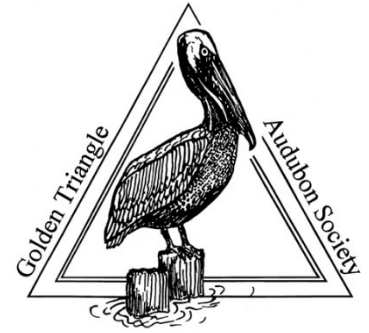


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Membership Meeting
Thursday February 20, 2025 7:00 p.m.
Garden Center, Tyrrell Park, Beaumont

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. This program was originally scheduled as our January meeting, but postponed due to the weather and road conditions.

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

What do you want to see in this Newsletter?

As the Newsletter of Golden Triangle Audubon, what you see on the first two or three pages of this Newsletter every month is essentially a "no-brainer." It comprises information on upcoming GTAS events – Membership Meetings, Field Trips and other events, including in a few cases events of other organizations that may be special interest to our membership. Beyond that, there are four or five pages available. We include reports on our field trips and counts. Over time, we have used at least one of those pages to provide details of interesting bird sightings in a somewhat expanded "local" area. However, in the last year or two the number of such sightings, or at least the reporting of them in eBird, has ballooned to cover two pages almost every month. We changed our criteria to increase the "rarity" of a sighting to qualify for inclusion, but we still have a problem with the volume of sightings. We are reluctant to decrease the geographical coverage. Leaving out Harris and Galveston Counties would leave out a lot of area that is easily accessible to Southeast Texans. We are also reluctant to leave out the counties from Jefferson and Orange north to the Lakes area. These are under birded areas not covered elsewhere and in any case typically do not produce many reports. Let us know what you want.

We will be happy to include your articles on any issue of importance to birds and bird habitat, as long as it is not overtly political. But, we can label articles as "opinion" and include controversial issues. Obviously, we prefer topics that have some local impact. We are prepared to help with final editing of your contribution. Send by email to gtaudubon.org.

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Calendar of Events

Important Note: Field Trip notices published here are subject to last minute changes. Such Changes will always be posted on the web site at www.goldentriangleaudubon.org.

Thursday February 20, 2025 Membership Meeting. Details of program on page 1.

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. The Garden Center is on the left. For Cattail Marsh, 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.

Saturday February 22 2025. Field Trip to Anahuac NWR. Plan to meet at the Visitor Information Station (VIS) just beyond the entrance at 8:30 a.m. There are toilets there, accessible at all times. To reach Anahuac NWR from Winnie, take Highway 124 south to FM 1985. (It is 11.0 miles from IH-10 and half a mile less from Highway 73.) Turn right (west) on FM 1985 and proceed about **11 miles** to the **MAIN** Anahuac NWR Entrance Road on the left (to the south). As you drive along FM 1985, check any cowbird/blackbird flocks carefully for Yellow-headed Blackbirds.

The entrance to the Main Refuge is just over 3 miles down the Entrance Road. Stop along this road only where you can safely pull completely off the road. Watch along the entrance road especially near the south end for Crested Caracaras and White-tailed Kites. Carpooling will be necessary as we travel beyond the VIS. There is parking at the VIS to leave vehicles. A Burrowing Owl is wintering a short distance south of the VIS, but is sometimes out of sight in the

pipe that serves as its winter home.

We will visit the main unit and possibly also the Skillern Tract, looking primarily for waterfowl and other waterbirds but also raptors and sparrows.

There are usually geese and Bald Eagles on and near the refuge in winter. Shoveler Pond for years attracted large numbers of ducks. However, the Refuge drew down the Pond in 2022 to better manage the vegetation, and it has taken a long time to return to its former glory. The weather over the last two years has been somewhat unusual, and it seems likely that many species, not only waterfowl, have again been late in flying south, and some may not come as far south as our area.

Saturday March 8, 2025. Sabine Woods Work Day. To prepare the Woods for Spring. As this is written, it is too early to tell the effects of the snow and freeze on the vegetation at Sabine Woods and what will need to be done. We have some tools but expect to have to fill holes caused by armadillos and feral hogs, so please bring a spade if possible. Loppers and clippers will also be useful.

Saturday March 22, 2025. Field Trip to Bolivar Flats. This trip will occur as spring shorebird migration is well under way, but while the wintering birds are

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

still present. Bolivar Flats is an internationally important shorebird location. This trip offers an opportunity to compare many of the "true" shorebirds with lots of help in identifying them. If you want help in identifying, gulls, terns, plover or sandpipers, this is the trip for you.

Meet at the vehicle barrier at 9:00 a.m. From Winnie, take TX 124 south to High Island. At the shoreline, turn right (west) on TX 87 and proceed through Gilchrist and Crystal Beach until you reach the intersection where Loop 108 turns right (north). Turn left (the opposite way to Loop 108) along Rettilon Road. At the beach, **if conditions permit (beware of soft sand)**, proceed onto the beach and turn right (west) about 1/2 mile to the vehicle

barrier. Follow recent tire tracks, and be careful to avoid any cuts that may have developed. It takes at least 90 minutes to drive from the Golden Triangle. We will leave the vehicle barrier at about 9:15 a.m., although the group will be visually obvious on the flats should you be a few minutes late. Some walking is necessary on this field trip. If the tide is a long way out, the leaders may walk up to 1/2 mile or more from the vehicle barrier, but you can turnaround at any point.

Many participants will visit the High Island Sanctuaries as they head home.

Important Note: Galveston County operates a parking permit program on the Bolivar Peninsula. If you park on most parts of the beach, including the part next to the Flats, you must have a

parking permit on your windshield. The fee for the permit is \$10.00 a year and permits are obtainable from most merchants on the Bolivar Peninsula including the Big Store, which opens at



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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 from the address you want us to use.

Field Trip to Cattail Marsh – 25 January 2025

The January field trip to Cattail Marsh is both popular and challenging. It is popular because Cattail Marsh is close to home for most of the Golden Triangle Audubon Society, located in the city of Beaumont adjacent to its largest public greenspace Tyrrell Park. It is also easy to bird in that Cattail Marsh is a large open area with good paths atop the levees so the walking is fairly easy and, for those who do not want to walk, the boardwalk often provides good birding without a hike. But Cattail Marsh can be challenging in January. The Southeast Texas weather is unpredictable so it may be very cold and there is nothing out there to block the wind. The 2025 iteration of this field trip would exemplify both the popularity and challenge of this field trip!

The day of the field trip was supposed to be warmer than the recent snowy, cold weather the region had recently experienced but it did not feel that way! Though the temperature would reach into the fifties that day, the overcast conditions and constant wind made it feel much colder. But this did not seem to hinder the turnout! Approximately thirty birders turned out for the trip, meeting in the Cattail Marsh parking lot in the early

morning. Some would make the full hike with the trip leaders while others would hang around the boardwalk. Some would also bird from the van provided by Kenyan Guidry of Cattail Marsh and tour the levees in warmth! But most made the hike from the entrance area towards cell one.

The first birds seen on the trip, as usual, were the ones hanging around the parking lot. This included multiple Eastern Bluebirds, not always easy to find at Cattail. American Pipits made their presence known from the parking lot and the grassy areas along the levees. A Winter Wren was heard calling from one corner of the woods surrounding the parking lot and the first Yellow-rumped Warbler of the day was spotted. Unfortunately, the Bullock's Oriole seen several times in this area recently was a no show. Orioles seem to be a winter specialty in Tyrrell Park and Cattail Marsh with numerous records of Bullock's and Baltimore Orioles. With acres of habitat, the birds can be hard to locate and the cold and wind probably did not help.

Rails are something of a specialty at Cattail Marsh. Common Gallinules are always easy to find here and heard even more. They can be found creeping through the vegetation in

every cell and canal at the marsh and plenty were found on this trip. American Coots are common winter birds here though not as common as in past years. A lack of open water due to growth of invasive water hyacinth is likely limiting the population of coots and other birds that prefer open water. Still, there were easily seen on this trip as they swam and dove in the cold water. Other rails are harder to see even when present. A Sora was seen walking around the edges of vegetation near the boardwalk but more were heard. Virginia Rail was uncooperative for the trip. Individuals were heard several times but refused to come out and show themselves. King Rails are also present at Cattail and have sometimes given great looks on the Cattail trip. On this version of the trip however, none were seen or heard.

Wading birds are generally easy to find at Cattail Marsh. Great Egrets were easily seen and Snowy Egret was found as well. A couple of Tricolored Herons were located along with one Little Blue Heron. A large Great Blue Heron was also flushed by the birders as they walked along a levee. A Western Cattle Egret or two were located. There are always a group of these birds wintering at the marsh even when they are scarce elsewhere in the area until spring. White Ibis were seen as they are common here and White-faced Ibis were located in numbers. Despite locating though some groups, no Glossy Ibis was located. They are sometimes seen at Cattail Marsh but are always outnumbered by White-faced Ibis. Some of the other usual waders like Roseate Spoonbill were not found. Limpkin was also looked for as they have turned up from time to time at this location in recent years but none were to be found.

Savannah Sparrows and Swamp Sparrows were noted along the walk along with a few White-crowned Sparrows. Marsh Wren was heard from the reeds while Carolina Wren called from the woods. Red-bellied Woodpecker was heard calling from the trees while Red-winged Blackbirds were easily found in the marsh vegetation. A few Tree Swallows zipped overhead but a recently reported Purple Martin was not seen. A steady stream of gulls flew overhead, mostly Ring-billed and Laughing Gulls with a few large Herring Gulls mixed in. One male Common Yellowthroat gave good looks near the boardwalk.

Ducks are usually the stars of the show at Cattail though their numbers are somewhat muted this year. The hike to cell one was needed to see numbers of ducks as this deepwater cell still has plenty of open water though it is not always attractive to dabbling ducks and is more popular with divers. Blue-winged Teal were scattered throughout the marsh and a few Green-winged Teal were eventually located. Northern Shovelers were located and a single Northern Pintail was spotted in flight by one sharp-eyed birder. Lesser Scaup were common with similar looking Ring-necked Ducks mixed into the flock. Ruddy Ducks, one of our most common divers, were also found in this cell. A single female Common Goldeneye was seen among the other ducks, always a nice find in Jefferson County. A Gadwall was also located amongst the other ducks.

Raptors are always popular with birders and a few were found on this trip though they were not as numerous as usual perhaps due to the cold, windy conditions. Red-tailed Hawk and Red-shouldered Hawk were seen by the group. The expected Northern Harrier and American Kestrel were not seen on this day. A beautiful rufous-morph Red-tailed Hawk was seen by the group. Known locally as "Rufous" this, or a very similar bird has wintered in the same area of Cattail Marsh for many years and it was good to see the bird back again. The most looked for raptors at Cattail Marsh are always the Bald Eagles. There has been a pair of Bald Eagles nesting at Cattail Marsh for over a decade and the birders always look forward to the arrival of the birds and to see if they successfully raise any young. Both adults were seen on this trip with one in the large nest located in a now dead pine tree. The bird appeared to be tending to young birds as it kept sticking its head down deep into the large nest. Hopefully young eagles will soon be seen around the nest!

With the cold and wind, the birders did not do the full three-mile hike often included on this trip but instead completed the hike to cell one to see the ducks and the eagle nest and then returned to the parking area. But Cattail Marsh had one last gift for the retreating birders! A Purple Gallinule was briefly spotted near cell one before it quickly disappeared into the hyacinth. Though abundant at the marsh in summer. With that sighting, the birders headed back to their warm cars and called it a day. But there will be plenty more birding trips to Cattail Marsh for the Golden Triangle Audubon Society and its members. This is one of the best birding spots on the upper Texas coast and has something to offer every month of the year. Maybe the group will try a warmer one next time!

The trip leaders recorded the following species:

Blue-winged Teal (30); Northern Shoveler (10); Gadwall (1); Green-winged Teal (2); Ring-necked Duck (60); Lesser Scaup (100); Common Goldeneye (1); Ruddy Duck (50); Virginia Rail (1); Sora (5); Common Gallinule (6); American Coot (50); Killdeer (7); Pied-billed Grebe (4); Neotropic Cormorant (10); White Ibis (20); White-faced Ibis (25); Little Blue Heron (1); Tricolored Heron (2); Snowy Egret (3); Western Cattle Egret (2); Great Egret (5); Great Blue Heron (1); Turkey Vulture (5); Bald Eagle (2); Red-shouldered Hawk (1); Red-tailed Hawk (3); Red-bellied Woodpecker (1); Northern Flicker (1); Tree Swallow (5); Winter Wren (1); Marsh Wren (1); Carolina Wren (1); Northern Mockingbird (1); Eastern Bluebird (3); American Pipit (30); American Goldfinch (1); White-crowned Sparrow (2); Savannah Sparrow (25); Swamp Sparrow (5); Red-winged Blackbird (55); Boat-tailed Grackle (5); Common Yellowthroat (1); Pine Warbler (1); Yellow-rumped Warbler (5); Northern Cardinal (2)

Steve Mayes

Orange County CBC – 01 January 2025

Orange County is a very much under-birded county. While it lacks a sandy beach, it has two major rivers as its boundaries: the Neches River on the west and the Sabine River on the east, both feeding into Sabine Lake creating an approximately six-mile Orange County shoreline at the northern reaches of the Lake. The marshes south of Highway 87 and west of Bridge City are part of the Lower Neches Wildlife Management Area. The Old River Unit is bisected by the road to Bailey's Fish Camp, an extension of Lake Street in Bridge City. The marshes on either side are extensively used by water birds and ducks. Further north is the Bessie Heights marsh (the Nelda Stark Unit), primarily used for duck hunting season in season. To the east and southeast of Bridge City are areas of good bird habitat owned by Odom Interests and the Hawk Club that are only accessible for birding by special arrangements for the Count.

The 2025 Orange County Christmas Bird Count (TXOC 125) was held in keeping with developing tradition on January 1 and the day found the 16 counters with much better weather than the Beech Creek CBC the previous weekend, with mostly clear skies and temperatures ranging from low 40's to mid-60's throughout the day. At the end of the day, counters reported a total of 106 species with 4626 individuals.

It is interesting to note that TXOC 123 (2023) had a total of 106 species with 5777 individuals, and TXOC 124 (2024) totals were 112 species with 6407 individuals. While there is a modest difference in the number of species reported there is a rather significant difference in the number of individuals.

For TXOC 124 there were 436 Black-bellied Whistling Ducks reported and this year found only 160. Reports from other areas in Southeast Texas, however, do not indicate an area wide crash in populations of whistling-ducks. Numbers of other ducks as reported on CBCs (unbiased!) were down last year also. However, it was heartening to see the large number of Hooded Mergansers. This flock winters in the open water areas on either side of Highway 87 just west of Bridge City, but are not always as numerous or as visible as on this count.

Another noticeable difference between this year and last, was in Snow Geese numbers. There were 230 individuals reported in the January 2024 count and only one was reported this year. I will also note that that Snow Geese were missing from the January 2023 count. In the first 15 years of this century, significant numbers of Snow Geese were recorded on the Orange County count most years. Snow Geese winter in large flocks, and it may be that they are finding areas elsewhere in Southeast Texas that better provide feeding areas for the large flocks.

It is difficult to describe the West Bridge City area without remarking on the number of Ospreys that were fishing there. Twenty-five represents a new high number for the count. While they are solitary birds in winter like most wintering raptors, they seemed to co-exist and most were seen with decent sized fish in their talons.

A recent development in Southeast Texas has been the presence at several places along the coast, notably in the Baytown area and at some distances offshore of Brown Boobies. After a number of sightings in 2017, they have been seen from time to time. They are often seen perched on offshore platforms. In 2020, eight Brown Boobies were seen on the Orange County CBC in the inlet close to the Bailey's Fish Camp buildings. On the 2025 Count, four Sulids (Booby species) were seen from near Bailey's at a great distance fishing over Sabine Lake. The markings were consistent with immature Brown Booby.

The wooded south side of the pond behind the La Quinta Hotel on the western edge of Bridge City is a roost for Black-crowned Night-Herons and egrets.

Thirty-five Golden-crowned Kinglets was an extremely high number and nice to see. Other data from elsewhere indicates that this is proving to be a very good winter season for this species. There were

good numbers of most of the other typical woodland species. Sparrows were in limited diversity and limited numbers, but most expected species were seen.

As in past years we had access to private property and would like to thank the owners and managers of Hawk Club and Odom Interest, as well as the Brown Center. We also appreciate Gerald Langham and J.B. Arrington for access to their private properties north of Bessie Heights and east of Claiborne West Park, respectively.

Here is a list of all sightings in the 2025 Orange County Christmas Bird Count (TXOC 125):

GOOSE, Snow (1), DUCK, Black-bellied Whistling-duck (160), DUCK, Wood (24), GADWALL (6), MERGANSER, Hooded (93), LOON, Common (2), GREBE, Pied-billed (3), . . ., Brown (6), CORMORANT, Neotropic (52), CORMORANT, Double-crested (19), CORMORANT, species (10), ANHINGA (4), PELICAN, American white (1), PELICAN, Brown (17), HERON, Great Blue (13), EGRET, Great (34), EGRET, Snowy (15), HERON, Little Blue (2), HERON, Tri-colored (3), HERON, Black-crowned Night (14), HERON, Yellow-crowned Night (1), Night-heron species (27), IBIS, White (28), IBIS, Glossy/White-faced (1), VULTURE, Black (39), VULTURE, Turkey (78), OSPREY (25), HARRIER, Northern (2), HAWK, Cooper 's (1), EAGLE, Bald (2) HAWK, Red-shouldered (16), HAWK, Red-tailed (16), GALLINULE, Common (3), COOT, American (3), CRANE, Sandhill (171), STILT, Black-necked (7), KILLDEER (82), SANDPIPER, Spotted (2), YELLOWLEGS, Greater (3), YELLOWLEGS, Greater/Lesser (1), DOWITCHER, Long-billed (2), DOWITCHER, Long-billed/Short-billed (14), SNIPE, Wilson's (1), GULL, Laughing (280), GULL, Ring-billed (42): GULL, Herring (4), TERN, Caspian (2), TERN, Forster's (103), TERN, Royal (3), PIGEON, Rock (Feral Pigeon) (56), DOVE, Eurasian Collared (2), DOVE, White-winged (25), DOVE, Mourning (108), OWL, Barred (2), KINGFISHER, Belted (8), WOODPECKER, Red-headed (10), WOODPECKER, Red-bellied (39), SAPSUCKER, Yellow-bellied (5), WOODPECKER, Downy (12), FLICKER, Northern (9), FLICKER, Northern (Yellow-shafted) (1), WOODPECKER, Pileated (3), KESTREL, American (26), FALCON, Peregrine (1), PHOEBE, Eastern (57), FLYCATCHER, Vermillion (1), SHRIKE, Loggerhead (15), VIREO, White-eyed (1), VIREO, Blue-headed (1), JAY, Blue (129), CROW, American (34), CROW, Fish (2), SWALLOW, Tree (54), CHICKADEE, Carolina (58), TITMOUSE, Tufted (17), WREN, House (8), WREN, Carolina (37), GNATCATCHER, Blue-gray (11), KINGLET, Ruby-crowned (23), KINGLET, Golden-crowned (35), BLUEBIRD, Eastern (98), THURSH, Hermit (5), ROBIN, American (146), CATBIRD, Gray (3), THRASHER, Brown (4), MOCKINGBIRD, Northern (92), STARLING, European (228), PIPIT, American (33), WAXWING, Cedar (250), WARBLER, Orange-crowned (12), YELLOWTHROAT Common (1), WARBLER, Pine (175), WARBLER, Yellow-rumped (198), SPARROW, Chipping (6), JUNCO, Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) (2), SPARROW, White-crowned (1), SPARROW, White-throated (17), SPARROW, Savannah (35), SPARROW, Song (1), SPARROW, Swamp (20), TANAGER, Summer (1): CARDINAL, Northern (110), BLACKBIRD, Red-winged (156), MEADOWLARK, Eastern (31), GRACKLE, Common (276), GRACKLE, Boat-tailed (96), GRACKLE, Great-tailed (121), GRACKLE, Boat-tailed/Great-tailed (113), COWBIRD, Brown-headed (3), FINCH, House (5), SISKIN, Pine (2), GOLDFINCH, American (141), SPARROW, House (16).

There were 16 observers who reported 113 species, with 4626 individuals. The total party hours on foot were reported to be 8.8 and 10.42 miles. The total party hours by car reported were 31.2 and 192.36 miles. Stationary hours reported were 5.26.

Of note was the Summer Tanager seen during the feeder watch by Betty Stephenson. A Summer Tanager was reported during the 2023 count but not reported in 2024 on count day.

Observers: David Bell, Sue Benson, Marilyn Guidry, Rick Guidry, Sheila Hebert, Greg Jackson, Lynn Jackson, Denise Kelly, Gary Kelly, Steve Mayes, Sherrie Rodem, Harlan Stewart, Christine Sliva, Betty Stephenson, Jana Whittle, and John Whittle.

*Lynn Jackson
(with some material by John Whittle)*

Bird Sightings – January 2025

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: Another month with a large number of sightings

to report. We have treated wintering Broad-tailed Hummingbirds as not rare enough to list Individually here. Rufous, Black-chinned and Ruby-throated Hummingbirds have long been categorized as merely uncommon. That still leaves Anna's, Allen's and Calliope Hummingbirds to report! Allen's should only be reported after a careful study of the shapes of the tail feathers of an appropriately plumaged male, and that requires a good look at, or better, a photograph of the spread tail.

Scoters were particularly numerous this year, with Surf Scoter, normally the most common scoter, the least numerous. White-tailed Hawks have continued their spread eastwards, and seem now to be established in Cameron and Calcasieu parishes.

A Green Jay that showed up briefly in Nederland was probably the most unexpected sighting, and we thank Lynn Otto for identifying and reporting it.

Local Counties

Long-tailed Duck	Jan 16-31	ORA-Bailley's Fish Camp Rd (2) Kelley Miller, Tony Frank
Chuck will's Widow	Jan 2-4	JEF-SW (1) Dania Sanchez, SM
Anna's Hummingbird	Jan 16	JEF-Nederland (1) HS
Green Jay	Jan 18-20	JEF-Nederland (1) mult obs
Purple Martin	Jan 17	JEF-TP (1) Judy Kestner
Cave Swallow	Jan 23	SAB-Hemphill (3) David Bell
Ovenbird	Jan 2-4	JEF-SW (1) Jonathan Breaux, SM
American Redstart	Jan 2	JEF-SW (1) Dania Sanchez, SM
Bullock's Oriole	Jan 17	JEF-TP (1) mult obs
Yellow-thr Warbler	Jan 2	JEF-SW (1) Dania Sanchez
	Jan 18	ORA-Tony Houseman WMA (1) mult obs
Painted Bunting	Jan 20-31+	JEF-Nederland (1) HS

Nearby Counties

Surf Scoter	Jan 4	CHA-NRG Cooling Ponds (1) David Hanson, J. Berner, Richard Rulander
White-winged Scoter	Jan 18-27	GAL-Texas City Dike/Skyline Dr (1) mult obs
	Jan 25	CAM-Holly Beach (2) Charlotte Chehotsky
Black Scoter	Jan 1-4	CHA-HAS-Galveston Bay (mult)
	Jan 16-Feb 1	CHA-Offshore Sylvan Beach area (up to 8) mult obs
	Jan 19	CHA-NRG Cooling Ponds (1) Danis Sanchez, Greg Reynolds, Khloris Wren
	Jan 19-27	HAS-Morgan's Point (up to 12) Cin-Ty Lee (1) mult obs
Long-tailed Duck	Jan 24-31+	HAS-Baytown NC (3) mult obs
	Jan 2	ORA-Bailley's Fish Camp Rd (1) Kenneth Backer
Least Grebe	Jan 24-31+	HAS-Baytown NC (3) mult obs
	Jan 17	CHA-ANWR-Shoveler Pond (1) Dan Brooks
Common Ground Dove	Jan 1-4	HAS-Bear Creek Park (4) Jim Hinson, Mickey Grebe, Justin Sandt
	Jan 1	HAS-Geo Bush Park (4)Lletha Slaigle
	Jan 3	HAS-Morgan New Washington Park (3) Andrew Hamlett,
	Jan 16-25	HAS-Bear Creek Park (4) mult obs
Lesser Nighthawk	Jan 3	GAL-HI Smith Oaks (1) mult obs
	Jan 31	GAL-HI Smith Oaks (1) Charlie Ayers, Theresa Kelly

Chuck-will's-Widow	Jan 16	CAM-Peveto Woods (1) Charlotte Chehotsky, Barbara Pankratz,
Anna's Hummingbird	Jan 19	HAS-Spring (1) Eric Stone
	Jan 21	HAS-Cypresswood (1) Stephen Mills
	Jan 26	GAL-nr Lafitte's Cove (1) Paul Sivon
	Jan 27	GAL-League City (1) mult obs
	Jan 26-31	HAS-Pine Brook area (1) Richard Rulander
Allen's Hummingbird	Jan 23-28	HAS-IH10 at TX6 area (1) Lucy Vick
	Jan 24-26	HAS-Friendswood (2) mult obs
	Jan 25	HAS-Copperfield area (4) mult obs
	Jan 26-28	HAS-Memorial at Dairy Ashford area (1) Lucy Vick
	Jan 26	HAS-Westwood Village area (2) Marie Asscherick
Calliope Humm'bird	Jan 2	GAL-southwest of Jamaica Beach (4?) mult obs
	Jan 24-27	GAL-Dickinson (1) mult obs
Purple Gallinule	Jan 23-Feb 1+	GAL-HI Smith Oaks (1) WE, Nicholas Minnich
American Flamingo	Jan 2-4	GAL-southwest of Jamaica Beach (1) mult obs
Purple Sandpiper	Jan 20	GAL-Texas City (1) Hilary Gibbs
Solitary Sandpiper	Jan 2	LIB-Trinity River NWR, Knobby Knees Trail (1) Kenneth Bader
	Jan 28	HAS-Baytown NC (1) William Jones
Pomarine Jaeger	Jan 20	GAL-HI Beach (1) WE
Wood Stork	Jan 13	CAL-Lake Charles (1) J Miller
Franklin's Gull	Jan 30	GAL-Bolivar side Ferry Landing (1) Chalby mult obs
Iceland Gull (Thayer's)	Jan 19-28	GAL-Texas City Dike (1) mult obs
	Jan 25	HAS-Ash Lake (1) Todd McGrath
	Jan 27-31	GAL-Texas City Dike (1)
Least Bittern	Jan 2	CAM-Creole/W Creole Hwy/Nunez Rd (1) Debbi Logan
	Jan 22	west Creole Hwy, Creole (1) mult obs
Harris's Hawk	Jan 17-20	CAM-w of Grand Chenier (1) Brandon Johnson, Charlotte Chehotsky
White-tailed Hawk	Jan 15	CAM-east of Cameron (1) Phillip Wallace
	Jan 17	CAL-Tom Seagall Rd (1) mult obs
	Jan 20	CAL-Lake Charles (1) Charlotte Chehotsky
	Jan 20-25	CAL-Lionel DeRouen Rd (1) mult obs
	Jan 26-Feb 1+	CAL-Chalkley Rd (1) mult obs
	Jan 21	CAL-Natali Rd (1) mult obs
Broad-winged Hawk	Jan 16-17	CAM-Peveto Woods (1) mult obs

Burrowing Owl	Jan 2	CAM-Rutherford Beach (1) mult obs	Jan 28	HAS-n of Waller (1) Karen Goodger	
	Jan 15-26	CAL-Lionel DeRouen Rd (1) Dan Mooney, mult obs	Orchard Oriole	Jan 18	CAL-Lake Charles (1) Charlotte Chehotsky
	Jan 18	CAM-Rutherford Beach rd (1) Eryn Woemley, Sara Restrepo	Hooded Oriole	Jan 16	GAL-HI 5th St (1) WE mult obs
Short-eared Owl	Jan 24	CAL-west Friesen Rd (1) Charlotte Chehotsky	Bullock's Oriole	Jan 15-31	HAS-west Clay St (1) Howard and Peter Kanelakos-Moreno, mult obs
Red-naped Sapsucker	Jan 21-24	CAL-east Friesen Rd (1) mult obs		Jan 21-22	HAS- Bella Vista (1) Judy Behrens, Mike Austin
Yellow-head Caracara	Jan 12-29	GAL-FM3005 at 89th St and fishing pier area (1) mult obs	Baltimore Oriole	Jan 1	HAS-Elm Grove Greenbelt Trail (1) John Mariani
Least Flycatcher	Jan 2	CAM-Oak Grove/Rutherford Oaks (1) Charlie Lyon, Melissa Weaver		Jan 22	HAS-Kingwood area (1)
	Jan 16	CAM-Jimmy Savoie Rd (1) Dan Lane, Van Remsen	Ovenbird	Jan 17	HAS- Houston Arboretum (1) Greg Cooksey
Say's Phoebe	Jan 16-19	CAM-Cameron Parish Rec Ctr (1) Kathy Rhodes, mult obs		Jan 21	GAL-HI Smith Oaks (1) WE mult obs
Ash-thr Flycatcher	Jan 2	LIB-Dayton (1) David Hanson		Jan 21	HAS-Armand Bayou NC (1) Farokh Jamalyarta
	Jan 2	CAM-Oak Grove/Rutherford Oaks (1) Charlie Lyon, Melissa Weaver	Louisiana Waterthrush	Jan 21	GAL-HI Smith Oaks (1) WE mult obs
	Jan 16	CAM-Peveto Woods (1) Cherlotte Chehotsky	Northern Waterthrush	Jan 21	GAL-HI Smith Oaks (1) WE mult obs
Great Kiskadee	Jan 3-4	GAL-west of Keemah (4) Geordie Eschenbach, Brenda Gonzales,	Black-and-wh Warbler	Jan 16	CAM-Peveto Woods (1) Charlotte Chehotsky, Barbara Pankratz
	Jan 18-Feb 1	GAL-57-acre Park (1) Brian Berry, mult obs	MacGillivray's Warbler	Jan 18	CAM-Peveto Woods (1) James Cronin
Scissor-tail. Flycatcher	Jan 1	HAS-Katy Hockley Mitigation Bank (1) Michael and Sarah Kuzeo, John O'Brien, Andy Jordan	Nashville Warbler	Jan 3	GAL-Galveston--Seawall Blvd Ponds area W. of 89th,(1) Daniel Horton
	Jan 17	HAS-Jersey Village (1) Adam Johnson		Jan 1-19	HAS-White Oak Park (1) cont bird
Couch's Kingbird	Jan 2	LIB--northwest of Dayton (1) David Henderson	Townsend's Warbler	Jan 25	HAS-Tomball (1) Randy McBride
	Jan 2-4	GAL-Lafitte's Cove (1) mult obs	Northern Parula	Jan 2-3	GAL-Lafitte's Cove (1) Dean Silvers, Brenda Gonzales
	Jan 4	HAS-Dayton (1) David Henderson	Tropical Parula	Jan 1-15	GAL-Port Bolivar (1) cont bird
	Jan 11	HAS-Highlands Reservoir (1) Steve Rogow		Jan 15	HAS-Armand Bayou NC (1) Farokh Jamalyarta
	Jan 25	CAL-east Friesen Rd (1) Justin Bosler	Yellow Warbler	Jan 4	CAM-Little Chenier Rd (1) Debbie Logan
	Jan 27	HAS-Highlands Reservoir area (1) Ray Porter	Blk-thr. Green Warbler	Jan 4	HAS-Keith Weiss Park (1) Brett Quiring
Purple Martin	Jan 18	GAL-HI Smith Oaks (1)	Palm Warbler	Jan 21	GAL-HI Smith Oaks (1) WE mult obs
	Jan 19	HAS-Horsepen Creek Park (1) Boris Novikov	Prairie Warbler	Jan 4	CAM-Oak Grove/Rutherford Oaks (1) Charlie Lyon, Melissa Weaver, Debbi Logan
Barn Swallow	Jan 1	GAL-Galv Is SP (1) Kyle O'Haver (1) mult obs	Black-thr Gray Warbler	Jan 29-31+	HAS-Hermann Park (1) mult obs
	Jan 2	GAL-southwest of Hitchcock (1) mult obs	Rose-breast Grosbeak	Jan 3	GAL-Lafitte's Cove (1) Dean Silvers
	Jan 19	GAL-HI Smith Oaks (1) mult obs	Summer Tanager	Jan 22	GAL-Lafitte's Cove (1) Greg Whittaker
	Jan 19	HAS-San Jacinto Battleground (1) mult obs	Western Tanager	Jan 3	HAS-Memorial at Dairy Ashford (1) Lucy Vick
Sage Thrasher	Jan 18-19	GAL-Airport (1) mult obs		Jan 15-30	HAS-Champions Park (1) Ross Silcock, mult obs
Wood Thrush	Jan 21-23	GAL-HI Smith Oaks (1) mult obs		Jan 31	HAS-Hermann Park (1) mult obs
	Jan 31	HAS-Hermann Park (1) Dimitris Dimopoulos	Black-head Grosbeak	Jan 18	GAL-HI Hooks Woods (1) mult obs
Purple Finch	Jan 21	GAL-HI Smith Oaks (1) WE		Jan 25	CAL-east Friesen Rd (1) Justin Bosler
Clay-colored Sparrow	Jan 2-4	HAS-Seabrook Wildlife Park (2) Wen Li, Richard Rulander	Painted Bunting	Jan 4	CAM-Creole Little Chenier Rd (1) Debbi Logan
Green-tailed Towhee	Jan 1	HAS-Sylvan Rodriguez Park (1) Andrew Hamlett, John Nelson, Chris Brantley, mult obs		Jan 21	LIB-Kenefick (1) Carlton Collier
	Jan 20-21-	CAM-CR343 (1) mult obs		Jan 31	GAL-San Leon (1) Candice Brazzil
Spotted Towhee	Jan 1	HAS-Sharp Road (1) Michael, Carolina Alvarado			
	Jan 17-30	GAL-Schreiber Park (1) mult obs			
Yellow-head Blackbird	Jan 18	CHA-S Pear Orchard Rd (1) Susan Foster, mult obs'			
	Jan 21	GAL-Hitchcock (1) Michael Hardee			
	Jan 26	HAS-Baytown (1) Lisa Salom			
Western Meadowlark	Jan 1	HAS Warren Ranch (8) mult obs			
	Jan 16	CAM-Rutherford Beach rd (1) Kathy Rhodes			
	Jan 20	HAS-Bear Creek Park (1) Timothy White			

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