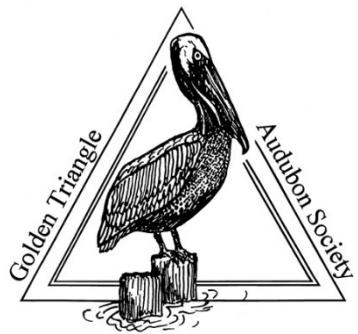


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**Membership Meeting
Thursday January 15, 2026 7:00 p.m.
Garden Center, Tyrrell Park, Beaumont**

Wyoming Vacations 2021 through 2025

Joseph Choate

Joseph Choate is a lifelong resident of Groves, TX. Growing up as a child, his parents would take the family on vacations to different parts of the country. As an adult, he continues to take vacation trips, notably visiting all 50 state capitols in a seven year period between 2013 and 2019. In that span of time, he has visited 33 National Parks.

His goal in going back to Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks was to see grizzly bears. In addition to seeing bears and a lot more than he ever expected to see, he also photographed coyote, moose, red foxes, bison, badger, pine martin and my first ever river otter in the wild. Last year and in 2024, He had the privilege of seeing what is normally a rare occurrence in the lower 48 states, the northern lights (aurora borealis).

He also photographed at least 30 plus species of birds, not what you would define as a "Big Year." In the grand scheme of things, bears were not his top priority, everything was.

We plan to have the doors open at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.

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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.

Thursday January 15, 2026

Membership Meeting. Details of program on page 1.

Saturday, January 17, 2026. Field

Trip to Cattail Marsh, Beaumont. Meet at the parking lot for Cattail Marsh at 8:00 am. The parking lot is accessed from the loop road round the main picnic areas in Tyrrell Park.

In winter, there will usually be a good variety of ducks as well as other waterbirds, egrets and herons. Exactly where the birds are depends largely on the water depth in the various cells. Cell 1 -- the northernmost cell -- is the deepest and often has interesting ducks and grebes.

Many birds can be seen from the boardwalk and nearby roads with minimal walking, **but the group will probably, weather permitting, make a leisurely three-or-so-mile hike round the various cells in the marsh. Be advised that, while you can turn around at any point, there are no meaningful "shortcuts" after you start on the levee between cells 3 and 4.** The distance from the entrance to cell 1 by the direct route is about one mile (i.e. a two-mile round trip) if three miles is more than you can handle.

If you don't want to walk that far, there will be someone on the boardwalk to help you identify the many birds in the near cells.

Walking is on the levees; the main ones are graveled, but some of the interior ones are essentially mowed grass. This will be a good trip for beginning to intermediate birders, as most of the waterfowl and wading birds are relatively easy to study in the open water areas. We will try to have the Education Center open for those who do not want to make the hike. We understand that the pair of Bald Eagles that has nested in the Cattail Marsh area has hatched at least one chick.

We are working on the possibility of providing SUV transport from the entrance to cell 1, the northernmost cell

and usually the deepest, and back, but this is not confirmed. This will accommodate only a very small number of birders, even if more than one trip is made.

Directions to Tyrrell Park

From the South

Go "north" on US69/96/287 around the south side of Beaumont. Take Highway 124 west (left) towards Fannett

At the first light, turn left onto Tyrrell Park Road and go about 3/4 mile.

Turn left into the Park through the arch. Continue ahead and proceed about two-thirds of the way round the main loop and into the well-marked Cattail Marsh parking area.

From IH10

Exit at Walden Road on the west side of Beaumont and turn south (right) on Walden Road. At the light at Highway 124, go straight ahead on Tyrrell Park Road and then as above.

Golden Triangle Audubon Facebook

Join us on Facebook! There is a Golden Triangle Audubon group on Facebook, moderated by Jana Whittle and John Mariani. Our aim is to provide a space for people around the Golden Triangle to share pictures, sightings, and other information about birds, other nature, and local birding sites and habitats. All levels of pictures are welcome, especially of less common birds. If you are looking for help with identification, please include the location and date of the picture, as both are important in narrowing the possibilities. Send your contribution through a Facebook message or an email to gtaudubon@aol.com

Thursday February 19, 2026.

Membership Meeting.

Details in the next issue or on the web site at www.goldentriangleaudubon.org when the details are confirmed.

Saturday February 21, 2026. Field

Trip. Destination to be determined near the date based on reports on what is being seen. If no rarities are being seen, Jocelyn Nungaray NWR will be the location.

Johnson Bayou CBC -- 14 December 2025

The Johnson Bayou Christmas Count started our CBC 126 season with north wind and clouds, temperature in the 50's, though fortunately not raining and almost no biting insects! Being on a Sunday, it was hoped for a few more participants, but folks have other things to do on a weekend eleven days before Christmas. So, the count effort was lower than in recent years (7 of us vs. 9 last year) and we still tallied a respectable 6341 birds in 99 species, roughly consistent with the previous four years. Between 2020 and 2021 is a noticeable step down in species and individual tallies, which is presently not understood. We were fortunate this year to be joined by an avid and expert guest, Ted Drosdowski, from Waxahachie, who added materially to the effort.

Unlike in the years prior to 2021, very few ducks were seen on the water from the shell roads of the Dore' properties and Crain Bros. A few small flights and groups on the water had just one or a few species. No Scoters were seen along the Gulf this year. Fortunately, two of us were able to make a guided airboat trip of about 45 minutes through the openings in the marsh that shelter from the wind, and in those hide outs we found approximately 500 Blue-winged Teal and a nice variety of other ducks, herons, egrets and of course Coots. Lots of Coots.

Last year and the year before we saw flights of ducks at great distance and called them Canvasbacks or Duck species. This year's Teal may have been as numerous but they were mostly staying down out of the wind. In addition to the Blue-winged Teal, this year we found modest numbers of Snow Geese, Shovelers, Gadwalls, Mottled Ducks, Pintails, Green-winged Teal, Canvasbacks, Ring-necked Ducks and Lesser Scaup. Missed were Ruddy Ducks, Mallards, Red-breasted Merganser and American Wigeon.

Pied-billed Grebe and Mourning Dove numbers were consistent with the past few years and we did find a couple of Eurasian Collared-Doves and a White-winged Dove.

We found at least one of the expected King and Virginia Rails, several Sora, and Common Gallinule. Avocet and Black-necked Stilt were seen, in low numbers but not a miss. With the airboat, we tallied a few thousand American Coots that would not have been seen from the shell roads.

Killdeer, Sanderlings and Wilson's Snipe numbers have held steady, while the Western Sandpipers and Dunlin had not been recorded for several years and were almost write-ups.

The expected Laughing and Ring-billed gulls, and the Caspian and Royal terns were easy to find, as were the usual cormorants and pelicans, herons and egrets, ibis and spoonbills. Two American Bitterns are a nice surprise, but the Night-herons were missed.

Among the raptors were the usual vultures and hawks including two Sharp-shinned Hawks that we don't get very often. There were Northern Harriers, Osprey and Red-tailed Hawks but we did not see the non-typical morphs. We found only one owl, Great Horned, one Caracara and one Merlin. Kestrels were found in typical teen numbers. Missing this year was a Bald Eagle that had shown up two and three years ago.

Of the passerines, Eastern Phoebe was easy as expected, as were the Vermilion Flycatchers in predictable places. There were more Blue-headed Vireos than usual, and typical numbers of Loggerhead Shrikes and Tree Swallows, along with a few Kinglets and Gnatcatchers. Thrushes were missed

The sparrows seen were Chipping, White-throated, Savannahs of course, Song and Swamp. Warblers listed are Orange-crowned, Common Yellowthroat, Pine, and Yellow-rumped (Myrtle).

Starlings, Meadowlarks, blackbirds and grackles were there in flocks, although there seemed to be fewer Mockingbirds, which bears looking into. And we found a few Cardinals.

Several observations were unusual by the twice-in-ten-years standard that we use for write-ups. A Red-bellied and an immature Red-headed Woodpecker were found in the large, old, dead and dying Live Oaks snags at the west end of the "Barracuda pasture." (This is the name we just learned for the restricted-access pasture and woodlot west of the Crain Ranch Road.) A Black-throated Green Warbler and a Painted Bunting were found at Peveto Woods. The warbler is new to the GTAS records for this count and the Painted Bunting was last recorded in 2017.

Species recorded: Snow Goose (112); Blue-winged Teal (570); Northern Shoveler (18); Gadwall (11); Mottled Duck (7); Northern Pintail (20); Green-winged Teal (26); Canvasback (70); Ring-necked Duck (10); Lesser Scaup (80); Duck species (12); Pied-billed Grebe (29); Eurasian Collared Dove (2); White-winged Dove (1); Mourning Dove (22); King Rail (1); Virginia Rail (2); Sora (5); Common Gallinule (14); American Coot (2670); Black-necked Stilt (12); American Avocet (1); Killdeer (26); Ruddy Turnstone (2); Sanderling (10); Dunlin (4); Western Sandpiper (4); Wilson's Snipe (21); Greater Yellowlegs (1); Willet (4); Laughing Gull (93); Ring-billed Gull (26); Caspian Tern (5); Forster's Tern (5); Royal Tern (15); Neotropic Cormorant (63); Double-crested Cormorant (23); American White Pelican (70); Brown Pelican (6); American Bittern (2); Great Blue Heron (28); Great Egret (57); Snowy Egret (50); Little Blue Heron (9); Tricolored Heron (30); Cattle Egret (3); Green Heron (2); White Ibis (74); Dark Ibis sp. (9); Roseate Spoonbill (8); Black Vulture (18); Turkey Vulture (26); Osprey (5); Northern Harrier (18); Sharp-shinned Hawk (2); Cooper's Hawk (3); Red-shouldered Hawk (2); Red-tailed Hawk (12); Great Horned Owl (1); Belted Kingfisher (12); **Red-headed Woodpecker (1); Red-bellied Woodpecker (1);** Downy Woodpecker (1); Northern Flicker (yellow shafted (2); Crested Caracara (1); American Kestrel (16); Merlin (1); Eastern Phoebe (18); Vermilion Flycatcher (4); Blue-headed Vireo (4); Loggerhead Shrike (22); Blue Jay (3); Tree Swallow (37);

Ruby-crowned Kinglet (3); Golden-crowned Kinglet (1); Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (6); House Wren (1); Marsh Wren (2); Carolina Wren (1); European Starling (46); Gray Catbird (1); Northern Mockingbird (9); Chipping Sparrow (1); Savannah Sparrow (67); Song Sparrow (1); Swamp Sparrow (5); Eastern Meadowlark (26); Red-winged Blackbird (669); Brown-headed Cowbird (47); Common Grackle (47); Boat-tailed Grackle (332); Great-tailed Grackle (69); Quiscalus species (381); Orange-crowned Warbler (2); Common Yellowthroat (2); Pine Warbler (4); Yellow-rumped Warbler (31); Northern Cardinal (4); **Painted Bunting (1);** Hawk sp (1); Teal sp (14); Gull sp (3); **Black-throated Green Warbler (1);** Swallow sp (1). Total 99 species. 6341 individuals.

Counters are: Ted Drosdowski, Laura Baker, Gary and Denise Kelley, Sherrie Roden, Harlan Stewart, John Whittle.

Effort in 2025: 23.3 party hours, 5 on foot and 17.5 by car and 0.8 by airboat. 74.4 party miles, 4 on foot, 63.9 by car and 6.5 by airboat. 7 people counting in 3 parties.

Effort in 2024: 31 party hours, 9 on foot and 22 driving. 78 party miles, 5 on foot and 73 driving. 9 people counting in 5 parties.

With Thanks to Dore' Energy, Gray Estate, and Crain Bros. for access to their properties.

Gary Kelley

Turkey Creek Christmas Bird Count – 20 December 2025

The Turkey Creek Christmas Bird Count (CBC) has a long history. The count was started in 1978 in the very early days of the Big Thicket Natural Preserve. (along with the Beech Creek Count) by Dave Dunacek, the first biologist for the preserve. The area is, of course, dominated by pine forest, although with much of the surrounding land owned by timber companies, smaller areas have been clear cut and replanted in recent years.

Turkey Creek, a relatively small creek, runs north-south the length of the unit from FM 1943 east of Warren south across Gore Store Road to the Kirby Nature Trail on FM 420 east of the Preserve headquarters. Apart from the relatively small Turkey Creek itself, there is Lake Hyatt, a 66-acre lake, located on County Road 4770 east of Warren, and the

man-made lake inside the Wildwood subdivision. As a consequence of the small number of water features, this count does not produce a high total number of bird species. One of the factors that influenced the exact location of the circle was a small colony of the endangered Red-cockaded Woodpecker on Firetower Road. Unfortunately, that colony did not survive for many more years.

The 2025 Turkey Creek was held on December 20, 2025, and we started the day with temperatures in the low 40's at the meet time of 6:30 am. The temperature warmed up into the high 70's, which is reported as being an all-time high for that area. There was low ground fog when the count began and most of it had dissipated by mid-morning. Despite a rather cool and slightly foggy beginning, the day turned out

sunny and bright with some slight winds.

In 2024, the Turkey Creek CBC had 63 species reported, with 1590 individuals. The 2025 count has a reported 60 species, with 1789 individuals. There were species reported during the 2024 count that were unreported in 2025. Those species were reported in small numbers (1-5 individuals), with the exception of the Eastern Meadowlark which has 32 individuals reported. There was no report of any Eastern Meadowlarks being sighted during the 2025 count. While a detailed analysis of the CBC results across the eastern half of the US (when they become available) will be needed to draw a supportable conclusion, it seems likely that the species that migrate from the northern US and Canada to the southern half of the US were somewhat late in migrating this year, influenced by warmer weather in the early to mid-fall. The weather turned much colder in the Northeast in December, so we may see a late influx. While the timing of spring migration results from an inbred urge to reach the breeding grounds as soon as possible to secure the best territories, the timing of fall migration is well established to be more strongly influenced by the availability of food, which is, of course, typically strongly influenced by weather factors.

One species that seems to be present throughout the region in good numbers this year is the Dark-eyed Junco. This species was quite plentiful in the circle in the 1980s, but numbers fell off, especially in the last ten years, so it was nice to see a relatively good number this year. Perhaps also worthy of comment were the four Red-breasted Nuthatches. The species was never very common on the coastal plain of the southern US, and this was only the seventh count this century that the species was seen. A detailed analysis will probably show the population to be increasing.

Three species with a noticeable decrease in individuals from 2024 were Turkey Vulture (119 in 2024 to 79 in 2025); Eastern Phoebe (29 in 2024 to 13 in 2025); and Northern Cardinal (136 in 2024 to 87 in 2025). While these particular species had fewer individuals reported, there are at least seven other species that have an increase reported in individuals. Those species are Black Vulture, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Blue Jay, Tufted Titmouse, Carolina Wren, American Robin, and White-throated Sparrow. Also included in the increased individual

numbers is the Yellow-rumped Warbler. For the 2024 count there were 128 individuals reported, with an additional 32 Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle). During the 2025 count there were 253 individuals reported, with none being specified as Myrtle, although all but a very small number in the area are of that subspecies. Some if not most of those that are identified in Southeast Texas as Audubon's Warbler, the western race of the Yellow-rumped, likely have Myrtle genes in their DNA.

Having shared a few of the increases and decreases from 2024 to 2025, here is the list of species reported from the 2025 count and their individual numbers: DUCK, Wood (14); DUCK, Ring-necked (25); SCAUP, Lesser (2); GREBE, Pied-billed (2); HERON, Great Blue (4); EGRET, Great (5); VULTURE, Black (71); VULTURE, Turkey (79); HARRIER, Northern (1); HAWK, Sharp-shinned (1); HAWK, Cooper's (1); HAWK, Red-shouldered (10); KILDEER (15); DOVE, Inca (1); DOVE, White-winged (2); DOVE, Mourning (42); OWL, Great-horned (1); KINGFISHER, Belted (3); WOODPECKER, Red-headed (5); WOODPECKER, Red-bellied (47); WOODPECKER, Downy (11); WOODPECKER, Pileated (28); SAPSUCKER, Yellow-bellied (11); FLICKER, Northern (19); KESTREL, American (14); PHOEBE, Eastern (13); VIREO, White-eyed (2); VIREO, Blue-headed (2); JAY, Blue (45); CROW, American (152); CHICKADEE, Carolina (56); TITMOUSE, Tufted (60); NUTHATCH, Red-breasted (4); NUTHATCH, Brown-headed (3); CREEPER, Brown (1); WREN, House (10); WREN, Winter (3); WREN, Marsh, (2); WREN, Carolina (54); GNATCATCHER, Blue-gray (3); KINGLET, Golden-crowned (11); KINGLET, Ruby-crowned (42); BLUEBIRD, Eastern (50); THRUSH, Hermit (12); ROBIN, American (239); CATBIRD, Gray (9); MOCKINGBIRD, Northern (18); WAXWING, Cedar (56); WARBLER, Orange-crowned (13); WARBLER, Pine (22); WARBLER, Yellow-rumped (253); JUNCO, Dark-eyed (6); SPARROW, Chipping (13); SPARROW, White-throated (49); SPARROW, Savannah (3); SPARROW, Song (3); SPARROW, Lincoln's (1); SPARROW, Swamp (4); CARDINAL, Northern (87); GOLDFINCH, American (74).

Ten observers participated in this count. Party miles on foot totaled 16 hours and 55 minutes, covering 15.24 miles. Party miles by vehicle totaled 26 hours and 6 minutes, covering 159.4 miles. Total species count: 60, 1789 individuals.

Compiler: Lynn Jackson Participants: Nancy Angell, Sherry Gibson, Greg Jackson, Johnny Johnson, Mary Marceaux, Ana McManus, Christine Sliva, Jana Whittle, and John Whittle

Lynn Jackson

Bird Sightings –December 2025

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: December always brings a lot of reports resulting from participation in Christmas Bird Counts.

Perhaps most deserving of comment is the number of reports of Western Meadowlarks. Distinguishing between the two meadowlark species (Eastern and Western) plausibly to be found in our area in winter is not easy, especially in winter and we have to wonder whether the current Western Meadowlark reports reflect greater scrutiny of wintering meadowlarks. Birders in the Texas Panhandle have long been careful to carefully check these birds, and Western Meadowlarks are a now well-documented component of the Panhandle avifauna.

Local Counties December 2025

Golden Eagle	Dec 31	JEF-Willis Rd (1) Bonnie Berard
Barn Swallow	Dec 30	JEF-TP (1) Gaston del Pino
Cave Swallow	Dec 4	ANG-Ellen Trout Park (1) Gary Hunter
Baltimore Oriole	Dec 26	HAI-Laurie Dr Lumberton (1) Scott Strickland, Penny Garsee
Northern Waterthrush	Dec 7,15	JEF-TP/Cattail Marsh (1) SM, Robert Buchert
Nashville Warbler	Dec 8	SAA-TX147 Sam Rayburn Res (1) David Wolf
Northern Yellow Warbler	Dec 18	JEF-Cattail Marsh (1) John Mariani
Pyrrhuloxia	Dec 24	JEF-Pleasure Island (1) Gaston del Pino
Black-head Grosbeak	Dec 7	JEF-TP/Cattail Marsh (1) SM
Blue Grosbeak	Dec 27	JEF-Sabine Woods (2) SM, Thomas Hellweg

Nearby Counties December 2025

Cinnamon Teal	Dec 18-23	GAL-HI Smith Oaks (1) mult obs
	Dec 22-28	GAL-HI Smith Oaks (1) mult obs
	Dec 23	CAM-Lacassine NWR Pool Unit D (1) Sandi and Bob Duchesne
	Dec 30	CAM-Lacassine NWR Wildlife Loop (1) Lucas Pittman
Greater Scaup	Dec 6	CAL-Vinton Water Plant (2) David Booth
	Dec 13	CAM-Lacassine NWR Wildlife Loop (1) Kathy Rhodes
	Dec 27	CAM-Lacassine NWR Pintail Dr (1) Kyle Hamrick
	Dec 28	CAM-Lacassine NWR Wildlife Loop (1) Andrew From
Black Scoter	Dec 6	HAS-Baytown Nat Ctr (2) Alex Kalin
White-winged Scoter	Dec 26	CHA-Candy Abshire WMA (1) Martin Hagne
Common Goldeneye	Dec 3	CAL- CAL-Vinton Water Plant (2) David Booth, Andrew From
Common Nighthawk	Dec 23	CHA-J Nungaray NWR Visitor Contact Ctr (1) Grant Parajuli (heard only)
Least Grebe	Dec 11-27	CHA-J Nungaray NWR-Entrance Rd (4) Tony Frank, mult obs
Horned Grebe	Dec 1- 10	CAL-Lake Charles N shore of beach area (1) mult obs
Common Ground Dove	Dec 6	HAS-Warren Ranch (1) mult obs
	Dec 17,29	HAS-Bear Creek Park (1) Kevin Ramirez, Kyle Jones
	Dec 26	CHA-J Nungaray NWR Shoveler Pond (1) Christina Riehl
Groove-billed Ani	Dec 16-19	GAL-Campeche Cove Animal Hosp (1) Greg Whitaker, mult obs

Lesser Nighthawk	Dec 19	HAS-Baytown Nat, Ctr (1) Richard Rulander, Simon Stankevicius
Chuck-will's-Widow	Dec 19-28	HAS-F M Law Park (1) James Rieman, mult obs
Anna's Hummingbird	Dec 10	GAL-HI S E Gast (1) WE
	Dec 11-24	GAL-HI S E Gast (1) mult obs
	Dec 4-28	HAS-Coldstream Dr (1) Andrew Hamlett, Richard Rulander, Kevin Ramirez, mult obs
Broad-billed H'bird	Dec 28	CAL-Alexander Lane (1) David Booth
Limpkin	Dec 19	HAI Johns Lake at end of Kingfisher Lane (1) Johnny Johnson
	Dec 23	LIB-CR 2306 (2) Paul Fagala, Carol Gregg, Jeanine Tumbleson
	Dec 30	CAL-Illinois Plant Rd (19) Lucas Pottman
	Dec 30	CAM-Lacassine NWR Wildlife Loop (9) Lucas Pittman
Yellow Rail	Dec 16	GAL-Bolivar Flats (1) mult obs
Wilson's Plover	Dec 16	GAL-Bolivar Flats (1) Schyler Brown, Grace Yanos, WE
Purple Gallinule	Dec 17,19	CAM-Cam Prairie NWR Pintail Dr (1) Paul Wilson' Clerks, Kathy Rhodes
	Dec 24,30	GAL-Marathon Settling Ponds (1) Richard Liebler, Judith Rowen
Franklin's Gull	Dec 3	CAL-Lake Charles Swimming Beach (1) James Smithers
	Dec 27	CAL-Lake Charles-Bord du Lac (1) Blake Chatters
California Gull	Dec 30	GAL-Appfel Park (2) Russell Cole
Glaucous Gull	Dec 9-11	GAL-Appfel Park (1) mult obs
Gt Black-backed Gull	Dec 4-8	GAL- Appfel Park(1) mult obs
	Dec 11	GAL-Bolivar Flats (1) Robert Beckert, Spencer Pollingl
Iceland Gull (Thayer's)	Dec 28	HAS-Ash Lake (1) Richard Rulander
	Dec 4-10	GAL- Appfel Park(1) mult obs
	Dec 29-30	HAS-Ash Lake (1) Richard Rulander, mult obs
Pacific Loon	Dec 6	GAL-Texas City Dike (1) mult obs
Brown Booby	Dec 3-10	CAL-Lake Charles N shore of beach area (1) mult obs
Glossy Ibis	Dec 22	HAS- Bay Area Blvd just NE of Armand Bayou NC (1) Richard Rulander
Least Bittern	Dec 18	CHA-J Nungaray NWR Shoveler Pond (1) Mulan Hu, Hangyang Ye
Harris's Hawk	Dec 27-28	HAS-Bridgeland Creek Pkwy/House & Hahl Rd (1) mult obs
White-tailed Hawk	Dec 20	CAL-Natali Rd w of LA 27 e of Ward Line Rd (1) Kathy Rhodes, Charlotte Chechotsky, Deanna Griggs

Broad-winged Hawk	Dec 16	LIB-US 90 at Cleveland St (1)Carlton Collier	Black-and-white Warbler	Dec 25	LIB-Trinity River-Knobby Knees Trail (1) Gaston del Pino
Swainson's Hawk	Dec 26	CAM-Peveto Woods (1) Lisa Funk	Tennessee Warbler	Dec 17	HAS-w of Fonde Park (1) James Trimble
	Dec 18	CHA-J Nungaray NWR Skillern (1) SM	Hooded Warbler	Dec 9	GAL-Galveston Is SP(1) Jana Singletary
	Dec 20	HAS-West Fairmont Pkwy (1) Hillary Gibbs	American Redstart	Dec 23	GAL-Smith Oaks (1) Grant Parajuli
Yellow-headed Caracara	Dec 1-23	GAL-8-mile rd (1) mult obs (wanders in the area) cont	Northern Parula	Dec 5	GAL-HI Smith Oaks (1) WE
Short-eared Owl	Dec 19,26	CAL-E Friesen Rd (1) mult obs		Dec 22	LIB-Berryhill Rd w end (1) Andrew Durso, Kendalyon Morris, Kim Giumbel
Red-head Woodpecker	Dec 14	CAM-Hwy 82 just W of JB School (1) Ted Drozdowski	Tropical Parula	Dec 20	HS-Armand Bayou NC (1) Ross Foreman, Farokh Jamalyaria
Ladder-back W'pecker	Dec 7	HAS-Warren Ranch (1) mult obs	Manolia Warbler	Dec 11	HAS-El Franco Lee Park (1) Andrew Hamelett
Least Flycatcher	Dec 20	CAM-Gayle Farm (1) Robt Dobbs, Andrew From	Prairie Warbler	Dec 15	GAL-Settegast Rd area(1) Robt Becker, Lance Pawlik
Say's Phoebe	Dec 26	HAS-F M Law Park (1) Twilabird Jean	Black-thr Green Warbler	Dec 3	GAL-League City Eastland St (1) Beth sears
Ash-throated Flycatcher	Dev 20	CAL-Pine Pasture Rd (1) Andrew From, Robert Dobbs		Dec 6	GAL-Texas City Bay St Park (1) Kyle O'Haver
Great Kiskadee	Dec 28	CAM-Volunteer Lane (4) James Smithers	Summer Tanager	Dec 21	CAL-Hwy 14E NW of Navarre Rd (1) Dillon LeDoux
Tropical Kingbird	Dec 22	CAL-Pine Pasture Rd (1) Winston Caillouet	Western Tanager	Dec 3-4	CHA-J Nungaray NWR Willows (1) J Berner, mult obs
Couch's Kingbird	Dec 14	LIB-FM1008 Dayton (1) Colette and Paul Micaleff, Carlton Collier		Dec 3-16	GAL-Lafitte's Cove (1) mult obs
	Dec 25	CHA-Canda Abshier WMA (1) Martin Hagne	Pyrrhuloxia	Dec 24-27	HAS-Friendswood-Hibiscus Land (1) mult obs
Western Kingbird				Dec 25	HAS-Kings Point (1) Joan Parker
Dec 4-12		GAL-Galv ISS SP (1) mult obs		Dec 2-20	GAL-Artist Boat Preserve/ Oppenheimer Observatory (1) mult obs
Dec 9-12		GAL-Artist Boat Pres area (3) Jim Highberger		Dec 12-30	HAS-Archbishop Fiorenza Park area (1) mult obs
Dec 10		CHA-FM1410 just S of IH-10 (2) WE	Rise-breasted Grosbeak	Dec 3-4	CHA-J Nungaray NWR Willows (1) J Berner, Todd McGrath
Dec 11		GAL-Lafitte's Cove (1) Clayton Leopold	Black-headed Grosbeak	Dec 4	CHA- J Nungaray NWR Willows (1) Todd McGrat
Dec 18-25		GAL-HI Boy Scout Woods area (1) mult obs		Dec 12-30	HAS-Russ Pitman Park (1) mult obs
Great Kiskadee	Dec 28	CAM-Hackberry Volunteer Lane (1) James Smithers	Blue Grosbeak	Dec 2	GAL-Campeche Cove Animal Hosp (1) mult obs
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	Dec 7	CAM-Troclair Road James Smithers	Indigo Bunting	Dec 28	CAM-Volunteer Lane (1) James Smithers
	Dec 21	HAS-Ann Taylor Park (1) Schyler Brown	Painted Bunting		
Bewick's Wren	Dec 6,16	HAS-Sharp Rd (1) Jim Hinson, Richard Rulander, Andrew Hamlett	Dec 1	GAL-HI Hooks Woods (1) Shelia Hargis	
Lapland Longspur	Dec 6	GAL-Virginia Pt (1) Jamie Schubert	Dec 14	CAL-Peveto W00ds (1) John Whittle, Laura Baker	
Clay-colored Sparrow	Dec 3-6	GAL-3-6 Campeche Cove Animal Hosp mult obs	Dec 16	GAL-se of Port Bolivar Ferry landing (1) Robt Buchert, Richard Liebler	
	Dec 24	HAS-(1) Villages of Bear Creek (1) "Texas Bird Family"	Dec 20	CAM-Cam Prairie NWR (1) mult obs	
Green-tailed Towhee	Dec 2-13	GAL--Campeche Cove Animal Hosp (1) mult obs	Dec 22	GAL-HI 5th St opposite Boy Scout Woods (1) WE	
Spotted Towhee	Dec 14	HAS-Sharp Rd (10 Spencer Poling	Scaly-breasted Munia	Dec 1-26	GAL-Campeche Cove Animal Hosp (up to 10) mult obs, cont
Yellow-headed Blackbird	Dec 18	CHA-FM1985 3 mi w of J Nungaray NWR entrance Rd		Dec 5	CAL-LA 14 S of Lake Chales Airport (1) Kirsten Livingston
	Dec 16	GAL-40 Acre Ponds (1) Jack Weinbrecht, Jamie Schubert		Dec 14	CAM-Lacassine NWR Lowry Rd (8) Michael Musumeche, Cheryl Huner, John Parker
	Dec 22-23	CHA-S Pear Orchard Rd (25) Richard Liebler, Grant Paparajulli	Pyrrhuloxia	Dec 17-30	HAS-Archbishop Fiorenza Park (1) mult obs
Western Meadowlark			Black-headed Grosbeak	Dec 28-31	HAS-Russ Pitman Park (1) mult obs
Dec 7		GAL-Settegast Rd (1) Dean Silvers			
Dec 13		GAL-Hall's Bayou Ranch (1) mult obs			
Dec 15		HAS-Bear Creek Park (1) Margaret Farese			
Dec 19-26		HAS-F M Law Park (2) James Rieman			
Dec 20		CAM-Lacassine NWR Wildlife Loop (1) Tom and Claire H			
Dec 21		CAL-Corbina Rd (1) Tom and Claire H			
Dec 24-26		HAS-F M Law Park (2) James Rieman			
Dec 24		HAS-Weekly Community Ctr Park (1) Margaret Farese			
Dec 27		HAS-Geo Bush Park (1)Letha Slagle			
Orchard Oriole	Dec 21	HAS-Woodland Park (1) John Barton			
Baltimore Oriole	Dec 30	HAS-Bellavista (1) Judy Behrens			
Bullock's Oriole	Dec 30-31	HAS-Bella Vista Neighborhood (1) Judy Behrens			

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