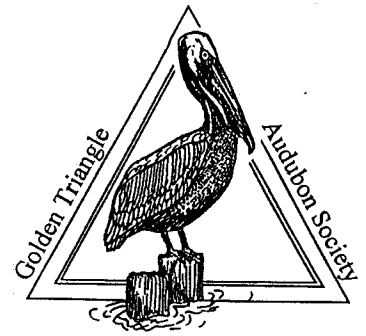


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## **Membership Meeting**

**Thursday, August 19, 2004**

**6:30 PM, Garden Center, Tyrrell Park, Beaumont**

**Speaker: Ned Wright**

**IBA Coordinator, Audubon Texas**

**Audubon Watchlist Red: Birds of High Conservation Priority  
in the State of Texas and What We Can Do to Help.**

Ned will talk about birds of high concern, with emphasis on the Audubon Watchlist "Red" Birds found in Texas, especially on the Texas Coast and the Golden Triangle area in particular. He will describe the IBA program and the potential role of Chapters.

Ned works for Audubon Texas as the Important Bird Areas Coordinator based out of the Blucher Audubon Center in Corpus Christi. Most recently, Ned has worked for a coalition of Environmental Defense, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Fossil Rim Wildlife Center and private landowners in North-central Texas to monitor and improve habitats for Black-capped Vireo and Golden-cheeked Warbler. Ned has also participated in Attwater's Prairie Chicken propagation and Northern Aplomado Falcon reintroduction. His experience outside of the state of Texas includes his education at the University of Wisconsin - Madison as well as songbird research in West Virginia and raptor research in Southern Chile.

Refreshments are served at 6:30 p.m. The program begins at 7:15 p.m. The public is invited.

## **Sabine Woods Work Day**

We got a great deal accomplished on our Work Day on June 12, for which we thank Bob Collier, Joe Halbrook, Gary Kelley, Grady Skillern, Herb Stafford for their hard work, and Jana Whittle for bringing the refreshments. The wet conditions that followed in the three weeks thereafter have promoted more growth, and we need to try to mow again before the fall migration gets under way if at all possible. We have scheduled a work day for Saturday August 28, and hope that some of you can come. We will start at 7:00 a.m. so that we can finish before it get too hot.

**Sabine Woods Work Day Saturday Aug. 28 – please come and help if you can.**

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## Calendar of Events

**Tuesday August 10. Delta Waterfowl Town Hall Meeting.** This meeting will be held in the John Gray Center Auditorium on the Lamar University, Beaumont Campus located at 855 East Florida Avenue. The presentation will be made by the President and Chief Operating Officer of Delta Waterfowl, Mr. Rob Olson and will start at 7:00 pm. Topics covered will be the issues affecting waterfowl populations, breeding habitat, nest success, government policy, hunting, the mission of Delta Waterfowl, etc. After the presentation Mr. Olson will take questions from the audience. There will be no admission charge and the meeting will be open to the public. If you have any questions, call James, Cacioppo at (409) 727-3736

**Thursday August 19. Membership Meeting.** See front page for details.

**Saturday August 21. Field trip to Bolivar Flats.** Meet leader Steve Mayes at the vehicle barrier at Bolivar Flats at 8:30 a.m. or join the group on the flats later. 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). It is about a 90-minute drive, with no allowance for stops for birding, from Beaumont or Nederland to the Flats.

**August 21 and 22. Prairie Festival, Lubbock.** The 1st Annual Prairie Festival will celebrate the importance of the prairie and raise awareness of its critical role in the ecosystems of the West. Hosted by the Llano Estacado Audubon Society, the Festival will include two days of events: On August 21, the festival will preview indoor booths featuring merchandise and information, food, drinks and music, as well as speakers and displays on prairie science, ecology and restoration; the second day, August 22, will feature field trips to several sites around Lubbock to view the prairie and its

inhabitants, such as Black-tailed Prairie Dogs, Burrowing Owls and Ferruginous Hawks. For complete information see: [www.leas.bizland.com/prairiefest.htm](http://www.leas.bizland.com/prairiefest.htm)

**Saturday August 28. Sabine Woods Work Day.** We will start about 7:00 a.m., and probably not work beyond noon. Sabine Woods is located on Highway 87 about 4.1 miles west of the stop sign in Sabine Pass, on the north side of the highway just beyond the Petroleum Helicopters Base, and is across Highway 87 from Texas Point NWR. We will try to provide refreshments, but bring water and insect repellent. Also bring gloves, heavy duty pruning tools, machetes. We can especially use riding mowers, probably one chain saw and one or two push mowers for areas heavier equipment cannot reach. A broom and shovel will be useful for clearing the boardwalk. For more information, please contact John Whittle ([john.whittle@lamar.edu](mailto:john.whittle@lamar.edu) or 409-880-8276 work, 409-722-4193 home).

**Saturday Sept. 11. Gulf Coast Bird Observatory Xtreme Hummingbird Xtravaganza.** See hundreds of migrating Ruby-throated Hummingbirds stock up on flower nectar or at feeders as they prepare for their southbound journey to the tropics. We will have speakers on hummingbird biology and gardening. On-going hummingbird banding demonstrations will provide viewers with a close-up view of these tiny jewels and Houston Audubon Society will be on-hand with live birds of prey. Hours: 9 am-3 pm at the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory - 103 W. Highway 332, Lake Jackson. A conservation donation of \$2/adult requested.

Directions: From Houston, take 288 south to Lake Jackson. As soon as you arrive in Lake Jackson, take a right onto 2004 west. Continue on 2004 west to the 2nd traffic light, which will be Highway 332 and turn west (right). On 332, you will immediately see the Girl Scout camp on the left, then just before you get to the bridge over Buffalo Camp Bayou take a left onto a semi-paved road. Look for the large white sign with "Gulf Coast Bird Observatory" in blue letters.

**Thursday September 16. Membership meeting.** Speaker: Jeff Pittman. Full details in the next *Brown Pelican*.

**Saturday September 18 – Fall Migration Count.** As usual we will be conducting a county-wide migration count in Jefferson county. We will welcome any assistance, even if it is just for a few hours in the early morning. Contact John Whittle (409-722-4193) as far in advance of the day as possible for more details or to indicate your participation.

**Saturday September 25 – Field trip to Smith Point Hawk Watch.** To reach the Smith Point Hawk Watch site from Winnie, take Highway 124 south towards High Island. After 12 miles, turn right on FM1985 and follow it for 14 miles past the access road for Anahuac NWR until it meets FM562. Follow FM562 (south) another 14 miles to Smith Point. At the end of FM562, there are usually signs to the Hawk Watch. Continue straight until almost reaching the bay, and turn left on a shell/limestone oilfield road, bearing left again to the parking area. It takes at least 90 minutes from the Golden Triangle to reach the site. Your leaders will be there by 8:30 a.m., but join us when you can.

Broad-winged Hawk migration typically peaks around the 25th-26th-27th of September in southeast Texas, but the exact timing is dependent on weather conditions along the routes the hawks take.

**September 25 26. Gulf Coast Bird Observatory Magnificent Migrations Workshops at the Smith Point Hawk Watch.** Join official hawk counters and other experts at the Smith Point Hawk Watch Tower located at Candy Abshier Wildlife Management Area for a full day of presentations and exhibits on raptor migration. We will have live birds of prey, raptor-banding demonstrations, skin specimens, raptor ID talks, bird walks, nature store sales and much more! Bill Clark, the guru of the raptor world, will be on hand to answer questions, sign books, and give you pointers on the fine art of raptor ID. Workshops will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. See directions to Smith Point above.

## Subscription Renewal Reminder

Please check the mailing label on this issue. If the date on your label NOT prefixed by "AU" has passed, or

there is no other date, please remit your contribution of \$15 to Golden Triangle Audubon Society at P.O. Box 1292, Nederland, TX 77627-1292. Although this contribution towards the cost of the *Brown Pelican* is voluntary for National Audubon Society members living in the official chapter territory, we will appreciate your support. Our official chapter territory is defined by zip codes, but is basically Jefferson, Hardin and Orange Counties and one or two localities close to those Counties.

## Refreshments

Each month, we rely on volunteers to provide the refreshments at our membership meeting. **So far we have no volunteers for the August meeting!** Volunteers are also needed for all the other fall 2004 meetings. We do not expect one person to bring everything, but please call so we can coordinate! If you can just bring drinks and cookies or something similar, please call Jana Whittle at (409) 722-4193 as soon as possible. Please help if you can!

## Bird Alerts

Shorebird migration is well under way, at least as far as the true shorebirds are concerned. Some can be seen at Sea Rim, but Bolivar Flats is probably the best place this time of year. On Saturday July 24, Steve Mayes and I had, among other things, two Whimbrels, two Greater Yellowlegs, 25 Piping Plovers (including one color banded individual banded this summer in south-east Saskatchewan), and one adult and three apparent juvenile Snowy Plovers. There were hundreds of Western Sandpipers, many still in breeding plumage. All expected Terns were present, including Gull-billed and several confirmed Common Terns. A large number of Short-billed Dowitchers was present. Three immature Magnificent Frigatebirds were noted offshore. We have a report of about 100 Magnificent Frigatebirds, mostly immature birds, on and near an oil rig 10 miles south of Sabine Pass.

One local place to look for shorebirds is the south impoundment of Pleasure Island, even though the water

level, prior to any rain there on Sunday July 25, was a little low. It is necessary, however, to climb the levee to see them. The first obviously previously used spot south of the first (northernmost) fishing pier and shelter is the best place to try first. On July 25, there was a breeding plumaged male Ruddy Duck and two female in the impoundment as well as many Western Sandpipers, a few Short-billed Dowitchers, and a good variety of terns. There is also a good number of shorebirds in Cattail Marsh in Tyrrell Park in Beaumont.

On Saturday, Anahuac Refuge was very quiet – perhaps because it was raining – so we headed to the Dayton-Liberty area. We came across three Swallow-tailed Kites low over Highway 90, just west of the westernmost of the bridges between the two cities. We proceeded to the Municipal Park. (Go north along Main Street, and turn left on Cook Street (just before you reach Wal-Mart!) to the end. As you enter the Park, you are facing north or northwest. We proceeded to the far north part of the park and there watched at least seven Swallow-tailed Kites lazily circling over the trees a little further north or northwest. Two more were high up to the south west.

We have a report from Sheri Bethard of 12-15 Swallow-tailed Kites on July 12 in a field east-south-east of Newton; the birds were about a mile along CR2016/Artesian Springs Road, which goes east from FM2626 just under 7 miles from the intersection of FM2626 with Highway 87 in north Newton. FM2626 can also be joined from its other end off US190 about six miles west of the Sabine River Bridge at Bon Weir, or from FM363 about 12 miles northeast of Kirbyville. It is not known how restricted the area(s) used by the birds is, but sightings of kites in the general area have been frequent this year.

Swainson's Hawks are also been seen regularly, especially in the area just north of Nederland on US69, and also in the vicinity of Texas 73 and Savannah Avenue (near the Motiva refinery) in Port Arthur. A young bird was seen July 27 perched in the dead trees just northeast of the Rookery on West 7th Street in Port Arthur.

There was a rather cooperative female Prairie Warbler in the salt cedars on the road to the former pilot station at Texas Point on July 25.

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# Bird Sightings – May 2004

**Coverage:** Jefferson, Orange, Hardin, Tyler, Jasper, Newton, Angelina, San Augustine and Sabine counties. Send Reports to: John Whittle, 3015 Nashville Avenue, Nederland, Texas 77627-6749 by the 10th of the month after or e-mail to john.whittle@lamar.edu or call (409) 880-8276 or fax to (409) 880-7977. For "very rare" birds, please submit a brief account of your sighting, including a description of the bird (unless unmistakable), brief details of what it was doing, and where it was seen (if on publicly accessible property)  
**Format:** "Common" to "abundant" birds are shown in the fashion "JEF 4 reps(25)" which means four reports in Jefferson County

totaling 25 birds. Less than "common", as JEF-SW 7/5(2) ABC", which means seen in Jefferson County (JEF) at Sabine Woods (SW) on the 5th of July, two (2) birds, reported by observer "ABC."  
**Commentary:** This month we are catching up with May's excitement and reporting on a much quieter June. Highlights of early May included an amazing Purple Finch at the Willows at Sea Rim during a couple of days when the weather grounded a large number of migrants. However, the Purple Finch almost had to be a "wrong way" migrant – a bird that headed 180 degrees from its correct direction, one of the more frequent aberrations.

## May 2004

**WHISTLING-DUCK, Black-bellied** JEF 5/5(15) JAW; JEF 5/16(5) JAW  
**MALLARD** JEF 5/28(2) WF; JEF 5/29(1) JAW  
**DUCK, Mottled** JEF-TXPT 5/1(7) SM; JEF-SW 5/2(1) SM; JEF 5/9(1) JAW; JEF-TP 5/16(9) JAW; JEF 5/29(4) JAW; JEF 5/29(7) JAW; JEF-TP 5/31(60) JAW  
**TEAL, Blue-winged** JEF 3 reps(31)  
**SCAUP, Lesser** JEF-TXPT 5/1(6) SM  
**MERGANSER, Red-breasted** JEF-TXPT 5/1(1) SM  
**BOBWHITE, Northern** JEF 2 reps(5)  
**GREBE, Pied-billed** JEF-TP 5/16(1) JAW; JEF-TP 5/31(2) JAW  
**PELICAN, Amer. White** JEF-PI 5/9(1) JAW; JEF-PI 5/16(2) JAW  
**PELICAN, Brown** JEF-TXPT 5/28(3) WF  
**CORMORANT, Neotropic** JEF 4 reps(327)  
**ANHINGA** JEF 1 rep(1)  
**BITTERN, Least** JEF 5/16(1) JAW; JEF-TP 5/16(5) JAW; JEF-TXPT 5/28(1) WF  
**HERON, Great Blue** JEF 2 reps(2); ORA 1 rep(1)  
**EGRET, Great** JEF 9 reps(252); ORA 1 rep(1)  
**EGRET, Snowy** JEF 9 reps(634)  
**HERON, Little Blue** JEF 7 reps(45)  
**HERON, Tricolored** JEF 9 reps(74)  
**EGRET, Reddish** JEF 1 rep(1)  
**EGRET, Cattle** JEF 11 reps(852)  
**HERON, Green** JEF 13 reps(41); ORA 2 reps(2)  
**NIGHT-HERON, Black-crowned** JEF 6 reps(56)  
**NIGHT-HERON, Yellow-crowned** JEF 12 reps(97)  
**IBIS, White** JEF 10 reps(262)  
**IBIS, Glossy** JEF-TP 5/31(1) JAW  
**IBIS, White-faced** JEF 3 reps(101)  
**IBIS, Plegadis** JEF 9 reps(256)  
**SPOONBILL, Roseate** JEF 11 reps(281)  
**STORK, Wood** JEF 5/30(1) JAW  
**VULTURE, Black** JEF 7 reps(25)  
**VULTURE, Turkey** JEF 8 reps(48)  
**KITE, Swallow-tailed** JAS 5/12(1) CBR  
**KITE, White-tailed** JEF 2 reps(2)  
**HAWK, Cooper's** JEF 5/16(1) JAW  
**HAWK, Red-shouldered** HAI 1 rep(2); JEF 3 reps(3); ORA 1 rep(1)  
**HAWK, Broad-winged** HAI 5/5(2) GOS; JEF 5/29(1) JAW  
**HAWK, Swainson's** JEF 5/5(1) SM; JEF 5/9(1) JAW; JEF-NEDR 5/15(1) JAW; JEF 5/16(1) JAW  
**HAWK, Red-tailed** JEF-TP 5/16(1) JAW; ORA 5/3(1) SBE  
**RAIL, Clapper** JEF 4 reps(15)  
**SORA** JEF-TXPT 5/1(5) SM; JEF-TXPT 5/28(1) WF  
**GALLINULE, Purple** JEF-TP 5/16(2) JAW; JEF 5/29(1) JAW  
**MOORHEN, Common** JEF 3 reps(63)  
**PLOVER, Black-bellied** JEF 3 reps(49)  
**PLOVER, Semipalmated** JEF 3 reps(17)  
**KILLDEER** JEF 8 reps(56)

**STILT, Black-necked** JEF 6 reps(197)  
**AVOCET, American** JEF-TXPT 5/2(16) SM; JEF-PI 5/9(3) JAW; JEF-PI 5/16(1) JAW  
**YELLOWLEGS, Greater** JEF-TX87 5/5(2) JAW; JEF-TP 5/31(1) JAW  
**YELLOWLEGS, Lesser** JEF-MCFW 5/2(1) SM; JEF-TXPT 5/2(2) SM; JEF-TX87 5/5(4) JAW; JEF-TX87 5/12(3) JAW; JEF-TX87 5/15(2) JAW; JEF-TP 5/31(1) JAW  
**WILLET** JEF 4 reps(29)  
**SANDPIPER, Spotted** JEF-TXPT 5/1(1) SM; JEF-TXPT 5/5(4) JAW; JEF-PI 5/16(2) JAW  
**WHIMBREL** JEF-TXPT 5/1(1) SM; JEF 5/9(40) JAW  
**TURNSTONE, Ruddy** JEF 6 reps(28)  
**SANDERLING** JEF 2 reps(89)  
**SANDPIPER, Semipalmated** JEF-PI 5/16(4) JAW  
**SANDPIPER, Western** JEF-PI 5/16(200) JAW  
**SANDPIPER, Peep** JEF-PI 5/9(500) JAW  
**SANDPIPER, Least** JEF-TXPT 5/1(3) SM; JEF-TXPT 5/2(3) SM; JEF-PI 5/16(1) JAW; JEF-TP 5/16(25) JAW  
**SANDPIPER, White-rumped** JEF-TXPT 5/2(4) SM; JEF-TP 5/16(50) JAW; JEF-TP 5/31(100) JAW  
**SANDPIPER, Pectoral** JEF-MCFW 5/2(4) SM; JEF-TP 5/31(2) JAW  
**DUNLIN** JEF-TXPT 5/2(12) SM; JEF-PI 5/16(50) JAW; JEF 5/28(1) WF  
**SANDPIPER, Stilt** JEF-PI 5/9(100) JAW; JEF-PI 5/16(20) JAW  
**DOWITCHER, Short-billed** JEF-PI 5/9(3) JAW  
**DOWITCHER species** JEF-PI 5/9(50) JAW; JEF 5/28(15) WF  
**PHALAROPE, Wilson's** JEF-MCFW 5/1(1) SM; JEF-TX87 5/3(20) SM; JEF-TX87 5/5(4) JAW; JEF-TX87 5/10(2) WRI  
**GULL, Laughing** JEF 6 reps(135)  
**GULL, Franklin's** JEF-TP 5/31(9) JAW  
**GULL, Ring-billed** JEF 2 reps(3)  
**GULL, Herring** JEF 2 reps(6)  
**TERN, Caspian** JEF 5 reps(72)  
**TERN, Royal** JEF 1 rep(160)  
**TERN, Sandwich** JEF 1 rep(23)  
**TERN, Common** JEF 1 rep(9)  
**TERN, Forster's** JEF 4 reps(40)  
**TERN, Least** JEF 8 reps(75)  
**TERN, Black** JEF 2 reps(6)  
**SKIMMER, Black** JEF 5 reps(37)  
**PIGEON, Rock** JEF 5 reps(15)  
**COLLARED-DOVE, Eurasian** JEF 14 reps(40)  
**DOVE, White-winged** JEF 19 reps(137)  
**DOVE, Mourning** JEF 18 reps(280); ORA 3 reps(10)  
**DOVE, Inca** JEF 3 reps(5)  
**CUCKOO, Yellow-billed** HAI 1 rep(6); JEF 9 reps(24)  
**CUCKOO, Black-billed** JEF-SRSP(1) GD  
**SCREECH-OWL, Eastern** JEF-BMT 5/31(1) JAW  
**NIGHTHAWK, Common** JEF 11 reps(70)  
**WILL'S-WIDOW, Chuck-** JEF-SW 5/2(1) SM  
**SWIFT, Chimney** JEF 16 reps(58)  
**HUMMINGBIRD, Ruby-throated** HAI 5/5(1) GOS; JEF-SRSP 5/1(1) SM; JEF-SW 5/1(1) SM; JEF-TXPT 5/1(1) SM; JEF-SRSP 5/2(1) SM; JEF-SW 5/2(4) SM; JEF-NEDR 5/9(1) JAW;

JEF-SRSP 5/9(2) JAW; JEF-NEDR 5/10(1) JAW; JEF-SW 5/12(1) JAW; JEF-SW 5/14(1) JAW; JEF-NEDR 5/15(1) JAW; JEF-SRSP 5/15(1) JAW; JEF-NEDR 5/17(1) JAW; ORA 5/3(1) SBEORA 5/5(2) SBE; ORA 5/7(2) SBE

**KINGFISHER, Belted** JEF-TX87 5/5(1) JAW

**WOODPECKER, Red-headed** ORA 5/3(1) SBE; ORA 5/5(1) SBE; ORA 5/26(1) SBE

**WOODPECKER, Red-bellied** HAI 1 rep(2); JEF 8 reps(23); ORA 3 reps(4)

**WOODPECKER, Downy** HAI 1 rep(2); JEF 10 reps(29)

**FLICKER, Northern** JEF 5/9(1) JAW

**WOODPECKER, Pileated** HAI 1 rep(2)

**FLYCATCHER, Olive-sided** JEF-SRSP 5/15(1) JAW

**WOOD-PEWEE, Eastern** HAI 1 rep(2); JEF 7 reps(49)

**FLYCATCHER, Yellow-bellied** JEF-SRSP 5/12(2) JAW; JEF-SRSP 5/14(2) JAW; JEF-SW 5/14(5) JAW

**FLYCATCHER, Acadian** HAI 1 rep(8); JEF 2 reps(2)

**FLYCATCHER, Traill's** JEF-SW 5/3(4) AM; JEF-SRSP 5/9(1) JAW; JEF-SW 5/12(1) JAW

**FLYCATCHER, Least** JEF-SW 5/1(2) SM; JEF-SW 5/2(2) SM; JEF-SW 5/3(1) AM; JEF-SW 5/12(1) JAW; JEF-SRSP 5/15(1) JAW; JEF-SW 5/15(1) JAW

**EMPIDONAX species** JEF 4 reps(14)

**FLYCATCHER, Gt. Crested** HAI 5/5(7) GOS; JEF 5/7(1) JAW; JEF-TP 5/16(1) JAW

**KINGBIRD, Western** JEF-TX87 5/1(1) SM; JEF-TX87 5/2(2) SM; JEF-TX87 5/3(2) SM; JEF-TX87 5/5(1) JAW; JEF-SRSP 5/9(1) JAW; JEF-TX87 5/9(2) JAW; JEF-TX87 5/10(2) WRI; JEF-TX87 5/12(1) JAW; JEF-TX87 5/14(1) JAW

**KINGBIRD, Eastern** JEF 13 reps(146)

**FLYCATCHER, Scissor-tailed** JEF 7 reps(45); ORA 1 rep(1)

**SHRIKE, Loggerhead** JEF 12 reps(85)

**VIREO, White-eyed** HAI 1 rep(3); JEF 7 reps(21)

**VIREO, Yellow-throated** HAI 1 rep(6); JEF 2 reps(7)

**VIREO, Cassin's** JEF-SRSP 5/1(1) SM

**VIREO, Blue-headed** JEF-SW 5/1(1) SM; JEF-SRSP 5/2(1) SM; JEF-SW 5/3(1) SM

**VIREO, Warbling** JEF-SW 5/3(4) AM

**VIREO, Philadelphia** JEF-SRSP 5/1(4) SM; JEF-SW 5/1(4) SM; JEF-TXPT 5/1(2) SM; JEF-SRSP 5/2(3) SM; JEF-SW 5/2(8) SM; JEF-TXPT 5/2(2) SM; JEF-SW 5/3(2) AM

**VIREO, Red-eyed** HAI 1 rep(14); JEF 7 reps(62)

**VIREO, Black-whiskered (unconf)** JEF-SW 5/3(1) AM

**JAY, Blue** HAI 1 rep(2); JEF 12 reps(55); ORA 3 reps(9)

**CROW, American** HAI 1 rep(2); JEF 2 reps(6)

**CROW, Fish** JEF-SW 5/12(1) JAW; JEF-SW 5/15(1) JAW; JEF-TP 5/16(3) JAW; JEF 5/29(3) JAW; JEF-TP 5/31(1) JAW

**CROW, species** JEF 10 reps(21)

**MARTIN, Purple** JEF 15 reps(266)

**SWALLOW, Tree** JEF-TX87 5/2(2) JMI; JEF-TP 5/31(1) JAW

**SWALLOW, N. Rough-winged** JEF-SW 5/1(20) SM; JEF-TX87 5/1(40) SM; JEF-MCFW 5/2(20) SM; JEF-SRSP 5/2(10) SM; JEF-SW 5/2(50) SM; JEF-TX87 5/2(200) SM; JEF-TXPT 5/2(10) SM; JEF-SRSP 5/14(1) JAW

**SWALLOW, Bank** JEF-MCFW 5/1(2) SM; JEF-SRSP 5/1(2) SM; JEF-SW 5/1(2) SM; JEF-SW 5/2(2) SM; JEF-TX87 5/5(30) JAW; JEF-TX87 5/9(20) JAW; JEF-SRSP 5/14(20) JAW; JEF-PI 5/16(4) JAW; JEF-TP 5/16(13) JAW

**SWALLOW, Cliff** JEF-SW 5/2(2) SM; JEF-TX87 5/2(15) JMI; JEF-SRSP 5/5(20) JAW; JEF 5/9(6) JAW; JEF-SRSP 5/14(3) JAW; JEF-SRSP 5/15(20) JAW

**SWALLOW, Cave** JEF-SRSP 5/5(3) JAW

**SWALLOW, Barn** JEF 13 reps(558)

**SWALLOW species** JEF 1 rep(25)

**CHICKADEE, Carolina** HAI 1 rep(2); JEF 4 reps(13); ORA 4 reps(11)

**TITMOUSE, Tufted** HAI 1 rep(2); JEF 3 reps(3); ORA 1 rep(1)

**WREN, Carolina** HAI 1 rep(2); JEF 4 reps(18)

**WREN, Marsh** JEF-TXPT 5/1(2) SM; JEF-TXPT 5/5(2) JAW; JEF 5/29(4) JAW

**BLUEBIRD, Eastern** JEF 2 reps(5)

**VEERY** JEF-SRSP 5/1(1) SM; JEF-SW 5/1(2) SM; JEF-TXPT 5/1(1) SM; JEF-SRSP 5/2(2) SM; JEF-SW 5/2(2) SM; JEF-TXPT 5/2(1) SM; JEF-SW 5/3(8) AM; JEF-SW 5/3(4) SM; JEF-SRSP 5/5(2) JAW; JEF-SW 5/5(1) JAW; JEF-SW 5/12(1) JAW

**THRUSH, Gray-cheeked** JEF-SRSP 5/1(1) SM; JEF-SW 5/1(1) SM; JEF-SRSP 5/2(1) SM; JEF-SW 5/2(2) SM; JEF-TXPT 5/2(1) SM; JEF-SW 5/3(12) AM; JEF-SW 5/3(1) SM; JEF-SRSP 5/5(2) JAW

**THRUSH, Swainson's** JEF-SW 5/1(2) SM; JEF-SRSP 5/2(1) SM; JEF-SW 5/2(2) SM; JEF-SW 5/3(4) AM; JEF-SW 5/3(2) SM; JEF-SW 5/5(2) JAW; JEF-SRSP 5/9(1) JAW; JEF-SW 5/9(4) JAW; JEF-SRSP 5/14(3) JAW; JEF-SW 5/14(25) JAW; JEF-SRSP 5/15(10) JAW; JEF-SW 5/15(50) JAW

**THRUSH, Wood** HAI 1 rep(2); JEF 2 reps(3)

**ROBIN, American** JEF 15 reps(31)

**CATBIRD, Gray** JEF 17 reps(232)

**MOCKINGBIRD, Northern** JEF 16 reps(279); ORA 3 reps(7)

**STARLING, European** JEF 14 reps(158); ORA 2 reps(7)

**WARBLER, Blue-winged** JEF-SW 5/1(1) SM; JEF-SW 5/2(2) SM; JEF-SW 5/3(2) AM

**WARBLER, Golden-winged** JEF-SW 5/2(1) SM; JEF-SW 5/3(1) AM

**WARBLER, Brewster's** JEF-SW 5/3(1) AM

**WARBLER, Tennessee** JEF-SRSP 5/1(6) SM; JEF-SW 5/1(6) SM; JEF-TXPT 5/1(8) SM; JEF-SRSP 5/2(4) SM; JEF-SW 5/2(45) SM; JEF-TXPT 5/2(12) SM; JEF-SW 5/3(8) AM; JEF-SW 5/9(2) JAW

**PARULA, Northern** HAI 1 rep(5); JEF 5 reps(21)

**WARBLER, Yellow** JEF-SRSP 5/1(2) SM; JEF-SW 5/1(7) SM; JEF-TXPT 5/1(2) SM; JEF-SRSP 5/2(3) SM; JEF-SW 5/2(3) SM; JEF-TXPT 5/2(5) SM; JEF-SW 5/3(2) AM; JEF-SRSP 5/9(1) JAW; JEF-SRSP 5/14(1) SG; JEF-SRSP 5/15(1) JAW

**WARBLER, Chestnut-sided** JEF-SRSP 5/1(1) SM; JEF-SW 5/1(5) SM; JEF-TXPT 5/1(2) SM; JEF-SW 5/2(5) SM; JEF-TXPT 5/2(1) SM; JEF-SW 5/3(9) AM; JEF-SW 5/12(2) JAW; JEF-SRSP 5/14(1) JAW; JEF-SW 5/15(5) JAW

**WARBLER, Magnolia** JEF-SRSP 5/1(10) SM; JEF-SW 5/1(40) SM; JEF-TXPT 5/1(12) SM; JEF-SRSP 5/2(15) SM; JEF-SW 5/2(20) JMI; JEF-SW 5/2(70) SM; JEF-TXPT 5/2(3) SM; JEF-SW 5/3(60) AM; JEF-SW 5/3(12) SM; JEF-SW 5/9(1) JAW; JEF-SW 5/12(2) JAW; JEF-SRSP 5/14(1) JAW; JEF-SW 5/14(1) JAW; JEF-SRSP 5/15(1) JAW

**WARBLER, Cape May** JEF-SRSP 5/1(3) SM; JEF-SRSP 5/2(2) JMI; JEF-SRSP 5/2(2) SM; JEF-SRSP 5/3(1) AM; JEF-SRSP 5/9(1) JAW

**WARBLER, Black-thr. Green** JEF-SRSP 5/1(2) SM; JEF-SW 5/1(4) SM; JEF-TXPT 5/1(2) SM; JEF-SRSP 5/2(3) SM; JEF-SW 5/2(3) SM; JEF-SW 5/3(2) AM; JEF-SRSP 5/14(1) SG; JEF-SW 5/14(1) JAW

**WARBLER, Blackburnian** JEF-SRSP 5/1(1) SM; JEF-SW 5/1(5) SM; JEF-SW 5/14(1) JAW

**WARBLER, Yellow-throated** HAI 5/5(1) GOS; JEF 5/11(4) JAW

**WARBLER, Pine** JEF 1 rep(2)

**WARBLER, Prairie** JEF-TXPT 5/1(1) SM

**WARBLER, Palm** JEF-SRSP 5/3(1) AM

**WARBLER, Bay-breasted** JEF-SRSP 5/1(3) SM; JEF-SW 5/1(10) SM; JEF-TXPT 5/1(4) SM; JEF-SRSP 5/2(2) SM; JEF-SW 5/2(4) SM; JEF-TXPT 5/2(1) SM; JEF-SW 5/3(1) AM; JEF-SRSP 5/14(2) SG; JEF-SW 5/15(1) JAW

**WARBLER, Blackpoll** JEF-SRSP 5/1(2) SM; JEF-TXPT 5/1(4) SM; JEF-SRSP 5/5(1) JAW; JEF-SW 5/14(1) JAW

**WARBLER, Cerulean** JEF-SW 5/1(1) JMI

**WARBLER, Black-and-white** JEF 7 reps(64)

**REDSTART, American** JEF-SRSP 5/1(10) SM; JEF-SW 5/1(30) SM; JEF-TXPT 5/1(12) SM; JEF-SRSP 5/2(4) SM; JEF-SW 5/2(25) SM; JEF-TXPT 5/2(3) SM; JEF-SW 5/3(3) AM; JEF-SW 5/3(2) SM; JEF-SRSP 5/9(1) JAW; JEF-SW 5/12(2) JAW; JEF-SRSP 5/14(3) JAW; JEF-SW 5/14(5) JAW; JEF-SRSP 5/15(3) JAW; JEF-SW 5/15(5) JAW

**WARBLER, Prothonotary** HAI 1 rep(7); JEF 3 reps(5)

**WARBLER, Worm-eating** JEF-SW 5/3(2) AM

<b>WARBLER, Swainson's</b>	JEF-SRSP 5/14(1) JAW
<b>OVENBIRD</b>	JEF-SRSP 5/1(2) SM; JEF-SW 5/1(10) SM; JEF-TXPT 5/1(1) SM; JEF-SRSP 5/2(1) SM; JEF-SW 5/2(3) SM; JEF-SW 5/3(6) AM; JEF-SW 5/3(5) SM; JEF-SRSP 5/14(1) JAW; JEF-SRSP 5/15(1) JAW
<b>WATERTHRUSH, Northern</b>	JEF 14 reps(40)
<b>WARBLER, Kentucky</b>	JEF-SW 5/1(1) SM; JEF-SW 5/2(1) SM; JEF-SW 5/3(4) AM
<b>WARBLER, Mourning</b>	JEF-SRSP 5/2(1) JMI
<b>YELLOWTHROAT, Common</b>	JEF 8 reps(58)
<b>WARBLER, Hooded</b>	HAI 1 rep(9); JEF 6 reps(35)
<b>WARBLER, Wilson's</b>	JEF-SW 5/3(1) AM
<b>WARBLER, Canada</b>	JEF-SW 5/15(1) JAW
<b>CHAT, Yellow-breasted</b>	JEF-SW 5/2(1) SM; JEF-SW 5/3(1) AM
<b>TANAGER, Summer</b>	HAI 1 rep(3); JEF 10 reps(33)
<b>TANAGER, Scarlet</b>	JEF-SW 5/1(1) SM; JEF-TXPT 5/1(2) SM; JEF-SW 5/2(4) SM; JEF-SW 5/3(1) AM; JEF-SW 5/3(2) SM; JEF-SRSP 5/5(1) JAW; JEF-SW 5/14(1) JAW
<b>SPARROW, Bachman's</b>	JAS-SRR 5/2(1) FH
<b>SPARROW, Seaside</b>	JEF 2 reps(8)
<b>SPARROW, Swamp</b>	JEF-TXPT 5/1(2) SM
<b>CARDINAL, Northern</b>	JEF 13 reps(70); ORA 4 reps(27)
<b>GROSBEAK, Rose-breasted</b>	JEF-SRSP 5/1(1) SM; JEF-SW 5/1(2) SM; JEF-TXPT 5/1(5) SM; JEF-SW 5/2(2) SM; JEF-TXPT 5/2(1) SM; JEF-SW 5/3(1) SM; JEF-SRSP 5/5(1) JAW; JEF-SW 5/14(2) JAW; JEF-SW 5/15(1) JAW
<b>GROSBEAK, Blue</b>	JEF-SW 5/3(2) SM; JEF-SRSP 5/5(3) JAW; JEF-SW 5/12(3) JAW; JEF 5/29(1) JAW
<b>BUNTING, Indigo</b>	HAI 1 rep(3); JEF 10 reps(138); ORA 2 reps(2)
<b>BUNTING, Painted</b>	JEF-SRSP 5/9(1) JAW; JEF 5/16(1) JAW; JEF-TP 5/16(2) JAW; JEF 5/29(2) JAW; JEF 5/31(1) JAW
<b>DICKCISSEL</b>	JEF 8 reps(42)
<b>BOBOLINK</b>	JEF-TX87 5/2(20) JMI; JEF-TX87 5/2(3) SM; JEF-SRSP(15) GD
<b>BLACKBIRD, Red-winged</b>	JEF 9 reps(272); ORA 3 reps(8)
<b>MEADOWLARK, Eastern</b>	JEF 5 reps(62)
<b>MEADOWLARK species</b>	JEF 3 reps(24)
<b>GRACKLE, Common</b>	JEF 12 reps(201); ORA 2 reps(2)
<b>GRACKLE, Boat-tailed</b>	JEF 7 reps(95)
<b>GRACKLE, Great-tailed</b>	JEF 10 reps(178)
<b>COWBIRD, Brown-headed</b>	JEF 6 reps(20); ORA 2 reps(2)
<b>ORIOLE, Orchard</b>	HAI 1 rep(2); JEF 9 reps(57)
<b>ORIOLE, Baltimore</b>	JEF-SRSP 5/1(2) SM; JEF-TXPT 5/1(4) SM; JEF-SRSP 5/2(2) SM; JEF-SW 5/2(2) SM; JEF-TXPT 5/2(3) SM; JEF-SW 5/3(2) AM; JEF-SW 5/12(1) JAW
<b>FINCH, House</b>	JEF 10 reps(24); ORA 4 reps(10)
<b>FINCH, Purple</b>	JEF-SRSP 5/2(1) SM
<b>SPARROW, House</b>	JEF 12 reps(72); ORA 2 reps(3)
<b>Number of Species</b>	190
<b>Number of Individuals</b>	11981

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#### Location Codes:

BMT - Beaumont; MCFW - McFaddin NWR; NEDR - Nederland; PI - Pleasure Island, Port Arthur; SRR - Sam Rayburn Reservoir; SRSP - Sea Rim State Park; SW - Sabine Woods; TP - Tyrrell Park incl. Cattail Marsh; TX87 - Texas 87 Pt. Arthur-Sabine Pass-Sea Rim SP; TXPT - Road to Pilot Station at Texas Point

#### Observer Abbreviations

AM - Art Mackinnon; CBR - Charles Bryant; FH - Fran Haywood; GOS - Galveston Ornithological Society Field Trip; JAW - John Whittle; JJW - John and Jana Whittle; JMI - Josh Mitchell; SBE - Sheri Bethard; SG - Sherry Gibson; SM - Steve Mayes; WF - Jana Whittle and Ross Foreman; WRI - William Risser; WWR - John and Jana Whittle, Sherrie Roden

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<b>WHISTLING-DUCK, Fulvous</b>	JEF 1 rep(1)
<b>DUCK, Wood</b>	JEF 6/10(4) JE
<b>DUCK, Mottled</b>	JEF 6/12(1) JAW; JEF 6/20(12) KS; JEF-PI 6/20(5) JAW; JEF-TP 6/20(17) JAW; JEF 6/27(4) JAW
<b>BOBWHITE, Northern</b>	HAI 1 rep(3); JEF 1 rep(2)
<b>GREBE, Pied-billed</b>	JEF 6/20(1) KS; JEF-TP 6/20(3) JAW
<b>CORMORANT, Neotropic</b>	JEF 3 reps(23)
<b>ANHINGA</b>	JEF 2 reps(61)
<b>BITTERN, Least</b>	JEF-TP 6/20(1) JAW
<b>HERON, Great Blue</b>	HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 4 reps(7); ORA 1 rep(2)
<b>EGRET, Great</b>	JEF 9 reps(93)
<b>EGRET, Snowy</b>	JEF 9 reps(286)
<b>HERON, Little Blue</b>	JEF 7 reps(63)
<b>HERON, Tricolored</b>	JEF 4 reps(12)
<b>EGRET, Cattle</b>	JEF 17 reps(802)
<b>HERON, Green</b>	HAI 1 rep(2); JEF 6 reps(23)
<b>NIGHT-HERON, Black-crowned</b>	JEF 3 reps(23)
<b>NIGHT-HERON, Yellow-crowned</b>	HAI 1 rep(2); JEF 19 reps(108); ORA 1 rep(2)
<b>IBIS, White</b>	JEF 6 reps(152); ORA 1 rep(5)
<b>IBIS, Plegadis</b>	JEF 5 reps(20); ORA 1 rep(3)
<b>SPOONBILL, Roseate</b>	JEF 9 reps(69)
<b>STORK, Wood</b>	JEF 6/1(1) MCF; JEF 6/10(1) JE; JEF 6/17(4) JAW
<b>VULTURE, Black</b>	HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 4 reps(53); ORA 1 rep(5)
<b>VULTURE, Turkey</b>	HAI 2 reps(6); JEF 4 reps(16); ORA 1 rep(12)
<b>OSPREY</b>	JEF 6/11(1) JH
<b>KITE, Swallow-tailed</b>	JAS 6/27(2) JFW; ORA 6/14(1) KS
<b>KITE, Mississippi</b>	JEF-BMT 6/15(1) RHJ
<b>HAWK, Red-shouldered</b>	HAI 2 reps(2)
<b>HAWK, Broad-winged</b>	JEF 6/20(1) JAW; JEF 6/20(1) KS
<b>HAWK, Swainson's</b>	JEF 6/15(1) JAW; JEF 6/27(1) JAW
<b>GALLINULE, Purple</b>	JEF-TP 6/20(2) JAW
<b>MOORHEN, Common</b>	JEF 1 rep(6)
<b>PLOVER, Wilson's</b>	JEF 1 rep(1)
<b>KILLDEER</b>	JEF 7 reps(50)
<b>STILT, Black-necked</b>	JEF 5 reps(132); ORA 1 rep(5)
<b>AVOCET, American</b>	JEF-PI 6/20(250) JAW
<b>WILLET</b>	JEF 1 rep(1)
<b>SANDPIPER, Western</b>	JEF-PI 6/20(42) JAW
<b>DOWITCHER, Long-billed</b>	JEF-PI 6/20(5) JAW
<b>DOWITCHER species</b>	JEF-PI 6/20(3) JAW
<b>GULL, Laughing</b>	HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 4 reps(117); ORA 1 rep(2)
<b>GULL, Herring</b>	JEF 6/20(12) KS
<b>TERN, Gull-billed</b>	JEF 1 rep(1)
<b>TERN, Caspian</b>	JEF 1 rep(9)
<b>TERN, Forster's</b>	JEF 4 reps(55); ORA 1 rep(2)
<b>TERN, Least</b>	JEF 2 reps(9)
<b>SKIMMER, Black</b>	JEF 2 reps(17)
<b>PIGEON, Rock</b>	HAI 2 reps(6); JEF 15 reps(78); ORA 1 rep(13)
<b>COLLARED-DOVE, Eurasian</b>	HAI 2 reps(8); JEF 14 reps(37)
<b>DOVE, White-winged</b>	JEF 29 reps(147)
<b>DOVE, Mourning</b>	HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 29 reps(287); ORA 1 rep(12)
<b>DOVE, Inca</b>	HAI 1 rep(4); JEF 5 reps(10)
<b>CUCKOO, Yellow-billed</b>	HAI 2 reps(2); JEF 5 reps(6)
<b>ROADRUNNER, Greater</b>	HAI 6/5(1) FTHC
<b>OWL, Barred</b>	JEF 6/20(1) KS
<b>NIGHTHAWK, Common</b>	JEF 4 reps(18)
<b>SWIFT, Chimney</b>	HAI 2 reps(9); JEF 16 reps(58); ORA 1 rep(8)
<b>HUMMINGBIRD, Ruby-throated</b>	HAI 6/5(1) FTHC; HAI 6/27(3) KS; HAI 6/28(3) KS; JEF 6/20(1) KS; ORA 6/13(1) KS
<b>KINGFISHER, Belted</b>	JEF 6/20(1) KS

WOODPECKER, Red-headed KS HAI 6/5(1) FT HC; ORA 6/13(1)

WOODPECKER, Red-bellied ORA 1 rep(2) HAI 3 reps(8); JEF 6 reps(10);

WOODPECKER, Downy ORA 1 rep(2) HAI 2 reps(3); JEF 8 reps(12);

WOODPECKER, Pileated ORA 1 rep(2) HAI 2 reps(2); JEF 2 reps(3);

FLYCATCHER, Acadian HAI 2 reps(3); JEF 1 rep(1)

FLYCATCHER, Gt. Crested KS; ORA 6/13(2) KS HAI 6/19(1) RHJ; JEF 6/20(1)

KINGBIRD, Eastern JEF 6 reps(22); ORA 1 rep(3)

FLYCATCHER, Scissor-tailed JEF 2 reps(35)

SHRIKE, Loggerhead HAI 2 reps(4); JEF 12 reps(45)

VIREO, White-eyed HAI 3 reps(18); JEF 1 rep(4);

VIREO, Red-eyed ORA 1 rep(1)

JAY, Blue HAI 1 rep(1); ORA 1 rep(2)

CROW, American ORA 1 rep(9) HAI 2 reps(5); JEF 3 reps(10)

CROW, Fish JEF 6/4(2) JAW; JEF-SW 6/12(2) JAW; JEF 6/16(2) JAW; JEF 6/20(2) KS; JEF-TP 6/20(17) JAW

CROW, species HAI 1 rep(2); JEF 16 reps(29)

MARTIN, Purple HAI 2 reps(8); JEF 19 reps(314)

SWALLOW, Cliff HAI 6/19(1) RHJ; JEF-TX87 6/12(1) JAW; JEF 6/19(2) JAW; JEF-TX87 6/19(2) JAW; JEF 6/20(1) JAW; JEF-PI 6/20(4) JAW; JEF 6/27(2) JAW

SWALLOW, Barn HAI 3 reps(6); JEF 15 reps(78);

SWALLOW species ORA 1 rep(25)

CHICKADEE, Carolina JEF 1 rep(20)

TITMOUSE, Tufted HAI 3 reps(10); JEF 2 reps(7);

NUTHATCH, Brown-headed ORA 1 rep(6)

WREN, Carolina HAI 2 reps(7); JEF 1 rep(5);

GNATCATCHER, Blue-gray HAI 6/5(7) FT HC; HAI 6/27(4)

BLUEBIRD, Eastern HAI 3 reps(8); JEF 2 reps(9);

THRUSH, Wood ORA 1 rep(2)

ROBIN, American HAI 6/5(1) FT HC

CATBIRD, Gray HAI 2 reps(11); JEF 2 reps(3);

MOCKINGBIRD, Northern HAI 6/27(1) KS

THRASHER, Brown JEF 24 reps(57)

STARLING, European HAI 6/5(3) FT HC; HAI 6/27(4)

PARULA, Northern HAI 2 reps(22); JEF 19

WARBLER, Pine HAI 6/5(12) FT HC; HAI 6/27(4)

WARBLER, Prairie KS; JEF 6/20(3) KS; JEF-NEDR 6/27(2) JAW; ORA 6/13(2) KS

WARBLER, Prothonotary HAI 2 reps(7); JEF 24 reps(162)

YELLOWTHROAT, Common HAI 2 reps(7); JEF 1 rep(4);

WARBLER, Hooded HAI 2 reps(11); ORA 1 rep(1)

CHAT, Yellow-breasted HAI 6/5(4) FT HC

TANAGER, Summer HAI 2 reps(3); JEF 1 rep(4)

CARDINAL, Northern HAI 1 rep(2); JEF 2 reps(5);

GROSBEAK, Blue HAI 2 reps(4)

BUNTING, Indigo HAI 6/5(7) FT HC; JEF-SW 6/12(1) JAW

BUNTING, Painted HAI 2 reps(2); ORA 1 rep(2)

DICKCISSEL HAI 2 reps(13); JEF 14 reps(33)

BLACKBIRD, Red-winged HAI 6/5(1) FT HC

MEADOWLARK, Eastern HAI 6/5(1) FT HC

MEADOWLARK species HAI 6/5(4) FT HC; JEF-SW 6/12(2) JAW; JEF 6/20(2) KS; JEF-TP 6/20(1) JAW

GRACKLE, Common JEF 1 rep(2)

GRACKLE, Boat-tailed JEF 5 reps(128); ORA 1 rep(24)

GRACKLE, Great-tailed JEF 2 reps(12)

COWBIRD, Brown-headed JEF 2 reps(14)

HAI 1 rep(2); JEF 24 reps(174);

JEF 3 reps(127)

JEF 22 reps(246)

JEF 2 reps(19); ORA 1 rep(14)

ORIOLE, Orchard HAI 1 rep(2); JEF 1 rep(4)

FINCH, House HAI 1 rep(2); JEF 10 reps(28)

SPARROW, House HAI 1 rep(10); JEF 22 reps(118);

ORA 1 rep(22)

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## Details of Very Rare Species

### Purple Finch — 2 May 2004 – Steve Mayes

An adult male Purple Finch at the Willows. John Haynes and I found the bird about 11 a.m. in the grasses below the willow trees near the western (right hand) end of the boardwalk. We saw the bird well before it dropped down into the vegetation. It popped back up and we got another look, then it went back down again. We searched for 20 or more minutes but could not find the bird again. After John left, the bird was relocated by myself and other birders sitting up in a tree alongside the section of boardwalk that heads south (toward the beach). It gave everyone a good look and then took off deeper into the Willows.

The bird was a nice male. Extensive raspberry red on head, throat, back and rump. The red on the crown was about equal in intensity to that on the throat and the red on the back was more extensive than that on Cassin's Finch and it definitely was not a House Finch. Several other birders there with experience with these species agreed that it was a Purple Finch

### Purple Finch — 2 May 2004 – Gerald Duhon

At about 4:30 p.m. the bird showed up once more, munching out on catkins in the black willows, right by the entrance along the boardwalk, just a few feet from view, about 10 feet to the left of the entrance ramp. Outstanding looks were had by all for an extended period (more than 10 minutes), including micro-assessment of underparts, overall coloration, bill shape/size, streaking/lack of and character thereof, etc to eliminate Cassin's.

## Bird Alerts *(continued. from page 3)*

Meanwhile Purple Martins are staging in large numbers (at least 5,000 birds) near the intersection of Phelan Boulevard and 23rd Street in Beaumont. The roost can be seen well from the side parking lot of the Albertson's store.

An exciting report was received on July 27 from Colt Westbrook, one of Andy Kasner's students at Lamar, of three Great Kiskadees in the rookery on West 7th Street in Port Arthur, opposite the Premcor plant.

*John A. Whittle*



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