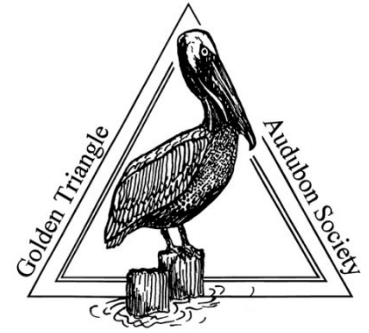


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Membership Meeting
Thursday February 19, 2026 7:00 p.m.
Garden Center, Tyrrell Park, Beaumont

Birding in Africa (and beyond)
Vimal Konduri, M.D.

Dr. Konduri will present some photos of some of his favorite birds he saw during his time in Uganda, elsewhere in Africa, and in other places he visited recently.

Dr. Konduri is a pediatric resident physician who lives in Houston, Texas. He picked up birding as a hobby in early 2023 when he went on a family vacation to Assam, India, and saw lots of beautiful birds (including Indochinese rollers, slender-billed vultures, and stork-billed kingfishers), which encouraged him to explore birding sites closer to home as well. He recently spent a year in Uganda (in East Africa) for global health training, during which he was able to travel around different countries in Africa and see lots of different bird species; in total in 2025 he logged over 600 species on eBird and has continued to bird in the U.S. and abroad since returning in mid-2025. His favorite bird is the Trumpeter Swan, a commonly sighted bird in his home state of Wisconsin.

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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Calendar of Events

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**Thursday February 19 2026
Membership Meeting.** Details of
program on page 1.

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. The Garden Center is on the left. For Cattail Marsh, 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.

Saturday February 21 2026. Field Trip to Jocelyn Nungaray (Anahuac) NWR. Plan to meet at the Visitor Information Station (VIS) just beyond the entrance at 8:30 a.m. There are toilets there, accessible at all times. To reach the NWR from Winnie, take Highway 124 south to FM 1985. (It is 11.0 miles from IH-10 and half a mile less from Highway 73.) Turn right (west) on FM 1985 and proceed about **11 miles** to the **MAIN** Anahuac NWR Entrance Road on the left (to the south). As you drive along FM 1985, check any cowbird/blackbird flocks carefully for Yellow-headed Blackbirds.

The entrance to the Main Refuge is just over 3 miles down the Entrance Road. Stop along this road only where you can safely pull completely off the road. Watch along the entrance road especially near the south end for Least Grebe, Crested Caracaras and White-tailed Kites. Car-pooling will be necessary as we travel beyond the VIS. There is parking at the VIS to leave vehicles

We will visit the main unit and possibly also the Skillern Tract, looking primarily for waterfowl and other waterbirds but also raptors and sparrows.

There are usually geese and Bald Eagles on and near the refuge in winter. Shoveler Pond for years attracted large numbers of ducks. The weather over the last two years has been somewhat unusual, and it seems likely that many species, not only waterfowl, have again been late in flying south, but recent cold weather in the eastern half of the US may have persuaded them to come on south..

Saturday March 14, 2026. Sabine Woods Work Day. To prepare the Woods for Spring. As this is written, it is too early to tell the effects of the freeze on the vegetation at Sabine Woods and what will need to be done. We have some tools but expect to have to fill holes caused by armadillos and feral hogs, so please bring a spade if possible. Loppers and clippers will also be useful to trim the trails..

April-May 2026

The Great Texas Birding Classic

The 30th Annual Great Texas Birding Classic will take place from April 15 to May 15, 2026, featuring various birdwatching tournament categories for all skill levels. This is the biggest, longest birdwatching tournament in the U.S. The event promotes birdwatching while documenting species across the state of Texas. There is a tournament category for everyone, from the beginner to the competitive birdwatcher! This year GTAS members will be competing in the Big Sit category, consisting of one or more participants. Teams select a 50-ft diameter circle from which to bird. Birds must be seen or heard by a team member from WITHIN the circle. The length of time competing is within a 24-hour period (midnight to midnight). There are nine regions to compete in. GTAS members will be competing in the Upper Texas Coast Region at Sabine Woods. Thanks to our sponsor, Visit Port Arthur Texas! A date will be determined a few days in advance based on the weather. Please contact Christine Sliva at gtaudubon@aol.com to join the team.

Field Trip to Cattail Marsh – 17 January 2016

A cold day dawned on the Saturday scheduled for the Golden Triangle Audubon's January field trip to Cattail Marsh. This seems to be something of a tradition as this trip always seems to be cold. Some might consider this normal for January but this is southeast Texas! What are the odds this trip would always seem to fall on a cold day instead of the many more mild days that this area sees in winter? Regardless of the weather, an excellent showing of participants arrived in the early morning cold to look for some good birds!

The group started the trip by searching the forested margins of the parking lot and a nearby trail. In recent days, a female Lazuli Bunting and a Bullock's Oriole were seen around this area. Unfortunately, both birds were no shows on the field trip day. Carolina Wren was heard easily in this area and Yellow-rumped Warblers were prominent in the nearby tallow trees. Red-bellied Woodpeckers were both vocal and visible. A constant parade of gulls flew over as they flew between the nearby landfills and water treatment plant. They included Ring-billed, Laughing and Herring Gulls. A few colorful Pine Warblers were noted in a flock that also included Orange-crowned Warbler and Blue-gray Gnatcatcher. But soon it was time to move out to bird the marsh itself.

The boardwalk is always a good place to start and provided nice looks at Common Gallinules and American Coots. There were plenty of Blue-winged and Green-winged Teal around the edges of the pond. A few Gadwall were present along with one drake Northern Pintail. One unique bird stood out – a mostly white teal! This was what is usually referred to as a leucistic bird meaning it has abnormal amounts of white plumage but is not a true albino as the bird has some pigment. This bird had a grayish head and appeared to be a Blue-winged Teal. The bird really stood out which is probably not good for its long-term survival!

Moving out from the boardwalk, some birders decided to make the walk to a deep-water cell at one end of the marsh while others preferred to tour in the warm SUV provided by the city of Beaumont. The birders in the car would find a large flock of several hundred Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks before meeting the rest of the birders at the deep-water cell one. For those making the marsh, several birds were noted. These included Marsh Wrens in the reeds and Soras and a few Virginia Rails calling from deep in the vegetation. A Northern Harrier flew low over the marsh while a Red-tailed Hawk briefly perched up. American Pipits called from nearby while Tree Swallows zipped overhead in good numbers. The occasional Savannah Sparrow was flushed from the sides of the levee while a few Swamp Sparrows were noted from the wet areas.

Finally scoping out the deep water, the obvious birds were all Lesser Scaup. This is not unusual as this is a very common diving duck in the area but the lack of duck diversity was disappointing. There were several Pied-billed Grebes present too along with Neotropic Cormorants all diving along with the scaup. A single Ruddy Duck was noted in the water but none of the usual Northern Shovelers or Ring-necked Ducks. Eastern Phoebes were easy to find along the margins of the pond Palm Warbler. A staked out Northern Waterthrush came out to entertain the group.

Wading birds are a prominent feature at Cattail Marsh. White-faced Ibis were common on the day but no Glossy Ibis

could be found. White Ibis were also seen. Plenty of Great Egrets and Snowy Egrets were seen and Western Cattle-Egret were also located. Little Blue Herons were noted and a few Tricolored Herons. Great Blue Heron was seen in small numbers. Cattail Marsh is certainly one of the best and easiest places to see wading birds. Almost every species of heron, egret and ibis common in Texas can be found here at some time of year.

Raptors were also an important component of the day. A beautiful male American Kestrel was scoped out for all to see. The local pair of Bald Eagles put in appearances that panicked the nearby ducks. All were pleased that the eagles were still around as the tree holding the nest they have used for many years fell this year. But the birds were not put off and built a new nest in another pine tree very close to the previous nest. Hopefully, there will be chicks soon! One of the real highlights of the trip was the appearance of "Rufus." This is the nickname given to a dark/rufous morph Red-tailed Hawk that has wintered at Cattail Marsh for many years. It is unclear exactly how many years this bird has been coming back to this location but it is always the same area near the deep-water cell. This plumage of Red-tail is not at all common in our area so it is highly likely that this is the same bird coming back every year and not different birds that coincidentally have the same plumage. It is always a pleasure to find this special bird!

The hike back to the parking lot was warmer thankfully but provided no new birds. But it was a successful day with lots of ducks, egrets and other waterbirds. A few typical eastern forest birds were thrown in for good measure which is always nice. Throw in a couple of Bald Eagles, a rufous Red-tailed Hawk and a rare in winter Northern Waterthrush and it can make a cold hike worthwhile. But maybe the January trip could be warmer next year?

The following species were recorded by the trip leaders:
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck(200); Blue-winged Teal(65); Gadwall(10); Northern Pintail(1); Green-winged Teal(40); Ring-necked Duck(1); Lesser Scaup(150); Ruddy Duck(1); King Rail(1); Virginia Rail(2); Sora(4); Common Gallinule(75); American Coot(100); Killdeer(2); Laughing Gull(50); Ring-billed Gull(150); American Herring Gull(2); Forster's Tern(3); Pied-billed Grebe(10); Anhinga(1); Double-crested Cormorant(1); Neotropic Cormorant(6); White Ibis(15); White-faced Ibis(65); Little Blue Heron(10); Tricolored Heron(2); Snowy Egret(35); Western Cattle-Egret(1); Great Egret(60); Great Blue Heron(2); Black Vulture(5); Turkey Vulture(8); Sharp-shinned Hawk(1); Northern Harrier(1); Bald Eagle(2); Red-shouldered Hawk(1); Red-tailed Hawk(2); Red-bellied Woodpecker(4); American Kestrel(1); Eastern Phoebe(5); Blue Jay(2); Carolina Chickadee(1); Tree Swallow(40); Ruby-crowned Kinglet(1); Blue-gray Gnatcatcher(1); Northern House Wren(1); Marsh Wren(1); Carolina Wren(2); Northern Mockingbird(1); American Pipit(10); White-crowned Sparrow(1); Savannah Sparrow(10); Song Sparrow(1); Swamp Sparrow(2); Red-winged Blackbird(25); Boat-tailed/Great-tailed Grackle(25); Northern Waterthrush(1); Orange-crowned Warbler(1); Common Yellowthroat(1); Palm Warbler(1); Pine Warbler(4); Yellow-rumped Warbler(12); Northern Cardinal(1)

Steve Mayes

Orange County CBC – 01 January 2026

The Orange County Christmas Bird held January 1, 2026, was successful, despite this compiler's error in not making sure the donut shop would be open on New Year's Day. They have been for the past three years, so mistakes were made. The same mistake will not happen again. Having said that counters were able to meet and get their assigned count areas before heading out.

The morning started out cool, low 40's and although the sun was not up yet, you could tell it was partly cloudy. As the sun rose and the day progressed it remained overcast and breezy but conditions cleared throughout the day. The day remained breezy to mild winds with temperatures rising to the upper 60's and holding until the sun went down.

Participants in the 2026 Orange County CBC reported a total of 123 species, which was 10 more species than the 2025 TXOC CBC. Also reported were 4,243 individuals, which is slightly less than reported during the 2025 count (4,626).

Some of the reduced number of individuals in the 2025 count can be found in Sandhill Cranes, Laughing Gulls, American Robins, American Goldfinches, and Cedar Waxwings. During the 2025 count there were 171 Sandhill Cranes reported, with only three being reported during the 2025 count. Laughing Gulls reported in 2025 were 280, with 38 being reported during the 2025 count. The count for American Robins was 146 in 2024 and four in 2025. American Goldfinches numbered 141 during the 2024 count and 62 for 2025, while Cedar Waxwings reported in 2024 were 250, and 63 for the 2025 count.

Some of the species reported during the 2026 count that were not reported in 2025 include: Mallard, Red-breasted Merganser, Cattle Egret, Clapper Rail, Sora Rail, Crested Caracara, Red-breasted Nuthatch, and Brown-headed Nuthatch. There are other species reported during the 2025 count that were not reported during the 2025 count, but none of the species were reported in large numbers.

As in past years we had access to private property and would like to thank the owners and managers of Hawk Club and Odom Interests. We also appreciate Gerald Langham and J.B. Arrington, and Sam Waters for access to their private properties north of Bessie Heights and east of Claiborne West Park, and Pinehurst Ranch/Gardens. Unfortunately for the 2025 count we were not able to get permission to access the grounds at the Brown Center. We were, however, given permission to access the Indorama Wetlands off Sara Jane Road, so that area is new to the TXOC CBC for the 2025 count. The Indorama Wetlands are in Port Neches but are within the TXOC circle.

Participants logged a reported total of nine foot hours covering 7.41 miles. Additionally logged were 42 hours and 19 minutes by vehicle which totaled 155.26 miles. There were 50 minutes reported as stationary.

Follows is a list of species and numbers reported for the 2026 TXOC Christmas Bird Count, which took place on January 1, 2026.

GOOSE, Snow (2); DUCK, Black-bellied Whistling-duck (376); DUCK, Wood (2); GADWALL (2); MALLARD (1); TEAL, Blue-wing (1); duck, Ring-necked (8); MERGANSER, Hooded (9); MERGANSER, Red-breasted (4); LOON, Common (1); GREBE, Pied-billed (8); CORMORANT,

Neotropic (127); CORMORANT, Double-crested (9); CORMORANT, species (15); ANHINGA (3); PELICAN, American white (7); PELICAN, Brown (1); HERON, Great Blue (20); EGRET, Great (54); EGRET, Snowy (21); EGRET, Cattle (28); HERON, Little Blue (6); HERON, Tri-colored (1); HERON, Black-crowned Night (4); IBIS, White (25); IBIS, White-faced (6); IBIS, Glossy/White-faced (22); VULTURE, Black (40); VULTURE, Turkey (78); OSPREY (12); HARRIER, Northern (4); HAWK, Sharp-shinned (1); HAWK, Cooper 's (13); EAGLE, Bald (4) HAWK, Red-shouldered (14); HAWK, Red-tailed (22); HAWK, species (1); RAIL, Clapper (1); RAIL, Sora (2); GALLINULE, Common (30); COOT, American (18); CRANE, Sandhill (3); STILT, Black-necked (3); PLOVER, Black-bellied (3) KILDEER (122); SANDPIPER, Spotted (1); YELLOWLEGS, Greater (1); YELLOWLEGS, Lesser (15); SANDPIPER, Least (1); SNIPE, Wilson's (2); GULL, Laughing (38); GULL, Ring-billed (52); TERN, Forster's (45); TERN, Royal (2); PIGEON, Rock (Feral Pigeon)(54); DOVE, Eurasian Collared (10); DOVE, White-winged (65); DOVE, Mourning (93); OWL, Eastern Screech (1); OWL, Great Horned (2); OWL, Barred (2); KINGFISHER, Belted (15); WOODPECKER, Red-headed (2); WOODPECKER, Red-bellied (44); SAPSUCKER, Yellow-bellied (6); WOODPECKER, Downy (16); FLICKER, Northern (4); FLICKER, Northern (Yellow-shafted) (1); WOODPECKER, Pileated (4); CARACARA, Crested (7); KESTREL, American (34); MERLIN (1); PHOEBE, Eastern (45); FLYCATCHER, Vermillion (1); SHRIKE, Loggerhead (13); VIREO, White-eyed (2); VIREO, Blue-headed (1); JAY, Blue (109); CROW, American (11); CROW, Fish (1); SWALLOW, Northern Rough-winged (3); SWALLOW, Tree (77); CHICKADEE, Carolina (69); TITMOUSE, Tufted (20); MUTHATCH, Red-breasted (2); NUTHATCH, Brown-headed (3); WREN, House (9); WREN, House (9); WREN, Sedge (3); WREN, Marsh (15); WREN, Carolina (59); GNATCATCHER, Blue-gray (12); KINGLET, Ruby-crowned (25); KINGLET, Golden-crowned (4); BLUEBIRD, Eastern (73); THURSH, Hermit (6); ROBIN, American (4); CATBIRD, Gray (3); MOCKINGBIRD, Northern (74); STARLING, European (494); PIPIT, American (79); WAXWING, Cedar (63); WARBLER, Orange-crowned (21); YELLOWTHROAT Common (8); WARBLER, Pine (30); WARBLER, Yellow-rumped (300); WARBLER, Yellow-rumped (Myrtle)(67); SPARROW, Chipping (48); JUNCO, Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) (3); SPARROW, White-throated (24); SPARROW, Vesper (10); SPARROW, Savannah (44); SPARROW, Song (2); SPARROW, Swamp (34); TOWHEE, Eastern (1); CARDINAL, Northern (96); BLACKBIRD, Red-winged (90); MEADOWLARK, Eastern (27); GRACKLE, Common (31); GRACKLE, Boat-tailed (67); GRACKLE, Great-tailed (245); GRACKLE, Boat-tailed/Great-tailed (12); COWBIRD, Brown-headed (12); FINCH, House (9); GOLDFINCH, American (62); SPARROW, House (62).

Observers: Gaston del Pino Borgstrom (from Granbury, TX), Sherry Gibson, Marilyn Guidry, Rick Guidry, Greg Jackson, Lynn Jackson, Johnny Johnson, Steve Mayes, Sherrie Rodin, Christine Sliva, Harlan Stewart, Jana Whittle, and John Whittle.

Lynn Jackson

Beech Creek CBC 03 January 2026

The Beech 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 Turkey Creek Count) by Dave Dunacek, the first biologist for the preserve. The primary reason for establishing the count in that location was to include the Beech Creek Unit of the preserve, The Beech Creek Unit, 5214 acres, is a large grove of American beech trees (but including some southern magnolias) with the surrounding area being dominated by loblolly pines. Although there is the little used one-mile loop “Beech Woods Tail” in the northeast corner, and a six-mile unmaintained dirt road bed, access to the unit can be difficult, and there are few of the clearings favored by many bird species.

However the count circle has the ornithological advantage of including most of Steinhagen Lake, a manmade lake created by what was originally called “Dam B,” construction of which was started in March, 1947. It was renamed Town Bluff Dam and the reservoir/lake named B. A. Steinhagen Lake in July 1967, although the small community at the intersection of US 190 and FM 92 retains the name Dam B. The Town Bluff name arose from it being in the close proximity to the small Tyler County community of that name. Deliberate impoundment did not begin until April, 1951; with completion of the dam in June, 1953. The Robert D. Willis Hydropower Project construction started in March, 1987 and the hydropower facilities became available for commercial operation on 17 November 1989 after a 38-year gestation period! The lake itself was drawn down, relatively briefly in summer 2006 for purposes variously quoted as repairs to the dam and hydroelectric generating equipment and elimination of noxious vegetation (mostly water hyacinth), but it took considerable time to redevelop the winter birdlife.

The 2025-26 Beech Creek Christmas Bird Count was held January 3, 2026, with 16 participants who volunteered to make for a successful count. The early morning started out slightly foggy but began to clear as the sun came up. Beginning the day temperature was in the low to mid 50’s and warmed up into the low 70’s. The day remained partly cloudy, with filtered sun. The wind was mild most of the day. Overall, it was a good day for counting birds, and the weather was MUCH better than the previous year which found counters under tornado warnings and having to shelter in place or stop the count early due to heavy rain and severe fog.

One closely watched feature is the number of Bald Eagles. There is now a well-established winter Bald Eagle population in the “lakes area” (Toledo Bend and Sam Rayburn lakes), partly year-round residents and partly winter migrants from further north. When a Bald Eagle was seen from the dam in 1979, it was an exciting find, but we have now come to expect to find several each count! Of note, even with the weather differences in the number of Bald Eagles reported. The previous year’s count had three (3) individuals reported and this count there were six (6) both mature and immature. The recovery of the eagle population in the lower 48 states continues.

Eighty-six (86) species were reported during the 2025-26 Beech Creek CBC with a total of 4,461 individuals. Both the number of species and individuals reported is well above the previous year’s count; however that is not a fair comparison due to the terrible weather conditions the previous year.

There was a good variety of sparrows reported, in small numbers with the exception of the 238 Chipping Sparrows reported.

Species and individuals reported for TXBE CBC 2025-26 are: DUCK, Wood (1); GADWALL (2); SHOVELER, Northern (3); CANVASBACK (10); SCAUP, Lesser (4); LOON, Common (1); GREBE, Pied-billed (12); CORMORANT, Neotropic (2); CORMORANT, Double-crested (334); ANHINGA (1); HERON, Great Blue (11); EGRET, Great (34); EGRET, Snowy (13); HERON, Little Blue (1); VULTURE, Black (78); VULTURE, Turkey (82); OSPREY (2); HAWK, Cooper’s (2); EAGLE, Bald (6); HAWK, Red-shouldered (15); HAWK, Red-tailed (4); GALLINULE, Common (33); COOT, American (190); KILDEER (5); SANDPIPER, Spotted (2); WOODCOCK, American (2); TERN, Forster’s (9); DOVE, Eurasian Collared (15); DOVE, Inca (10); DOVE, White-winged (1); DOVE, Mourning (39); OWL, Eastern Screech (2); OWL, Barred (1); KINGFISHER, Belted (5); WOODPECKER, Red-bellied (1); WOODPECKER, Red-bellied (102); SAPSUCKER, Yellow-bellied (10); WOODPECKER, Downy (38); WOODPECKER, Hairy (2); FLICKER, Northern (26); FLICKER, Northern Yellow-shafted (7); WOODPECKER, Pileated (50); KESTREL, American (11); PHOEBE, Eastern (50); VIREO, White-eyed (5); VIREO, Blue-headed (4); JAY, Blue (138); CROW, American (221); CHICKADEE, Carolina (165); TITMOUSE, Tufted (103); NUTHATCH, Red-breasted (1); CREEPER, Brown (2); WREN, House (19); WREN, Winter (5); WREN, Carolina (102); GNATCATCHER, Blue-gray (6); KINGLET, Golden-crowned (33); KINGLET, Ruby-crowned (79); BLUEBIRD, Eastern (109); THRUSH, Hermit (14); ROBIN, American (240); CATBIRD, Gray (13); THRASHER, Brown (1); MOCKINGBIRD, Northern (45); STARLING, European (50); WAXWING, Cedar (357); WARBLER, Orange-crowned (25); WARBLER, Pine (100); WARBLER, Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) (50); WARBLER, Yellow-rumped (392); SPARROW, Chipping (238); SPARROW, Field (2); SPARROW, White-crowned (1); SPARROW, White-throated (49); SPARROW, Savannah (12); SPARROW, Song (7); SPARROW, Swamp (8); JUNCO, Dark-eyed (13); TOWHEE, Eastern (2); CARDINAL, Northern (285); BLACKBIRD, Red-winged (69); MEADOWLARK, Eastern (19); GRACKLE, Common (5); FINCH, Purple (1); SISKIN, Pine (1); GOLDFINCH, American (241).

Eight parties (six parties of two members, one party of one, and one party of three) participated in the 2025-26 Beech Creek count and a lot of ground was covered by them. Reported party hours on foot totaled 22 hours and 49 minutes covering a distance of 20.4 miles. Traveling (car) hours were 35 hours and 34 minutes, which covered 144.77 miles. Stationary hours for this count were 2 hours and 25 minutes.

Volunteers for the 2025-26 Beech Creek CBC included: Nancy Angell, Ernest Bahr, Gaston del Pino Borgstrom, Sarah Cook, Sherry Gibson, Marilyn Guidry, Rick Guidry, Greg Jackson, Lynn Jackson, Johnny Johnson, Greg Reynolds, Dania Sanchez, Christine Sliva, Liz Timmer, John and Jana Whittle.

Lynn Jackson

Bird Sightings –January 2026

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. There is an increasing number of reports from the latter counties with more eBirders every year.

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: A bumper crop of reports this month, leaving no room for extensive comments.

Local Counties

Common Tern	Jan 2	JEF-Pleasure Is (1) Gaston del Oino
Purple Gallinule	Jan 7-21	JEF-TP (1) Audrey Anderson, Sage Church, multobs
Least Bittern	Jan 5-7	JEF-TP (1) Audrey Anderson, Sage Church
Cave Swallow	Jan 28	ANG-Ellen Trout Park (1) Ryan Middlebrook
Red Crossbill	Jan 3	ANG-Huntington (1) Like Riley
Yellow-headed Blackbird	Jan 26	JEF-northwest area (10) Robt Buckert
Bullock's Oriole	Jan 9	JEF-TP (1) Audrey Anderson, Sage Church
Northern Waterthrush	Jan 11-17	JEF-TP (1) SM, WE mult obs
Summer Tanager	Jan 6,14	TYL-Lake Dr Woodville (1 male) Doretta Remy
Lazuli Bunting	Jan 5-7	JEF-TP (1) Audrey Anderson, Sage Church
Painted Bunting	Jan 10-29	JEF-Nederland (1) Harlan Stewart, Dania Sanchez

Nearby Counties

Cinnamon Teal	Jan 1-3	GAL-HI Smith Oaks (1) milt obs
	Jan 6	CAL-Vinton WTP (1) Justin Bosler
	Jan 26-31	GAL-Lafitte's Cove (1) Paul Sivon, Brenda Gonzales
	Jan 26	CAM-Rockefeller SWR-Price Lake Rd (1) Noah Rosdeutscher
Surf Scoter	Jan 2	CHA-NRG Cooling Pond (1) Tyler Cutshaw, David Sarkozi
Black Scoter	Jan 10	CHA-Beach Rd (2) WE
Greater Scaup	Jan 4	CAM-Creole/Oak Grove area (1) Paul Klerks, Robt Dobbs, Jack Rogers
	Jan 9	CAM-Rutherford Beach (1) Jack Rogers
	Jan 28	CAM-Trosclair Rd (2) Paul Conover
Wilson's Phalarope	Jan 31	CHA-J Nungaray ANWR entrance rd (1) Carrie Chapin
Least Grebe	Jan 1-25	CHA- J Nungaray NWR Entrance Rd (2) John Mariani, Tony Frank, mult obs
Common Ground Dove	Jan 5	GAL-13-mile Rd (2) Carol Bell, Jamie Schubert
	Jan 28	HAS-Bear Creek Park (1) Timothy White
Groove-billed Ani	Jan 1-11	GAL-Baytown Nat Ctr (1)Chuck Davis, mult obs
	Jan 3-22	GAL-Campeche Cove Animal Hosp (1) mult obs
	Jan 3	HAS-Morgan's Point (1) John O'Brien
Chuck-will's Widow	Jan 2	CAM-Hollister Chenier Preserve (1) Bill Finney
	Jan 3	GAL-HI Smith Oaks (1) Linda Gilbert
	Jan 12	GAL HI S E Gast (1) Spencer Poling, Colleen McDonough
Eastern Whip-poor-will	Jan 7	CAM-Willow Is (1) Ezra Garber
Yellow Rail	Jan 4	CAM-Broussard Beach Rd (8 banded) Jack Huguley, Kevin Leigh, Alexander Boulmay
	Jan 31	GAL-Virginia Pt)1) mult obs

Eurasian Whimbrel	Jan 21	GAL-Rollover Pass (10) Robt Buckert
Curlew Sandpiper	Jan 29	CAM-Rutherford Beach W (1) David Bolster
Anna's Hummingbird	Jan 1	HAS-Coldstream Dr (1) Andrew Hamlett
	Jan 31	HAS-Copperfield Villages (1) Mike ustin
Allen's Hummingbird	Jan 5-31	HAS Oceania Court-Green Trails Village (1) Kevin Smith, mult obs
	Jan 15-31	HAS-Copperfield Villages (1) Letha Slagle, Jim Hinson mult obs
	Jan 29	GAL-LaFitte's Cove (1) Richard Hunter
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	Jan 20-30	HAS-Clear Lake area (1) mult obs
Purple Gallinule	Jan 11-20	GAL-Texas City Marathon Ponds (1) Robert Buckert, Tyler Cutshaw
Limpkin	Jan 17	CHA- J Nungaray NWR Entrance Rd (1) Brian Epperson
Solitary Sandpiper	Jan 10-11	HAS-Horsepen Creek Park (1) Cameron Kirkpatrick, Lynn Bunker
	Jan 11	HAS-Bear Creek Park (1) Justin Dandt, Cameron Kirkpatrick
Pomarine Jaeger	Jan 29	GAL-Gulf East Bank Buoy 2 (2) Clayton Leopold
Little Gull	Jan 26	GAL-High Island Beach (1) WE, Robt Buckert
California Gull	Jan 14	GAL-E End Lagoon (1) Diana Gallinger
	Jan 25	GAL-Texas City Dike (1) Heru Lee, Cin-Ty Lee
Iceland Gull (Thayer's)	Jan 3	HAS-Ash Lake (1) J Berner, Andrew Hamlett, Cin-Ty Lee, Richard Rulander
	Jan 17	GAL-Texas City Dike (1) Andy Sprayberry
Glaucous Gull	Jan 31	CAM-Little Florida Beach (1) James Smithers
	Jan 30	HAS-Ash Lake (1) mult obs
Black Tern	Jan 16	HAS-Bay Area Park (1) Micah Zasada, Mia Patrick
Wood Stork	Jan 3	HAS-San Jacinto Btlgnd (1) mult obs
Brown Booby	Jan 9	CAM-Rutherford Beach (1) Jack Rogers
Glossy Ibis	Jan 5	GAL-south of FM2204/FM646 jct (1) Schyler Brown, Richard Liebler, WE
Least Bittern		
	Jan 4	CAM-Creole-Gibbstown Bridge (5) mult obs
	Jan 4	CAL Hwy 1143 east of Creole (1) Deanna and Gordon Griggs, Erik Johnson
	Jan 4	CAM-Little Chenier Rd (5) Deanna and Gordon Griggs, Erik Johnson
	Jan 4	CAM- W Creole (private) (3) Paul Klerks, Robt Dibbs
	Jan 7	CAL-Rutherford Beach Rd (1) Ezra Garber
	Jan 8-11	CHA-J Nungaray NWR (1) Audrey Anderson, Sage Church
	Jan 9	CAL-LA82 cheniers east of Oak Grove (3) Jack Rogers
	Jan 11	CAM-Trosclair Rd (1) mult obs
	Jan 16	GAL-HI Smith Oaks (1) WE
Harris's Hawk	Jan 3-6	HAS-House and Hahl (1) mult obs
	Jan 8-23	CAL-Trosclair Rd (1) mult obs
White-tailed Hawk	Jan 2	CAL-Corbina Rd(1) Paul Zimmerman
	Jan 18	CAM-Chakley Rd (1) Rosemary Siedler, Charles Lyon
Broad-winged Hawk	Jan 4-27	CAL-Trosclair Rd (1) mult obs

	Jan 27	CAL-Peveto Woods (1) Carolyn Spidle		Jan 20	GAL-Campeche Cove Marsh (1) Mike Austin
Short-eared Owl	Jan 11	CAL-Fruge Rd (1) Olivia Butler, Conner Gable		Hooded Warbler	Jan 25-29 HAS-Discovery Green (1) Anna Liu, mult obs
Ladder-backed W'pecker	Jan 1 Jan 5	HAS-Warren Ranch (1) mult obs GAL-north of West Ba (1) Kyle O'Haver		American Redstart	Jan 5,26 GAL-HI Smith Oaks (1) Linda Gilbert, Stephen Kallus, Robt Buckert
Aplomado Falcon	Jan 9	HAS-Ella Lee Park (1) Raea Lovett		Cape May Warbler	Jan 25-30 HAS-Nottingham Country area (1) mult area
Least Flycatcher	Jan 4-11	CAM-Creole (1) John Parker, Jack Rogers mult obs		Tropical Parula	Jan 10 HAS-Armand Bayou Nat Ctr (1) Judy Behrens
	Jan 31	CAM-Trosclair Rd (1) Paul Conover			Jan 17 HAS-Armand Bayou NC (1) Sergey Buben
Say's Phoebe	Jan 5	HAS-J P Landing Park (1) Kellie Weydert		Yellow-throated Warbler	Jan 9 CAL-LA82 cheniers east of Creole (1) Jack Rogers
Ash-throated Flycatcher	Jan 1 Jan 9	GAL-HI Boy Scout Woods (1) WE CAM-Trosclair Rd (1)		Black-thr. Gray Warbler	Jan 1-3 HAS-San Jacinto Bttlgn'd (1) mult obs
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	Jan 1 Jan 11	GAL-Bolivar Flats (1) Jane Sones HAS-San Jacinto Bttlgn'd (1) Letha Slaigle		Black-thr Green Warbler	Jan 31 CAM-Peveto Woods (1) James Smithers
Purple Martin	Jan 24	GAL-High Island (2) Robt Buckert, WE			Jan 30 HAS-Armand Bayou NC (10 Stacy Holcomb
Barn Swallow				Prairie Warbler	Jan 4 CAL-W Creole Hwy (LA27) west of Creole (1) Robt Dobbs, Paul Klerks
Jan 1-25		CHA-J Nungaray NWR (up to 10) mult obs			Jan 4-20 GAL-Settegast Rd (1) Mary Mack, Alice O'Donell, mult obs
Jan 5		GAL-FM3005/San Luis Pass Hwy (2) mult obs			Jan 9 CAL-Hwy 8 west of Creole (1) Jack
Jan 5		GAL-south of FM2204/FM646 jct (1) Schyler Brown, Richard Liebler, WE		Summer Tanager	Jan 23 CAM-Trosclair Rd (1) mult,obs
Jan 6		GAL-Rollover Pass (3) Audrey Anderson, Sage Church			Jan 1 GAL-Dickinson (1) Jane Murtishaw
Jan 25		CHA-FM1985 at TX124 (7) Cullen Slattery, Robt Buckert, Shawn Wallace			Jan 4 CAL-Willow Is (1) Kevin Leigh
Jan 26-29		GAL-High Island (1) WE Robt Buckert			Jan 5-9 GAL-Dickinson (1) Jane Murtishaw, WE
Cave Swallow	Jan 28	ANG-Ellen Trout Park 2) Ryan Middlebrook			Jan 9 GAL-HI 8th St (1) WE
	Jan 31	CR 193A Lufkin David Bell, Ryan Middleton,		Western Tanager	
A. Tindell				Jan 5	GAL-Lafitte's Cove (1) Marie Asscherick, Geordie Eschenbach
Bewick's Wren	Jan 1	HAS-Warren Ranch (1) mult obs		Jan 6	HAS-Friendswood (1) Doug Fishman
Scaly-breasted Munia	Jan 2,13	CHA-Anahuac Pumping Stn (up to 7) Tony Frank, WE, J Berner		Jan 9	HAS-Glenbrook Valley/Sims Bayou (1) James Rieman
	Jan 5	GAL-Campeche Cove Animal Hosp (up to 6) mult obs, cont		Jan 11	GAL-Lafitte's Cove (1) Dean Silvers
	Jan 7	CAL-Prien Lake Rd (11) Boo Kay		Jan 15	HAS-Wedgewood Elementary (1) Steven Berenzweig
Lesser Goldfinch	Jan 27	HAS-W of East End Park (1) Donald Bull		Jan 17	HAS-Woodland Park (1) mult obs
	Jan 27-31	CAM-Peveto Woods area (2) Charlotte Chehotsky, mult obs		Jan 20-24	HAS-Woodland Park (1) mult obs
Lapland Longspur	Jan 27-31	CAM-Peveto Woods area (2) Charlotte Chehotsky, mult obs		Jan 31	HAS-Shadow Oaks (1) Stephen Bennett
Henslow's Sparrow	Jan 3	HAS-East End Park (1) Dorothy Hoffman		Jan 22-31	GAL-Lafitte's Cove (1) Paul Sivon., Richard Liebler
Spotted Towhee	Jan 10	HAS-Patina Dr (1) Tim Gandre		Jan 24-29	HAS-IH-10/Dairy Ashford (1) Lucy Vick. Mult obs
Yellow-headed Blackbird	Jan 2 Jan 6 Jan 8,15	CHA-Pear Orchard Rd (3) WE, CHA-FM1985 (2) mult obs CHA-FM1985 (up to 13) Sage Church, Audrey Anderson mult obs		Jan 31	HAS-Shadow Oaks (1) Stephen Bennett
	Jan 31	GAL-Mahan Park (1) Michael Hardee		Pyrrhuloxia	Jan 1-18 HAS-Archbishop Fiorenza Park (1) mult obs
					Jan 4-23 CAL-Trosclair Rd west of Creole (1) mult obs
Western Meadowlark					Jan 20-29 GAL-Lafitte's Cove (1) mult obs
Jan 1		HAS-J P Landing Park (2) mult obs		Rose-breasted Grosbeak	Jan 3 HAS-Jesse Jones Park (1) Alicia Johnson, Margaret Brown
Jan 1		HAS-Katy Prairie Nelson Farms (1) mult obs		Black-headed Grosbeak	Jan 1-30 HAS-Russ Pitman Park (1) mult obs
Jan 9		HAS-F M Law Park (1) James Rieman			Jan 11,17 HAS-Bear Creek Park (1) Cameron
Jan 9		HAS-Chain of Lakes Park (1) Carol Bell			Jan 11 HAS-Honeywood Trl (1) SP
Jan 11		CAM-Trosclair Rd(1) WE			Jan 20 HAS-Crosby area (1) Sian The
Jan 16		CAM-Rutherford Beach (1) Cheryl Huner, Michael Muschme		Blue Grosbeak	Jan 31 CAL-Trosclair Rd (1) Paul Conover
	Jan 18	HAS-Spaceport (1) Richard Rulander, Andrew Hamlett			Jan 4 CAM-LA82 east of Grand Chenier (1) Jack Rogers
	Jan 28-29	HAS- Bear Creek Park (1) Timothy White		Painted Bunting	Jan 4 CAL-LA27/LA82 Junction (1) Pail Klerks, Ront Dobbs
	Jan 29	HAS-Weekley Park (14) Margaret Farese			Jan 5 GAL-Lafitte's Cove (1) Marie Asscherick, Paul Sivonitte's Cove
Orchard Oriole	Jan 3	HAS-Woodland Park (1) Mary Goldsby			Jan 10 HAS-Spruce Bay Dr (1) Brooke Nicotra
Bullock's Oriole	Jan 15,17	HAS-Woodland Heights (1) Kristina Worley, Terri Pavlich			Jan 12 CAL-Corbina Rd(1) Charlotte Chehotsky, Kathy Rhodes
	Jan 15	CHA-Cotton Lake Rd (1) Paul Fagala			Jan 23 CAL-Oak Grove (1) David Muth
	Jan 15	HAS-EI Franco Lee Park (1) Dana Turner		Dickcissel	Jan 17 CAL-Lake Charles, W Prien Lake Rd (1) B. Kay
Bullock's/Baltimore Oriole	Jan 17	HAS-Woodland Park (1) mult obs			
Ovenbird	Jan 31	HAS-Armand Bayou NC (1) Farokh Jamalryia			
	Jan 31	HAS-Houston Zoo (10) Brent Nelson			
Nashville Warbler	Jan 7	HAS-Hermann Park (1) Justin Leahy, Dan Brooks			

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