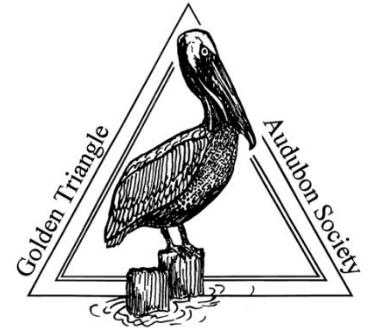


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**Membership Meeting
Thursday May 16, 2024 7:00 p.m.
Garden Center, Tyrrell Park, Beaumont**

Your Favorite Bird Pictures

Dr. Harlan Stewart has again volunteered to prepare all photos submitted in advance into a Powerpoint presentation. The contributors of the pictures are encouraged to talk briefly about their pictures telling where they were taken etc. Contributions should be no more than about 10 pictures. The pictures should be bird related and have been taken in the last two years, 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 Monday morning May 13. They can be emailed as attachments to Harlan at hstewartmail@gt.rr.com; If necessary, send several separate emails. The pictures can be compressed to about 50 percent of original to reduce the number of emails needed, but if you are not easily able to compress them, just send them without compression. If you cannot send them to Harlan by May 13, we may be able to show pictures you prepare yourself if they are on a flash drive, and are in the Powerpoint format. We much prefer advance submission, and, depending on how many are submitted, we might not have time to show many or even any that are not submitted in advance. Please come early to work out any kinks if you want to do anything other than show still pictures and talk about them.

We plan to have the doors open no later than 6:00 p.m., and have light refreshments available by about 6:15 p.m.

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Calendar of Events

Important Note: Field Trip notices published here are subject to last minute changes. Changes will always be posted on the web site at www.goldentriangleaudubon.org.

Future Programs and Field Trips are all tentative. The latest information is always available on the web site.

Saturday May 11, 2024. Spring Migration Count. On International Migratory Bird Day (aka Global Big Day), we undertake an all-Jefferson-County Bird Count. We have been doing these counts since 1995, so they have become a valuable way to monitor changes in local bird populations. The count attempts to cover as much of Jefferson County as is reasonably possible. We will welcome birders at the inter-mediate level and higher, especially if you are able to count in the early morning from dawn through about 11:00 a.m. It is not necessary to commit to the whole day. If you have special access to any areas within the county, we would appreciate your help! Contact John Whittle (gtaudubon@aol.com or 409-722-4193) for further details or offers to help.

Thursday May 16, 2024. Membership Meeting. Your favorite bird pictures. Full details on page 1.

Saturday, May 18, 2024. Field Trip to Hardin County. This is a great opportunity to see the breeding songbirds of the southern part of the Big Thicket. We will focus on the area north of Silsbee to look for the breeding birds of the area. This is typically a half-day trip. We plan to look for the nesting species of the area – Pine, Swainson's, Hooded, Kentucky, Prairie, Prothonotary, and Pine Warblers, Yellow-breasted Chat, White-eyed, Red-eyed and Yellow-throated Vireo, Indigo and Painted Bunting, Gray Catbird, Summer Tanager, Acadian Flycatcher, Brown-headed Nuthatch and others. We will likely not find all the listed species, but most years we find a good selection of them. Swainson's Warbler is a particular target of this trip, and we have often been rewarded with excellent views of this

normally very secretive species on this field trip. This area is also one of the easiest places to find breeding Prairie Warblers, typically in plantations of about 20-foot-tall young pines. Usually, we bird Gore Store Road east as far as Beech Creek, Firetower Road, and Matigwa Road, but we will probably check some new roads where pines are reaching the desired stages.

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The meeting time and place will be at 7:00 a.m. (note the necessary early start if we are to find the breeding birds!) at the shopping center on the northeast corner of the intersection of FM92 and FM418 in the northern part of Silsbee. To reach this from Beaumont, take US 69 north and then US 96 north. Take Business 96 into and through downtown Silsbee. When Business 96 turns right, continue straight on FM92 for 3/4 mile to the shopping center. We normally finish sometime around noon.



EarthShare of Texas represents Audubon Foundation of Texas and the National Audubon Society in payroll contribution programs in workplaces throughout Texas. For more information about how you can support Audubon Foundation of Texas and the National Audubon Society at your workplace, call 1-800-GREENTX, or visit www.earthshare-texas.org

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 2024 dues. You may pay at any membership meeting (checks preferred) or use the subscription/membership blank on the back page.

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 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 bring them to our attention.

We would very much encourage you receive the Brown Pelican electronically as this saves paper, cost and volunteer time. To start that, simply send an email to gtaudubon@aol.com from the address you want us to use.

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Why a Bigger Grid is Good for the Planet – and Birds

Audubon is advocating for the rapid expansion of responsibly sited transmission.

Alice Madden, *Senior Director of Climate Strategy*
Published April 22, 2024

In Colorado, my home, we are already living with the effects from climate change – from record flooding, early snowmelt and unheard-of winter wildfires. These impacts have serious implications for communities as well as birds in the region like Lark Buntings and Mountain Chickadees. In fact, roughly half of bird species in Colorado are threatened with extinction if we don't slow global temperature rise.

Recent reports have warned that the effects of climate change will continue to intensify, and to avoid the worst impacts we need to quickly reduce carbon pollution. In the U.S., this includes building more wind and solar energy infrastructure and increasing transmission capacity to get that energy safely and effectively from high resource areas to population centers.

That's why Audubon released the *Birds and Transmission* report in August 2023—and why I joined the organization's clean energy team earlier this year.

Our commitment to advocate for responsibly sited clean energy and transmission infrastructure is central to reaching our climate goals. We know that any infrastructure can pose risks to birds and there is no such thing as impact-free energy development, but our report shares ways that developers can easily avoid, minimize, or offset those impacts.

Here are some solutions for reducing transmission risks to birds:

- Avoid high conservation value lands, with special attention to migratory pathways, wildlife corridors,

and areas important for species of high risk like prairie-chickens.

- Upgrade existing lines or expand within existing rights of way. This alone could meet up to half of all additional transmission needs.
- Increase line visibility through marking devices or illumination with UV lights that birds can readily detect. This method has been shown to reduce collision rates at Audubon's Rowe Sanctuary in Nebraska.

Investing in meaningful engagement with communities, especially from the outset, will help secure buy-in and reduce the increasing pushback that has stalled transmission projects. In our report, we were able to identify and map priority areas for birds that coincide with existing, planned, and potential transmission build-out. That way, Audubon and other stakeholders can strategically engage early and often with developers as projects are proposed and reviewed.

It's clear that to act on climate, we need to get transmission projects across the finish line sustainably and at the scale needed to meet the moment. As the build-out continues, Audubon will be a voice for birds and our planet, making sure that infrastructure includes science-based solutions so we can build the grid birds need.

Recent and on-going Projects at Sabine Woods

Those who have not visited Sabines Woods in the last few months will see the results of a number of significant projects.

One of the most important has been the extension of our water line all the way to the west edge of the Texas Ornithological Society (TOS) owned property. Immediately, this is providing a water source for two additional water features with drips and "baths" for the birds in the west part of the sanctuary. In the event that we have a dry spring and early summer, this line will enable us to water a number of trees (live oaks and some other species) that were planted in the newly leased west tract to fulfil a condition of the lease. It will take a little time for an appropriate mix of "underbrush" to develop "behind" the water features. One of the new water features us just west of what we have always called the "Tennessee Tree." This is actually two large and some small live oaks and is located at the west end of the main pond. It got its name when some years ago, it attracted a large number of Tennessee Warblers. It has always been attractive to migrating warblers, especially during fall migration. It hosted a couple of Cape May Warblers for several consecutive falls (2018-2021). It was also where the Red-legged Honeycreeper stayed from 16 to 27 October 2022. This water feature seems to be attractive to spring migrants this year. A second water feature, further west and close to the west fence of the TOS owned property probably needs more time to develop underbrush, but it is near a tree with numerous sapsucker created holes that produced sap that a Cape May Warbler used for a prolonged period, so it will likely become known as the "Cape May Water Feature"

During the past few months, Ashley Fuselier has worked on the existing benches (on his own initiative), replacing boards where necessary, and he has already made two or three new benches at the new drips. Ashley donates the material needed and we thank him most sincerely for that.

Again this year, we have been awarded a grant from the Jefferson County Hotel Occupancy Tax fund. for the 2024 portable toilets and the 2024 brushhogging.) We were awarded

a grant by SEMPRA which is to "replace the roof of the shelter and repair the fence along highway 87." We may need to expend some additional funds on related tasks

. We have also been able to plant more live oak and other trees (as required by the lease) in the NW area.

The parking lot project is more problematic. Golden Pass LNG promised to do this for us. We have contacted them every two or three months, and both the Port Arthur CVB and the County Judge have also inquired, but we have no firm information or time line. The County Judge has said we can have excess "chipped concrete" waste free from the County and probably he can arrange for Precinct 3 to spread it for us.

We could create an "intermittent wetland" in the NE quadrant of the sanctuary. John Smelser, a member who runs an irrigation business in Center, TX (near Nacogdoches) looked at the area, and declared the project practical with costs of approximately \$5,000 to \$10,000. This would basically be the creation of a pond that we would be fed by the run off from the rest of the Sabine Woods property. There are two almost imperceptible ditches from the NW pond and the overflow from the main pond to that area and the water apparently drains from there down to the ditch on the north side of Highway 87 (and thence under the highway into the march south of it.). Many years, there is standing water in the NE area for much of the year.) John has considerable experience with work of that kind and knows how to avoid running into any EPA issues,

Recently, we have been running as many projects as we can reasonably handle! I have been able to have other GTAS members act as project managers (Howard Davis -- water, and new drips; Gary Kelley -- additional trees and NW Island project); Ashley Fuselier -- bench maintenance.) I think Christine Sliva will manage the shelter roof and fence project.

John A. Whittle

Lone Star Coastal Alliance and the proposed Lone Star Coastal National Recreation Area

On April 9, Golden Triangle Audubon Society attended the Lone Star Coastal Alliance initiative meeting hosted by their Director Kelly de Schaun. The Lone Star Coastal Alliance is a 501(c) (3) grassroots coalition of private, public and civic organizations across the proposed four county areas that support enabling legislation for the Lone Star NRA. A National Recreation Area involves outdoor managed lands recognized by National Park Services that often include important natural and cultural recognized features. With Congressional approval and designation more visitors will be attracted and bring economic development to coastal counties including Jefferson, Brazoria, Galveston and Matagorda. Attendees included Jefferson County Judge Jeff Branick and many local organizations who could provide support and be

positively impacted by this proposition. An informative presentation with statistics and governance models allowed local entities to have a better understanding of what a National Recreation Area is and how it can impact our local ecotourism. In 2022 Texas generated 76 billion dollars for travel and tourism making this Texas 8th largest industry. With Congress approval and designation more visitors will be attracted and bring economic development to coastal counties including Jefferson, Brazoria, Galveston and Matagorda. It is a designation that could potentially increase travel to our areas and increase the length of time that visitors stay. For more information on this initiative visit [Lone Star Coastal Alliance](#)

Dania Sanchez

Field Trip to Sabine Woods -- 20 April 2024

The Golden Triangle Audubon Society annually holds an April field trip to Sabine Woods and hosts a “Big Sit” as part of the Great Texas Birding Classic around the same time. So, what happens when you combine the two? It can be good and bad as the group found out on the 2024 edition of April birding at one of the world’s great migration hotspots – Sabine Woods!

Sabine Woods is owned by the Texas Ornithological Society and managed by the Golden Triangle Audubon Society and is recognized as one of the best migrant traps on the Gulf Coast. It is one of the best places to spot multiple species of warblers, vireos, buntings and other land birds in the Spring as these birds cross the Gulf of Mexico and hit the coast. Local birders are lucky to be so close to this internationally known hot spot as many birders travel hundreds or even thousands of miles for the chance to experience this phenomenon. What better place to hold a field trip or a “Big Sit”? Well, the field trip has a big advantage in that the participants can roam the entire property while the “Sitters” were restricted to small area in the front of the woods. Placement is key in big sits and there is always a debate on the best spot. On this day, there were plenty of birds around but the wind kept most of the bird away from the front of the property where the Big Sit was located. Thus, there was a disparity between the many birds seen on the field trip versus the lesser number recorded in the Big Sit.

Still, the birds were great so who can really complain? Marsh birds were recorded from the front of the property either heard or flying over. These included both species of whistling-ducks along with calling Sora. Both Common and Purple Gallinules were heard along with noisy Black-necked Stilts and Willets. Both yellowlegs species were heard and flyover dowitchers and Dunlin were seen. A pair of Sandwich Terns were a bit of a surprise flying over. The numerous egrets flying by were not so surprising and included Great and Snowy Egrets and Tricolored and Little Blue Herons. But there were many more birds to see in the interior of the property!

Sabine Woods is known for migrants and there were plenty around this day. Yellow-throated and Red-eyed Vireos were seen along with lingering winter Blue-headed Vireos. Eastern Kingbirds were obvious and Eastern Wood-Pewees were easily found. Acadian Flycatcher was seen and heard and Great Crested Flycatchers are rarely hard to locate in spring. Ruby-throated Hummingbirds probed the flowers while Chimney Swift twittered overhead. Yellow-billed Cuckoos were common on the day and Gray Catbirds were even more common. Tree Swallows and Northern Rough-winged Swallows zipped over and around the woods, Barn Swallows were obvious with their forked tails while a Bank Swallow was spotted by a few observers. Raptors were less numerous but Crested Caracara, Osprey and Merlin all made appearances.

Some of the more colorful migrants were also present. Brilliant red Summer Tanagers and Scarlet Tanagers were easily found on the day. Even better, a male Western Tanager was seen by many as it foraged in the area around the pine trees and mulberries. This multi-colored species is annual at Sabine Woods but only in small numbers and is always a prized sighting. Plenty of Indigo Buntings delighted the birders and the superficially similar Blue Grosbeak was also seen. Rose-breasted Grosbeak was spotted with its rosy-red chest and

spectacular Painted Buntings were appreciated by all. Orchard Orioles were easily found with a few bright orange Baltimore Orioles mixed in.

Warblers are what people come to Sabine Woods in the spring to see and they did not disappoint! Hooded Warblers flashed through the underbrush while Kentucky Warblers crept along more quietly. Common Yellowthroats were definitely common while the normally scarce Blackpoll Warbler was surprisingly easy to find. A few lingering Yellow-rumped Warblers contrasted with a brilliant migrant Black-throated Green Warbler. Worm-eating Warblers gave their zip calls from lower in the trees while Tennessee Warblers mostly stayed high up. Wilson’s and Nashville Warblers, often scarce in Spring, were both found on this day. American Redstarts were active in the trees while Northern Waterthrush was easy to see near and of the ponds on the property. Black-and-white Warblers crept along the branches while a bright Prothonotary Warbler stayed near the ground. Blue-winged Warbler was spotted by the group and its less common cousin, the Golden-winged Warbler also put in an appearance to the delight of the group. A multi-colored Chestnut-sided Warbler was seen along with brilliant Yellow Warblers. Cape May Warblers are always a scarce species for our area so when a male appeared near one of the drips on the property everyone made an effort to get a look. Luckily, the bird cooperated for many.

The birders got lucky with a number of other species as well. Rarities are always appreciated and when they show up on a field trip day, all the better. Having already picked up Western Tanager and Cape May Warbler the birders were able to add even more to the list. While the birders were looking at the Western Tanager, another birder spotted a Red-headed Woodpecker in a pine tree! Although this species is fairly common some miles inland it is decidedly rare on the immediate coast. Plus, Red-headed Woodpecker is such a spectacular species, it is always a welcome sight anywhere! Later, as the birders assembled around Howard’s water feature, lots of good birds came in to bathe. As Orchard Orioles began to hit the drips a different bird stood out – a Bullock’s Oriole! This was an immature male Bullock’s and this is a western species rarely seen at Sabine Woods. Certainly, a great find! But while the group was looking at the oriole a male Bronzed Cowbird decided to come to the drip as well! Not as rare (or welcome) as the oriole, this can still be a hard bird to see in Jefferson County and was appreciated by the assembled group.

There were plenty of other species seen – flyover Roseate Spoonbill, lingering Ruby-crowned Kinglet, nesting Purple Martins and Brown Thrashers – but the migrants were the stars of the show. Unfortunately, the birds were mostly found inside the woods, toward the back or at the property water features and not in the front of the woods where the Big Sit was set up. The winds coming out of the south just did not let a lot of the smaller birds stick to the front side and allow sightings from the Big Sit circle. Still, it was a spectacular day for the birders present and a great field trip. And maybe next year more birds will appear in the front of the woods for the Big Sit as well!

The following species were recorded by the field trip leaders. (*continued on page7*):

Bird Sightings – April 2024

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: April is always an interesting month. We are pleased to note that our decision last year as far as migrants are concerned, to only include in these columns birds that are at least one week "early" or at least one week "late" based on the checklist we use for this column has resulted in sightings lists that are not over loaded with marginally early or marginally late migrants. The Birder's Checklist for the Upper Texas Coast that we use was compiled in May 2008. While it

is 16 years old now, it remains the only available checklist that is based on a comprehensive critical review of sightings in the area. eBird records are certainly more numerous (and increasing), but each county is reviewed by a different reviewer or reviewers, and even with the best will in the world, the standards vary somewhat from county to county. eBird does perform a fairly thorough review of sightings before they are included in the records made available to serious researchers. In order to keep these columns as current as possible, the sightings available to compile it are unconfirmed (and have not undergone the formal review), although the editor does stick his neck out and excludes sightings that are clearly not correct or are very unusual and not supported by additional evident, descriptive or photographic.

We are also acutely aware that bird distribution changes over time, Someone or group with a lot of available time will be able to update the checklist by means of a critical review of the eBird sightings. Some will be easy, for example, the dramatic expansion in the distribution of Limpkins. We have decided to go slow on ceasing to include them, so the birding community can become familiar with where to go to see them.

Local Counties (listed above)

Lesser Nighthawk	Apr 11	JEF Sea Rim SP (1) Ivar Husa, Joanne Kimura
Yellow Rail	Apr 14	JEF-Pilot Station Road (S 1st Ave) (1) Tim Lenz
Sandhill Crane	Apr 11	JEF-SW (1) Lary Hooze, Joel Schmidt
Great Kiskadee	Apr 16	JEF-SW (1) Bob Steele, Lawrence Holland
Dark-eyed Junco	Apr 11	HAI-Turkey Creek Trail S (1) Neal Henson
Bobolink	Apr 9	JEF-Hwy 87 east of SW (1) Bryan Cotter
Bullock's Oriole	Apr 11,20-23	JEF-Texas Pt NWR parking area (1) Dania Sanchez, mult obs
Fox Sparrow	Apr 18	ANG-Angelina County Airport (1) Gary Hunter
Brewster's Warbler	Apr 22-23	JEF-SAW (1) mult obs
Lawrence's Warbler	Apr 21-23	JEF-SW (1) mult obs
Western Tanager	Apr 9-11	JEF-SW (1) mult obs
	Apr 19-29	JEF-SW (1) mult obs

Nearby Counties

Snow Goose	Apr 20-26	CAM-Illinois Plant Rd (4) Kaleb Anderson,, mult obs
Ross's Goose	Apr 14	CAM-Lacassine NWR Wildlife Loop (1) Nick Ramsey, Erik Johnson
Surf Scoter	Aor 18	CHA-Lawrence Rd (4) Linda Roberts, Juliet Berger, Ben Lucking
American Flamingo	Apr 27	CHA-Wallisville (1) Christopher Brink, Gigi Del Pizzo
	Apr 27	GAL-IH-45 bridge SW of Tiki Island (1) Laura, Mike and Jessica Bradham,
Common Ground Dove	Apr 16	GAL-Bolivar Flats (1) Clayton Leopold
E Whip-poor-will	Apr 12, 17	HAS-Addick's Res. (1) Doug Fishman, Robert Morgan, Drew Dickert
Lesser Nighthawk	Apr 26	GAL-HI 5th St (1) mult obs

	Apr 26	GAL-Tuna Road (1) mult obs
	Apr 30	CHA-Anahuac NWR, exact location not given (1) J.C. Knoll
Common Nighthawk	Apr 10	CAM-Rutherford Beach (1) Erik Johnson
Black-chin. Hummingbird	Apr 24	CHA-ANWR (exact location not given) (1) Julie Mobley, Susan Standon, Maty Jo Dawson
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	Apr 18-21	HAS-Memorial area (10 Sue Orwig
Limpkin	Apr 2-29	HAS-Buffalo Bayou E of Cinco Ranch Blvd (2) mult obs
	Apr 2-28	HAS-Sheldon Lake area (5+) mult obs
	Apr 2	GAL-Rusty Oaks Park (1) WE
	Apr 2	GAL-Magnolia Ride Retention Basin (1) WE
	Apr 3	GAL-Clear Creek (1) Wille Hall
		Apr 6-30 HAS-El Franco Lee Park (2) mult obs
	Apr 22	CHA-J J Mayes Trace (1) Chenery Kinemond
	Apr 26-30	HAS-Highland Reservoir (8) mult obs
	Apr 24	CHA-Wallisville Lake (1) WE
Parasitic Jaeger	Apr 26	GAL-Bolivar Flats (1) Andrew Marchon, Jane Mygall, Kathy Aldern
Black-legged Kittiwake	Apr 25	CAM-Holly Beach (Kathy Rhodes
Purple Sandpiper	Apr 1-30	GAL-Texas City Dike (1) continuing bird
Sooty Tern	Apr 20	GAL-HI Beach (1) Anon
Sooty Shearwater	Apr 20	GAL-Bolivar Flats (1) Bolivar Flats Adriel Perez, Philip Stollsteimer
Wood Stork	Apr 11	CHA-ANWR exact location not given (1) Cynthia Eversole
	Apr 19	HAS-Sheldon Lake SP (2) Peter Schechter
	Apr 25	GAL-Bob's Rd (1) Robt Howe
Burrowing Owl	Apr 15	LIB-W of Hwy 146, N of Mont Belvieu

Ringed Kingfisher	Apr 15	GAL-HI-Smith Oaks (1) Collin Dillingham, Ross Foreman
Alder Flycatcher	Apr 23	GAL-Lafitte's Cove (1) Paul Sivon
Piratic Flycatcher	Apr 28-29	HAS-Sylvan Rodriguez Park (1) mult obs
Great Kiskadee	Apr 10	CHA--Fairview Road (1) Mark Martucci, Ric Dercheyn
Vermilion Flycatcher	Apr 14-18	GAL-57-Acre Park (1) mult obs
	Apr 23	GAL-HI-Smith Oaks (2) Michael Webster, John Kirk, Mike Major
Great Kiskadee	Apr 20	GAL-57-Acre Park (2) mult obs
	Apr 22	GAL-SW of Hitchcock (1) mult obs
Western Kingbird	Apr 26	CAM-Peveto Wds (1) mult obs
	Apr 10	CAM-Johnson Bayou town (1) Nick Ramsey, Esme Rosen
	Apr 11	CAM-Hackberry (1) Nick Ramsey
	Apr 11	CAM-Grand Chenier (1) Esme Rosen
	Apr 11,22	CAM-Peveto Woods (1) Esme Rosen, James Cronin
	Apr 11	CAM-Rockefeller SWR (1) Esme Rosen
	Apr 11	CAM-Trosclair Road (1) Esme Rosen
Gray Kingbird	Apr 27	CAM-Peveto Woods (1) mult obs
	Apr 29	CHA-ANWR-Skillern (1)-Don Shuber, Rob Ergen, Rich Mason
Black-Whiskered Vireo	Apr 19	GAL-HI Hooks Woods (1) mult obs
	Apr 20-23	GAL-HI Hooks Woods (1) mult obs
Chestnut-collared Longspur	Apr 13-28	GAL-Yacht Basin Road (1) Ron Weeks, mult obs
Field Sparrow	Apr 24	CAM-Willow Is (1) mult obs
Clay-colored Sparrow	Apr 17-19	HAS-Rice Univ (2) mult obs
	Apr 22	HAS-Archbishop Fiorenza Park (1) mult obs
Harris's Sparrow	Apr 18-22	GAL-Campeche Cove Animal Hosp (1) Kyle O'Haver, Patti Sivon, Lance Pawlik
Dark-eyed Junco	Apr 12	CHA-ANWR-Jackson Prairie (1) mult obs
	Apr 23	CAM-Sabine NWR Wetland Walkway (1) Joelle Finley, mult obs
	Apr 20-28	GAL-HI Hooks Woods (1) mult obs
Vesper Sparrow	Apr 24	CAM-Rutherford Beach (1) mult obs
Yellow-headed Blackbird	Apr 9	HAS-Ellington Field (1) Jeff Corcoran
	Apr 13	HAS-Stokes RD NW of Waller (1) Jeff Corcoran
	Apr 18-19	HAS-Spaceport Houston (1) mult obs
	Apr 22	HAS-Archbishop Fiorenza Park (7) mult obs
Bobolink	Apr 13	CAM-Peveto Woods (1) Lynn Hathaway, Marybeth Lima
Bullock's Oriole	Apr 11	CAM-Peveto Woods (1) Dave Patton
	Apr 15	CAM-Peveto Woods (1) Bob Steele, mult obs
	Apr 21	GAL-Ft San Jacinto Point (1)
	Apr 22-26	GAL-Hooks Woods area (1) Janet Neath
Scott's Oriole	Apr 26	CHA-ANWR Jackoon Prairie Woodlot (1) Valentina Rouimi
MacGillivray's Warbler	Apr 11-21	CAM-Peveto Woods (1) continuing bird

Tropical Parula	Apr 9	GAL-Lafitte's Cove (1) Richard Liebler
Yellow Warbler	Apr 10	CAM-Johnson Bayou (1) Nick Ramsey
	Apr 10	CAM-Peveto Woods (1) Nick Ramsey, Esme Rosen
Blk-throated Blue Warbler	Apr 24	HAS-Piney Point Village (1 fem) Richard Alexander
Prairie Warbler	Apr 12	HAS-Edith Moore (1) Kerry Padilla, Juston Bower
	Apr 13	HAS-Spring Branch (1) Mickey Grebe
Western Tanager	Apr 10	GAL-HI Smith Oaks (1) mult obs
	Apr 16-17	CAM-Peveto Wds (1) Bob Steele, Judson Lassiter
	Apr 19-21	HAS-Armand Bayou NC (1) Robert Rogillio, mult obs
Black-headed Grosbeak	Apr 15	CAM-Willow Is (1) mult obs
Lazuli Bunting	Apr 11	GAL-Lafitte's Cove (1) mult obs
	Apr 21	HAS-Rice Univ (1) Brendam O'Loughlin

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Field Trip to Sabine Woods (cont from p.5)

Black-bellied Whistling Duck (3); Fulvous Whistling-Duck (7); Mottled Duck (1); White-winged Dove (7); Yellow-billed Cuckoo (5); Chimney Swift (1); Ruby-throated Hummingbird (2); Sora (1); Common Gallinule (2); Purple Gallinule (1); Black-necked Stilt (3); Killdeer (2); Short-billed/Long-billed Dowitcher (1); Solitary Sandpiper (1); Lesser Yellowlegs (1); Willet (1); Greater Yellowlegs (1); Lesser/Greater Yellowlegs (7); Dunlin (6); Laughing Gull (2); Sandwich Tern (2); Double-crested Cormorant (1); Neotropic Cormorant (6); Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (1); Little Blue Heron (1); Tricolored Heron (4); Snowy Egret (3); Green Heron (2); Western Cattle Egret (12); Great Egret (4); White-faced Ibis (2); Roseate Spoonbill (5); Black Vulture (1); Turkey Vulture (2); Osprey (1); Red-headed Woodpecker (1); Red-bellied Woodpecker (2); Downy Woodpecker (4); Crested Caracara (1); Merlin (1); Eastern Wood-Pewee (2); Acadian Flycatcher (3); Great Crested Flycatcher (4); Eastern Kingbird (1); Yellow-throated Vireo (3); Blue-headed Vireo (2); Red-eyed Vireo (7); Blue Jay (6); Carolina Chickadee (1); Bank Swallow (1); Tree Swallow (26); Purple martin (15); Northern Rough-winged Swallow (10); Barn Swallow (21); Ruby-crowned Kinglet (1); Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (2); European Starling (1); Gray Catbird (16); Brown Thrasher (1); Northern Mockingbird (1); Swainson's Thrush (3); Wood Thrush (2); Cedar Waxwing (12); White-throated Sparrow (1); Yellow-breasted Chat (3); Orchard Oriole (15); Bullock's Oriole (1); Baltimore Oriole (5); Red-winged Blackbird (35); Bronzed Cowbird (1); Brown-headed Cowbird (6); Common Grackle (15); Boat-tailed Grackle (10); Ovenbird (8); Worm-eating Warbler (4); Northern Waterthrush (10); Golden-winged Warbler (1); Blue-winged Warbler (3); Black and White Warbler (5); Prothonotary Warbler (1); Tennessee Warbler (12); Nashville Warbler (2); Kentucky Warbler (2); Common Yellowthroat (15); Hooded Warbler (3); American Redstart (1); Cape May Warbler (2); Northern Parula (3); Yellow Warbler (9); Chestnut-sided Warbler (1); Blackpoll Warbler (6); Yellow-rumped Warbler (4); Black-throated Green Warbler (1); Wilson's Warbler (1); Summer Tanager (6); Scarlet Tanager (2); Western Tanager (1); Northern Cardinal (6); Rose-breasted Grosbeak (7); Blue Grosbeak (1); Indigo Bunting (10); Painted Bunting (5)

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