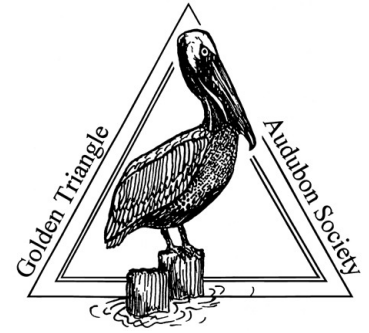


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**Membership Meeting  
Thursday August 15, 2013 7:00 p.m.  
Garden Center, Tyrrell Park, Beaumont  
Competing in the 2013 Great Texas Birding Classic**

**Zachariah Hutchinson**

Zach Hutchinson, Brandon Stehl and Curtis Twellman are young birders and ornithologists who embarked on the 2013 Great Texas Birding Classic this past spring. They spent six days travelling across the entire state of Texas in to find as many species of bird as possible. The three young men graduated from Northwest Missouri State University together, and have since been scattered to various locations. Curtis is in northern Alaska working with geese, Brandon is Illinois working with wildlife education and Zach has been in the Golden Triangle trying to build an eco-tourism business.

In his presentation, Zach will outline the journey the Bird Nerds took, starting in Carolyn Ohl-Johnson's bird refuge, travelling down the Rio Grande Valley and back up to the Golden Triangle. He will tell some of the fun stories of how six days in a car with three men is too much and what eye-opening event took place on South Padre Island.

We will plan on having the doors open by 6:00 p.m. and the program will start at 7:00 p.m. sharp. A light supper will be available from 6:15 p.m.

**Golden Triangle Audubon Society**

Golden Triangle Audubon is an all-volunteer organization and we would welcome additional volunteers. Contact any officer or board members (see page 2 for contact information) to discuss how you can help, whether it be in helping at our meetings, helping on our Sabine Woods work days, writing articles for the *Brown Pelican*, or in other ways.

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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](http://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](mailto:sgmayes@hotmail.com)*

**Thursday August 15. Membership Meeting.** Details on page 1.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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# Bird Sightings – May and June 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:** Very little space for commentary this month as we include two months of sightings. Some years, we see good numbers of migrants well into May, but this year, the overwhelming majority of migrants after the first few days overflow the immediate coast.

## May 2013

<b>WHISTLING-DUCK, Blk-bell.</b>	(1-29)	JEF 9 reps(69)
<b>WHISTLING-DUCK, Fulvous</b>	(13-14)	JEF 5/13(6) JAW; JEF 5/14(26) CSL
<b>DUCK, Mottled</b>	(6-29)	JEF 5 reps(36)
<b>TEAL, Blue-winged</b>	(1-29)	JEF-SW 5/1(2) JHH; JEF 5/13(120) JAW; JEF 5/23(4) CSL; JEF-MURW 5/29(3) JA
<b>BOBWHITE, Northern</b>	(1-27)	JEF 5/1(1) CSL; JEF 5/23(1) CSL; JEF 5/24(8) CSL; JEF 5/25(8) CSL; JEF 5/26(5) CSL; JEF 5/27(5) CSL
<b>FRIGATEBIRD, Magnificent</b>	(19-19)	JEF 5/19(2) SM
<b>CORMORANT, Neotropic</b>	(12-29)	JEF 7 reps(14)
<b>ANHINGA</b>	(27-27)	JEF 5/27(1) JAW
<b>PELICAN, Amer. White</b>	(10-10)	JEF-SW 5/10(14) JHH
<b>BITTERN, Least</b>	(29-29)	JEF-MURW 5/29(4) JA
<b>HERON, Great Blue</b>	(2-19)	JEF 4 reps(4)
<b>EGRET, Great</b>	(1-29)	JEF 12 reps(105)
<b>EGRET, Snowy</b>	(2-29)	JEF 13 reps(96)
<b>HERON, Little Blue</b>	(2-27)	JEF 9 reps(31)
<b>HERON, Tricolored</b>	(2-29)	JEF 11 reps(37)
<b>EGRET, Cattle</b>	(1-27)	JEF 7 reps(835)
<b>HERON, Green</b>	(1-29)	JEF 17 reps(42)
<b>NIGHT-HERON, Yellow-cr.</b>	(1-27)	JEF 12 reps(30)
<b>IBIS, White</b>	(2-29)	JEF 7 reps(78)
<b>IBIS, White-faced</b>	(2-14)	JEF 2 reps(15)
<b>IBIS, Plegadis</b>	(13-15)	JEF 2 reps(6)
<b>SPOONBILL, Roseate</b>	(1-29)	JEF 10 reps(68)
<b>VULTURE, Black</b>	(1-29)	JEF 10 reps(27)
<b>VULTURE, Turkey</b>	(1-29)	HAI 2 reps(6); JEF 23 reps(76)
<b>OSPREY</b>	(13-13)	JEF 5/13(1) JAW
<b>HAWK, Cooper's</b>	(8-20)	HAI-SILS 5/8(1) MG; HAI-SILS 5/9(1) MG; HAI-SILS 5/20(1) MG
<b>HAWK, Red-shouldered</b>	(6-26)	HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 4 reps(4)
<b>HAWK, Broad-winged</b>	(3-29)	JEF-SW 5/3(1) JHH; JEF 5/26(3) JAW; JEF-NEDR 5/29(2) JAW
<b>HAWK, Swainson's</b>	(10-15)	JEF 5/10(1) JJW; JEF 5/15(1) JAW
<b>HAWK, Red-tailed</b>	(1-17)	HAI-SILS 5/17(1) MG; JEF-SW 5/1(1) JHH; JEF 5/6(1) CSL; JEF 5/13(2) JAW
<b>CARACARA, Crested</b>	(7-7)	JEF-SW 5/7(1) HS
<b>RAIL, Clapper</b>	(14-29)	JEF-MURW 5/14(2) JA; JEF-MURW 5/29(2) JA
<b>GALLINULE, Common</b>	(19-29)	JEF-SW 5/19(1) SM; JEF-MURW 5/29(3) JA
<b>COOT, American</b>	(13-29)	JEF 2 reps(3)
<b>PLOVER, Wilson's</b>	(14-14)	JEF-MURW 5/14(1) JA
<b>KILLDEER</b>	(2-29)	HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 8 reps(42)
<b>STILT, Black-necked</b>	(1-29)	JEF 11 reps(106)
<b>AVOCET, American</b>	(29-29)	JEF-MURW 5/29(4) JA
<b>SANDPIPER, Spotted</b>	(6-29)	JEF 4 reps(5)
<b>YELLOWLEGS, Greater</b>	(6-13)	JEF 3 reps(6)
<b>WILLET</b>	(1-29)	JEF 5 reps(21)
<b>YELLOWLEGS, Lesser</b>	(13-29)	JEF 5/13(2) JAW; JEF-MURW 5/29(1) JA

<b>WHIMBREL</b>	(3-14)	JEF 5/3(5) JJW; JEF 5/12(15) CSL; JEF 5/13(15) CSL; JEF-MURW 5/14(4) JA
<b>TURNSTONE, Ruddy</b>	(14-14)	JEF-MURW 5/14(4) JA
<b>SANDPIPER, Western</b>	(29-29)	JEF-MURW 5/29(570) JA
<b>SANDPIPER, Least</b>	(13-13)	JEF 5/13(2) JAW
<b>SANDPIPER, White-rumped</b>	(13-13)	JEF 5/13(45) JAW
<b>SANDPIPER, Peep</b>	(12-12)	JEF-TX87 5/12(2) JAW
<b>SANDPIPER, Pectoral</b>	(13-13)	JEF 5/13(2) JAW
<b>DUNLIN</b>	(13-13)	JEF 5/13(2) JAW
<b>SANDPIPER, Stilt</b>	(13-13)	JEF 5/13(5) JAW
<b>SNIFE, Wilson's</b>	(1-6)	JEF 5/1(45) CSL; JEF 5/6(15) CSL
<b>PHALAROPE, Wilson's</b>	(13-13)	JEF 5/13(9) JAW
<b>GULL, Laughing</b>	(14-29)	JEF 5 reps(33)
<b>GULL, Franklin's</b>	(10-10)	JEF-SW 5/10(7) JHH
<b>GULL, Ring-billed</b>	(29-29)	JEF-MURW 5/29(1) JA
<b>TERN, Least</b>	(14-29)	JEF 2 reps(6)
<b>TERN, Gull-billed</b>	(12-29)	JEF-TX87 5/12(1) JAW; JEF-MURW 5/29(5) JA
<b>TERN, Black</b>	(14-29)	JEF-MURW 5/14(2) JA; JEF-TX87 5/17(5) JAW; JEF-MURW 5/29(10) JA
<b>TERN, Royal</b>	(29-29)	JEF-MURW 5/29(12) JA
<b>SKIMMER, Black</b>	(12-12)	JEF-TX87 5/12(2) JAW
<b>PIGEON, Rock</b>	(1-30)	HAI 1 rep(4); JEF 14 reps(85)
<b>COLLARED-DOVE, Eurasian</b>	(2-31)	HAI 2 reps(3); JEF 11 reps(49)
<b>DOVE, White-winged</b>	(1-31)	HAI 11 reps(117); JEF 36 reps(194)
<b>DOVE, Mourning</b>	(1-30)	HAI 21 reps(173); JEF 27 reps(254)
<b>DOVE, Inca</b>	(1-24)	JEF 12 reps(28)
<b>CUCKOO, Yellow-billed</b>	(1-19)	JEF 16 reps(55)
<b>CUCKOO, Black-billed</b>	(10-11)	JEF-SW 5/10(2) JHH; JEF-SW 5/11(1) JHH
<b>OWL, Great Horned</b>	(6-9)	JEF 2 reps(2)
<b>NIGHTHAWK, Common</b>	(1-19)	JEF 24 reps(49)
<b>WILL'S-WIDOW, Chuck-</b>	(1-1)	JEF-SW 5/1(1) JHH
<b>SWIFT, Chimney</b>	(1-31)	HAI 2 reps(10); JEF 20 reps(66)
<b>HUMMINGBIRD, Ruby-thr.</b>	(1-29)	HAI 26 reps(67); JEF 23 reps(268)
<b>WOODPECKER, Red-headed</b>	(5-27)	HAI 7 reps(13); JEF 1 rep(1)
<b>WOODPECKER, Golden-fr.</b>	(1-19)	JEF 12 reps(16)
<b>WOODPECKER, Red-bellied</b>	(2-31)	HAI 23 reps(59); JEF 2 reps(2)
<b>SAPSUCKER, Yellow-bellied</b>	(1-1)	JEF-SW 5/1(1) JHH
<b>WOODPECKER, Downy</b>	(1-29)	JEF 25 reps(40)
<b>WOODPECKER, Pileated</b>	(1-29)	HAI 15 reps(15); JEF 3 reps(4)
<b>FLYCATCHER, Olive-sided</b>	(3-3)	JEF-SW 5/3(1) JHH; JEF-SW 5/3(1) SM
<b>WOOD-PEWEE, Eastern</b>	(1-12)	JEF 18 reps(221)
<b>FLYCATCHER, Yellow-bell.</b>	(2-8)	JEF-SW 5/2(1) JHH; JEF-SW 5/2(1) SM; JEF-SW 5/3(2) JHH; JEF-SW 5/5(1) JHH; JEF 5/6(1) JHH; JEF-SW 5/8(1) JHH

<b>FLYCATCHER, Acadian</b>	(1-4)	JEF-SW 5/1(1) JHH; JEF-SW 5/3(1) JHH; JEF-SW 5/3(1) SM; JEF-SW 5/4(1) SM	
<b>FLYCATCHER, Traill's</b>	(4-9)	JEF-SW 5/4(1) SM; JEF-SW 5/8(1) JHH; JEF-SW 5/9(1) JHH	
<b>FLYCATCHER, Least</b>	(2-10)	JEF 9 reps(16)	
<b>EMPIDONAX species</b>	(2-10)	JEF 15 reps(78)	
<b>FLYCATCHER, Gt. Crested</b>	(1-26)	HAI 2 reps(2); JEF 18 reps(37)	
<b>KINGBIRD, Western</b>	(1-1)	JEF-SW 5/1(1) JAW; JEF-SW 5/1(1) JHH	
<b>KINGBIRD, Eastern</b>	(1-29)	JEF 28 reps(390)	
<b>FLYCATCHER, Scissor-tailed</b>	(1-27)	JEF 11 reps(52)	
<b>SHRIKE, Loggerhead</b>	(1-29)	HAI 4 reps(6); JEF 18 reps(60)	
<b>VIREO, White-eyed</b>	(1-29)	HAI 7 reps(13); JEF 16 reps(43)	
<b>VIREO, Bell's</b>	(6-6)	JEF 5/6(1) JHH	
<b>VIREO, Yellow-throated</b>	(1-10)	JEF 15 reps(38)	
<b>VIREO, Blue-headed</b>	(3-9)	JEF-SW 5/3(2) JHH; JEF-SW 5/5(6) JHH; JEF-SW 5/9(1) JHH	
<b>VIREO, Warbling</b>	(1-5)	JEF-SW 5/1(1) JAW; JEF-SW 5/1(3) JHH; JEF-SW 5/3(3) JHH; JEF-SW 5/5(1) JHH	
<b>REO, Philadelphia</b>	(1-11)	JEF 18 reps(52)	
<b>VIREO, Red-eyed</b>	(1-19)	JEF 19 reps(223)	
<b>JAY, Blue</b>	(1-30)	HAI 14 reps(55); JEF 34 reps(100)	
<b>CROW, American</b>	(6-30)	HAI 11 reps(23); JEF 1 rep(3)	
<b>CROW, Fish</b>	(6-14)	JEF 3 reps(8)	
<b>CROW, species</b>	(2-30)	JEF 8 reps(17)	
<b>MARTIN, Purple</b>	(2-27)	JEF 13 reps(63)	
<b>SWALLOW, Tree</b>	(1-9)	JEF 8 reps(55)	
<b>SWALLOW, N. Rough-wing.</b>	(2-13)	JEF-SW 5/2(2) JHH; JEF-SW 5/2(4) SM; JEF 5/13(3) JAW	
<b>SWALLOW, Cliff</b>	(5-27)	HAI 2 reps(10); JEF 5 reps(39)	
<b>SWALLOW, Cave/Cliff</b>	(2-2)	JEF-SW 5/2(1) SM	
<b>SWALLOW, Barn</b>	(1-26)	HAI 2 reps(6); JEF 16 reps(96)	
<b>SWALLOW species</b>	(13-27)	JEF 2 reps(3)	
<b>CHICKADEE, Carolina</b>	(1-31)	HAI 23 reps(65); JEF 14 reps(14)	
<b>TITMOUSE, Tufted</b>	(1-31)	HAI 26 reps(78)	
<b>NUTHATCH, Red-breasted</b>	(1-8)	JEF-SW 5/1(1) JAW; JEF-SW 5/1(1) JHH; JEF 5/6(1) JHH; JEF-SW 5/7(1) HS; JEF-SW 5/7(1) JHH; JEF-SW 5/8(1) JHH; ORA-ORG 5/3(1) JRP	
<b>NUTHATCH, Brown-headed</b>	(15-29)	HAI 2 reps(2)	
<b>WREN, Carolina</b>	(6-6)	JEF 5/6(1) CSL	
<b>GNATCATCHER, Blue-gray</b>	(1-5)	JEF 7 reps(17)	
<b>BLUEBIRD, Eastern</b>	(1-31)	HAI 22 reps(44); JEF 3 reps(10)	
<b>VEERY</b>	(1-12)	JEF 14 reps(26)	
<b>THRUSH, Gray-cheeked</b>	(1-12)	JEF 17 reps(36)	
<b>THRUSH, Swainson's</b>	(1-12)	JEF 19 reps(312)	
<b>THRUSH, Wood</b>	(1-12)	JEF 16 reps(57)	
<b>ROBIN, American</b>	(1-27)	JEF 11 reps(20)	
<b>CATBIRD, Gray</b>	(1-29)	HAI 6 reps(10); JEF 19 reps(504)	
<b>MOCKINGBIRD, Northern</b>	(1-31)	HAI 18 reps(124); JEF 39 reps(489)	
<b>THRASHER, Brown</b>	(1-29)	HAI 3 reps(5); JEF 21 reps(52)	
<b>STARLING, European</b>	(1-30)	HAI 7 reps(106); JEF 16 reps(183)	
<b>WAXWING, Cedar</b>	(3-12)	HAI-SILS 5/3(1) MG; HAI-SILS 5/6(10) MG; HAI-SILS 5/8(10) MG; JEF-SW 5/7(3) HS; JEF-SW 5/10(3) SM; JEF-SW 5/12(20) JAW	
<b>OVENBIRD</b>	(1-10)	JEF 15 reps(35)	
<b>WARBLER, Worm-eating</b>	(1-5)	JEF-SW 5/1(1) JAW; JEF-SW 5/1(1) JHH; JEF-SW 5/5(2) JHH	
<b>WATERTHRUSH, Louisiana</b>	(5-5)	JEF-SW 5/5(1) JHH	
<b>WATERTHRUSH, Northern</b>	(1-12)	JEF 17 reps(59)	
<b>WARBLER, Golden-winged</b>	(3-8)	JEF-SW 5/3(2) JHH; JEF-SW 5/3(2) SM; JEF-SW 5/5(4) JHH; JEF-SW 5/8(1) HS; JEF-SW 5/8(2) JHH	
<b>WARBLER, Blue-winged</b>	(5-9)	JEF-SW 5/5(4) JHH; JEF-SW 5/9(1) HS; JEF-SW 5/9(1) JHH	
<b>WARBLER, Black-and-white</b>	(1-12)	JEF 19 reps(83)	
<b>WARBLER, Prothonotary</b>	(1-5)	JEF-SW 5/1(1) JAW; JEF-SW 5/1(1) JHH; JEF-SW 5/5(1) JHH	
<b>WARBLER, Tennessee</b>	(1-11)	JEF 16 reps(84)	
<b>WARBLER, Nashville</b>	(5-5)	JEF-SW 5/5(1) JHH	
<b>WARBLER, Mourning</b>	(1-1)	JEF-SW 5/1(1) JHH	
<b>WARBLER, Kentucky</b>	(1-7)	JEF-SW 5/1(1) JHH; JEF-SW 5/3(1) SM; JEF-SW 5/5(2) JHH; JEF 5/6(2) JHH; JEF-SW 5/7(1) HS	
<b>YELLOWTHROAT, Common</b>	(1-29)	JEF 20 reps(65)	
<b>WARBLER, Hooded</b>	(1-12)	JEF 16 reps(66)	
<b>REDSTART, American</b>	(1-12)	JEF 19 reps(163)	
<b>WARBLER, Cape May</b>	(10-10)	JEF-SW 5/10(1) JHH	
<b>WARBLER, Cerulean</b>	(1-1)	JEF-SW 5/1(1) JAW; JEF-SW 5/1(1) JHH	
<b>PARULA, Northern</b>	(1-10)	JEF-SW 5/1(1) JHH; JEF-SW 5/7(1) HS; JEF-SW 5/8(1) JHH; JEF-SW 5/10(2) JHH	
<b>WARBLER, Magnolia</b>	(1-24)	JEF 21 reps(146)	
<b>WARBLER, Bay-breasted</b>	(1-12)	JEF 15 reps(94)	
<b>WARBLER, Blackburnian</b>	(1-12)	JEF 18 reps(56)	
<b>WARBLER, Yellow</b>	(1-11)	JEF 17 reps(104)	
<b>WARBLER, Chestnut-sided</b>	(1-10)	JEF 14 reps(43)	
<b>WARBLER, Pine</b>	(10-31)	HAI 14 reps(23)	
<b>WARBLER, Black-thr. Green</b>	(1-11)	JEF 16 reps(36)	
<b>WARBLER, Canada</b>	(5-6)	JEF-SW 5/5(6) JHH; JEF 5/6(1) JHH	
<b>WARBLER, Wilson's</b>	(5-5)	JEF-SW 5/5(1) JHH	
<b>CHAT, Yellow-breasted</b>	(1-8)	JEF 7 reps(18)	
<b>SPARROW, Chipping</b>	(2-7)	HAI 3 reps(3)	
<b>SPARROW, Lark</b>	(5-8)	JEF-SW 5/5(1) JHH; JEF-SW 5/8(1) HS	
<b>SPARROW, Seaside</b>	(14-29)	JEF-MURW 5/14(6) JA; JEF-MURW 5/29(9) JA	
<b>SPARROW, Lincoln's</b>	(6-6)	HAI-SILS 5/6(2) MG; JEF 5/6(1) JHH	
<b>SPARROW, Swamp</b>	(1-2)	JEF-SW 5/1(1) JAW; JEF-SW 5/1(2) JHH; JEF-SW 5/2(1) JAW	
<b>SPARROW, White-crowned</b>	(1-6)	JEF 8 reps(22)	
<b>TANAGER, Summer</b>	(1-12)	JEF 21 reps(73)	
<b>TANAGER, Scarlet</b>	(1-10)	JEF 14 reps(60)	
<b>CARDINAL, Northern</b>	(1-31)	HAI 30 reps(1460); JEF 33 reps(91)	
<b>GROSBEAK, Rose-breasted</b>	(1-13)	HAI 4 reps(5); JEF 20 reps(170)	
<b>GROSBEAK, Blue</b>	(1-13)	JEF 6 reps(23)	
<b>BUNTING, Indigo</b>	(1-29)	HAI 17 reps(65); JEF 17 reps(119)	
<b>BUNTING, Painted</b>	(1-19)	JEF 8 reps(8)	
<b>DICKCISSEL</b>	(4-27)	HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 6 reps(37)	
<b>BLACKBIRD, Red-winged</b>	(1-29)	JEF 26 reps(473)	
<b>MEADOWLARK, Eastern</b>	(6-27)	JEF 7 reps(30)	
<b>MEADOWLARK species</b>	(27-27)	JEF 5/27(1) JAW	
<b>GRACKLE, Common</b>	(1-28)	HAI 1 rep(2); JEF 26 reps(382)	
<b>GRACKLE, Boat-tailed</b>	(1-29)	JEF 7 reps(43)	
<b>GRACKLE, Great-tailed</b>	(1-31)	HAI 9 reps(47); JEF 26 reps(196)	
<b>GRACKLE, Gt./Boat-tailed</b>	(12-27)	JEF 5 reps(10)	
<b>COWBIRD, Bronzed</b>	(7-7)	JEF-SW 5/7(1) HS	
<b>COWBIRD, Brown-headed</b>	(1-31)	HAI 28 reps(514); JEF 14 reps(66)	
<b>BLACKBIRD species</b>	(26-26)	JEF 1 rep(5)	
<b>ORIOLE, Orchard</b>	(1-29)	JEF 22 reps(136)	
<b>ORIOLE, Baltimore</b>	(1-10)	HAI 2 reps(3); JEF 12 reps(64)	
<b>FINCH, House</b>	(1-31)	HAI 5 reps(17); JEF 14 reps(56)	
<b>SISKIN, Pine</b>	(7-7)	HAI-SILS 5/7(1) MG	
<b>SPARROW, House</b>	(6-29)	JEF 12 reps(72)	
<b>Number of Species</b>		176	
<b>Number of Individuals</b>		27560	

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<b>WHISTLING-DUCK, Blk-bell.</b>	(5-14)	JEF-TX87 6/5(10) JAW; JEF-TX87 6/12(14) JAW; JEF-NEDR 6/14(3) JAW
<b>WHISTLING-DUCK, Fulvous</b>	(16-30)	JEF 6/16(16) CSL; JEF 6/20(80) CSL; JEF 6/30(1) CSL
<b>TEAL, Blue-winged</b>	(10-10)	JEF 6/10(1) JAW
<b>BOBWHITE, Northern</b>	(12-12)	JEF 6/12(3) CSL
<b>STORK, Wood</b>	(1-1)	HAI 6/1(13) FTHC
<b>CORMORANT, Neotropic</b>	(5-12)	JEF 3 reps(28)
<b>PELICAN, Brown</b>	(8-8)	JEF-TX87 6/8(1) JAW
<b>EGRET, Great</b>	(5-15)	HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 4 reps(16)
<b>EGRET, Snowy</b>	(5-24)	HAI 1 rep(9); JEF 5 reps(24)
<b>HERON, Little Blue</b>	(10-15)	JEF 2 reps(3)
<b>HERON, Tricolored</b>	(5-12)	JEF 4 reps(7)
<b>EGRET, Cattle</b>	(8-15)	JEF 4 reps(98)
<b>HERON, Green</b>	(5-15)	JEF 5 reps(5)
<b>NIGHT-HERON, Black-crown.</b>	(8-8)	JEF-TX87 6/8(1) JAW
<b>NIGHT-HERON, Yellow-cr.</b>	(1-15)	HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 5 reps(13)
<b>SPOONBILL, Roseate</b>	(5-12)	JEF 3 reps(5)
<b>VULTURE, Black</b>	(1-10)	HAI 2 reps(9); JEF 2 reps(5)
<b>VULTURE, Turkey</b>	(1-20)	HAI 4 reps(21); JEF 3 reps(5)
<b>HAWK, Red-shouldered</b>	(1-10)	HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 1 rep(1)
<b>HAWK, Broad-winged</b>	(1-8)	HAI 6/1(5) FTHC; JEF- TX87 6/8(1) JAW
<b>HAWK, Swainson's</b>	(12-29)	JEF-TX87 6/12(1) JAW; JEF 6/29(2) JM
<b>HAWK, Red-tailed</b>	(10-12)	HAI 6/10(1) JAW; JEF 6/12(1) CSL
<b>CARACARA, Crested</b>	(20-30)	JEF 6/20(2) CSL; JEF 6/30(1) CSL
<b>KILLDEER</b>	(1-15)	HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 4 reps(8)
<b>STILT, Black-necked</b>	(10-30)	JEF 2 reps(7)
<b>GULL, Laughing</b>	(8-8)	JEF 1 rep(16)
<b>TERN, Least</b>	(8-8)	JEF-PI 6/8(8) JAW
<b>SKIMMER, Black</b>	(5-8)	JEF-TX87 6/5(2) JAW; JEF-PI 6/8(2) JAW
<b>PIGEON, Rock</b>	(5-15)	HAI 1 rep(6); JEF 4 reps(16)
<b>COLLARED-DOVE, Eurasian</b>	(1-20)	HAI 2 reps(6); JEF 3 reps(11)
<b>DOVE, White-winged</b>	(2-30)	HAI 13 reps(174); JEF 15 reps(72)
<b>DOVE, Mourning</b>	(1-30)	HAI 18 reps(127); JEF 6 reps(49)
<b>DOVE, Inca</b>	(8-28)	JEF 4 reps(4)
<b>CUCKOO, Yellow-billed</b>	(1-10)	HAI 6/1(1) FTHC; JEF-SW 6/5(1) JAW; JEF 6/10(1) JAW
<b>CUCKOO, Black-billed</b>	(23-24)	JEF 6/23(1) CSL (uncfmd); JEF 6/24(1) CSL (uncfmd)
<b>ROADRUNNER, Greater</b>	(1-1)	HAI 6/1(2) FTHC
<b>OWL, Barn</b>	(12-25)	JEF 6/12(2) CSL; JEF 6/25(1) CSL
<b>OWL, Barred</b>	(1-1)	HAI 6/1(1) FTHC
<b>NIGHTHAWK, Common</b>	(15-15)	JEF 2 reps(2)
<b>SWIFT, Chimney</b>	(2-29)	HAI 1 rep(3); JEF 8 reps(20)
<b>HUMMINGBIRD, Ruby-thr.</b>	(6-29)	HAI 11 reps(11)
<b>KINGFISHER, Belted</b>	(30-30)	HAI 6/30(1) JM
<b>WOODPECKER, Red-headed</b>	(1-20)	HAI 6 reps(8)
<b>WOODPECKER, Red-bellied</b>	(1-30)	HAI 18 reps(34)
<b>WOODPECKER, Downy</b>	(14-27)	JEF 3 reps(3)
<b>WOODPECKER, Pileated</b>	(1-19)	HAI 5 reps(8)
<b>FLYCATCHER, Acadian</b>	(1-1)	HAI 6/1(2) FTHC
<b>FLYCATCHER, Gt. Crested</b>	(1-1)	HAI 6/1(1) FTHC
<b>KINGBIRD, Eastern</b>	(5-15)	JEF 4 reps(9)
<b>FLYCATCHER, Scissor-tail.</b>	(10-15)	JEF 2 reps(15)
<b>SHRIKE, Loggerhead</b>	(5-30)	HAI 3 reps(3); JEF 4 reps(9)
<b>VIREO, White-eyed</b>	(1-1)	HAI 6/1(3) FTHC
<b>VIREO, Yellow-throated</b>	(1-1)	HAI 6/1(1) FTHC

<b>VIREO, Red-eyed</b>	(1-1)	HAI 6/1(2) FTHC
<b>JAY, Blue</b>	(1-26)	HAI 6 reps(15); JEF 6 reps(7)
<b>CROW, American</b>	(1-29)	HAI 19 reps(61)
<b>CROW, Fish</b>	(4-16)	JEF 2 reps(4)
<b>CROW, species</b>	(8-28)	HAI 1 rep(1); JEF 4 reps(6)
<b>MARTIN, Purple</b>	(1-29)	HAI 2 reps(4); JEF 4 reps(35)
<b>SWALLOW, Cliff</b>	(1-21)	HAI 3 reps(51); JEF 3 reps(45)
<b>SWALLOW, Barn</b>	(3-26)	HAI 3 reps(11); JEF 5 reps(17)
<b>CHICKADEE, Carolina</b>	(1-30)	HAI 21 reps(56); JEF 1 rep(1)
<b>TITMOUSE, Tufted</b>	(1-30)	HAI 21 reps(66)
<b>WREN, Carolina</b>	(1-30)	HAI 5 reps(7)
<b>GNATCATCHER, Blue-gray</b>	(1-1)	HAI 6/1(1) FTHC
<b>BLUEBIRD, Eastern</b>	(1-23)	HAI 13 reps(23); JEF 1 rep(1)
<b>ROBIN, American</b>	(3-30)	JEF 9 reps(12)
<b>CATBIRD, Gray</b>	(1-1)	HAI 6/1(4) FTHC
<b>MOCKINGBIRD, Northern</b>	(1-29)	HAI 6 reps(24); JEF 13 reps(122)
<b>THRASHER, Brown</b>	(1-25)	HAI 2 reps(3); JEF 3 reps(7)
<b>STARLING, European</b>	(1-30)	HAI 8 reps(200); JEF 7 reps(45)
<b>WARBLER, Swainson's</b>	(1-1)	HAI 6/1(1) FTHC
<b>WARBLER, Kentucky</b>	(1-1)	HAI 6/1(1) FTHC
<b>YELLOWTHROAT, Common</b>	(1-1)	HAI 6/1(2) FTHC
<b>WARBLER, Hooded</b>	(1-1)	HAI 6/1(3) FTHC
<b>WARBLER, Pine</b>	(1-23)	HAI 13 reps(24)
<b>WARBLER, Prairie</b>	(1-1)	HAI 6/1(7) FTHC
<b>CHAT, Yellow-breasted</b>	(1-1)	HAI 6/1(5) FTHC
<b>TOWHEE, Eastern</b>	(1-1)	HAI 6/1(1) FTHC
<b>TANAGER, Summer</b>	(1-1)	HAI 6/1(2) FTHC
<b>CARDINAL, Northern</b>	(1-30)	HAI 25 reps(1279); JEF 4 reps(4)
<b>GROSBEAK, Rose-breasted</b>	(3-3)	HAI-SILS 6/3(1) MG
<b>GROSBEAK, Blue</b>	(1-15)	HAI 6/1(4) FTHC; HAI 6/15(1) JAW; JEF 6/15(1) JAW
<b>BUNTING, Indigo</b>	(1-1)	HAI 6/1(2) FTHC
<b>BUNTING, Painted</b>	(1-5)	HAI 6/1(2) FTHC; JEF-SW 6/5(1) JAW
<b>DICKCISSEL</b>	(15-15)	JEF 6/15(1) JAW
<b>BLACKBIRD, Red-winged</b>	(5-15)	JEF 5 reps(60)
<b>MEADOWLARK, Eastern</b>	(10-15)	JEF 2 reps(13)
<b>GRACKLE, Common</b>	(3-20)	HAI 3 reps(16); JEF 5 reps(16)
<b>GRACKLE, Boat-tailed</b>	(5-10)	JEF 2 reps(6)
<b>GRACKLE, Great-tailed</b>	(1-29)	HAI 2 reps(7); JEF 11 reps(78)
<b>GRACKLE, Gt./Boat-tailed</b>	(12-12)	JEF-TX87 6/12(23) JAW
<b>COWBIRD, Brown-headed</b>	(1-30)	HAI 24 reps(431); JEF 1 rep(3)
<b>FINCH, House</b>	(9-30)	HAI 12 reps(30); JEF 1 rep(1)
<b>SPARROW, House</b>	(1-29)	HAI 1 rep(3); JEF 11 reps(36)

**Number of Species** 95  
**Number of Individuals** 7916

### County Abbreviations

HAI — Hardin; JEF — Jefferson; ORA — Orange; ; Location Codes;;  
BMT — Beaumont; GROV — Groves; MURW — J. D. Murphree WMA,  
west of Taylor Bayou; NEDR — Nederland; ORG — Orange; PI —  
Pleasure Island, Port Arthur; SILS — Silsbee; SW — Sabine Woods;  
TX87 — Texas 87 Pt. Arthur-Sabine Pass-Sea Rim SP

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## Spring 2013 Migration Summary

Once again, we present, largely in tabular form, a summary of the sightings of passerine Neotropical migrants. We have combined all the species into a single table, even though we know this results in small print. (The pdf version of the *Brown Pelican* on the website at [www.goldentriangleaudubon.org](http://www.goldentriangleaudubon.org) can be made larger quite easily.) The species are listed in the American Ornithological Union's "taxonomic" order.

A quick look at the table will give a good overall picture of how migration was observed on the coast this year. The first six days April produced very high numbers for that early part of the migration period. Another extended period of higher than usual numbers and good diversity occurred from April 14 to April 20 (and arguably the period extended two more days on each end). April 24 through 28 has, over the years, usually been the peak of Neotropic passerine migration, and certainly there were good numbers and good diversity on those days this year, but perhaps less so than normal. The season came to a fairly abrupt end for local observers after the first few days of May, with no weather events to cause migrants to pause on the coast.

This year, we have covered a few more species than in some past years. We have included the reported totals for a number of species that winter locally, allowing a look at the departure patterns of these species. Birders often pay more attention to arrival dates (first of season) and departure dates receive much less attention.

Certain species that are only seen on two or three days are not included in the table, but are indicated here. One **Olive-sided Flycatcher** was seen on May 3, although there was a report, for which we have no details of the sighting or the observer, on the very early date of April 22. **Golden-crowned Kinglets**, present through the winter, were seen March 2(3), 6(2), 9(1), 10(2), 11(2) and 12(2). Single **Hermit Thrushes** were observed on March 2, 6, 9, 10, and 11. A **Golden-winged x Blue-winged Warbler hybrid** (a Brewster's Warbler or back cross) was seen by many April 27. Two or more Blue-winged Warblers with yellow wing bars are included in the Blue-winged totals in the table. A **Black-throated Blue Warbler** reported on May 3 could not be confirmed. A **Prairie Warbler** was photographed on April 16.

The methodology, similar to that used in previous years, was as follows. In the past, we have considered some "locations" other than Sabine Woods. None of these areas have recovered from Hurricane Ike, and we received very few from them. Therefore, we have used only Sabine Woods reports. If there were multiple reports for on any given day, the highest count for each species submitted by any of the observers was used. This process probably does not produce a perfect result, but we believe it eliminates most "double counting" of birds that would otherwise occur. It should be noted that a bird that stays for more than one day may show up on the table for each of the days that it is present. No attempt has been made to account for such extended stays.

This year, we have made significant changes in how we use the various source of information. In the sightings listings published in the *Brown Pelican*, we have used only those

reports submitted to us by our local observers. Many such reports were the combined efforts of several observers, compiled on site at the time or very shortly afterwards, and often ascribed only to the observer submitting the report. An increasing number of observers are entering their sightings into eBird. These sightings do pass through a filter, and sightings that are unusual for the date and numbers that are abnormally high are reviewed before they are accepted into the database. In compiling the table, we reviewed all of the eBird checklists showing Sabine Woods as the location that we could find for the period. Unless a checklist was so radically different from other checklists for the day, we have added the additional species or increased the numbers in the table where appropriate. We have, albeit selectively and mostly towards the beginning and end of the season, also used postings on the sightings list at Sabine Woods. We do try very hard to include all credible reports that we receive. A checkmark in the table is used when the eBird checklist does not have numbers or when the sighting is taken from the lists at Sabine Woods.

We thank the following observers who regularly submitted reports or contributed to the combined reports: James Clark, John Haynes, Howard Davis, Steve Dillinger, John Mariani, Steve Mayes, and Harlan Stewart. Others whose reports were used include: Kitty and Jim Anding, Cody Conway, Gerald Duhon, Zach Hutchinson, Denise and Gary Kelley, Steve Kuritz, Carol Lynn Loker, Art Mackinnon, Sally and Chuck Moffet, Sherrie Roden, Kelley Sampeck, Lanyce Whittlemore and Jana Whittle. Those whose eBird reports were used were Andy and Ruben Ayala, Ellen Baker, Peter Barnes, Jesse Barry, Walter Berk, J. Berner, Gailon Brehm, Amber Carver, Christopher Charlesworth, Fred Collins, Larry Dybala, Jennifer Esten, Frank and Margaret Farese, "Miles G.," Andy Garcia, Doug Ghrist, Olivia Graves, William Gruenbaum, Peggy Harding, Ed Harper, Ken Hartman, Susan Herman, Greg Homel, Marshall Iliff, Glenda Keilstrup, Mary Krentz, Michael and Sarah Kuzio, Tim Lenz, Brandon Miller, Carol Miller, Leo Miller, Arman Moreno, Ralph Morocco, Derek Muschalek, Dwight Mudry, Megan Neal, Greg Page, Will Piper, Ray Porter, "L.G. Pr.," Mandy Proudman, Clayton Rickett, David Roberts, Mike Rogan, Chris Runk, Cameron Rutt, Michael Stewart, J.C. Stormer, Dan Tankersley, Bill Tarbox, Rodney Thomas, Jenny Vogt, Mark Wilson, Chris Wood, William Zwartes and Ben Zyla. Our apologies to anyone we may have omitted.

We now have data for each year since 1996 compiled under as near as possible the same procedure. Estimating overall populations is not something that it is possible to do, since the fraction of migrants detected along the coast is strongly affected by weather. However, the data should allow comparisons of relative populations if species migrating within the same time period are compared. Because of the loss of many coastal trees and shrubs in the storm surge of Ike, more migrants may be concentrating in Sabine Woods, where they are more likely to be detected and reported. Copies of all previous compilations are available upon request as .pdf files.

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