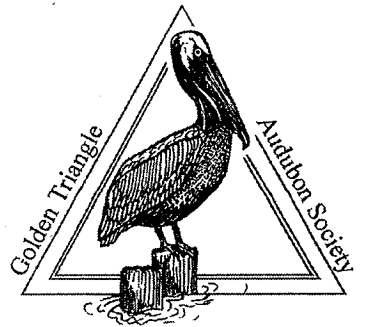


# The Brown Pelican



The Newsletter of the Golden Triangle Audubon Society

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## **No Membership Meeting Program in November**

It is with great reluctance that we have decided that we will not offer a November meeting program. Indoor meetings are, in the current Covid situation, inherently fraught with potential risks to the attendees.

Under our Bylaws, we must hold our Annual Meeting and Elections on November 19, the third Thursday in November. However, our Bylaws do provide for proxy voting in our meetings and elections. Therefore, we are strongly encouraging all our members to appoint a person to act as their proxy at the meeting. A form to appoint a proxy is on page 7 of this Newsletter. For those receiving the Newsletter as an attachment to an email, it is also reproduced in the cover email, so that you may merely "reply" to the email, fill out your name and voting instructions and send. We need to have your proxy so that we have a quorum at the meeting!

Your Board will be discussing what we can do in the way of programming over the next few months. We wonder whether we can find programs and hold Zoom (or similar technology) meetings. Would there would be interest in such programs? We do plan to continue with our field trips, perhaps even doing some additional trips to nearby locations that do not require much driving or walking. The Christmas Count situation is covered on page 3.

**PLEASE SEND IN YOUR PROXY DESIGNATION.**

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## Calendar of Events

*Important Note: Field Trip notices published here are subject to last minute changes especially in the current Covid-19 situation. Changes will always be posted on the web site at [www.goldentriangleaudubon.org](http://www.goldentriangleaudubon.org).*

### Future Programs and Field Trips. (All events are TENTATIVE!).

The latest information is always available on the web site at [goldentriangleaudubon.edu](http://goldentriangleaudubon.edu).

**Thursday November 19, 2020, 7:00 p.m.** Annual Meeting and Elections at Garden Center Tyrrell Park, Beaumont, Texas. See page 1. There will be no program, and we envisage only our officers will be present in person, with as many members as possible represented by proxy. The meeting is expected to last a very short time.

**Saturday November 21, 2020. 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. However, it was very dry until near the end of October.

The area is 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. Six years ago's trip found a Mountain Bluebird, which staying all winter. However, there is considerable concern over the apparent declines in populations of many passerine species in West Jefferson County.

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. Contact Field Trip chair Steve Mayes, [gtaudubon@aol.com](mailto:gtaudubon@aol.com) for further information. This will be largely a "car birding" trip, car pooling desired.

## Membership Dues

To simplify our record keeping, all memberships now run from January through December. Membership dues are \$20 per year. We are now accepting 2021 dues. You may mail in with the form on page 8.

The memberships of new members joining in August or later in the year will extend to the end of the following calendar year. For new members joining National Audubon on line and selecting our Chapter code (W25), we receive a rebate of the entire first year's national dues, and no Chapter dues are expected for that first year.

As a reminder, dues are voluntary for National Audubon Society (NAS) members living in the Chapter's official territory, which is defined by zip codes, but basically covers all of Jefferson, Orange and Hardin Counties and one or two zip codes adjacent to these counties. We do also welcome NAS members in other nearby counties although their membership in NAS does not automatically bring them to our attention.

We would very much encourage you receive the Brown Pelican electronically. To start that, simply send an email to [gtaudubon@aol.com](mailto:gtaudubon@aol.com) from the address you want us to use.



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## Christmas Bird Counts

Because of the Covid-19 Situation, Audubon has issued special guidelines for this year's Christmas Counts. In accordance with these guidelines, no counts may be **confirmed** before November 15. However, because there are so many local counts, most local compilers are coordinating to set planned dates and avoid undesirable conflicts in dates. Those dates that have been tentatively set for local counts are available on the Houston Audubon web site at <https://houstonaudubon.org/birding/christmas-bird-counts/upper-texas-coast.html>.

In addition to issues attributable to the Covid-19 Situation, some local counts face significant access problems in the wake of Hurricanes Laura and Delta. Because of these access issues it is currently uncertain whether the Sea Rim SP and Johnson Bayou counts will be run this year. It is currently expected that it will be possible to run all other all other local counts. We will publish final details in the December issue. As noted below, there is only a small impact on the scientific value if one year's count is missed. However, it is not desirable to run a count that is unable to cover a large fraction of the count circle that is usually covered.

### Guidelines for the 121st Audubon Christmas Bird Count

*Below are the principal elements of Audubon's guidelines that apply to local counts*

*Audubon will fully support any compiler who decides to cancel their count for this year. If a compiler would like to proceed with the CBC, they must abide by the guidelines below.*

Due to the COVID19 outbreak, this year's Christmas Bird Count will require a few changes if the count is to take place at all. The two options for Christmas Bird Count compilers are as follows:

**Option 1:** Run a COVID-19 safe and socially distanced CBC, if local rules allow. Wait until November 15 at the earliest to choose this option in order to better understand status of COVID outbreak in the local region.

**Option 2:** If option 1 is not possible, cancel this season's CBC for your location.

If option 1 is chosen, below are the guidelines that are recommended to be followed.

1. Wait until November 15 at the earliest to confirm CBC will take place.
2. Cancel all in-person compilation gatherings.
3. Require social distancing and/or masking at all times in the field.
4. Restrict carpooling to existing familiar or social "pod" groups.
5. Comply with all current state and local COVID-19 guidelines.

If the compiler feels it is not safe to move forward with a CBC and chooses option 2, please know that Audubon fully supports the decision to cancel. The safety of our compilers and community scientists will always be our top priority.

*One note: There will be little to no impact on the scientific value of the Christmas Bird Count by missing or altering one count season. So again, we urge you to prioritize your safety and the safety of others when making your decision.*

## Field Trip to Sabine Woods – 17 October 2020

Every field trip wants to find rarities. Any birding trip is more exciting when something unusual shows up, a bird not normally seen in the area or defying its usual seasonal patterns. But there is something to be said for consistency too. When a bird shows up faithfully just when and where it is supposed to – something that can be counted on in a world full of uncertainty. But what if you could have both? A consistent rarity sounds like an impossibility but, on the October field trip of the Golden Triangle Audubon Society to Sabine Woods, birders got exactly this and more!

The number of birders turning out for this field trip was very unsure with the ongoing pandemic and knowing that some of the group were already at the “Big Sit” birding event going on at Cattail Marsh. Happily, there was a good turnout including locals and out of town birders alike – many of whom would join in on the “Big Sit” later in the day. Though there were lots of mosquitoes to deal with the birds immediately made the trip worthwhile. Blue-gray Gnatcatchers were quickly obvious flitting among the trees and giving their distinctive calls. Sedge Wrens called from the marsh across from the woods while Brown Thrashers were heard from the lantana thickets. A Downy Woodpecker whinnied from a tree trunk while another loud call left birders wondering, “Is that really a Red-shouldered Hawk or just another Blue Jay?”

Moving into the woods, a Great Horned Owl stared at the birders from a large oak before quietly flying away. An Eastern Wood-Pewee called showing that they have not yet completely abandoned North America for points south while our common winter flycatcher, the Eastern Phoebe also made itself known. A distant Northern Flicker was heard (but not seen) having recently arrived while at least one of the resident Red-bellied Woodpeckers was also detected. A Belted Kingfisher rattled its loud call from outside the woods while a Carolina Wren burred from woods near the pond.

There were a good number of our wintering birds that had recently arrived on display on the trip. A Hermit Thrush was the first of fall for most present and Ruby-crowned Kinglets were obvious throughout the woods. House Wrens scolded the birders from the underbrush while Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers worked the willows at the back pond. Gray Catbirds mewed from various locations while a Common Loon was an interesting flyby. No Yellow-rumps were present but it won't be long!

In some ways, this field trip resembled an April field trip as some of the same species were on display as would be seen in spring. Many birders do not know just how good the fall migration can be at Sabine Woods. Though the numbers and diversity are usually not quite as high as in spring (and the bugs can be worse), Sabine Woods provides a fantastic showcase for the fall land bird migration. On this fall field trip, Yellow-throated Vireos were found along with Red-eyed and a Philadelphia Vireo. The winter Hermit Thrush was complimented by a couple of migrating Wood Thrushes. Yellow-billed Cuckoos were fairly obvious while Blue Grosbeak and Indigo Buntings were also present. A few Rose-breasted Grosbeaks fed in the hackberries while a Summer

Tanager foraged for large insects. Warblers were, of course, a big part of the migration spectacle for the field trip. Multiple Black and White Warblers worked the tree trunks while Common Yellowthroats chipped from the deep vegetation. A Hooded Warbler showed off for the group but a Wilson's Warbler took a little more effort to see. Magnolia Warblers were pretty easy to find even if they looked very different than they do in April. Luckily, American Redstarts were also easily found and looked just as dapper as always! Black-throated Green Warblers were approachable as usual while a single immature Mourning Warbler was a bit less so. A Worm-eating Warbler was a bizarre sight foraging openly in the east field but a possible explanation soon presented itself – part of the bird's lower bill was either broken off or seriously deformed. Either way, it was a sad sight even though the bird seemed to get around just fine and continued hunting for insect prey.

The main fall migration hot spot at Sabine Woods is at the western end of the main pond in the woods. Two mature Live Oak trees sit here that were long ago dubbed the “Tennessee Trees” after it was noticed that Tennessee Warblers seemed especially fond of them. The reasons for the attraction of these trees is unclear but every fall, the birds gather here. The most obvious are the hummingbirds. Ruby-throated Hummingbirds gather around these trees in the fall in numbers in sometime staggering numbers. On this trip, the numbers were not so high but there were still 50+ hummers buzzing around this area. The attraction seems to be the sweet sap that leaks out from the acorn caps. The hummingbirds love it as do a number of warbler species with a sweet tooth. Why these particular oaks are more attractive than other is unknown – more acorns? Sweeter sap? Who knows, but the birds love the place. On the October trip, the trees lived up to their name with several Tennessee Warblers there (known for liking nectar and sweet sap). Northern Parulas were also easily seen here enjoying either the sap or, perhaps, small insects attracted to it. They were joined by a couple of Nashville Warblers dodging among the hummingbirds. Then there was that rarity. Cape May Warblers are not really supposed to be on the upper Texas coast in fall. Sure, we get a few in spring but in fall they are supposed to all migrate well east of our area. So, it should have been surprising to find a Cape May Warbler at our hot spot in October, right? It would be except that the same thing has happened for three years in a row now. A reliable rarity? Could it be coincidence that exactly two Cape Mays have shown up in the same trees at the same property for three straight years? Even defending the same spots within those trees? It seems very unlikely! More likely is that, three years ago, a couple of off course Cape Mays happened upon our Tennessee Trees in fall migration and found that they liked them! Cape May Warblers are probably the biggest consumers of nectar and sap of any of our warblers (they even have a special tongue designed for obtaining flower nectar) so it is no wonder they would be attracted to a spot that so obviously produced a bounty for sugar loving birds. Most likely, the same two birds have been coming back every fall (almost to the day), to fatten up on the abundant sap of the Tennessee

Trees before continuing down to the tropics. Only one of the Cape Mays was seen on this trip but the other showed up by the next day. A regular rarity has to be appreciated!

With plenty of migration action combined with arriving wintering birds, October is an interesting time of year to bird the upper Texas coast. Warblers, waterfowl, sparrows and raptors are all passing through the area and virtually any birding location may turn up something good. But when you have a hotspot like Sabine Woods that always provides both the regulars and throws in some reliable rarities, too? It is hard to go anywhere else!

The following species were recorded by the trip leaders: White-winged Dove (1); Mourning Dove (1); Yellow-billed Cuckoo (2); Ruby-throated Hummingbird (66); Common Gallinule (1); Common Loon (1); Great Egret (1); Black Vulture (5); Turkey Vulture (3); Red-shouldered Hawk (1); Great Horned Owl (1); Belted Kingfisher (1); Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (2); Red-bellied Woodpecker (1); Downy Woodpecker (3); Northern Flicker (1); Crested Caracara (1);

Eastern Wood-Pewee (5); Eastern Phoebe (3); White-eyed Vireo (3); Yellow-throated Vireo (2); Philadelphia Vireo (1); Red-eyed Vireo (1); Loggerhead Shrike (2); Blue Jay (8); Carolina Chickadee (1); Ruby-crowned Kinglet (7); Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (14); House Wren (5); Sedge Wren (3); Carolina Wren (1); Gray Catbird (7); Brown Thrasher (6); Northern Mockingbird (2); Hermit Thrush (1); Wood Thrush (2); Red-winged Blackbird (10); Common Grackle (2); Boat-tailed/Great-tailed Grackle (2); Worm-eating Warbler (1); Black and White Warbler (6); Tennessee Warbler (6); Nashville Warbler (2); Mourning Warbler (1); Common Yellowthroat (6); Hooded Warbler (1); American Redstart (13); Cape May Warbler (1); Northern Parula (12); Magnolia Warbler (6); Black-throated Green Warbler (5); Wilson's Warbler (1); Summer Tanager (1); Northern Cardinal (1); Rose-breasted Grosbeak (6); Blue Grosbeak (1); Indigo Bunting (5)

*Steve Mayes*

## Bird Sightings – October 2020

For this column, we review, looking for rare and very rare 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.

**Commentary:** This is at least the third year in a row when we have a large number of Neotropical migrants that are included because they are shown as rare or very rare on the date on the checklist we use, the Birder's Checklist of the Upper Texas Coast (Houston Outdoor Nature Club, Ornithology Group). We use this list, although it is now 12 years old, because it provides a list that was established based on actual documented sightings and on the same basis across the six counties it covers: Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris and Jefferson Counties. We know this is not totally satisfactory for the other counties we cover, and we are working on solutions to that problem.

### Seen in our Core Counties (listed above)

Groove-billed Ani	Oct 14	JEF-SW (1) JHH, SM
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Oct 25	JEF-SW (1) JAW
	Oct 26	JEF-SW (2) JHH, JAW
	Oct 30-31	JEF-SW (1) JAW, JHH, SM, SH
Common Nighthawk	Oct 27	NG-Lufkin (1) Gary Hunter
Broad-tailed Humm'bird	Oct 18-19	JEF-Nederland (2) JAW
Rufous Hummingbird	Oct 14-19	JEF-Nederland (2) JJW
Bonaparte's Gull	Oct 3	JEF-PI (7) Carl Poldrack (early)
Brown Booby	Oct 1-30	JEF-PI (up to 26) mult obs,
Mississippi Kite	Oct 17	JEF-TP (1) mult obs
Eastern Wood-Pewee	Oct 22-23	ANG-Lufkin (1) Gary Hunter, Linnae Halvorsen
	Oct 27	JEF-SW (1) JAW
	Oct 28	SAB-Hemphill (1) David Bell
	Oct 24-31	JEF-SW (up to 3) mult obs
Ash-throated Flycatcher	Oct 30-31	JEF-SW (1) JAW, mult obs
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Oct 31	JEF-SW (2) Jana Whittle, multobs
Pine Siskin	Oct 18	JEF-SW (1) Mike Austin (calling)
	Oct 30	JEF-SW (1) JHH, JAW (calling)
Philadelphia Vireo	Oct 31	JEF-SW (1) SM, SH, JAW
Red-eyed Vireo	Oct 26	JEF-SW (2) JAW
Ovenbird	Oct 30	JEF-SW (2) JHH
Yellow-throated Warbler	Oct 8	ANG-Lufkin (2) Gary Hunter
Northern Parula	Oct 24	JEF-SW (8) mult obs

	Oct 25	JEF-SW (3) David Bell
	Oct 26	JEF-SW (8) JHH, JAW
	Oct 27	JEF-SW (2) JAW, Ashley Fuselier
	Oct 30-31	JEF-SW (3) JHH, JAW, SH, SM
Cape May Warbler	Oct 17-19	JEF-SW (2) mult obs
	Oct 30-31	JEF-SW (1 fem) JHH, mult obs
Blackburnian Warbler	Oct 26	JEF-SW (1 imm fem) JHH, JAW
Blackpoll Warbler	Oct 18	JEF-SW (1) Mike Austin, Judy Behrens (others thought it was a Bay-breasted)
Bay-breasted Warbler	Oct 18	JEF-SW (1) Michael Cooper, mult obs
Scarlet Tanager	Oct 31	JEF-SW (1) SM, JAW

### Nearby Counties

Cinnamon Teal	Oct 5	CHA-ANWR (1 eclipse) Richard Liebler
Surf Scoter	Oct 18	GAL-HI Smith Oaks (1) Aidan Healey
	Oct 31	CHA-ANER Shoveler Pond (1 f) John Mariani Emily Neale
Hooded Merganser	Oct 2	HAS-El Franco Lee Pk (1) Sydney Fitzpatrick, John Scaramucci
Ring-necked Duck	Oct 10	HAS-Hermann Park (1) Vidhya Sundar

Common Ground-Dove	Oct 10	HAS-Sheldon Lake SP (1) Angela and Chris Bailey
	Oct 21	HAS-Bear Cr Pk (1) Tim White
<b>Yellow-billed Cuckoo</b>		
	Oct 21	HAS-Bear Cr Pk (1) Tim White
	Oct 26	HAS-Clear Lake –Taylor Lake (1) Dale Wolck
	Oct 28	CAL-Lake Charles Tuten Park (1) Irvin Louque
	Oct 31	HAS-Deer Park Nature Preserve (1) Dale Wolck
<b>Broad-tailed Hummingbird</b>		
	Oct 6-7, 31	HAS-Friendswood (1) Chris Bick, mult obs
	Oct 20-31	HAS-Kleb Wds (1) Kendra Kocab, Fred Collins, mult obs
	Oct 27-31	HAS-Memorial area (1) imm male Sue Orwig
<b>Rufous Hummingbird</b>		
	Oct 1	LIB- FM1008 area N of Kenefick (1) Colette and Paul Micallef
	Oct 3	HAS-Jesse Jones Park (1) Richard Padilla
	Oct 6	CHA-Smith Point HW (1) Connie Clark
	Oct 8	HAS-Friendswood (1) Kris Cannon
	Oct 15	LIB-FM1008 area N of Kenefick (1) Colette Micallef
	Oct 18-20	GAL-Dickinson (2) Jackie Farrell, Jane Murtishaw
Calliope Hummingbird	Oct 5-6	HAS-Houston Brunswick Lakes (1 imm m) David Sarkozi, mult obs
	Oct 30	HAS-Kleb Woods (1 imm male) Fred Collins, mu;tobs
Whooping Crane	Oct 30	GAL Is SP (8) Geoffrey Palmer
American Golden-Plover	Oct 3	GAL-Bolivar Flats (1) Clayton Leopold, Jeff Sexton
Franklin's Gull	Oct 3	HAS-Morgan's Point (1) James Rieman
California Gull	Oct 24,28	GAL-Bolivar Flats (1) Cin-Ty Lee, mult obs
Black Tern	Oct 17-31	CHA-ANWR Shoveler Pond (3) Sonny Bratz, mult obs
	Oct 28	GAL-HI Smith Oaks (1) mult obs
Wood Stork	Oct 25	HAS-Bear Creek Park (12) Aaron Hammer
Magnificent Frigatebird	Oct 11	HAS-La Porte (1) Chuck Davis
Brown Booby	Oct 15-30	HAS-Baytown Nat. Ctr (7) Chuck Davis, mult obs
Mississippi Kite	Oct 21	HAS-Kleb Woods (1) Fred Collins, mult obs
Swallow-tailed Kite	Oct 18	HAS-Houston Brunswick Lakes (1) David Sarkozi
Red-naped Sapsucker	Oct 30-31	GAL-Hitchcock (1) Kris Cannon, Sandy Kroeger
Great Kiskadee	Oct 10	CHA-Wallisville (3) Carl Poldrack, Mickey Redus
Eastern Kingbird	Oct 30	CHA-Smith Pt Hawk Watch (1) Hank George
Fork-tailed Flycatcher	Oct 20-31	CAL-Fabacher Road:/LA108 (1) Vicki Sensat, mult obs
Bell's Vireo	Oct 3	CAM-Grand Chenier (1) Paul Conover
Warbling Vireo	Oct 21	HAS-Baer Creek Park (1) Jim Hinson
Red-eyed Vireo	Oct 28	HAS-Friendswood (1) Chris Bick
Cave Swallow	Oct 21	CAL-Charlie Moss Rd (2) Joe Youtz, mult obs
American Pipit	Oct 1-3	HAS-Rice Univ (1) Cin-Ty Lee
	Oct 3	HAS-Baytown Nat Ctr (1) Kathie Holder
Townsend's Solitaire	Oct 31	GAL-Moody Gdns)1) Greg Whittaker
Veery	Oct 4	HAS-Rice Univ (1) Cin-Ty Lee
Swainson's Thrush	Oct 30	HAS-Mary Ann Beauchemin
	Oct 31	HAS-George Bush Park area (1) Kevin Smith
Cedar Waxwing	Oct 30	GAL-Galveston Is SP (2) Kyle O'Haver
	Oct 31	GAL-Lafitte's Cove (5) Richard Liebler
<b>Pine Siskin</b>		
	Oct 15	HAS-Kleb Woods (1) Ken Hartman (called)
	Oct 16	HAS-Katy (1) Timothy Freiday, Iliana Mock (calling)

	Oct 19-23	HAS-Rice Univ (up to 2) Cin-Ty Lee (calling)
American Goldfinch	Oct 25	CHA-White Mem. Park (1) David Sarkozi
Lark Bunting	Oct 28	HAS-Rice Univ (1) Cin-Ty Lee
Chipping Sparrow	Oct 3	CAM-Grand Chenier (2) Paul Conover
White-throated Sparrow	Oct 8	HAS-W of Midtown (1) Ben Hobratsch
Eastern Towhee	Oct 30	CHA-Smith Pt Hawk Watch (1) David Hanson
Bobolink	Oct 20	HAS-Rice Univ (1) Cin-Ty Lee
Bullock's Oriole	Oct 17	HAS-Rice Univ (1 imm male) Cin Ty-Lee
	Oct 22,31	GAL-Galveston Is SP (1 1st yr fem) Kyle O'Haver mult obs

#### Ovenbird

	Oct 16,26	HAS-Rice Univ (2) Cin-Ty Lee (heard only)
	Oct 17	HAS-Armand Bayou Nat Ctr (1) Farokh Jamalyaria
	Oct 26	HAS-Memorial area (1) Mike Bradham
	Oct 27	HAS-Russ Pitman Park (1) Mary Ann Beauchemin, Evan Chastain

#### Worm-eating Warbler

	Oct 16	HAS-Katy (1) Timothy Freiday, Iliana Mock (late)
	Oct 18	CHA-FM565 E of IH10 (1) Pul Fagala
	Oct 24	HAS-Rice Univ (1) Cin-Ty Lee'

Mourning Warbler	Oct 16-17	HAS-Rice Univ (2) Cin Ty-Lee
Kentucky Warbler	Oct 13	HAS-Exploration Green (1) Debbie Repasz, Davis Clay
	Oct 20	HAS-John Paul Landing Park (1) Sarah and Michael Kuzio
Northern Parula	Oct 24	HAS-Pasadena (1) John Faber
	Oct 28	HAS-Rice Univ (1) Cin-Ty Lee
	Oct 27,31	HAS-Lakes on Eldridge (1) Ken Hartman
Blackburnian Warbler	Oct 30	HAS-Bear Creek Park (1 imm f) Geoff Butcher, Howard Smith
	Oct 31	HAS-Friendswood (a) Chris Bick
Y-r (Audubon's) Warbler	Oct 17	HAS-Exploration Green (1) Chris Bick
	Oct 20	HAS-Huffman (1) Bonnie De Grood
Prairie Warbler	Oct 13	HAS-John Paul Landin Park (1) Sarah and Michael Kuzio
	Oct 19-31	HAS-Rice Univ (1) Cin-Ty Lee, mult obs
	Oct 24-26	HAS-San Jacinto Battleground (1) Dale Wolck, mult obs
Black-thr. Gray Warbler	Oct 23-25	GAL-Galveston Is SP (1) Richard Liebler
Canada Warbler	Oct 19-21	HAS-Bear Creek Park (1) Jim Hinson, Timothy Freiday (late)
Summer Tanager	Oct 19	LIB-CR2326 (1) Jennifer Koppersmith

#### Western Tanager

	Oct 2-3	HAS-Bear Creek Park (1) Jim Hinson, mult obs
	Oct 5	LIB-FM1008 area N of Kenefick (1) Colette and Paul Micallef
	Oct 3	HAS-Memorial area (1 fem) Sue Orwig
	Oct 25-28	HAS-Briargrove Park area (1) Sandi Templeton
Black-headed Grosbeak	Oct 26	CAL-Bankens Rd (1) Charlotte Chehotsky

**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; LIB – Liberty County; MC – Michael Cooper; NEW – Newton County; ORA – Orange County; PI – Pleasure Is, Port Arthur;; PW – Phillip Wallace; SAA – San Augustine Co.; SAB – Sabine County; SH – Sheila Hebert; SM – Steve Mayes, SRSP – Sea Rim State Park; SW – Sabine Woods; TP – Tyrrell Park including Cattail Marsh; TYL – Tyler County; WJC – West Jefferson County.

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## PROXY FORM FOR ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS 19 NOVEMBER 2020

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby appoint John Whittle, or failing him, Sheila Hebert or failing her, Christine Sliva as my proxy at the Annual Meeting of Golden Triangle Audubon to be held in the Garden Center, Tyrrell Park, 6088 Babe Zaharias Drive, Beaumont Texas on Thursday November 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. and any adjournment thereof with instructions to vote as detailed below.

### Elections:

Nominee for President Elect: Christine Sliva

Nominee for Treasurer Harlan Stewart

Nominee for Secretary John Whittle

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

(Note that the term of President Sheila Hebert continues through December 31, 2021)

My proxy is instructed to vote as follows: (Mark "X" for your choice below). Forms returned without marks will be considered to have instructed a vote for all nominees.

\_\_\_\_\_ For all nominees as listed above

\_\_\_\_\_ For all nominees except \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Abstain

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## FIRST CLASS MAIL

### NATIONAL AUDUBON MEMBERSHIP FORM

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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.

Many rare bird sightings in Texas are posted on Facebook Texbirds or on the TEXTBIRDS listserv. Archives of the listserv are at [www.freelists.org/archive/texbirds](http://www.freelists.org/archive/texbirds). It is not necessary to subscribe 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.