and Nov. 17–30 at Sarpy, NE (JS). A Corn.
Redpoll Nov. 9 in Douglas, KS (MR.), fur-
nished an early fall record for an exceeding-
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H eavy rains in much of east, central, and
south Texas contributed to abundant
surface water and wild food resources.
There were a few good fallouts of passer-
ines during the biggest downpours along
the coast. The weather in the Panhandle
was "unexceptional" and for the most part
mild. The migration was termed "a bit dull"
in much of central and west Texas, al-
though the latter area garnered some sig-
nificant rarities. Early arrival dates and late
lingering migrants gained much mention
statewide; we include only the more re-
markable of these in the space available.
Numbers of many wintering species were
way down (especially westward), yet
nuthatches made an incursion into the
eastern part of the state. Grassland birds
were seemingly sparse in the western half,
but notably abundant to the east. Matt
White in north Texas remarked, with some
irony, that "rare loons and larids in Novem-
ber are now almost routine, as birders con-
tinue to scrutinize the area lakes."

Overall the reporting network was un-
even this season, with some missing pieces
of the picture in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area
and under-birded parts of east and central
Texas. Two pelagic trips out of Port O'Connor
August 23 and September 20, and an-
other pelagic trip out of Port Isabel
September 20, continued to round out our
picture of Texas' offshore avifauna. The
west Texas mountains began to get the at-
tention they deserve in the exciting late-
summer period.

The timely reporting of hawk-watching
results, notably by Winnie Burkett (Smith
Point) and Patty Beasley (Coastal Bend),
was just thrilling this season. The Smith
Point event takes place at the Candy Abshi-
er Wildlife Management Area at the edge of
Galveston Bay. The Coast Bend watch is at
Hazel Bazemore County Park near Corpus
Christi. As always, we are grateful to John
Economidy and the Hawk Migration Asso-
ciation of North America for their efforts
and information.

The concentration of eager observers at
such events as the fall Texas Ornithological
Society meeting in Greenville in early

Place names that are frequently men-
tioned, but very long, may be abbrevi-
ated in a form such as "C.B.B.T." or
"W.P.B.O." Such local abbreviations
will be explained in a key at the begin-
ing of the particular regional report in
which they are used. Standard abbrevi-
ations that are used throughout Field
Notes are keyed on page 21.
November and at the Rio Grande Valley Birding Festival in mid-November were the source of many interesting records. That said, documentation of important records was notably poor in south Texas, where truly rare species are mistakenly considered to be "expected" or "routine" by visiting birders.

Abbreviations: Ft. Bliss (Fort Bliss sewage ponds, El Paso); L.R.G.V. (Lower Rio Grande Valley); S.S.W.T.P. (South Side Water Treatment Plant, Dallas); T.B.R.C. (Texas Bird Records Committee/Texas Ornithological Society); T.C.W.C. (Texas Cooperative Wildlife Collection/Texas A&M University); TxB (TexBirds discussion list/National Audubon Society); U.T.C. (Upper Texas Coast); V.C.D.B. (Village Creek Drying Beds, Tarrant Co.). The following are shortened names for the respective county, state, or national parks, wildlife refuges, etc.: Anahuac, Aransas, Attwater, Balcones Canyonlands, Bentsen, Big Bend, Choke Canyon, Hagerman, Laguna Atascosa, Lost Maples, Sabine Woods, and Santa Ana.

**LOONS TO IBISES**

Red-throated Loons have proven to be annual in occurrence in n. Texas in recent years; this season two were at Hagerman Nov. 7 (G&LSk) and another was at Cooper L., Hopkins/Delta, Nov. 7–8 (tMWh, PH, BG). Pacific Loons are regular in small numbers each fall and winter in the e. half of the state; they were reported this season at Cooper L., Matagorda Bay, and L. Tawakoni (m.ob.). Two Pacific Loons at Greenbelt L., Donley, Nov. 21–23 (tKS, RSc, LSa, D&PA) were the first reported in the Panhandle since 1979. Showing a different pattern than expected, Least Grebes were fairly sparse in the L.R.G.V. (m.ob.); however, substantial numbers were seen northward from Kenedy up to the Austin area. Young Least Grebes at Choke Canyon in October (G&PK, RA) confirmed breeding there, but more notable was a pair of nesting Least Grebes near Sweeny, Brazoria, Sept. 1 onward (ph., PHu, TMo), the first documented nesting record on the U.T.C. Unusual reports of Horned Grebe included single birds at L. Balmorhea Nov. 11–16 (KB, MAd), Aransas Bay Nov. 12 (A&MC), Ft. Hancock Nov. 13 (BZ), and Imperial Res. Nov. 28 (BJP). Imperial Res., near the Pecos R., hosted an imm. Red-necked Grebe Oct. 31 (†BJP). Numbers of *Aechmophorus* grebes have skyrocketed in far w. Texas during the past five years; W. Grebes were sometimes found in small groups and Clark's were, at best, rare (BZ). Zimm found 53 of these birds Nov. 18 at Tornillo, Ft. Hancock, and McNary Res., including 27 Westerns, 16 Clark's, and 10 unidentified.

The now-expected summer/fall tubenoses (Cory's Shearwater, Audubon's Shearwater, and Band-rumped Storm-Petrel) were encountered on 3 pelagic trips. Data collected during the last 4 years led the T.B.R.C. to remove Audubon's Shearwater and Band-rumped Storm-Petrel from the Texas Review List. A Manx Shearwater found dead on N. Padre L., Kenedy, Sept. 13 (BS, †A&MC, †T.C.W.C.) provided the 6th Texas record. The single Leach's Storm-Petrel seen off of Port O'Connor Aug. 23 (†ME, JGo, ML, PH, m.ob.) appeared to have a mostly dark rump, a plumage character not observed in Texas waters before. Five Leach's were reported by Brad McKinney Sept. 20 off Port Isabel.

Inland Brown Pelican reports included one in Austin Aug. 28 (TxB) and three at Hudspeth reservoirs during November (ph., BZ). Ebanks reckoned that the flocks of "hundreds" of Neotropic Cormorants at Choke Canyon Oct. 24–26 were probably the largest he had ever seen. Somewhat late were four Anhingas in Gonzales Oct. 26 (BFr), and another reported in Austin Nov. 11 (TxB). Forty Magnificent Frigatebirds roosting at Smith Pt., Chambers, Oct. 12 had disappeared by the Oct. 17 (WB).

Somewhat early was an Am. Bittern at Hagerman Aug. 31 (LL), while one in Carson Sept. 30 (VL) provided an uncommon Panhandle report. Some notably large concentrations of Great Egrets were seen in w. Texas and the Panhandle; 30 in Carson Sept. 29 (TFe, RSc, PT) and 57 at Ft. Hancock Nov. 25 (BZ). A bird fitting the description of a imm. Little Egret was found at V.C.D.B., Tarrant, Aug. 22–24 (ph., MR et al.). The bird was studied and photographed by many observers; however, as of this writing, imm. Snowy Egret may not be eliminated from consideration. Two late Snowy Egrets were at S.S.W.T.P. Nov. 26 (BGI). A few of summer's Little Blue Herons in the Panhandle remained through August; one immature was found in Randall Oct. 1 (KS). Another Little Blue was at L. Balmorhea.
Oct. 14 (MAd). Two Tricolored Herons at L. Balmorhea Aug. 18 (ML, GL) and another in Midland Aug. 24–Sept. 14 (GK) were noteworthy.

The White Ibis influx into c. Texas continued well into September; over 20 White Ibises were at Austin’s Hornsby Bend Aug. 23–24 (BFr, ML), while 15 were still at College Station Sept. 13 (SD). Individual Glossy Ibises were at Austin Sept. 27–30 (BR, m.ob.) and at Corpus Christi Nov. 30 (A&MC). A Roseate Spoonbill in Midland Aug. 30 (RMS) provided a 2nd county record, while one at L. Nasworthy, San Angelo, Oct. 6–8 provided the 3rd confirmed record, while one at L. Nasworthy, San Angelo, Aug. 18 (ML, GL) and another Oct. 14 (MAd). Two Tricolored Herons at L. Balmorhea Aug. 18 (ML, GL) and another Oct. 24 (BFr, ML), while 15 were still at College Station Aug. 24–Sept. 14 (GK) were noteworthy.

**WATERFOWL**

A Fulvous Whistling-Duck at Hagerman Aug. 28 (KH, fide WM) provided a very rare n.c. Texas record. One ad. and four imm. Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks were in Angelina Sept. 1, possibly providing a first nesting record for the Pineywoods (DAr, LD, CMo). Two groups of Tundra Swans were at Taylor Lakes W.M.A., Donley four birds Oct. 30 and seven Nov. 21 (KS). Early Snow Geese were at Kingsville Aug. 26 (CA, fide NP). A trend of higher numbers of Ross’s Geese (i.e., higher ratio of Ross’s to Snows) in coastal and s. Texas began this Fall, and will be described in more detail in the winter season. Ross’s in the Pineywoods were interesting: a single in Harrison (GLu, ER) and 15 more in Gregg, both Nov. 1 (PHa). While a few Muscovy Ducks were noted periodically at the usual Starl locations, of more interest were three imm. Muscovies in flight over Santa Ana Nov. 12 (GL).

Once again a large group of Wood Ducks were found in the n. Panhandle at Palo Duro L. when 30–40 were noted during November (JDe). Up to 7 Wood Ducks were in Midland in November, providing the most sightings ever in that area (fide FW). A Greater Scaup off S. Padre L. Nov. 12–16 (AW, BMc) was a nice find. Four fall sightings of Oldsquaw exceeded expectations: Nov. 10–25 at Ft. Bliss, El Paso (BZ; 3rd county record); Nov. 20 in Kleberg (A&MC); Nov. 22 at Texas Pt., Jefferson (KS); and Nov. 22–30 at Mitchell L., San Antonio (ph., WS et al.).

Good Surf Scoter records came from Ft. Bliss Oct. 28–Nov. 5 (Bf); S. Padre L., Cameron, Nov. 20 (AW); Boca Chica, also Cameron, Nov. 20 (AW); and at Lake O’ the Pines, Marion, Nov. 22 (CCO). At Aransas, a Masked Duck was discovered by Dobinson Nov. 4 and was seen through Nov. 21 (tFD et al.).

**RAPTORS**

The Smith Pt. and Hazel Bazemore hawk watches produced “mind-numbing” results (JE), as suggested in Table 1. Hawk watchers anywhere on the continent would be thrilled at a daily total in five figures. Get a load of this sequence at Hazel Bazemore: Sept. 26 (48,721 total raptors), Sept. 27 (169,837), Sept. 28 (167,209), and Sept. 29 (302,294). Counters at that site had 5 other dates with totals ranging from 12,127 to 30,034 raptors. We encourage online readers to check out the complete results available at the Web site of the Audubon Outdoor Nature Club of Corpus Christi, listed in the S.A.

A migrant flight of 7000 Turkey Vultures w. of Sarita, Kenedy, Oct. 26 was an amazing sight (CR, CSh et al.). A late Turkey Vulture was in Randall Oct. 30 (PN). Hook-billed Kites were much in evidence at the known locations in the L.R.G.V., including three birds seen together at Santa Ana in late November (WR). Swallow-tailed Kites were much more numerous this fall than in previous years. As many as five Swallow-taileds were seen at Smith Pt. on a number of dates, and five were tallied Aug. 24 at Hazel Bazemore. A very late Mississippi Kite was seen in Amarillo Sept. 30 (DA).

Details on a N. Goshawk seen near Tyler Nov. 14–21 (DHa, TFr et al.) will be reviewed by the T.B.R.C. A remarkable sighting was a Com. Black-Hawk well-described over San Antonio Nov. 23 (tDE). All the regular sites for Gray Hawks in the L.R.G.V. harbored one or a few birds; most notable was an immature at the e. end of the valley at Sahal Palms Nov. 13 (JA). Small numbers (two–five) of Broad-winged were still moving past Smith Pt. and through the L.R.G.V. as late as Nov. 18–23 (WB, BMc). A wet rainy pattern across e. Texas and the e. edge of the Hill Country in early October apparently rerouted the bulk of southbound Swainson’s Hawks a bit to the west, as evidenced by low counts at hawk watches at Balcones Canyonslands and on the Coastal Bend (CS, JE et al.). Noticeably late Swainson’s Hawks were reported at Rockport Nov. 24 (CC) and on a private ranch in Willacy Nov. 28 (WR).

Ten ad. White-tailed Hawks on Mustang 1. Nov. 20 (CC) were a new high tally for...
the site; elsewhere in s. Texas, numbers of
immm White-tailed seemed low (m. ob.). A
White-tailed at Rollover Pass, Galveston,
Nov 30 was a bit out of range (file DB). A
Zone-tailed Hawk at Midland Sept. 13 (DK,
FW) furnished a first county record. Other
Zone-taileds at unusual locations included
Bastrop Oct. 18 (BFr), and at the
Brownsville landfill Nov. 14 (JA). A most
intriguing report was of a dark-morph
immm Rough-legged Hawk, which soared
over observers at the Hazel Bazemore hawk
watch Sept. 27 (JE et al.). This is a sump-
ningly early date; debates about the iden-
tification of this bird swirled over the Inter-
net for some weeks thereafter.

PRAIRIE-CHICKENS

TO SHOREBIRDS

Despite continuing concerns about the
availability of enough suitable habitat for
the species, the Attwater's (Greater)
Prairie-Chicken news was encouraging on at
least one front: The release of captive-reared
birds was in full swing (TR). A total of 56
Attwater's were scheduled to be released at
their namesake Refuge and at the Texas Na-
ture Conservancy's Galveston Bay Prairie
Preserve by late September. Refinements in
the release and acclimation techniques has
significantly improved the chance of sur-

vival for these birds. Prior to the 1997 re-
leases, the wild population (including pre-
viously released birds) was estimated at 58
individuals, up from 42 in 1996 (TR).

Always a good find in extreme e. Texas
was a Sandhill Crane in Rusk Oct. 30 (PHa).
The Whooping Crane story was encourag-
ing. By November 30 there were a record
171 birds (142 adult and 29 young), with
more expected (TS, file PP). Intriguing was
a report of two Whooping Cranes watched
for 10 minutes with Sandhills near Dell
City, Hudspeth, Oct. 20 (SM).

Several small groups of Am. Golden-
Plovers in Willacy Nov 28 were very late
(WR). Two Snowy Plovers were late at Im-
perial Res. Nov. 11 (KB, JKa); one remained
until Nov. 28 (BJP). The only Mt. Plover re-
ported from the Panhandle was one in
Armstrong Aug. 29 (EK, BMc, RSc). Forty-
four Mt. Plovers were found near Granger
L. Nov. 15 (BFr); 32 were relocated the fol-
lowing day (BFr, ML). A Whimbrel in Mid-
land Aug. 23 provided the first area record
in 5 years (RS, FW). Three Hudsonian
Godwits found at the same location in Car-
sion Aug. 23 & 29 (EK, TtC, RSc, PT) were
unprecedented. A Marbled Godwit at Mid-
land Oct. 5 provided a rare area record
(RMS) Another Marbled Godwit was at

V.C.D.B. Aug. 2–19, providing possibly the
first documented record for the area (MG,
MR, ph. GL). Three Red Knots near Wash-
burn, Armstrong, Aug. 1 (EK, BMc, RSc)
provided a rare Panhandle record. Two
breeding plumaged Red Knots at San An-
tonio Sept. 6–7 were also noteworthy (BDo,
Kba). A good concentration of 400+ Buff-
breasted Sandpipers was reported Sept. 6
near Port Lavaca (PH). Red-necked Phala-
 rope numbers were below normal in the
Trans-Pecos during the period (BZ).

JAEGERS TO TERNs

Inland jaegers are always unusual in Texas;
A Parasitic was at Cooper L. Nov. 7–9
(+MWh, PH, E&SWie, DD et al.). Single
Laughing Gulls at Midland Aug. 23–30
(RMS, FW) and at Ft. Stockton Nov. 11
(JKa, KB) were also rare inland. A first-win-
ter Little Gull was well described at Mount-
tain Creek L., Dallas, Nov. 28 (RG, KN);
there are now more than 25 records of this
species in the state. An ad. Black-headed
Gull was at Cooper L. Oct. 26–Nov. 11 (+
ph., MWh, m. ob.). This bird, providing the
earliest ever fall date for Texas, was thought
to be the same individual as the previous
winter. Lesser Black-backed Gulls were at 4
central and lower coast locations by the end
of the season, while a first-winter Glaucous
at L. Tawakoni Nov. 29–30 provided a new
record for Van Zandt/Rains (+MWh, KWh,
ph., BGi, RR).

In contrast to last fall's bumper crop, the
only Black-legged Kittiwake this season was
a first-winter bird at N. Padre L, Kleberg,
Nov. 9 (+ph., PD, GC). Out of 45 accepted
records for the state, a Sabine's Gull seen on
the Sept. 20 boat trip off Port O'Connor
(+JPa) might have been a Vaux's. Any Chaetura
swift at Ft. Bliss Oct. 19 (+JPa) might have
been a Vaux's. Any Chaetura in El Paso is
unusual, and Vaux's is still not accepted on
the Texas list.

The bulk of the diverse and abundant
hummingbird array in the Trans-Pecos was
"swept" out of the area rather suddenly
Sept. 6–7, although the area eventually tal-
lied a 10th and 11th species for the season
(Ruby-throated and Anna's). The peak of
the hummingbird migration on the c. Texas
cost, made up mostly of Ruby-throateds,
stretched from about Sept. 9–23, when "swarms" were reported at many feeders.
Texas' 6th Green-breasted Mango turned
up at Corpus Christi Nov 3 (+J&VSi, +PHet,
+PBe, ph., KBa, WS, m. ob.), stayed through
Nov. 8, then turned up at another nearby
feeder Nov. 29 (JS et al.) and remained into
the winter. The male White-eared Hum-
ingbird in the Davis Mts. from the sum-
mer report was last seen Aug. 23. Also de-
lighting observers, a Berylhne Humming-
bird showed up at this same set of Davis
Mts. feeders Aug. 17 and remained through
Sept. 4 (+ph., KB, D&LH, MA, CSh, m. ob.).
There had been one single-observer sight
record of this species in Big Bend in 1991,
but the present bird was quite coop-
erative and was seen and photographed
(first photos for Texas) by many who visit-
ed, thanks to the hospitality of Mark and
Maryann Eastman.

An amazing 120+ Buff-bellied Hum-
ingbirds were seen on the Kenedy Ranch,
Kenedy, in late August (BFr) Out-of-range

DOVES TO WOODPECKERS

Eurasian Collared-Doves continued in
Canyon and elsewhere, while there were
new reports from Ft. Clark Springs Aug. 14
(TBa) and San Angelo Nov. 16 (TM). An
experienced observer reported two Blue
Ground-Doves at Salineno Nov. 19 (+Tce,
to T.B.R.C.). This species, reported at least
twice before in the L.R.G.V., is regular in s
Tamaulipas. We hope someday to receive
photo documentation for this potential
new U.S. species.

The major Brownsville roost of Green
Parakeets burgeoned to 300+ by late fall
(BMc, CS). A Black-billed Cuckoo at Cooper
L. Aug. 27 (MWh) provided a 2nd coun-
ty record and one of few fall reports for n.c
Texas. A Spotted Owl discovered on private
land in the upper reaches of the Davis Mts
Aug. 2 (JKa, FJ, GL, CS) provided only the
2nd record there, although the species is
likely to be resident there. Probably at the n
edge of their known range, up to six Lesser
Nighthawks were seen in the Abilene area
as late as Sept. 7 (LB et al.). A Chaetura
swift at Ft. Bliss Oct. 19 (+JPa) might have
been a Vaux's. Any Chaetura in El Paso is
unusual, and Vaux's is still not accepted on
the Texas list.

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female Blue-throateds were found in Canyon Aug. 15 (A&HS) and at Bastrop Aug. 22–24 (BFr). One Blue-throated and two Magnificents lingered in the Davis Mts. until Nov. 8 and Nov. 15, respectively (fide KB). Coinciding with the migration peak on the Texas coast, an unprecedented number of Ruby-throateds were detected in the c. and s. Trans-Pecos in September. For example, up to 26 Ruby-throateds were in Jeff Davis through the month, although Paton pointed out that Ruby-throateds didn’t make it as far w. as El Paso.

All of the regular hummingbird species in the Panhandle lingered late: Black-chinned to Oct. 27, Broad-tailed to Nov. 25, and Rufous to Nov. 4 (m.ob.). An Anna’s was in Callahan Oct. 7, where it is one of the rarer migrants (PH). A stray Calliope was near Victoria Sept. 1–2 (RW). Returning for its 3rd winter, a probable male Allen’s showed up in San Antonio Aug. 3 and stayed through the season (HW).

One to two Green Kingfishers were at Big Bend’s Rio Grande Village Aug. 24 onward (MA, RW, m.ob.). Slightly out of range were a Golden-fronted Woodpecker in Oldham Sept. 26 through the period (KS) and a Red-bellied Woodpecker in Canyon Nov. 18 (BMc, RSC, PT). A Red-bellied Woodpecker at Aransas Pass Oct. 18–24 (E&NA, CC) was also somewhat of a surprise. A few counties w. of its regular range, a Pileated Woodpecker was in Montague in early November (JPa), probably a county first.

**FLYCATCHERS TO SWALLOWS**

A Least Flycatcher at Ft. Bliss Sept. 10 (BZ) provided a rare El Paso area record. A “Western” flycatcher, thought to be a Cordilleran, was at College Station Sept. 27 (†BeF, SD), while another was reported Honey Creek S.N.A. on the same date (SWie). A Myiarchus believed to be an Ash-throated was in Harrison Sept. 4 (DMe, PHA), an unusual record for n.e. Texas. Wandering Great Kiskadees included individuals at Indiana Sept. 23 (PH) and near Bandera Oct. 4 (SWie). An out-of-range Couch’s Kingbird was reported at Brazos Bend Nov. 30 (TxB). A somewhat out-of-place Cassin’s Kingbird was at Midland Oct. 4 (SS, DK). Noteworthy Eastern Kingbird concentrations included 70 in Hemphill Aug. 23 (EK et al.) and “several hundred” in stormy weather at Indiana Sept. 23 (PH). A Fork-tailed Flycatcher near Anahuac, Chambers, Sept. 13 (†DS) will provide the 10th Texas record, if accepted by the T.B.R.C. The Rose-throated Becard at Santa Ana from the summer was seen at least through Oct. 3 (m.ob.).

Single Purple Martins at El Paso Aug. 7 (IPA) and Sept. 15 (BZ), and in Huddspeth Sept. 20 (IPA), provided rare El Paso area records. A Purple Martin in Gray Oct. 10 was the latest on record for the Panhandle, as was a N. Rough-winged Swallow in Potter on the same date (EK, RSC, PT). A testament to the mild fall, up to 5 species of swallows lingered at McNary, Huddspeth, into late November (BZ, IPA). Up to 20 Cave Swallows were seen in Abilene Sept. 20 (TxB) and a concentration of 40–50 Cave Swallows was seen in Matagorda Oct. 26 (TE).

**JAYS TO PIPITS**

A single Blue Jay, which had been in Eilburg for over a year, was finally seen Nov. 18 (TB). Brown Jays seem to be back in normal numbers in the areas below Falcon Dam after several sparse seasons (m.ob.). Only two-three Tamaulipas Crows were at the Brownsville landfill, in contrast to past years when hundreds were sometimes seen. The Carolina Chickadee at Sabal Palms from summer continued to be reported. Other out-of-range Carolina Chickadees included one at Rockport Nov. 12 (A&MC), Goose I. Nov. 22 (E&NA), and Santa Ana Nov. 24 (RB). The Red-breasted Nuthatch invasion, which was first apparent in n. Texas in late September, brought substantial numbers of birds into c. and e. Texas by mid-October. A few individuals reached the coast (e.g., at Sea Rim Oct. 16 and Aransas Pass Oct. 18) and made it all the way to Santa Ana from Oct. 19–Nov. 19 (m.ob.). This movement of Red-breastededs was not evident in w. Texas (fide FW, JPa).

Last reported in the Panhandle in 1987, Cactus Wrens were in Oldham Aug. 14–Sept. 29 (KS); on the latter date an old nest was detected. A Winter Wren at Sabal Palms in early to mid-November was about as far south as they get (AW). A very early Sedge Wren was at Cooper L. Aug. 9 (MWh); recent studies published in the Wilson Bulletin suggest that we should be watching for a breeding population in that area. There were indications of a Sedge Wren influx late in the fall the length of the e. half of the state (m.ob.). Two Marsh Wrens were found at Rita Blanca L. Hartley, on the extremely early date of Aug. 15 (EK, RSC), beating the previous early date by a month.

A few Golden-crowned Kinglets were noted in Brownsville, Sabal Palms, and at Santa Ana Nov. 12–Dec. 1 (m.ob.), but elsewhere no serious influx of the species was noted. A collection of 1100 Blue-gray Gnatcatchers at Smith Pt., Chambers, Aug. 22 was eye-popping (TxB). The only report we received of Mt. Bluebird was from Wichita in late September and early October, suggesting that this wasn’t an invasion year. Lost Maples hosted a late Swainson’s Thrush Nov. 18 (SWie), and a late Wood Thrush was at Boca Chica Nov. 14 (WS). A Wood Thrush at Big Bend Oct. 3 (PC) provided a first fall record for the park. Only a single write-up of the two Clay-colored Robins at Bentsen was received (†CE), despite the fact that scores of birders watched these birds Nov. 14 through the period. A Varied Thrush was reported at Santa Ana Nov. 29 (†HD); of the 16 Texas records of this species, this will be the 3rd for the L.R.G.V., if accepted.

Gray Catbirds at Big Bend Oct. 5 (MF) and Nov. 7 (BWe) were of interest, as was another at Ft. Bliss Oct. 17 (BZ); a Gray Catbird in Kress, Swisher, Nov. 22–27 (IR)
was very late. Sage Thrashers were in evidence at and beyond the e. edge of their normal fall range; a Sage Thrasher in Harris-
ony Oct. 19 (GLu, ER) was the farthest afield. Arvin located an out-of-range Long-billed Thrasher along the Colorado R. in Mata-
gorda Nov. 8. A species that seldom gets reported in the Panhandle—but one that surely occurs regularly—was a Sprague's Pipit in Oldham Sept. 29 (KS), a new county record.

**VIREOS AND WARBLERS**

A Black-capped Vireo in Midland Sept. 28–Oct. 4 (TB&GPot) provided a 5th county record. A pair of Bell's Vireos with two young in tow Aug. 3 at Salineño provided a very rare L.R.G.V. record (BMc, OC). A Yellow-throated Vireo in Midland Sept. 21 (RMS) provided a first fall county record. Very late was a Yellow-throated Vireo at Hagerman Oct. 20 (LL). A very early Blue-headed Vireo was at Sabine Woods, Jeff-
erson, Aug. 17 (KSt). Rare in the fall in w. Texas, two Red-eyed Vireos were at Big Bend's Rio Grande Village Aug. 10 (BZ, VE).

There were perhaps fewer truly rare mi-
grant warblers around the state, but instead we had a slew of uncommon locality re-
ports (Table 2). Quite a variety of species posted early records in August. Until the first hard weather of the winter pushed them out, many warblers were still hanging around on the coast in early November. Late warblers were taking advantage of mild conditions in mid-November in the L R G.V. where at least 17 species were tallied by the influx of birders there.

*En masse,* the data suggested that Magnolia Warblers drifted to the west this sea-
son, as perhaps did numbers of Worm-eat-
Ing Warblers. An irruption of Pine War-
blers seemed to be taking shape by mid-
September (m.ob.) were a bit unusual.

**GROSBEAKS TO FINCHES**

A Rose-breasted Grosbeak in Big Bend Aug. 22 (MAd, BW) was unexpected. Also inter-
esting were single Black-headed Grosbeaks in Dallas Sept. 11 (RC, BV, L2) and in Bryan Sept. 24 (SD). A Green-tailed Towhee in Young Nov. 23 was likely a first county record (RN); another in Palo Duro Canyon Nov. 29 was late so far north (TSh).

A new Kenedy record was established Aug. 30 when five White-collared Seedeaters were closely observed on the Kenedy Ranch (BFr). Adding to the Botteri's Sparrow re-
port in *Presidio* in the summer, the family group of sparrows was seen as late as Sept. 14 (MAd). Unexpected in c. Texas, a Brew-
er's Sparrow was studied in Austin Nov. 1, while another was in nearby Hays Nov. 8 onward (BR et al.).

Certainly out-of-range, a Black-throat-
ed Sparrow was discovered at Anahuac Nov. 8 (PS) for only the 3rd U.T.C. record. By mid-November, a strong influx of Lark Buntings was apparent in the species' regu-
lar winter range through the Edwards Plateau and into s. Texas. Small numbers spilled eastward, as evidenced by a single bird at Port Aransas Nov. 12 (AKMC). Many observers in c. and e. Texas reported very high numbers of Le Conte's Sparrows in suitable habitat (CS et al.). An imm. Golden-crowned Sparrow was in El Paso Nov. 16–19 (HPa, BZ) for about the 19th Texas record.

A single Smith's Longspur in Smith Nov. 23 was a good find (PB, GLu). A flock of 12 Chestnut-col-
ared Longspurs in n. Austin Oct. 19 (BFr) provided the earliest ever local arrival date, while another group of 12 Chestnut-colared Longspurs at L. Tawakoni Nov. 8 through the period (m.ob.) were a bit unusual.

A great find in Midland was a Rusty Blackbird Nov. 15 (J&DMe). A Shiny Cowbird was described at Goose L, Aransas, Nov. 8 (JMCh); if accepted, this will represent the first fall record for Texas. A concentra-
tion of 40 Hooded Orioles and 28 Audubon's Orioles on the Kenedy Ranch at the end of August (BFr) was noteworthy, as was a count of 100 Baltimore at Cooper L. Sept. 4 (MWh). A late Bullock's Oriole was in Clarendon, Donley, Nov 23–25 (VT, JO), while another was in San Antonio Nov. 22 (SWie).

The only Red Crossbill report for the season comes from Nacogdoches (RiS, CRc) Sept. 8, completing a full year of sightings for this first-time invader to the Pine-
woods. Pine Siskins and Am. Goldfinches were clearly in lower numbers statewide than we normally expect by the end of the season (m.ob.). The observation of Lesser Goldfinches with young in Donley from mid-August onward (VT) provided a very rare nesting record for the Panhandle. An amazing count of over 1000 Lesser Gold-
finches was tallied on the Kenedy Ranch in late August (BFr).

**UNDOCUMENTED RARITIES**

In addition to the documented records list-
ed above, we received the following reports of Texas Review Species with insufficient or no documentation: a Masked Duck at Att-
water Nov. 30; a N. Goshawk at Muleshoe Nov. 9; a N. Jacana at Santa Ana Nov. 28; an ad. Little Gull at White Rock L., Dallas, Nov 15; and a Blue Bunting at Santa Ana Oct. 4.

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**Table 1: Hawk Watch Season Totals for Texas, Fall 1997**

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Source: Compiled from the internet and from Hawk Migration Association of North America and HawkWatch International (courtesy of Winnie Burkett, Patty Beasley, and John Economides).
CORRIGENDA

In Field Notes 51(4):892 we stated that the April 26, 1997, grounding on the U.T.C. produced Morgan’s highest ever single-day count of Neotropical migrants with 4222 individuals. This was in error and should be corrected to be his 6th best single day count of Neotropical migrants.

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