Annual Meeting and Elections  
Thursday November 21, 2019 7:00 p.m.  
Hillcrest Baptist Church  
3324 Park Drive, Nederland, Texas  
See page 2 for driving directions  

Your Favorite Bird Pictures and Pot Luck Dinner  
The favorite bird pictures programs have been so well received that we are doing another program of members' favorite bird pictures. Dr. Harlan Stewart has again volunteered to prepare all photos submitted in advance into a Powerpoint presentation. Viewers have especially requested that the identity of the bird be shown. The contributors of the pictures may, if they desire, talk briefly about their pictures, or they can allow the pictures to stand on their own. The pictures should be bird related, but do not need to be exhibition quality, especially if the subject is especially interesting for any reason.

In order to prepare a combined presentation, we will need to have the pictures by Saturday November 16. They can be emailed as attachments to Harlan at hstewartmail@gt.rr.com. If necessary, send several separate emails to avoid exceeding the limits set by your email provider.

We will also be able to show other presentations that you prepare yourself if they are on a flash drive, and are in the Powerpoint format (preferred) or are a series of jpg files. We would prefer you send them to Harlan in advance if at all possible.

We plan to have the doors open no later than 6:00 p.m. to set up the food.

Elections  
We will hold our annual elections at this meeting. See page 7 for details. If you are unable to be present, please help to ensure a quorum by mailing or emailing your proxy (form on page 7).
Calendar of Events

Important Note: GTAS Field Trip notices published here should always be regarded as needing confirmation just before the date. Changes will always be posted on the web site at www.goldentriangleaudubon.org. Confirmation of the location will also normally be available at the Membership Meeting that is usually, but not always, two days prior to each trip, or by contacting Field Trip Committee chair, Steve Mayes at gtaudubon@aol.com.


Directions to Hillcrest Baptist Church, our meeting location this month.

From Beaumont and the north
Take US69/96/287 south out of Beaumont to the FM365 exit, keeping left on the feeder road. Take the turnaround lane under the freeway and head back north moving to the right hand lane of the feeder road. In about 1500 feet (1/4 mile), turn right on Park Avenue (just before Carmela's restaurant) and proceed 1200 feet (2/10 mile) to the church parking lot on the left, opposite the Babe Ruth Ball Park. Enter the Gathering Hall through the door on the circular drive on Park Avenue.

From the south
Leave northbound US69/96/287 at the FM365 exit, moving to the right lane and proceeding straight across FM365. Turn right on Park Avenue and follow the remainder of the directions above.

Saturday November 23, 2019. Field Trip to West Jefferson County. In recent years, this has been one of our most successful field trips. The area is well known for its birds of prey, which in past years have included Bald and Golden Eagles, Crested Caracaras and White-tailed Hawks in addition to the more "expected" Red-tailed Hawks, Northern Harriers, and American Kestrels. In some years we have seen White-tailed Kites and Merlins. The area suffered extensive flooding during Imelda, so there may be abnormalities in bird populations this year.

The area is also well known as the wintering ground of what has become a large (about 1,000 strong) flock of Sandhill Cranes and is also one of the best places to see sparrows in the area. In wet years, there can be lots of waterfowl including geese and many duck species as well as ibis and other waterbirds. This trip five years ago found a Mountain Bluebird, which stayed all winter.

Meet at 8 a.m. at the intersection of FM365 and Johnson Road (on the “north/west” side of Johnson Road at that intersection). From the intersection of Interstate 10 and FM365 in Fannett, proceed along FM365 (towards Nome) for about six miles. Shortly after you emerge out of the woodlands, South China Road goes to the right (east then north) and immediately afterwards, on the left, is Johnson Road. There is a green G and A Turf Farm sign on Johnson Road at the intersection.

Christmas Counts
We will have full details of all local counts in the December issue. Here are the dates for the counts that we sponsor or cosponsor

Sea Rim State Park
Tuesday December 17, 2019

Turkey Creek
Saturday December 21, 2019

Beech Creek
Saturday December 28, 2019

Orange County
Wednesday January 1, 2020

Johnston Bayou
Saturday January 4, 2020

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## Cattail Marsh Bird Counts -- October 2019

Here are the results of the Cattail Marsh Bird counts in October.

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species, all credible eBird and other records reported to us
from nearby Texas counties – Angelina, Hardin, Jasper,
Jefferson, Newton, Orange, Sabine, San Augustine and Tyler.
We also review records for Chambers, Galveston, Harris and
Liberty Counties in Texas, and Calcasieu and Cameron
Parishes in Louisiana.

The format of the listing is Species – Date – County-and
brief location information if available – (number) –
Observer(s). If more precise location information is needed, it
can often be obtained by using the bird species map feature to
find the sighting in eBird, opening the checklist, and using the
map function to display the location as precisely as the
observer provided.

A large number of neotropical migrants significantly later than
usual this fall. No space for further commentary this month!

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Oct 27  HAS-Armand Bayou NC (1) 

Couch's Kingbird
Oct 5  CAL-Sulphur (1) Vicki Sensat
Oct 9-19  HAS-Pine Forest Country Club (1) Timothy White
Oct 15-21  HAS-Baer Cr. Pk (1) Jim Hinson; mult obs
Oct 18-19  GAL-Galveston IS Sp (1) Steve Rogow Rogow, mult obs
Oct 20  HAS-PUD Flood Control Area (1) John Cocanower
Oct 20  HAS-San Jacinto Battleground (1) James Rieman

Western Kingbird
Oct 12  CAL-Ellis Moss Rd (2) Judson Lassiter

Bell's Vireo
Oct 5  CAM-Peveto Wds (1) P. Conover
Oct 7  HAS-San Jacinto Bttlgn (1) Dale Wolck
Oct 8  HAS-Rice U Campus (1) Cin-Ty Lee, Barbara Stern, Janet Neath

Yellow-throated Vireo
Oct 18-19  CAM-Peveto Wds (1) Jay Huner, mult obs

Red-eyed Vireo
Oct 26  HAS-El Franco Lee Park (1)
Liston Rice
Oct 27  HAS-Clear Lake (1) Brandon Robertson

Violet-green Swallow
Oct 24  LIB-CR491 Shelli Ellerbe, Margaret, Kirby Taylor

Cave Swallow
Oct 26  CAM-Rutherford Beach (9) Steve Cardiff mult obs
Oct 26  CAM-Holly Beach (12) Jane Patterson
Oct 26  CAM-Peveto Wds (2) mult obs
Oct 27  CAL-Corbinia Road (6) Edward Landi
Oct 28  CAL-Tom Segal Rd (3) Charlotte Chehotsky

Bewick’s Wren
Oct 27  HAS-Bear Creek Park (1) KJim Hinson

Gray-cheeked Thrush
Oct 18  CAM-Peveto Wl (1) Jay Huner
Oct 27-30  HAS-Memorial (1) Sue Orwig, Dennis Shepler

Swainson’s Thrush
Oct 26  CAL-Hayes (1) Sam Jolly
Oct 26  HAS-Memorial (1) Sue Orwig
Oct 31  HAS-Edith L Moore Sanct (1) Alexander Harper

Hermit Thrush
Oct 8  HAS-Challenger 7 Park (1) Mary Goldsby

Wood Thrush
Oct 23-31  HAS-Edith L Moore Sanct. (up to 3) Letha Slagle, mult obs
Oct 26  HAS-White Oak Park (2) Susan Kennedy

Pine Siskin
Oct 20  HAS-Rice Univ (1) Cin-Ty Lee
Oct 26-28  CAM-Peveto Wl (1) mult obs

American Goldfinch
Oct 15  ORA-Claiborne West Pk (1) Marilyn Guidry
Oct 26  GAL-Hooks Woods (1) Sheila Hargis

Black-throated Sparrow
Oct 28  GAL-LaFitte/Cove (1) Ginger Cooley (minimal details)

Henslow’s Sparrow
Oct 30  HAS-Merentau Riv-Myers Ldg (1) mult obs

Song Sparrow
Oct 16  CAM-Rockefeller SWR (1) Zachary Emery

Bullock’s Oriole
Oct 7  HAS-Bear Cr. Pk (1) Letha Slagle

Yellow-headed Blackbird
Oct 13  HAS-Longnebough Rd (1) Greg Page

Scarlet Tanager
Oct 19  HAS-Willow Waterhole
Greenspace (1) S. Bharadwaj
Oct 20  HAS-Memorial (1) Sue Orwig
Oct 27  HAS-Armand Bayou NC (1) Farokh Jamalyaria

Western Tanager
Oct 6  HAS-Friendswood (1 fem) Chris Bick

Ovenbird
Oct 22  HAS-Houston Arboretum (1) Jim Crites
Oct 23  CAL-Hayes (1) Sam Jolly
Oct 24, 26  HAS-Edith L Moore Sanct. (1) Dominic. Le Croisette, Paul DiFiore
Oct 26  HAS-Armand Bayou NC (1+) Farokh Jamalyaria

Northern Waterthrush  Oct 21  HAS-White Oak Pk (1) Mark Steuer

Worm-eating Warbler  Oct 12  CAM-Willow Is (1) David Muth, Paul Conover, Mac Myers
Oct 18  HAS-Johnson Space Ctr Mall (1) Steven Berenzweig

Golden-winged Warbler  Oct 20  CHA-ANWR (exact location not given) (1 fem) Matt O’Sullivan
Oct 22  CAM-Peveto Woods (1) Jimmy Bryan, William Matthews

Blue-winged Warbler  Oct 17  HAS-Westfield Park (1) Mary Goldsby

Swainson’s Warbler  Oct 7  HAS-Edith L Moore (1) Dominic Le Croisette

Cape May Warbler  Oct 19  CAM-Brousaard Beach (1) Paul Conover, Phillip Wallace
Oct 20-25  HAS-Memorial (1) Sue Orwig
Oct 24, 26  CAM-Peveto Wds (2) Dale Hamilton, Rosemary Sedler

Northern Parula  Oct 24  HAS-Memorial (1) Sue Orwig
Oct 26  HAS-El Franco Lee Park (1) Liston Rice

Tropical Parula  Oct 28-29  HAS-Edith L Moore Sanctuary (1) Dominic Le Croisette, Sturary Nelson

Blackburnian Warbler  Oct 23  HAS-Sharp Rd (1) Bob & Maggie Honig
Oct 26  HAS-El Franco Lee Park (2) Terry Woodward

Blackpoll Warbler  Oct 12  CAM-Peveto Wl (1) Lily Ivanov
Oct 19  HAS-Edith L Moore (1) Marcia OBara

Bay-breasted Warbler  Oct 18  HAS-Little Cedar Bayou Pk (1) Dale Wolck
Oct 21  HAS-Russ Pitman Pk (1) Barbara Stern
Oct 26  CAM-Peveto Wds (2) mult obs
Oct 30  CAM-Peveto Wl (1) mult obs

Yellow-throated Warbler
Oct 9  GAL-Moody Gardens (1) Greg Whitaker
Oct 13  CAM-Peveto Wl (1) David Muth, Paul Conover, Mac Myers
Oct 13  GAL-Kempner Park (1) Kyle O’Haver
Oct 18-19  HAS-Challenger 7 Park (1) Dana Turner, Liston Rice
Oct 18  HAS-Memorial area (1) Dominic Le Croisette
Oct 19  CAM-Sabine NWR Wetland Walkway (1) Kirk Gardens
Oct 19  HAS-Memorial Area (1) Sue Orwig
Oct 19  HAS-Bear Creek Park (1) Jim Hinson, Drew Dickert
Oct 20  GAL-Hooks Wds (1) Marcia OBara
Oct 20  HAS-SW Houston (1) Dana Turner
Oct 22  CAM-Peveto Wds (1) William Matthews
Oct 26  HAS-Bear Creek Park (1) Jim Hinson, Dale Wolck, mult obs
Oct 27  HAS-Friendswood (1) Chris Bick

Prairie Warbler  Oct 12  HAS-Baytown (1) Gene Campbell
Canada Warbler  Oct 18  HAS-Little Cedar Bayou Pk (1) Dale Wolck
Oct 20  HAS-West 11th St Pk (1) Mike Bradham

Black-headed Grosbeak
Oct 6  HAS-Bear Cr. Pk (1) Jim Hinson

Lazuli Bunting  Oct 26  CHA-ANWR,Skilletn (1) Robert Templeton (details do not rule out Indigo Bunting)

Abbreviations used:
ANG – Angelina County; ANWR – Anahuac NWR; BF – Bolivar Flats; CAL – Calcasieu Parish; CAM – Cameron Parish; CHA – Chambers County; GAL – Galveston County; HAI – Hardin County; HAS – Harris County; HI – High Island; HS – Harlan Stewart; JAS – Jasper County; JAW – John Whittle; JEF – Jefferson County; JHH – John Haynes; JJW – Jana and John Whittle; LIB – Liberty County; MC – Michael Cooper; NEW – Newton County; ORA – Orange County; PI – Pleasure Is, Port Arthur; SAA – San Augustine Co.; SAB – Sabine County; SH – Sheila Hebert; SM – Steve Mayes, SRSP – Sea Rim State Park; SW – Sabine Woods; TH – Thomas Hellweg; TP – Tyrell Park including Cattail Marsh; TYL – Tyler County; WJC – West Jefferson County.
As Yogi Berra once said, “It’s like déjà vu all over again.” Something about the Golden Triangle Audubon’s October field trip to Sabine Woods seemed familiar. In fact, it almost seemed like this trip was a carbon copy of a few days from last fall and that was a very good thing! The fall migration seemed to be late arriving this year. (Result of continuing above average temperatures north of us and thus continuing easily found food?) When it finally came, it came in terrific fashion and in a way eerily similar to days from last year.

One of the highlights of last year’s fall birding was the few days where, it seemed, that every migrant in Sabine Woods were packed into two trees – the “Tennessee Trees” The “Tennessee Trees” are two mature live oaks found at the western edge of the main pond in the woods noted for hosting Tennessee Warblers in numbers in the fall. Something about these trees (it seems to have something to do with the sap exuding from the acorn cups) attracts these warblers in good numbers most years but last year, it attracting everything! This included two Cape May Warblers that staked out these trees and never seemed to venture from them. Cape May Warblers are uncommon at best in the spring on the upper Texas coast and are quite rare in the fall so having two show up and hang around for days was truly special. It is even more special when you have a dozen or more species of warblers in the same trees with them! Surely, such a phenomenon could never be repeated. Or could it?

Sure enough, in the days just prior to the field trip this year the Tennessee Trees started building up warblers in them again. On the day of the field trip, the trees were packed! Tennessee Warblers seemed the most numerous (appropriately enough) along with Northern Parulas but they were not the only species around. Magnolia Warblers were less concentrated and were scattered around the woods but were just about as numerous as the Tennessee’s. Common Yellowthroats were about in good numbers as were American Redstarts. Black-and-white Warblers were easily found creeping up and down branches and were joined by a handful of Yellow-throated Warblers. Ovenbirds walked like miniature chickens through the underbrush while Hooded Warblers bounced around it in a more animated fashion. Nashville Warblers were seen more easily at the back pond and Black-throated Green Warblers were usually found near instead of in the Tennessee Trees. A few of the species were only seen in small numbers like the Bay-breasted Warbler and the Blackburnian Warbler. Chestnut-sided Warbler was seen as well though away from the Tennessee Trees. It took a trip to the pine trees on the eastern edge of the property to find the Pine Warbler but that was only appropriate. A beautiful male Golden-winged Warbler was seen in several spots around the woods but appreciated every time.

Some warblers look pretty much the same in the fall as they did during spring migration but others are very different looking. There is no real difference in an Ovenbird or a Black-and-white Warbler but that it not true for others. Tennessee Warblers change from crisp gray and green to greenish-yellow overall. Many Magnolia Warblers lose most, if not all, of their black breast streaking and facial pattern. Chestnut-sided Warblers lost most or all of their chestnut sides and facial patterns leaving a lime green bird with a big white eye ring – almost unrecognizable from the bird we see in spring! Bay-breasted Warblers lost most of their bay breasts and their facial patterns leaving behind a streaky grayish-yellowish bird that is easily mistaken for a fall Blackpoll Warbler, two birds that would never be mixed up in the spring!

Of course, warblers were not the only birds seen on the day. Eastern Wood-Pewees were everywhere and a lone Ash-throated Flycatcher was enjoyed at the back pond. Acadian Flycatcher was a nice find this late and a few Scissor-tailed Flycatchers were still around to be enjoyed. An immature Vermilion Flycatcher was seen by a few while no one could miss the numerous Gray Catbirds in the woods. White-eyed Vireos were quite common and were joined by a few newly arrived Blue-headed Vireos. Thrushes seen at the woods included Swainson’s and Wood while the only sparrow found was a Lincoln’s. Both Summer and Scarlet Tanagers were seen on the day along with a couple of Yellow-billed Cuckoos. Indigo Buntings were easily found in the brushy/grassy areas surrounding the woods and were joined by a few Blue Grosbeaks. Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were also around the always popular Painted Bunting made an appearance or two.

Dozens of swallows zipped by with most of those early on being Tree Swallows and most of those later on Northern Rough-winged (with a Barn or Cave Swallow thrown in). Numerous bright pink Roseate Spoonbills flew over along with White Ibis and Great Egrets. A Merlin harassed the smaller birds while a Red-shouldered Hawk hunted for other prey. Some of the first Northern Harriers of the fall were seen cruising over the back fields and one beautiful White-tailed Kite was also spotted. Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers arrived to drill new holes to keep the sap flowing while House Wrens seemed to have arrived just to fuss at people.

And the rare warbler from last fall? Yes, the birders were treated to Cape May Warbler again this fall. And just like last fall, there was not one Cape May Warbler but two! One bird was in the Tennessee Trees chasing other birds out of its territory while the second bird was initially found at the back pond. Were these the same two Cape May Warblers as last year? There is no way to know for sure but it seems like quite a coincidence to have two individuals of the same rare species show up, not just at the same location, but at the spot (the Tennessee Trees) in that location two years in a row. If they show up again next October, we will know for sure!

The day ended just as spectacularly as it began for the few birders still hanging around. An Osprey was seen flying out over the marsh across from Sabine Woods carrying a prey item. The Osprey was calling while flying away and it soon became clear why – it was being chased by an adult Bald Eagle! Lucky for the Osprey, it had a good head start and was able to get away from the eagle without giving up its catch. The eagle turned dejected and flew back over Sabine Woods giving the birders something to remember before heading for home. What better ending to a field trip could you hope for?

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Golden Triangle Audubon Society Annual Meeting

You are cordially invited to attend the GTAS Annual Meeting being held on November 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Gathering Hall at the Hillcrest Baptist Church, 3324 Park Drive, Nederland, Texas. Members will consider and vote for the GTAS Officers and Directors who will serve for the 2020 Calendar Year. All Officers and Directors are elected for a period of one year, with the exception of the President, who serves a two-year term. We encourage you to participate in this process. It is important that you give your support to the people who will be making decisions that guide this organization forward. Members in good standing as of November 1, are eligible to vote either in person at the meeting, or by proxy. Voting by proxy can be done electronically or by regular mail. To give your proxy vote electronically, email the form in the cover email of this issue of the Brown Pelican to gtaudubon@aol.com. You may simply forward the email filling in the appropriate sections. To give your proxy by regular mail, fill out the form below and mail it to PO Box 1292, Nederland, Texas 77627. In either case make sure to include your name as it is listed for your membership (or if this is mailed to you, leave the address label on the reverse of this form). Proxy responses must be received by the close of the business day, Wednesday November 21, 2019.

The Nominating Committee candidates are President: Sheila Hebert; Vice President: Christine Sliva; Treasurer: Harlan Stewart; Secretary: John Whittle

Directors-at-Large: Michael Cooper, Girish Doshi, Gerald Duhon, Sherry Gibson, John Haynes, Thomas Hellweg, Gary Kelley, Steve Mayes, Dana Nelson.

PROXY FORM I, the undersigned, a member of GTAS in good standing, hereby appoint Dana Nelson, Harlan Stewart and John Whittle as my agents to vote as my proxy at the 2019 Annual Meeting and at any adjourned meeting thereof as follows

Cast my vote for all nominees as listed. ______
Cast my vote for all nominees except: ______________________________________

Print Name: ______________________ Date: ______________________

Sign Here: ______________________

Field Trip (continued from previous page)

The following species were recorded by the field trip leaders:
Mourning Dove (2); Yellow-billed Cuckoo (3); Ruby-throated Hummingbird (3); Killdeer (1); Neotropic Cormorant (5); Great Blue Heron (4); Great Egret (30); Snowy Egret (10); Little Blue Heron (2); White Ibis (25); White-faced Ibis (15); Roseate Spoonbill (20); Black Vulture (2); Turkey Vulture (5); Osprey (1); White-tailed Kite (1); Northern Harrier (6); Sharp-shinned/Cooper’s Hawk (1); Bald Eagle (1); Red-shouldered Hawk (1); Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (3); Downy Woodpecker (3); Merlin (1); Eastern Wood-Pewee (20); Acadian Flycatcher (1); Empidonax Sp. (1); Ash-throated Flycatcher (1); Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (6); Vermilion Flycatcher (1); White-eyed Vireo (18); Blue-headed Vireo (2); Red-eyed Vireo (1); Loggerhead Shrike (2); Blue Jay (4); Northern Rough-winged Swallow (100); Tree Swallow (75); Barn Swallow (2); Cave Swallow (1); Ruby-crowned Kinglet (10); Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (5); House Wren (4); Gray Catbird (30); Brown Thrasher (5); Northern Mockingbird (1); Swainson’s Thrush (1); Wood Thrush (6); Lincoln’s Sparrow (1); Red-winged Blackbird (75); Brown-headed Cowbird (1); Boat-tailed/Great-tailed Grackle (15); Ovenbird (6); Golden-winged Warbler (1); Black and White Warbler (8); Tennessee Warbler (30); Nashville Warbler (3); Common Yellowthroat (1); Hooded Warbler (3); American Redstart (8); Cape May Warbler (2); Northern Parula (16); Magnolia Warbler (20); Bay-breasted Warbler (1); Blackburnian Warbler (2); Chestnut-sided Warbler (1); Pine Warbler (1); Yellow-throated Warbler (3); Black-throated Green Warbler (2); Summer Tanager (6); Scarlet Tanager (2); Northern Cardinal (3); Rose-breasted Grosbeak (3); Blue Grosbeak (2); Indigo Bunting (50); Painted Bunting (2).

Steve Mayes

Sabine Woods Work Day Report – 5 October 2019

A very successful work day was held at Sabine Woods on Saturday October 5 with 14 volunteers on hand. The volunteers spent the morning mowing the trails and open areas, cutting back encroaching vegetation, clearing a fallen hackberry tree from one trail, creating a bypass trail round a fallen large oak, and many other miscellaneous maintenance tasks. Much other work has also been accomplished in recent weeks. The water meter has been marked and protected with appropriately placed and securely anchored large PVC pipes. Some small areas of undesired invasive species (mostly Johnson grass) have been dealt with. Some repair on the Chimney Swift tower was performed. Giant Ragweed has been cut down to prevent it from seeding and thereby keep it under control. A young possum that had somehow impaled itself on a barbed wire fence was freed and released. As often happens on fall Work Days, there were migrants around, and many of the volunteers stayed on for an hour or more of birding, finding at least 15 warbler species around the central and western portions of the sanctuary.

Many thanks are due to the volunteers on the work day: Andy Allen, Michael Cooper, Howard Davis, John Haynes, Sheila Hebert, Thomas Hellweg, Denise and Gary Kelley, Steve Mayes, Dana Nelson, Frank Ohrt, Sherrie Roden, Christine Sliva, Carolyn and Bill Worsham. Others who worked on other days included Ashley Fuselier.

John A. Whittle
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RARE BIRD ALERTS

Unfortunately, almost all the local and regional telephone Rare Bird Alerts have been discontinued in favor of various forms of Internet distribution.

The Texas-wide Rare Bird Alert, maintained by Houston Audubon Society, is available on their web-site at http://www.houstonaudubon.org/ Email alerts are also available for a fee.

Most rare bird sightings in Texas are posted on the TEXBIRDS listserv. Archives of the listserv are at www.freelists.org/archive/texbirds. It is not necessary to subscribe to the listserv to view the archives, which include all recent postings.

Detailed information/maps on birding sites in Texas is available on the Web at http://www.texasbirds.org/birdingLocations.php. This leads you to the maps of the various eBird hotspots. You can also subscribe (free) on eBird for email alerts for all rare birds reported in a specific county.