK, Mottled (3-18)	JEF 3 reps(8)
PELICAN, Brown (15-15)	JEF-SRSP 6/15(118) JAW
CORMORANT, Neotropic (3-15)	JEF 3 reps(9)
ANHINGA (3-3)	JEF-TX87 6/3(1) JAW
HERON, Great Blue (4-4)	HAI 6/4(1) FTHC
EGRET, Great (3-24)	HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 7 reps(24)
EGRET, Snowy (7-15)	JEF 3 reps(17)
HERON, Little Blue (18-18)	JEF 6/18(10) CSL
HERON, Tricolored (3-15)	JEF 4 reps(9)

EGRET, Cattle reps(213)	(3-18)	HAI 2 reps(3); JEF 7	ROADRUNNER, Greater NIGHTHAWK, Common	(4-4) (3-15)	HAI 6/4(1) FTHC JEF 4 reps(5)
HERON, Green 6/11(1) JAW; JEF-TX87	(3-15)	JEF 6/3(1) JAW; JEF-TX87	SWIFT, Chimney	(4-22)	HAI 1 rep(2); JEF 3 reps(9)
NIGHT-HERON, Black-cr.	(15-15)	JEF-TX87 6/15(1) JAW	HUMMINGBIRD, Ruby-thr.	(15-25)	HAI 3 reps(8)
NIGHT-HERON, Yellow-cr.	(7-18)	JEF 3 reps(9)	WOODPECKER, Red-head.	(4-30)	HAI 8 reps(14)
IBIS, White	(18-18)	JEF 6/18(20) CSL	WOODPECKER, Red-bell.	(1-30)	HAI 15 reps(57)
IBIS, Plegadis	(18-18)	JEF 6/18(12) CSL	WOODPECKER, Downy	(3-30)	HAI 4 reps(4); JEF 2 reps(5)
STORK, Wood	(23-23)	HAI 6/23(40) JNA	FLICKER, Northern	(11-21)	HAI 6/21(1) KSA; JEF-
VULTURE, Black	(11-14)	JEF 2 reps(3)	NEDR 6/11(1) JAW		
VULTURE, Turkey	(4-18)	HAI 2 reps(9); JEF 4 reps(7)	WOODPECKER, Pileated	(8-30)	HAI 8 reps(10)
OSPREY	(14-14)	JEF-TX87 6/14(1) JJW	FLYCATCHER, Acadian	(4-4)	HAI 6/4(2) FTHC
KITE, Swallow-tailed CSL	(2-29)	JEF 6/2(1) JM; ORA 6/29(1)	FLYCATCHER, Gt. Crested	(3-11)	HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 2 reps(2)
HAWK, Cooper's SILS 6/24(1) MG	(17-24)	HAI-SILS 6/17(1) MG; HAI-	KINGBIRD, Eastern	(3-18)	JEF 6 reps(18)
HAWK, Red-shouldered	(4-15)	HAI 2 reps(3)	FLYCATCHER, Scissor-tail.	(7-18)	JEF 4 reps(10)
HAWK, Swainson's	(19-19)	JEF 6/19(1) CSL	SHRIKE, Loggerhead	(3-13)	JEF 3 reps(7)
HAWK, Red-tailed	(4-30)	HAI 6/4(2) FTHC; HAI-SILS	VIREO, White-eyed	(4-29)	HAI 3 reps(17)
6/15(1) MG; HAI-SILS 6/25(1) MG;		HAI-SILS 6/30(1) MG	VIREO, Red-eyed	(4-4)	HAI 6/4(4) FTHC
RAIL, Clapper	(15-15)	JEF-SRSP 6/15(2) JAW	JAY, Blue	(1-30)	HAI 20 reps(153); JEF 1
COOT, American	(7-7)	JEF 6/7(1) JAW	rep(1)		
PLOVER, Black-bellied	(15-15)	JEF-SRSP 6/15(4) JAW	CROW, American	(4-30)	HAI 10 reps(36)
PLOVER, Wilson's	(15-15)	JEF-SRSP 6/15(12) JAW	CROW, Fish	(19-19)	JEF-BMT 6/19(6) CSL
KILLDEER	(4-18)	HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 4	CROW, species	(7-15)	JEF 2 reps(3)
reps(23)			MARTIN, Purple	(3-18)	HAI 1 rep(6); JEF 2 reps(4)
STILT, Black-necked	(3-18)	JEF 5 reps(45)	SWALLOW, Cliff	(7-17)	HAI 3 reps(60); JEF 2
WILLET	(14-15)	JEF 2 reps(7)	reps(45)		
SANDERLING	(15-15)	JEF-SRSP 6/15(6) JAW	SWALLOW, Barn	(7-26)	HAI 3 reps(8); JEF 5
GULL, Laughing	(15-15)	JEF-SRSP 6/15(22) JAW	reps(16)		
TERN, Least	(15-15)	JEF 1 rep(2)	SWALLOW species	(3-3)	JEF 1 rep(11)
TERN, Black	(15-15)	JEF-SRSP 6/15(1) JAW	CHICKADEE, Carolina	(3-30)	HAI 8 reps(32); JEF 3
TERN, Forster's	(3-15)	JEF 5 reps(28)	reps(5)		
TERN, Royal	(15-15)	JEF-SRSP 6/15(6) JAW	TITMOUSE, Tufted	(3-30)	HAI 9 reps(36)
TERN, Sandwich	(15-15)	JEF-SRSP 6/15(4) JAW	NUTHATCH, Brown-headed	(4-10)	HAI 6/4(10) FTHC; HAI-
SKIMMER, Black	(11-15)	JEF 4 reps(8)	SILS 6/10(1) MG		
PIGEON, Rock	(3-15)	JEF 3 reps(60)	WREN, Carolina	(4-21)	HAI 2 reps(4)
COLLARED-DOVE, Euras.	(3-30)	HAI 4 reps(14); JEF 1	GNATCATCHER, Blue-gray	(4-4)	HAI 6/4(1) FTHC
rep(1)			BLUEBIRD, Eastern	(4-27)	HAI 13 reps(41)
DOVE, White-winged	(3-24)	HAI 3 reps(28); JEF 6	THRUSH, Wood	(6-30)	HAI 3 reps(5)
reps(34)			ROBIN, American	(15-15)	JEF-NEDR 6/15(1) JAW
DOVE, Mourning	(1-30)	HAI 15 reps(141); JEF 8	CATBIRD, Gray	(6-20)	HAI 3 reps(3)
reps(43)			MOCKINGBIRD, Northern	(3-30)	HAI 9 reps(75); JEF 5
DOVE, Inca	(3-30)	HAI 3 reps(6); JEF 3 reps(6)	reps(27)		
			THRASHER, Brown	(1-29)	HAI 12 reps(16)

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