Brown Pelican

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Membership Meeting
Thursday, August 18, 2005
6:30 PM, Garden Center, Tyrrell Park, Beaumont

Ivory-billed Woodpeckers
Chester Moore
Port Arthur News and Orange Leader

Chester Moore is the outdoors columnist for the Port Arthur News and the Orange Leader. Even before the recent sightings in Arkansas, he closely followed post 1950s reports of Ivory-billed Woodpeckers in Texas and Louisiana, and described the Louisiana search at membership meetings in 2002. This promises to be an interesting and topical talk.

Also at this meeting, John Arvin of the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory will talk briefly about the Observatory's migration monitoring project and will be looking to sign up volunteers to cover the coastal areas in Jefferson County.

As usual, the doors will be open no later than 6:30 p.m., and the proceedings will start at 7:15 p.m. approximately.

Sabine Woods Work Day

We plan to hold a work day at Sabine Woods on Saturday September 10. Details are in the Calendar of Events section of the following pages. This has been a strange summer weather-wise, but we know there has already been enough rain to promote enough growth that there will be plenty to do. Where we are now is that in addition to the routine clearing of the major trails and the fire break, we need to continue to clear the open areas in the western part of the sanctuary among what we call the newer oaks. We are close to completing the eradication of tallow, and have made good progress with the privet. The McCartney Rose continues to be a problem, but less so than it was. We know that whatever day we pick will be a problem for some, and September 10 is likely to be the first day of the Teal Season and the Alligator season. But September 3 is on Labor Day weekend, September 17 is the Fall Migration Count, and September 24 will be the best Saturday to visit the Hawk Watch at Smith Point. We can certainly brief you on what needs to be done, and you will then be free to work on other days. Obviously, there are many advantages to us all working on the same day, but it is increasingly not possible. It is more important that it get done than exactly when it gets done, so please volunteer to help!
Calendar of Events

Thursday August 18. Membership Meeting. See page 1 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 Rellison 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.

Saturday September 10. Sabine Woods Work Day (tentative date) 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 or 409-880-8276 work, 409-722-4193 home).

Thursday September 15. Membership Meeting. Speaker: Margaret Pickell on Bird Rehabilitation.

Saturday September 17. Jefferson County Fall Migration Count. Contact John Whittle (john.whittle@lamar.edu or 409-722-4193) to volunteer to help in this county-wide count.


Refreshments

Each month, we rely on volunteers to provide the refreshments at our membership meeting. We now need volunteers to bring all items for August and all the remaining 2005 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!

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, Texas 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.

Field Trip and Meeting Programs

As noted above, the programs for the meetings for the rest of the year have been arranged. However, we have not yet set our field trip schedule beyond August. Please send us your suggestions for field trips and for speakers for membership meetings in 2006.

Earth Share of Texas represents the Audubon Foundation of Texas and the National Audubon Society in payroll deduction plans for charitable giving. For Information, call 1-800/4GREEN or email <esi@earthshare-texas.org>.
Texas Parks and Wildlife/Ducks
Unlimited Mud Lake Terrace Project

I wanted to thank everyone who showed interest and helped us organize volunteers by spreading the word about the Terrace Planting Volunteer Project on Saturday, July 16, 2005. A special thanks to those who were able to make it out and help with the project. It was a real success. The project was located in Mud Lake, within compartment 16 of the Salt Bayou Unit of the J D Murphree Wildlife Management Area. The area is open by permit for public use, hunting, fishing, birding and outdoor recreation.

We started the project at approximately 8:00 am and completed all the planting at approximately 2:00 pm. The day started with light drizzle but soon after we started the drizzle subsided leaving cloud cover the rest of the day. The work conditions turned out to be perfect. It was cool with a light breeze.

We planted Oyster Grass along the water edge of the terraces in up to approximately two feet of water. The plants were placed five feet apart and two rows deep. The plants were pulled up from another location during the week by the TPWD staff.

According to Michael Rezsutek, Ph.D., TPWD Wetlands and Waterfowl Specialist, the terracing project created approximately 3,700 linear feet of terraces (according to the permit application). This translates into about 2.5 acres of emergent marsh. We used Spartina alterniflora (Oyster Grass) for the plantings because it grows fast, is salt tolerant, and has excellent soil-holding characteristics. The idea behind the terraces is to reduce wind fetch in the flats to reduce wave-generated erosion in the salt-stressed marsh, and to provide areas protected from strong winds for waterfowl to loaf during winter. The grass will also provide areas for marsh-dwelling songbirds to forage, nest, and rest.

In addition the terraces also provide wind breaks which reduce wave action and enhance conditions for subaquatic vegetation growth. Since they are surrounded by water, the terraces also aid in providing some predator protection for nesting waterfowl.

The TPWD marsh restoration was in conjunction with the DU Marsh Program. There is also two other projects being completed in the same area.

The following are the volunteers who helped with the planting on Saturday: Jana Whittle, Philip Pauling, Paul Been, Mike Cooper, James Cacioppo, Jim Sutherlin, Amos Cooper, Monique Slaughter, Tucker Slack, Mike Rezsutek

Thanks for all the help.

James Cacioppo

Audubon Chapters Participate in
“2005 National Keep Your Cat Indoors Day”

New York, NY, July 11, 2005 - Every year, the American Bird Conservancy celebrates “National Keep Your Cat Indoors Day” to promote the concept that cats and wildlife are better off when domestic cats are kept indoors. This year, April 22 was designated as “National Keep Your Cat Indoors Day” and three Audubon Chapters promoted the day with a variety of activities:

The South Bend-Elkhart Audubon Society in Mishawak, IN sponsored a poster competition and also distributed 500 Campaign brochures to cat adoption agencies in two counties. Their press release was printed in two papers, and they wrote an opinion piece for their local paper on the benefits of keeping cats indoors.

The Great South Bay Audubon Society, Orange County Audubon Society, and the Capital Region Audubon Society of NY passed a resolution supporting the Campaign.

The North Shore Audubon Society convinced Nassau County of Long Island, NY to proclaim National Keep Your Cat Indoors Day and received press coverage.

In 2006, “National Keep Your Cat Indoors Day” will be held on May 13. This is an excellent, positive way to generate press and educate children, parents and teachers on the importance of keeping cats indoors. For more information on the American Bird Conservancy’s “National Keep Your Cat Indoors Day” program, visit www.abcbirds.org/cats/.

Audubon Magazine’s Kenn Kaufman
Reaches Out to Spanish Speaking Birders

New York, NY, July 11, 2005 - In an interview for the May issue of Grist Magazine, Audubon magazine’s field editor, Kenn Kaufman, tells a warm-hearted story about his new Spanish-language bird guide and how an Audubon event in Portland, Oregon illustrated the importance of reaching out to underserved communities and opening new eyes to nature. The following is an excerpt from the interview:

“Just a couple of months ago… I’d spent four years trying to convince my publisher that my field guide to North American birds should be published in Spanish. After all, there are close to 30 million people in the U.S. who speak Spanish at home. The publisher was apprehensive that there wouldn’t be a market for this book, so ultimately I paid for the translation myself, did all the prep for getting it ready to print.”

“This March, we went to Portland, Oregon, where the local Audubon chapter was doing outreach to the local Hispanic community, and I did an evening program to introduce the book. Well, we had something like 150 people there, whole families, lots of kids, and we had this rowdy session with my fractured Spanish, talking about bird-watching as a great family activity, and a number of these young fathers were coming up afterward to buy the book and tell me they were going to take their kids birding. It felt like a validation of what I was doing. I’m losing money on the book, but I think it can make a difference and get a new audience turned on to nature.”

Audubon is also reaching out to the Spanish-speaking community via the Audubon At Home program. Audubon At Home has printed a Spanish language version of “Guide to a Healthy Yard” - “Guia Audubon Para un Jardin Saludable” and a Spanish version of the Natural Resources Conservation Service Backyard Conservation booklet is scheduled for publication later this year.
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: The excellent showing of neotropical migrants towards the end of April continued into May through about the 9th. A good passage of Catharus thrushes was perhaps one of the most noteworthy aspects. The Migration Count conducted the following weekend was reasonably productive despite the relatively late date. Cattail Marsh held a good number of Hudsonian Godwits at the time. The Great Kiskadee reported from Sea Rim was photographed after it had temporarily stunned itself by flying into a window. It was quite possible the bird that was seen sporadically over the preceding nine months at Sabine Woods. A particularly warm and dry June seemingly reduced observer activity -- never very great in June in any case. We do have some reports of the breeding species in the Big Thicket area, including those from the June 4th field trip. Highlight of the trip was a flock of 31 Wood Storks kettling over the Gore Store Road area. We get very few reports from the counties that we cover further north. However, it is clear that Swallow-tailed Kites have established a breeding presence in the northwest quadrant of Jasper County in addition to the very rich variety of breeding warblers and other neotropical migrant species.

May 2005

WHISTLING-DUCK, Black-bellied. JEF 5/14(2) MC02; JEF 5/14(5) MC05

WHISTLING-DUCK, Fulvous DUCK, Wood JEF 5/8(1) JAW; JEF 5/14(10) MC05;

MALLARD JEF 5/14(1) MC02; JEF 5/14(4) MC78; JEF 5/15(2) JAW

DUCK, Mottled JEF 5/8(7) JAW; JEF 5/10(6) SM;

BOBWHITE, Northern JEF 5/19(7) AM; JEF 5/14(10) JAW;

GRELLE, Pied-billed PELICAN, Amer. White JEF 5/14(1) MC05;

PELICAN, Brown JEF-SRSP 5/9(8) AM; JEF 5/14(2) MC06; JEF 5/14(6) MC05; JEF 5/14(7) MC10; JEF 5/15(9) MC10; JEF 5/14(54) MC12.

CORMORANT, Neotropical JEF 20 reps(349)

CORMORANT, Double-crested JEF 5/14(2) MC05; JEF 5/14(2) MC09; JEF 5/14(6) MC10; JEF 5/14(9) MC12; JEF 5/30(6) JAW

CORMORANT, Species JEF 1 rep(4)

ANGHINA JEF 2 reps(7)

FRIGATEBIRD, Magnificent JEF 5/14(1) MC12

BITTERN, American JEF 5/7(1) JAW; JEF 5/14(1) MC10

BITTERN, Least JEF 5/8(1) JAW; JEF 5/14(1) MC05; JEF 5/14(4) MC10; JEF 5/14(2) MC12

HERON, Great Blue JEF 1 rep(1); JEF 13 reps(16)

EGRET, Great JEF 27 reps(295)

EGRET, Snowy JEF 26 reps(628)

HERON, Little Blue JEF 21 reps(95)

HERON, Tricolored JEF 20 reps(81)

EGRET, Cattle JEF 31 reps(1707); ORA 1 rep(3)

HERON, Green JEF 25 reps(79)

NIGHT-HERON, Black-crowned. JEF 11 reps(26)

NIGHT-HERON, Yellow-crowned. JEF 19 reps(60)

NIGHT-HERON species ORA 1 rep(1)

IBIS, White JEF 23 reps(517)

IBIS, Glossy JEF 10 reps(905)

IBIS, White-faced JEF 7 reps(814)

IBIS, White-faced JEF 10 reps(905)

SPOONBILL, Roseate JEF 21 reps(221)

SPOONBILL, Spoonbill JEF 22 reps(107)

VULTURE, Turkey JEF 1 rep(8); JEF 23 reps(113)

OSPREY JEF 5/14(1) MC06; JEF 5/14(1) MC09

KITE, Swallow-tailed JEF 2 reps(4)

KITE, White-tailed JEF 5/21(2) PH; ORA 5/3(1) AC

HAWK, Cooper's JEF-TP 5/12(1) AM; JEF 5/14(1)

HAWK, Red-shouldered JEF 5/14(1) MC78; JEF-TP 5/21(1) AM

HAWK, Broad-winged JEF 5/14(1) MC03; JEF 5/14(1) MC07; JEF 5/26(1) JAW

HAWK, Swainson's JEF 5/14(1) MC07; JEF 5/14(1) MC09

HAWK, Red-tailed JEF 5/8(1) JAW; JEF 5/14(2) MC05;

CARACARA, Crested JEF 5/14(1) MC78

MERLIN JEF-SRSP 5/8(2) JAW; JEF 5/14(1) MC12

RAIL, Clapper JEF 3 reps(17)

RAIL, King JEF 5/14(1) MC09

SORA JEF 5/8(1) JAW; JEF 5/14(1) MC10; JEF 5/14(1) MC78

GALLINULE, Purple JEF 5/7(1) JAW; JEF 5/14(1) MC05;

MOORHEN, Common JEF 14 reps(235)

COOT, American JEF 4 reps(28)

PLOVER, Black-bellied JEF 9 reps(116)

GOLDEN-PLOVER, American JEF 5/14(1) MC12

PLOVER, Snowy JEF-SRSP 5/9(14) AM; JEF 5/14(4) MC12

PLOVER, Wilson's JEF 1 rep(1)

PLOVER, Semipalmated JEF 4 reps(9)

PLOVER, Piping JEF 5/14(4) MC12

KILLDEER JEF 26 reps(147); ORA 2 reps(3)

STILT, Black-necked JEF 21 reps(301)

AVOCET, American JEF 5/14(17) MC05; JEF 5/30(1) JAW

YELLOWLEGS, Greater JEF 5/8(15) JAW; JEF-TP 5/12(1) AM; JEF 5/14(2) MC05; JEF 5/14(1) MC11; JEF 5/14(2) MC12; JEF 5/15(5) JAW; JEF-TP 5/21(1) AM

YELLOWLEGS, Lesser JEF 12 reps(172)

SANDPIPER, Solitary JEF 5/8(1) JAW; JEF-TP 5/12(2) AM;

SANDPIPER, Spotted JEF-TP 5/12(5) MC05; JEF 5/14(1) MC09; JEF 5/14(1) MC12; JEF 5/15(1) JAW; JEF-TP 5/21(2) AM

WILLET JEF 14 reps(71)

WILLET, Spotted JEF-MCFW 5/1(1) SM; JEF-TXPT 5/1(1) SM; JEF-MCFW 5/2(1) JAW; JEF-MCFW 5/4(1) JAW; JEF 5/8(3) JAW; JEF-TP 5/12(6) MC05; JEF 5/14(1) MC09; JEF 5/14(2) MC10; JEF 5/14(1) MC12; JEF 5/15(1) JAW

WHIMBREL JEF 5/7(157) JAW; JEF 5/6(406) JAW; JEF 5/14(4) MC10; JEF 5/14(4) MC12

CURLEW, Long-billed JEF 5/14(13) MC12; JEF 5/14(28) MC78

GODWIT, Hudsonian JEF 5/8(14) JAW; JEF 5/10(35) SM; JEF-TP 5/12(140) AM; JEF 5/14(112) MC05; JEF 5/15(115) JAW; JEF-TP 5/21(140) AM

GODWIT, Marbled JEF 5/14(1) MC78

TURNSTONE, Ruddy JEF 6 reps(108)

SANDERLING JEF 3 reps(800)

SANDPIPER, Semipalmated JEF-TP 5/12(116) AM; JEF 5/14(10) MC05; JEF-TP 5/21(116) AM
FLYCATCHER, Acadian JEF 3 reps(6)
FLYCATCHER, Trail's JEF-SRSP  5(2)(1) JAW; JEF-SW 5(2)(1) JAW; JEF-SW 5(3)(1) JAW; JEF-SW 5(7)(1) JAW; JEF-SW 5(9)(1) JAW
FLYCATCHER, Least JAW; JEF 5(14)(1) MC12; JEF-SW 5(1)(1) SM; JEF-SW 5(9)(3)
EMPIDONAX species JEF 2 reps(3)
FLYCATCHER, Gt. Crested MC7/8
KISKADEE, Great JEF 5(13)(1) SRSP
KINGBIRD, Western JEF-SRSP 5(1)(1) SM; JEF-SRSP 5(9)(1) AM
KINGBIRD, Eastern JAS 1 rep(4); JEF 29 reps(241)
FLYCATCHER, Scissor-tailed JEF 22 reps(94); ORA 3 reps(6)
SHRIKE, Loggerhead JEF 29 reps(220); ORA 4 reps(4)
VIAREO, White-eyed JEF 6 reps(37)
VIAREO, Yellow-throated JEF 4 reps(5)
VIAREO, Warbling JEF-SRSP 5(1)(1) AL; JEF-SW 5(1)(1) AL; JEF-SW 5(1)(1) SM; JEF-TXPT 5(1)(1) SM; JEF-SW 5(9)(1) AM
VIAREO, Philadelphia JEF-SRSP 5(1)(1) SM; JEF-SW 5(1)(1) SM; JEF-SRSP 5(2)(1) JAW; JEF-SW 5(2)(3) JAW; JEF-SW 5(9)(1) AM; JEF-SW 5(9)(2) AM; JEF-SW 5(9)(1) JAW; JEF-SW 5(14)(1) MC12; JEF-SRSP 5(15)(2) DV
VIAREO, Red-eyed JEF 19 reps(126)
VIAREO, Black-whiskered JEF-SW 5(9)(1) AM; JEF 5(14)(1) AH
JAY, Blue JAS 1 rep(4); JEF 31 reps(166); ORA 5 reps(23)
CROW, American JAS 1 rep(8); JEF 6 reps(44)
CROW, Fish JEF 14 reps(49); ORA 5 reps(17)
CROW, species JEF 19 reps(57)
MARTIN, Purple JEF 23 reps(239)
SWALLOW, Tree JEF-SW 5(4)(1) JAW; JEF-SRSP 5(9)(200) AM; JEF 5(14)(28) MC05; JEF 5(14)(14) MC09; JEF 5(14)(30) MC10; JEF 5(14)(20) MC11; JEF 5(14)(100) MC12; JEF 5(14)(2) MC7/8
SWALLOW, Rough-winged JEF 5(14)(9) MC09; JEF 5(14)(3)
MC11; JEF 5(14)(4) MC12
SWALLOW, Bank JEF 5(7)(1) JAW; JEF 5(14)(12) MC05; JEF 5(14)(9) MC12; JEF 5(15)(3) JAW
SWALLOW, Cliff JEF 14 reps(584)
SWALLOW, Cave JEF 5(14)(1) MC09
SWALLOW, Barn JEF 26 reps(434)
SWALLOW species JEF 4 reps(137)
CHICKADEE, Carolina JAS 1 rep(5); JEF 7 reps(30); ORA 4 reps(12)
TITMOUSE, Tufted JEF 4 reps(16); ORA 4 reps(9)
WREN, Carolina JEF 8 reps(29); ORA 3 reps(4)
WREN, Sedge JAS 1 rep(18); JEF 39 reps(726);
ORA 4 reps(14)
WREN, Marsh MC10; JEF 5(14)(6) MC12; JEF 5(2)(8) JAW
KINGLET, Ruby-crowned JEF-SW 5(4)(1) JAW
GNATCATCHER, Blue-gray MC02
BLUEBIRD, Eastern JEF 1 rep(8); JEF 4 reps(10); ORA 3 reps(8)
VEERY JEF 14 reps(45)
THRUSH, Gray-cheeked JEF 14 reps(23)
THRUSH, Swallow's JEF 19 reps(135)
THRUSH, Hermit ORA 5(4)(1) SBE
THRUSH, Wood JEF 13 reps(60)
ROBIN, American JEF 23 reps(110); ORA 5 reps(7)
CATBIRD, Gray JEF 24 reps(653)
MOCKINGBIRD, Northern JEF 13 reps(3); JAS 34 reps(551);
ORA 5 reps(16)
THRASHER, Brown JEF 11 reps(15); ORA 2 reps(2)
STARLING, European JEF 29 reps(680); ORA 2 reps(4)
WAXWING, Cedar JEF-SRSP 5(1)(1) SM; JEF-SRSP 5(2)(15) JAW; JEF-SW 5(15)(3) DV; JEF-SW 5(15)(40) JAW; JEF-SW 5(16)(50) JAW; JEF-SW 5(18)(25) JS; JEF-SW 5(17)(50) JAW; JEF-SW 5(27)(40) DV; JEF-SV 5(29)(30) JAW; JEF-SW 5(30)(8) DV
WARBLER, Blue-winged JEF-SRSP 5(1)(1) AL; JEF-SW 5(5)(1) SM
WARBLER, Golden-winged JEF-SW 5(1)(1) SM
WARBLER, Tennessee JEF 12 reps(55)
GOLDFINCH, American
ORA 5/4(1) SBE; ORA 5/8(1) SBE

SPARROW, House
JAS 1 rep(7); JEF 22 reps(186)

Number of Species
212

Number of Individuals
33375

County Abbreviations:
JAS - Jasper; JEF - Jefferson; ORA - Orange

Location Codes:
BMT - Beaumont; MCFW - McFaddin NWR; NEDR - Nederland; SRSP - Sea Rim State Park; SW - Sabine Woods; TP - Tyrell Park incl;
Cattail Marsh; TX67 - Texas 67 Pt. Arthur-Sabine Pass-Sea Rim SP; TXPT - Road to Pilot Station at Texas Point

Observer Abbreviations:
AC - fide Alice Cornwell; AH - Charlie Amos and Ann Hoover; AL - Alex Lin-Moore; AM - Art Mackinnon; DV - Don Verser; JAW - John Whittle; JFW - Jana Whittle; JH - John H. Haynes; JHW - John Haynes and John Whittle; JP - John Park; JS - Jace Stansbury; MC01 - Migration Count Area 1; MC02 - Migration Count Area 2; MC03 - Migration Count Area 3; MC04 - Migration Count Area 4; MC05 - Migration Count Area 5; MC06 - Migration Count Area 6; MC78 - Migration Count Area 7 and 8; MC09 - Migration Count Area 9; MC10 - Migration Count Area 10; MC11 - Migration Count Area 11; MC12 - Migration Count Area 12; MTU - Marilyn Turner; SBE - Sheri Bethard; SM - Steve Mayes; SR - Sherrie Roden; SRSP - Sea Rim State Park staff

June 2005

WHISTLING-DUCK, Black-bellied
JEF 6/26(12) KS; JEF-TP 6/26(25) SM

WHISTLING-DUCK, Fulvous
JEF-TP 6/26(12) SM

DUCK, Wood
JEF 6/19(2) JAW; JEF 6/26(4) KS

DUCK, Mottilled
JEF-TP 6/26(20) SM

TEAL, Black-winged
JEF 6/26(1) KS; JEF-TP 6/26(2) SM

SHOVELER, Northern
JEF-TP 6/4(2) CTL

CANAASACK
JAS 6/3(1) PH

SCHAUP, Lesser
JEF-TP 6/4(1) CTL

BOBWHITE, Northern
HAL 2 reps(2)

GREBE, Pied-billed
JEF-TP 6/26(4) SM

PELICAN, Brown
JEF-SRSP 6/12(17) SM

CORMORANT, Neotropic
JEF 5 reps(50)

ANHINGA
JEF 1 rep(4)

FRIGATEBIRD, Magnificent
JEF 1 rep(1)

HERON, Great Blue
JEF 1 rep(1)

EGRET, Great
JEF 6 reps(34); ORA 1 rep(7)

EGRET, Snowy
JEF 5 reps(42)

HERON, Little Blue
JEF 3 reps(4)

HERON, Tricolored
JEF 3 reps(12)

EGRET, Cattle
HAL 1 rep(2); JEF 13 reps(208); ORA 1 rep(6)

HERON, Green
JEF 8 reps(34)

NIGHT-HERON, Black-crowned
JEF 2 reps(5)

NIGHT-HERON, Yellow-crowned
HAL 1 rep(1); JEF 7 reps(12)

IBIS, White
JEF 4 reps(49)

IBIS, White-faced
JEF 1 rep(25)

IBIS, Plegadis
JEF 2 reps(4)

SPOONBILL, Roseate
JEF-TP 6/12(2) SM; JEF-TXPT 6/12(4) SM; JEF 6/26(3) KS

STORK, Wood
HAL 6/4(31) FTHC

VULTURE, Black
HAL 1 rep(6); JEF 1 rep(3)

VULTURE, Turkey
HAL 2 reps(11); JEF 3 reps(29); ORA 1 rep(3)

KITE, Swallow-tailed
JAS 6/13(3) LC

HAWK, Red-shouldered
HAL 1 rep(2); JEF 3 reps(3); ORA 1 rep(1)

HAWK, Broad-winged
JEF 6/3(1) JAW

HAWK, Red-tailed
HAL 6/4(1) FTHC

RAIN, Cipper
JEF 1 rep(6)

GALLINULE, Purple
JEF 6/19(1) JAW

MOORHEN, Common
JEF 3 reps(31)

KILLDEER
JEF 6 reps(13); ORA 1 rep(2)

STILT, Black-necked
JEF 5 reps(27)

WILLET
JEF 1 rep(8)

GULL, Laughing
JEF 3 reps(63)

TERN, Caspian
JEF 1 rep(1)

TERN, Forster's
JEF 2 reps(4)
MEADOWLARK, species  JEF 2 reps(4)
GRACLE, Common  HAI 2 reps(6); JEF 21 reps(137);
ORA 1 rep(3)
GRACLE, Boat-tailed  JEF 2 reps(18)
GRACLE, Great-tailed  JEF 18 reps(224); ORA 2 reps(28)
COWIBIRD, Brown-headed  JEF 3 reps(13); ORA 1 rep(1)
ORIOLE, Orchard  HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 3 reps(31)
FINCH, House  JEF-NEDR 6/5(1) JAW; JEF 6/5(1)
SR; JEF-NEDR 6/5(1) JAW; JEF-NEDR 6/5(1) JAW; JEF-NEDR 6/5(1) JAW; JEF-BMT 6/5(1) R-H;
JEF-NEDR 6/5(1) JAW; JEF-BMT 6/5(1) R-H; JEF-NEDR 6/5(1) JAW; JEF-BMT 6/5(1) R-H;
ORA 6/5(2) SBE; ORA 6/5(2) SBE
GOLDFINCH, American  JEF-BMT 6/10(1) RHJ; ORA 6/2(2)
SBE
SPARROW, House  HAI 1 rep(3); JEF 18 reps(50); ORA 1 rep(23)

Number of Species  111
Number of Individuals  2921

County Abbreviations:
ANG—Angelina; HAI—Hardin; JAS—Jasper; JEF—Jefferson; ORA—Orange

Location Codes:; BMT—Beaumont; MCFW—McFaddin NWR; NEDR—Nederland; SNDY—Nature Conservancy Sandyland Sanctuary; SRSP—Sea Rim State Park; SW—Sabine Woods; TP—Tyrell Park incl. Cattail Marsh; TXPT—Road to Pilot Station at Texas Point

Observer Abbreviations:; CTL—Cin-Ty Lee; FTHC—Field Trip to Hardin County; JAW—John Whittle; JFW—Jana Whittle; KS—Ken Sztraky; LC—Lanet Coleman; LG—Lana Gau; PH—Phillip Hight; RAJ—Rose Ann Jordan; RHJ—Rose Ann and Harrison Jordan; SBE—Siber Bethard; SM—Steve Mayes; SR—Sherri Roden; TK—Tom Kihn.

Notes on Rare Species

Violet Green Swallow – Cattail Marsh, 29 Apr 2005 – Jeff Mundy
This was a belatedly report, without further details but from an experienced observer of a Violet-green Swallow among "hundreds" of Tree Swallows at Cattail Marsh in Tyrell Park, Beaumont on 29th April.

Townsend's Warbler – Sea Rim SP, 9 May 2005 – Art MacKinnon
Seen from the far west part on the board walk at the willows at Sea Rim State Park, looking over the cattails into the willow trees about forty feet away behind a male Yellow Warbler. At first look it appeared to be a Black-throated Green Warbler. However, closer scrutiny revealed a black auricular patch. The Yellow on the breast extended to the belly. The bird has a very green back with black streaks and black streaks on the undertail coverts. The bird was seen for about two minutes.

Bird Alert

By late July the first shorebirds had returned from their northern breeding grounds. The first to arrive are probably birds whose breeding attempts were unsuccessful, although in shorebirds of many species, some of the one year old birds do not migrate north at all.

Already Purple Martins are beginning to congregate at night in larger and larger roosts. In Beaumont, the area around Phelan Boulevard and 23rd Street in the vicinity of the Market Basket is one such location.

The first Hummingbirds have appeared somewhat earlier than normal this year but the peak migration will not occur until September.

Fall migration occupies a much longer window than spring migration, and will span the period from mid August through early November. Concentrations of birds will be much less pronounced, although the number of migrating birds is greatly increased by the number of "birds of the year." Many of these young birds will not survive the dangers of migration and the competition for food on the wintering grounds.
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