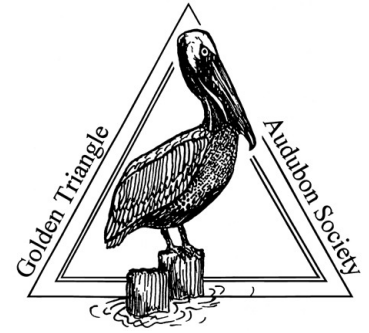


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Summer Hiatus!

As usual, there will be no membership meetings in June or July. Our next meeting will be on **THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Garden Center, Tyrrell Park, Beaumont, Texas.

The next issue of the *Brown Pelican* will be a combined July/August issue, to be published in early August.

Sabine Woods Work Day Report – May 19, 2013

A very successful work day was held at Sabine Woods on May 19, with seven volunteers participating on the day, and two more working on May 17. The original schedule of May 18 was changed at the last minute because of the funeral service for our long-time volunteer and supporter, Rose Ann Jordan, and we are grateful to those who were able to help at short notice.

As usual on a May work day, the focus was on mowing and trail clearing in the hope of clearing the trails sufficiently that they might be passable during early fall migration even before we are able to schedule a fall work day. Conditions were pleasant, almost comfortable, with remarkably few insects to contend with. In addition to mowing the trails and the various meadow areas, we removed vines and other competing vegetation from new trees in the eastern part of the sanctuary and renewed the flagging tape on the smaller trees. We cleared a few fallen and hanging limbs. A trail through the southern portion of the main canopy was reopened after several years. Several areas of poison ivy adjacent to trails were dealt with, and some fire ant mounds in awkward locations were treated. And, as always, some progress was made in the battle to control the McCartney rose.

The rainfall situation this year has been very different from the past two or three years. For the first time in many years, the ponds are full almost to overflowing in mid-May, most immediately owing to about six inches of rain over May 10/11. Growth over the spring has been fairly vigorous. The trees planted since hurricane Ike in 2008 are now well established, with a very reasonable survival rate considering the dry conditions immediately after they were planted. We are pleased to find that a good number of willows are growing in the pond in the northwest section, an area that it is very difficult for us to access and work in. There is profuse growth of *Lantana* in most wooded areas, but we believe that this will be more modest in future years as these areas become more shaded as the oak canopy grows back in.

We thank all the volunteers who participated in this work day:

Andy Allen, John Haynes, Zach Hutchinson, Gary Kelley, Steve Mayes, Wendy Mires, Sherrie Roden, and Christine Sliva.

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Calendar of Events

Important Note: Field Trip notices published here should always be regarded as needing confirmation just before the date. We want to be able to take advantage of any good concentrations of interesting birds and to adjust in cases where access has changed. Changes will always be posted on the web site at www.goldentriangleaudubon.org. Confirmation of the location will also normally be available at the Membership Meeting that is usually, but not always, two days prior to each trip, or by contacting Field Trip Committee chair, Steve Mayes at 409-722-5807 or sgmayes@hotmail.com

Thursday August 15. Membership Meeting. Details in next month's issue.

Saturday August 17. Field Trip to Liberty-Dayton Area. Each year, several of us have made a pilgrimage to the Liberty-Dayton area in August. During the first half of August each year, Swallow-tailed Kites congregate in the Trinity River bottomlands between Liberty and Dayton for two or three weeks before they migrate south for the winter. Sometimes, we are lucky enough to find up to 20 or more; other times they are more spread out and we don't see quite as many.

We have now formalized this as a regular field trip. We will meet on Saturday August 17 at 8:00 AM at the McDonalds at 1923 Highway 90 in Liberty. This is on the north side of the Highway at the intersection with Travis Street, one block west of Main St/Highway 227. Carpooling is highly desirable on this trip. Most of this trip does not **necessitate** extensive walking, although some of the group will probably do quite a bit of walking. The trip will probably not last beyond noon.

We will check the area along Highway 90 between Liberty and Dayton, perhaps several times, and also the Liberty Municipal Park area. We might even also drive down FM1409. In addition to the Swallow-tailed Kites, there are usually Mississippi Kites flying low in the residential areas of Liberty north of US 90. Depending on how wet the area is, there may be other

birds characteristic of bottomlands.

For more information, contact Steve Mayes (sgmayes@hotmail.com or 409-722-5807).

Refreshments

Each month, we rely on volunteers to provide the refreshments at our membership meeting. We thank all those who brought refreshments in May. **We need volunteers to bring items for all the fall 2013 meetings.** Please do not wait until the last minute to volunteer! We do not expect one person to bring everything, but please call so we can coordinate! Reserve the month you would like to help in now. Even if you can just bring drinks and cookies or something similar, please call Jana Whittle (409-722-4193 or email janafw@aol.com) **as far in advance as possible.** Please help if you can! We thank all those who brought refreshments over the last year or so!

Thursday September 19. Membership Meeting. To be arranged. Details in future issues of the *Brown Pelican*.

Saturday September 21. Jefferson County Fall Migration Count. Contact John Whittle (johnawhittle@aol.com or 409-722-4193) to volunteer to help in this county-wide count. In this count, we survey as much of the county as we are able, and all are welcome to help, even if you can only spend a few hours in the morning. We do survey in town as well as in the more rural areas, and can accommodate feeder watchers too.



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Rose Ann Jordan 1940-2013

Rose Ann Jordan was born in Beaumont on May 13, 1940. She grew up in both Beaumont and Erie, Pennsylvania. She graduated from Lamar University with a teaching degree and later with a Master's degree in Guidance and Counseling. While at Lamar, she was chosen for listing in Who's Who among American universities and Colleges.

I first met Rose Ann in 1987 at a Sierra Club outing at the Sabine Wildlife Refuge on a birding trip in the fall. She was always kind and very helpful to me and my two boys and as a single mother at the time, I truly appreciated that. I began attending some meetings and we started seeing more and more of her. When we birded together, we really hit it off.

Rose Ann was one of those people who loved everybody and everybody loved her. She had a gentle, kind, and fun loving spirit. She loved hiking, canoeing, backpacking, and birding. She took classes from Dr. Jed Ramsey in the 70's and had excellent birding skills. She was one of the kind of birders that would not accept or write down that she saw a bird unless she got good looks at the bird. She wanted to see it in detail before she counted it.

She hiked parts of the Appalachian Trail in 14 different states. I cannot tell you how many times she hiked the steep trail to see the Colima warbler in Big Bend, but she did it many times. She went to Alaska and to California with David Bradford on birding tours. She went to 49 states in the U.S.

We could always count on Rose Ann and Harrison to take part in several Christmas bird counts each year. Turkey Creek, Beech Creek, Bolivar, and Sea Rim were just some of the ones she helped with. She also participated in the spring and fall migration counts. She got me started doing the eagle counts at Toledo Bend and she kept reassuring me that we would see some and we did. But they mostly were little white heads that looked like specks in the tops of pine trees, and that we had to see them through a telescope across the water. As most of you know, all of these various bird counts happen in all types of weather. The eagle count seemed to always be very cold mostly in the teen degrees. We counted birds in rain and freezing temps along with gorgeous beautiful days when we were always grateful to be able to see various bird species. But because of her encouragement, she taught me how to spot birds far away. She volunteered for many, many organizations including her church, the Big Thicket Natural Preserve as a Volunteer/Volunteer Coordinator for 14 years, and on the Big Thicket Association Board for 15 years. She was very active in Sierra Club and went on many, many trips to Lost Maples with them.

When Golden Triangle Audubon was formed in 1994, there were some birders who felt that our area did not have enough birders interested to form an Audubon Society. Rose Ann was not one of those. She jumped on board and encouraged us. She was our speaker at one of our monthly meetings dating back to August of 1998. She spoke about attracting birds to your backyard. One of the things I remember her telling us is that you can draw birds into your own yard by purchasing a simple \$3 plastic circle that you attach to your water hose. That was encouraging to me because we had no water feature for birds at the time, and that was something most of us could do. She was so right. If you put a sprinkler like that on low, and there are birds around, they will find it. She had 126 species on her yard list.

Rose Ann hosted lots of hummingbirds. We would go to her house for the last five years at least to see her winter hummers. I have seen Buff-bellied, Black-chinned, Allen's, Ruby-throated, Broad-tailed, Rufous, and Calliope at her house. She always maintained her feeders for them. She was one of the first people that I knew personally who made up her own recipe for suet to feed birds. I don't think I ever went to her house that she didn't have that homemade suet out for the birds in her yard to eat.

We emailed each other quite a bit. Her email name was Chatnjordan. Everyone who knew her, knew why. She loved Yellow-breasted Chats and of course she could hold a great conversation with anyone. Even though I was not blood kin to Rose Ann, I felt I was related to her because we shared so many feelings about education, a Christian life, but mostly about birds because we were both intense about them. She was so intense of a birder that her cancer doctor in Houston became a birder after she gave him a field guide for Christmas one year. How many birders can say that?

Steve Mayes and Rose Ann had an ongoing fun time on field trips. Here is what he wrote:

"Rose Ann was a dedicated participant in the Golden Triangle Audubon Society's field trips. She and Harrison made almost every trip – even if they rarely showed up on time! Many is the field trip to Bolivar Flats or Cattail Marsh when the rest of the group was well away from the parking areas and already birding when we would see Rose Ann and Harrison walking quickly to catch up and wondering what they missed! Then, sometimes, Rose Ann and Harrison would have to leave early. Usually this was to feed or let out Rose Ann's beloved dog but it did not stop her from being upset about the birds she missed! Once, leaving early from a field trip cost her a look at a beautiful Cinnamon Teal that she very much wanted to see. When this fact was innocently pointed out in the field trip report, it brought out another of Rose Ann's lovable little quirks – her love of practical jokes! At the next Golden Triangle Audubon meeting, Rose Ann found occasion to put a sign on the back of the writer of that field trip report (and on his truck) that said, 'I love Starlings, House Sparrows and Grackles!' She might have missed her Cinnamon Teal but she definitely got her revenge! Luckily, Rose Ann was able to see Cinnamon Teal on later field trips along with many more beautiful birds in many more beautiful places!"

Rose Ann passed away peacefully at her home on Wednesday, May 15th. She had fought cancer for over ten years. She inspired everyone who knew her. Andy Allen will build a bench for Rose Ann and place it at the end of the long pond in Sabine Woods where she requested for it to go. I remember one person asking me how I was when I heard that she had passed away, and I said I feel sorry for America because she was a wonderful conservationist who knew how to get things accomplished. People like that are few and far between. We will miss her sorely.

Jana Whittle

North American Migration Count – Jefferson County 11 May 2013

As far as the species count goes, at 197, this count blew through the previous high of 189 set only last year. However, in contrast to last year, when the excitement was focused on the wooded areas adjacent to the shore, this year the high concentrations of birds were mostly in the northern parts of the county. Four inches of rain in the middle of the day before the count were followed by another two inches in the early hours of the morning of the count. Apparently, the previous day's rain persuaded that day's trans-Gulf passerine migrants to drop in to the first available cover after crossing the shoreline but a good percentage elected to resume their migration that same evening only to encounter the second series of rain bands and come down again, by which time they were spread across the northern tier of the county. Shorebirds, however, were spread out over most of the county in all wet areas.

The count timing is, of course, well after most waterfowl have left for points north. Blue-winged Teal, the commonest duck species as usual, were found in good numbers. A Red-breasted Merganser in the ship channel area in Sabine Pass was very late, as was a Common Loon in Sabine Lake. A new species for the count was Wood Stork, with a flock of 25 over the far north of the county near the Edgewater Picnic Area. This species, traditionally thought of in our area as post-breeding dispersal of birds from the Mexican coast, seems to be arriving earlier and earlier each year, casting some doubt on that assumption. Another new species for the count was Least Grebe, now seemingly firmly established in Cattail Marsh, but previously seen only on fall counts. Glossy Ibis are now being found on half our spring counts, and this year in two locations.

The Bald Eagles across the bayou from Cattail Marsh have again successfully fledged two young. Swainson's Hawks continue to be present in good numbers while a few Red-tailed Hawks are always still lingering.

A late Virginia Rail enabled us to add that species to the list of species ever seen on the count. Finding American Golden Plovers in May does not always happen but two were in west Jefferson County. One Snowy Plover was on the shore but again this year, all the wintering Piping Plovers had apparently left. American Oystercatchers have been present in small numbers in the ship channel around and south of Sabine Pass for some time, but this was the first spring we have recorded them. Other shorebirds were present in good numbers, although we have seen more White-rumped Sandpiper, the predominant small sandpiper in the area in mid-May, in some past years. Seven Baird's Sandpipers were identified this year. Although mostly passing through earlier in the spring, this species is often probably not identified because of the large number of White-rumped sandpipers present most years. Hudsonian Godwits are almost always around on count day and were noted in three places this year. Stilt Sandpipers were seen in more normal numbers this year after only one was seen last year. Wilson's Phalaropes were again plentiful.

A second year without any Herring Gulls was unusual, but finding Franklin's Gulls around Cattail Marsh was nice. Common Terns are probably more common in spring and fall than they are given credit for, but two were near the

Intracoastal Waterway. A large flock of Black Skimmers was resting in the same location, but were not there the next day. We do not know where they are nesting, but there is almost certainly a fair sized colony somewhere in the area.

Black-billed Cuckoos are difficult to find even when they are around, so it was nice to find one in Sabine Woods, even though it was seen only very briefly. We do quite well with owls on this count, with Barn Owls becoming the most difficult to find, even though we know there are nesting pairs around. Great Horned and Barred Owls are usually heard more than they are seen. The delayed post-hurricane increase in Red-headed Woodpeckers continues with a new high of 17. Golden-fronted Woodpeckers continue at Sabine Woods.

Forty-three Eastern Wood-Pewees is a very high number, and many of them were in relatively unusual areas in the northern half of the county, but it does not approach the 87 seen on last year's count. A fair representation of other flycatchers was seen, with Acadian Flycatchers, as usual, the predominant *Empidonax* species.

Wood Thrushes have mainly passed through by count day, but two were seen, one of which could well have been a breeding bird. Gray-cheeked Thrushes and Veeries have become more common in recent years, but were not in quite the numbers of last year. As always Swainson's were by far the commonest *Catharus* thrush by count date.

An impressive total of 23 warbler species were recorded, many of them in Beaumont and in the wetland in Cattail Marsh. Notable were three Cape May Warblers, two in different locations in Beaumont and one near Sabine Pass. The late migrating warblers were well represented with good numbers of Magnolia, Bay-breasted, Blackburnian, Chestnut-sided and Canada Warblers.

Sparrows are usually mostly gone by count day, but this year, a very high number of Savannah Sparrows remained, many of them along Highway 87 west of Sabine Pass and in McFaddin NWR. Nelson's Sparrows were present in the usual places. Bobolinks are very much hit or miss any time during migration, but were seen in two locations in the southwest and northwest parts of the county.

Species seen on the count: WHISTLING-DUCK, Black-bellied (68); WHISTLING-DUCK, Fulvous (63); DUCK, Wood (7); MALLARD (3); DUCK, Mottled (44); TEAL, Blue-winged (263); SHOVELER, Northern (2); SCAUP, Lesser (2); MERGANSER, Red-breasted (1); BOBWHITE, Northern (3); LOON, Common (1); GREBE, Least (2); GREBE, Pied-billed (7); STORK, Wood (25); CORMORANT, Neotropic (110); ANHINGA (9); PELICAN, American White (11); PELICAN, Brown (80); BITTERN, American (2); BITTERN, Least (6); HERON, Great Blue (30); EGRET, Great (214); EGRET, Snowy (189); HERON, Little Blue (27); HERON, Tricolored (55); EGRET, Cattle (866); HERON, Green (42); NIGHT-HERON, Black-crowned (12); NIGHT-HERON, Yellow-crowned (35); IBIS, White (145); IBIS, Glossy (3); IBIS, White-faced (141); IBIS, Plegadis species (104); SPOONBILL, Roseate (21); VULTURE, Black (107); VULTURE, Turkey (51); KITE, Mississippi (1); EAGLE, Bald (2); HAWK, Sharp-shinned (1); HAWK, Cooper's (3); HAWK, Accipiter species (1); HAWK, Red-shouldered (14); HAWK, Broad-winged (1); HAWK, Swainson's (7); HAWK, Red-tailed (5); CARACARA, Crested (1); FALCON, Peregrine (1); RAIL, Clapper (19); RAIL, King (5); RAIL, Virginia (1); SORA (14); GALLINULE, Purple (21); GALLINULE, Common (34); COOT, Ameri
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Bird Sightings – April 2013

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 johnawhittle@aol.com or call (409) 722-4193. For "very rare" birds, or very much out-of-season species, 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." The range of dates for which the species was reported is shown in parentheses in a column before the sighting details or report summaries.

Commentary: April sightings always need to be severely compressed to fit within a reasonable amount of space, so there are very few individual sightings shown in the table below. As usual, we will present an analysis of the spring migrants in the *Brown Pelican* in the early fall, and more

detail will be shown there. We have restricted the data below to our regular observers, and have not included any other data from eBird. Our forthcoming analysis will include sightings from eBird that appear to be thoroughly reliable and from the locations that we usually cover. That analysis attempts to eliminate duplicate reports of the same individual birds, which the listing below does not. It is not straightforward in eBird to find and review all submissions for particular locations. If you do use eBird, you can help us by having eBird email a copy of each of your checklists to yourself, and then forwarding those to us. We can use checklists from all the counties (listed above) that we cover when we are able to review them..

One item of interest involves the two hybrid mockingbirds from the Tropical/Northern Mockingbird pair that nested in Sabine Woods last spring. The two hybrid offspring were discovered 0.7 miles east of the Woods on March 23, and both were seen through April 23. As far as we know, one (only) was seen through April 30 but not subsequently.

Another event of note was the Swallow-tailed Kite that roosted in Sabine Woods for four nights from April 24 (and the sightings below make it obvious that we do not attempt to remove sightings of the same bird by different observers!)

WHISTLING-DUCK, Blk-bel (1-28) JEF 15 reps(243)
WHISTLING-DUCK, Fulv. (23-23) JEF 4/23(2) FPW
DUCK, Wood (23-23) HAI 4/23(1) FPW
MALLARD (2-23) JEF-SW 4/2(2) JAW; JEF-SW 4/2(2) JHH; JEF-TP 4/23(1) FPW; JEF-TX87 4/23(2) FPW
DUCK, Mottled (2-26) JEF 15 reps(36)
TEAL, Blue-winged (1-28) JEF 53 reps(920)
SHOVELER, Northern (25-25) JEF-MURW 4/25(15) JA
BOBWHITE, Northern (23-28) JEF 4/23(5) FPW; JEF 4/28(5) CSL
LOON, Common (1-1) JEF-TX87 4/1(1) JAW
GREBE, Pied-billed (9-23) JEF 4 reps(10)
CORMORANT, Neotropic (1-28) JEF 23 reps(63)
CORMORANT, Dble-crest (2-25) JEF 3 reps(5)
ANHINGA (3-13) JEF 2 reps(2)
PELICAN, Amer. White (4-26) JEF 3 reps(32)
PELICAN, Brown (1-26) JEF 12 reps(113)
BITTERN, American (23-28) JEF-TP 4/23(1) FPW; JEF-TX87 4/28(1) JAW
BITTERN, Least (13-23) JEF-TX87 4/13(1) JAW; JEF-MCFW 4/23(1) FPW
HERON, Great Blue (1-25) HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 5 reps(5)
EGRET, Great (1-30) HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 33 reps(130)
EGRET, Snowy (1-30) JEF 33 reps(231)
HERON, Little Blue (2-27) JEF 14 reps(32)
HERON, Tricolored (3-30) JEF 23 reps(69)
EGRET, Cattle (3-30) HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 34 reps(308)
HERON, Green (1-30) JEF 44 reps(109)
NIGHT-HERON, Black-cr. (12-12) JEF 4/12(1) JAW
NIGHT-HERON, Yellow-cr. (1-28) HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 16 reps(22)
IBIS, White (2-27) JEF 20 reps(470)
IBIS, White-faced (23-23) JEF 4/23(2) FPW
IBIS, Plegadis (1-23) JEF 5 reps(81)
SPOONBILL, Roseate (2-28) JEF 20 reps(62)
VULTURE, Black (1-30) HAI 2 reps(17); JEF 40 reps(82)
VULTURE, Turkey (1-30) HAI 5 reps(19); JEF 60 reps(197)
OSPREY (3-27) JEF-SW 4/3(1) ZH; JEF-MURW 4/25(1) JA; JEF-TX87 4/27(1) JAW
KITE, Swallow-tailed (10-28) JEF-SW 4/24(1) HS; JEF-SW 4/24(1) JHH; JEF-SW 4/24(1) JAW; JEF-SW 4/24(1) SM; JEF-SW 4/25(1) JAW; JEF-SW 4/25(1) JHH; JEF-SW 4/26(1) JAW; JEF-SW 4/26(1) JHH; JEF-SW 4/27(1) JAW; JEF-SW 4/27(1) JHH; JEF-SW 4/27(1) SM; JEF-SW 4/28(1) HS; JEF-SW 4/28(1) JAW; JEF-SW 4/28(1) JHH; ORA 4/10(1) CHA; ORA 4/11(1) CHA; ORA 4/12(1) CHA; ORA-ORG 4/18(1) AA

KITE, Mississippi (16-23) HAI 4/23(33) FPW; JEF-SW 4/16(1) AM
EAGLE, Bald (23-23) JEF-TP 4/23(1) FPW
HARRIER, Northern (2-24) JEF 12 reps(14)
HAWK, Sharp-shinned (3-12) JEF 8 reps(8)
HAWK, Cooper's (3-23) HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 3 reps(3)
HAWK, Broad-winged (1-25) HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 7 reps(15)
HAWK, Swainson's (9-23) JEF 4/9(3) JHH; JEF-TX87 4/18(1) JAW; JEF 4/23(3) FPW; JEF-SW 4/23(1) FPW; JEF-TX87 4/23(1) FPW
HAWK, Red-tailed (1-25) HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 21 reps(22)
HAWK, Red-tail. (Kriger's) (28-28) JEF-TX87 4/28(1) JAW
CARACARA, Crested (3-28) JEF 6 reps(6)
MERLIN (2-28) JEF 7 reps(7)
FALCON, Peregrine (16-25) JEF 5 reps(5)
RAIL, Black (19-19) JEF-MCFW 4/19(1) JAW (ID not fully confirmed)
RAIL, Clapper (1-26) JEF 5 reps(9)
SORA (17-26) JEF 6 reps(23)
GALLINULE, Purple (13-19) JEF 4/13(1) JAW; JEF-MCFW 4/19(1) JAW
GALLINULE, Common (3-25) JEF 8 reps(16)
COOT, American (9-28) JEF 7 reps(39)
GOLDEN-PLOVER, Amer. (9-9) JEF 4/9(18) JHH
PLOVER, Snowy (23-23) JEF-MCFW 4/23(1) FPW
PLOVER, Wilson's (23-26) JEF-SRSP 4/23(2) FPW; JEF-MCFW 4/24(1) JAW; JEF-TXPT 4/26(1) JHH
PLOVER, Semipalmated (23-25) JEF 4/23(8) FPW; JEF-MURW 4/25(20) JA
PLOVER, Piping (23-24) JEF-SRSP 4/23(1) FPW; JEF-MCFW 4/24(1) JAW; JEF-SRSP 4/24(1) JAW
KILLDEER (2-30) JEF 16 reps(45)
OYSTERCATCHER, Amer. (26-26) JEF-TXPT 4/26(2) JHH
STILT, Black-necked (1-28) JEF 18 reps(72)
AVOCET, American (23-25) JEF 2 reps(17)
SANDPIPER, Spotted (15-20) JEF 2 reps(4)
SANDPIPER, Solitary (11-20) JEF 4 reps(4)
YELLOWLEGS, Greater (1-27) JEF 9 reps(29)
WILLET (1-30) JEF 24 reps(66)
YELLOWLEGS, Lesser (3-27) JEF 14 reps(233)
YELLOWLEGS species (11-29) JEF 3 reps(18)
SANDPIPER, Upland (1-23) JEF-TX87 4/1(1) JAW; JEF 4/9(6) JHH; JEF 4/14(5) JM; JEF 4/23(3) FPW
WHIMBREL (23-26) JEF 2 reps(26)
CURLEW, Long-billed (26-26) JEF-TXPT 4/26(2) JHH

GODWIT, Hudsonian	(12-12) JEF 4/12(1) JHH	VIREO, Warbling	(11-30) JEF 24 reps(59)
TURNSTONE, Ruddy	(23-24) JEF 2 reps(9)	VIREO, Philadelphia	(14-30) JEF 18 reps(31)
SANDERLING	(23-24) JEF 2 reps(35)	VIREO, Red-eyed	(2-30) HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 57 reps(423)
SANDPIPER, Western	(25-25) JEF-MURW 4/25(1000) JA	JAY, Blue	(1-30) HAI 12 reps(50); JEF 77
SANDPIPER, White-rump.	(23-25) JEF 4/23(6) FPW; JEF-MURW	reps(284)	
4/25(20) JA		CROW, American	(5-23) HAI 12 reps(40); JEF 1 rep(1)
SANDPIPER, Peep	(11-11) JEF-SW 4/11(1) SM	CROW, Fish	(23-29) JEF 2 reps(4)
SANDPIPER, Pectoral	(4-25) JEF 6 reps(45)	CROW, species	(4-29) JEF 9 reps(15)
DUNLIN	(17-25) JEF 3 reps(31)	MARTIN, Purple	(1-28) JEF 37 reps(217)
SANDPIPER, Stilt	(17-23) JEF-TX87 4/17(1) JAW; JEF	SWALLOW, Tree	(1-30) HAI 1 rep(150); JEF 61
4/23(2) FPW		reps(1875)	
SANDPIPER, Buff-breast.	(9-23) JEF 4/9(8) JHH; JEF 4/23(6) FPW	SWALLOW, N Rough-wing.	(1-24) JEF 21 reps(61)
DOWITCHER, Short-billed	(25-26) JEF 2 reps(100)	SWALLOW, Cliff	(4-30) HAI 2 reps(35); JEF 11 reps(71)
DOWITCHER, Long-billed	(17-25) JEF 3 reps(61)	SWALLOW, Cave	(4-4) JEF-SW 4/4(1) CC; JEF-SW
SNIPE, Wilson's	(24-24) JEF 4/24(45) CSL	4/4(5) JAW; JEF-SW 4/4(5) JHH	
PHALAROPE, Wilson's	(23-25) JEF 2 reps(2)	SWALLOW, Cave/Cliff	(12-12) JEF-NEDR 4/12(6) JAW
GULL, Laughing	(2-29) JEF 20 reps(436)	SWALLOW, Barn	(1-30) JEF 59 reps(325)
GULL, Ring-billed	(2-24) JEF 6 reps(16)	SWALLOW species	(23-29) JEF 3 reps(18)
GULL, Herring	(3-5) JEF 2 reps(2)	CHICKADEE, Carolina	(1-30) HAI 25 reps(56); JEF 38 reps(46)
GULL, Lsr Blk-backed	(23-23) JEF-MCFW 4/23(1) FPW	TITMOUSE, Tufted	(2-30) HAI 22 reps(45)
TERN, Least	(23-25) JEF 3 reps(30)	NUTHATCH, Red-breasted	(1-30) JEF-SW 4/1 thru 4/30(2)
TERN, Gull-billed	(23-23) JEF 4/23(2) FPW	CC,HS,JJH,JAW,SM	
TERN, Caspian	(3-27) JEF 2 reps(2)	NUTHATCH, Brown-head	(6-23) HAI-SILS 4/6(2) MG; HAI-SILS
TERN, Common	(1-23) JEF-TX87 4/1(1) JAW; JEF-	4/14(1) MG; HAI-SILS 4/18(1) MG; HAI-SILS 4/22(1) MG; HAI	
MCFW 4/23(3) FPW		4/23(2) FPW	
TERN, Forster's	(1-28) JEF 13 reps(33)	WREN, Carolina	(2-28) HAI 6 reps(18); JEF 1 rep(1)
TERN, Royal	(1-29) JEF 12 reps(557)	WREN, House	(6-23) HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 4 reps(4)
TERN, Sandwich	(23-24) JEF-MCFW 4/23(3) FPW; JEF-	WREN, Sedge	(1-28) JEF 24 reps(94)
MCFW 4/24(10) JAW		WREN, Marsh	(15-28) JEF 9 reps(37)
PIGEON, Rock	(1-29) HAI 4 reps(20); JEF 28 reps(160)	GNATCATCHER, Blue-gray	(1-25) HAI 2 reps(5); JEF 44 reps(277)
COLLARED-DOVE, Euras.	(2-30) HAI 3 reps(6); JEF 7 reps(11)	KINGLET, Ruby-crowned	(1-25) HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 49 reps(220)
DOVE, White-winged	(1-30) HAI 17 reps(133); JEF 79	BLUEBIRD, Eastern	(2-30) HAI 11 reps(23)
reps(425)		VEERY	(11-30) JEF 24 reps(59)
DOVE, Mourning	(1-30) HAI 23 reps(199); JEF 60	THRUSH, Gray-cheeked	(16-30) JEF 27 reps(56)
reps(243)		THRUSH, Swainson's	(3-30) JEF 43 reps(175)
DOVE, Inca	(1-30) HAI 1 rep(2); JEF 11 reps(16)	THRUSH, Hermit	(3-3) JEF-SW 4/3(1) CC; JEF-SW
CUCKOO, Yellow-billed	(2-30) JEF 41 reps(85)	4/3(1) ZH	
CUCKOO, Black-billed	(19-30) JEF-SW 4/19(1) JHH; JEF-SW	THRUSH, Wood	(1-30) HAI 3 reps(3); JEF 57 reps(165)
4/28(1) JHH; JEF-SW 4/30(1) JHH		ROBIN, American	(1-30) JEF 15 reps(26)
OWL, Great Horned	(3-23) JEF 17 reps(28)	CATBIRD, Gray	(1-30) HAI 12 reps(15); JEF 64
NIGHTHAWK, Common	(10-30) JEF 43 reps(155)	reps(968)	
SWIFT, Chimney	(1-29) HAI 4 reps(54); JEF 22 reps(57)	MOCKINGBIRD, Northern	(1-30) HAI 16 reps(110); JEF 97
HUMMINGBIRD, Ruby-thr.	(1-30) HAI 27 reps(45); JEF 76	reps(257)	
reps(1059)		MOCKINGBIRD, Trop x Nor.	(1-30) JEF 4/1 thru 4/23(2) JAW et al;
HUMMINGBIRD, Black-ch.	(1-11) HAI 4/11(1) JM; JEF-NEDR 4/1	JEF 4/24 thru 4/30(1) JAW	
thru 4/4(1) JAW		THRASHER, Brown	(1-30) HAI 5 reps(6); JEF 69 reps(284)
HUMMINGBIRD, Broad-tail.	(1-5) JEF-NEDR 4/1 thru 4/5(1) JAW	STARLING, European	(1-30) HAI 8 reps(73); JEF 39 reps(407)
HUMMINGBIRD, Rufous	(1-4) JEF-NEDR 4/1 thru 4/4(1) JAW	WAXWING, Cedar	(2-30) HAI 14 reps(482); JEF 3 reps(37)
HUMMINGBIRD, Selasph	(7-7) HAI 4/7(1) JM	OVENBIRD	(2-30) JEF 45 reps(196)
HUMMINGBIRD species	(23-24) JEF 2 reps(2)	WARBLER, Worm-eating	(1-28) JEF 44 reps(118)
KINGFISHER, Belted	(1-25) JEF 27 reps(33)	WATERTHRUSH, Louis.	(1-23) HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 25 reps(52)
WOODPECKER, Red-head.	(3-27) HAI 10 reps(12); JEF 1 rep(1)	WATERTHRUSH, Northern	(3-30) JEF 51 reps(106)
WOODPECKER, Golden-fr.	(1-30) JEF-SW 4/1 thru 4/30(2) HS,	WARBLER, Golden-winged	(16-30) JEF 19 reps(27)
JHH, JAW, SM		WARBLER, Brewster's	(27-27) JEF-SW 4/27(1) JAW
WOODPECKER, Red-bell.	(1-30) HAI 22 reps(43); JEF 35 reps(51)	WARBLER, Blue-winged	(2-28) HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 45 reps(183)
SAPSUCKER, Yellow-bell.	(1-28) JEF 21 reps(26)	WARBLER, Black-and-wh.	(1-30) JEF 63 reps(405)
WOODPECKER, Downy	(1-30) HAI 3 reps(4); JEF 71 reps(188)	WARBLER, Prothonotary	(1-28) HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 61 reps(177)
FLICKER, Northern	(13-13) JEF-NEDR 4/13(1) JAW	WARBLER, Swainson's	(1-26) HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 15 reps(20)
WOODPECKER, Pileated	(6-23) HAI 9 reps(9)	WARBLER, Tennessee	(1-30) JEF 66 reps(445)
WOOD-PEWEE, Eastern	(8-30) JEF 47 reps(141)	WARBLER, Orange-crown.	(1-20) JEF 42 reps(88)
FLYCATCHER, Acadian	(4-30) JEF 29 reps(58)	WARBLER, Nashville	(1-19) JEF 18 reps(39)
FLYCATCHER, Traill's	(20-20) JEF-MCFW 4/20(1) FTSW	WARBLER, Kentucky	(1-29) JEF 51 reps(165)
FLYCATCHER, Least	(3-30) JEF 11 reps(12)	YELLOWTHROAT, Com.	(1-30) HAI 1 rep(2); JEF 61 reps(127)
EMPIDONAX species	(16-29) JEF 16 reps(34)	WARBLER, Hooded	(1-30) HAI 1 rep(11); JEF 71 reps(753)
PHOEBE, Eastern	(1-1) JEF-SW 4/1(1) JHH	REDSTART, American	(14-30) JEF 43 reps(188)
FLYCATCHER, Gt. Crested	(1-30) HAI 1 rep(2); JEF 38 reps(52)	WARBLER, Cerulean	(3-28) JEF 26 reps(70)
KISKADEE, Great	(16-16) JEF-SW 4/16(1) JAW; JEF-SW	PARULA, Northern	(1-30) JEF 66 reps(209)
4/16(1) JHH		WARBLER, Magnolia	(22-30) JEF 19 reps(95)
KINGBIRD, Western	(16-16) JEF-SW 4/16(1) AM; JEF-SW	WARBLER, Bay-breasted	(25-30) JEF 10 reps(23)
4/16(1) JAW; JEF-SW 4/16(1) JHH		WARBLER, Blackburnian	(15-30) JEF 30 reps(65)
KINGBIRD, Eastern	(1-30) HAI 1 rep(2); JEF 82 reps(335)	WARBLER, Yellow	(3-30) JEF 50 reps(363)
FLYCATCHER, Scissor-tail	(5-29) HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 12 reps(26)	WARBLER, Chestnut-sid.	(16-30) JEF 28 reps(57)
SHRIKE, Loggerhead	(1-30) JEF 61 reps(138)	WARBLER, Blackpoll	(16-29) JEF 24 reps(37)
VIREO, White-eyed	(1-30) HAI 8 reps(27); JEF 62 reps(707)	WARBLER, Palm	(2-24) JEF 21 reps(33)
VIREO, Yellow-throated	(1-30) JEF 36 reps(110)	WARBLER, Pine	(1-25) HAI 22 reps(44)
VIREO, Blue-headed	(1-28) JEF 37 reps(62)	WARBLER, Yellow-rumped	(1-23) HAI 6 reps(10); JEF 36 reps(169)

WARBLER, Yellow-throat.	(1-27)	HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 32 reps(91)
WARBLER, Prairie	(23-23)	HAI 4/23(8) FPW
WARBLER, Blk-thr. Green	(1-30)	JEF 47 reps(141)
WARBLER, Canada	(19-28)	JEF 9 reps(12)
WARBLER, Wilson's	(1-27)	JEF 25 reps(31)
CHAT, Yellow-breasted	(3-27)	HAI 1 rep(10); JEF 18 reps(25)
TOWHEE, Spotted	(1-18)	JEF 12 reps(12)
TOWHEE, Eastern	(3-26)	JEF 7 reps(8)
TOWHEE, Eastern/Spot	(6-11)	JEF 2 reps(2)
SPARROW, Chipping	(1-25)	HAI 20 reps(631)
SPARROW, Savannah	(1-28)	JEF 11 reps(312)
SPARROW, Nelson's	(26-26)	JEF-TXPT 4/26(4) JHH
SPARROW, Seaside	(16-26)	JEF 3 reps(19)
SPARROW, Song	(5-25)	JEF 2 reps(2)
SPARROW, Lincoln's	(1-29)	JEF 32 reps(70)
SPARROW, Swamp	(1-30)	JEF 59 reps(282)
SPARROW, White-throated	(1-29)	HAI 8 reps(11); JEF 62 reps(519)
SPARROW, White-crowned	(1-30)	JEF 70 reps(704)
TANAGER, Summer	(2-30)	HAI 1 rep(2); JEF 65 reps(466)
TANAGER, Scarlet	(2-30)	JEF 49 reps(405)
CARDINAL, Northern	(1-30)	HAI 31 reps(1427); JEF 65 reps(198)
GROSBEAK, Rose-breast.	(1-30)	HAI 2 reps(3); JEF 47 reps(407); ORA 1 rep(4)
GROSBEAK, Blue	(3-30)	HAI 1 rep(2); JEF 41 reps(148)
BUNTING, Indigo	(1-30)	HAI 19 reps(73); JEF 65 reps(720); ORA 1 rep(1)
DICKCISSEL	(14-30)	JEF 9 reps(15)
BOBOLINK	(24-24)	JEF-SRSP 4/24(1) JAW
BLACKBIRD, Red-winged	(1-30)	HAI 2 reps(56); JEF 97 reps(2767)
MEADOWLARK, Eastern	(9-23)	JEF 4 reps(15)
MEADOWLARK species	(14-14)	JEF 4/14(2) JAW
BLACKBIRD, Yellow-head.	(28-29)	JEF-SW 4/28(1) JHH; JEF-TX87 4/28(1) JAW; JEF-SW 4/29(1) JHH
GRACKLE, Common	(1-30)	HAI 4 reps(26); JEF 69 reps(702)
GRACKLE, Boat-tailed	(1-27)	JEF 18 reps(82)
GRACKLE, Great-tailed	(1-30)	HAI 12 reps(49); JEF 70 reps(397)
GRACKLE, Gt./Boat-tailed	(1-26)	JEF 12 reps(32)
COWBIRD, Brown-headed	(1-30)	HAI 30 reps(390); JEF 24 reps(205)
BLACKBIRD species	(13-16)	JEF 4/13(50) JAW; JEF-TX87 4/16(50) JAW
ORIOLE, Orchard	(1-30)	HAI 3 reps(4); JEF 75 reps(685)
ORIOLE, Baltimore	(8-30)	HAI 2 reps(2); JEF 39 reps(247)
FINCH, House	(1-30)	HAI 6 reps(12); JEF 7 reps(13)
SISKIN, Pine	(3-3)	HAI-SILS 4/3(1) MG
GOLDFINCH, American	(2-5)	HAI-SILS 4/2(1) MG; JEF-SW 4/3(1) ZH; JEF-SW 4/5(3) JHH
SPARROW, House	(1-29)	HAI 2 reps(22); JEF 11 reps(32)

Number of Species 231
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County Abbreviations:

HAI — Hardin; JEF — Jefferson; ORA — Orange

Location Codes:

BMT — Beaumont; GROV — Groves; MCFW — McFaddin NWR; MURW — J. D. Murphree WMA, west of Taylor Bayou; NEDR — Nederland; ORG — Orange; SILS — Silsbee; SNDY — Nature Conservancy Sandyland Sanctuary; 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 former Pilot Station at Texas Point

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can (41); PLOVER, Black-bellied (69); PLOVER, American Golden (2); PLOVER, Snowy (1); PLOVER, Wilson's (10); PLOVER, Semipalmated (7); KILLDEER (130); OYSTERCATCHER, American (3); STILT, Black-necked (105); AVOCET, American (8); SANDPIPER, Spotted (27); YELLOWLEGS, Greater (32); WILLET (33); YELLOWLEGS, Lesser (234); YELLOWLEGS species (4); WHIMBREL (7); GODWIT, Hudsonian (26); TURNSTONE, Ruddy (27); SANDERLING (183); SANDPIPER, Semipalmated (294); SANDPIPER, Western (19); SANDPIPER, Least (89); SANDPIPER, White-rumped (828); SANDPIPER, Baird's (7); SANDPIPER, Peep (227); SANDPIPER, Pectoral (116); DUNLIN (103); SANDPIPER, Stilt (167); SANDPIPER, Buff-breasted (34); DOWITCHER, Short-billed (104); DOWITCHER, Long-billed (3); DOWITCHER species (56); PHALAROPE, Wilson's (335); GULL, Laughing (122); GULL, Franklin's (5); GULL, Ring-billed (3); TERN, Least (20); TERN, Gull-billed (2); TERN, Caspian (6); TERN, Black (127); TERN, Common (2); TERN, Forster's (37); TERN, Royal (50); SKIMMER, Black (133); PIGEON, Rock (133); DOVE, Eurasian Collared- (46); DOVE, White-winged (47); DOVE, Mourning (393); DOVE, Inca (2); CUCKOO, Yellow-billed (31); CUCKOO, Black-billed (1); SCREECH-OWL, Eastern (1); OWL, Great Horned (2); OWL, Barred (7); NIGHTHAWK, Common (61); WILL'S-WIDOW, Chuck- (0); SWIFT, Chimney (35); HUMMINGBIRD, Ruby-throated (21); KINGFISHER, Belted (2); WOODPECKER, Golden-fronted (1); WOODPECKER, Red-headed (17); WOODPECKER, Red-bellied (31); SAPSUCKER, Yellow-bellied (0); WOODPECKER, Downy (16); FLICKER, Northern (0); WOODPECKER, Pileated (12); WOOD-PEWEE, Eastern (43); FLYCATCHER, Yellow-bellied (1); FLYCATCHER, Acadian (8); FLYCATCHER, Least (2); FLYCATCHER, Empidonax (2); FLYCATCHER, Great Crested (12); KINGBIRD, Tropical/Couch's (1); KINGBIRD, Eastern (106); FLYCATCHER, Scissor-tailed (66); SHRIKE, Loggerhead (73); VIREO, White-eyed (28); VIREO, Yellow-throated (5); VIREO, Warbling (1); VIREO, Philadelphia (15); VIREO, Red-eyed (62); JAY, Blue (75); CROW, American (42); CROW, Fish (20); MARTIN, Purple (212); SWALLOW, Tree (10); SWALLOW, N. Rough-winged (56); SWALLOW, Bank (5); SWALLOW, Cliff (276); SWALLOW, Cave (9); SWALLOW, Barn (473); SWALLOW species (53); CHICKADEE, Carolina (24); TITMOUSE, Tufted (14); WREN, Carolina (25); WREN, Marsh (5); BLUEBIRD, Eastern (9); VEERY (3); THRUSH, Gray-cheeked (3); THRUSH, Swainson's (19); THRUSH, Wood (2); ROBIN, American (11); CATBIRD, Gray (28); MOCKINGBIRD, Northern (335); THRASHER, Brown (16); STARLING, European (170); WAXWING, Cedar (176); OVENBIRD (3); WATERTHRUSH, Northern (6); WARBLER, Blue-winged (2); WARBLER, Black-and-white (8); WARBLER, Prothonotary (15); WARBLER, Tennessee (14); WARBLER, Kentucky (1); YELLOWTHROAT, Common (22); WARBLER, Hooded (3); REDSTART, American (30); WARBLER, Cape May (3); PARULA, Northern (8); WARBLER, Magnolia (31); WARBLER, Bay-breasted (17); WARBLER, Blackburnian (13); WARBLER, Yellow (24); WARBLER, Chestnut-sided (12); WARBLER, Palm (1); WARBLER, Pine (4); WARBLER, Yellow-throated (2); WARBLER, Black-throated Green (12); WARBLER, Canada (5); CHAT, Yellow-breasted (1); SPARROW, Savannah (93); SPARROW, Nelson's (8); SPARROW, Seaside (19); TANAGER, Summer (5); TANAGER, Scarlet (5); CARDINAL, Northern (137); GROSBEAK, Rose-breasted (9); GROSBEAK, Blue (18); BUNTING, Indigo (38); BUNTING, Painted (7); DICKCISSEL (128); BOBOLINK (14); BLACKBIRD, Red-winged (339); MEADOWLARK, Eastern (76); GRACKLE, Common (212); GRACKLE, Boat-tailed (88); GRACKLE, Great-tailed (231); GRACKLE, Gt./Boat-tailed (10); COWBIRD, Bronzed (8); COWBIRD, Brown-headed (134); ORIOLE, Orchard (56); ORIOLE, Baltimore (2); FINCH, House (8); SPARROW, House (132); TOTAL INDIVIDUALS (12089); TOTAL SPECIES (197);

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