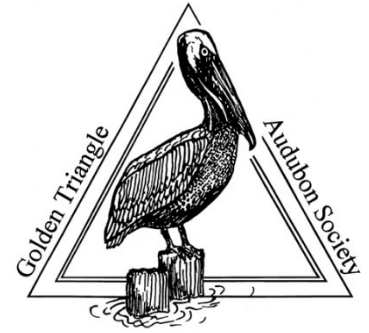


# The Brown Pelican



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**Membership Meeting**  
**Thursday January 23, 2025 7:00 p.m.**  
**Garden Center, Tyrrell Park, Beaumont**

**Rehabbing in Southeast Texas**

**Donald Kamp**  
**Village Mills, Texas**

Donald Kamp is a licensed rehabber in Hardin County for small mammals, amphibians, reptiles (tortoises), bobcats, bears, mountain lions.

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

## **Texas Ornithological Society 2025 Winter Meeting in the Golden Triangle**

The 2025 winter meeting of the Texas Ornithological Society will be held in the Golden Triangle – Beaumont, Port Arthur, and Orange – on January 16-19, 2025.

Event registration began on December 9, 2024

See the TOS web site at <https://www.texasbirds.org/lets-go-birding/tos-annual-meetings-events-workshops/2025-winter-meeting-in-the-golden-triangle/>

All activities – event check-in, trip departures, presentations and the Saturday night banquet – will take place at the host hotel, the Holiday Inn & Suites Beaumont Plaza on Walden Road in Beaumont. TOS merchandise will be on sale, Golden Triangle Audubon Society will host an information table, and there will be a prize drawing at each evening's presentation. We will also have a Chance Auction and lots of time to socialize. Further details on page 3.

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## Calendar of Events

*Important Note: Field Trip notices published here are subject to last minute changes. Changes will always be posted on the web site at [www.goldentriangleaudubon.org](http://www.goldentriangleaudubon.org).*

**Thursday January 23, 2025 Membership Meeting.** Details of program on page 1. Note that this is one week later than our normal schedule.

**Saturday, January 25, 2025. Field Trip to Cattail Marsh, Beaumont.** Meet at the parking lot for Cattail Marsh at 8:00 am. The parking lot is accessed from the loop road round the main picnic areas in Tyrrell Park.

In winter, there will usually be a good variety of ducks as well as other waterbirds, egrets and herons. Exactly where the birds are depends largely on the water depth in the various cells. Cell 1 -- the northernmost cell -- is the deepest and often has interesting ducks and grebes.

Many birds can be seen from the boardwalk and nearby roads with minimal walking, **but the group will probably make a leisurely three-or-so-mile hike round the various cells in the marsh. Be advised that, while you can turn around at any point, there are no meaningful "shortcuts" after you start on the levee between cells 3 and 4.**

If you don't want to walk that far, there will be someone on the boardwalk to help you identify the many birds in the near cells. Walking is on the levees; the main ones are graveled, but some of the interior ones are essentially mowed grass. This will be a good trip for beginning to intermediate birders, as most of the waterfowl and wading birds are relatively easy to study in the open water areas. We will try to have the Education Center open for those who do not want to make the hike.

### Directions to Tyrrell Park From the South

Go "north" on US69/96/287 around the south side of Beaumont. Take Highway 124 west (left) towards Fannett. At the first light, turn left onto Tyrrell Park Road and go about 3/4 mile. Turn left into the Park through the arch. Continue ahead and proceed about two-

thirds of the way round the main loop and into the well-marked Cattail Marsh parking area.

### From IH10

Exit at Walden Road on the west side of Beaumont and turn south (right) on Walden Road. At the light at Highway 124, go straight ahead on Tyrrell Park Road and then as above.

## Golden Triangle Audubon Facebook

Join us on Facebook! There is a Golden Triangle Audubon group on Facebook, moderated by Jana Whittle and John Mariani. Our aim is to provide a space for people around the Golden Triangle to share pictures, sightings, and other information about birds, other nature, and local birding sites and habitats. All levels of pictures are welcome, especially of less common birds. If you are looking for help with identification, please include the location and date of the picture, as both are important in narrowing the possibilities. Send your contribution through a Facebook message or an email to [gtaudubon@aol.com](mailto:gtaudubon@aol.com)

### Thursday February 20, 2025. Membership Meeting.

Details in the next issue or on the web site at [www.goldentriangleaudubon.org](http://www.goldentriangleaudubon.org) when the details are confirmed.

**Saturday February 22, 2024. Field Trip.** Destination to be determined near the date based on reports on what is being seen. If no rarities are being seen, Anahuac NWR will be the location.



EarthShare of Texas represents Audubon Foundation of Texas and the National Audubon Society in payroll contribution programs in workplaces throughout Texas. For more information about how you can support Audubon Foundation of Texas and the National Audubon Society at your workplace, call 1-800-GREENTX, or visit [www.earthshare-texas.org](http://www.earthshare-texas.org)

## January GTAS and TOS Meetings

We have decided to hold our January GTAS Membership Meeting on Thursday January 23, one week later than usual, and our Field Trip – tentatively to Cattail Marsh – on January 25 also one week later than usual. This will provide an opportunity for GTAS members to attend all or a part of the Texas Ornithological Society GTAS Winter Meeting in Beaumont (January 16 to 19). TOS has kindly offered to allow GTAS members to attend the banquet (must pay the \$35 per person cost of dinner) without being TOS members or paying for the full 3-day cost of the meeting.

If you want to participate in the full meeting (including field trips and evening presentations), the rates are below. If any GTAS member would like to volunteer to help organize assembly in the parking area for the field trips (very early mornings!), volunteer to staff a GTAS table to provide information for participants, volunteer to staff the registration table, please email or text Dania Sanchez -- contact information below). TOS is offering 50% off the banquet meal cost for those volunteering for these tasks.

This winter meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Beaumont Plaza (Walden Road). If you are able confidently to commit on any of the days please email Dania Sanchez (contact information below) for more details. The Field Trips that go to Sea Rim, McFaddin on Friday 17th and Saturday 18th will be making a stop at Sabine Woods as part of the trips; if you are interested in welcoming folks and showing presence and support at the Woods or the field trip at Sea Rim or McFaddin please let Dania know.

TOS opened registration on December 9. Full information and links can be found at <https://www.texasbirds.org/lets-go-birding/tos-annual-meetings-workshops/>

The TOS Winter Meeting Package includes three field trips (excluding special entry fees) and three evening presentations.  
\$100 for TOS members  
\$135 for non-TOS members (includes a one-year membership)  
FREE for all students  
The Saturday night banquet is \$35 per person, and lunches are available for \$12.

For more information, contact Dania Sanchez, [dhs924@yahoo.com](mailto:dhs924@yahoo.com) or 346-213-2533

## GTAS Membership Dues

To simplify our record keeping, all memberships now run from January through December. Membership dues are \$20 per year. We are now accepting 2025 dues. You may pay at any membership meeting (checks preferred) or use the subscription/membership blank on the back page.

For new members joining National Audubon on line and selecting our Chapter code (W25), we receive a rebate of the entire first year's national dues, and no Chapter dues are expected for that first year.

As a reminder, dues are voluntary for National Audubon Society (NAS) members living in the Chapter's official territory, which is defined by zip codes, but covers all of Jefferson, Orange and Hardin Counties and one or two zip codes adjacent to these counties. We do also welcome NAS members in other nearby counties although their membership in NAS does not bring them to our attention.

We would very much encourage you receive the Brown Pelican electronically as this saves paper, cost and volunteer time. To start that, simply send an email to [gtaudubon@aol.com](mailto:gtaudubon@aol.com) from the address you want us to use.

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## National Audubon's Migratory Bird Initiative

The mission of the Migratory Bird Initiative is to secure the future of migratory birds in the Western Hemisphere by reducing direct threats and protecting key places across the Americas in coordination with science, conservation and policy partners.

The Initiative brings together the latest spatial information on species distributions and movements across their annual cycles to identify priority areas for 458 species of migratory birds that regularly occur in the United States and Canada. We will use this information to define where and how to focus Audubon's conservation investments in order to protect, restore and manage key habitat and also mitigate threats along full migratory pathways for these species.

Audubon expects to achieve these goals by 1) consolidating and elevating the best-available migration science, filling research gaps and identifying real-time threats

throughout annual cycle; 2) strengthening connections and cooperation among key stakeholders such as government agencies, nonprofit organizations, academic institutions and the Audubon network, and 3) informing policy advocacy at the local, state and federal level to drive science-based conservation.

Migratory birds face threats during all stages of the annual cycle, and these threats are accelerating. Fortunately, scientific data, particularly during migration, are accumulating; however, we need to act swiftly and collectively to protect birds and the places they need before the opportunities to do so disappear. Partnerships will be central to the success of the Migratory Bird Initiative, and Audubon looks forward to building and strengthening relationships with other key research and conservation organizations.

## Johnson Bayou CBC -- 14 December 2024

The Johnson Bayou Christmas Count started our CBC 125 season in mild, partly cloudy weather with an easterly breeze and very few biting insects! Being on a Saturday, a bigger turnout was expected, but people have other things to do eleven days before Christmas. So the count effort was a bit lower than in recent years (8 people in the morning and 9 in the afternoon) and we still tallied a respectable 6808 birds in 109 species, low but closer to the long-term averages than in the past two years.

An estimated 2000 Canvasbacks in the northern accessible area of the circle is very encouraging, after the marsh improvement project in Cameron Meadows last year. The terraces created by this project can be seen on Google Earth, west of Cameron Meadows Road. Last year's overall numbers also included 1000 "ducks" at a great distance north. Blue-winged and Green-winged Teal, Northern Shovelers, Gadwalls, Lesser Scaup and Ring-necked Duck were present in modest numbers. Northern Pintails, American Wigeon and Ruddy Ducks were missed.

American Coots were scarce this year, which is of interest as their numbers are usually in the hundreds, and thousands before 2021. On the other hand there were more Black-necked Stilts this year than in at least the past 10 years. Long-billed Dowitchers also appeared again after four years of misses and there was one Spotted Sandpiper not recorded in the last five counts. Eastern Phoebe are almost irrupting and more Vermillion Flycatchers were found this year than in any past year.

Several observations were unusual by the "twice-in-ten-years" standard that we use for write-ups. Barn Swallows were a first last year; this year there were two. Two Eastern Bluebirds and the Red-breasted Nuthatch are also great finds. Others are the Long-billed Dowitchers, the possible immature Yellow-crowned Night Heron\*, a Black-and-White Warbler and the Black Scoter.

Species recorded: Snow Goose (84); Blue-winged Teal (68); Northern Shoveler (4); Gadwall (59); Mottled Duck (2); Green-winged Teal (8); Canvasback (2000); Ring-necked Duck (55); Lesser Scaup (260); Pied-billed Grebe (31); Inca Dove (2); White-winged Dove (6); Mourning Dove (33); King (1); Sora (11); Common Gallinule (76); American Coot (22); Black-necked Stilt (178); American

Avocet (3); Killdeer (48); Ruddy Turnstone (21); Sanderling (11); Long-billed Dowitcher (22); Dowitcher sp. (4); Wilson's Snipe (30); Spotted Sandpiper (1); Greater Yellowlegs (9); Willet (5); Lesser Yellowlegs (2); Laughing Gull (10); Ring-billed Gull (5); Gull-billed Tern (4); Caspian Tern (11); Forster's Tern (10); Royal Tern (3); Anhinga (2); Neotropic Cormorant (103); Double-crested Cormorant (64); Cormorant sp (1); American White Pelican (30); Brown Pelican (7); Least Bittern (1); Great Blue Heron (22); Great Egret (38); Snowy Egret (93); Little Blue Heron (11); Tricolored Heron (9); Cattle Egret (8); Yellow-crowned Night-Heron imm.\* (1); White Ibis (61); White-faced Ibis (9); Dark Ibis sp. (114); Roseate Spoonbill (52); Black Vulture (2); Turkey Vulture (15); Osprey (5); Northern Harrier (27); Cooper's Hawk (1); Red-shouldered Hawk (1); Red-tailed Hawk (19); Great Horned Owl (3); Belted Kingfisher (26); Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (2); Downy Woodpecker (4); Northern Flicker (yellow shafted (6); Crested Caracara (3); American Kestrel (14); Merlin (4); Eastern Phoebe (55); Vermilion Flycatcher (8); Blue-headed Vireo (2); Loggerhead Shrike (37); Blue Jay (3); Tree Swallow (258); Ruby-crowned Kinglet (30); Golden-crowned Kinglet (6); Red-breasted Nuthatch (1); Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (11); House Wren (11); Sedge Wren (2); Marsh Wren (17); Carolina Wren (1); European Starling (208); Gray Catbird (5); Northern Mockingbird (37); Eastern Bluebird (2); Hermit Thrush (5); American Robin (2); Cedar Waxwing (1); American Goldfinch (3); Field Sparrow (1); White-crowned Sparrow (10); Savannah Sparrow (110); Song Sparrow (1); Swamp Sparrow (51); Eastern Meadowlark (26); Red-winged Blackbird (1518); Brown-headed Cowbird (14); Common Grackle (58); Boat-tailed Grackle (203); Great-tailed Grackle (49); Quiscalus species (50); Black-and-White Warbler (1); Common Yellowthroat (26); Pine Warbler (10); Yellow-rumped Warbler (32); Wilson's Warbler (1); Northern Cardinal (9); Black Scoter (5); Barn Swallow (2).  
Totals: 109 species. 6808 individuals.

\*Yellow-crowned Night Heron immature is "under review."

Counters are: David Booth, Gary and Denise Kelley, Steve Mayes, Sherrie Roden, Christine Sliva, James Smithers, Harlan Stewart, John Whittle.

With thanks to Doré Energy, Gray Estate, and Crain Brothers for access to their properties.

Article by Gary Kelley

# Turkey Creek Christmas Bird Count – 21 December 2024

Participants in the 2024 Turkey Creek Christmas Bird Count could not have asked for better weather for the day. Temperatures started in the mid to high 40's at the meet time of 6:30 am and warmed throughout the day into the high 60's and low 70's. The humidity remained low all day, as did the wind. The sun, however, remained high and bright.

Unfortunately, there were two areas not covered within the count circle in 2024. The Turkey Creek Trail North was not hiked and there was a portion of Area 14 that was not counted. Despite this, there was a total of 63 species reported with a total of 1590 individuals.

This count was started in 1978 in the very early days of the Big Thicket National Preserve by the first biologist at the preserve, Dave Dunacek. The "design" considerations obviously included the whole of the Turkey Creek Unit, and the trail that runs from the north of it at FM1943 south to the Kirby Trail "foot" on FM420. Dave was an avid birder, and another consideration was to include a tree on Firetower Road (originally called Smart School Fire Tower Road) that was the home to a family of Red-cockaded Woodpeckers, which were then receiving more attention than they do nowadays. Unfortunately, the last Red-cockaded Woodpecker recorded on the count was in 1992. The circle does include the Hickory Creek Unit of the Preserve, as well as the Kirby State Forest and the extreme western part of the lake in Wildwood. The only other body of water, and it is not very large, is Lake Hyatt on County Road 4770, which produces Wood Ducks and in recent years a sizable flock of Ring-necked Ducks. The paucity of bodies of water means that the species count cannot be expected to be large by Southeast Texas standards, but in other parts of the country there are a large number of counts away from bodies of water that would be quite satisfied with those numbers!

One notable "miss" was Red-shouldered Hawk, which is usually seen and heard in some numbers. It prefers dying and dead trees, but as the interval since the last hurricane increases, there are fewer such trees. On the other hand, there were a lot of Pileated Woodpeckers. American Kestrel numbers were of concern in the US as a whole in the last few years, but seem to be on the rebound this year.

There was a period 2016-2022 when no Loggerhead Shrikes were seen on this count, but these days seem to be over, although numbers are still low. Somewhat puzzling, however, was the absence of any White-eyed Vireos, which are usually detected by their loud and highly characteristic call. On the other hand, Yellow-throated Vireos are much rarer in winter in the area.

Blue Jays and American Crows, both vocal species, were present in normal numbers. Likewise, Carolina Chickadees and Tufted Titmice were heard and seen in normal numbers as were the smaller species that are characteristic species of the thicket such as Brown-headed Nuthatches, Brown Creeper and other species. A healthy number of Golden-crowned Kinglets was noteworthy.

Sparrows and the few warbler species that winter in the thicket were seen in normal numbers, with the exception of Chipping Sparrows, which were unusually low. Northern Cardinals were present in good numbers.

Species and their numbers reported were:

DUCK, Wood (10); DUCK, Ring-necked (41); GREBE, Pied-billed (1); DOVE, Inca (6); DOVE, Mourning (35); KILDEER (8); CORMORANT, Double-crested (1); HERON, Great Blue (1); EGRET, Great (1); VULTURE, Black (52); VULTURE, Turkey (119); HAWK, Red-shouldered (18); HAWK, Red-tailed (3); OWL, Barred (2); KINGFISHER, Belted (1); SAPSUCKER, Yellow-bellied (4); WOODPECKER, Red-bellied (29); WOODPECKER, Downy (14); WOODPECKER, Hairy (1); WOODPECKER, Pileated (26); FLICKER, Northern (9); KESTREL, American (4); PHOEBE, Eastern (29); SHRIKE, Loggerhead (1); VIREO, Yellow-throated (1); JAY, Blue (22); CROW, American (192); CHICKADEE, Carolina (43); TITMOUSE, Tufted (18); NUTHATCH, Brown-headed (4); CREEPER, Brown (1); WREN, House (3); WREN, Winter (2); WREN, Carolina (52); GNATCATCHER, Blue-gray (3); KINGLET, Golden-crowned (29); KINGLET, Ruby-crowned (36); BLUEBIRD, Eastern (62); THURSH, Hermit (6); ROBIN, American (111); CATBIRD, Gray (7); THRASHER, Brown (1); MOCKINGBIRD, Northern (17); STARLING, European (2); PIPIT, American (5); WAXWING, Cedar (31); FINCH, House (2); SISKIN, Pine (2); GOLDFINCH, American (60); SPARROW, Chipping (10); SPARROW, White-crowned (3); SPARROW, White-throated (17); SPARROW, Savannah (1); SPARROW, Song (6); SPARROW, Lincoln's (2); SPARROW, Swamp (8); TOWHEE, Eastern (1); MEADOWLARK, Eastern (32); WARBLER, Orange-crowned (4); WARBLER, Pine (81); WARBLER, Yellow-rumped (128); WARBLER, Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) (32); CARDINAL, Northern (136).

Of particular note were the House Finches seen on Gore Store Road by Jana Whittle. A detail sheet will be submitted with the final count as House Finches have not been reported during any previous Turkey Creek CBC. It is noted that House Finches have been reported on eBird in this area from 2018 to 2024.

The party miles on foot totaled 15 hours and 11.9 miles. Party miles by car totaled 20.1 hours and 120.4 miles. There was .50 hour reported as owling time making the total party hours 35.6 and total party miles 132.3.

Totals: 63 species, 1590 individuals.

Compiler: Lynn Jackson: Participants in the count included Nancy Angell, David Doyle (a new count participant), Sheila Hebert, Greg and Lynn Jackson. Johnny Johnson, Christine Sliva, John and Jana Whittle.

*Lynn Jackson and John Whittle*

# Bird Sightings – December 2024

For this column, we review, looking for rare and very rare species, all credible eBird and other records reported to us from nearby Texas counties – Angelina, Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Newton, Orange, Sabine, San Augustine and Tyler. We also review records for Chambers, Galveston, Harris and Liberty Counties in Texas, and Calcasieu and Cameron Parishes in Louisiana.

The format of the listing is Species – Date – County-and brief location information if available – (number) – Observer(s). If more precise location information is needed, it can often be obtained by using the bird species map feature to find the sighting in eBird, opening the checklist, and using the map function to display the location as precisely as the observer provided.

**Commentary:** December includes a majority of the local

Christmas counts, which typically results in a lot of unusual species being detected and reported. Particularly noteworthy this year is the large number of warbler species seen, possibly because of insects surviving later into the fall this year.

We made a change about a year ago in not including migratory species routinely seen in the area unless they were more than a week earlier or later than shown on checklists. While this did slightly reduce the number of sightings that qualified for inclusion, that number has increased back up to now be comparable to those before we made the change. It may turn out to be that the weather conditions this winter were conducive to warblers. There is one species that we will omit in future columns: Common Ground Dove. The species appears to be increasing locally expanding up the coast from Brownsville to Galveston and along the coast to Florida.

## Local Counties

Long-tailed Duck	Dec 18-20	JEF-Pleasure Is (1) John and Jana Whittle (1), mult obs
Horned Grebe	Dec 19	JEF-TP Cell 1 (1) HS, Kenyan Guidry, JAW
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	Dec 4-29	JEF-Nederland (1) JAW
Bullock's Oriole	Dec 29	JEF-TP (1) Tim Lenz
Purple Finch	Dec 8	HAI-Tom Easley Road (1) Nancy Angell
American Redstart	Dec 1	JEF-SW (1) SM
	Dec 24	JEF-SW (1) Holger Schneider
Ovenbird	Dec 1	JEF-SW (1) SM
Black-and-white Warbler	Dec 11	TYL-Big Thicket NP Pitcher Plant Trl (1) Dania Sanchez
Painted Bunting	Dec 18	JEF-Highland Blvd (1) Harlan Stewart

## Nearby Counties

Black Scoter	Dec 10	CHA-Beach (8) Garrett Hodne
	Dec 21-29	CHA/HAS- offshore Morgan's Point to Sylvan Beach area (up to 9) mult obs
	Dec 23	HAS-Baytown NC (1) Chris Hammond
Horned Grebe	Dec 26-27	CAL Lake Charle-lake area (1) James Smithers, mult obs
Common Ground Dove	Dec 13-14	HAS-Morgan New Washington Park (3) Andrew Hamlett, Richard Rulander, mult obs
	Dec 17	CHA-ANWR-Butterfly Garden (2) Patrick Higgins
	Dec 21	HAS-Armand Bayou N (4) mult obs
	Dec 27	HAS-Bear Creek Park (4) Jim Hinson
	Dec 28	HAS-Geo Bush Park (4) Trish McIntosh, Justin Sandt
Lesser Nighthawk	Dec 10	GAL-HI Smith Oaks (1) WE, mult obs
Chuck-will's-Widow	Dec 22	CAM-Willow Is (1) Brandon Johnson\
	Dec 29	CAM-Peveto Woods (1) Esme and Emma Rosen
Anna's Hummingbird	Dec 20-22	GAL-HI 5th St (1) mult obs)
	Dec 17	HAS-Rice Univ (1) Cin-Ty Lee,, Cameron Kent
	Dec 21	HAS-Friendswood (1) Lisa Hardcastle
Limptin	Dec 31	HAS-Rice Univ (1) Cin-Ty Lee
	Dec 19	LIB-off Hwy15 (1) Bill Burger

Purple Gallinule	Dec 14-27	CHA-ANWR Shoveler Pond (1) mult obs
	Dec 29	CAM-Cameron Prairie NWR (1) Michele Giroir
Wilson's Plover	Dec 20	CAL-Lake Charles (1) Lorie Carnes
White-rumped Sandpiper	Dec 15	GAL-8-mile road (11) Helen Martin
Solitary Sandpiper	Dec 20	Calcasieu River Rd (1) Robert Dobbs
Franklin's Gull	Dec 17-23	GAL-Bolivar Flats (20 mult obs
	Dec 18	HAS-McCarty Rd Landfill (1) mult obs
	Dec 30	HAS-Willow Waterhole Greenspace (1) Kevin Ramirez
California Gull	Dec 11	GAL-TCD Dean Silvers
Wood Stork	Dec 28	HAS-nr Upper San Jacinto Bay (1) Krishna Trinadha
Magnificent Frigatebird	Dec 26	HAS-Baytown NC (1)Twylabird Jean
Least Bittern	Dec 1	CAM-Grand Chenier (1) Nick Ramsey, Eryn Woernley
Burrowing Owl	Dec 1-27	CHA-ANWR 0.75 mi S of VIS (1) mult obs
	Dec 26-27	CAL- Lionel Derouen Rd (1) mult obs
Mississippi Kite	Dec 14	CHA-ANWR Shoveler Pond (3) Kami Haaygood
Harris' s Hawk	Dec 1	CAM-LA82 east of Mermen-tau River Bridge (1) Cheryl Hunter, Michael Musmeche
	Dec 13	CAM-LA82 east of Grand Chenier (1) Kathy Rhodes
	Dec 29-30	CAM-LA82 east of Grand Chenier (1) Charlotte Chehotsky, Michael Giroir
White-tailed Hawk	Dec 22,28	CAL-Lionel Derouen Rd (1) Andrew From, mult obs
Broad-winged Hawk	Dec 1	CAM-Grand Chenier (1) Eryn Woernley, Nick Ramsey, Esme Rosen
	Dec 11	GAL-57-Acre Park (1) Lisa Hardcastle
	Dec 12	GAL-Frenchtown Road (1) Lisa Hardcastle
	Dec 22-28	GAL-FM3005 at 89th St and fishing pier area (1) mult obs
	Dec 29	CAM-Peveto Woods (1) Esme Rosen
Swainson's Hawk	Dec 30	CHA-FM1985 (1) Nicholas Minnich
Yellow-headed Caracara	Dec 18-31	GAL-FM3005 at 89th St and fishing pier area (1) mult obs
Swainson's Hawk	Dec 22	ANWR-Crab Corner (1)

Ladder-back Woodpecker	Dec 14	GAL-Lafitte's Nicholas Minnich Cove (1) Mateusz Gierdalski, Chloe Dannenfeiser	Dec 7	CAM-wsst Johnson Bayou (1) James Smithers	
Least Flycatcher	Dec 14	CAL-Hayes (1) Erik Johnson	Dec 11	GAL-Pelican IS TAMUG (1) Dean Silvers	
Say's Phoebe	Dec 11	CAM-south Lake Charles (1) Matt Conn	Dec 30	GAL--FM2005/89th St (1) Mark Miller	
Ash-throated Flycatcher	Dec 20	CAL-Pine Pasture Rd (1) Robt Dobbs	Northern Parula	Dec 4	HI Eubanks Woods (1) WE
	Dec 20	CAL-Calcasieu River Rd (1) Robert Dobbs	Tropical Parula	Dec 27	GAL-Lafitte's Cove (1) Jacob Bliss
Great Kiskadee	Dec 1-30	GAL-57-Acre Park(1) cont		Dec 17-31	GAL-Port Bolivar (1) WE, Richard Liebler, mult obs reported Dec 30 as Northern x Tropical Parula hybrid
Tropical Kingbird	Dec 30	GAL-San Leon (1) Brian Berry	Nashville Warbler	Dec 1	HAS-Sharp Rd (1) Van Bowersox
Western Kingbird	Dec 1	GAL-Bayview(1) Brian Berry		Dec 17	GAL-Port Bolivar (1) WE, Richard Liebler
	Dec 2	GAL-Settegast Rd (1) Dean Silvers		Dec 18-29	HAS-White Oak Park (1) Claude Durand, Wendy Wright, mult obs
	Dec 14	GAL-Settegast Rd (1) Paul Sivon	Yellow Warbler	Dec 21	HAS-Kipper Mease Sports Complex (1) Hilary Gibbs
	Dec 15	GAL-Sportsman's Rd (1) Conor McMahon		Dec 22	HAS-Hermann Park (1) Julien Trevino
	Dec 20	CAL-Hacketts Corner (1) Robert Dobbs	Bay-breasted Warbler	Dec 4	GAL-HI Eubanks Wds (1) WE
	Dec 22	CAL-Lake Charles (1) David Booth	Black thr. Green Warbler	Dec 23-30	GAL-Pt Bolivar (1) mult obs
Bell's Vireo	Dec 27-28	GAL- Lafitte's Cove (1) mult obs	Canada Warbler	Dec 14	GAL-HI Gast (1) WE
Red-eyed Vireo	Dec 21	GAL-Lafitte's Cove (1) mult obs		Dec 1-2	GAL-Lafitte's Cove (1) Robert Becker, Paul Sivom
Yellow-throated Vireo	Dec 24	HAS-Exploration Green 3 (1) Charlie Davis	Prairie Warbler	Dec 20	CAM-Calcasieu River Rd (1)m Robt Dobbs
Barn Swallow	Dec 23	GAL-FM2005/89th St (1) Elijah Clark		Dec 19	HAS-Sheldon Lake SP (1) John Mariani, Todd Fellenbaum
Cave Swallow	Dec 7	NEW-TX63/FM1031 (5) Bob Friedrichs, Brian Berry		Dec 24-28	GAL-Lafitte's Cove (1) Jamie Schubert
	Dec 20	CAM-Tom Hebert Rd (1) Erik Johnson		Dec 29	GAL-HI Smith Oaks (1) Nicholas and Laura Minnich
Bewick's Wren	Dec 18	HAS-White Oak Park (1) Claude Durand	Black-headed Grosbeak	Dec 23,29	CAL-Lake Charles Addison Loop area (1 male) Kirsten Livingston, mult obs
Sage Thrasher	Dec 1-3	HAS-J P Landing Park (1) cont	Western Tanager	Dec 2	HAS-F M Law Park (1) James Rieman
Purple Finch	Dec 3	GAL-HI S E Gast (1) WE		Dec 10	GAL-Port Bolivar (1) Justin Bosler, WE
	Dec 19	CHA-ANWR-Skillern (10 SM		Dec 28	CAM-downtown Cameron (1) Kenneth Eyster, Kevin Leigh
	Dec 31	LIB-Dayon Yellow Birch Dr (2) Colette Micallef	Indigo Bunting	Dec 20	CAL-Lake Charles (1) Erik Johnson
Clay-colored Sparrow	Dec 1	GAL-GAL-HAS-J P Landing Park (1) cont		Dec 22	CAL-Murl Ellender Rd (1) James Smithers
	Dec 23-31	HAS-Seabrook Wildlife Park (1) mult obs	Painted Bunting	Dec 29	CAM-Peveto Woods (1) Esme Rosen
Green-tailed Towhee	Dec 3,21	HAS-Sylvan Rodriguez Park (1) mult obs		Dec 8	CHA-ANW Willows Deck (1) WE
Spotted Towhee	Dec 1-12	HAS-Bear Creek Park (1) cont		Dec 28	CAM-downtown Cameron (1) Kenneth Eyster, Kevin Leigh
	Dec 27	HAS-Sharp Road (1) Doug Fishman, Anthony Colicci	Dickcissel	Dec 29	CAM-Johnson Bayou (1)Esme and Emma Rosen
Yellow-breasted Chat	Dec 29	CAM-Peveto Woods (1) Esme and Emma Rosen		Dec 28	GAL-East Beach Drive area (1) Judith Rowen
Western Meadowlark	Dec 18	GAL-Texas City Skyline Dr (1) Brenda Gonzales			
	Dec 27	HAS-southwest of Hockley (1)Tim Lenz			
Orchard Oriole	Dec 17	GAL-37th St (1) mult obs			
	Dec 16	HAS-Reveille Park (1) Bonnie Nelson			
Ovenbird	Dec 1	HAS-Sharp Rd (1) Van Bowersox			
	Dec 1	HAS-Armand Bayou Nature Ctr (1) cont			
	Dec 14	HAS-Randolph Park (1) Kevin Cochran			
	Dec 23	HAS-Armand Bayou (1)Farokh Jamalyaria			
Black-and-white Warbler	Dec 22	CAM Peveto Woods (1) Yipin Johnson			
	Dec 28-29	CAM-Peveto Woods (1) Josh Lefever, mult obs			
Magnolia Warbler	Dec 1	CAM-Grand Chenier (1) Eryn Woernley, Nick Ramsey,			

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