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# Introduction

Actually it did not start off too well – two of us dipping our flight though it had been reconfirmed the very week before, and we were very much on time! How could we ever imagine ticking some of the more difficult birds we were after in the State of Texas then? Actually the air service seemed to be the worst hurdle on the whole trip, and everything went smoothly from day two when having picked up the two persons missing – and the two trunks also missing on day one!! All in all we drove 4671 km on our round trip with Houston as our starting-point. We did the Gulf Coast westwards, went up the Rio Grande to Laredo, turned up north to find Lost Maples and then east for High Island (passing Attwater on our way). After five days in that remarkable hotspot we headed back to Houston with enough time to check the forests north of the metropolis. We landed on 298 species before taking off again.

We had very suitable weather throughout with dry and sunny conditions the first 9 days, escaped heavy thunderstorms sweeping across central Texas by one day and landed in High Island just as low pressure forced the migrating passerines from Yucatan to land, too.

It proved very easy indeed birding in Texas. The sites were easy to get to, accommodation widely accessible, and the natives were friendly and helpful. Costs were limited as gas was cheap, and because we, after the obligatory stop for coffee in the morning, hardly allowed ourselves anything but tortillas, fruit and water until nightfall. Sometimes we found a motel paying \$80 to \$90 for the five of us, sometimes we put up our two tents in a state park for as little as \$12.

We had no trouble except once, when we, OK, I admit, I was about to take a picture of the extreme weird-looking constellation of smog and light of the refineries in Port Arthur. Cocking his gun the sheriff made it very clear that there was a war on somewhere, and that this type of action was better left behind. We did not disagree one bit under the circumstances.

# **Itinerary**

Our notes were based on two principles. When on the road we only noted the species that we thought interesting. This is of course a highly subjective method with the obvious advantage being that you focus on the species you came for in the first place and one's concentration is not blurred by trivialities (I). When on birding spots we gave ourselves time to note all species and their (sometimes estimated) numbers (II). Names and order follow Sibley.

### **Saturday April 12**

**Area of Lake Anahuac, 24 km W Winnie** (17.30-18.50) (II). Just an accidental shortstop at a lake that looked promising from the road.

Pied-billed Grebe 15, Double-crested Cormorant 40, Neotropic Cormorant 20, Anhinga 20, Great Blue Heron 8, Great Egret 150, Snowy Egret 2, Tricolored Heron 8, Little Blue Heron 40, White Ibis 90, Roseate Spoonbill 80, Black-bellied Whistling-Duck 1, Gadwall 390, American Wigeon 2, Blue-winged Teal 45, Osprey 1, Common Moorhen 1, American Coot 1, Greater Yellowlegs 1, Pectoral Sandpiper 19 S, Laughing Gull 1, Red-bellied Woodpecker 1, Northern Rough-winged Swallow 2, Barn Swallow 40, Northern Mockingbird 1, Northern Cardinal 2, Red-winged Blackbird 200, Common Grackle 20 [American Alligator 3, Bull Frog 4].

### **Houston – Winnie Road 563,** 15.30-17.30 + 18.50- nightfall (I)

American White Pelican 20, White Ibis 50, Broad-winged Hawk 1, Swainson's Hawk 2, Laughing Gull 35, Chimney Swift 8, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 1, American Crow noted, Purple Martin 6, European Starling 5, Common Grackle noted, Red-winged Blackbird noted.

We spent the night at the somewhat dilapidated Riceland, Winnie at \$45 for a room for three.

### **Sunday April 13**

### **Winnie-High Island** 6.30-9.15 with four stops + 12.30-12.50 (**II**)

Common Loon 1 N, Pied-billed Grebe 1, Double-crested Cormorant 1, American Bittern 3, Least Bittern 3, Great Blue Heron 1, Great Egret 13, Tricolored Heron 13, Little Blue Heron 2, Cattle Egret 50, Green Heron 2, Yellow-crowned Night-Heron 1, White Ibis 7, White-faced Ibis 76, Glossy Ibis 2, Roseate Spoonbill 8, Fulvous Whistling-Duck 4, Blue-winged Teal 8, Osprey 1, Common Moorhen 1, Black-necked Stilt 2, Greater Yellowlegs 8, Lesser Yellowlegs 8, Long-billed Curlew 3, Forster's Tern 2, Mourning Dove 2, Belted Kingfisher 1, Eastern Kingbird 4, Loggerhead Shrike 1, Tree Swallow 1, Sedge WRen 2, Marsh WRen 3, Northern Mockingbird 3, Yellow-rumped Warbler 1, Common Yellow-throat 8, Lincoln Sparrow 1, Eastern Meadowlark 2, Brown-headed Cowbird 2, Red-winged Blackbird 50, Common Grackle 20, Boat-tailed Grackle 32,[American Alligator 3].

### Boy Scout's Wood (High Island) 9.20-12.30 (II)

Snowy Egret 1, Cattle Egret 4, Green Heron 2, Roseate Spoonbill 2, Turkey Vulture 25, Laughing Gull 25, Herring Gull 5, Mourning Dove 10, Eurasian Collared-Dove 1, Inca Dove 15, Ruby-throated Hummingbird 2, Acadian Flycatcher 1, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 1, Warbling Vireo 1, White-eyed Vireo 1, Blue Jay 25, Purple Martin 30, Carolina WRen 10, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 6, Swainson's Thrush 2, Gray Catbird 5, Northern Mockingbird 5, Brown Thrasher 1, Northern Parula 2, Tennessee Warbler 1, Black-and-white Warbler 1, Northern Waterthrush 3, Hooded Warbler 1, Yellow-breasted Chat 1, Northern Cardinal 14.

#### **W Houston** 17.00 (**I**)

Groove-billed Ani 1.

### From Ganado (160 km W Houston) along Road 172 S, 18.50-19.20, One Stop (II)

Cattle Egret 100, Crested Caracara 1, Northern Bobwhite 2, Killdeer 4, Upland Sandpiper 20, Mourning Dove 3, Eurasian Collared-Dove 2, Chimney Swift 1, Loggerhead Shrike 2, Northern Mockingbird 6, Savannah Sparrow 2, Eastern Meadowlark 5, Red-winged Blackbird 40.

### W of 172, 19.40-19.50, One Stop (I)

White-tailed Hawk 1, Red-tailed Hawk 2, Solitary Sandpiper 1, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 2.

### **Monday April 14**

We went on our booked and postponed sailing trip with Jack Flash (company name) from **Sea-Gun Point, Rockport, Aransas.** 7.15-13.15 (**II**). \$300 for our group of five. Naturally, the aim was to watch Whooping Cranes. The boat had not been out to the reserve for five days, and we knew we were late..........

Common Loon 1 E, American White Pelican 50, Brown Pelican 15, Magnificent Frigatebird 2, Double-Crested Cormorant 60, Neotropic Cormorant 15, Great Blue Heron 20, Great Egret 60,

Snowy Egret 3, Reddish Egret 3, Tricolored Heron 40, Little Blue Heron 1, Black-crowned Night-Heron 1, White Ibis 100+, Roseate Spoonbill 7, Turkey Vulture 30, Black Vulture 6, Fulvous Whistling-Duck 4, Mottled Duck 10, Gadwall 50, American Wigeon 3, Northern Shoveller 8, Blue-winged Teal 100, Greater Scaup 1 (male, damaged wing), Northern Harrier 3, White-tailed Hawk 4, Red-tailed Hawk 1, Crested Caracara 1, Osprey 2, Whooping Crane 2 ad (so they were there after all!!), Black-bellied Plover 3, Semipalmated Plover 25, Wilson's Plover 3, Killdeer 1, American Oystercatcher 10, American Avocet 70, Black-necked Stilt 10, Lesser Yellowlegs 40, Willet 60, Spotted Sandpiper 10, Whimbrel 15, Long-billed Curlew 20, Marbled Godwit 25, Ruddy Turnstone 3, Sanderling 45, Dunlin 5, Pectoral Sandpiper 20, Western Sandpiper 3, Semipalmated Sandpiper 50, Least Sandpiper 30, Stilt Sandpiper 25, Long-billed Dowitcher 70, Laughing Gull 500, Ring-billed Gull 10, Herring Gull 6, Caspian Tern 10, Royal Tern 60, Sandwich Tern 20, Forster's Tern 50, Least Tern 100, Gull-billed Tern 15, Black Tern 8, Black Skimmer 20, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 3, Great Kiskadee 1, Purple Martin 20, N. Rough-winged Swallow 15, Tree Swallow 30, Cliff Swallow 45, Cave Swallow 5, Barn Swallow 250, Seaside Sparrow 30, Savannah Sparrow 10, Song Sparrow 1, Eastern Meadowlark 4, Redwinged Blackbird 300, Great-tailed Grackle 25, [Watersnake sp 1].

### Area N of Sea-Gun Point 14-16.15 (I)

Ruby-throated Hummingbird 1, Tufted Titmouse 1, Blue Grosbeak 1.

### **Rockport Harbor** 16.30-17.50 (**II**)

Common Loon 5, White Pelican 1, Brown Pelican 20, Double-crested Cormorant 33, Neotropic Cormorant 30, Great Egret 50, Snowy Egret 5, Reddish Egret 3, Green Heron 2, Mallard 4, Black-bellied Whistling-Duck 7, Canvasback 1 male, Osprey 1, American Coot 80, Killdeer 1, Long-billed Curlew 1, Marbled Godwit 18, Ruddy Turnstone 13, Sanderling 20, Laughing Gull 700, Ring-billed Gull 6, Herring Gull 8, Royal Tern 75, Black Skimmer 200 (colony), Rock Dove 30.

#### **Moore's Pond** 18.00-20.00 (II)

Pied-billed Grebe 1, Double-crested Cormorant 10, Brown Pelican 2, Great Blue Heron 10, Great Egret 15, Reddish Egret 1, Little Blue Heron 4, Cattle Egret 200, Roseate Spoonbill 7, White-faced Ibis 20, Glossy Ibis 1, Glossy/White-faced Ibis 100, Black-bellied Whistling-Duck 8, Fulvous Whistling-Duck 11, Mottled Duck 10, Gadwall 20, Northern Shoveler 40, Blue-winged Teal 48, Green-winged Teal 2, Canvasback 1, Lesser Scaup 1, Osprey 3, American Coot 600, Black-necked Stilt 10, Greater Yellowlegs 1, Lesser Yellowlegs 20, Willet 1, Solitary Sandpiper 4, Long-billed Curlew 1, Pectoral Sandpiper 4, Baird's Sandpiper 3, Least Sandpiper 4, Stilt Sandpiper 100, Long-billed Dowitcher 30, Dowitcher sp. 400, Laughing Gull 45, Royal Tern 3, Least Tern 8, Gull-billed Tern 15, Black Skimmer 10, Chimney Swift 5, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 1, Great Kiskadee 1, Loggerhead Shrike 1, Purple Martin 15, Northern Rough-winged Swallow 2, Barn Swallow 80, Seaside Sparrow 1, Savannah Sparrow 5, Eastern Meadowlark 4, Red-winged Blackbird 150.

We spent the night at Rockport Village Inn at \$98/5 persons in one room. It can be recommended to Sea View Motel at twice \$59, where we were the night before.

### **Tuesday April 15**

We drove northwards to **Tivoli**, **NW on 239 till we met 77.** Six km down we stopped advised by BW 1994:3, p. 119 to possibly view Greater Prairie-Chicken. However, from 7.10 to 7.55 at least, they were nowhere in sight. (**II**)

Great Blue Heron 1, Black Vulture 2, Red-tailed Hawk 1, White-tailed Hawk 1, Crested Caracara 4, Mourning Dove 2, Ladder-backed Woodpecker 1, Cave Swallow 4, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 1, Loggerhead Shrike 2, Northern Mockingbird 1, Savannah Sparrow 1, Eastern Meadowlark 4, Red-winged Blackbird 6, Common Grackle 2.

### Copano Bay, Bayside on 2678, 8.40-9.30 (II)

American White Pelican 3, Reddish Egret 2, Tricolored Heron 1, Mottled Duck 2, Osprey 2, King Rail 1, Sora 1, Black-bellied Plover 5, Semipalmated Plover 30, Wilson's Plover 1, Greater Yellowlegs 1, Lesser Yellowlegs 40, Ruddy Turnstone 1, Western Sandpiper 15, Semipalmated Sandpiper 80, Least Sandpiper 300, Stilt Sandpiper 60, Long-billed Dowitcher 180, Wilson's Phalarope 3.

### **Port Bay Club Road,** 10.00-10.40 (II)

Horned Grebe 4, American White Pelican 50, Double-crested Cormorant 2, Great Blue Heron 1, Snowy Egret 8, Tricolored Heron 6, Osprey 3, American Coot 10, Lesser Yellowlegs 3, Pectoral Sandpiper 2, Laughing Gull 5, Ring-billed Gull 1, Royal Tern 3, Gull-billed Tern 2, Mourning Dove 3, Eastern Meadowlark 1, Red-winged Blackbird 10, Great-tailed Grackle 2.

### S Kingsville, chicken farm area, 13.00-14.30 (II).

Turkey Vulture 46, Sharp-shinned Hawk 1, Harris' Hawk 1, Swainson's Hawk 270, Crested Caracara 22, Upland Sandpiper 3, White-tipped Dove 1, Golden-fronted Woodpecker 2, Couch's Kingbird 2, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 56, Horned Lark 1, Northern Rough-winged Swallow 2, Savannah Sparrow 2, Lark Sparrow 11.

### Copano Bay – "Chicken Farms" - Route 77 – Harlingen, 10.40–13.00 + 14.30–16.30 (II)

Fulvous Whistling-Duck 40, White-tailed Kite 2, Harris' Hawk 2, Broad-winged Hawk 1, Swainson's Hawk 45, White-tailed Hawk 4, Red-tailed Hawk 1, Osprey 1, Crested Caracara 3, Killdeer 1, Gull-billed Tern 1, Mourning Dove 100 (Jct. 106/1847), White-tipped Dove 1, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 27.

We arrived at **Atascosa HO**, where we stayed for two nights paying \$ 24 in all for two tents.

18.00-? (Way into the night because of those Parauques sitting on top of our tents. OK, at least it felt like that. Well, actually we visited close-by "Chili-Willy" in between. It can be recommended, not only because of it being the only place to eat, but it was quite a treat, both as regards food, beer and cultural input in general. (II))

Cattle Egret 30, Black-crowned Night-Heron 5, White Ibis 3, Roseate Spoonbill 6, Wild Turkey 5, Common Parauque 6, Golden-fronted Woodpecker 2, Great Kiskadee 2, Bronzed Cowbird 4.

### Wednesday, April 16

Atascosa HQ - 1847 - 510, 7.30 - 8.15 + 19.30 - (I)

Great Egret 120, Little Blue Heron 10, Harris' Hawk 1, Northern Bobwhite 2 (at 19.30), White-tipped Dove 1, Golden-fronted Woodpecker 1, Curve-billed Thrasher 1, Lark Sparrow 2.

#### **510 East** 8.15-8.25 (I)

Harris' Hawk 2, Osprey 1, Common Ground-Dove 1.

### Driving on 510, then N towards the Refuge 8.25-10.00 (II)

Triclored Heron 3, Little Blue Heron 4, White-tailed Kite 2, Plain Chachalaca 1, Greater Yellowlegs 15, Willet 2, Whimbrel 9, Pectoral Sandpiper 1, Greater Roadrunner 1, Chimney Swift 1, Hummingbird sp. 1, Common Ground-Dove 1, Golden-fronted Woodpecker 12, White-eyed Vireo 1, Couch's Kingbird 6, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 12, Horned Lark 5, Long-billed Thrasher 4, Indigo Bunting 2, Olive Sparrow 4, Grashopper Sparrow 3, Savannah Sparrow 5, Lark Sparrow 1, Eastern Meadowlark 6.

### Laguna Atascosa 10.00-19.20

Eared Grebe 30, Pied-billed Grebe 6, Least Grebe 2, American White Pelican 400, Brown Pelican 3, Double-crested Cormorant 20, Great Blue Heron 5, Great Egret 12, Snowy Egret 3, Reddish Egret 1, Little Blue Heron 2, Green Heron 4, White Ibis 10, White-faced Ibis 50, Roseate Spoonbill 13, Black-bellied Whistling-Duck 7, Mottled Duck 4, Gadwall 6, American Wigeon 25, Northern Shoveler 57, Blue-winged Teal 175, Redhead 1 male, Lesser Scaup 16, Ruddy Duck 17, Turkey Vulture 32, Black Vulture 1, Northern Harrier 1, White-tailed Kite 9, Harris's Hawk 3, Swainson's Hawk 2, White-tailed Hawk 6, Osprey 7, Crested Caracara 6, Peregrine Falcon 1, Plain Chachalaca 2, Northern Bobwhite 3, American Coot 2500, Sora 3, Black-bellied Plover 100, American Golden-Plover 4, Wilson's Plover 4, Black-necked Stilt 125, Greater Yellowlegs 3, Lesser Yellowlegs 60, Solitary Sandpiper 2, Willet 8, Whimbrel 19, Longbilled Curlew 54, Pectoral Sandpiper 3, Least Sandpiper 3, Stilt Sandpiper 40, Long-billed Dowitcher 200, Dowitcher sp. 230, Common Snipe 3, Wilson's Phalarope 41, Laughing Gull 110, Caspian Tern 10, Royal Tern 2, Sandwich Tern 2, Forster's Tern 6, Least Tern 2, Gull-billed Tern 67, Black Skimmer 3, Mourning Dove 7, White-tipped Dove 10, Common Ground-Dove 9, Greater Roadrunner 4 (among these was a couple mating, the male elegantly offering her a lizard) Black-chinned Hummingbird 1, Ruby-throated Hummingbird 3, Golden-fronted Woodpecker 3, Brown-crested Flycatcher 2, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 12, Loggerhead Shrike 3, Blue-headed Vireo, Horned Lark 2, Purple Martin 3, Northern Rough-winged Swallow 35, Bank Swallow 1, Tree Swallow 1, Barn Swallow 5, Tufted Titmouse 2, Verdin 2, Cactus WRen 1, Clay-colored Robin 1, Northern Mockingbird 50, Long-billed Thrasher 9, Northern Cardinal 5, Olive Sparrow 3, Savannah Sparrow 2, Lark Sparrow 3, Lincoln's Sparrow 7, Eastern Meadowlark 9, Redwinged Blackbird 350, Brown-headed Cowbird 10, Bronzed Cowbird 5, Great-tailed Grackle 95. [American Alligator 3, White-tailed Deer 2]

Quite a spot! And off we went to "Chili-Willy "!

## **Thursday April 17**

1847 S and 511 E/SE, 7.30-8.35 (I)

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck 3, Horned Lark 1, Golden-fronted Woodpecker 2, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 5, Chihuahuan Raven 4.

**Brownsville Landfill,** 8.40-10.00. (II) At the entrance we kindly got a map of the location and a request not to walk into the area. It would not have been a brilliant idea as it was said to be teeming with Rattlesnakes.

Cattle Egret 2, White Ibis 2, Turkey Vulture 39, Franklin's Gull 14 adults (rosy!), Laughing Gull 5000, Ring-billed Gull 500, Herring Gull 30, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 1, Chihuahuan Raven 3, Common Yellowthroat 1, Great-tailed Grackle 15.

### 1 m E Brownsville at the so-called "Botteri's Sparrow Habitat", 10.00-10.45 (II)

White-tailed Kite 4, Northern Harrier 1, Harris' Hawk 1, Swainson's Hawk 1, Crested Caracara 1, Northern Bobwhite 4, Willet 1, Upland Sandpiper 1, Mourning Dove 10, Chihuahuan Raven 3, Barn Swallow 30, Tree Swallow 3, Northern Mockingbird 3, Lark Sparrow 1, Eastern Meadowlark 15, Red-winged Blackbird 10.

**Brownsville Airport** 11.10-11.20. When asking for permission we were told that no Mexican Crow had been seen for a fortnight. (I)

Harris' Hawk 1, Swainson's Hawk 1, Chihuahuan Raven 2.

### Brownsville – Santa Ana on 281, 11.20-12.45 (I)

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck 4, Harris' Hawk 2, White-winged Dove 1, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 5, Lark Sparrow 1.

**McAllen Sewage Farms,** 12.45 - 14.30. (I) We easily got a permit to visit the area in the building at the parking lot.

Pied Grebe 1, Least Grebe 1, Little Blue Heron 2, Glossy Ibis 1, White-tailed Kite 1, Harris' Hawk 1, Swainson's Hawk 2, Mottled Duck 2, Blue-winged Teal 2, Common Moorhen 1, Killdeer 8, Black-necked Stilt 15, Lesser Yellowlegs 15, Solitary Sandpiper 2, Spotted Sandpiper 1, Least Sandpiper 200, Stilt Sandpiper 3, Long-billed Dowitcher 2, Wilson's Phalarope 1, Couch's Kingbird 2, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 2, Great Kiskadee 2, Cave Swallow 2, Nashville Warbler 1, Yellow-rumped Warbler 1, Common Yellow-throat 1, Lincoln's Sparrow 1, Redwinged Blackbird 50, Common Grackle 10.

### McAllen – Bentsen, 14.30-15.30 (I)

Swainson's Hawk 1, Chimney Swift 1, Couch's Kingbird 5, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 2, Great Kiskadee 1.

**Bentsen,** 18.30-? We paid \$3/each plus \$4/car and stayed the night in our tents - this time accompanied by Great Horned Owl and Eastern Screech-Owl. When we woke up there was an Ocelot standing on the road. Dawn-9.00. (II)

Tricolored Heron 3, Little Blue Heron 3, Turkey Vulture 10, Mississippi Kite 6, Gray Hawk 1, Broad-winged Hawk 35 N, Swainson's Hawk 1, Plain Chachalaca 20, White-winged Dove 7, White-tipped Dove 15, Inca Dove 19, Greater Roadrunner 2, Great Horned Owl 4, Elf Owl 2 (coming out of the famous hole at 20.13), Eastern Screech-Owl 3, Common Pauraque 4, Ladder-backed Woodpecker 5, Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet 1, Brown-crested Flycatcher 3, Couch's Kingbird 8, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 2, Great Kiskadee 4, Green Jay 7, Long-billed Thrasher 3, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 1, Olive Sparrow 3, Bronzed Cowbird 19, Red-winged Blackbird 100, Great-tailed Grackle 20, Altamira Oriole 2, Audubon's Oriole 1. [Ocelot 1, Wild Boar 5]

### Friday April 18

### Santa Ana, 9.30-14.10 (II)

Pied-billed Grebe 20, Anhinga 3, Great Egret 2, Snowy Egret 7, Tricolored Heron 1, Little Blue Heron 1, Green Heron 1, White-faced Ibis 28, Black-bellied Whistling-Duck 20, Mottled Duck 4, Northern Shoveler 2, Blue-winged Teal 50, Turkey Vulture 5, White-tailed Kite 1, Harris' Hawk 1, Swainson's Hawk 14, Plain Chachalaca 10, Common Moorhen 4, American Coot 20, Sora 1, Black-necked Stilt 4, Lesser Yellowlegs 4, Solitary Sandpiper 1, Spotted Sandpiper 1, White-winged Dove 8, White-tipped Dove 10, Buff-bellied Hummingbird 1, Green Kingfisher 1, Rose-throated Becard 1 (at its nest), Golden-fronted Woodpecker 6, Ladder-backed Woodpecker 1, Brown-crested Flycatcher 3, Couch's Kingbird 7, Great Kiskadee 7, Tree Swallow 5, Tufted Titmouse 4, Northern Mockingbird 3, Tropical Parula 1, Common Yellowthroat 8, Northern Cardinal 4, Indigo Bunting 1, Clay-colored Sparrow 1, Red-winged Blackbird 4, Great-tailed Grackle 8, Altamira Oriole 1.

### On 83 Santa Ana – Falcon Dam State Park, 14.10-17.00 (I)

Swainson's Hawk 2, American Kestrel 1, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 11.

Salineño Dump, 17.30-19.40. (II) It was a good birding spot, but later on we heard it is best avoided after nightfall if you would like to keep out of trouble due to drug smuggling!

Turkey Vulture 6, Sharp-shinned Hawk 2, Harris' Hawk 1, Swainson's Hawk 1, Crested Caracara 3, American Kestrel 2, Scaled Quail 3, Mourning Dove 6, Common Ground-Dove 5, Brown-crested Flycatcher 1, Western Kingbird 2, Purple Martin 1, Bank Swallow 10, Northern Mockingbird 4, Cedar Waxwing 43, Pyrrholoxia 4, Black-throated Sparrow 1, Clay-colored Sparrow 4, Lark Sparrow 1, Bullock's Oriole 1.

**Falcon Dam State Park,** 16.50-17.10 + 20.30-11.00. (II) We put up our two tents at this very decent place paying \$14 in all for all 5 of us.

Double-crested Cormorant 6, Great Egret 3, Snowy Egret 1, Cattle Egret 40, Black Vulture 4, Sharp-shinned Hawk 3, Broad-winged Hawk 3, Swainson's Hawk 7, Osprey 4, Crested Caracara 1, American Kestrel 1, Scaled Quail 2, American Coot 2, Killdeer 5, Least Sandpiper 1, Laughing Gull 8, Forster's Tern 3, Least Tern 1, Mourning Dove 5, White-winged Dove 4, Common Ground-Dove 5, Greater Roadrunner 2, Lesser Nighthawk 5, Golden-fronted Woodpecker 2, Ladder-backed Woodpecker 2, Vermillion Flycatcher 1 male, Ash-throated Flycatcher 2, Brown-crested Flycatcher 1, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 12, Western Kingbird 1, Loggerhead Shrike 1, Chihuahuan Raven 1, Purple Martin 1, Northern Rough-winged Swallow 4, Verdin 1, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher 1, Northern Mockingbird 10, Bewick's WRen 1, Cactus WRen 4, Curve-billed Thrasher 5, Common Yellow-throat 1, Pyrrholoxia 4, Black-throated Sparrow 2, Lark Sparrow 3, Savannah Sparrow 2, Eastern Meadowlark 3, Brown-headed Cowbird 6, Great-tailed Grackle 10, Bullock's Oriole 2.

[Black-tailed Jackrabbit 1, White-tailed Deer 1]

### **Saturday April 19**

### Falcon Dam - Lost Maples 83 + 137, 11.00-17.30 (II)

Harris' Hawk 6, Broad-winged Hawk 2, Swainson's Hawk 5, Red-tailed Hawk 1, Crested Caracara 11, American Kestrel 5, White-winged Dove 1, Common Ground-Dove 2, Greater Roadrunner 2, Chimney Swift 3, Golden-fronted Woodpecker 3, Western Kingbird 3, Scissor-

tailed Flycatcher 74, Loggerhead Shrike 1, Western Scrub-Jay 3, Chihuahuan Raven 30, Purple Martin 3, House WRen 1, Northern Cardinal 3, Lark Sparrow 2, Lincoln's Sparrow 1, Bullock's Oriole 3, Lesser Goldfinch 1.

### Lost Maples – Uvalde and back again 18.30-20.30 (I)

Wild Turkey 3, [Wild Boar 1]

### **Lost Maples Area,** 17.30-21.00 (II)

Turkey Vulture 46, Black Vulture 1, Red-tailed Hawk 1, Black-chinned Hummingbird 17, Chuck-will's-widow 5, Eastern Phoebe 3, Vermillion Flycatcher 1 male, Western Scrub-Jay 7, Common Raven 2, Northern Rough-winged Swallow 30, Cliff Swallow 30, Tufted Titmouse 2, Carolina Chickadee 8, Carolina WRen 10, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1, Eastern Bluebird 2, Nashville Warbler 1, Northern Cardinal 8, Blue Grosbeak 1, Chipping Sparrow 12, Savannah Sparrow 2, Lark Sparrow 5, House Finch 6.

### **Sunday April 20**

### Lost Maples State Park, East Trail, 7.45-14.20 (II)

Turkey Vulture 7, Black Vulture 2, Sharp-shinned Hawk 1, Broad-winged Hawk 1, Red-tailed Hawk 3, Black-chinned Hummingbird 2, Ladder-backed Woodpecker 3, Eastern Wood-Pewee 1, Black Phoebe 1, Eastern Phoebe 5, Great Crested Flycatcher 1, Red-eyed Vireo 3, White-eyed Vireo 4, Yellow-throated Vireo 1, Common Raven 3, Western Scrub-Jay 1, Tufted Titmouse 7, Carolina Chickadee 2, Bushtit 3, Carolina WRen 9, Bewick's WRen 1, Canyon WRen 1, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 8, Townsend's Solitaire 1, Orange-crowned Warbler 4, Nashville Warbler 9, Yellow-rumped Warbler 1, Golden-cheeked Warbler 7, Black-and-white Warbler 5, Summer Tanager 3, Northern Cardinal 10, Blue Grosbeak 1, Indigo Bunting 1, Chipping Sparrow 3, Brown-headed Cowbird 6, House Finch 4.

### **Lost Maples – along 187,** 15.20-16.00 (I)

Harris' Hawk 1, Red-tailed Hawk 1, American Kestrel 1, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 19, Western Kingbird 1, Loggerhead Shrike 4.

### **Along 90 – Eagle Lake, 16.00-20.00 (I)**

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck 2, Sharp-shinned Hawk 1, Red-tailed Hawk 8, Crested Caracara 1, Great Horned Owl 1, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 23, Loggerhead Shrike 3.

We stayed the night at the Sportsman's Motel, **Eagle Lake** paying \$89 for three rooms. At 20.00 + 6.30-7.10 the following day (II):

Tricolored Heron 1, Little Blue Heron 27, Cattle Egret 50, Chimney Swift 200, Loggerhead Shrike 1, Blue Jay 2, Red-winged Blackbird 500.

### **Monday April 21**

### Attwater, 7.30-12.00 (II)

Pied-billed Grebe 5, American White Pelican 2, Neotropic Cormorant 1, American Bittern 2, Great Egret 15, Snowy Egret 11, Little Blue Heron 4, Cattle Egret 4, Green Heron 2, Greater White-fronted Goose 1, Fulvous Whistling-Duck 27, Northern Pintail 2, Mottled Duck 20, Gadwall 2, Northern Shoveler 15, Blue-winged Teal 250, Ring-necked Duck 1 male, Turkey

Vulture 3, Northern Harrier 3, Swainson's Hawk 18, White-tailed Hawk 4, Crested Caracara 4, Northern Bobwhite 7, Sora 8, Sandhill Crane 2 ad, American Golden-Plover 5, Killdeer 25, Black-necked Stilt 12, Greater Yellowlegs 18, Lesser Yellowlegs 100, Upland Sandpiper 38, Dunlin 5, Pectoral Sandpiper 250, White-rumped Sandpiper 2, "Peeps" 40, Least Sandpiper 10, Dowitcher sp 500, Long-billed Dowitcher 50, Buff-breasted Sandpiper 150, Wilson's Phalarope 3, Mourning Dove 15, Chimney Swift 8, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 2, Loggerhead Shrike 8, American Crow 1, Northern Rough-winged Swallow 9, Tree Swallow 6, Cliff Swallow 1, Barn Swallow 20, Northern Mockingbird 20, Sprague's Pipit 1, Louisiana Waterthrush 1, Common Yellowthroat 1, Northern Cardinal 1, Blue Grosbeak 1, Indigo Bunting 2, Dicksissel 1, Savannah Sparrow 4, White-crowned Sparrow 3, Swamp Sparrow 2, Eastern Meadowlark 12, Red-winged Blackbird 100.

### Along 1093 + 36 S + 3005 to Galveston, then 87 to High Island, 12.10-16.45 (II)

Brown Pelican 130, Double-crested Cormorant 4, Neotropic Cormorant 4, Great Blue Heron 7, Great Egret 6, Snowy Egret 3, Tricolored Heron 2, White Ibis 7, Roseate Spoonbill 18, Bluewinged Teal 15, White-tailed Kite 4, Broad-winged Hawk 1, Killdeer 2, Willet 2, Ruddy Turnstone 4, Sanderling 1, Dunlin 2, Least Sandpiper 3, Herring Gull 10, Royal Tern 84, Common Tern 3, Forster's Tern 2, Least Tern 7, Gull-billed Tern 1, Common Nighthawk 3, Chimney Swift 10, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 7, Loggerhead Shrike 4, Purple Martin 1, American Crow 1. [Atlantic Bottle-nosed Dolphin 2].

### **Boy Scout's Wood,** 16.45-20.00 (II)

Great Blue Heron 2, White Ibis 5, Mourning Dove 10, Inca Dove 5, Common Nighthawk 3, Chimney Swift 4, Ruby-throated Hummingbird 5, Downy Woodpecker 1, Great Crested Flycatcher 1, Eastern Kingbird 2, Red-eyed Vireo 10, Philadelphia Vireo 1, White-eyed Vireo 4, Blue Jay 4, Purple Martin 10, Northern Rough-winged Swallow 2, Barn Swallow 3, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 1, Wood Thrush 2, Swainson's Thrush 3, Gray Catbird 15, Northern Mockingbird 4, Northern Parula 3, Orange-crowned Warbler 1, Tennessee Warbler 15, Blue-winged Warbler 3, Golden-winged Warbler 1, Yellow Warbler 1, Chestnut-sided Warbler 1, Cerulean Warbler 3, Black-throated Green Warbler 1, Worm-eating Warbler 1, Black-and-white Warbler 5, American Redstart 2, Ovenbird 1, Northern Waterthrush 3, Kentucky Warbler 2, Common Yellowthroat 4, Hooded Warbler 5, Summer Tanager 15, Scarlet Tanager 5, Northern Cardinal 10, Rose-breasted Grosbeak 2, Indigo Bunting 15, Painted Bunting 1, White-throated Sparrow 1, Lincoln's Sparrow 1, Swamp Sparrow 1, Red-winged Blackbird 5, Great-tailed Grackle 1, Baltimore Oriole 5, Orchard Oriole 1.

As the Gulfway Motel on High Island was full the first night we stayed at Riceland, Winnie at \$71 for all 5 cramped in one room. After that we moved to High Island for three nights.

### **Tuesday April 22**

### Boy Scout's Wood, 7.15-9.10 (II)

Green Heron 1, White Ibis 2, Mourning Dove 10, Inca Dove 3, Yellow-billed Cuckoo 1, Black-billed Cuckoo 1, Chimney Swift 5, Ruby-throated Hummingbird 10, Eastern Wood-Pewee 1, Acadian Flycatcher 1, Red-eyed Vireo 2, White-eyed Vireo 3, Carolina WRen 1, Wood Thrush 1, Gray Catbird 25, Northern Mockingbird 5, Northern Parula 1, Tennessee Warbler 10, Bluewinged Warbler 1, Chestnut-sided Warbler 1, Cerulean Warbler 1, Black-and-white Warbler 5, Ovenbird 2, Northern Waterthrush 3, Kentucky Warbler 3, Common Yellowthroat 1, Wilson's

Warbler 1, Summer Tanager 5, Scarlet Tanager 3, Northern Cardinal 10, Rose-breasted Grosbeak 4, White-throated Sparrow 2, Great-tailed Grackle 2, Baltimore Oriole 2.

### High Island – Anahuac Wildlife Refuge (WR), 9.30-9.50 (I)

Eastern Kingbird 10, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 1.

**Anahuac WR**, 9.50-13.30 (II). We took a walk from the HQ to the Willows at the first pond westwards then drove around the area and estimated numbers from the car.

Pied-billed Grebe 4, American White Pelican 10, Double-crested Cormorant 1, Neotropic Cormorant 3, American Bittern 8, Least Bittern 3, Great Blue Heron 5, Great Egret 4, Snowy Egret 1, Tricolored Heron 3, Green Heron 2, White Ibis 28, White-faced Ibis 50, Roseate Spoonbill 23, Fulvous Whistling-Duck 9, Northern Shoveler 8, Blue-winged Teal 130, Northern Harrier 1, White-tailed Kite 1, Merlin 2, Purple Gallinule 4, Common Moorhen 20, American Coot 40, Sora 4, Black-bellied Plover 6, Semipalmated Plover 30, Killdeer 3, Black-necked Stilt 80, Lesser Yellowlegs 100, Spotted Sandpiper 2, Long-billed Curlew 2, Hudsonian Godwit 1, Pectoral Sandpiper 2, White-rumped Sandpiper 40, Western Sandpiper 1, Semipalmated Sandpiper 120, Least Sandpiper 50, Stilt Sandpiper 69, Long-billed Dowitcher 380, Wilson's Phalarope 45, Laughing Gull 1, Caspian Tern 3, Royal Tern 2, Forster's Tern 10, Mourning Dove 10, Downy Woodpecker 1, Eastern Kingbird 13, Loggerhead Shrike 3, White-eyed Vireo 2, Tree Swallow 120, Barn Swallow 10, Tennessee Warbler 3, Black-and-white Warbler 1, Northern Waterthrush 1, Common Yellowthroat 1, Savannah Sparrow 3, Red-winged Blackbird 30, Boattailed Grackle 20, Orchard Oriole 7. [American Alligator 33, Racoon 1]

# **Anahuac WR – Winnie – Port Arthur - Sabine Woods,** 13.30-14.10 (I) Yellow-crowned Night-Heron 1.

### Sabine Woods, 14.10-17.20 (II)

American White Pelican 12, Green Heron 1, Common Nighthawk 2, Ruby-throated Hummingbird 15, Belted Kingfisher 1, Downy Woodpecker 2, Eastern Wood-Pewee 2, Acadian Flycatcher 2, Least Flycatcher 1, Great Crested Flycatcher 1, Red-eyed Vireo 4, White-eyed Vireo 5, Blue-headed Vireo 1, Blue Jay 6, Wood Thrush 4, Veery 1, Swainson's Thrush 6, Gray Catbird 25, Brown Thrasher 7, Northern Parula 2, Magnolia Warbler 2, Cerulean Warbler 3, Blackburnian Warbler 1, Yellow-rumped Warbler 1, Black-throated Green Warbler 1, Blackpoll Warbler 2, Worm-eating Warbler 1, Prothonotary Warbler 3, Black-and-white Warbler 10, American Redstart 1, Ovenbird 1, Northern Waterthrush 4, Kentucky Warbler 12, Hooded Warbler 30, Yellow-breasted Chat 1, Summer Tanager 5, Scarlet Tanager 5, Indigo Bunting 20, White-throated Sparrow 4, Lincoln's Sparrow 2, Swamp Sparrow 3 [Snake sp. 1, Garter Snake 1]

From Sabine Woods we drove towards the sea to visit **Salt Cedars**, 17.30-19.25 (II)

Lesser Scaup 4 (on the sea), Osprey 1, Peregrine Falcon 1, White-winged Dove 2, Common Nighthawk 2, Wood Thrush 2, Swainson's Thrush 1, Gray-cheeked Thrush 1, Gray Catbird 2, Tennessee Warbler 10, Yellow Warbler 2, Chestnut-sided Warbler 1, Cerulean Warbler 1, Prairie Warbler 1, Palm Warbler 1, Swainson's Warbler 1, Ovenbird 1, Northern Waterthrush 2, Kentucky Warbler 2, Common Yellowthroat 3, Hooded Warbler 10, Yellow-breasted Chat 1, Rose-breasted Grosbeak 2, Indigo Bunting 3, Lincoln's Sparrow 4, Baltimore Oriole 2, Orchard Oriole 5.

#### **Sabine Woods – Winnie,** 19.30-20.10 (**I**)

Black-crowned Night-Heron 2, Common Nighthawk 2.

### **Wednesday April 23**

### **Boy Scout's Wood,** 7.15-8.50 (II)

Green Heron 1, Merlin 1, Eurasian Collared-Dove 1, Yellow-billed Cuckoo 1, Black-billed Cuckoo 1, Common Nighthawk 1, Ruby-throated Hummingbird 1, Eastern Wood-Peewee 1, Red-eyed Vireo 1, White-eyed Vireo 5, Yellow-throated Vireo 1, Carolina WRen 1, Wood Thrush 1, Gray-cheeked Thrush 1, Gray Catbird 6, Northern Parula 1, Tenessee Warbler 6, Chestnut-sided Warbler 3, Blue-winged Warbler 1, Cerulean Warbler 1, Black-throated Green Warbler 2, Worm-eating Warbler 2, Black-and-white Warbler 5, American Redstart 1, Ovenbird 1, Kentucky Warbler 2, Summer Tanager 1, Scarlet Tanager 1, Northern Cardinal 4, White-throated Sparrow 3.

### **Bolivar Flats, 9.35-12.15 (II)**

American White Pelican 5, Brown Pelican 20, Neotropic Cormorant 6, Great Blue Heron 2, Great Egret 5, Reddish Egret 3, Tricolored Heron 10, Cattle Egret 1, Clapper Rail 3, Piping Plover 10, Semipalmated Plover 4, Snowy Plover 5, Wilson's Plover 3, American Avocet 700, Lesser Yellowlegs 10, Willet 40, Marbled Godwit 30, Ruddy Turnstone 50, Red Knot 3, Sanderling 300, Dunlin 1, Western Sandpiper 6, Semipalmated Sandpiper 1, Least Sandpiper 15, Short-billed Dowitcher 120, Parasitic Jaeger 4 (on the sea), Laughing Gull 200, Ring-billed Gull 5, Herring Gull 5, Royal Tern 100, Common Tern 10, Least Tern 80, Gull-billed Tern 1, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 1, Horned Lark 2, Barn Swallow 3, Marsh WRen 1, Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow 10, Savannah Sparrow 2, Boat-tailed Grackle 2, Baltimore Oriole 1.

### Bolivar Lighthouse – Rollover Pass, 12.40-13.00 (I)

Snowy Egret 1, Tricolored Heron 2, White Ibis 5, Blue-winged Teal 10, Black Tern 3, Scissortailed Flycatcher 2.

### **Rollover Pass,** 13.00-13.20 (II)

American White Pelican 40, Brown Pelican 20, Great Blue Heron 8, Great Egret 50, Snowy Egret 4, Reddish Egret 1, Tricolored Heron 4, Roseate Spoonbill 10, Blue-winged Teal 15, Blackbellied Plover 3, American Avocet 3, Willet 15, Ruddy Turnstone 2, Laughing Gull 500, Royal Tern 200, Common Tern 4, Black Tern 210, Black Skimmer 200.

#### Smith Oaks, 15.00-16.00 (II)

Magnificent Frigatebird 2, Anhinga 1, Great Egret 90, Snowy Egret 30, Tricolored Heron 75, Little Blue Heron 5, Cattle Egret 300, Black-crowned Night Heron 3, Yellow-crowned Night-Heron 1, Roseate Spoonbill 60, Swallow-tailed Kite 1, Purple Gallinule 1, Sora 1, Forster's Tern 2, Downy Woodpecker 1, Red-eyed Vireo 2, Northern Rough-winged Swallow 1, Tree Swallow 2, Magnolia Warbler 1, Kentucky Warbler 1, American Redstart 1, Scarlet Tanager 1, Redwinged Blackbird 5, Great-tailed Grackle 20, [Alligator 4].

#### **Boy Scout's Wood,** 14.45-15.15 + 18.30- 20.00 (II)

Brown Pelican 25 E, Cattle Egret 20 E, Green Heron 2, Lesser Yellowlegs 14 E, Common Nighthawk 2, Ruby-throated Hummingbird 4, Purple Martin 8, Wood Thrush 1, Veery 1, Gray

Catbird 10, Northern Mockingbird 2, Blue-winged Warbler 1, Blackburnian Warbler 1, Black-throated Green Warbler 3, Worm-eating Warbler 2, Black-and-white Warbler 2, Northern Waterthrush 2, Common Yellowthroat 2, Hooded Warbler 3, Northern Cardinal 6, White-crowned Sparrow 1, Red-winged Blackbird 10, Baltimore Oriole 1.

### **Thursday April 24**

### Tailor's Bayou, North Fork River, 7.50-9.00 (II)

Great Egret 6, Little Blue Heron 9, Yellow-crowned Night-Heron 14, Blue-winged Teal 2, Black Vulture 1, Killdeer 1, Barred Owl 4, Chimney Swift 1, Downy Woodpecker 1, Pileated Woodpecker 1, Red-eyed Vireo 1, Blue Jay 4, Fish Crow 2, Purple Martin 1, Barn Swallow 2, Tufted Titmouse 3, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1, Northern Parula 2, Prothonotary Warbler 1, Summer Tanager 1, Northern Cardinal 4, Rose-breasted Grosbeak 2, Indigo Bunting 3, Baltimore Oriole 2, Orchard Oriole 1, [American Alligator 1].

### 1 km down Jap Road: South Fork, 9.10-9.40 (II)

Little Blue Heron 2, Turkey Vulture 1, Dowitcher sp. 30 E, Inca Dove 2, Chimney Swift 2, Redbellied Woodpecker 2, Northern Rough-winged Swallow 3, Tree Swallow 30, Barn Swallow 4, Carolina Chickadee 1, Eastern Bluebird 1, Tennessee Warbler 3, Yellow Warbler 3, Yellow-rumped Warbled 1, Prothonotary Warbler 1, Black-and-white Warbler 1, Northern Cardinal 5, Blue Grosbeak 2, House Sparrow 1.

### **Salt Cedars,** 10.40-11.15 + 17.00-17.45 (**II**)

Tricolored Heron 1, Ruby-throated Hummingbird 1, Eastern Wood-Pewee 1, Eastern Kingbird 1, Warbling Vireo 1, Philadelphia Vireo 1, White-eyed Vireo 1, Purple Martin 1, Northern Roughwinged Swallow 2 N, Bank Swallow 2 N, Tree Swallow 20 N, Barn Swallow 10 N, Swainson's Thrush 1, Tennessee Warbler 5, Yellow Warbler 1, Yellow-rumped Warbler 1, Yellow-throated Warbler 1, Northern Waterthrush 3, Common Yellowthroat 1, Hooded Warbler 3, Boat-tailed Grackle 10, Orchard Oriole 3.

### **Scrub 500 yds S Salt Cedars,** 11.15-12.00 + 16.15-17.00 (II)

Tricolored Heron 9, White-faced Ibis 7, Northern Harrier 1, Laughing Gull 20, Herring Gull 1, Caspian Tern 2, Royal Tern 24, Black Tern 1, White-winged Dove 1, Ruby-throated Hummingbird 10, Eastern Kingbird 4, Western Kingbird 1, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 1, Purple Martin 5 N, Northern Rough-winged Swallow 50 N, Bank Swallow 10 N, Tree Swallow 11 N, Barn Swallow 140 N, Gray-cheeked Thrush 1, Gray Catbird 3, Nashville Warbler 1, Common Yellowthroat 2, Summer Tanager 3, Indigo Bunting 9, Painted Bunting 3, Dickcissel 1, Redwinged Blackbird 10, Boat-tailed Grackle 7, Baltimore Oriole 12, Orchard Oriole 10.

### **Sabine Woods, 12.10-19 (II)**

Green Heron 2, Yellow-crowned Night-Heron 1, Common Nighthawk 2, Ruby-throated Hummingbird 20, Downy Woodpecker 1, Eastern Kingbird 3, Warbling Vireo 2, Philadelphia Vireo 5, Yellow-throated Vireo 1, American Crow 1, Fish Crow 2, Purple Martin 13, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 1, Gray Catbird 30, Brown Thrasher 3, Blue-winged Warbler 4, Golden-winged Warbler 2, Yellow Warbler 6, Chestnut-sided Warbler 3, Magnolia Warbler 1, Cerulean Warbler 1, Blackburnian Warbler 1, Black-throated Green Warbler 3, Blackpoll Warbler 1, Worm-eating Warbler 2, Black-and-white Warbler 10, American Redstart

12, Ovenbird 2, Northern Waterthrush 5, Louisiana Waterthrush 1, Kentucky Warbler 6, Common Yellowthroat 10, Hooded Warbler 5, Summer Tanager 12, Northern Cardinal 8, Rosebreasted Grosbeak 10, Blue Grosbeak 1, Indigo Bunting 10, Painted Bunting 14, White-throated Sparrow 3, Lincoln's Sparrow 1, Baltimore Oriole 57, Orchard Oriole 32, [Fox Squirrel 1, Armadillo 1].

### Friday April 25

**Boy Scout's Wood,** 7.45-9.30 (II)

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron 1, Peregrine Falcon 1, Laughing Gull 15, Royal Tern 1, Mourning Dove 2, Inca Dove 2, Common Nighthawk 2, Downy Woodpecker 1, Ruby-throated Hummingbird 5, Acadian Flycatcher 1, Red-eyed Vireo 1, White-eyed Vireo 2, Blue Jay 2, Carolina WRen 2, Gray Catbird 5, Northern Mockingbird 2, Northern Parula 1, Tennessee Warbler 11, Blue-winged Warbler 1, Yellow Warbler 1, Cape May Warbler 1, Blackburnian Warbler 1, Black-throated Green Warbler 2, Black-and-white Warbler 4, Northern Waterthrush 1, Hooded Warbler 1, Summer Tanager 3, Northern Cardinal 1, Rose-breasted Grosbeak 1, Brownheaded Cowbird 1, Common Grackle 5, Baltimore Oriole 5, Orchard Oriole 1.

Anahuac WR, from HQ to the Willows and first pond westwards, 10.45-12.45 (II)

Pied-billed Grebe 1, American Bittern 2, Great Blue Heron 4, Great Egret 10, Snowy Egret 9, Tricolored Heron 1, Cattle Egret 3, White Ibis 3, White-faced Ibis 50, Fulvous Whistling-Duck 4, Mottled Duck 1, Northern Shoveller 1, Blue-winged Teal 10, Black Vulture 1, Turkey Vulture 2, American Coot 20, Black-bellied Plover 3, American Golden-Plover 1, Semi-palmated Plover 3, Killdeer 10, Black-necked Stilt 20, Lesser Yellowlegs 50, Hudsonian Godwit 1 (a new bird), Dunlin 50, Pectoral Sandpiper 3, White-rumped Sandpiper 26, Western Sandpiper 4, Semi-palmated Sandpiper 70, Least Sandpiper 70, Long-billed Dowitcher 85, Wilson's Phalarope 32, Franklin's Gull 1 N, Caspian Tern 2, Forster's Tern 10, Gull-billed Tern 5, Mourning Dove 1, Eastern Kingbird 1, Eastern X Western Kingbird hybrid 1, Loggerhead Shrike 1, Gray Catbird 1, Tennessee Warbler 1, Yellow Warbler 1, Yellow-rumped Warbler 3, Black-throated Green Warbler 1, Black-and-white Warbler 1, Indigo Bunting 1, Dicksissel 150 N, Brown-headed Cowbird 3, Red-winged Blackbird 16, Boat-tailed Grackle 4, Baltimore Oriole 1, Orchard Oriole 2. [American Alligator 10, Racoon 4, Ribbon Snake 1, Snake sp. 1].

Anahuac – W.G. Jones State Forest (1985-562-61N-10W-146-321-105), 12.45-15.05 (I) Great Blue Heron 1, Great Egret 1, Snowy Egret 5, Red-tailed Hawk 1, Killdeer 1, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 2, Loggerhead Shrike 1, Blue Jay 1, Dicksissel 140 NW.

**W.G. Jones State Forest,** 15.05-17.15 (**II**). The Red-cockaded Woodpecker, which was naturally our main target species proved very co-operative indeed, so did the Brown-headed Nuthatch being the first bird at the very parking lot of the HQ. The staff at the HQ was also very helpful.

Black Vulture 6, Turkey Vulture 2, Sharp-shinned Hawk 1, Red-shouldered Hawk 1 ad, Mourning Dove 1, Red-headed Woodpecker 5, Red-cockaded Woodpecker 7, Fish Crow 2, Blue Jay 3, Carolina Chickadee 1, Brown-headed Nuthatch 1, Eastern Bluebird 2 (nesting in a box at the HQ), Northern Mockingbird 3, Pine Warbler 22, Summer Tanager 7, Northern Cardinal 7, Indigo Bunting 1, Painted Bunting 1.

### Sam Houston National Forest, Lake Conroe, especially along 1375, 18.30-20.10 (II)

Double-crested Cormorant 21, Great Blue Heron 5, Black Vulture 3, Turkey Vulture 12, Bald Eagle 2 ad, Osprey 3, Common Nighthawk 1, Chimney Swift 5, Red-bellied Woodpecker 2, Eastern Kingbird 2, American Crow 3, Fish Crow 2, Northern Rough-winged Swallow 1, Barn Swallow 50, Northern Cardinal 5.

We stayed the night in Huntsville (Motel 6) at \$ 94 for two rooms.

### **Saturday April 26**

### Sam Houston National Forest, Lake Conroe 8.10-10.10 (II)

American White Pelican 21, Double-crested Cormorant 300, Neotropic Cormorant 12, Great Blue Heron 8, Bald Eagle 1 1cy, Osprey 2, Blue-winged Teal 2, American Coot 25, Herring Gull 8, Mourning Dove 5, Red-bellied Woodpecker 1, White-eyed Vireo 1, American Crow 5, Tufted Titmouse 3, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1, Eastern Bluebird 1, Pine Warbler 2, Yellow-breasted Chat 1, Summer Tanager 2, Northern Cardinal 2, Brown-headed Cowbird 1.

Then off we went to the airport. This time the re-confirmation had worked, and we hit the air on time.

# **Systematic List of Birds Observed**

In case of many observations of one species only the highest numbers are mentioned. Gatherings at a spot are here preferred to counts of a stretch of road. If a spot is visited more than once counts varying are mentioned by means of /. Date, time and other specifications do not occur on this list as they are supposedly easy to find in the itinerary once you know the place of observation. Observations are mentioned chronologically. Bold numbers indicate numbers of birds, bold letters, direction of migration. If numbers and letters are not bold they refer to itinerary and locations

#### **Common Loon** *Gavia immer*

1 N Winnie-High Island, 1 E Sea-Gun Point, 5 Rockport Harbor.

### **Horned Grebe** *Podiceps auritus*

4 Port Bay Club Road.

#### Eared Grebe Podiceps nigricollis

30 Laguna Atascosa.

#### **Pied-billed Grebe** *Podilymbus podiceps*

Not abundant, but widespread, highest count: **15** Lake Anahuac, **6** Laguna Atascosa, **20** Santa Ana.

#### **Least Grebe** *Tachybaptus dominicus*

2 Laguna Atascosa, 1 McAllen's Sewage Farms.

#### **American White Pelican** *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*

Quite abundant at places along the coast, highest number being 400 Laguna Atascosa.

#### **Brown Pelican** Pelecanus occidentalis

Often seen along the coast, highest number: **130** on a count Brazosport Area - Galveston - High Island (about 160 km).

### **Magnificent Frigatebird** Fregata magnificens

2 Aransas, 2 Smith Oaks.

#### **Double-crested Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax auritus*

Commonly seen on the coast, e.g. 60 Aransas, but the highest count: 300 Lake Conroe.

### **Neotropic Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*

Never really abundant, highest count being 20 Lake Anahuac and 30 Rockport Harbor.

### **Anhinga** *Anhinga anhinga*

20 Lake Anahuac, otherwise seen sporadically.

### **American Bittern** *Botaurus lentiginosus*

3 Winnie - High Island, 2 Attwater, 8/2 Anahuac WR.

### **Least Bittern** *Ixobrychus exilis*

3 Winnie - High Island, 3 Anahuac WR.

#### **Great Blue Heron** *Ardea herodias*

8 Lake Anahuac, 20 Aransas, 8 Rollover Pass. Mostly seen singly otherwise.

#### **Great Egret** Ardea alba

**150** Lake Anahuac, **50** Rockport Harbor, **60** Aransas, **120** S Atascosa HQ, **90** Smith Oaks. Otherwise seen singly or in small numbers.

#### **Snowy Egret** *Egretta thula*

8 Port Bay Club Road, 7 Santa Ana, 11 Attwater, 30 nesting Smith Oaks, 9 Anahuac WR were the highest numbers observed.

#### **Reddish Egret** Egretta rufescens

**3** Aransas and **3** Bolivar Flats, otherwise seen singly occasionally.

### **Tricolored Heron** *Egretta tricolor*

8 Lake Anahuac, 13 Winnie – High Island, 40 Aransas, 10 Bolivar Flats, 75 nesting Smith Oaks, 9 Salt Cedars. Besides observed regularly.

#### **Little Blue Heron** *Egretta caerulea*

**40** Lake Anahuac, **9** Tailor's Bayou, **27** Eagle Lake, otherwise seen regularly in small numbers.

### Cattle Egret Bubulcus ibis

The biggest gatherings were: 50 Winnie - High Island, 200 Moore's Pond, 300 nesting Smith Oaks.

#### **Green Heron** *Butorides virescens*

4 Laguna Atascosa, otherwise seen occasionally.

### **Black-crowned Night-Heron** Nycticorax nycticorax

5 Atascosa HQ, 3 Smith Oaks. Otherwise seen singly.

### Yellow-crowned Night-Heron Nyctanassa violacea

1 Winnie – High Island, 1 Winnie – Port Arthur, 1 Smith Oaks, 14 Tailor's Bayou, 1 Sabine Woods.

### White Ibis Eudocimus albus

90 Lake Anahuac, 100+ Aransas, 28 Anahuac WR, otherwise small flocks observed.

### White-faced Ibis Plegadis chihi

76 Winnie – High Island, 50 Laguna Atascosa, 28 Santa Ana, 50 Anahuac WR. Besides seen in small numbers.

### Glossy Ibis Plegadis falcinellus

2 Winnie – High Island, 1 Moore's Pond, 1 McAllen's Sewage Farms.

### Roseate Spoonbill Ajaia ajaja

80 Lake Anahuac, 23 Anahuac WR, 60 nesting Smith Oaks. A few small flocks observed, too.

### **Greater White-fronted Goose** *Anser albifrons*

1 Attwater.

#### Black-bellied Whistling-Duck Dendrocygna autumnalis

7 Rockport Harbor, 8 Moore's Pond, 20 Santa Ana beside some single observations

### Fulvous Whistling-Duck Dendrocygna bicolour

**40** Copano Bay – Harlingen, **11** Moore's Pond, **27** Attwater, **9/4** Anahuac WR, besides a few single observations.

### **Mallard** *Anas platyrhynchos*

**4** Rockport Harbor was the sole observation. We could live with that.

#### **Mottled Duck** *Anas fulvigula*

10 Aransas, 10 Moore's Pond, 4 Laguna Atascosa, 4 Santa Ana, 20 Attwater and a few others here and there.

#### **Gadwall** Anas strepera

390 Lake Anahuac was far the largest flock, 50 Aransas. Otherwise few observations.

#### Northern Pintail Anas acuta

2 Attwater.

### American Wigeon Anas Americana

25 Laguna Atascosa. Apart from that there were only a few about.

### **Northern Shoveler** *Anas clypeata*

40 Moore's Pond, 57 Laguna Atascosa, 15 Attwater, noted a few other places.

### **Blue-winged Teal** *Anas discors*

100 Aransas, 48 Moore's Pond, 175 Laguna Atascosa, 50 Santa Ana, 250 Attwater, 130 Anahuac WR beside small gatherings observed from time to time.

### **Green-winged Teal** Anas crecca

2 Moore's Pond.

### Canvasback Aythia valisineria

1 male Rockport Harbor, 1 female Moore's Pond.

#### **Redhead** Aythia Americana

1 male and 2 females Laguna Atascosa.

### **Ring-necked Duck** *Aythia collaris*

1 male Attwater.

### **Greater Scaup** Aythia marila

1 male Aransas (injured wing).

### **Lesser Scaup** *Aythia affinis*

1 Moore's Pond, 16 Laguna Atascosa, 4 on the sea off Salt Cedars.

#### **Ruddy Duck** Oxyura jamaicensis

17 Laguna Atascosa.

### Turkey Vulture Cathartes aura

25 Boy Scout's Wood, 46 S Kingsville, 32 Laguna Atascosa, 39 Brownsville Landfill, 46 Lost Maples.

### **Black Vulture** *Coragyps atratus*

4 Falcon Dam, 6 W.G.Jones State Forest, otherwise single observations.

#### **Northern Harrier** Circus cyaneus

3 Aransas, 3 Attwater, besides seen occasionally.

#### White-tailed Kite Elanus leucurus

**9** Laguna Atascosa, **4** Brownsville, otherwise observations of single birds.

### Mississippi Kite Ictinia mississippiensis

6 Bentsen, 1 W.G. Jones State Forest.

### **Swallow-tailed Kite** *Elanoides forficatus*

1 Smith Oaks.

### **Sharp-shinned Hawk** *Accipiter striatus*

**3** Falcon Dam is the highest number, otherwise noted singly at several occasions.

#### Harris's Hawk Parabuteo unicinctus

Singles seen regularly in the Rio Grande Area, most 3 Laguna Atascosa, 6 Falcon Dam – Lost Maples.

### Gray Hawk Asturina nitida

1 Bentsen.

#### **Red-shouldered Hawk** Buteo lineatus

1 ad W.G.Jones State Forest, 1 ad Sam Houston National Forest.

### **Broad-winged Hawk** Buteo platypterus

Highest number was 35 N Bentsen, otherwise sporadically seen.

#### Swainson's Hawk Buteo swainsoni

The hawk most often noted, most **270** chicken farm area S Kingsville, **45** Copano Bay – Harlingen, **14** Santa Ana, **18** Attwater.

#### White-tailed Hawk Buteo albicaudatus

4 Aransas, 6 Laguna Atascosa, 4 Attwater and singles seen elsewhere.

#### **Red-tailed Hawk** *Buteo jamaicensis*

3 Lost Maples, occasionally singles observed.

### **Bald Eagle** *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*

3 (2 ad and 1 1cy) Lake Conroe

#### **Osprey** *Pandion* haliaetus

3 Port Bay Club Road, 3 Moore's Pond, 7 Laguna Atascosa, 4 Falcon Dam, 3 Lake Conroe. Seen occasionally otherwise.

#### **Crested Caracara** *Caracara cheriway*

**4** on jct. 239 X 77, **22** S Kingsville, **6** Laguna Atascosa, **3** Salineño Dump, **11** Falcon Dam – Lost Maples, **4** Attwater.

#### **Merlin** *Falco columbarius*

2 Anahuac WR, 1 Boy Scout's Wood.

### **American Kestrel** Falco sparverius

1 Santa Ana – Falcon Dam, 2 Salineño, 1 Falcon Dam, 5 Falcon Dam – Lost Maples.

### **Peregrine Falcon** Falco peregrinus

1 Laguna Atascosa, 1 Boy Scout's Wood, 1 Salt Cedars.

### Plain Chachalaca Ortalis vetula

1 S Atascosa HQ, 2 Laguna Atascosa, 20 Bentsen, 10 Santa Ana.

### **Northern Bobwhite** *Colinus virginianus*

2 Ganado - S on 172, 2 S Atascosa HQ, 3 Laguna Atascosa, 4 E Brownsville, 7 Attwater.

### **Scaled Quail** Callipepla squamata

3 Salineño, 2 Falcon Dam.

### Wild Turkey Meleagris gallopavo

5 Atascosa HQ, 3 Lost Maples – Uvalde.

### Purple Gallinule Porphyrula martinica

4 Anahuac WR, 1 Smith Oaks.

### **Common Moorhen** *Gallinula chloropus*

Singles noted besides 20 Anahuac WR.

#### American Coot Fulica americana

Commonly seen in apt waters, highest estimations: **80** Rockport Harbor, **600** Moore's Pond, **2500** Laguna Atascosa.

### Clapper Rail Rallus longirostris

3 Bolivar Flats (two heard and one seen).

#### **King Rail** *Rallus elegans*

1 Copano Bay seen walking about in the very open.

#### **Sora** *Porzana Carolina*

1 Copano Bay, 3 Laguna Atascosa, 1 Santa Ana, 8 Attwater, 4 Anahuac WR, 1 Smith Oaks.

### Whooping Crane Grus americana

2 ad were left for our belated visit to Aransas on Apr 14.

#### **Sandhill Crane** *Grus canadensis*

2 ad Attwater.

#### Black-bellied Plover Pluvialis squatarola

100 Laguna Atascosa, small gatherings at several other locations.

#### American Golden-Plover Pluvialis dominica

4 Laguna Atascosa, 5 Attwater, 1 Anahuac WR.

### Piping Plover Charadrius melodus

**10** Bolivar Flats.

### Semipalmated Plover Charadrius semipalmatus

25 Aransas, 30 Copano Bay, 30/3 Anahuac WR, 4 Bolivar Flats.

### **Snowy Plover** *Charadius alexandrinus*

5 Bolivar Flats.

#### Wilson's Plover Charadrius wilsonia

3 Aransas, 1 Copano Bay, 4 Laguna Atascosa, 3 Bolivar Flats.

#### **Killdeer** Charadrius vociferous

**8** McAllen's Sewage Farms, **5** Falcon Dam, **25** Attwater, **10** Anahuac WR and many scattered observations of singles or couples.

### **American Oystercatcher** *Haematopus palliates*

10 Aransas.

### American Avocet Recurvirostra americana

70 Aransas, 700 Bolivar Flats, 3 Rollover Pass.

### Black-necked Stilt Himantopus mexicanus

10 Aransas, 10 Moore's Pond, 125 Laguna Atascosa, 15 McAllen's Sewage Farms, 12 Attwater, 80 Anahuac WR, 20 Anahuac WR besides small parties at other places.

#### **Greater Yellowlegs** *Tringa melanoleuca*

**8** Winnie – High Island, **15** on 512 towards Atascosa HQ, **18** Attwater, besides some single birds observed.

### **Lesser Yellowlegs** *Tringa flavipes*

The biggest parties were: **40** Aransas, **20** Moore's Pond, **40** Copano Bay, **60** Laguna Atascosa, **15** McAllen's Sewage Farms, **100** Attwater, **100/50** Anahuac WR.

#### **Solitary Sandpiper** *Tringa solitaria*

1 W of 172, 4 Moore's Pond, 2 Laguna Atascosa, 2 McAllen's Sewage Farms, 1 Santa Ana.

### Willet Catoptrophorus semipalmatus

Seen commonly along the way, highest counts: 8 Laguna Atascosa, 40 Bolivar Flats, 15 Rollover Pass.

#### **Spotted Sandpiper** *Actitis macularia*

10 Aransas, 1 McAllen's Sewage Ponds, 1 Santa Ana, 2 Anahuac WR.

### **Upland Sandpiper** *Bartramia longicauda*

**20** S Ganado on 172, **3** S Kingsville, **1** E Brownsville, **38** Attwater.

### Whimbrel Numenius phaeopus

15 Aransas, 19 Laguna Atascosa, 9 N on 510 towards Atascosa HQ.

### **Long-billed Curlew** *Numenius americanus*

Seen regularly, highest counts: 20 Aransas, 54 Laguna Atascosa.

#### Hudsonian Godwit Limosa haemastica

2 in all Anahuac.

### Marbled Godwit Limosa fedoa

25 Aransas, 18 Rockport Harbor, 30 Bolivar Flats.

#### **Ruddy Turnstone** *Arenaria interpres*

Observed along the coast regularly, highest counts: 13 Rockport Harbor, 50 Bolivar Flats.

#### **Red Knot** Calidris canutus

**3** Bolivar Flats was sole observation.

### **Sanderling** Calidris alba

Scattered observations, highest numbers: 45 Aransas, 20 Rockport Harbor, 300 Bolivar Flats.

### **Dunlin** Calidris alpina

Few numbers, highest count being 5 Aransas, 5 Attwater, 50 Anahuac WR.

#### **Pectoral Sandpiper** Calidris melanotos

Observed with regularity. The biggest gatherings were: **19 S** Lake Anahuac, **20** Aransas, **250** Attwater.

#### White-rumped Sandpiper Calidris fuscicollis

2 Attwater, 40/26 Anahuac WR.

### Baird's Sandpiper Calidris bairdii

3 Moore's Pond.

#### Western Sandpiper Calidris mauri

3 Aransas, 15 Copano Bay, 1/4 Anahuac WR, 6 Bolivar Flats.

### Semipalmated Sandpiper Calidris pusilla

50 Aransas, 80 Copano Bay, 120/70 Anahuac WR, 1 Bolivar Flats.

#### **Least Sandpiper** Calidris minutilla

Seen regularly in small numbers at suited habitats, higher were: **30** Aransas, **300** Copano Bay, **200** McAllen's Sewage Farms, **50/70** Anahuac WR, **15** Bolivar Flats.

### **Stilt Sandpiper** *Calidris himantopus*

25 Aransas, 100 Moore's Pond, 60 Copano Bay, 69 Anahuac WR.

### **Long-billed Dowitcher** *Limnodromus scolopaceus*

**70** Aransas, **30** (+ 400 sp.) Moore's Pond, **180** Copano Bay, **200** (+ 230 sp.) Laguna Atascosa, **50** (+ 500 sp.) Attwater, **380/85** Anahuac WR were the largest gatherings.

### **Short-billed Dowitcher** *Limnodromus griseus*

**120** Bolivar Flats.

### **Buff-breasted Sandpiper** Tryngites subruficollis

150 Attwater.

### **Common Snipe** *Gallinago gallinago*

3 Laguna Atascosa.

### Wilson's Phalarope Phalaropus tricolor

3 Copano Bay, 41 Laguna Atascosa, 1 McAllen's Sewage Farms, 3 Attwater, 45/32 Anahuac WR.

### Parasitic Jaeger Stercorarius parasiticus

4 Bolivar Flats (on the sea).

### Franklin's Gull Larus pipixcan

14 rosy adults Brownsville Landfill, 1 ad N Anahuac WR.

### Laughing Gull Larus atricilla

Commonly seen in the coastal area. Highest estimations: 500 Aransas, 700 Rockport Harbor, 110 Laguna Atascosa, 5000 Brownsville Landfill, 200 Bolivar Flats, 500 Rollover Pass.

### Ring-billed Gull Larus delawarensis

Seen occasionally along the coast, highest numbers: 10 Aransas, 500 Brownsville Landfill.

### Herring Gull Larus argentatus smithsonianus

Nowhere really common: **5** Boy Scout's Wood, **6** Aransas, **8** Rockport Harbor, **30** Brownsville Landfill, **10** Brazosport Area - Galveston - High Island (about 160 km.), **5** Bolivar Flats, **1** Salt Cedars, **8** Lake Conroe.

### Caspian Tern Sterna caspia

10 Aransas, 10 Laguna Atascosa, 3/2 Anahuac WR, 2 Salt Cedars.

#### Royal Tern Sterna maxima

Observed quite regularly along the coast, highest estimations: **60** Aransas, **75** Rockport Harbor, **100** Bolivar Flats, **200** Rollover Pass.

#### Sandwich Tern Sterna sandvicensis

20 Aransas, 2 Laguna Atascosa.

### Common Tern Sterna hirundo

10 Bolivar Flats, 4 Rollover Pass.

### Forster's Tern Sterna forsteri

2 Winnie – High Island, **50** Aransas, **6** Laguna Atascosa, **3** Falcon Dam, **2** Brazosport Area - Galveston - High Island (about 160 km), **10** Anahuac WR.

#### Least Tern Sterna antillarum

**100** Aransas, **8** Moore's Pond, **1** Falcon Dam, **7** Brazosport Area - Galveston - High Island (about 160 km), **80** Bolivar Flats.

#### Gull-billed Tern Sterna nilotica

Observed with regularity, highest counts: 15 Aransas, 15 Moore's Pond, 67 Laguna Atascosa.

### Black Tern Chlidonias niger

8 Aransas, 3 Bolivar Flats – Rollover Pass, 210 Rollover Pass, 1 Salt Cedars.

### **Black Skimmer** *Rynchops niger*

**20** Aransas (colony), **200** Rockport Harbor (colony), **10** Moore's Pond, **3** Laguna Atascosa, **200** Rollover Pass.

### Mourning Dove Zenaida macroura

Commonly observed in small numbers, apart from 100 S Copano Bay (jct. 106 X 1847).

### Eurasian Collared-Dove Streptopelia decaocto

1 Boy Scout's Wood, 2 S Ganado on 172.

#### White-winged Dove Zenaida asiatica

1 Brownsville – Santa Ana, 7 Bentsen, 8 Santa Ana, 4 Falcon Dam, 1 Falcon Dam – Lost Maples, 2 Salt Cedars.

#### White-tipped Dove Leptotila verreauxi

1 S Kingsville, 1 Atascosa HQ, 10 Laguna Atascosa, 15 Bentsen, 10 Santa Ana.

#### **Inca Dove** *Columbina inca*

Observed occasionally along the coast and Rio Grande, highest counts: **15** Boy Scout's Wood, **19** Bentsen.

### Common Ground-Dove Columbina passerina

1 on 510 towards Atascosa HQ, 9 Laguna Atascosa, 5 Salineño Dump, 5 Falcon Dam, 2 Falcon Dam – Lost Maples.

### Rock Dove Columba livia

**30** Rockport Harbor.

#### Yellow-billed Cuckoo Coccyzus americanus

2 Boy Scout's Wood, 1 Sabine Wood.

### Black-billed Cuckoo Coccyzuz erypthropthalmus

1 Boy Scout's Wood, 1 Sabine Woods.

### **Groove-billed Ani** Crotophaga sulcirostris

1 W Houston.

### Greater Roadrunner geococcyx californianus

1 on 510 N towards Anascosa HQ, 4 Laguna Atascosa, 2 Bentsen, 2 Falcon Dam, 2 Falcon Dam – Lost Maples.

### **Great Horned Owl** Bubo virginianus

4 Bentsen, 1 Lost Maples – Eagle Lake.

### Barred Owl Strix varia

4 both seen and heard Tailor's Bayou.

### **Elf Owl** *Micrathene whitneyi*

2 Bentsen in the famous hole. Seen well for five minutes.

#### Eastern Screech-Owl Otus asio

3 Bentsen.

### **Common Pauraque** Nyctidromus albicollis

6 Atascosa HQ, 4 Bentsen.

### Chuck-will's-widow Caprimulgus carolinensis

**5** Lost Maples area.

### Common Nighthawk Chordeiles minor

3 Galveston, 3/1/2 Boy Scout's Wood, 2 Sabine Woods, 2 Salt Cedars, 1 Sam Houston National Forest.

### Lesser Nighthawk Chordeiles acutipennis

**5** Falcon Dam.

#### Chimney Swift Chaetura pelagica

Often seen, but mostly in small numbers, apart from 200 Eagle Lake.

### Buff-bellied Hummingbird Amazilia yucatanensis

1 Santa Ana.

#### **Black-chinned Hummingbird** Archilochus alexandri

1 Laguna Atascosa, 17 Lost Maples.

### **Ruby-throated Hummingbird** *Archilochus colubris*

2/5/10/1/4/5 Boy Scout's Wood, 1 N Sea-Gun Point, 3 Laguna Atascosa, 15/20 Sabine Woods, 1 Salt Cedars, 10 S Salt Cedars.

#### **Belted Kingfisher** Ceryle alcyon

1 Winnie – High Island, 1 Sabine Woods.

### Green Kingfisher Chloroceryle americana

1 Santa Ana.

### Red-headed Woodpecker Melanerpes erythrocephalus

5 W.G. Jones State Forest.

### **Golden-fronted Woodpecker** *Melanerpes aurifrons*

Commonly seen in the south the highest numbers being **12** on 510 towards Atascosa HQ, **6** Santa Ana.

### **Red-bellied Woodpecker** *Melanerpes carolinus*

1 Lake Anahuac, 2 South Fork, 2 Sam Houston National Forest.

### **Downy Woodpecker** Picoides pubescens

1 Boy Scout's Wood, 1 Anahuac WR, 2/1 Sabine Woods, 1 Smith Oaks, 1 Tailor's Bayou.

### **Red-cockaded Woodpecker** *Picoides borealis*

7 W.G. Jones State Forest.

### **Ladder-backed Woodpecker** *Picoides scalaris*

1 on jct. 239 X 77, 5 Bentsen, 1 Santa Ana, 2 Falcon Dam, 3 Lost Maples.

### Pileated Woodpecker Dryocopus pileatus

1 Tailor's Bayou.

### Rose-throated Becard Pachyramphus aglaiae

1 Santa Ana (nesting).

### Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet Camptostoma imberbe

1 Bentsen.

### **Eastern Wood-Pewee** Contopus virens

1 Lost Maples, 1 Boy Scout's Wood, 2 Sabine Woods, 1 Salt Cedars.

#### **Acadian Flycatcher** *Empidonax virescens*

1 Boy Scout's Wood, 2 Sabine Woods.

### **Least Flycatcher** *Empidonax minimus*

1 Sabine Woods.

#### **Black Phoebe** Sayornis nigricans

1 Lost Maples.

### **Eastern Phoebe** Sayornis phoebe

3 Lost Maples area, 5 Lost Maples State Park.

### **Vermillion Flycatcher** *Pyrochephalus rubinus*

1 male Falcon Dam, 1 male Lost Maples Area.

### **Ash-throated Flycatcher** *Myiarchus cinerascens*

2 Falcon Dam.

### **Brown-crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tyrannulus*

2 Laguna Atascosa, 3 Bentsen, 3 Santa Ana, 1 Salineño, 1 Falcon Dam.

### **Great Crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus crinitus*

1 Lost Maples State Park, 1 Boy Scout's Wood, 1 Sabine Woods.

### **Eastern Kingbird** *Tyrannus tyrannus*

4 Lake Anahuac, 2 Boy Scout's Wood, 13/1 + 1 Eastern X Western Anahuac WR, 1 Salt Cedars, 4 S Salt Cedars, 3 Sabine Woods, 2 Sam Houston National Forest.

### Couch's Kingbird Tyrannus couchii

Commonly seen from S Kingville and through the whole of the Rio Grande area, highest counts being 8 Bentsen, 7 Santa Ana.

### Western Kingbird Tyrannus verticalis

2 Salineño, 1 Falcon Dam, 3 Falcon Dam – Lost Maples, 1 Lost Maples E on 187, 1 S Salt Cedars.

### **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** *Tyrannus forficatus*

Pleasantly common in open land throughout, highest counts: **56** S Kingsville, **27** Copano – Harlingen, **74** Falcon Dam – Lost Maples.

#### **Great Kiskadee** *Pitangus sulphuratus*

Commonly observed from Anascosa and throughout the Rio Grande area. Highest numbers were **4** Bentsen, **7** Santa Ana.

#### **Loggerhead Shrike** *Lanius ludovicianus*

Observed with much regularity along the road, highest numbers were 3 Laguna Atascosa, 8 Attwater, 3 Anahuac WR.

#### **Red-eyed Vireo** *Vireo olivaceus*

3 Lost Maples, 10/2/1 Boy Scout's Wood, 4 Sabine Woods, 2 Smith Oaks, 1 Tailor's Bayou.

### Warbling Vireo Vireo gilvus

1/ Boy Scout's Wood, 1 Salt Cedars, 2 Sabine Woods.

#### **Philadelphia Vireo** Vireo philadelphicus

1/ Boy Scout's Wood, 1 Salt Cedars, 5 Sabine Woods.

### White-eyed Vireo Vireo griseus

1/4/5/3/5/2 Boy Scout's Wood, 4 Lost Maples, 2 Anahuac WR, 5 Sabine Woods, 1 Salt Cedars, 1 Sam Houston National Forest.

### Yellow-throated Vireo Vireo flavifrons

1 Lost Maples, 1 Boy Scout's Wood, 1 Sabine Woods.

#### **Blue-headed Vireo** Vireo solitarius

1 Laguna Atascosa, 1 Sabine Woods.

### Blue Jay Cyanocitta cristata

25/4/2 Boy Scout's Wood, 2 Eagle Lake, 6 Sabine Woods, 4 Tailor's Bayou, 1 Anahuac – W.G. Jones State Forest, 3 W.G. Jones State Forest.

### Western Scrub-Jay Aphelocoma californica

3 Falcon Dam – Lost Maples, 7 Lost Maples Area, 1 Lost Maples State Park.

### **Green Jay** Cyanocorax yncas

7 Bentsen.

#### **Common Raven** Corvus corax

2 Lost Maples Area, 3 Lost Maples State Park.

### Chihuahuan Raven Corvus cryptoleucus

**4** Atascosa HQ – Brownsville, **3** Brownsville Landfill, **2** Brownsville Airport, **3** E Brownsville, **1** Falcon Dam, **30** Falcon Dam – Lost Maples.

### **American Crow** *Corvus brachyrhynchos*

Noted regularly but not in big numbers, highest count turned out to be 5 Sam Houston National Forest.

### Fish Crow Corvus ossifragus

2 Tailor's Bayou, 2 Sabine Woods, 2 W.G. State Forest, 2 Lake Conroe.

#### **Horned Lark** *Eremophila alpestris*

1 S Kingsville, 5 on 510 towards Atascosa HQ, 2 Bolivar Flats.

### **Purple Martin** *Progne subis*

30 Boy Scout's Wood, 20 N Aransas, 15 Moore's Pond beside occasional sightings.

### Northern Rough-winged Swallow Stelgidopteryx serripennis

15 Aransas, 35 Laguna Atascosa, 30 Lost Maples, 52 N Salt Cedars area were the highest numbers. Seen regularly.

### Bank Swallow Riparia riparia

1 Laguna Atascosa, 12 N Salt Cedars area.

### Tree Swallow Tachycineta bicolour

30 Aransas, 120 Anahuac WR, 30 South Fork, 31 N Salt Cedars area were the highest counts. Seen occasionally.

### Cliff Swallow Petrochelidon pyrrhonota

**45** Aransas, **30** Lost Maples were the highest gatherings noted. On our way through the scenery we noted many flocks of Cliff/Cave Swallows especially under bridges.

### Cave Swallow Petrochelidon fulva

5 Aransas, 2 McAllen's Sewage Farms.

#### Barn Swallow Hirundo rustica

**40** Lake Anahuac, **250** Aransas, **80** Moore's Pond, **150** N Salt Cedars area, **50** Sam Houston National Forest. Otherwise commonly seen in small numbers.

### **Tufted Titmouse** Baeolophus bicolour

1 N Sea-Gun Point, 2 Laguna Atascosa, 4 Santa Ana, 2 Lost Maples area, 7 Lost Maples State Park, 3 Tailor's Bayou, 3 Sam Houston National Forest. Only black-crested individuals were noted.

#### Carolina Chickadee Poecile carolinensis

8 Lost Maples Area, 2 Lost Maples State Park, 1 South Fork, 1 W.G. Jones State Forest.

### **Verdin** Auriparus flaviceps

2 Laguna Atascosa, 1 Falcon Dam.

#### **Bushtit** *Psaltriparus minimus*

3 Lost Maples State Park.

### **Brown-headed Nuthatch** Sitta pusilla

1 W.G.Jones State Forest (at the HQ).

#### Carolina WRen Thryothorus ludovicianus

10/1/2 Boy Scout's Wood, 10 Lost Maples area, 9 Lost Maples State Park.

### Bewick's WRen Thryomanes bewicki

1 Falcon Dam, 1 Lost Maples State Park.

#### House WRen Troglodytes aedon

1 stopover Falcon Dam – Lost Maples.

#### **Sedge WRen** Cistothorus platensis

2 Winnie – High Island.

#### Marsh WRen Cistothorus palustris

3 Winnie – High Island, 1 Bolivar Flats.

### Cactus WRen Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus

1 Laguna Atascosa, 4 Falcon Dam.

### Canyon WRen Catherpes mexicanus

1 Lost Maples State Park.

### **Ruby-crowned Kinglet** Regulus calendula

6 Boy Scout's Wood, 1 Lost Maples area, 1 Lost Maples State Park, 1 Tailor's Bayou, 2 Sabine Woods, 2 Sam Houston National Forest.

### Black-tailed Gnatcatcher Polioptila melanura

1 Falcon Dam.

### Blue-gray Gnatcatcher Polioptila caerulea

1 Bentsen, 8 Lost Maple State Park, 1/ Boy Scout's Wood, 1 Sabine Woods, 1 Sam Houston National Forest.

### Townsend's Solitaire Myadestes townsendi

1 Lost Maples State Park.

### **Eastern Bluebird** Sialia sialis

2 Lost Maples area, 1 South Fork, 2 W.G. Jones State Forest (nesting in a box at the HQ), 1 Sam Houston National Forest.

### Clay-colored Robin Turdus grayi

1 Laguna Atascosa.

### Wood Thrush Hylocichla mustelina

2/1 Boy Scout's Wood, 4 Sabine's Wood, 2 Salt Cedars.

#### **Veery** *Catharus fuscescens*

1 Sabine Woods, 1 Boy Scout's Wood.

#### **Swainson's Thrush** *Catharus ustulatus*

2/3 Boy Scout's Wood, 6 Sabine Woods, 1 Salt Cedars.

#### Gray-cheeked Thrush Catharus minimus

1 Salt Cedars, 1 Boy Scout's Wood, 1 S Salt Cedars.

#### **Gray Catbird** *Dumetella carolinensis*

Commonly observed in the High Island area, highest counts: **25** Boy Scout's Wood, **25/30** Sabine Woods.

### **Northern Mockingbird** *Mimus polyglottos*

Commonly seen, highest numbers being 50 Laguna Atascosa, 10 Falcon Dam, 20 Attwater.

### **Brown Thrasher** *Toxostoma rufum*

1 Boy Scout's Wood, 7/3 Sabine Woods.

### **Long-billed Thrasher** *Toxostoma longirostre*

4 on 510 towards Atascosa HQ, 9 Laguna Atascosa, 3 Bentsen.

#### **Curve-billed Thrasher** *Toxostoma curvirostre*

1 Atascosa HQ, 5 Falcon Dam.

### **European Starling** Sturnus vulgaris

**5** Houston Airport.

### Sprague's Pipit Anthus spragueii

**1** Attwater.

### Cedar Waxwing Bombycilla cedrorum

43 Salineño Dump.

### Tropical Parula Parula pitiayumi

1 Santa Ana.

#### Northern Parula Parula americana

2/3/1 Boy Scout's Wood, 2 Sabine Woods, 2 Tailor's Bayou.

#### Orange-crowned Warbler Vermivora celata

4 Lost Maples State Park, 1/ Boy Scout's Wood.

### Tennessee Warbler Vermivora peregrina

1/15/10/6/7/11 Boy Scout's Wood, 3/1 Anahuac WR, 10 Salt Cedars, 3 South Fork.

#### **Blue-winged Warbler** *Vermivora pinus*

3/1 Boy Scout's Wood, 4 Sabine Woods.

#### Golden-winged Warbler Vermivora chrysoptera

1/ Boy Scout's Wood, 2 Sabine Woods.

#### Nashville Warbler Vermivora ruficapilla

1 McAllen's Sewage Farms, 1 Lost Maples area, 9 Lost Maples State Park, 1 S Salt Cedars.

#### Yellow Warbler Dendroica petechia

1 Boy Scout's Wood, 2 Salt Cedars, 3 South Fork, 6 Sabine Woods, 1 Anahuac WR.

### Chestnut-sided Warbler Dendroica pensylvanica

1/3/1/3 Boy Scout's Wood, 1 Salt Cedars, 3 Sabine Woods.

### Magnolia Warbler Dendroica magnolia

2/1 Sabine Woods, 1 Smith Oaks.

### Cape May Warbler Dendroica tigrina

1 Boy Scout's Wood.

#### Cerulean Warbler Dendroica cerulea

3/1 Boy Scout's Wood, 3/1 Sabine Woods, 1 Salt Cedars.

### Blackburnian Warbler Dendroica fusca

1 Sabine Woods, 1 Boy Scout's Wood.

### Yellow-rumped Warbler Dendroica coronata

1 Winnie – High Island, 1 McAllen's Sewage Farms, 1 Lost Maples State Park, 1 Sabine Woods, 1 South Fork, 1 Salt Cedars, 3 Anahuac WR.

#### **Black-throated Green Warbler** *Dendroica virens*

3/2/3/2 Boy Scout's Wood, 1/3 Sabine Woods, 1 Anahuac WR.

### Golden-cheeked Warbler Dendroica chrysoparia

7 Lost Maples.

### Prairie Warbler Dendroica discolor

1 Salt Cedars.

### Palm Warbler Dendroica palmarum

1 Salt Cedars.

### Pine Warbler Dendroica pinus

22 W.G. Jones State Forest, 2 Sam Houston National Forest.

#### Blackpoll Warbler Dendroica striata

2/1 Sabine Woods.

#### Yellow-throated Warbler Dendroica dominica

1 Salt Cedars.

### Worm-eating Warbler Helmitheros vermivora

1/2 Boy Scout's Wood, 1/2 Sabine Woods.

### **Prothonotary Warbler** *Protonotaria citrea*

3 Sabine Woods, 1 Tailor's Bayou, 1 South Fork.

#### **Black-and-white Warbler** *Mniotilta varia*

1/5/2/4 Boy Scout's Wood, 5 Lost Maples State Park, 1 Anahuac WR, 10 Sabine Woods, 1 South Fork.

### American Redstart Setophaga ruticilla

2/1 Boy Scout's Wood, 1/12 Sabine Woods, 1 Smith Oaks.

### Swainson's Warbler Limnothlypis swainsonii

1 Salt Cedars.

### **Ovenbird** Seiurus aurocapillus

1/2/1 Boy Scout's Wood, 1/2 Sabine Woods, 1 Salt Cedars.

#### **Northern Waterthrush** *Seiurus noveboracensis*

3/2/1 Boy Scout's Wood, 4/5 Sabine Woods, 3 Salt Cedars.

#### Louisiana Waterthrush Seiurus motacilla

1 Attwater, 1 Anahuac WR, 1 Sabine Woods.

### **Kentucky Warbler** *Oporornis formosus*

2/3/2 Boy Scout's Wood, 12/6 Sabine Woods, 2 Salt Cedars, 1 Smith Oaks.

### **Common Yellowthroat** Geothlypis trichas

8 Winnie - High Island, 1 Brownsville Landfill, 1 McAllen's Sewage Farms, 8 Santa Ana, 1 Falcon Dam, 1 Attwater, 4/1/2 Boy Scout's Wood, 1 Anahuac WR, 2 Salt Cedars, 2 S Salt Cedars, 10 Sabine Woods.

### Wilson's Warbler Wilsonia pusilla

1 Boy Scout's Wood.

#### **Hooded Warbler** Wilsonia citrina

1/5/3/1 Boy Scout's Wood, 30/5 Sabine Woods, 10 Salt Cedars.

#### **Yellow-breasted Chat** *Icteria virens*

1/ Boy Scout's Wood, 1 Sabine Woods, 1 Salt Cedars, 1 Sam Houston National Forest.

### **Summer Tanager** *Piranga rubra*

3 Lost Maples State Park, 15/5/1/3 Boy Scout's Wood, 1 Smith Oaks, 3 S Salt Cedars, 5/12 Sabine Woods, 7 W.G.Jones State Forest, 2 Sam Houston National Forest.

#### Scarlet Tanager Piranga olivacea

5/3/1 Boy Scout's Wood, 5 Sabine Woods, 1 Smith Oaks.

#### Pyrrholoxia Cardinalis sinuatus

4 Salineño, 4 Falcon Dam.

#### **Northern Cardinal** Cardinalis cardinalis

Observed very regularly, highest counts were 14 Boy Scout's Wood, 10 Lost Maples State Park.

#### Rose-breasted Grosbeak Pheucticus ludovicianus

2/4/1 Boy Scout's Wood, 2 Salt Cedars, 2 Tailor's Bayou, 10 Sabine Woods.

#### Blue Grosbeak Guiraca caerulea

1 N Sea-Gun Point, 1 Lost Maples area, 1 Lost Maples State Park, 1 Attwater, 2 South Fork, 1 Sabine Woods.

### Indigo Bunting Passerina cyanea

2 on 510 towards Anascosa HQ, 1 Santa Ana, 1 Lost Maples State Park, 2 Attwater, 15/ Boy Scout's Wood, 20/10 Sabine Woods, 3 Salt Cedars, 3 Tailor's Bayou, 9 S Salt Cedars, 1 W.G. Jones State Forest, 1 Anahuac WR.

### **Painted Bunting** *Passerina ciris*

1 Boy Scout's Wood, 3 S Salt Cedars, 14 Sabine Woods, 1 W.G. Jones State Forest.

### **Dicksissel** Spiza americana

1 Attwater, 1 S Salt Cedars, 150 N Anahuac, 140 NW right NW of Anahuac on 562.

### Olive Sparrow Arremonops rufivirgatus

4 on 510 N towards Atascosa HQ, 3 Laguna Atascosa, 3 Bentsen.

### Black-throated Sparrow Amphispiza bilineata

1 Salineño, 2 Falcon Dam.

### Clay-colored Sparrow Spizella pallida

1 Santa Ana, 4 Salineño Dump.

### Chipping Sparrow Spizella passerina

12 Lost Maples area, 3 Lost Maples State Park.

### **Grashopper Sparrow** Ammodramus savannarum

3 on 510 N towards Atascosa HO.

### Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow Ammodramus nelsoni

10 Bolivar Flats.

### Seaside Sparrow Ammodramus maritimus

30 Aransas, 1 Moore's Pond.

#### Savannah Sparrow Passerculus sandwichensis

Seen regularly, highest numbers were **10** Aransas, **5** Moore's Pond, **5** on 510 N towards Atascosa HQ, **4** Attwater, **3** Anahuac WR.

#### **Lark Sparrow** *Chondestes grammacus*

Observed with regularity, highest counts: 11 S Kingsville, 3 Falcon Dam, 5 Lost Maples area.

### White-throated Sparrow Zonotrichia albicollis

1/3/2/3 Boy Scout's Wood, 4/3 Sabine Woods.

### White-crowned Sparrow Zonotrichia leucophrys

3 Attwater, 1 Boy Scout's Wood.

### Song Sparrow Melospiza melodia

1 Aransas.

### **Lincoln's Sparrow** *Melospiza lincolnii*

1 Winnie – High Island, 7 Laguna Atascosa, 1 McAllen's Sewage Farms, 1 Falcon Dam – Lost Maples, 1/Boy Scout's Wood, 2/1 Sabine Woods, 4 Salt Cedars.

### Swamp Sparrow Melospiza Georgiana

2 Attwater, 1/ Boy Scout's Wood 3 Sabine Woods.

#### Eastern Meadowlark Sturnella magna

9 Laguna Atascosa, 15 E Brownsville, 12 Attwater were the highest counts. A bird often seen in the open.

#### **Brown-headed Cowbird** *Molothrus ater*

2 Winnie – High Island, 10 Laguna Atascosa, 6 Falcon Dam, 6 Lost Maples State Park, 1 Boy Scout's Wood, 3 Anahuac WR, 1 Sam Houston National Forest.

#### **Bronzed Cowbird** *Molothrus aeneus*

4 Kingsville – Harlingen, 5 Laguna Atascosa, 19 Bentsen.

### **Red-winged Blackbird** *Agelaius phoeniceus*

**200** Lake Anahuac, **300** Aransas, **150** Moore's Pond, **350** Laguna Atascosa, **100** Bentsen, **500** Eagle Lake were the highest numbers estimated. It was naturally observed very commonly.

#### Common Grackle Quiscalus quiscula

20 Lake Anahuac, 20 Winnie – High Island were the highest counts of this commonly seen bird.

### **Boat-tailed Grackle** *Quiscalus major*

Commonly seen around High Island, highest counts: 32 Winnie – High Island, 20 Anahuac WR.

#### **Great-tailed Grackle** *Quiscalus mexicanus*

25 Aransas, 95 Laguna Atascosa, 20 Smith Oaks were the highest numbers. Observed with great regularity.

#### Bullock's Oriole Icterus bullockii

1 Salineño, 2 Falcon Dam, 3 N Falcon Dam.

#### **Baltimore Oriole** *Icterus galbula*

5/2/1/5 Boy Scout's Wood, 2 Salt Cedars, 1 Bolivar Flats, 2 Tailor's Bayou, 12 S Salt Cedars, 57 Sabine Woods, 1 Anahuac WR.

### **Orchard Oriole** *Icterus spurious*

1 Boy Scout's Wood, 7/2 Anahuac WR, 5 Salt Cedars, 1 Tailor's Bayou, 10 S Salt Cedars, 32 Sabine Woods.

### **Altamira Oriole** *Icterus gularis*

2 Bentsen, 1 Santa Ana.

### Audubon's Oriole Icterus graduacauda

2 Bentsen.

### **House Finch** Carpodacus mexicanus

**6** Lost Maples State Park.

### Lesser Goldfinch Carduelis psaltria

1 at a stopover Falcon Dam – Lost Maples.

### **House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus*

1 South Fork.

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