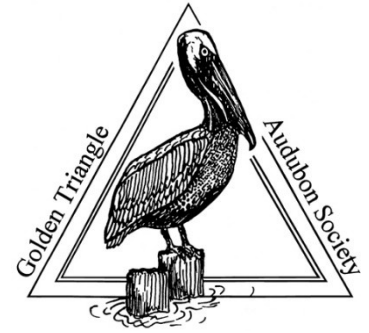


The Brown Pelican



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Membership Meeting
Thursday August 20, 2026 7:00 p.m.
Garden Center, Tyrrell Park, Beaumont

Birding While in Thailand
Gina Rico

In addition to Bangkok, Gina and her husband Paul Hromadka visited Thailand for about 10 days in October last year, primarily to visit a daughter serving in the Peace Corps there, but managed to do some birding. In addition to Bangkok and the nearby coastal towns on the Gulf of Thailand, they visited Phuket on the Malay Peninsula and Isan Province in the north east of the country.

Gina and Paul moved into a very birdy subdivision in Tallahassee, Florida in 1990 and became hooked on birding, although initially their children occupied most of their time. They moved to Houston in 1997, and to Beaumont in 2021 after they became "empty nesters." Gina found Sabine Woods and expanded into bird photography. Since then, they have taken a "birding only" trip to Costa Rica.

Gina recently retired as a chemistry teacher at West Brook High School in Beaumont.

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

Recent Bird Sightings

In order to present the complete migration report, we were unable to include our usual Sightings Report from this printed issue, although it is included in the digital edition distributed by email. It is also included in the version posted on the website at www.goldentriangleaudubon.org. Increasingly, we have used the flexibility of the digital edition to include in it some lengthy items that are too long for the print issue.

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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.

Future Programs and Field Trips. Always check the website goldentriangleaudubon.org for possible changes.

Thursday August 20, 2026.
Membership Meeting. Further details on page 1.

Saturday August 22, 2026. Field Trip to Bolivar Flats. Meet the leaders at the vehicle barrier at Bolivar Flats at 9:00 a.m. Take Highway 124 south from Winnie about 20 miles through High Island. At the shoreline, turn right along Highway 87 and proceed approximately 25 miles through Gilchrist and Crystal Beach until you come to the intersection with Loop 108. At that intersection, turn left (south – the opposite direction from Loop 108) on Rettilon Road to the beach. If conditions permit, drive onto the sand and turn right to the vehicle barrier (about 1/2 mile). Beware of soft sand! It is about a 90-minute drive from Beaumont or mid-County to the Flats (if you don't stop to bird on the way!)

Depending on the tide -- high tide is 5:30 AM and low tide at 6:40 PM -- it may well be a long walk to the water's edge! Be careful in the heat of August.

Often, even as early as late August, some southbound shorebird migrants, especially the small plovers, are present

After birding the flats, the group proceeds to the Big Store to use the facilities and eat lunch. Many participants will bring their lunch, as options to purchase are limited.

In the past, the group has often stopped at Rollover Pass and may possibly visit High Island on the way home, checking there for very early southbound migrants

To park on the beach, you will need a Galveston County Beach Parking Permit, obtainable for \$10 from most merchants on the Peninsula. (The Big Store opens at 7:00 a.m.)

GTAS Field Trip Report Saturday 23 May 2026

On May 23, fourteen birders, many attending a Golden Triangle Audubon field trip for the first time, assembled in the early morning in the shopping center parking lot, desperately in need of repair or resurfacing, at the intersection of FM92 and FM418 in the northern part of Silsbee. The weather forecasts the evening before (several sources!) had suggested that it was going to be noon before rain set in around noon, but the weather gods had other ideas.

After noting both crow species, a dark ibis and hearing a number of House Sparrows, the caravan set off north on FM92 to Gore Store Road where we turned west. Stopping at all the creek crossings, we came across a nice adult Red-headed Woodpecker, two summer Tanagers, heard a Hooded Warbler and then were able to find a Swainson's Warbler, one of the principal targets of this field trip. An Indigo Bunting was also seen. White-eyed Vireos were to become one of the common birds on the trips.

Normally, this Field Trip continues west as far as the bridge over Beech Creek, which bridge has produced many good birds in years past. However, Gore Store Road is currently closed at high ground well east of the bridge due to construction (a paving project) and/or flooding. So, we turned around and retraced our route before turning south on Fire Tower Road. After barely 1000 feet, we turned west on Waluta Road as far as Camp Waluta. At this point in time, our leader decided that the impending heavier rain (yes, there is now internet signal way out there at the entrance to Camp Waluta that enabled an evaluation of the rain!) that we should wait out the rain shower. After about a 40-minute rain delay, we proceeded back along Waluta Road. Although the conditions were quite wet on this road, we eventually found a rather wet Prairie Warbler, a Summer Tanager, and heard a Carolina Wren (always difficult to miss), a Red-bellied Woodpecker, a Northern Cardinal, a Pine Warbler, a Yellow-billed Chat and a staple of this trip, a White-eyed Vireo.

Back on Fire Tower Road, we turned south, finding a male Indigo Bunting. Along this stretch, we heard a Hooded

Warbler, at least two more White-headed Vireos, and probably at least four Swainson's Warblers. We turned west on Matigwa Road and found two more Swainson's Warbler, another Yellow-breasted Chat uncharacteristically perched at the top of a lone tall tree. An American Crow was seen and heard along with at least two more White-eyed Vireos. Back on Fire Tower Road, three more White-eyed Vireos were heard along with a Pine Warbler, a couple of Blue

Jays, and a Northern Cardinal. A Black Vulture was, surprisingly, the first Vulture seen on the trip. Our final stop at the garbage strewn Dry Creek, far from dry on this occasion, produced a very cooperative Yellow-throated Warbler.

Although this trip was hindered by the weather, we did find most of the target species. We did initially consider running the trip on the following Saturday. The forecast for the following week has rain every day,

and, as always, it remains to be seen what actually eventuates. However, it seems quite likely that there will be significant rain during the week, and that will make conditions very wet at best, and the road conditions may well not be ideal (essentially none of the roads are paved!). We thank Steve Mayes for leading this trip, and John Haynes for acting as an additional leader.

John A. Whittle

Field Trip to View the Swallows at Cattail Marsh

Harlan Stewart

GTAS had a successful swallow van tour today! In the distant past, the accepted number of July swallows in Jefferson County would have been 4 (Purple Martin, Barn Swallow, Cliff Swallow, and Cave Swallow). Today we were able to see all seven. Nowadays, Northern Rough-winged Swallows are regularly seen all summer, But Bank and Tree Swallows are considered rare and are flagged for review in e-bird in July. Bank and Tree Swallows typically begin to increase in numbers in the last few days of July, too late to avoid being flagged (I presume flagging is not granular enough). Of course, one would have to see many Swallows in order to pick out the few Banks

and Trees. In actuality, Bank Swallows typically begin to filter in mid-July. But one would have to observe hundreds of swallows in order to observe the one or two wanderers. Few birding locations will have hundreds of perching swallows appearing on a daily basis all summer. The utility lines along Willow Marsh Bayou is one of those rare locations.

Many Thanks to Jason Torres for the van tour and thanks to Dania Sanchez for the coordination!

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Guesstimate of today's Swallows:

Bank Swallow	4
Tree Swallow	1
Purple Martin	3
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	40

Barn Swallow	40
Cliff Swallow	20
Cave Swallow	100
Cliff/Cave Swallow	100

I based the above on a guesstimate of ~300 swallows. Cave Swallows were the dominant species today. Northern Rough-winged and Barn Swallows were well represented. The great majority of swallows were facing away from the road because

of the prevailing wind, so the ID of Cliff/Cave was necessitated for many. Cave Swallows numbers this summer have dominated over Cliff Swallows. So the numbers above add up to 300 plus the three rare species

Non-swallow species recorded

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (3); Fulvous Whistling-Duck (2); Mourning Dove (1); King Rail (1); Common Gallinule (4); Purple Gallinule (5); Laughing Gull (20); Neotropic Cormorant (40); White Ibis (15); Little Blue Heron (1);

Tricolored Heron (1); Western Cattle-Egret (80); Great Egret (1); Black Vulture (2); Turkey Vulture (10) Carolina Wren (2); Red-winged Blackbird (10)
Time 5:21 to 7:30 PM; Distance 1.37 miles

Migration through Sabine Woods Spring 2026

This is the expanded version of the account of birds seen in Spring 2026 Migration Season in Sabine Woods. For each species on each day, we show the highest number of that species reported on eBird that we find to be plausible. In preparing the grids, the following checklists were removed in their entirety:

1. Checklists reporting species that are readily identified but have been seen and correctly identified in Sabine Woods only once or twice in the 30 years Sabine Woods has been regularly birded and are not documented by detailed descriptions or photographically. Examples include Bald Eagle, American Crow, Hairy Woodpecker, Tufted Titmouse.

2. Checklists reporting species that are seen extremely rarely seen **in Sabine Woods** itself – especially strictly beach birds -- that were not reported by any other observer on days when there were numerous experienced birders in the Woods.

We accept that we are in many cases making judgments rather than reporting "hard" facts! The raw data, in organized electronic format, are readily available to anyone, but analyses tend to take lots of time!

We have excluded the use of checklists where it appears that the checklist includes species seen in or from locations other than Sabine Woods itself (and the adjacent stretch of Highway 87 ending at the Sabine Woods boundaries). We have not knowingly included checklists based **exclusively** on calls identified by use of the "Merlin" app. We do accept that the app's identifications can be helpful, and frequently act as confirmation of a species not **seen** well. But we feel the bird must be seen, however fleetingly, The resident pair of Northern Mockingbirds are excellent ventriloquists.

Despite these efforts to improve the quality, it should be noted only the eBird reviewer(s) for the county have the ability to ask the submitting observer for details. The lists the eBird program uses to indicate whether details should be included during observer data entry are set by the reviewer, typically at a county level and therefore do not request details for some species that are very rare in Sabine Woods itself. Also, checklists that are uploaded electronically rather than entered on line appear not to be checked to determine if details should be provided.

eBird provides access to lists of the bird species seen in Sabine Woods by a vast number of birders. The processes available to remove clearly erroneous sightings are not perfect, but they result in data sets that are very much better than the very small amounts of data that were available in times past before eBird. In our opinion, the vast increased number of observers entering into eBird, without any way to determining their experience level, has slightly reduced the usefulness of eBird for locations visited by large numbers of birders. (On the other hand, it has provided much valuable information on many locations that are birded less intensively.)

Some of the edits we have undertaken include excluding reports in a checklist of a very high number of a species on any given day, especially if there are other checklists for that day with numbers that are consistent with each other and more in keeping with the generally accepted norms. If an entire checklist shows excessive numbers for a large number of species, checklists from that observer are not used. Nevertheless, it is hoped that comparisons year to year will still be useful

Sabine Woods Birds rare migrants, 1 March 1 to 31 May 2026

Olive-sided Flycatcher	one 20 Apr, one 25 Apr, one 26 Apr, one 2 May	Mourning Warbler	one 7 May, two 8 May, one 9 May
Alder Flycatcher	one 2 May, one 7 May, one 9 May	Cape May Warbler	one 23 Apr, one 24 Apr, one 25 Apr, one 26 Apr, one 2 May, one 3 May, one 4 May, one 10 May
Willow Flycatcher	one 2 May, one 8 May	Black-thr. Blue Warbler	one 11 May, one 22 May
Fork-tailed Flycatcher	one 18 Apr	Prairie Warbler	one 5 Apr, one 25 Apr, one 27 Apr
Brewster's Warbler (hybr)	one 12 Apr, one 13 Apr, one 18 Apr, one 2 May, one 3 May	Western Tanager	one 6 May
Lawrence's Warbler (hybr)	one on 18 Apr		

Thanks to Observers Contributing to eBird

We appreciate all the contributions to eBird that made this compilation possible. While the observer's name(s) are displayed on eBird for each individual checklist when it is pulled up, only the observer's eBird "observer number" is given on the "bulk" eBird downloads that make our analyses practical. Our downloads included 1134 "separate" checklists. This counts each checklist which shows multiple observers were involved only once so the number of individual birders is very much higher. In past years we were able to compile a list of contributing birders by name, but we have reluctantly concluded that this is no longer practical. We thank these birders most sincerely, and hope you and they understand that the tedious process of pulling up each checklist individually does not contribute anything to bird and habitat conservation!

Migration through Sabine Woods March 2026

Row Labels	March															01-31Mar
	3	6	7	13	14	16	18	19	20	21	28	29	30	31		
Number of Parties	1	2	1	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	4		
Number of Checklists	1	2	1	7	5	1	1	2	1	2	6	4	1	4	38	
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck													2		2	
Blue-winged Teal									2						2	
Mottled Duck			1												1	
Eurasian Collared-Dove																
White-winged Dove	5	1	1	7	2	4	7		4	12	8	10	2	6	69	
Mourning Dove		1			2						2	2	1	1	9	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo																
Black-billed Cuckoo																
Common Nighthawk																
Chimney Swift																
Ruby-throated Hummingbird												5			5	
Clapper Rail					3			1							4	
Common Gallinule					1						2	4			7	
Black-necked Stilt											2				2	
American Avocet																
Black-bellied Plover																
Killdeer					2						1	1			4	
Upland Sandpiper																
Hudsonian Whimbrel																
Long-billed Dowitcher																
Solitary Sandpiper																
Lesser Yellowlegs																
Willet											2	1	6	1	10	
Greater Yellowlegs		1	1		1						1			1	5	
Laughing Gull																
Caspian Tern																
Black Tern																
Forster's Tern																
Royal Tern											2				2	
Anhinga																
Double-crested Cormorant																
Neotropic Cormorant											2			7	9	
White Ibis	1										31			2	34	
White-faced Ibis												1			1	
Roseate Spoonbill																
Yellow-crowned Night Heron												3			3	
Little Blue Heron											1				1	
Tricolored Heron											1				1	
Snowy Egret																
Green Heron											1		1	2	4	
Western Cattle-Egret																
Great Egret	1		3	2	1						1	3			11	
Great Blue Heron	1		1								1	2			5	
American White Pelican			7		1						6				14	
Brown Pelican																
Black Vulture											1			1	2	
Turkey Vulture		1	1		1	3					2	1		1	10	
Osprey											1			1	2	
Cooper's Hawk											1				1	
Northern Harrier			1								1			1	3	
Red-shouldered Hawk	1		1	1	1						1			1	6	

Migration through Sabine Woods March 2026

Row Labels	March														01-31Mar
	3	6	7	13	14	16	18	19	20	21	28	29	30	31	
Number of Parties	1	2	1	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	4	
Number of Checklists	1	2	1	7	5	1	1	2	1	2	6	4	1	4	38
Great Horned Owl				1	1				2		1	1			6
Belted Kingfisher											1	1		1	3
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				2											2
Red-bellied Woodpecker	2		2	2	1	1					2	2	1	2	15
Downy Woodpecker	2	2	5	3	4	1	1		2		5	5	1	2	33
Crested Caracara			1		2	2									5
Merlin															
Eastern Wood-Pewee															
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher															
Acadian Flycatcher															
Alder/Willow (Traill's) Flycatcher															
Least Flycatcher															
Empidonax sp.															
Eastern Phoebe	4	1	3	1	1						1				11
Great Crested Flycatcher											2	1			3
Great Kiskadee											1			1	2
Eastern Kingbird											1				1
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher											1		2	1	4
White-eyed Vireo											3	9			12
Yellow-throated Vireo												2			2
Blue-headed Vireo	1										1			1	3
Philadelphia Vireo															
Eastern Warbling Vireo															
Red-eyed Vireo												1			1
Loggerhead Shrike									1		2	1		1	5
Blue Jay	2	1	2	7	3	1	1				10	10	6	3	46
Fish Crow															
Carolina Chickadee			1	1							1	1			4
Bank Swallow															
Tree Swallow		2	5		20		9				14	15	40	8	113
Purple Martin	4	5	4	7	2		4				20	8	12	12	78
Northern Rough-winged Swallow															
Barn Swallow		2	1								2	2		9	16
Cave Swallow															
Cliff Swallow															
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	3	2	4	4	5		1		1		3	3		2	28
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	4	1	2		2						5	1	1		16
Northern House Wren	2										1		1	1	5
Sedge Wren															
Marsh Wren															
Carolina Wren		1	1	1	1						1	1		1	7
European Starling		4	1								1			3	9
Gray Catbird				1								1			2
Brown Thrasher	2			1	2						2	3			10
Northern Mockingbird	2			3	2		1				1	3	2	1	15
Veery															
Gray-cheeked Thrush															
Swainson's Thrush															
Wood Thrush															
American Robin					1						1				2
Cedar Waxwing															

Migration through Sabine Woods March 2026

Row Labels	March															01-31Mar
	3	6	7	13	14	16	18	19	20	21	28	29	30	31		
Number of Parties	1	2	1	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	4		
Number of Checklists	1	2	1	7	5	1	1	2	1	2	6	4	1	4	38	
House Finch																
Lincoln's Sparrow											1				1	
Swamp Sparrow		1					1					1			3	
Yellow-breasted Chat					1										1	
Orchard Oriole																
Hooded Warbler											7	7	1		15	
Baltimore Oriole																
Red-winged Blackbird		5	5	6	5		12				0	30	20	5	88	
Brown-headed Cowbird											2				2	
Common Grackle					2						8				10	
Boat-tailed Grackle			5		2				0		2	2			11	
Great-tailed Grackle					1		1				0		6	3	11	
Ovenbird																
Worm-eating Warbler											1	1		1	3	
Louisiana Waterthrush				1							1	1			3	
Northern Waterthrush																
Golden-winged Warbler																
Blue-winged Warbler																
Brewster's Warbler (hybrid)																
Lawrence's Warbler (hybrid)																
Black-and-white Warbler											5	2		1	8	
Prothonotary Warbler												2		1	3	
Tennessee Warbler																
Orange-crowned Warbler		1	1	3	1		1				2	1		1	11	
Nashville Warbler																
Kentucky Warbler											1				1	
Common Yellowthroat		2		1							3	3		1	10	
American Redstart																
Cerulean Warbler																
Northern Parula		1			2						2	8		1	14	
Magnolia Warbler																
Bay-breasted Warbler																
Blackburnian Warbler																
Northern Yellow Warbler																
Chestnut-sided Warbler																
Blackpoll Warbler																
Yellow-rumped Warbler	6	6	10	8	7	10	3		1		10	22	4	6	93	
Yellow-throated Warbler											1	1			2	
Black-throated Green Warbler																
Canada Warbler																
Summer Tanager																
Scarlet Tanager																
Northern Cardinal	4	2	3	3	4		3				5	4	1	4	33	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak																
Blue Grosbeak																
Indigo Bunting											1	2		1	4	
Painted Bunting																
Dickcissel																
Grand Total	47	44	78	67	87	22	45	1	14	12	211	196	110	110	1044	

Migration through Sabine Woods April 1 -15 2026

Row Labels	April															1-15Apr
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
Number of Parties	4	1	5	5	16	10	5	6	12	4	18	20	9	19	20	
Number of Checklists	4	1	5	6	18	11	6	7	15	5	21	24	9	22	20	174
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck			5	7	7	3			4		2		2			30
Blue-winged Teal					12									1	4	17
Mottled Duck						2									1	3
Eurasian Collared-Dove										1	1				1	3
White-winged Dove	4	3	2	7	16	6	8	4	8	5	6	7	5	6	11	98
Mourning Dove	2			3	2	3	1	1	2	1	1	4	1	2	3	26
Yellow-billed Cuckoo							2	1	2	1	4	2	2	2	5	21
Black-billed Cuckoo																
Common Nighthawk										1	1			1	1	4
Chimney Swift						2					1		1		5	9
Ruby-throated Hummingbird					6	2	2	1	1		8	5	5	1	4	35
Clapper Rail				1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	1		15
Common Gallinule					4	2		2	2		3	1		1		15
Black-necked Stilt					2	2		2	3		4	5		7	2	27
American Avocet																
Black-bellied Plover																
Killdeer			1			1	1	1			1					5
Upland Sandpiper																
Hudsonian Whimbrel								1				1				2
Long-billed Dowitcher			3		5							13				21
Solitary Sandpiper					2	2	2	2			1	2	1			12
Lesser Yellowlegs	8			4	3		1	1	2		1			2		22
Willet					1	1		2	2		1	1	1	1	2	12
Greater Yellowlegs					2	2	2	1	1		1		1	1	1	12
Laughing Gull					2	2			2	1	2	2			2	13
Caspian Tern					1	1									1	3
Black Tern																
Forster's Tern				3	3							1				7
Royal Tern					2	2		1	5	3	2		1			16
Anhinga																
Double-crested Cormorant				2	1			2			1	1		2		9
Neotropic Cormorant				2	2	1		4	4	1	2	1	1	1		19
White Ibis	8		2	6	3	8	1	2	10	1	7	11	2	1	6	68
White-faced Ibis			8		5	6		1	1	1	9	12	1	6	13	63
Roseate Spoonbill								1		1		1	1			4
Yellow-crowned Night Heron					5	3	2									10
Little Blue Heron	2			1	1		1	1	2					1	1	10
Tricolored Heron	1			6	2			2	1	1	5	6	1	1	2	28
Snowy Egret			1	2	2	1		1	1	8	17	1	1	1	1	37
Green Heron	1	2	1		1	2	3	3	2	1	2	3	1	2	2	26
Western Cattle-Egret					4				2	4	8	3	1	2	16	40
Great Egret	1		1	4	1	1		1	3	3	6	4	1	1	2	29
Great Blue Heron			1	2	2	2	1		1	3	1	1	1	1	1	17
American White Pelican					24			14	11		15	14	7	8	30	123
Brown Pelican					6	1			7	3	7	8	1			33
Black Vulture		1			5	3	1		2	2	4	2		1	2	23
Turkey Vulture				1	6	1	2	1	3	1	3		1	4	3	26
Osprey						1	1				1			1		4
Cooper's Hawk			1		1	1		1	1		1					6
Northern Harrier	1			1	1		1		1		1		1			7
Red-shouldered Hawk	1										1	1		1	1	5

Migration through Sabine Woods April 1 -15 2026

Row Labels	April															1-15Apr
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
Number of Parties	4	1	5	5	16	10	5	6	12	4	18	20	9	19	20	
Number of Checklists	4	1	5	6	18	11	6	7	15	5	21	24	9	22	20	174
Great Horned Owl	1					1				1						3
Belted Kingfisher								1						1	1	3
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker					1	1		1	1	1	1	1				7
Red-bellied Woodpecker	1		1	1	3	2	2	2	4	2	3	1	3	2	4	31
Downy Woodpecker	2		1	2	3	4	3	2	1	2	4	2	3	2	3	34
Crested Caracara															1	1
Merlin						1			1		1					3
Eastern Wood-Pewee					4	1				1	1		1	2	1	11
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher																
Acadian Flycatcher													1			1
Alder/Willow (Traill's) Flycatcher																
Least Flycatcher					1								1	1		3
Empidonax sp.					2											2
Eastern Phoebe														1		1
Great Crested Flycatcher					7	1	3	2	1	1	1	3	2	2	4	27
Great Kiskadee	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
Eastern Kingbird	1	1		1		3	4	1	7	6	5	3	7	1	4	44
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher		1			1		1	2			1		1		1	8
White-eyed Vireo					14	18	7	7	2	1	1	2	3	2	4	61
Yellow-throated Vireo					5	3	2	1	1		1		1		1	15
Blue-headed Vireo			1			1		3	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	13
Philadelphia Vireo																
Eastern Warbling Vireo											1					1
Red-eyed Vireo	1				3	3	8	3	3	2	6	1	4	2	3	39
Loggerhead Shrike					1	1	1				1	1		1	2	8
Blue Jay	4	2	1	4	7	2	6	12	7	6	10	5	5	5	8	84
Fish Crow											2	1	1		1	5
Carolina Chickadee	1				1			1								3
Bank Swallow																
Tree Swallow	5		4	15	17	7	15	15	8	1	8	2	1	1	1	100
Purple Martin	6	2	6	4	19	12	7	10	12	5	12	12	8	7	10	132
N Rough-winged Swallow					5	2		1	1		1			1	8	19
Barn Swallow	2		4	1	16	6		4	4	0	10	19	4	3	5	78
Cave Swallow			1										6	1		8
Cliff Swallow					2						8	1				11
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2			1	5	4	1	2	4	1	3	1	1		1	26
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher					2	4	2	1	1	1	4			1	1	17
Northern House Wren		1	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1		1	1	1	16
Sedge Wren											4	1	1			6
Marsh Wren								1	1	1	1	1		1		6
Carolina Wren	1		1		1	1	1			1		1	1		1	9
European Starling			2	2	1	2	1	3	3	2	5	5	1	1	3	31
Gray Catbird				1	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	5	22
Brown Thrasher	3		2	1	4	3	2	2		2	3	2	3	2	3	32
Northern Mockingbird			2	3	5	2	3	2	2	2	3	3	1	2	2	32
Veery												1				1
Gray-cheeked Thrush															2	2
Swainson's Thrush					2	3			1				1		1	8
Wood Thrush					1	3		3	1	1	1	1	2		2	15
American Robin								1		1	1				1	4
Cedar Waxwing							6				6		1	7	32	52

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Row Labels	April															1-15Apr
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
Number of Parties	4	1	5	5	16	10	5	6	12	4	18	20	9	19	20	
Number of Checklists	4	1	5	6	18	11	6	7	15	5	21	24	9	22	20	174
House Finch										2						2
Lincoln's Sparrow					1				1	1	3					6
Swamp Sparrow	1									1	1			1		4
Yellow-breasted Chat					1		1			1	1					4
Orchard Oriole					3	2	3			2	2	4			23	39
Hooded Warbler				1	21	22	6	6	5	3	2	3	8	4	4	85
Baltimore Oriole										1			1	1	4	7
Red-winged Blackbird	9		50	25	50	51	25	70	55	6	30	30	20	50	65	536
Brown-headed Cowbird	1		4	18	9	3	3	3	10	2	3	3	2	3	4	68
Common Grackle	10		2	4	3	4	2	4	5	0	5	0	1	5	2	47
Boat-tailed Grackle			6	5	9	17	4	2	1	0	16	9	5	4	0	78
Great-tailed Grackle	6		7		10	8	8	5	4	5	4	12	6	4	16	95
Ovenbird						2		1	1		1		1		1	7
Worm-eating Warbler					7	4	1	2	2	1	3	2	4	1	4	31
Louisiana Waterthrush					1	1	1		1	1	2	2	2	3	1	15
Northern Waterthrush							1	1		1	1	1	1	3	3	12
Golden-winged Warbler																
Blue-winged Warbler					3	3					1	2	2	1	1	13
Brewster's Warbler (hybrid)												1	1			2
Lawrence's Warbler (hybrid)													2			2
Black-and-white Warbler				1	10	6	3	3	2	2	4	1	2	4	1	39
Prothonotary Warbler					7	10	20	6	5	2	10	5	5	4	2	76
Tennessee Warbler						1	1	1	4	1	3	1	2		3	17
Orange-crowned Warbler				2	2	2		1	3		1		1		2	14
Nashville Warbler																
Kentucky Warbler						3		2				1	1	1	1	9
Common Yellowthroat	1		1	1	5	3	6	5	4	3	5	3	4	4	3	48
American Redstart					2			2	2		1	2	2	2	6	19
Cerulean Warbler													1		1	2
Northern Parula					5	7	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	24
Magnolia Warbler																
Bay-breasted Warbler																
Blackburnian Warbler						3	3									6
Northern Yellow Warbler											1		1		3	5
Chestnut-sided Warbler						1									1	2
Blackpoll Warbler																
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1		4	2	21	16	8	5	6	2	2	1		1	1	70
Yellow-throated Warbler					2	4	2	9	2	2						21
Black-throated Green Warbler								2								2
Canada Warbler																
Summer Tanager					2	4	2	2	2	3	4	2	2	2	10	35
Scarlet Tanager						4	3	1	3	7	7	5	3	1	3	37
Northern Cardinal	2		4	2	14	9	4	8	6	6	5	8	5	5	5	83
Rose-breasted Grosbeak										1	1	2	1	1	2	8
Blue Grosbeak					2	2	2	1	6	3	6	3	3	2	3	33
Indigo Bunting	2			1	7	5	12	6	3	2	10	6	3	6	5	68
Painted Bunting												5	3	3		11
Dickcissel																
Grand Total	96	14	137	166	489	364	235	296	303	165	419	307	222	237	425	3875

Row Labels	April																16-30Apr
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30		
Number of Parties	18	23	43	134	91	43	37	42	21	39	26	13	10	9	9		
Number of Checklists	22	32	58	161	111	74	73	69	44	43	36	13	10	13	12	771	
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck		2	3	14	12	8		6	8	4	7	7	2		2	75	
Blue-winged Teal		10		30	6	7	1		2							56	
Mottled Duck		5	3	7		2				2	2					21	
Eurasian Collared-Dove	1	1		1						2						5	
White-winged Dove	6	6	11	12	12	17		12	8	12	7	22	6	4	8	143	
Mourning Dove	2	4	2	5	2	2	2	3	2	6	1	3	2		3	39	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	1	1	1	12	4	5	2	2	3	4	5	3	4	1	2	50	
Black-billed Cuckoo				1	2	1	1		1	1	1		1		1	10	
Common Nighthawk				1	3	1	1		1	2	1	1	1		2	15	
Chimney Swift	1	2	5	3	8	2	1	3	1	2	2				1	31	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	1	3	1	3	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	1			26	
Clapper Rail	1	1	1	1	1	1			1	1		1			1	10	
Common Gallinule	1	1	1	3	2	3				1	1	2				15	
Black-necked Stilt	1	8	3	5	2	5		3	2	3	4					37	
American Avocet				2		2										4	
Black-bellied Plover		4		1							1					6	
Killdeer	1	5	1	1	1	3				3						15	
Upland Sandpiper										1						1	
Hudsonian Whimbrel		2	3	1		1				25	2		2		1	37	
Long-billed Dowitcher		16		12	9	1										38	
Solitary Sandpiper				1	1										1	3	
Lesser Yellowlegs		3		4	15	4			3	1	2					32	
Willet	2	2	3	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1		1	1	22	
Greater Yellowlegs		1		2	1	1			1	2						8	
Laughing Gull	2	8		2	10	19	6	7		2	4	3			2	65	
Caspian Tern		2	1	1		1										5	
Black Tern																	
Forster's Tern			1	1		2	2				1	4		2		13	
Royal Tern		1	1	2	1	1		1			3	2				12	
Anhinga			3	1	1			1			1					7	
Double-crested Cormorant	7			1	1	2			2			1				14	
Neotropic Cormorant	1	9	2	7	2	3	7		1	5	2					39	
White Ibis	1	3	3	12	10	16	12	5	4	5	4	4	2	1		82	
White-faced Ibis	1	9	6	8	8	15	2	6		4	11	4	2		1	77	
Roseate Spoonbill		1	2	3	2	1	1				2					12	
Yellow-crowned Night Heron		2	1	1				1								5	
Little Blue Heron	1	2	2	2	4	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1			20	
Tricolored Heron	1		1	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2				16	
Snowy Egret	2	1	6	19				1	10	3	4	3	3	1	4	57	
Green Heron	3	2	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	2	1	3	49	
Western Cattle-Egret	4	3	8	10	7	6		3	10	3	2					56	
Great Egret	1	1	3	5	4	4	2		1	2	3			1	2	29	
Great Blue Heron	1	1	1	1	1	2	1		1	1	2					12	
American White Pelican		25		25	35	40	20	22	18							185	
Brown Pelican	2		8	2	6		3	6	5		2					34	
Black Vulture	1	1	1	7	4	4			1	4	5	1	1		2	32	
Turkey Vulture	1	3	2	5	4	4	2	1		3	3	1				29	
Osprey	1				1			1	1	1	1	1	1	1		9	
Cooper's Hawk				1	1	1						1				4	
Northern Harrier	1	1		2	1	1			1	1						8	
Red-shouldered Hawk			1	1	1	1									1	5	

Row Labels	April															16-30Apr
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
Number of Parties	18	23	43	134	91	43	37	42	21	39	26	13	10	9	9	
Number of Checklists	22	32	58	161	111	74	73	69	44	43	36	13	10	13	12	771
Great Horned Owl																
Belted Kingfisher		1	1	1				1								4
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			1	1	1	1			1	1	1					7
Red-bellied Woodpecker	3	3	4	4	4	3	2	3	3	3	3	4	2	1	2	44
Downy Woodpecker	2	2	4	5	5	3	2	3	3	4	5	4	5	2	3	52
Crested Caracara				4	1	2			1	1	2	1	2		1	15
Merlin		1	1	1	2	1			1	1					1	9
Eastern Wood-Pewee	1	1	2	7	4	3	3	1	2	2	3	4	1	1	1	36
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher																
Acadian Flycatcher	1	1	2	9	5	4	2		1	2	1	1	1	1		31
Alder/Willow (Traill's) Flycatcher																
Least Flycatcher			1	2	1	1	1	1		1	2					10
Empidonax sp.					4						4	1				9
Eastern Phoebe			1	1	1					1				1		5
Great Crested Flycatcher	2	3	4	5	4	2	2	3	4	3	3	5	2	3	2	47
Great Kiskadee	1	1	1	1	1	1				1					1	8
Eastern Kingbird	2	2	8	12	11	5	2	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	4	64
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	1	1	2	1	1			1		1						8
White-eyed Vireo	2	2	1	35	30	13	13	2	1	4	1	5		1	1	111
Yellow-throated Vireo	1	1	1	5	6	4	1	1		1	1	3			1	26
Blue-headed Vireo	1	1	1	2	3	1	2	1		1		1			1	15
Philadelphia Vireo				3	4	1			2	2	1	1				14
Eastern Warbling Vireo				3	3	2	1	1	1	2			1			14
Red-eyed Vireo	3	2		8	25	16	8	3	2	8	3	3	2		2	85
Loggerhead Shrike	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	2	1	1			14
Blue Jay	8	15	10	10	8	10	5	8	5	9	10	7	7	5	6	123
Fish Crow				1	1								1			3
Carolina Chickadee	1	1	2	5	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	21
Bank Swallow				2		2			1	1	4	20	##	10	2	142
Tree Swallow	4	12	10	17	14	25		2	10	10	20	20	1	3	2	150
Purple Martin	8	8	12	12	10	10	11	11	10	12	11	12	5	6	12	150
N Rough-winged Swallow	4	2	6	12	5	13		3	1	4	34	10	4	1	2	101
Barn Swallow	5	3	18	25	17	27	30	30	20	30	17	30	10	1	3	266
Cave Swallow			3									1				4
Cliff Swallow	2		6	10	2	2		0	1		4					27
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	3			1	1	1				1					1	8
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1	1	1	3	3	4	1	2	1	1	1	2			2	23
Northern House Wren	1		1	1			1	1								5
Sedge Wren			2	3		2			1	1						9
Marsh Wren		2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				12
Carolina Wren		2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2		3	2	19
European Starling	7	1	4	5	3	1	5	1	1	3	2	4	2	1	3	43
Gray Catbird	3	4	18	55	50	60	34	14	15	20	15	12	6	3	7	316
Brown Thrasher	2	2	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	5	2	1	2	37
Northern Mockingbird	4	2	3	4	4	3	2	4	2	4	6	8	4	2	5	57
Veery		2		4	6	2	2	2	1	2	1	2				24
Gray-cheeked Thrush	2			2	3	5	1	1	2	4	2	3	1		1	27
Swainson's Thrush		1	1	17	15	10	3	4	2		1	1	2	1		58
Wood Thrush	1	3	6	34	34	30	9	1	4	1	1	1	1	2		128
American Robin				1	1										1	3
Cedar Waxwing	20	43	150	45	30	25	35	8	16	12	2	20	50		14	470

Row Labels	April															16-30Apr
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
Number of Parties	18	23	43	134	91	43	37	42	21	39	26	13	10	9	9	
Number of Checklists	22	32	58	161	111	74	73	69	44	43	36	13	10	13	12	771
House Finch		2	1	1	2		1	1	4	3						15
Lincoln's Sparrow	1		1	1		1		1								5
Swamp Sparrow			1	1		1	2									5
Yellow-breasted Chat	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1			1	18
Orchard Oriole	13	6	22	16	13	20	3	4	4	15	3	5	3	1		128
Hooded Warbler	5	3	5	45	38	20	14	2	5	2	1	1		1	1	143
Baltimore Oriole	1	4	20	25	20	5	1	1	5	6	6	5	3	1	2	105
Red-winged Blackbird	19	15	30	35	22	24	30	25	10	21	23	39	20	14	22	349
Brown-headed Cowbird	2	9	4	8	6	4	4	5	3	7	5	5	3	1	4	70
Common Grackle	1	2	3	7	6	4	2	3	5	7	5	6	3	1	2	57
Boat-tailed Grackle	7	11	12	20	36	17	22	15	15	15	20	12	20	4	8	234
Great-tailed Grackle	8	1	12	10	10	17	14	15	15	50	11	14	10	8	1	196
Ovenbird		3	3	8	8	8	6	1	3	3	2	2	1	1	2	51
Worm-eating Warbler	2		1	10	6	5	4	1	2	1						32
Louisiana Waterthrush	2	1	2	2	3	2	1	1	2	2		1		1		20
Northern Waterthrush	4	4	5	7	6	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	1	2	51
Golden-winged Warbler			1	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1					12
Blue-winged Warbler	2	1	3	5	6	3	1		2		2	3				28
Brewster's Warbler (hybrid)				1												1
Lawrence's Warbler (hybrid)																
Black-and-white Warbler	1	1	1	10	14	7	4	1	2	3	2	2	3	1	4	56
Prothonotary Warbler	3	1	1	2	12	12	12	8	2	2	1	1				57
Tennessee Warbler		1	3	40	15	20		1	1	3	1	1		2	1	89
Orange-crowned Warbler				1	1						1					3
Nashville Warbler				1	1		1					2			1	6
Kentucky Warbler	2	3	4	22	7	5	3		1	1				1	2	51
Common Yellowthroat	2	3	5	21	8	6	5	3	3	5	3	3	3	1	1	72
American Redstart	10	1	3	7	4	4	1	1	5	3	5	1	1	2	4	52
Cerulean Warbler			2	8	3	2										15
Northern Parula			1	9	3	3	1	2	1	1	1	3	1			26
Magnolia Warbler		1		2	2	1	1			3	1	2	3	1	2	19
Bay-breasted Warbler				1	1	4			1	1	1	1			1	11
Blackburnian Warbler				3	3	2	1								1	10
Northern Yellow Warbler	1		1	4	3	1	1	1	7	5	3	3	1	1	12	44
Chestnut-sided Warbler			1	6	7	2	2			2	3	1	1	1		26
Blackpoll Warbler			1	1		1				1		1				5
Yellow-rumped Warbler			2	3	1	2			1		1	1				11
Yellow-throated Warbler	2			1	1	1		1								6
Black-throated Green Warbler			2	15	5	5	3	2	2	1	2	1	1		4	43
Canada Warbler									1	1						2
Summer Tanager	6	6	6	50	38	15	9	0	6	8	5	3		1	2	155
Scarlet Tanager	2	5	5	8	11	8	4	3	5	5	3	2		1	2	64
Northern Cardinal	5	7	8	10	7	9	5	7	6	6	7	8		2	7	94
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	3	3	10	20	13	11	2	2	5	18	5	2	3			97
Blue Grosbeak	1	3	3	9	7	20	20	8	10	10	6	7	4	5	1	114
Indigo Bunting	4	6	12	60	60	57	36	15	21	50	16	7	6	3	2	355
Painted Bunting	2	2	6	8	4	1	1	1	3	5	2	2	1	1	1	40
Dickcissel				1	1	2			1	3	3	1	1		1	14
Grand Total	262	395	614	1218	960	870	484	356	399	590	428	473	341	130	221	7741

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Row Labels	May																			1-31May	Grand Tot Mar to May
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	15	17	22	24	25			
Number of Parties	11	49	25	5	9	6	6	11	8	3	6	3	2	1	1	1	3	1			
Number of Checklists	15	56	32	7	9	6	6	18	12	5	6	3	3	1	1	1	3	1	185	1134	
Black-bellied Whist-Duck		6	2			4	4	8	4									2	151	170	
Blue-winged Teal		4						2											6	81	
Mottled Duck		1																	1	26	
Eurasian Collared-Dove		1						2				2							5	13	
White-winged Dove	5	10	15	5	2	6	4	10	6	5	4	5	2		4		4	#	97	407	
Mourning Dove	1	2	5	1			1	4			1	6					1	5	27	101	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	5	10	7	4	4	7	2		4		1	4			1		1		50	121	
Black-billed Cuckoo		2		1		1	1	1	1										7	17	
Common Nighthawk	2	2	1	2		2	1	8	1		1	2				1	2		25	44	
Chimney Swift		5					4	1				6							16	56	
Ruby-thr. Hummingbird	1	5	3	1			1	5	2	1	5	3	1						28	94	
Clapper Rail		1	1		1	1		1											5	34	
Common Gallinule		2	2				1	1	3								1		10	47	
Black-necked Stilt		3	3		1	1		2	2		2								14	80	
American Avocet		6																	6	10	
Black-bellied Plover																				6	
Killdeer		2	1				1	1											5	29	
Upland Sandpiper		2																	2	3	
Hudsonian Whimbrel		1	7																8	47	
Long-billed Dowitcher		4																	4	63	
Solitary Sandpiper		3	1	1															5	20	
Lesser Yellowlegs		4																	4	58	
Willet		3	2					2									1		8	52	
Greater Yellowlegs		4																	4	29	
Laughing Gull		10	2	2	1		2	3	4			1							25	103	
Caspian Tern																				8	
Black Tern	5	4						1	3		1								14	14	
Forster's Tern	1	3							1										5	25	
Royal Tern		1					1		1								1		4	34	
Anhinga		8																	8	15	
Double-crest. Cormorant		1																	1	24	
Neotropic Cormorant		2					4												6	73	
White Ibis	2	22	7	1	1	3	2	3	3	1	5	1			1				52	236	
White-faced Ibis		1	2		1														4	145	
Roseate Spoonbill		7							2	2									11	27	
Yellow-cr.Night Heron		1																	1	19	
Little Blue Heron		2	1					1											4	35	
Tricolored Heron		4	1		1			1											7	52	
Snowy Egret		8	1		1		1	2	1		1	3							18	112	
Green Heron		3	2			2	2	2	1		1						1		14	93	
Western Cattle-Egret		7	7		1		6	6	4										31	127	
Great Egret	1	4	1	1	4			4	1			1							17	86	
Great Blue Heron		7	1					1							1				10	44	
American White Pelican		7																	7	329	
Brown Pelican		2	5				2												9	76	
Black Vulture		2	3				2	2	2			6					1		18	75	
Turkey Vulture		5	5				1	1	2		2	5							21	86	
Osprey			1					1											2	17	
Cooper's Hawk		1																	1	12	
Northern Harrier																				18	
Red-shouldered Hawk		1			1			1				1							4	20	

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Row Labels	May																									Grand Tot Mar to May
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	15	17	22	24	25	1-31May							
Number of Parties	11	49	25	5	9	6	6	11	8	3	6	3	2	1	1	1	3	1								
Number of Checklists	15	56	32	7	9	6	6	18	12	5	6	3	3	1	1	1	3	1	185							
Great Horned Owl		1							1										2						11	
Belted Kingfisher																									10	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		2	2																4						20	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	1	3	3	1	2	1	2	2	3	1	3	4		1	2	1	2		32						122	
Downy Woodpecker	2	5	4	2	3	2	3	3	4	1	2	2		1	1	1	3	3	42						161	
Crested Caracara		2	1		1		2	1	1		1				1				10						31	
Merlin																									12	
Eastern Wood-Pewee	2	35	10	3	1	6	8	13	6	1	5	3	2	1	2	1	2		101						148	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher		1	1					1	1	1	1	1					4	2	13						13	
Acadian Flycatcher	1	30	6	1	1	8	4	8	4		1	2	2			2	1		71						103	
Alder/Willow (Traill's) Fly)		2						1											3						3	
Least Flycatcher	1	2	6			2	3	1	1										16						29	
Empidonax sp.	1	15	9	1		3	4	4	4		3								44						55	
Eastern Phoebe																									17	
Great Crested Flycatcher	2	4	4	2	2	3	2	3	3	1	2	3	1		4	1	2	2	41						118	
Great Kiskadee		1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1				1	1	1	13						39	
Eastern Kingbird		6	15	2	2	4	4	14	6		3	4			1			1	62						171	
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher		2	2					1									2		7						27	
White-eyed Vireo	1	7	7	1	1	1	1	2	1			6				1	1		30						214	
Yellow-throated Vireo	2	10	4					1	1		1								19						62	
Blue-headed Vireo	1	2	1	1				1	1										7						38	
Philadelphia Vireo	3	45	7	3	1	5	9	5	5			1							84						98	
Eastern Warbling Vireo		2	1						1										4						19	
Red-eyed Vireo	3	45	5	2	3	6	6	8	7	2	3	12	#	1	1	1	2		132						257	
Loggerhead Shrike		2	1			1													4						31	
Blue Jay	3	10	6	6	5	5	5	7	6	1	5	5		3	6		4	3	80						333	
Fish Crow												1							1						9	
Carolina Chickadee		1		1	1		1	1	1		1			1			1	1	10						38	
Bank Swallow	4	4						1											9						151	
Tree Swallow		8	4				2	9											23						386	
Purple Martin	12	12	12	11	5	6	6	8	8	1	6	4			6	4	4		105						465	
N Rough-winged Swallow	10	5																	15						135	
Barn Swallow	2	15	4	4	1	5	2	5	3		5	4			1	4			55						415	
Cave Swallow								1											1						13	
Cliff Swallow		2					4				10								16						54	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		5	1	1			2	1											10						72	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		1	3		1							1							6						62	
Northern House Wren		1																	1						27	
Sedge Wren																									15	
Marsh Wren		1						1	1										3						21	
Carolina Wren		1	1		1	1		1				5							10						45	
European Starling		8	3			3	2	13	3		5	6					5		48						131	
Gray Catbird	10	50	45	4	6	8	9	16	9	1	8	2					2		170						510	
Brown Thrasher	1	3	3	1	2	3	3	4	5	1	3	4	4		3		2	3	45						124	
Northern Mockingbird	1	6	5	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	2							25						129	
Veery		6	4	2	1			2	1		1	2		1	1				21						46	
Gray-cheeked Thrush	3	9	10	4	2	4	2	4	1		2	3		1					45						74	
Swainson's Thrush	2	18	15																35						101	
Wood Thrush	1	5	6	2		2	2	2	1		1	1		1					24						167	
American Robin		1																	1						10	
Cedar Waxwing		30		1			3	4	1		2	7							48						570	

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Number of Parties	11	49	25	5	9	6	6	11	8	3	6	3	2	1	1	1	3	1									
Number of Checklists	15	56	32	7	9	6	6	18	12	5	6	3	3	1	1	1	3	1									
House Finch		1	1																2							19	
Lincoln's Sparrow																										12	
Swamp Sparrow																										12	
Yellow-breasted Chat		1	1	1			1	1	1		1	1							8							31	
Orchard Oriole		8	4	2	1	4	6	6	3		2		1	1			5	1	44							211	
Hooded Warbler	1		3	2	1	1	1	4	2			1					1	1	18							261	
Baltimore Oriole		8	2	2	1	3	2	1	2										21							133	
Red-winged Blackbird	8	22	30	12	6	14	16	12	18	3	13	14	3	8	#		5	2	198							1171	
Brown-headed Cowbird	2	4	4	2	1	1		1	0		3	6					2		26							166	
Common Grackle		7	4	9	1	1			1		4	3			1		1		32							146	
Boat-tailed Grackle	5	11	8	4	5	4	2	12	10	3	8	8	5	5	5		3		98							421	
Great-tailed Grackle	4	12	4		2		1	2	1			6		2	1		1		36							338	
Ovenbird	3	24	8	4	2			5	3		2	2	3	1					57							115	
Worm-eating Warbler	1	1	1				1	1											5							71	
Louisiana Waterthrush		3	1				1												5							43	
Northern Waterthrush	2	5	3	2	1	2	4	4	2	1	1	1				1			29							92	
Golden-winged Warbler	3	6	3	1		1	3		1										18							30	
Blue-winged Warbler	1	4	4				1												10							51	
Brewster's Warbler (hyb)		1	1																2							5	
Lawrence's Warbler (hyb)																										2	
Black-and-white Warbler	4	25	16	5	1	2	10	16	5		3	2	1	1					91							194	
Prothonotary Warbler		1	1				1	1				2							6							142	
Tennessee Warbler	5	35	7	1	2	6	11	19	6		3	1				1			97							203	
Orange-crowned Warbler		1	1																2							30	
Nashville Warbler			1		1	2					1								5							11	
Kentucky Warbler	1	5	4	1			1	2	1			1							16							77	
Common Yellowthroat	2	4	5	3	1	8	5	6	4		4	2					1	1	46							176	
American Redstart	3	50	8	3	1	8	34	19	7	2	3	4	3	1	2	2			150							221	
Cerulean Warbler		5	2																7							24	
Northern Parula	1	1	2			2	5	2	1			2					1		17							81	
Magnolia Warbler	8	50	25	6	1	12	69	26	19	1	13	7				2			239							258	
Bay-breasted Warbler	8	175	30	4	5	8	16	28	8	1	11	7	1			3			305							316	
Blackburnian Warbler	3	15	6	3	1	2	8	11	4	1	1		1		1				57							73	
Northern Yellow Warbler	6	8	2	2	6	11	4	6		2		1				1			49							98	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	6	31	15	1	1	3	13	10	8	2	3	2					1		96							124	
Blackpoll Warbler		1				1	2	1	1										6							11	
Yellow-rumped Warbler		1					1	2				1							5							179	
Yellow-throated Warbler		1										2							3							32	
Black-thr.Green Warbler	2	10	2	2		3	7	5	4	1	1	2	1						40							85	
Canada Warbler	1	2	1				2	1	3		1	1				1			13							15	
Summer Tanager	3	45	10	2	2	4	3	4	4	1	1	3							82							272	
Scarlet Tanager	3	30	6	3	1	3	1	2	4		1	3	2						59							160	
Northern Cardinal	4	7	8	8	5	5	8	6	4	3	5	8		4	5		3		83							293	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	2	35	15	3	4		3	9	6	1	1	1	1						81							186	
Blue Grosbeak	4	7	5	4	5	2	2	2	2			2							35							182	
Indigo Bunting	20	60	50	20	2	3	31	15	23		1	2	1						228							655	
Painted Bunting		5	2	1	1	1	2	1	1		1				1				16							67	
Dickcissel		2	1			3	3												9							23	
Grand Total	208	1383	618	191	123	229	425	480	303	45	191	231	60	34	64	34	74	36	4762								17422

Great Texas Birding Classic 2026

Christine Sliva

The Great Texas Birding Classic is biggest and longest birdwatching tournament in the United States! The tournament assists Texas Parks and Wildlife by documenting migratory birds. There are various categories to participate in, from the beginner to the competitive. The tournament runs from April 15th through May 15th. Teams choose a location and a date within this range. On Saturday April 18th sixteen (16) GTAS members participated in the Upper Texas Coast Big Sit division. The Big Sit is exactly what it states; team members sit in a 50' diameter circle for up to a 24-hour period and count as many bird species they can identify by sight and or sound from within the circle.

The team chose Sabine Woods Sanctuary, Texas Ornithologic Society for their Big Sit. Team name "Guardians of the Woods". Saturday, April 18th, weather prediction was for a strong and highly impactful cold front. This indicates birds migrating North across the Gulf waters will drop in along the coast for some much-needed rest. Over two billion birds cross the Gulf of Mexico during their annual migrations, making it the largest open-water migration of landbirds on the planet! Sabine Woods Sanctuary is a critical stopover point for fatigued birds to rest and refuel. How fortunate are we to witness something truly phenomenal! I arrived at 6:30 A.M. roughly 30 minutes prior to sunrise anticipating being the first one at the Woods. I was wrong! There were already five vehicles parked, none of which I recognized. This was probably going to be a very good day at Sabine Woods! We had chosen to set up our circle just inside the main entrance allowing a southern view across the marsh, as well as a small portion of the wooded entry. Prior to sunrise I set up my spotting scope with a poncho covering it due to the tailing end of light rain that was starting to diminish.

First bird of the day was a Blue Jay calling from within the woods. As I am marking off a section across Hwy 87 to not have our view blocked, I hear someone yell Blackburnian! I stop, "run" back across the road get inside our circle so that I hopefully will be able to see and count this bird! YES, there he is in full view, what a Beautiful Adult Male! Thank you to fellow birders sharing their excitement and pointing out where to look! Yes, there are rules and we do follow them. It's not too much longer before teammate Sherrie Roden pulls up. She gets out of her vehicle with a smile on her face and says "Boy there's a lot of cars here!" I replied yes and so are the birds! At this point I had already had just over a dozen birds for our list! Soon other teammates are arriving and anticipating an exciting day at Sabine Woods!

We competed against 18 other teams in our division. Our count for the day was 95 Birds! Birds listed in order of sighting; Blue Jay, Blackburnian Warbler, Tennessee Warbler, Red-eyed Vireo, Red-winged Blackbird, Barn Swallow, Tree Swallow, Common Yellow-throated, Wood Thrush, Hooded Warbler, Great-crested Flycatcher, White-winged Dove, King Rail, Great-tailed Grackle, Carolina Wren, Brown Pelican, Neotropical Cormorant, Cedar Waxwing, Great Egret, Crested Caracara, Greater Yellowlegs, Black-necked Stilt, Snowy Egret, Little Blue Heron, Brown Thrasher, Mourning Dove, Great Blue Heron, Sedge Wren, White-faced Ibis, Lesser Yellow Legs, Willet, White Ibis, Green Heron, Cattle Egret, Least Sandpiper, Tri-colored Heron, Mottled Duck, Summer Tanager, White-eyed Vireo, Boat-tailed Grackle, Purple Martin, Northern Cardinal, Indigo Bunting, Black-bellied Whistling Duck, Acadian Flycatcher, Worm-eating Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, White Pelican, Baltimore Oriole, Northern Harrier, Black-and-white Warbler, Yellow-crowned Night Heron, Turkey Vulture, Forester's Tern, Chimney Swift, Carolina Chickadee, Downy Woodpecker, Gray Catbird, Northern Mockingbird, Northern Yellow Warbler, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Eastern Kingbird, European Starling, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Orchard Oriole, Whimbrel, Clapper Rail, Black Vulture, Swainson's Hawk, Scarlet Tanager, Gray-cheeked Thrush, Eastern Phoebe, Laughing Gull, Royal Tern, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, American Redstart, Yellow-throated Vireo, Roseate Spoonbill, American Avocet, Blue-headed Vireo, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Cliff Swallow, Northern Parula, Cerulean Warbler, Long-billed Dowitcher, Least Tern, Eastern Wood Pewee, Swainson's Thrush, Blue-winged Teal, Great Kiskadee, Marsh Wren, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Common Nighthawk.

So, how did we do? Of the 19 teams participating in the Upper Texas Coast Big Sit division we came in 5th! The 1st place team logged 120 species, 2nd place team logged 110 species, 3rd place team logged 108 species, and the 4th place team logged 96 species.

Guardian of the Woods team; Sue Benson, Howard Davis, Linda Davis, John Haynes, Johnny Johnson, Denise Kelley, Gary Kelley, Steve Mayes, Greg Reynolds, Sherrie Roden, Dania Sanchez, Christine Sliva, Harlan Stewart, Jana Whittle, John Whittle.

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Bird Sightings –June and July 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.

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 reported it.

Commentary: Pressure on space did not allow us to include this section in the printed edition of this issue (even without the lengthy commentary). It is included in this digital edition, and in the on-line edition. We are still exploring ways to shorten this section and welcome any reader comments. We are considering ways to focus on species that are rare in our area at any time of the year, and reducing the reporting of birds that are reasonably common at some time in year but show as rare in eBird because they are very early, very later or perhaps lingering as a result of an impairment.

The most interesting sightings in this summary involve Whimbrels. On the admittedly now very old checklist that we use, Whimbrels are only common enough not to qualify for inclusion here in the spring – the second half of March and the first half of April. Yet, this year we have multiple reports in June and July in a very restricted area on the coastal beaches of Galveston County on both sides of Bolivar Roads, in significant numbers in a couple of cases. Checking a little

further afield, there are numerous reports of Hudsonian Whimbrels in 2026 from the barrier islands in the Cape Hatteras area, but none in that area in 2025. It will be interesting to see if these represents relatively small groups of Whimbrels that somehow failed to continue north to their usual breeding grounds on the arctic tundra. It is said that their favorite food consists of crabs in winter/spring, changing over to berries in breeding season. Could it be that an abundance of crabs was the driving force, or could it be memories of a poor berry season on the tundra the year before? Those that stayed far south of their normal breeding range could probably find enough crabs in summer, but they likely had more difficulty adapting to the temperatures even in the coastal areas. Please carefully check any curlew you see in our area in summer!

While on the subject of Whimbrels, it is very unfortunate that the powers that be selected the name Hudsonian Whimbrel when the species was split from the Eurasian Whimbrel in 2025. The descriptive name White-rumped Whimbrel had already seen some "unofficial" use for the Eurasian species, and would have drawn attention to the most significant difference between the two. But we still have to wrestle with having to deal with both Hudsonian Godwits and Hudsonian Whimbrels – relatively similar species with potentially confusing names!

There is one series of records of a Eurasian Whimbrel on Bob Road on the Bolivar Peninsula (Galveston County) through most of May 2013 seen by a good number of birders. It was identified at the time as of the European (then) subspecies. There is a relatively small number of other US records of Eurasian Whimbrel, all on either the Atlantic or Pacific Coasts (fewer), but a fair number on the coasts of the Canadian Maritime Provinces.

Local Counties June 2026

Green-winged Teal	Jun 2	JEF-Cattail Marsh (1) Jenny Dubin
Common Loon	Jun 10	NEW Toledo Bend Dam (1) Susan Heath
American Bittern	Jun 24	JEF-Mud Lake (1) Schyler Brown
Limpkin	Jun 21	JAS-Martin Dies SP (1) Mark McDermott
Green Jay	Jun 2	JEF-Nederland (1) David Hebert
Song Sparrow	Jun 13	ANG-Boykin Spr Entrance Rd (1) Greg Reynolds, Zane Curtiss

Local Counties July 2026

Rufous Hummingbird	Jul 4	CHA-Cotton Lake Rd, Cove,(1) Paul Fagala
Limpkin	Jul 1	
Broad-winged Hawk	Jul 30	ORA-Claiborne West Park (1) Tony Frank
Bank Swallow	Jul 18-30	JEF-Cattail Marsh-Tyrrell Park (up to 4) Harlan Stewart, mult obs
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Jul 11	JEF-Big Thicket Edgewater Picnic Area (2) Steve Mayes, Thomas Hellweg
Northern Yellow Warbler	Jul 30	ORA-Claiborne West Park (1) Tony Frank
Yellow-breasted Chat	Jul 4	CAM-Lacassine NWR Wildlife Loop (1) Brandon Johnson, Randy Frederick

Nearby Counties June 2026

Snow Goose	Jun 1-21	HAS-Bliss Meadows Park area (1) Marie Asscherick, Todd Thompson, mult obs
Egyptian Goose	Jun 22	LIB-Cleveland CR3247 (1) Kevin Jackson
Ross's Goose	Jun 4-9	HAS-Copper Lakes Park (1) mult obs
Red-breasted Merganser	Jun 1-2	HAS-EI Jardin Park (1) Richard Rulander
	Jun 18	GAL-Texas City Dike (1) Stennie Meadours
Hudsonian Whimbrel	Jun 18-29	
	Jun 18	GAL-East Beach (1) mult obs
	Jun 18	GAL-Port Bolivar SE of ferry landing (1) Isaac Boden
	Jun 18-20	GAL-Bolivar Flats (up to 12) mult obs
	Jun 24	GAL-Boddecker Rd (1) Taryn McNulty
	Jun 18-24	GAL-Bolivar Flats (up to 2) mult obs
	Jun 24	GAL-East End Lagoon (1) Travis Wells
	Jun 29	GAL-Bolivar Flats (2) Lisa Mills
White-crowned Pigeon	Jun 12	GAL-Galveston 26th St/Ave N (1) Ron Weeks
Limpkin	Jun 2-29	
	Jun 2	GAL-Lake Leopold (1) Richard Liebler
	Jun 28	GAL-Main St, League City (1) Ross Foreman
	Jun 28	GAL-Magnolia Ridge basin (5) mult obs
	Jun 29	GAL-Hall's Bayou Ranch (pvt) (6) mult obs
Wilson's Snipe	Jun 13	CAL-Corbina Rd (1) James Smithers

Common Loon	Jun 5	GAL-Moody Gdns (1) Richard Malloy, Grg Whittaker
Parasitic Jaeger	Jun 23	CAM-Broussard Beach (1) Mel V
Lsr Black-backed Gull	Jun 13	CAM-Rutherford Beach (1) milt obs
Bald Eagle	Jun 29	GAL-Memorial Park Hitchcock (1) Greg Whitaker, Mark Croom
Belted Kingfisher	Jul 12	CHA-Smith Pt HW (1) David Scott
Ladder-back Woodpecker	Jun 29	GAL-GAL-Hall's Bayou Ranch (pvt) (1) mult obs
American Kestrel	Jun 29	HAS-Bridgeland (1)
Eastern Phoebe	Jun 3-24	HAS-Kleb Woods (1) mult obs
Eastern Wood-Pewee	Jun 1	GAL-Jamaica Beach (1) Schyer Brown
Gray Kingbird	Jun 2	GAL-Lafitte's Cove (1) Travis Wells
	Jun 6-19	CAM-Artist Boat Pres -Stewart Rd area-(1) Mult obs
	Jun 1-25	HAS-East River 9 Golf (1) mult obs
Ash-throated Flycatcher	Jun 24	HAS-Pine Forest country Club area (1) Timothy White
Yellow-green Vireo	Jun 19	GAL-HI Smith Oaks (1) Remco Steggarda, Aeris Clarkson
Long-billed Thrasher	Jun 1-24	HAS-Rice Univ area(1), mult obs
N Rough-winged Swallow	Jun 14	HAS-Houston Hts Reservoir (2) Adam Wood, Alexandria Aaron
Savannah Sparrow	Jun 7	CAM-Broussard Beach (1) Katie Barnes, James Smithers
Ovenbird	Jun 13	CAM-Peveto Woods (1) Van Remsen, Kevin Morgan

Nearby Counties July 2026

Egyptian Goose	Jul 15	LIB-Cleveland CR3247 (12) Kevin Jackson
Chuck-will' s-widow	Jul 6	HAS-Memorial area (1) David Michels
American Flamingo	Jul 20	GAL:-Bolivar Ferry (8) Cin=Ty Lee
Hudsonian Whimbrel	Jul 1-17	GAL-Bolivar Flats and area (up to 13) Isaac Boden, mult obs
	Jul 10	CHA-Smith Point (3) Audrey Curtis, Martin Hagne
	Jul 14	GAL-East Beach (1) Wes Thompson
Red Knot	Jul 25	GAL-Port Bolivar Beach SE of Ferry (1) Isaac Boden

Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Jul 22	CAM-Rutherford Beach (1) Deanna Griggs
	Jul 29	HAS-El Jardin Beach and Park (1) Drew Dickert
Parasitic Jaeger	Jul 17-21	CAM-Rutherford Beach (1) Steve Russell, milt obs
	Jul 25	GAL-San Luis Pass (1) James Schubert
Glaucous Gull	Jul 5	GAL-Appfel Park (1) Patrick Higgins
Wilson's Storm Petrel	Jul 19	GAL-Flower Garden Banks (1) mult obs ID unconfirmed
Band-rump.Storm Petrel	Jul 19	GAL Flower Graden Banks (1) mult obs ID confirmed
Masked Booby	Jul 14	GAL- Siddharth Bharadwaj, Cin-Ty Lee
Peregrine Falcon	Jul 25	HAS-Baytown NC (1) Richard Rulander, Andrew Hamlett
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Jul 22	GAL-HI Eubanks (1) Brian Anderson
American Kestrel (1)	Jul 5-13	HAS-Bridgeland (1) mult obs
Tropical Kingbird	Jul 25	GAL-13 Mile Rd (1) Russlyn M
	Jul 30	GAL-Lafitte's Cove (2) Heather Simonson
Couch's Kingbird	Jul 12	GAL-Settegast Rd (10) Dean Silvers
Gray Kingbird	Jul 3-25	HAS-East River 9 Golf (1) mult obs
Yellow-green Vireo	Jul 2-28	GAL-High Island High School Rd (2) and nearby mult obs
Bank Swallow	Jul 12-24	GAL-High Island High School Rd (1) Wyatt Egelhoff, John Mariani, mult obs
Long-billed Thrasher	Jul 2-5	HAS-Rice Univ area(1) G, mult obs
Blue-winged Warbler	Jul 15	CAL-Moss Bluff (1) Lauren Lyons

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