



Sunrise Birding LLC

TEXAS

April 17 – 23, 2012

TRIP REPORT

Leader: Frank Mantlik

HIGHLIGHTS: Either for rarity value, excellent views or simply a group favorite.



- Red-cockaded Woodpecker
- Brown-headed Nuthatch
- Bachman's Sparrow
- Crested Caracara
- Mississippi and White-tailed Kites
- Fabulous nesting rookeries
- Cerulean Warbler
- 16 species of warblers
- 31 species of shorebirds
- 8 species of terns
- Nesting Barn Owl
- Bronzed Cowbird
- Texas wildflowers and butterflies



SUMMARY:

Our tour to the upper Texas coast and the east Texas woodlands was timed to witness the peak of spring migration of songbirds, hawks and shorebirds. These migrants are arriving from Mexico and Central and South America with many passerines stopping in the coastal vegetation after a long flight across the Gulf of Mexico. Migrant shorebirds land on wet farm fields to rest and feed. In addition, the nesting by many long-legged waders and terns is in full swing.



Weather patterns play a large part in what one sees at migration stopover sites such as High Island. Our time here was during a bit of a lull as far as warbler numbers and diversity. We recorded only 16 species. Hundreds of birders during the spring's biggest weekend here largely went away hoping for more. However the flocks of colorful buntings, tanagers, orioles, and grosbeaks were a nice consolation prize. And the shorebird migration didn't disappoint with 31 species tallied.

Day 1 - The tour began early afternoon after Frank collected Robert, Mick, Jo-Ann, Kelly and Jane at Houston Airport, and then Bruce and Mariana at a nearby inn. Our first destination was Jones State Forest, where our main target was an endangered species of woodpecker. While walking to the pine forest, we encountered our first EASTERN BLUEBIRDS. Soon we found our quarry – two RED-COCKADED WOODPECKERS near a nest tree. We also saw a pair of WOOD DUCKS land in a pine, 4 RED-HEADED WOODPECKERS, several BROWN-HEADED NUTHATCHES, and 2 MISSISSIPPI KITES overhead. The evening brought hotel check-in and getting acquainted over a great dinner at a fine Texas steakhouse.

Day 2 - The next morning we returned to Jones State Forest and embarked upon a successful search for PILEATED WOODPECKER and PINE WARBLER. Terrific views were also had of the Red-cockadededs and there was a flock of 30+ MISSISSIPPI KITES kettling overhead.

We then drove southeastward toward Winnie, our base site near the coast. Stops were made along the way near the Trinity River, where we spotted our first PIED-BILLED GREBES, COMMON GALLINULES, ANHINGAS, LEAST BITTERNS, LITTLE



BLUE, and TRICOLORED HERONS and other waders. Mick spotted a SORA rail, which allowed nice scope views. Also seen were point-blank CATTLE EGRETS in bright breeding plumage, a LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE, GULL-BILLED TERN, NEOTROPIC CORMORANTS, and AMERICAN ALLIGATORS. Soaring overhead were AMERICAN WHITE PELICANS (5) and SWAINSON'S and BROAD-WINGED HAWKS. After studying hordes of CLIFF SWALLOWS gathering mud for their nests, we enjoyed a picnic lunch at the nearby rookery, where we had fabulous views of nesting ROSEATE SPOONBILLS, GREAT EGRETS, and ANHINGAS.



The next stop was at a farm field near Winnie to search for migrant shorebirds. A flock of WHIMBRELS was seen and a LONG-BILLED CURLEW was seen by some. After hotel check-in, we birded the rest of the day at the famous Houston Audubon Boy Scout Woods (BSW) sanctuary on High Island. Songbirds were numerous in the oaks, sycamores, and mulberries and tired, thirsty migrants came to the water drip to drink and bathe. Highlights were WORM-EATING, TENNESSEE and HOODED WARBLERS, LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH, SWAINSON'S and WOOD THRUSHES, SUMMER and SCARLET TANAGERS, ROSE-BREADED GROSBEAKS, and INDIGO and PAINTED BUNTINGS. Unexpected were two male BRONZED COWBIRDS seen at a nearby RV Park. Returning to town we had wonderful views of our first SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER. A delicious southern dinner topped off our first full day.

Day 3 - After breakfast, we spent a delightful morning birding Anahuac Refuge and vicinity. Shorebirds were the highlight. En route we stopped to see a flock of BLUE GROSBEAKS on a fence; then along a farm road (So. Pear Orchard), we had close views of a DICKCISSEL and "KRIDER'S" RED-TAILED HAWK, as well as a BUFF-BREADED SANDPIPER, 2 AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVERS, and a PEREGRINE FALCON. Water levels at the Refuge were ideal for thousands of shorebirds, hundreds of AMERICAN COOTS, and some WHITE-FACED IBIS and MOTTLED DUCKS. Most noteworthy were hundreds of STILT SANDPIPERS and LONG-BILLED DOWITCHERS, as well as PECTORAL SANDPIPER, AMERICAN AVOCETS, BLACK-NECKED STILTS, and 2 WILSON'S



PHALAROPES. During a picnic lunch along the shore of East Bay, we saw a few MARBLED GODWITS and our first BROWN PELICANS. Frank coaxed out a vocal CLAPPER RAIL from the roadside marsh, as well as two SEASIDE SPARROWS.

During an afternoon visit to High Island (BSW), it was clear that songbird numbers were diminished, but we saw a BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO, BROWN THRASHER, and a pair of CRESTED CARACARAS. We then joined a led walk at the Smith Oaks Sanctuary (SOS). Since the area seemed relatively devoid of birds here, we peeled off to enjoy the afternoon light on the rookery. We had incredible views of actively-nesting spoonbills, herons, egrets and cormorants and this was certainly a highlight of the trip. Later on we learned that the SOS walk leaders found a rare YELLOW-GREEN VIREO, though seen only briefly. Darn! After dinner, Frank and others returned to Anahuac for an evening try for the rarer (Yellow and Black) rails. We failed to hear anything other than more Clappers and a possible King Rail, but did see our first COMMON NIGHTHAWKS.

Day 4 - We returned early to Smith Oaks to search for the rare vireo, but it was nowhere to be seen. Nice weather for people often means little in terms of passerine migrants at High Island. Such was the case today, so we birded the Bolivar Peninsula. This coastal barrier beach and bayside marshes provided plenty of new species. At Rollover Pass, we enjoyed a bonanza of ROYAL, CASPIAN, SANDWICH, FORSTER'S, LEAST and BLACK TERNS, and 250 BLACK SKIMMERS.



Great views of a WILSON'S PLOVER were followed by finding 3 UPLAND SANDPIPERS on a grassy field. The best finds along the road to Bolivar Flats included a nesting BARN OWL and a PURPLE GALLINULE in flight spotted by eagle-eyed Mick. A pair of COYOTES jogged across the grassy flats in full view. A pleasant walk at this coastal preserve resulted in REDDISH EGRET, SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHERS, and a flock of 14 WILSON'S PHALAROPES in breeding plumage. Beautiful! A short while later we enjoyed watching a pair of WHITE-TAILED KITES building their nest.

Returning east, Frank drove some roads through salt marsh, where we found an excited crowd of birders viewing a variety of songbird migrants that had just arrived on the Gulf Coast in advance of a late-afternoon severe thunderstorm. We delighted in seeing YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD, YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOOS (2), YELLOW-THROATED and BLACKPOLL WARBLERS, and flocks of DICKCISSELS, INDIGO BUNTINGS, and BLUE GROSBELLS. The rapidly approaching dark storm clouds and

lightning bolts over the marsh were dramatic and impressive. Birding was aborted and we drove home in a downpour. Given the quality and variety of the birds seen, this was perhaps the best day of the tour.

Day 5 - This morning we revisited a number of High Island sanctuaries, where we had point-blank views of GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH, as well as VEERY and SWAINSON'S and WOOD THRUSHES. We also saw some WARBLERS in large oaks that were new for the trip: CERULEAN, BLACKBURNIAN, BLACK-THROATED GREEN, NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH and YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT. Brilliant tanagers, grosbeaks, buntings, and orioles were numerous. A WHITE-WINGED DOVE visited a nearby feeder.

In the afternoon, we revisited Anahuac Refuge. We heard a calling NORTHERN BOBWHITE and saw BLACK-BELLIED and FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCKS, GREEN-WINGED TEAL, NORTHERN HARRIERS, and a WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER. A walk on a new boardwalk provided wonderful comparative views of SOLITARY SANDPIPER, STILT SANDPIPER, and GREATER and LESSER YELLOWLEGS.



Dinner included a bowl full of steamed crawfish for all to sample.

Day 6 – We drove north to the East Texas woodlands north of Beaumont in search of uncommon nesting species. With patience, the pine woods of Angelina National Forest yielded wonderful views of a singing BACHMAN'S SPARROW. Two other individuals were seen and/or heard. Frank spotted a BALD EAGLE flying overhead. Numerous ZEBRA SWALLOWTAIL butterflies provided a flash of color in the shady woods. A delightful lunch along the lake at Martin Dies State Park was followed by great views of a male NORTHERN PARULA for “dessert”. A walk along some nature trails resulted in ACADIAN FLYCATCHER, WHITE-EYED VIREOS, and RED-SHOULDERED HAWK. Driving Gore Store Road in the Big Thicket Preserve resulted in a BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER and a pair of singing male SWAINSON'S WARBLERS on opposite sides of the road. A long day afield was concluded with a fine steak dinner, the day's bird list, and repacking luggage.

Day 7 - After breakfast and checkout, the group enjoyed its last morning of birding by revisiting a few favorite sites before returning to Houston. High Island (BSW and SOS) had many fewer birders and birds compared to the weekend, but we enjoyed seeing familiar passerines for the last time. Then a visit to Anahuac's Skillern Tract afforded great views of a large flock of FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCKS in one of the flooded

fields. We returned to the highway via several farm roads. In the process, we discovered two flooded fields, both loaded with migrant shorebirds. These included BUFF-BREASTED and PECTORAL SANDPIPERS, 2 AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVERS, and many others.

We returned to the Airport by 1pm, in time for flights. Farewells and hugs concluded the tour. The trip total was **187 bird species**. The weather had been perfect, and the tour was terrific, with wonderful participants, great birds (variety and numbers), and some fine photo opportunities.

Thank you all! And we hope to see you again on another SUNRISE BIRDING Tour!

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SPECIES LIST



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| | SPECIES | SCIENTIFIC NAME | COMMENTS |
|----|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Common Loon | <i>Gavia immer</i> | One seen at Anahuac East Bay 4/19; 2 migrating over High Is. (Boy Scout) 4/21 |
| 2 | Pied-billed Grebe | <i>Podilymbus podiceps</i> | Seen on 3 days; max 30 at J.J. Mayes Wildlife Trace (Trinity R.) on 4/18. |
| 3 | American White Pelican | <i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i> | 5 soaring over J.J. Mayes Wildlife Trace (Trinity R.) on 4/18. |
| 4 | Brown Pelican | <i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i> | One at Anahuac's East Bay 4/19; 100+ along the Gulf Coast of Bolivar Peninsula 4/20. |
| 5 | Neotropic Cormorant | <i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i> | Seen 5 days including Trinity River, Bolivar Peninsula, and nesting at Smith Oaks Rookery. |
| 6 | Double-crested Cormorant | <i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i> | One seen at Trinity River 4/18 and 1 offshore from Bolivar Flats 4/20. |
| 7 | Anhinga | <i>Anhinga anhinga</i> | Approx. 100 at Trinity River Rookery & vicinity 4/18; two at Martin Dies SP 4/22. |
| 8 | Reddish Egret | <i>Egretta rufescens</i> | Three at Bolivar Flats and elsewhere along Peninsula 4/20. |
| 9 | Tricolored Heron | <i>Egretta tricolor</i> | Common. Seen on 4 days, including 25+ along Bolivar Peninsula 4/20. |
| 10 | Little Blue Heron | <i>Egretta caerulea</i> | Common and widespread. At least two seen on all 7 days. |
| 11 | Snowy Egret | <i>Egretta thula</i> | Up to 40 seen on 4 days, including nesting at Smith Oaks Rookery. |
| 12 | Great Blue Heron | <i>Ardea herodias</i> | Up to 10 birds seen on 6 days. |
| 13 | Great Egret | <i>Egretta alba</i> | Up to 100 seen on all 7 days; nesting at Trinity River and Smith Oaks Rookeries |
| 14 | Cattle Egret | <i>Bubulcus ibis</i> | Seen on 6 days; max. 40 seen on 4/23 at various sites |
| 15 | Green Heron | <i>Butorides virescens</i> | Seen on 6 days; max. 8 on 4/18 at Trinity River area. |
| 16 | Black-crowned Night Heron | <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i> | One bird seen 4/18 at Trinity River; 3 immatures seen 4/21 at Anahuac |
| 17 | Least Bittern | <i>Ixobrychus exilis</i> | A pair seen at Trinity River 4/18; 1 heard Boy Scout marsh same day; two at Anahuac 4/19 & 4/21. |
| 18 | White Ibis | <i>Eudocimus albus</i> | Seen on 4 days. Trinity River, Anahuac, Bolivar Peninsula |
| 19 | White-faced Ibis | <i>Plegadis chihi [falcinellus]</i> | Seen on 3 days; Max. 16 on 4/23 at Anahuac & vicinity |
| 20 | Roseate Spoonbill | <i>Ajaia ajaja</i> | Seen on 4 days; Great views of nesting colonies at Trinity River and Smith Oaks; |

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| | | | Max 100/day |
| 21 | Fulvous Whistling Duck | <i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i> | Seen on 3 days; Max. 120 at Skillern Tract of Anahuac on 4/23 |
| 22 | Black-bellied Whistling Duck | <i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i> | Small flocks of up to 9 seen on 5 days, often near marshy wetlands |
| 23 | Wood Duck | <i>Aix sponsa</i> | Two pairs seen at Jones SF 4/17; one pair on pond along highway 4/18 |
| 24 | Gadwall | <i>Anas strepera</i> | One at Trinity R. 4/18; up to 3 seen at Anahuac 4/19 and 4/21 |
| 25 | American Wigeon | <i>Anas americana</i> | One seen 4/18 at Trinity River (J.J. Mayes Wildlife Trace) |
| 26 | Mottled Duck | <i>Anas fulvigula</i> | Seen on 4 days; Max. 20 on 4/19 at Anahuac |
| 27 | Blue-winged Teal | <i>Anas discors</i> | Common. Seen on 5 days ; Max. 200 at Anahuac on 4/19 |
| 28 | Northern Shoveler | <i>Anas clypeata</i> | Up to 10 seen at Anahuac 4/19 & 4/21; Some seen Bolivar Peninsula 4/20 |
| 29 | Green-winged Teal | <i>Anas crecca</i> | Two seen at Anahuac 4/21 |
| 30 | Lesser Scaup | <i>Aythya affinis</i> | 1 male seen along Gulf beach at Bolivar Flats 4/20 |
| 31 | Red-breasted Merganser | <i>Mergus serrator</i> | Four seen at Anahuac 4/19; 1 seen off Bolivar Flats 4/20 |
| 32 | Black Vulture | <i>Coragyps atratus</i> | Widespread. Seen each of the 7 days. |
| 33 | Turkey Vulture | <i>Cathartes aura</i> | Widespread. Seen each of the 7 days. |
| 34 | Osprey | <i>Pandion haliaetus</i> | One seen at Anahuac 4/19; three seen 4/20 along Bolivar Peninsula |
| 35 | White-tailed Kite | <i>Elanus leucurus [caeruleus]</i> | Pair nest-building in a backyard tree near Port Bolivar 4/20 |
| 36 | Mississippi Kite | <i>Ictinia mississippiensis</i> | Two over Jones SF 4/17, and a migrating flock of 30 there the nest morning |
| 37 | Bald Eagle | <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i> | One adult seen soaring over pine forest near Sam Rayburn Reservoir 4/22 |
| 38 | Northern Harrier | <i>Circus cyaneus</i> | Seen on 3 days hunting over marshes and fields; Max. 3 at Anahuac on 4/21 |
| 39 | Sharp-shinned Hawk | <i>Accipiter striatus</i> | One seen at Jones SF 4/17, and one seen at Big Thicket 4/22 |
| 40 | Cooper's Hawk | <i>Accipiter cooperii</i> | One seen over High Island 4/20 |
| 41 | Red-shouldered Hawk | <i>Buteo lineatus</i> | One heard only at Martin Dies SP 4/22 |
| 42 | Broad-winged Hawk | <i>Buteo platypterus</i> | Singles seen on two days, plus 2 seen over Trinity River 4/18 |
| 43 | Swainson's Hawk | <i>Buteo swainsoni</i> | Seen on 4 days; Max. 2-3 over Trinity River 4/18 |
| 44 | Red-tailed Hawk | <i>Buteo jamaicensis</i> | Singles seen on 5 days. One pale Krider's form on pole near Anahuac 4/19 |
| 45 | Crested Caracara | <i>Polyborus plancus</i> | Seen 4 days. Pair seen at High Island 4/19, and one at Bolivar Peninsula 4/20 |
| 46 | Merlin | <i>Falco columbarius</i> | One seen by leader only at Anahuac 4/21 |
| 47 | Peregrine Falcon | <i>Falco peregrinus</i> | One seen over farm field (Pear Orchard) 4/19, and one over FM 1410 shorebird field 4/23 |
| 48 | Northern Bobwhite | <i>Colinus virginianus</i> | One heard calling repeatedly at Anahuac near Visitor entrance 4/21 |
| 49 | Clapper Rail | <i>Rallus longirostris</i> | One seen well and 2 more heard at Anahuac 4/19 |
| 50 | Sora | <i>Porzana carolina</i> | One seen at Trinity River (Mayes Trace) 4/18. One seen well along Rt. 124 near Waterway bridge 4/20 |
| 51 | Purple Gallinule | <i>Porphyrio martinicus</i> | One initially spotted in flight by Mick on |

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| | | | Rettilon Rd. (Bolivar) 4/20 |
| 52 | Common Gallinule | <i>Gallinula galeata</i> | 4 seen at Trinity River (Mayes Trace) 4/18; one heard 4/19 at Boy Scout Woods marsh |
| 53 | American Coot | <i>Fulica americana</i> | Seen 5 days. 100+ at Trinity River 4/18; 200 at Anahuac 4/19; lesser numbers elsewhere |
| 54 | American Oystercatcher | <i>Haematopus palliatus</i> | One seen at Rollover Pass 4/20 |
| 55 | Black-necked Stilt | <i>Himantopus mexicanus</i> | Seen on 5 days at various sites, including 3 birds on nests at Anahuac 4/21 |
| 56 | American Avocet | <i>Recurvirostra americana</i> | A few seen at Anahuac 4/19, and a larger flock at Rollover Pass 4/20 |
| 57 | Black-bellied Plover | <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i> | Small numbers (up to 10+/day) seen on 4 days – Anahuac, Bolivar Peninsula |
| 58 | American Golden-Plover | <i>Pluvialis dominica</i> | Two seen near Anahuac (Pear Orchard Rd) 4/19; two seen on shorebird field FM 1410 on 4/23 |
| 59 | Semipalmated Plover | <i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i> | Seen on 5 days; Max.: 20 at Anahuac 4/21 |
| 60 | Wilson's Plover | <i>Charadrius wilsonia</i> | Several seen at Rollover Pass, Bolivar Flats and elsewhere 4/20; total: 8. |
| 61 | Killdeer | <i>Charadrius vociferus</i> | Multiples seen on 4 days at various sites. Max: 30 on 4/21. |
| 62 | Wilson's Snipe | <i>Gallinago delicata</i> | One seen 4/21 at Anahuac (Shoveler Pond loop). |
| 63 | Marbled Godwit | <i>Limosa fedoa</i> | Three seen at Anahuac 4/19; 6 along Bolivar Peninsula 4/20; one at FM 1410 on 4/23 |
| 64 | Hudsonian Godwit | <i>Limosa haemastica</i> | Flock of 7 in flight past van seen only by leader at Anahuac 4/21 |
| 65 | Whimbrel | <i>Numenius phaeopus</i> | Seen on 5 days; Max.: 30 on shorebird field FM 1410 |
| 66 | Long-billed Curlew | <i>Numenius americanus</i> | One seen by Robert and Mick in field near Winnie 4/18 |
| 67 | Upland Sandpiper | <i>Bartramia longicauda</i> | Three seen on grassy field behind Cobb Realty, Crystal Beach 4/20 |
| 68 | Greater Yellowlegs | <i>Tringa melanoleuca</i> | Small numbers seen on 5 days at various sites. |
| 69 | Lesser Yellowlegs | <i>Tringa flavipes</i> | Small numbers seen on 4 days. Max: 15 at Anahuac 4/21 |
| 70 | Solitary Sandpiper | <i>Tringa solitaria</i> | Single bird seen well at Anahuac 4/21 |
| 71 | Willet | <i>Tringa semipalmata</i> | Seen on three days in the coastal marshes. Max: 50+ along the Bolivar Peninsula 4/20. |
| 72 | Ruddy Turnstone | <i>Arenaria interpres</i> | Ten seen along Bolivar 4/20 |
| 73 | Short-billed Dowitcher | <i>Limnodromus griseus</i> | Ten seen along Bolivar at a few sites 4/20 |
| 74 | Long-billed Dowitcher | <i>Limnodromus scolopaceus</i> | Numbers seen on 4 days; Max: 300 at Anahuac 4/19 |
| 75 | Sanderling | <i>Calidris alba</i> | Two seen at Anahuac 4/19; More numerous along Bolivar Peninsula 4/20 |
| 76 | Semipalmated Sandpiper | <i>Calidris pusilla</i> | A few seen 4/19 at Anahuac and 4/20 along Bolivar Peninsula |
| 77 | Western Sandpiper | <i>Calidris mauri</i> | One seen at Anahuac 4/19 |
| 78 | Least Sandpiper | <i>Calidris minutilla</i> | Low numbers seen on 4 days; Max.: 30 at Anahuac 4/21 |
| 79 | White-rumped Sandpiper | <i>Calidris fuscicollis</i> | One scoped at Anahuac 4/21 |
| 80 | Buff-breasted Sandpiper | <i>Tryngites subruficollis</i> | One initially spotted by Mick on field near Anahuac 4/19; One on field at FM 1410 on |

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| 81 | Pectoral Sandpiper | <i>Calidris melanotos</i> | Singles at Anahuac 4/19 and 4/21. Five on farm fields west of Winnie 4/23. |
| 82 | Dunlin | <i>Calidris alpina</i> | Seen on 4 days, mostly at Anahuac and Bolivar Peninsula |
| 83 | Stilt Sandpiper | <i>Micropalama himantopus</i> | Seen 3 days; Max.: 200+ at Anahuac 4/19 |
| 84 | Wilson's Phalarope | <i>Phalaropus tricolor</i> | Two at Anahuac 4/19; one there 4/21. Flock of 14 in near-breeding plumage at Bolivar Flats 4/20 |
| 85 | Herring Gull | <i>Larus argentatus</i> | Ten seen scattered along Bolivar Peninsula 4/20 |
| 86 | Laughing Gull | <i>Larus atricilla</i> | Abundant along the Gulf Coast and Bolivar Peninsula |
| 87 | Gull-billed Tern | <i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i> | One seen flying at Trinity River 4/18; one seen flying at Anahuac 4/19 |
| 88 | Caspian Tern | <i>Hydroprogne caspia</i> | Three seen along Bolivar 4/20. |
| 89 | Royal Tern | <i>Thalasseus maximus</i> | Abundant coastal tern. Hundreds seen along Bolivar 4/20 |
| 90 | Sandwich Tern | <i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i> | One seen at Anahuac 4/19; 12 seen at Rollover Pass 4/20 |
| 91 | Common Tern | <i>Sterna hirundo</i> | About 100 seen along Bolivar Peninsula 4/20 |
| 92 | Forster's Tern | <i>Sterna forsteri</i> | Common tern of the coastal flats and marshes. Seen on three days along Bolivar and at Anahuac |
| 93 | Least Tern | <i>Sternula antillarum</i> | Seen 3 days near coast. Max.: 30 along Bolivar 4/20 |
| 94 | Black Tern | <i>Chlidonias niger</i> | Six seen along Bolivar (Rollover Pass) on 4/20 |
| 95 | Black Skimmer | <i>Rynchops niger</i> | Resting flock of 250 at Rollover Pass 4/20 |
| 96 | Rock Pigeon | <i>Columba livia</i> | Seen 5 days of the trip. Ubiquitous around manmade structures. |
| 97 | Eurasian Collared-Dove | <i>Streptopelia decaocto</i> | Up to 6/day seen 5 days of the trip. This Eurasian species has colonized Texas and the south. |
| 98 | Mourning Dove | <i>Zenaida macroura</i> | At least several seen on 6 days of the trip. |
| 99 | White-winged Dove | <i>Zenaida asiatica</i> | One individual seen 4/21 at High Is. RV Park feeder |
| 100 | Inca Dove | <i>Columbina inca</i> | Seen on 4 days, mostly around High Island. |
| 101 | Black-billed Cuckoo | <i>Coccyzus erythrophthalmus</i> | One bird seen by some at Boy Scout Woods drip 4/19 |
| 102 | Yellow-billed Cuckoo | <i>Coccyzus americanus</i> | Two seen at Tuna Rd. (Bolivar) 4/20 |
| 103 | Barn Owl | <i>Tyto alba</i> | One adult seen briefly inside nest box at Bolivar Flats 4/20 |
| 104 | Common Nighthawk | <i>Chordeiles minor</i> | Seen 3 days. Up to 5/day at Bolivar (Tuna Rd.) and Anahuac |
| 105 | Chimney Swift | <i>Chaetura pelagica</i> | A few seen each of 4 days at various locations. Looks like a "cigar with wings". |
| 106 | Ruby-throated Hummingbird | <i>Archilochus colubris</i> | Single birds seen on 4 days at various sites |
| 107 | Belted Kingfisher | <i>Ceryle alcyon</i> | Single birds seen on 3 days at various sites |
| 108 | Red-headed Woodpecker | <i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i> | Four actively flying and perching at Jones S.F. 4/17 & 18. One at Smith Oaks 4/23 |
| 109 | Red-bellied Woodpecker | <i>Melanerpes carolinus</i> | One seen at Smith Oaks 4/21. Two in e. TX 4/22 |
| 110 | Downy Woodpecker | <i>Picoides pubescens</i> | Seen or heard on 3 days at various sites |

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| 111 | Red-cockaded Woodpecker | <i>Picoides borealis</i> | Endangered. 2-4 birds seen near nest site at Jones S.F. |
| 112 | Pileated Woodpecker | <i>Dryocopus pileatus</i> | Seen on 3 days, including a pair calling & flying through pine forest at Jones S.F. 4/18. |
| 113 | Eastern Wood Pewee | <i>Contopus virens</i> | One seen at High Island 4/21 |
| 114 | Acadian Flycatcher | <i>Empidonax vireescens</i> | One seen and heard at Martin Dies SP 4/22 |
| 115 | Eastern Kingbird | <i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i> | Common. Seen on 6 days throughout trip. Max: 50 on 4/21 (various sites). |
| 116 | Scissor-tailed Flycatcher | <i>Tyrannus forficatus</i> | Seen on 5 days (up to 6 birds/day) at various sites throughout the coastal plain. Nest on Tuna Rd. |
| 117 | Great Crested Flycatcher | <i>Myiarchus crinitus</i> | Seen and /or heard 3 days. Up to 2 per day at High Island (Smith Oaks) |
| 118 | Horned Lark | <i>Eremophila alpestris</i> | Two seen in upper dune at Bolivar Flats 4/20 |
| 119 | Purple Martin | <i>Progne subis</i> | Common breeder throughout. Up to 30/day seen on 5 days. |
| 120 | Tree Swallow | <i>Tachycineta bicolor</i> | Up to 50/day seen on 4 days at various sites |
| 121 | Northern Rough-winged Swallow | <i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i> | Single birds seen at Anahuac 4/19 & 21 |
| 122 | Bank Swallow | <i>Riparia riparia</i> | Two seen on 4/18 and one on 4/21 |
| 123 | Cliff Swallow | <i>Petrochelidon fulva</i> | Localized common breeder under bridges, etc. Estimated 200 on 4/18 (Trinity River Area) |
| 124 | Barn Swallow | <i>Hirundo rustica</i> | Common and numerous. Seen on 5 days of the tour. |
| 125 | Cedar Waxwing | <i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i> | Flock of up to 20 seen at Jones SF and at High Island |
| 126 | Carolina Wren | <i>Thryothorus ludovicianus</i> | Seen and/or heard on 6 days at various sites |
| 127 | Marsh Wren | <i>Cistothorus palustris</i> | One heard by leader only at Anahuac 4/21 |
| 128 | Blue-gray Gnatcatcher | <i>Polioptila caerulea</i> | One seen along Gore Store Rd. (Big Thicket) 4/22 |
| 129 | Gray Catbird | <i>Dumetella carolinensis</i> | Seen on 5 days. Varying numbers (up to 100/day) at High Island and other woods |
| 130 | Northern Mockingbird | <i>Mimus polyglottos</i> | Seen on each day. Common and widespread. |
| 131 | Brown Thrasher | <i>Toxostoma rufum</i> | Up to 2/day seen on 4 days; at Boy Scout Woods and Smith Oaks |
| 132 | Eastern Bluebird | <i>Sialia sialis</i> | Four each day at Jones SF |
| 133 | Veery | <i>Catharus fuscescens</i> | One each day at High Island 4/19 and 4/21 |
| 134 | Gray-cheeked Thrush | <i>Catharus minimus</i> | Two at High Is.: One at Hooks Woods 4/21; one 6 feet away at Boy Scout Woods 4/23 |
| 135 | Swainson's Thrush | <i>Catharus ustulatus</i> | Up to 2 birds/day seen and/or heard on 3 days at High Island |
| 136 | Wood Thrush | <i>Catharus mustelinus</i> | Up to 6 birds/day seen and/or heard on 4 days at High Island |
| 137 | Carolina Chickadee | <i>Parus carolinensis</i> | Up to 7/day seen on 3 days at Jones S.F. and in east TX |
| 138 | Tufted Titmouse | <i>Parus bicolor</i> | Several seen on 2 days at Jones S.F. and in east TX |
| 139 | Brown-headed Nuthatch | <i>Sitta pusilla</i> | Four seen and heard in pines at Jones S.F. 4/17. |

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| 140 | Loggerhead Shrike | <i>Lanius ludovicianus</i> | First sighting 4/18 at Trinity River. Up to 3 per day seen on 2 other days, including one at Anahuac |
| 141 | Blue Jay | <i>Cyanocitta cristata</i> | Several seen each day in forest settings, various sites |
| 142 | American Crow | <i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i> | Seen on 4 days at various sites. Max.: 10 on 4/22 in E. TX. |
| 143 | European Starling | <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i> | Ubiquitous. Numbers seen on each day of the tour |
| 144 | White-eyed Vireo | <i>Vireo griseus</i> | One seen well at Boy Scout drip 4/18. Also seen 4/20. Six heard or seen in E. TX 4/22 |
| 145 | Yellow-throated Vireo | <i>Vireo flavifrons</i> | Up to 3 seen per day on 4 days, all at High Island |
| 146 | Red-eyed Vireo | <i>Vireo olivaceus</i> | A few birds seen and/or heard on 4 days at various locations (High Is., E. TX.) |
| 147 | Warbling Vireo | <i>Vireo gilvus</i> | One seen at High Is. 4/21 |
| 148 | Tennessee Warbler | <i>Vermivora peregrina</i> | Seen on 2 days at High Is.; Max. 4 on 4/18 |
| 149 | Northern Parula | <i>Parula americana</i> | Three seen at Martin Dies SP 4/22, and one heard at Smith Oaks 4/23 |
| 150 | Black-throated Green Warbler | <i>Dendroica virens</i> | One seen at Smith Oaks 4/21 |
| 151 | Blackburnian Warbler | <i>Dendroica fusca</i> | One seen at Smith Oaks 4/21 |
| 152 | Yellow-throated Warbler | <i>Dendroica dominica</i> | One seen at Tuna Rd. (Bolivar) 4/20, just before storm |
| 153 | Pine Warbler | <i>Dendroica pinus</i> | Up to 4 per day at Jones S.F. and at Angelina N.F. |
| 154 | Blackpoll Warbler | <i>Dendroica striata</i> | One male seen at Tuna Rd. 4/20, and another at High Is. 4/23 |
| 155 | Cerulean Warbler | <i>Dendroica cerulea</i> | One male seen at Smith Oaks 4/21 |
| 156 | Black-and-white Warbler | <i>Mniotilta varia</i> | Singles seen on each of 4 days at various sites (High Is., E. TX.) |
| 157 | Worm-eating Warbler | <i>Helmitheros vermivorus</i> | One at Boy Scout Woods water drip 4/18 |
| 158 | Swainson's Warbler | <i>Limnothlypis swainsonii</i> | This "skulker" was heard singing only (2-3 birds) along Gore Store Rd. |
| 159 | Ovenbird | <i>Seiurus aurocapillus</i> | One seen at Boy Scout Woods 4/21 |
| 160 | Northern Waterthrush | <i>Seiurus noveboracensis</i> | One seen at Boy Scout Woods 4/21 |
| 161 | Louisiana Waterthrush | <i>Seiurus motacilla</i> | Lucky to see one late migrant at Boy Scout Woods on 4/18 |
| 162 | Hooded Warbler | <i>Wilsonia citrina</i> | One male seen at Boy Scout Woods (at drip) on 4/18 |
| 163 | Yellow-breasted Chat | <i>Icteria virens</i> | Seen and/or heard at Boy Scout Woods and Smith Oaks on 3 days (up to 2/day). |
| 164 | Summer Tanager | <i>Piranga rubra</i> | Up to 6 per day seen at High Island on 5 days. |
| 165 | Scarlet Tanager | <i>Piranga olivacea</i> | Up to 30/day seen on 5 days, mostly at High Is. |
| 166 | Bachman's Sparrow | <i>Aimophila aestivalis</i> | Three singing in pine forest of Sandy Creek/Plum Ridge (Angelina N.F.), with one seen well in shrub 4/22 |
| 167 | White-crowned Sparrow | <i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i> | One seen by Mick at High Is. on 4/19 |
| 168 | White-throated Sparrow | <i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i> | Lingering wintering birds seen on 2 days at High Island; up to 6/day |
| 169 | Savannah Sparrow | <i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i> | Seen on 4 days at various locations. Max: 20 at Anahuac 4/21. |
| 170 | Seaside Sparrow | <i>Ammodramus maritimus</i> | Common in salt marsh grasses. Two at Anahuac 4/19, and 1 on 4/20 on Bolivar Peninsula (Bob's Rd.) |

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| 171 | Rose-breasted Grosbeak | <i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i> | Numbers seen on 5 days. Max: 12 on 4/18 at Boy Scout Woods |
| 172 | Blue Grosbeak | <i>Passerina caerulea</i> | Multiples seen on 3 days. Six seen on fence near Anahuac 4/19. 8 in Smith Oaks field on 4/21 |
| 173 | Northern Cardinal | <i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i> | Widespread and common. Seen each day at various sites |
| 174 | Indigo Bunting | <i>Passerina cyanea</i> | Flocks seen on 5 days, at various sites such as High Island and Bolivar. Max.: 30+ on 4/19 |
| 175 | Painted Bunting | <i>Passerina ciris</i> | Two seen at Boy Scout Woods 4/19 – a male near the marsh and a female at water drip |
| 176 | Dickcissel | <i>Spiza americana</i> | Seen on 3 days, first near Anahuac 4/19. Two large flocks (100) along Bolivar Peninsula 4/20 |
| 177 | Baltimore Oriole | <i>Icterus galbula</i> | Up to 4 per day seen on 4 days, mostly at High Island (Boy Scout Woods) |
| 178 | Orchard Oriole | <i>Icterus spurius</i> | Foraging and bathing flocks (up to 10/day) at Boy Scout Woods (in flowering trees and at drip) |
| 179 | Red-winged Blackbird | <i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i> | Common and widespread. Seen on at least 5 days. |
| 180 | Eastern Meadowlark | <i>Sturnella magna</i> | Multiples seen on 3 days at Anahuac area (mostly) and Bolivar Peninsula. |
| 181 | Yellow-headed Blackbird | <i>X. xanthocephalus</i> | A female seen at Tuna Rd. 4/20; another female seen at Smith Oaks field on 4/21 |
| 182 | Great-tailed Grackle | <i>Quiscalus mexicanus</i> | Abundant and widespread. Seen each day. Hard to miss, even along road sides |
| 183 | Boat-tailed Grackle | <i>Quiscalus major</i> | A few seen well on 3 days, at Anahuac and along Bolivar Peninsula. Salt marsh – loving. |
| 184 | Common Grackle | <i>Quiscalus quiscula</i> | Common and widespread. Seen on 5 days. |
| 185 | Brown-headed Cowbird | <i>Molothrus ater</i> | Common and widespread. Seen on 5 days. |
| 186 | Bronzed Cowbird | <i>Molothrus aeneus</i> | Two males seen at High Is. feeders (RV Park) on 4/18. Rare on upper Texas coast |
| 187 | House Sparrow | <i>Passer domesticus</i> | Common and widespread. Seen on 6 days |

| OTHER ANIMALS | |
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| 1 | Eastern Gray Squirrel |
| 2 | Coyote |
| 3 | Striped Skunk (dead) |
| 4 | Armadillo (dead) |
| 5 | Rabbit, Cottontail sp.? |
| 6 | White-tailed Deer |
| 7 | Green Anole (lizard) |
| 8 | American Alligator |
| 9 | Morningcloak |
| 10 | American Lady |