



A [Tropical Birding](#) SET DEPARTURE tour

Spring Migration on the Upper Texas Coast with Hill Country Extension

April 19-27, 2021

Guided by Dorian Anderson

Summary

What an amazing trip; 246 species in 8 days of birding! Spring migration is always exciting, and the Upper Texas Coast is the best place on the continent to experience the annual spectacle. No family is more sought than warblers, and we ended up with an incredible 31 species when the extension was included. Throw in 8 species of vireos, 12 species of flycatchers, and various tanagers, orioles, buntings, and grosbeaks, and the action was non-stop! Waterbirds were also well represented, and we ended up with 15 species of herons, 8 species of terns, and 35 species of shorebirds. The last



present major identification challenges, but a person hasn't lived until they learn to differentiate the various 'peeps', right?

Fortunately, two Whooping Cranes presented zero confusion. The iconic bird is rare outside of its of Aransas Bay wintering grounds, so it was wonderful to intersect two representatives in a roadside marsh near Winnie. The Hill Country extension netted us Golden-cheeked Warbler and Black-capped Vireo, and we added species like Great Kiskadee, Long-billed Thrasher, Vermilion Flycatcher, Cactus Wren, and Couch's Kingbird around Uvalde. And the best part? Our evening at

the Rio Frio bat cave! Who wouldn't want to see ten million bats at point blank range! It was another amazing Tropical Birding adventure! (Scarlet Tanager by guide Dorian Anderson)

Day 1 - Monday, April 19 - Impromptu trip to High Island

A trifecta of participants pumped for birding, we departed our Houston hotel and raced towards the coast. We were scheduled to head north to the Angelina National Forest, but a continuing migration event suggested delaying our pinewood plans and heading south while fallout conditions presented. Did someone say great decision? You bet! We were buried in **Indigo Buntings**, **Tennessee Warblers**, and **Red-eyed Vireos** outside of Boy Scout Woods, and we had to kick **Gray Catbirds**, **Swainson's Thrushes** (photo on next page by client Gayle Peterson), and **Hooded Warblers** off the path once we entered the sanctuary. **Golden-winged**, **Cerulean**, and **Chestnut-sided** led an impressive list of warblers, and we had beautiful comparison views of **Summer** and **Scarlet**



Tanagers as they bounced from tree to tree. Though much smaller, Hook's Woods was equally productive. Among **Yellow-breasted Chat**, **Veery**, and **Yellow-headed Blackbird**, a **Chuck-will's-widow** stole the show; the close views of the beautifully-camouflaged nightjar were amazing! (Chuck-will's-widow above by client Gayle Peterson)

The birding was so hot that we decided to further delay our scheduled itinerary and return to High Island after lunch. Smith Oaks was alive with migrants, and we extended our warbler tally beyond twenty with the inclusion of **Blackburnian**, **Blue-winged**, and **Prothonotary** in the reserves trees, thickets, and swamps. The rookery was buzzing with activity, and participants absorbed close views of **Roseate Spoonbills**, **Great** and **Snowy Egrets**, **Tricolored Herons**, and **Neotropic**

Cormorants as the parent birds tended to their eggs and hatchlings. As incredible as the action was, we pulled the plug at 4pm and started the 2.5-hour drive to Jasper for the night. We did a lot of walking considering it was our first day, but man-oh-man did we see tons of awesome birds! Pro Tip - the cinnamon pretzel at MVPs in Jasper is where you want to be.



Day 2 - Tuesday, April 20 - Back on track in the Pinewoods

A predawn departure from Jasper delivered us to the Angelina National Forest pine-savannah just as the sun cracked the horizon. Babbling **Brown Thrashers** and trilling **Pine Warblers** shattered the overnight silence, and it wasn't long before we intersected a six-pack of **Brown-headed Nuthatches** as they flitted between the tops of the trees. Throw in a pair of **Red-breasted Nuthatches** and it was a 'nutty' morning - ba-dum-bum! Thanks, I'll be here all week.

Next up? **Red-cockaded Woodpecker!** We had a decent plan in place, but we modified our approach at the suggestion of a local biologist who we intersected on the side of the road. Armed with specific directions to a nearby cluster, we had nice looks at four birds as they peeped and pecked above our heads. Not to be outdone by their smaller relatives, a pair of **Pileated Woodpeckers** offered great views as we returned to the van. **Bachman's Sparrow** proved elusive at our first two stops, but our diligence was rewarded with extended scope views at our third. It was great to see the bird at the the extreme western edge of its range. Another trip bird - booyah!

The remainder of the day was spent returning to the coast. Martin Dies State Park was a nice en route stop. **Anhinga, Northern Parula, Yellow-throated Warbler** were new for our swelling list, and lunch at Tammy's Country Kitchen in Woodville was the perfect way to round out the morning. A second stop at Big Thicket Preserve didn't yield much beyond **Tufted Titmouse**, so we pulled the plug on that plan and rounded at the day at Boy Scout Woods back at the coast. It wasn't as active as the previous morning, the SE flow reestablished overnight, but we squeezed out **Lincoln's Sparrow, Common Nighthawk, and Swainson's Warbler**, the last bathing in the drip right at the entrance.

Dinner proved its own adventure when an intoxicated local offered to buy us shots (which we declined) before getting a bit mouthy. Fortunately, a quick-witted Brigitte turned the tables and left him speechless with her incredible Texas accent. It was all good afterwards, and he joined us for a bit of bird banter before we retired after another successful day!

Day 3 - Wednesday, April 21st - Anahuac NWR and Sabine Woods

The wind was SE for most of yesterday, but a northern flow established itself overnight, stiff gales and chilly temperatures descending on the coast on our third day. Fortunately, our seasoned crew of high latitude participants (MN, AK) wasn't phased, and we ignored the conditions to add **American Golden-Plover, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Upland Sandpiper, and Whimbrel** in roadside fields.



Continuing to Anahuac, we took a short whip around the Willows Trail before touring the auto loop around Shoveler Pond and continuing to the south side of the refuge at Frozen Point. Sizzling birding prevailed throughout, and we tallied **King Rail, White-faced Ibis, American Bittern** (photo on page 7 by client Gayle Peterson), **Purple Gallinule** (photo at left by

guide Dorian Anderson), **Hudsonian Godwit, Stilt and Pectoral Sandpipers, Gull-billed Tern, Swainson's Hawk, Sedge Wren, Lark Sparrow, Seaside Sparrow, Boat-tailed Grackle, and Dickcissel** en route to 84 species. The participants were real troopers and should be applauded for toughing out the blustery conditions!

In the afternoon, we headed west to Sabine Woods. The north winds knocked down enough migrants to make for interesting birding, and our repeated loops through the reserve yielded

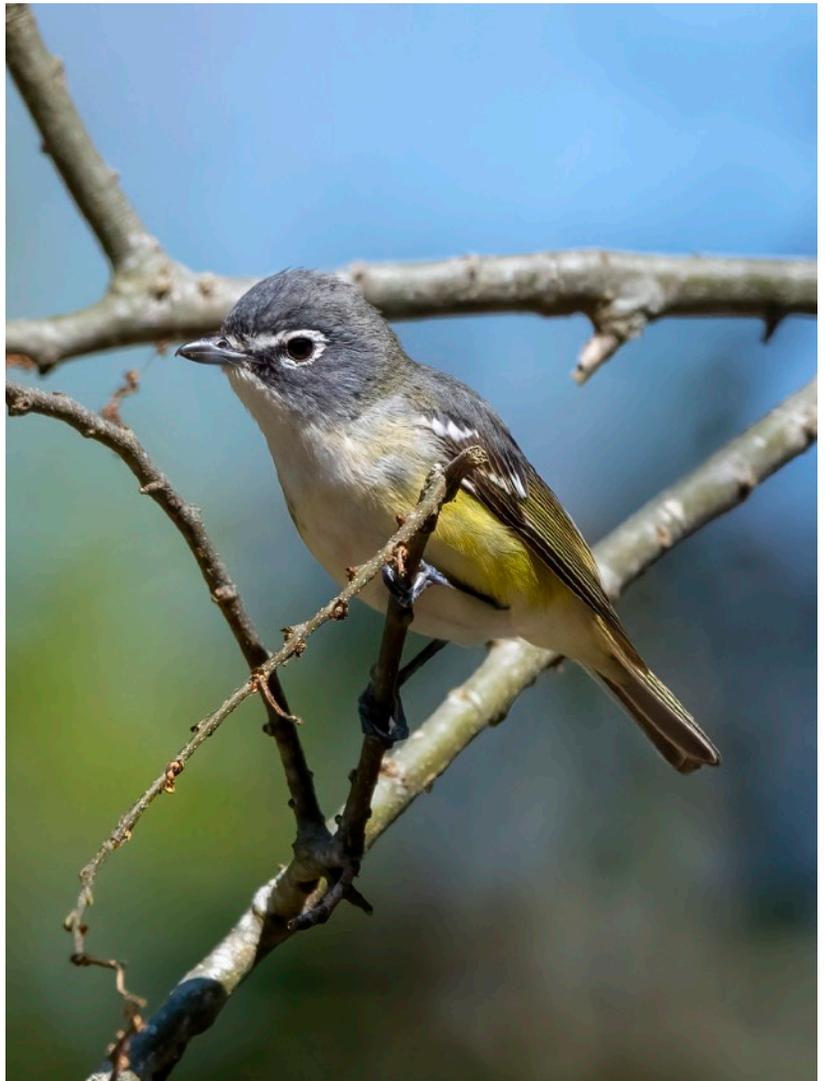
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Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Great-crested Flycatcher, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, and Magnolia Warbler. The clear highlight was our view of **Blue-headed Vireo** (photo below by client Nina Hale), the beautiful bird feeding on exposed branches just above our head. The wind settled through our visit, and conditions were idyllic by the time we departed the reserve at 6pm. It was a long day, but we ended up with over 120 species! Dinner at Tia Juanitas Fish Camp was great. The portions were so big we could hardly fit the plates on the table. Pro Tip - order conservatively!

Day 4 - Thursday, April 22nd - Bolivar Peninsula, High Island, and a HUGE bonus

Billed as 'Shorebird-palooza', this day did not disappoint! We started at Rollover Beach just west of High Island. There was a bit of residual breeze from yesterday, but we quickly located **Sanderling, Semipalmated Plover, the adorable Piping Plover, Black-bellied Plover, Marbled Godwit, and Semipalmated Sandpiper.** Not to be out done, terns had a strong showing with - smallest to largest - **Least, Black, Common, Forster's, Gull-billed, and Royal** all showing nicely. And don't forget the **Black Skimmers**, a group of ~100 swirling near our vantage.

From Rollover, we moved down the peninsula to reach Bolivar Flats Shorebird Sanctuary. A cooperative **Clapper Rail** welcomed us on the entrance road, and we pushed through **Willetts** and **Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs** to reach the front beach where we walked to the tidal flats. **Snowy** and **Wilson's Plover** joined the mix, and we watch in awe as upwards of 500 Avocets swirled in the surf. Sifting through thousands of superficially-similar species, we pulled a single **Western Sandpiper**, a single **White-rumped Sandpiper**, and 4 **Red Knots**, two of which were in beautiful breeding plumage. Outside of those prizes, we pinned down **American White Pelican, Reddish Egret, Ring-billed Gull, Osprey, and Horned Lark**, all firsts for the trip. Escaping the beach at high tide, we intersected **American Oystercatcher** and **Long-billed Curlew** at other roadside stops. It was an incredible morning on the shorebird front!



We returned to High Island after lunch, but the birding was really slow, a marked change from our previous few days. We were do for a dud, so we followed up on a tip from one of Dorian's friends

who had seen the continuing pair of **Whooping Cranes** (photo below by client Nina Hale) outside of Winnie earlier in the day. Combing the marsh they favored, we had killer views of the angelic, five-foot-tall birds when they flew towards our roadside position. I think participants took over a thousand photos as the birds fed and interacted! The species is very unusual away from its Aransas Bay wintering grounds, so it was a wonderful surprise at the end of an already-sweet day.



Day 5 - Friday, April 23 - Grinding out migrants on the coast

Though weather apps and local forecasts called for various combinations of rain, wind, thunder, lightning, hail, tornados, fire, and brimstone, those worst-case prognostications never materialized. Cloud and stiff breeze prevailed all day, but the blustery conditions couldn't prevent us from hitting a number of Gulf Coast migrant traps. The first of those was Peveto Woods. Positioned right on the beachfront in Cameron Parish, Peveto is the Louisiana equivalent to Sabine Woods and High Island. It's under visited compared to those Texas hotspots, but the birding is effectively identical. Strong southeasterlies guaranteed slow birding everywhere in LA and TX, but our diligent bushwhacking was rewarded with **Eastern Wood-Pewee**, **Lincoln's Sparrow**, **Worm-eating Warbler**, **Black-throated Green Warbler**, and **Blackpoll Warbler**, the last new for the trip.

Our Peveto time expired, we returned west to Sea Rim State Park and Sabine Woods. There wasn't much happening at the former — just the usual complement of common water birds milling about the ponds and beaches — but we ran up a nice mix of migrants at the later by pounding the

same trails over and over. Among 16 warblers, **Chestnut-sided**, **Blackpoll**, **Black-throated Green**, and **Magnolia** were the most exciting, and we ended up with 61 species when **Great Crested Flycatcher**, **Carolina Chickadee**, **Gray-cheeked Thrush**, **Blue Grosbeak**, and **Painted Bunting** were included. We'd had only fleeting glimpses of males of the last species, so an extended, eye-level view of the tricolored bird (red, blue, green) was much overdue!

Tired feet dictating an exit, we returned to Winnie before making a brief loop through Boy Scout Woods on High Island. Wind suppressed activity, but we had some nice birds visit the drip as we lounged on the bleachers, **Swainson's Warbler** chief among them. We didn't experience anything beyond light sprinkles, so the day went as well as it could have!



Day 6 - High Island clean-up and Westward-ho!

Lesser groups would have folded this last morning after several long days, but not this die-hard crew! Returning to High Island very early, we headed straight for Hook's Woods. We found a smattering of migrants in and around the reserve, but our best bird was a lone **Bronzed Cowbird** on a feeder in the adjacent neighborhood. Four **Yellow-headed Blackbirds** weren't bad either.

The clock ticking, we raced over to Smith Oaks for one final bout of birding before turning tail and heading for the airport. We intersected the usual tanagers, grosbeaks, and orioles at the entrance, and we added **Least Bittern** from the elevated walkway a moment later. We did some rookery photography while the marine layer burned off, and the action heated up when the sun

broke through about an hour after our arrival. Among **Cerulean, Black-throated Green, Magnolia, Blue-winged, Worm-eating, and Blackpoll, Bay-breasted and Canada** were our best warbler finds, both new for the trip. Not to be outdone, our only **Philadelphia Vireo** appeared just steps from the parking area as we were making our final exit. Talk about timing!

We departed High Island, said goodbye to Nina at the airport, and merged onto Interstate-10 to begin the Hill Country Extension. An en route stop at Palmetto State Park netted us **Cave Swallow** (gotta love Brigitte's TX State Parks Pass, right?!?!), but our subsequent roadside stop at Salt Lake proved a goldmine! **Wood Duck, American Wigeon, Green-winged Teal, Lesser Scaup, Baird's Sandpiper, and Wilson's Phalarope** were all new for the trip, and we avoided a devastating miss by salvaging **Double-crested Cormorant** before rejoining Interstate-10, breezing through San Antonio, and continuing to Kerrville. And.....we finally found Thai food dinner. 'Thai Hot' is the only way to roll!

Day 7 - Hill Country birds and bats

Fortified by donuts, we arrived at Lost Maples to seek Golden-cheeked Warbler and Black-capped Vireo, two range-restricted species which are best/only sought in Central Texas. The rolling limestone hills were a radical departure from the coastal plain, and we added **White-tipped Dove, Inca Dove, Black-chinned Hummingbird, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Bewick's Wren, Chipping Sparrow, Black-crested Titmouse, Ash-throated Flycatcher, and Nashville Warbler** without leaving the parking lot. Setting out onto the trails, we immediately intersected our first of ~10



Golden-cheeked Warblers, (photo at left by client Brigitte Brantley) the stunning bird posing for point-blank photos as it sang from the top of a small shrub. The hits kept coming with killer views of an extralimital **Tropical Parula** (photo on next page by client Brigitte Brantley), and **Louisiana Waterthrush** serenaded us as we pushed farther along the central

East-West trail. Veering onto the Western Trail, we intersected a curious and comical **Black-capped Vireo** as it explored the low canopy. As the species was critically-endangered in the 1980's it was wonderful to experience the rebounded bird on this beautiful spring day. With **Canyon Wrens** calling

from overhead cliffs and **Woodhouse's Scrub-Jays** bouncing around the feeders, it was a perfect Hill Country morning.

Pine Siskin and **Cedar Waxwing**, both trip-firsts, appeared at lunch, and we added **Vermilion Flycatcher** at Neal's Lodges as we made our way to Uvalde mid-afternoon. Our bat tour scheduled for 7pm, we check into our hotel early, relaxed through the day's hottest hours, and headed out for a pizza dinner ahead our evening adventure. And what a spectacle it was, 10 million Mexican Free-tails exiting the gargantuan underground cave as sunset approached! With bats covering the sky, it was like something out of a movie!



Day 8 - Uvalde and the long return to Houston

Uvalde hosts fantastic birding because it sits at the intersection of the Desert Southwest and the Rio Grande Valley, and birds characteristic of those different areas converge at Cook's Slough Nature Center just south of town. It was a bit windy when we arrived 7:15am, but our two-hour tour of the impoundments and adjacent scrub yielded a number of exciting finds. We had unexpectedly-easy looks at **Olive Sparrow** as it trilled from a lower power line, and it seemed like **Bell's Vireos** were singing from every available bush. **Brown-crested Flycatcher**, **Couch's Kingbird**, and the incomparable **Great Kiskadee** appeared as trip-firsts, and we redeemed **Bullock's Oriole** and **Lesser Goldfinch** after Dorian had been unable to get the group onto fleeting examples at Lost

Maples the previous day. **Black-crowned Night-Heron** finally revealed itself, and a cooperative **Long-billed Thrasher** rounded out a great morning of birding.

Moving to the city cemetery after departing Cook's Slough, we padded the trip list with **Golden-fronted Woodpecker, Cactus Wren,** and **Curve-billed Thrasher.** Our final new species, **Least Grebe,** was added at Castroville Regional Park before we lunched and powered toward Houston for the night. It was a long ride east, but it was totally worth it given the array of amazing birds we added in and around Hill Country. A lot of tours use the last day as mop-up, but this itinerary is so jammed packed that we were still kicking butt on Day 8!

Bat-women Gayle and Brigitte at Rio Frio Bat Cave



Day 9 - Departures from Houston

Our incredible tour concluded, all participants face two looming problems: editing all their photos and deciding which Tropical Birding tour they'll do next! This tour was so good that some of them might do it again!

Checklists included in this summary - Main Tour

- [\(1\): High Island--Boy Scout Woods \(UTC 055\) Apr 19, 2021 at 8:10 AM](#)
- [\(2\): High Island--Hooks Woods Sanctuary Apr 19, 2021 at 11:10 AM](#)
- [\(3\): High Island--Smith Oaks Sanctuary \(UTC 052\) Apr 19, 2021 at 1:32 PM](#)
- [\(4\): Angelina National Forest, Zavalla US-TX Apr 20, 2021 at 6:57 AM](#)
- [\(5\): Angelina National Forest, Jasper US-TX Apr 20, 2021 at 8:52 AM](#)
- [\(6\): 2504 US-190, Jasper US-TX Apr 20, 2021 at 10:27 AM](#)
- [\(7\): Martin Dies SP \(UTC 013\) \(Jasper Co.\) Apr 20, 2021 at 10:49 AM](#)
- [\(8\): Big Thicket NP--Turkey Creek Trail \(S. of Gore Store rd.\) Apr 20, 2021 at 2:42 PM](#)
- [\(9\): High Island--Boy Scout Woods \(UTC 055\) Apr 20, 2021 at 4:54 PM](#)
- [\(10\): SH-124, Winnie US-TX 29.68708, -94.37392 Apr 21, 2021 at 6:54 AM](#)
- [\(11\): Anahuac NWR \(UTC 049\) Apr 21, 2021 at 7:24 AM](#)
- [\(12\): Sabine Woods \(UTC 026\) Apr 21, 2021 at 2:42 PM](#)
- [\(13\): Rollover Pass \(UTC 056\) Apr 22, 2021 at 7:12 AM](#)
- [\(14\): Bolivar Flats Shorebird Sanctuary Apr 22, 2021 at 8:42 AM](#)
- [\(15\): Bolivar Flats Shorebird Sanctuary--17th Str. Jetty Apr 22, 2021 at 10:43 AM](#)
- [\(16\): 259--269 First St, Port Bolivar Apr 22, 2021 at 11:31 AM](#)
- [\(17\): 2383--2387 SH-87, Port Bolivar US-TX Apr 22, 2021 at 11:52 AM](#)
- [\(18\): Tuna Rd, Bolivar Apr 22, 2021 at 12:01 PM](#)
- [\(19\): High Island--Eubanks Woods \(UTC 053\) Apr 22, 2021 at 2:35 PM](#)
- [\(20\): High Island--Smith Oaks Sanctuary \(UTC 052\) Apr 22, 2021 at 2:56 PM](#)
- [\(21\): Oak Island Rd, Winnie US-TX 29.84596, -94.43615 Apr 22, 2021 at 5:22 PM](#)
- [\(22\): Peveto Woods--Baton Rouge Audubon Society Sanctuary Apr 23, 2021 at 7:31 AM](#)
- [\(23\): Sea Rim SP \(UTC 027\) Apr 23, 2021 at 11:00 AM](#)
- [\(24\): Sabine Woods \(UTC 026\) Apr 23, 2021 at 11:49 AM](#)
- [\(25\): High Island--Boy Scout Woods \(UTC 055\) Apr 23, 2021 at 4:07 PM](#)
- [\(26\): High Island--Hooks Woods Sanctuary Apr 24, 2021 at 6:52 AM](#)
- [\(27\): High Island--Smith Oaks Sanctuary \(UTC 052\) Apr 24, 2021 at 7:52 AM](#)

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- [\(28\): Palmetto SP \(CTC 029\) Apr 24, 2021 at 3:39 PM](#)
- [\(29\): Salt Lake \(Guadalupe Co.\) Apr 24, 2021 at 4:34 PM](#)
- [\(30\): 1201 Broadway, Kerrville US-TX 30.04083, -99.13541 Apr 24, 2021 at 6:58 PM](#)
- [\(31\): Lost Maples SNA \(HOTW 061\) Apr 25, 2021 at 7:33 AM](#)
- [\(32\): 239 US-83, Leakey US-TX 29.72772, -99.76237 Apr 25, 2021 at 12:23 PM](#)
- [\(33\): Neal's Lodges area \(Concan\) \(HOTW 029\) Apr 25, 2021 at 1:45 PM](#)
- [\(34\): Frio Bat Cave area Apr 25, 2021 at 6:43 PM](#)
- [\(35\): Cook's Slough Nature Ctr. \(HOTW 025\) Apr 26, 2021 at 7:13 AM](#)
- [\(36\): City of Uvalde Cemetery Apr 26, 2021 at 9:37 AM](#)
- [\(37\): Castroville Regional Pk \(HOTE 113\) Apr 26, 2021 at 12:05 PM](#)
- [\(38\): Salt Lake \(Guadalupe Co.\) Apr 26, 2021 at 2:50 PM](#)

Species Summary

Seen or heard by leader and at least one client: 246 species (all seen but Northern Flicker and Canyon Wren)

Seen only by leader: 3 (Bald Eagle, Cooper's Hawk, Merlin - all quick flybys)

41 Black-bellied Whistling-Duck -- (3),(10),(11),(22),(23),(35)
25 Fulvous Whistling-Duck -- (11)
11 Wood Duck -- (29),(35),(38)
81 Blue-winged Teal -- (3),(11),(14),(21),(29),(35),(37),(38)
2 Northern Shoveler -- (11)
14 Gadwall -- (13),(29),(37),(38)
4 American Wigeon -- (29)
23 Mottled Duck -- (11),(14),(21),(23)
1 Green-winged Teal -- (29)
1 Lesser Scaup -- (29)
1 Common Goldeneye -- (15)
8 Red-breasted Merganser -- (13)
3 Ruddy Duck -- (29),(38)
2 Wild Turkey -- (4),(34)
2 Least Grebe -- (37)
10 Pied-billed Grebe -- (11),(29),(37),(38)
1 Eared Grebe -- (37)
2 Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon) -- (32)
6 Eurasian Collared-Dove -- (2),(15),(32)
5 Inca Dove -- (31),(36)
1 White-tipped Dove -- (31)
31 White-winged Dove -- (12),(24),(26),(30),(31),(33),(34),(35),(36)
27 Mourning Dove -- (1),(3),(5),(7),(11),(14),(18),(21),(22),(29),(30),(35)
14 Yellow-billed Cuckoo -- (1),(3),(20),(24)
3 Common Nighthawk -- (9),(17),(34)
2 Chuck-will's-widow -- (2),(11)
25 Chimney Swift -- (1),(4),(8),(12),(17),(25),(27),(30),(32),(35)
24 Ruby-throated Hummingbird -- (1),(9),(12),(20),(22),(24),(25),(26),(27)
7 Black-chinned Hummingbird -- (31),(33),(35),(36)
5 King Rail -- (11),(21)
2 Clapper Rail -- (14),(15)
7 Sora -- (1),(11),(12),(14),(21),(23),(24)
41 Common Gallinule -- (3),(11),(20),(23),(27)
181 American Coot -- (11),(20),(23),(27),(29),(35),(37)
19 Purple Gallinule -- (3),(9),(11),(20),(24),(25),(27)
2 Whooping Crane -- (21)
26 Black-necked Stilt -- (11),(13),(21),(23),(29)
1332 American Avocet -- (13),(14),(15),(23)
7 American Oystercatcher -- (16)

80 Black-bellied Plover -- (13),(14),(15)
100 American Golden-Plover -- (10)
10 Snowy Plover -- (14)
5 Wilson's Plover -- (14),(18)
43 Semipalmated Plover -- (11),(13),(14),(23)
9 Piping Plover -- (13),(14)
12 Killdeer -- (9),(10),(11),(18),(21),(23)
6 Upland Sandpiper -- (10)
24 Whimbrel -- (10),(11),(13),(14),(17)
1 Long-billed Curlew -- (17)
1 Hudsonian Godwit -- (11)
32 Marbled Godwit -- (13),(14),(15)
39 Ruddy Turnstone -- (11),(13),(14),(15),(23)
4 Red Knot -- (14)
9 Stilt Sandpiper -- (11),(29)
268 Sanderling -- (13),(14),(15),(22),(23)
508 Dunlin -- (13),(14),(18),(23)
2 Baird's Sandpiper -- (29)
79 Least Sandpiper -- (11),(14),(18),(23),(29),(38)
1 White-rumped Sandpiper -- (14)
50 Buff-breasted Sandpiper -- (10)
8 Pectoral Sandpiper -- (11),(29),(38)
26 Semipalmated Sandpiper -- (13),(14)
1 Western Sandpiper -- (14)
32 Short-billed Dowitcher -- (13),(14),(18),(23)
23 Long-billed Dowitcher -- (11),(29),(38)
26 Wilson's Phalarope -- (29),(38)
7 Spotted Sandpiper -- (11),(15),(29),(33),(35)
1 Solitary Sandpiper -- (11)
7 Greater Yellowlegs -- (11),(13),(14),(15),(18),(29),(38)
94 Willet -- (2),(11),(13),(14),(15),(16),(18),(22),(23),(24),(26)
32 Lesser Yellowlegs -- (11),(13),(14),(15),(18),(23),(29),(38)
1 Bonaparte's Gull -- (13)
125 Laughing Gull -- (1),(2),(11),(13),(14),(15),(16),(17),(18),(22),(27)
4 Ring-billed Gull -- (14),(15),(23)
4 Herring Gull -- (23)
70 Least Tern -- (13),(14),(15),(16),(18)
8 Gull-billed Tern -- (11),(13)
24 Black Tern -- (13),(14),(15),(18)
2 Common Tern -- (13)
87 Forster's Tern -- (11),(13),(14),(15),(23)
58 Royal Tern -- (11),(13),(14),(15),(22),(23)
12 Sandwich Tern -- (13),(14),(23)
75 Black Skimmer -- (13)
6 Anhinga -- (7),(11)
381 Neotropic Cormorant -- (3),(11),(15),(18),(20),(23),(27),(35),(37)
7 Double-crested Cormorant -- (29),(38)

16 American White Pelican -- (14),(15)
 219 Brown Pelican -- (1),(2),(11),(12),(13),(14),(15),(16),(18),(22),(26)
 2 American Bittern -- (11),(21)
 1 Least Bittern -- (27)
 12 Great Blue Heron -- (11),(14),(15),(29),(35)
 327 Great Egret -- (1),(2),(3),(7),(9),(11),(12),(13),(14),(15),(18),(20),(24),(27),(29),(35)
 204 Snowy Egret -- (3),(7),(11),(12),(13),(15),(18),(20),(21),(22),(23),(24),(27),(29),(37),(38)
 9 Little Blue Heron -- (7),(14),(20),(21),(23)
 92 Tricolored Heron -- (1),(2),(3),(9),(11),(12),(14),(18),(23),(24),(27)
 4 Reddish Egret -- (13),(14),(15)
 44 Cattle Egret -- (2),(9),(11),(18),(19),(23),(35),(38)
 18 Green Heron -- (1),(3),(11),(18),(20),(22),(24),(26),(35)
 1 Black-crowned Night-Heron -- (35)
 4 Yellow-crowned Night-Heron -- (11),(14),(20),(27)
 109 White Ibis -- (3),(7),(11),(12),(14),(15),(18),(20),(22),(24)
 3 White-faced Ibis -- (11),(38)
 170 Roseate Spoonbill -- (3),(9),(11),(14),(20),(21),(27)
 45 Black Vulture -- (1),(3),(9),(11),(12),(20),(27),(28),(31),(33),(34),(35)
 88 Turkey Vulture -- (1),(3),(6),(7),(8),(9),(11),(12),(15),(18),(19),(20),(21),(24),(25),(28),(29),(31),(32),
 (33),(34),(35),(37),(38)
 1 Osprey -- (14)
 3 Northern Harrier -- (14),(23)
 1 Bald Eagle -- (7) Leader Only. Distant flyby.
 1 Harris's Hawk -- (34)
 1 Broad-winged Hawk -- (17)
 8 Swainson's Hawk -- (11)
 3 Red-tailed Hawk -- (8),(23),(34)
 1 Red-shouldered Hawk - seen perched along Interstate-10 on our last day
 1 Cooper's Hawk (not eBirded, at lunch in Winnie) Leader only. Quick flyby.
 4 Belted Kingfisher -- (2),(3),(11),(14)
 4 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker -- (2),(3),(27)
 2 Red-headed Woodpecker -- (6)
 4 Golden-fronted Woodpecker -- (36)
 6 Red-bellied Woodpecker -- (6),(7),(12)
 9 Downy Woodpecker -- (1),(7),(12),(24)
 2 Ladder-backed Woodpecker -- (31)
 7 Red-cockaded Woodpecker -- (4),(5)
 5 Pileated Woodpecker -- (4),(7)
 1 Northern Flicker -- (4) heard-only
 4 Crested Caracara -- (2),(11),(15)
 1 American Kestrel -- (5)
 1 Merlin -- (24) Leader only. Lightspeed fast flyby.
 2 Peregrine Falcon - 2 in-flight from car, 1 in Cameron, LA and 1 in Galveston, TX
 18 Eastern Wood-Pewee -- (2),(7),(12),(20),(22),(24),(26),(27),(33)
 13 Acadian Flycatcher -- (1),(3),(8),(31)
 2 Eastern Phoebe -- (31),(37)
 4 Vermilion Flycatcher -- (33),(36)

5 Ash-throated Flycatcher -- (31),(33),(34)
 9 Great Crested Flycatcher -- (1),(8),(12),(24),(27),(28)
 3 Brown-crested Flycatcher -- (35),(37)
 1 Great Kiskadee -- (35)
 2 Couch's Kingbird -- (35),(36)
 5 Western Kingbird -- (3),(35),(36)
 23 Eastern Kingbird -- (11),(12),(18),(19),(20),(21),(22),(24),(25)
 7 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher -- (7),(11),(29),(35)
 3 Black-capped Vireo -- (31)
 63 White-eyed Vireo -- (1),(2),(3),(4),(5),(6),(7),(8),(9),(12),(20),(22),(24),(25),(27),(28),(31),(33)
 7 Bell's Vireo -- (34),(35)
 10 Yellow-throated Vireo -- (1),(3),(7),(22),(24),(27),(31)
 1 Blue-headed Vireo -- (12)
 1 Philadelphia Vireo -- (27)
 3 Warbling Vireo -- (3),(22)
 46 Red-eyed Vireo -- (1),(3),(8),(9),(11),(12),(20),(22),(24),(25),(26),(27),(31)
 3 Loggerhead Shrike -- (15),(17)
 30 Blue Jay -- (1),(2),(3),(4),(7),(9),(11),(12),(20),(22),(24),(26),(27),(37)
 2 Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay -- (31)
 3 American Crow -- (4),(28)
 2 Common Raven -- (31),(33)
 13 Carolina Chickadee -- (7),(8),(11),(24),(31),(33),(37)
 10 Tufted Titmouse -- (7),(8),(28)
 5 Black-crested Titmouse -- (31),(33),(35)
 2 Horned Lark -- (14)
 2 Northern Rough-winged Swallow -- (12),(37)
 65 Purple Martin -- (1),(9),(11),(12),(13),(14),(22),(24),(25),(37)
 116 Tree Swallow -- (1),(7),(8),(11),(12),(21),(24)
 121 Barn Swallow -- (1),(7),(8),(10),(11),(12),(13),(14),(15),(16),(17),(18),(20),(21),(22),(23),(24),(25),
 (27),(28),(29),(31),(32),(33),(34),(35),(36),(37),(38)
 76 Cliff Swallow -- (1),(7),(11),(12),(25),(28),(29),(34),(35),(36),(38)
 105 Cave Swallow -- (28),(34),(35)
 1 Ruby-crowned Kinglet -- (12)
 2 Red-breasted Nuthatch -- (4)
 6 Brown-headed Nuthatch -- (4)
 21 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher -- (1),(7),(8),(12),(22),(24),(26),(31),(33),(37)
 2 Canyon Wren -- (31),(34) - Both heard-only
 1 House Wren -- (35)
 1 Sedge Wren -- (11)
 34 Carolina Wren -- (1),(2),(3),(5),(6),(7),(8),(9),(20),(24),(25),(26),(27),(28),(31),(32),(37)
 6 Bewick's Wren -- (31),(33),(35)
 1 Cactus Wren -- (36)
 46 European Starling -- (1),(2),(9),(11),(12),(15),(16),(18),(22),(25),(26),(30),(36),(37),(38)
 224 Gray Catbird -- (1),(2),(3),(9),(11),(12),(20),(22),(24),(25),(26),(27),(35)
 1 Curve-billed Thrasher -- (36)
 11 Brown Thrasher -- (1),(4),(9),(12),(20),(24)
 1 Long-billed Thrasher -- (35)

21 Northern Mockingbird -- (1),(9),(11),(15),(16),(18),(19),(21),(25),(30),(35),(36),(37)
2 Eastern Bluebird -- (6),(37)
12 Veery -- (2),(3),(12),(22),(24),(25)
5 Gray-cheeked Thrush -- (1),(3),(9),(12),(24)
50 Swainson's Thrush -- (1),(2),(3),(7),(9),(12),(24),(26)
72 Wood Thrush -- (1),(2),(3),(8),(9),(12),(19),(20),(22),(24),(25),(26),(27)
2 Cedar Waxwing -- (32)
45 House Sparrow -- (15),(30),(31),(32),(33),(36),(37)
8 House Finch -- (31),(33),(36)
6 Pine Siskin -- (32),(33)
3 Lesser Goldfinch -- (33),(35)
1 Bachman's Sparrow -- (5)
2 Olive Sparrow -- (35)
17 Chipping Sparrow -- (31),(32),(33),(36)
11 Clay-colored Sparrow -- (30),(32),(36)
9 Lark Sparrow -- (11),(36)
7 Seaside Sparrow -- (11),(18)
6 Savannah Sparrow -- (11),(14)
4 Lincoln's Sparrow -- (9),(22),(31)
1 Eastern Towhee -- (1)
13 Yellow-breasted Chat -- (2),(11),(12),(19),(24),(26),(31),(33)
5 Yellow-headed Blackbird -- (2),(26)
10 Eastern Meadowlark -- (10),(11),(14)
38 Orchard Oriole -- (1),(2),(3),(9),(11),(12),(22),(24),(26),(27),(35)
5 Bullock's Oriole -- (31),(35),(36)
21 Baltimore Oriole -- (1),(3),(11),(12),(25),(26),(27)
121 Red-winged Blackbird -- (1),(2),(3),(7),(9),(11),(12),(14),(18),(19),(20),(21),(22),(23),(24),(25),(26),(27),(35)
3 Bronzed Cowbird -- (26),(36)
49 Brown-headed Cowbird -- (2),(3),(10),(11),(22),(26),(35),(38)
59 Common Grackle -- (1),(3),(7),(11),(12),(19),(20),(24),(27)
19 Boat-tailed Grackle -- (11),(23)
208 Great-tailed Grackle -- (1),(2),(3),(9),(10),(11),(12),(13),(14),(15),(16),(17),(18),(20),(22),(24),(25),(26),(27),(30),(35),(36),(37)
24 Ovenbird -- (1),(2),(3),(9),(12),(20),(22),(24),(25),(26),(27)
24 Worm-eating Warbler -- (1),(2),(3),(9),(12),(20),(22),(24),(26),(27)
3 Louisiana Waterthrush -- (3),(31)
21 Northern Waterthrush -- (1),(2),(3),(9),(12),(19),(20),(24),(25),(27)
2 Golden-winged Warbler -- (1),(3)
8 Blue-winged Warbler -- (1),(3),(12),(27)
28 Black-and-white Warbler -- (1),(2),(3),(12),(19),(20),(22),(24),(25),(27),(31)
14 Prothonotary Warbler -- (1),(3),(12),(20),(24),(27)
2 Swainson's Warbler -- (1),(9)
59 Tennessee Warbler -- (1),(3),(9),(11),(12),(22),(24),(25),(26),(27)
7 Orange-crowned Warbler -- (31),(37)
6 Nashville Warbler -- (31),(33),(35)
40 Kentucky Warbler -- (1),(2),(3),(9),(12),(20),(22),(24)

105 Common Yellowthroat -- (1),(2),(3),(9),(11),(12),(14),(20),(22),(23),(24),(25),(26),(27),(35)
83 Hooded Warbler -- (1),(2),(3),(4),(5),(9),(12),(20),(22),(24),(25),(26),(27)
19 American Redstart -- (1),(3),(12),(20),(22),(24),(25),(26),(27)
5 Cerulean Warbler -- (1),(3),(27)
22 Northern Parula -- (2),(3),(7),(8),(12),(20),(27),(28),(37)
1 Tropical Parula -- (31)
3 Magnolia Warbler -- (12),(24),(27)
2 Bay-breasted Warbler -- (1),(27)
1 Blackburnian Warbler -- (3)
14 Yellow Warbler -- (3),(20),(24),(26),(27),(35)
6 Chestnut-sided Warbler -- (1),(2),(22),(24),(25)
3 Blackpoll Warbler -- (22),(24),(27)
4 Pine Warbler -- (4)
14 Yellow-rumped Warbler -- (12),(24),(27),(31),(35)
3 Yellow-throated Warbler -- (3),(7)
8 Golden-cheeked Warbler -- (31)
5 Black-throated Green Warbler -- (3),(8),(22),(24),(27)
1 Canada Warbler -- (27)
62 Summer Tanager -- (1),(2),(3),(7),(8),(9),(11),(12),(20),(22),(24),(26),(27),(31),(35),(37)
50 Scarlet Tanager -- (1),(3),(9),(11),(12),(20),(22),(24),(26),(27)
98 Northern Cardinal -- (1),(2),(3),(4),(5),(7),(8),(9),(11),(12),(19),(20),(22),(24),(25),(26),(28),(30),
(31),(33),(34),(35),(36),(37)
51 Rose-breasted Grosbeak -- (1),(2),(3),(11),(12),(20),(22),(24),(26),(27)
19 Blue Grosbeak -- (1),(2),(9),(24),(26),(35)
162 Indigo Bunting -- (1),(2),(3),(8),(9),(11),(12),(18),(19),(20),(22),(24),(25),(26),(27),(31)
20 Painted Bunting -- (1),(3),(9),(20),(24),(27),(35)
5 Dickcissel -- (11),(35)