



served at Calaveras L., *Bexar* 10 Feb (MR, SCo) provided a rare inland record. A Wood Stork at La Sal del Rey, *Hidalgo* 22 Dec (DJ) furnished a rare local winter record.

Out-of-range Turkey Vultures included one at L. Meredith, *Hutchinson* 3 Dec (BPi), one near Clairemont, *Kent* 24 Dec (AH), and up to 6 at El Paso until 4 Jan (JSp). A White-tailed Kite at Palo Duro Canyon, *Randall* 11 Jan (RM) represented the first winter record for the Panhandle, and 2 near Girard, *Kent* 24 Dec (AH) made the 2nd winter record for the South Plains. Out-of-range Bald Eagles included a first-year bird at Laguna Atascosa, *Cameron* 3 Feb (SBa) and an ad. at Hazel Bazemore County Park, *Nueces* 7 Dec (JMc). A Common Black-Hawk was at Salineño, *Starr* 10 Feb (KE). Extralimital Harris's Hawks were near Sutherland Springs, *Wilson* 2 Feb (LBl), in *Somervell* 24 Dec (MR, SCo), and on the Freeport C.B.C., *Brazoria* 15 Dec (6 birds; m.ob.)—the latter part of record-high numbers on the Upper Texas Coast. Four reports of wintering Red-shouldered Hawks from the cen. Trans-Pecos were exceptional (m.ob.). Ferruginous Hawks were reported farther s. than expected, with 3 in *Kenedy* 29 Dec (BFR) and a single at La Sal de Vieja, *Willacy* 17 Feb (MHa). The Crested Caracara expansion continued, with a first record for *Leon* in the Central Brazos Valley 23 Jan (DWi) and singles along Win-scott-Plover Rd., *Tarrant* 11 Dec (JGe) and elsewhere in *Tarrant* 24 Dec (MR, SCo). Merlins were reported in above-average numbers, with rare East Texas sightings in *Angelina*, *Harrison*, and two locations in *Nacogdoches* (fide DWo, PBa). An imm. Aplomado Falcon wandered to *Brazoria* N.W.R., *Brazoria* 14 Dec (JSt). Prairie Falcons were found s. to the Lower Rio Grande Valley, with one e. of Harlingen, *Cameron* 23 Dec (MG) and 2 near Sebastian, *Willacy* 26 Dec (DJ).

## RAILS THROUGH GULLS

Four Black Rails were found at Sargent, *Matagorda* 15 Dec, and an amazing 13 were found in this same location later in the period (JWi, CB et al.). A Purple Gallinule at Brazos Bend S.P., *Fort Bend* 4 Feb (BT, BGo, ph. GLa) may represent the first Feb record for the Upper Texas Coast. Three Common Moorhens at Gibbon Creek 28 Dec (L&THH, SWH) provided the 2nd winter record for *Grimes*. Five Sandhill Cranes were near Huntsville, *Walker* 25 Dec (RBe), and a flock was heard near the Trinity R. the same day (DwK), providing the first winter reports from the Pineywoods. The Whooping Crane flock at Aransas N.W.R., *Aransas* was estimated at 237 individuals; no mortality was recorded for the season (TSt).



Perhaps the most astonishing find of the season was this Eastern Kingbird at San Antonio's Mitchell Lake, Bexar County 26 January 2007. This represents the first fully documented winter record for Texas. Photograph by Howard Eskin.

Four Snowy Plovers at L. Tawakoni, *Rains* 3 Dec (MWh) were late, while 35 found at La Sal del Rey, *Hidalgo* 21 Jan (DJ) made a high count for an inland location. High winter counts of Wilson's Plovers came from East Beach, *Galveston*: 10 there 17 Dec (MWh) and 16 on 31 Dec (TE). Nine Mountain Plovers found in agricultural fields near Dell City, *Hudspeth* 27 Jan (LBa) were further evidence that the species winters there. Counts of 250 Mountain Plovers near Knippa, *Uvalde* 17 Dec (MHe) and 100 in *Bexar* 20 Jan (BD) were encouraging. Solitary Sandpiper numbers were up, with 4 counted on the Austin C.B.C., *Travis* 16 Dec (m.ob.), one at Lubbock, *Lubbock* 16 Dec (PKi), and another at Alazan Bayou W.M.A., *Nacogdoches* 17 Dec (ph. DWo). Wintering Solitary Sandpipers were noted at Waco, *McLennan* (JY) and in *Harris* (DD). A Whimbrel on the Katy Prairie, *Harris* 3 Dec (JGr) was unusual, as this species is extremely rare away from the immediate coast in winter. Single Long-billed Curlews were reported at Miller's Creek Res., *Throckmorton* 22 Dec (GCo, TR, DHi, BoS) and in ne. *Travis* 3 Jan (BFR). An impressive 8 Pectoral Sandpipers were at *Brazoria* N.W.R., *Brazoria* 17 Dec (BN). A Dunlin found at L. Waco 7 Dec (EH) furnished a first winter record for *McLennan*. An American Woodcock near Quanah, *Hardeman* 5 Jan (MT) is believed to mark a first county record, while another at Bentsen S.P., *Hidalgo* 17 Jan (R&MS) was a rare Lower Rio Grande Valley record. A Wilson's Phalarope lingered until 17 Dec at McNary Res., *Hudspeth* (BZ); perhaps more expected were 109 at La Sal del Rey, *Hidalgo* 17 Dec (DJ).

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Noteworthy were 4 Laughing Gulls on L. Pflugerville, *Travis* 20 Dec (ph. TFe). A count of 20 Franklin's Gulls at Houston area landfills, *Harris* 20 Dec (MR) indicates how many of these birds linger into early winter; also, one was at White Rock L., *Dallas* 6 Jan (BGi) and one along the Houston Ship Channel, *Harris* 3 Feb (CTL). A Little Gull was observed at L. Ray Hubbard, *Dallas* 10 Dec and 27 Jan (†GCo, TR, BoS); 2 were at White Rock L., *Dallas* 1 Jan+ (CR, BoS, †m.ob.). An ad. Black-headed Gull was observed at L. Lewisville, *Denton* 1 Jan (†MR, SCo). A Bonaparte's Gull at Muleshoe N.W.R., *Bailey* 17 Dec (AH, m.ob.) was a rare find for the South Plains. A Mew Gull was at L. Lewisville, *Denton* 31 Dec (†MR). Inland California Gulls were seen at L. Tawakoni, *Hunt* 20 Nov (MWh) and at White Rock L., *Dallas* 17 Dec and 27 Jan (GCo, BoS). First-winter Thayer's Gulls were observed at a Houston landfill, *Harris* 20 Dec (MR) and at L. Tawakoni, *Rains* 31 Dec (MWh); ads. were reported from *Galveston* 28 Jan and 28 Feb (MA). A first-winter Iceland Gull was well documented at a Houston area landfill, *Harris* 20 Dec+ (†MR); another in New Mexico 5 Dec–26 Feb was observed intermittently and photographed in w. El Paso 25 Dec–10 Feb (Tph. JPa, BZ). Pending acceptance, this record is potentially a first for the Trans-Pecos. Lesser Black-backed Gulls continue to be reported in large numbers on the Upper Texas Coast (CTL, MR). Also, at least 4 wintered on various n.-cen. lakes (GCo, PBa, JSt, KL et al.); an ad. at L. Livingston, *Polk* 2 Jan (RSc) repre-

sents only the 4th Pineywoods record; and a first-winter bird in El Paso 26 & 31 Dec (BZ) makes just the 3rd county record. Glaucous Gulls were found at two Galveston locations 30 Dec (TSo) and 20 Jan (TKi et al.), at Elliott landfill, Nueces 3 Feb (SCo, MR, WS), and along the Houston Ship Channel, Harris 24 Feb (HL). Reid's census work of Houston area landfills yielded photographs of first-winter Great Black-backed Gulls on 20 Dec and 21 Feb.

## DOVES THROUGH WOODPECKERS

Eurasian Collared-Doves continue to increase on Christmas Bird Counts, with a jump on the Tyler C.B.C., Smith from 7 on last year's count to 33 this year being typical of the growing population (A&KB). White-winged Doves reached a new high of 1020 on the Bell County C.B.C., nearly doubling the previous high. One at Terrell, Kaufman 24 Feb was a county first (RKi). A high count of 570 Green Parakeets was tallied at Santa Ana N.W.R., Hidalgo 16 Dec (MCA et al.). Two Ferruginous Pygmy-Owls were once again present at Bentsen, Hidalgo throughout the period (JRo); also of interest were calling birds near Salineño, Starr 6-7 Feb and near Mission, Hidalgo 9 Feb (SBa). Three Elf Owls at Devil's Sinkhole State Natural Area, Edwards 14 Dec (ML) provided a first winter record for the Edwards Plateau. Burrowing Owls were plentiful in cen. Texas, with reports of 3 in Bell, 9 in Williamson (TFe), and one in McLennan (JE). Singles were at Sea Rim S.P., Jefferson 31 Dec (JWh) and at Fort Travis Park, Galveston 27 Jan-6 Feb (BH et al.). Five roosts totaling approximately 30 Long-eared Owls were found in El Paso and Hudspeth (JPa et al.), possibly a result of abundant autumn rainfall creating a large prey base. There were multiple reports of Short-eared Owls from the Lower Rio Grande Valley, including one on S. Padre I., Cameron 5 Dec (RA), 3 and a road-killed individual near Weslaco, Hidalgo 25 Dec (MG), and another at Bentsen 3 Jan and 22 Jan (MG et al.). A Northern Saw-whet Owl in Lubbock 9 Feb-14 Mar (D&KH, †ph. BB, m.ob.) was well photographed and represented the 3rd record for the South Plains.

A Lesser Nighthawk at High I., Galveston 29 Jan (WB) constituted a rare winter record. A Common Nighthawk over Lufkin, Angelina 5 Dec (LD) was only the 2nd winter record for the Pineywoods. Common Nighthawks were more conspicuous than usual on the Up-

per Texas Coast, with birds reported 12 Dec in sw. Houston, Harris (KKi), 8 Feb at High I., Galveston (CD), and 18-19 Feb in Cove, Chambers (PF). Another was reported at White Rock L., Dallas 16 Dec (GCo, BGi). A Common Poorwill at White River L., Crosby 30 Dec (AH, m.ob.) was a rare record for the South Plains. Above-average numbers of Buff-bellied Hummingbirds were reported on the Upper Texas Coast, including 5 at Freeport, Brazoria 17 Dec (m.ob.). Amazingly early was a Black-chinned Hummingbird near Utopia, Uvalde 28 Feb (MHe). Accidental e. of the Trans-Pecos, an imm. male Costa's Hummingbird was at Hudson's Oaks, Parker 20



This Yellow-throated Warbler frequented a peanut butter feeder at Lake I. B. Johnson, Burnet County from late January through late (here 5) February 2007. This unexpected find represented the first documented winter record for the Texas Hill Country. Photograph by David Bryant.

Nov-20 Feb (MWa, †m.ob.). The bird, which was extensively photographed, endured several bouts of snow and inclement weather and developed to maturity before the eyes of many observers. An imm. male Costa's was found in Port O'Connor, Calhoun 18 Dec (†BFR). A Calliope Hummingbird was reported from Houston, Harris 3 Feb+ (J&WR). A female Ruby-throated Hummingbird was banded in Fort Davis, Jeff Davis 3 Jan+ (KB), providing a very rare winter Trans-Pecos record. Broad-tailed Hummingbirds were reported in above-average numbers on the Upper Texas Coast this winter, including one in Montgomery until 20 Jan (Brad Lirette), while another was present near Utopia, Uvalde 8 Dec+ (MHe). Up to 8 Allen's Hummingbirds were reported on the Upper Texas Coast, including 4 in the Houston area, Harris (CB, JH, J&WR, DVe); 4 more were banded in Brazoria (CB, R&KL). An ad. male Allen's was present through 27 Feb in Heindel's yard near Utopia, Uvalde and was likely a returning bird from the previous winter. One or more Ringed Kingfishers were observed along the Lampasas R. near Youngsfort, Bell (GCr). An imm. Red-headed Woodpecker spent the win-

ter near Utopia in Bandera (fide MHe). A well-described Red-naped Sapsucker found in Brazoria 17 Dec (JA) was the 3rd for the Upper Texas Coast. A Downy Woodpecker in w. El Paso 2-4 Jan was very rare (JPa, ph. BZ).

## FLYCATCHERS THROUGH SWALLOWS

A Greater Pewee near Ft. Davis, Jeff Davis 19 Dec-23 Jan (T&CH, m.ob., ph.) was only the 2nd winter record for Texas. Least Flycatchers were reported from several locations, with a record 8 seen on the Freeport C.B.C., Brazoria 17 Dec. Unprecedented for the Pineywoods, a possible Hammond's Flycatcher was observed

in San Augustine 7 Dec (DWO). Another Hammond's was photographed at Hueco Tanks State Historic Site, El Paso 16 Jan (StL), where there are fewer than five local winter records. A Dusky Flycatcher found in w. El Paso 2-4 Jan (BZ, ph. JPa) was only the 2nd El Paso winter record. The Black Phoebe in nw. Houston, Harris, present since the fall, remained through the period (SGa et al.). Another Black Phoebe near Justiceburg, Garza 2 Dec (BB) was noteworthy for the South Plains. A Say's Phoebe in Randall 17 Dec (LS) was very rare for the Panhandle. Up to 3 Great Kiskadees were evident this winter on the Katy Prairie, Harris/Waller. Couch's/

Tropical Kingbirds were reported from the Galveston and Freeport Christmas counts, in addition to birds seen on the Katy Prairie, Waller (m.ob.), Galveston, Galveston (LR), and Cullinan Park, Fort Bend (JB). Western Kingbirds were observed at Freeport, Brazoria 17 Dec (FC) and at Sea Rim S.P., Jefferson 31 Dec (BT, HJ). Amazingly, an Eastern Kingbird at Mitchell L., Bexar 26 Jan (P&BM, ph. HE) provided the first fully documented winter record for the state. A very late Scissor-tailed Flycatcher was seen 27 Dec in Denton (BGi); others lingered through 30 Dec at scattered locations farther south.

The continued decline of Loggerhead Shrikes in the Pineywoods was noted on several regional C.B.C.s. The Northern Shrike previously found 11 Nov near Hagerman N.W.R., Grayson continued through the reporting period (LLe, m.ob.); another was reported at L. Meredith, Hutchinson 3 Dec (BPi). A Yellow-throated Vireo was at Sabal Palm Sanctuary, Cameron 4 Feb (DBe). A Cassin's Vireo was reported from Galveston 11 Dec (JSt). Only 3 Brown Jays are known to exist in Texas as of this winter, attending feeders at Salineño and Chapeño, Starr throughout the

season. As recently as the early 1980s, 50+ could be found daily along the same Rio Grande woodlands. Two Fish Crows were new for the Longview C.B.C. in Gregg 16 Dec (*fide* PBa); 4 in Angel Park, Harris 10 Feb (Dave Allen) reflect a rising number of sightings from this area. A Chihuahuan Raven reported in Stephens 28 Jan (GCo, RH) was a seasonal rarity. Three Purple Martins in Clarendon, Donley 28 Feb (J&VT) represented a very early arrival date for the Panhandle. Early Cliff Swallows were found in Midland 25 Feb (A&DK); more unexpected were 4 at L. Arrowhead, Archer 27 Feb (SLo). Cave Swallows continue to push northward; good numbers wintered as far n. as Austin, Travis, and Gibbons Creek, Grimes. However, a late Jan ice storm dealt a blow to some populations. This was the case in Brazos, where a roosting population in College Station dropped from 100-120 to only 15, with numerous dead found in the vicinity (ER). Two Cave Swallows near Clairemont, Kent 23 Feb (AH) were early arrivals on the South Plains. Quite unusual in the Trans-Pecos were 2 Barn Swallows in El Paso 26 Dec-18 Jan (JPa, BZ, JSp).

## NUTHATCHES THROUGH TANAGERS

A White-breasted Nuthatch at Sea Rim S.P., Jefferson 31 Dec (BT) was at an unexpected location. Rock Wrens lingered from the fall at several locations well e. of the expected range, including 2 at L. Tawakoni S.P., Hunt (RKi), up to 3 at Miller's Creek Res., Baylor (GCo, BGi, PBi et al.), and one at L. Georgetown, Williamson (TFe) through the season. Single Rock Wrens were also present at Stillhouse Hollow Res., Bell until 28 Jan (RPi) and Wright Patman L., Cass until 21 Jan (MD). A House Wren at Mitchell Creek, Donley 17 Dec (BPi) afforded a rare winter record for the Panhandle. Winter Wrens were found in higher numbers than normal on the Upper Texas Coast; in the Trans-Pecos, single birds were near Ft. Hancock, Hudspeth 17 Dec (MSc, JZ), Ft. Bliss, El Paso 28 Dec-7 Feb (DBr, BPe, BZ), and at Big Bend N.P., Brewster 30 Dec (*fide* MF). A Sedge Wren at L. Meredith, Potter 17 Dec (*fide* RM) was only the 7th record for the Panhandle. Large numbers of Golden-crowned Kinglets were present in the e. half of the state, with record-high counts recorded on many Christmas counts. Blue-gray Gnatcatchers lingered into the winter in n.-cen. Texas, with 2 at Hubbard Creek L., Stephens 1 Dec (DP), one in Fort Worth, Tarrant 16 Dec (DRo, SJ), and one in Johnson 14 Jan (MR).

A count of 46 Western Bluebirds at Muleshoe N.W.R., Bailey 17 Dec (BB, AH) represented a new high for the South Plains, and one was farther e. at White River L., Cros-

by 30 Dec (RKO, PKi). Mountain Bluebirds staged a major irruption eastward: flocks of birds were seen at many locations in the Hill Country, including sites as far e. as Killeen, Bell (RKO), Menard (RPi), Blanco (BSt), Throckmorton (m.ob.), and McCulloch (DF, BoF). A Varied Thrush was at Balcones Canyonlands N.W.R., Travis 2 Jan (†CSe). After a banner fall with Sage Thrashers dispersing eastward, few were noted in the winter: singles at Peach Point W.M.A., Brazoria (GL et al.) and near Choke Canyon S.P., Live Oak 27 Jan (SGr, RW, DPe) and 2 in Throckmorton 18 Feb (GCo, BoS). A Crissal Thrasher was at Soda L., Midland 28-29 Jan (DKE, RMS).

Lingering Blue-winged Warblers were at San Bernard N.W.R., Brazoria 2 Dec (ph. MB) and Sabal Palm Sanctuary, Cameron 18 Dec (C&LL, RH). An Orange-crowned Warbler at L. Meredith, Potter 17 Dec (*fide* RM) provided a very rare winter Panhandle record. A Nashville Warbler was in Fort Worth, Tarrant 16 Dec (TG). A Northern Parula at High I., Galveston 2 Dec (JK) may have been a lingering migrant, but one at Sheldon Lake S.P., Harris 7 Jan (SMe) was likely a wintering bird. A Tropical Parula at Aransas N.W.R., Aransas 10 Jan (JMc) was n. of the species' normal range. A Magnolia Warbler was well described at Brazos Bend S.P., Fort Bend 9 Jan (JB). A Black-throated Gray Warbler in El Paso 27 Dec (DBr, BPe) was only the 2nd for El Paso



One of the birds of the season in Texas was this Snow Bunting present at Lake Lewisville, Denton County from 26 (here 27) December 2006 through 13 January 2007. This individual often associated with a large group of Killdeer and represents the seventh state record. Photograph by Brian Gibbons.

in winter; singles elsewhere were in San Antonio, Bexar 7 Dec (HR) and Rio Grande Village, Brewster 30 Dec (MF). Two Townsend's Warblers were at Anzalduas County Park, Hidalgo 5 Dec+ (BMc, MG), as was a Hermit Warbler 5 Dec+ (MG, RSn, m.ob.). A Yellow-throated Warbler was present at Lake L. B. Johnson, Burnet late Jan-late Feb (ph. DaB), making a first documented winter record for the Hill Country; another wintering bird was reported at Utopia, Uvalde (MHe); and singles were also found at Pearland, Harris 30 Dec-13 Jan (ph. DWWh) and Houston, Harris 1 Dec-13 Jan (JK et al.). A Pine Warbler at Lubbock, Lubbock 10 Dec-28 Jan (WWe, AH) provided a

rare local record. A Palm Warbler in Mason 14 Dec-2 Jan (DF) provided a very rare Hill Country record; one apparently wintered at Austin, Travis (EF). A Black-and-white Warbler in Midland, Midland 20 Dec (WWi) provided a first local winter record. An American Redstart was in Weslaco, Hidalgo 30 Dec (DJ). Prothonotary Warblers were found on the Guadalupe Delta, Refugio 1 Jan (L&PS) and on the King Ranch, Kleberg 2 Feb (BW). A Northern Waterthrush was at Brazos Bend S.P., Fort Bend 9 Jan (JK et al.). A Louisiana Waterthrush at San Antonio, Bexar 28 Jan-14 Feb (DM, WS, CHa) provided an unexpected cen. Texas record. Two birds believed to be Gray-crowned Yellowthroats were briefly observed at the Sabal Palm Sanctuary, Cameron 2 Dec (BMc); though these were reported through the remainder of season, no documentation was received. A female Hooded Warbler at Brazos Bend S.P., Fort Bend 13 Jan (DWWh) may have wintered locally. A Wilson's Warbler at Big Bend N.P., Brewster 30 Dec (*fide* MF) provided a rare winter record for the park. A Summer Tanager was at San Antonio, Bexar 26 Jan (HR).

## TOWHEES THROUGH FINCHES

Canyon Towhees were noted in s. Throckmorton 31 Dec (DDC, DL) and 18 Feb (GCo, BS). A Clay-colored Sparrow in w. Williamson 19 Jan (BSt) and a few in Bastrop 24 Jan (BFe) provided rare winter records for cen. Texas. A Rufous-crowned Sparrow at La Sal del Rey, Hidalgo 28 Jan (ST) was well e. of the expected range. Le Conte's Sparrows wandered a bit westward, with one at Lubbock, Lubbock 16 Dec (AH, m.ob.), 2 at Muleshoe N.W.R., Bailey 17 Dec (PKi, m.ob.), and one near Girard, Kent 24 Dec (AH). A Harris's Sparrow at El Paso 13 Feb-4 Mar (JSp, ph. JP) provided a rare El Paso record. An Oregon Junco in Temple, Bell 11-28 Feb (RPi) was e. of the normal range. A flock of 300 Lapland Longspurs near Matador, Motley 21 Jan (BB) was a good count; up to 8 were at Nacogdoches, Nacogdoches 14-17 Dec, with 2 remaining until 2 Jan (DWo). Very rare for the Pineywoods, a flock of 6 Smith's Longspurs was at Nacogdoches 17 Dec (DWo et al.). One of the birds of the season was a Snow Bunting at L. Lewisville, Denton 26 Dec-13 Jan (†KL, m.ob.).

Rose-breasted Grosbeaks wintered in unprecedented numbers in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Highlighting this occurrence was up to 9 birds at Bentsen S.P., Hidalgo 15 Feb (RR). Farther n., singles were at Dallas, Dallas 16 Dec (ShB) and near Mathis, Live Oak 4 Feb (RBr). Black-headed Grosbeaks were found at Bennett Park, Jackson 27 Dec (RW), near Cibolo, Guadalupe 6 Jan+ (ph.



This adult male Common Redpoll frequented a feeder near Decatur, Wise County, Texas between 22 January and 1 March (here 18 February) 2007, providing the eighth record for the state. Photograph by Ken Hunt.

SS), and Waller 17 Jan (CC). Very unexpected was a male Blue Grosbeak at Texas City, Galveston 3 Jan (ph. StM). An Indigo Bunting at L. Tawakoni, Rains 10 Jan (RKi) was well n. of areas where expected in winter. Male Painted Buntings were noted at a number of Upper Texas Coast locations from 15 Dec+ (m.ob.), suggesting the species must have wintered in small numbers in the Region. Perhaps more unexpected were single Painted Buntings at Glen Rose, Somervell 12 Jan (male; JJ) and Fort Worth, Tarrant 17 Feb (green bird; GCo). Winter occurrences of Dickcissel are always of interest, and this season's singles were at Texas City, Galveston 26-27 Dec (ph. StM), Lake Jackson, Brazoria 24 Jan (JA et al.), and College Station, Brazos 29 Jan (ER).

Two Yellow-headed Blackbirds in Amarillo, Randall 16 Dec (*vide* RM) provided a rare local winter record. Rusty Blackbirds made a very good showing away from traditional areas. Of particular note were 22 at Muleshoe N.W.R., Bailey 17 Dec (AH, m.ob.), 20 at Gibbons Creek, Grimes 28 Dec (MM, DS), one at Utopia, Uvalde 29 Dec (MHe), one on the King Ranch, Kleberg 17 Jan (BW), and as many as 300 in Bastrop 22-24 Jan (BFr). A flock of 14 Common Grackles was an unusual sight in El Paso 2 Feb (JSp). A female Bullock's Oriole was in Midland, Midland 16 Jan (D&JM)—the 4th year in a row that a female Bullock's has been reported from this location in mid-Jan. A male Bullock's was in Nacogdoches, Nacogdoches early Jan-8 Feb (L&DW, m.ob., ph. RSc). Audubon's Orioles continue to be found in the s.-cen. Hill Country, with up to 4 near Utopia, Uvalde through the season (MHe). An ad. male Common Redpoll graced feeders near Decatur,

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