

FIELD REPORT

HIGH ISLAND MIGRATION

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Rose-breasted Grosbeak © Erik Bruhnke

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Our High Island tour brought forth an amazing spectacle of migration throughout an array of habitats. We had a fabulous time birding these habitats among the eastern tier of Texas.

On our first morning we headed to W.G Jones State Forest, where we birded among a tract of long leaf pine forest. With a little persistence, we locked our sights on not one, not two, but FOUR Red-cockaded Woodpeckers. Alongside this endangered woodpecker were several Brown-headed Nuthatches, another target of the morning! Gorgeous Eastern Bluebirds fluttered around. We even came across a wintering Red-breasted Nuthatch. Throughout the late morning hours, we birded the Sam Houston National Forest. Mixed



Vibrant Roseate Spoonbill flying past © Erik Bruhnke

woodlands and swampy bayou habitat brought forth an array of birds like Northern Parula, a Hooded Warbler heard way in the woods, and great studies of overhead raptors like Broad-winged Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, and Mississippi Kite. After checking into our hotel for the week, we went to Smith Oaks, renowned for both woodland birding and an active rookery. The views of radiant pink Roseate Spoonbills were breathtaking, in addition to seeing the chattering Great Egrets, Snowy Egrets, and Neotropic Cormorants. After such an exciting day of birding along with some traveling, too, we enjoyed a special meal of barbecue, pie, and more at Tony's Barbecue.

The following morning, we headed to Sabine Woods, just up the coast from the High Island area. While enroute we birded Keith Lake, where we caught some glimpses of distant Seaside Sparrows and a much closer, chatty Sedge Wren. Little Blue Herons and an array of terns patrolled the horizon. We also savored flocks of Indigo Buntings giving their buzzy calls as they flew overhead! Sabine Woods did not disappoint. After arriving, we were greeted by a male Orchard Oriole and Rose-breasted Grosbeak. These incredible birds were feeding out in the open, quite exhausted from their recent flights across the Gulf of Mexico.



Common Nighthawk stretching from an afternoon nap © Erik Bruhnke

As we searched throughout the woods, we set our sights on a Black-throated Green Warbler and Summer Tanagers. Along one of the back fields we found a sizable flock of radiant Indigo Buntings (yes,

more of them), then a Loggerhead Shrike, and then a rare surprise: an Ash-throated Flycatcher! The birding was hopping! A midday picnic was fuel for a fun afternoon at Boy Scout Woods. Our afternoon highlights included a tree-perched Common Nighthawk, some hungry Summer Tanagers, and a few warblers that visited the tree canopies and drips. It was a slower afternoon, by High Island birding standards, and it was still a great time to be out savoring the lush landscape that makes High Island what it is. The all-too-good strong south winds had assisted migrants overhead and beyond. The migration patterns would change in the days to come. We enjoyed a hearty and delicious Japanese dinner that night.



Parent and baby Virginia Opossums © Erik Bruhnke

While heading to High Island the next morning, we made a visit to Whites Ranch Road, where we enjoyed views of Eastern Meadowlarks and a family of up-close Virginia Opossums. The babies were oh so cute! Our next birding stop was the legendary Rollover Pass. Great observations of gulls, terns, and a few shorebirds ensued. We studied the subtle differences between Common Terns and the few Forster's

Terns that were nearby. Black Terns and Least Terns raced by with haste, their small wings flapping quickly. A gathering of Black Skimmers was seen along the edge of the flock of birds, many of them resting their heavy bills on the sand. Some Marbled Godwits were enjoyed, too. It was an amazing kaleidoscope of life! After a birdy picnic at Smith Oaks and a little early afternoon siesta, we headed to Rettilon Road and Bolivar Pass. Gull-billed Terns and Northern Harriers patrolled the coastal prairies (each in search of a different meal, of course). We had a little wedge of time to enjoy the birding at Bolivar Peninsula, where we saw fabulous birds like the threatened Piping Plover and the "caffeinated" Sanderlings racing along the beach. A fun dinner at the Stingaree was followed by the raspy cadence of Seaside Sparrows singing after dark. It was a magical end to the day!



Least Bittern © Erik Bruhnke

Our next morning had us birding along the base of the High Island Bridge. From the frontage road we had beautifully sun-lit views of egrets, herons and more. The

biggest surprise from that morning was an out-in-the-open Least Bittern. This elusive species is often heard at best, rarely seen. The moments with this bird were once-in-a-lifetime for sure! We hiked a loop trail at Smith Oaks afterwards, relishing moments with Northern Waterthrush, nesting Tricolored Herons, the snake-like Anhinga, and even a Wood Stork flying overhead. Towards the end of the trail, we stood in place and talked about the call note differences between Blue Grosbeak and Indigo Bunting, both of which were calling mere feet in front of us, simultaneously. It was so cool! Our afternoon was focused on birding the end of Bolivar Pass, where we were left in awe of nesting Wilsons' Plovers, over 3,000 feeding American Avocets, a few Red Knots, Brown Pelicans, and a vast array of other birds. On the walk back to the van a Magnificent Frigatebird flew right over our heads!



Wilson's Plover © Erik Bruhnke

On the last full day of the tour we headed to Sabine Woods. The first warbler of the day was a Swainson's Warbler! This gorgeous, skulking warbler is a very uncommon treat to see on the High Island tour! Great views of a cooperative Swainson's Thrush and Wood Thrush followed. What a wonderful



Rose-breasted Grosbeak © Erik Bruhnke

morning we had. A little pre-picnic visit at Sea Rim State Park was somewhat quiet on the bird-front; however, we did enjoy amazing views of a close Wilson's Plover and, across a parking lot, a gorgeous Northern Cottonmouth. The afternoon was spent at Boy Scout Woods, where the essence of migration was unfolding right in front of us. Rose-breasted Grosbeaks sang and called overhead as they gorged on mulberries. Summer Tanagers, Hooded Warblers, and Yellow Warblers took turns at the drip, sometimes bathing together. Our last bird of the day . . . bathing Worm-eating Warbler!

The last morning of the tour is often a flexible one, as we have multiple birding options while commuting to Houston. For this year's tour we birded Boy Scout Woods on the last morning and had a memorable experience with a gorgeous Black-and-white Warbler. A visit to Liberty Park was next on the agenda. A stunning Red-shouldered Hawk was seen nearby and studied well. A high Mississippi Kite was seen among the clouds, just before we departed westward for lunch and the airport. While at lunch, we heard and saw a Fish Crow from the parking lot, our first of this tour.

Our High Island tour was a breathtaking experience that savored the magnitudes of migration throughout the fields, forests, and coastal environments. The memories from this tour will last a lifetime, and I'm already looking forward to next year's tour!

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	
Waterfowl	Anatidae	
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i>	Seen every day
Wood Duck	<i>Aix sponsa</i>	Perching among branches at WG Jones State Forest
Blue-winged Teal	<i>Spatula discors</i>	Seen on four days, often among ponds alongside the main roads
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	In front of Tony's Barbecue
Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>	Sea Rim State Park
Mottled Duck	<i>Anas fulvigula</i>	Seen on roadside ponds and along Bolivar Peninsula
Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>	Rollover Pass
Grebes	Podicipedidae	
Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	Sea Rim State Park
Pigeons and Doves	Columbidae	
Rock Pigeon (I)	<i>Columba livia</i>	Seen daily
Eurasian Collared-Dove (I)	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	Seen most days, around townships
White-winged Dove	<i>Zenaida asiatica</i>	Seen on two days
Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	Seen daily, common
Cuckoos	Cuculidae	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	Sabine Woods, Smith Oaks
Nightjars	Caprimulgidae	
Common Nighthawk	<i>Chordeiles minor</i>	Boy Scout Woods
Swifts	Apodidae	
Chimney Swift	<i>Chaetura pelagica</i>	Seen regularly while out in field
Hummingbirds	Trochilidae	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	<i>Archilochus colubris</i>	Sam Houston National Forest, Sabine Woods, Boy Scout Woods, Smith Oaks
Rails, Gallinules and Coots	Rallidae	
Clapper Rail	<i>Rallus crepitans</i>	Stingaree, Sea Rim State Park
Virginia Rail	<i>Rallus limicola</i>	Keith Lake
Common Gallinule	<i>Gallinula galeata</i>	Smith Oaks
American Coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>	High Island Frontage Road
Purple Gallinule	<i>Porphyrio martinica</i>	Smith Oaks
Stilts and Avocets	Recurvirostridae	
Black-necked Stilt	<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>	Seen every day

American Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra americana</i>	Massive flock enjoyed along Bolivar Pass
Oystercatchers	Haematopodidae	
American Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus palliatus</i>	Bolivar Pass
Plovers and Lapwings	Charadriidae	
Black-bellied Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	Seen among several fields and along the coast
American Golden-Plover	<i>Pluvialis dominica</i>	Seen in fields south of Winnie
Wilson's Plover	<i>Charadrius wilsonia</i>	Sea Rim State Park, Bolivar Flats
Semipalmated Plover	<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>	Rollover Pass, Bolivar Flats
Piping Plover	<i>Charadrius melodus</i>	Bolivar Flats
Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	Seen every day
Sandpipers and Allies	Scolopacidae	
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Keith Lake, fields south of Winnie, Retillon Road
Marbled Godwit	<i>Limosa fedoa</i>	Rollover Pass, Rettillon Road
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Rollover Pass, Rettillon Road, Bolivar Flats, Sea Rim State Park
Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>	Bolivar Flats
Stilt Sandpiper	<i>Calidris himantopus</i>	Keith Lake, Rettillon Road
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	Rollover Pass, Bolivar Pass, Sea rim State Park
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	Rettillon Road, Bolivar Pass, Sea Rim State Park
Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>	Bolivar Pass
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	<i>Calidris subruficollis</i>	Fields south of Winnie. Distant, but appreciable views of this gorgeous species!
Pectoral Sandpiper	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>	Up-close views of this species in fields south of Winnie
Semipalmated Sandpiper	<i>Calidris pusilla</i>	Rollover Pass, Bolivar Pass
Short-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus griseus</i>	Rettillon Road
Wilson's Snipe	<i>Gallinago delicata</i>	Observed once
Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularius</i>	Smith Oaks, Rettillon Road
Solitary Sandpiper	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>	Smith Oaks
Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	Observed most days along waterways/flooded fields
Willet	<i>Tringa semipalmata</i>	Seen every day
Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	Keith Lake, Rollover Pass, Rettillon Road
Gulls, Terns and Skimmers	Laridae	
Laughing Gull	<i>Leucophaeus atricilla</i>	Common and daily sight throughout the tour
Ring-billed Gull	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	Rollover Pass, Rettillon Road, Bolivar Pass
Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Rollover Pass, Rettillon Road, Bolivar Pass, Sea Rim State Park
Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	Bolivar Flats

Iceland Gull	<i>Larus glaucooides</i>	Bolivar Flats
Least Tern	<i>Sternula antillarum</i>	Great study at Rollover Pass, Bolivar Flats, Sea Rim State Park
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	Rettillon Road
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	Keith Lake, Rollover Pass, Bolivar Pass, Sea Rim State Park
Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	Rollover Pass, Bolivar Pass
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Keith Lake, Rollover Pass, Rettillon Road, Bolivar Pass, Sea Rim State Park
Forster's Tern	<i>Sterna forsteri</i>	Keith Lake, Rollover Pass,
Royal Tern	<i>Thalasseus maximus</i>	Keith Lake, Rollover Pass, Bolivar Pass Sea Rim State Park
Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>	Rollover Pass, Bolivar Pass
Black Skimmer	<i>Rynchops niger</i>	Rollover Pass, Bolivar Pass, Sea rim State Park
Frigatebirds	Fregatidae	
Magnificent Frigatebird	<i>Fregata magnificens</i>	Flew right over our heads at Bolivar Pass!
Anhinga	Anhingidae	
Anhinga	<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>	Seen near-daily
Cormorants	Phalacrocoracidae	
Neotropic Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i>	Seen at the Smith Oaks Rookery.
Double-crested Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>	Seen every day
Pelicans	Pelecanidae	
American White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>	Keith Lake, Rollover Pass
Brown Pelican	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>	Bolivar Pass and along the Bolivar Peninsula
Herons, Egrets and Bitterns	Ardeidae	
Least Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus exilis</i>	EXCEPTIONAL out-in-the-open view along the base of the High Island Bridge
Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	Seen near-daily both in water and in flight.
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	Common and seen daily. Great to see many at the Smith Oaks rookery
Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>	Common and seen daily. Great to see many at the Smith Oaks rookery
Little Blue Heron	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	Seen every day
Tricolored Heron	<i>Egretta tricolor</i>	Seen every day, fun to see nesting at the rookery
Reddish Egret	<i>Egretta rufescens</i>	Rollover Pass, Rettillon Road, Bolivar Pass. We saw both the dark morph and white morph
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	Common along fields
Green Heron	<i>Butorides virescens</i>	Keith Lake, Smith Oaks
Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	Smith Oaks rookery

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>	Smith Oaks rookery
Ibises and Spoonbills	Threskiornithidae	
White Ibis	<i>Eudocimus albus</i>	Seen every day
White-faced Ibis	<i>Plegadis chihi</i>	Seen every day
Roseate Spoonbill	<i>Platalea ajaja</i>	Seen well at the Smith Oaks rookery, and numerous times overhead as fly-bys
New World Vultures	Cathartidae	
Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	Daily sight
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	Daily sight
Storks	Ciconiidae	
Wood Stork	<i>Mycteria americana</i>	Seen once, perched alongside the Smith Oaks rookery
Osprey	Pandionidae	
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	Rollover Pass, Bolivar Pass
Hawks, Eagles and Kites	Accipitridae	
White-tailed Kite	<i>Elanus leucurus</i>	Bolivar Peninsula
Mississippi Kite	<i>Ictinia mississippiensis</i>	Sam Houston National Forest, Liberty Park
Northern Harrier	<i>Circus hudsonius</i>	High Island Bridge frontage road, Bolivar Peninsula
Sharp-shinned Hawk	<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	WG Jones State Forest
Cooper's Hawk	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	WG Jones State Forest
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Soared right over our heads at Sam Houston National Forest
Red-shouldered Hawk	<i>Buteo lineatus</i>	Sam Houston National Forest, Liberty Park
Broad-winged Hawk	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	Sam Houston National Forest, Smith Oaks
Swainson's Hawk	<i>Buteo swainsoni</i>	Seen most days, often soaring around. A gorgeous species to see over and over!
Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	WG Jones State Forest, many others mostly road-side birds, seen near-daily
Kingfishers	Alcedinidae	
Belted Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>	Sam Houston National Forest, Rollover Pass
Woodpeckers	Picidae	
Red-headed Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>	WG Jones State Forest
Red-bellied Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>	WG Jones State Forest, Sabine Woods, Liberty Park
Downy Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates pubescens</i>	WG Jones State Forest, Sabine Woods, Liberty Park
Red-cockaded Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates borealis</i>	Wonderful experience with four at WG Jones State Forest
Pileated Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>	WG Jones State Forest
Falcons and Caracaras	Falconidae	
Crested Caracara	<i>Caracara cheriway</i>	Seen flying/perched not far from roadsides, twice.
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Early morning spot of one at Keith Lake
Tyrant Flycatchers	Tyrannidae	

Eastern Wood-Pewee	<i>Contopus virens</i>	WG Jones State Forest
Great Crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>	Sabine Woods, Smith Oaks
Ash-throated Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus cinerascens</i>	Rare for the area. We found one along the fields at Sabine Woods!
Eastern Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i>	Common, seen near-daily
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	<i>Tyrannus forficatus</i>	Seen along powerlines and flying over grassy fields. Always a treat to see them!
Shrikes	Laniidae	
Loggerhead Shrike	<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	Sabine Woods, Smith Oaks
Vireos	Vireonidae	
White-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo griseus</i>	Sam Houston National Forest, Sabine Woods, Boy Scout Woods
Blue-headed Vireo	<i>Vireo solitarius</i>	Uncommon, seen two days
Red-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	Common, near-daily among the woodlands
Crows, Jays and Magpies	Corvidae	
Blue Jay	<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>	Observed daily
American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	WG Jones State Forest, Sam Houston National Forest
Fish Crow	<i>Corvus ossifragus</i>	Found one at Panera's, on our last morning of the tour!
Larks	Alaudidae	
Horned Lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>	Rettillon Road
Swallows	Hirundinidae	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>	Sabine Woods
Purple Martin	<i>Progne subis</i>	Boy Scout Woods, Smith Oaks, Sabine Woods
Tree Swallow	<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	Seen every day
Bank Swallow	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	Sabine Woods
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Seen four days
Cliff Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i>	Seen every day
Tits, Chickadees, & Titmice	Paridae	
Carolina Chickadee	<i>Poecile carolinensis</i>	WG Jones State Forest, Sabine Woods
Tufted Titmouse	<i>Baeolophus bicolor</i>	WG Jones State Forest, Sam Houston National Forest
Nuthatches	Sittidae	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta canadensis</i>	A surprise find at WG Jones State Forest
Brown-headed Nuthatch	<i>Sitta pusilla</i>	WG Jones State Forest
Wrens	Troglodytidae	
House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	Sam Houston National Forest
Sedge Wren	<i>Cistothorus platensis</i>	Keith Lake, Whites Ranch Road
Marsh Wren	<i>Cistothorus palustris</i>	Rettillon Road, Sea Rim State Park

Carolina Wren	<i>Thryothorus ludovicianus</i>	Seen/heard most days. Outstanding experience with an out-in-the-open bird at WG Jones State Forest
Gnatcatchers	Poliophtidae	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	<i>Poliophtila caerulea</i>	Sam Houston National Forest
Kinglets	Regulidae	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus calendula</i>	Sam Houston National Forest, Boy Scout Woods
Thrushes and Allies	Turdidae	
Eastern Bluebird	<i>Sialia sialis</i>	Seen nesting at WG Jones State Forest
Veery	<i>Catharus fuscescens</i>	Boy Scout Woods
Swainson's Thrush	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>	Boy Scout Woods, Sabine Woods
Wood Thrush	<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>	Seen three days among woodlands
Mockingbirds and Thrashers	Mimidae	
Gray Catbird	<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>	Smith Oaks, Boy Scout Woods, Sabine Woods
Brown Thrasher	<i>Toxostoma rufum</i>	Boy Scout Woods
Northern Mockingbird	<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>	Seen daily
Starlings	Sturnidae	
European Starling (I)	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Seen daily
Waxwings	Bombycillidae	
Cedar Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>	Sam Houston National Forest, Sabine Woods
New World Sparrows	Passerellidae	
Seaside Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus maritima</i>	Keith Lake, Stingaree parking lot
Savannah Sparrow	<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>	Keith Lake, Rettillon Road, Bolivar Pass
Troupials and Allies	Icteridae	
Eastern Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella magna</i>	Seen every day
Orchard Oriole	<i>Icterus spurius</i>	Seen well as Sabine Woods. Also seen at Boy Scout Woods and Smith Oaks
Baltimore Oriole	<i>Icterus galbula</i>	Sabine Woods, Boy Scout Woods
Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	Daily sightings, common
Brown-headed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>	Daily sightings
Common Grackle	<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>	Daily sightings
Boat-tailed Grackle	<i>Quiscalus major</i>	Seen daily. Great up-close study of this species along the saltmarshes
Great-tailed Grackle	<i>Quiscalus mexicanus</i>	Common, seen daily
New World Warblers	Parulidae	
Ovenbird	<i>Seiurus aurocapilla</i>	Observed four days. Seen well at Boy Scout Woods in particular
Worm-eating Warbler	<i>Helmitheros vermivorum</i>	Great views of this amazing species at the main Boy Scout Woods drip
Louisiana Waterthrush	<i>Parkesia motacilla</i>	Sabine Woods

Northern Waterthrush	<i>Parkesia noveboracensis</i>	Smith Oaks, Boy Scout Woods, Sabine Woods
Blue-winged Warbler	<i>Vermivora cyanoptera</i>	Sabine Woods, Boy Scout Woods
Black-and-white Warbler	<i>Mniotilta varia</i>	Sabine Woods, Boy Scout Woods
Prothonotary Warbler	<i>Protonotaria citrea</i>	Sam Houston National Forest, Sabine Woods, Boy Scout Woods
Swainson's Warbler	<i>Limnithlypis swainsonii</i>	Exceptional view of one at Sabine Woods on our last full day!
Tennessee Warbler	<i>Oreothlypis peregrina</i>	Sabine Woods, Boy Scout Woods, Smith Oaks
Common Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	Seen most days.
Hooded Warbler	<i>Setophaga citrina</i>	Sam Houston National Forest, Sabine Woods, Boy Scout Woods, Smith Oaks
American Redstart	<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	Boy Scout Woods, Sabine Woods
Northern Parula	<i>Setophaga americana</i>	Sam Houston National Forest, Sabine Woods, Smith Oaks, Boy Scout Woods
Yellow Warbler	<i>Setophaga petechia</i>	Common among the warblers, seen near-daily
Blackpoll Warbler	<i>Setophaga striata</i>	Seen two days among woodland birding
Pine Warbler	<i>Setophaga pinus</i>	WG Jones State Forest
Yellow-rumped Warbler	<i>Setophaga coronata</i>	Sam Houston National forest, Sabine Woods
Black-throated Green Warbler	<i>Setophaga virens</i>	Boy Scout Woods, Sabine Woods, Smith Oaks
Cardinals and Allies	Cardinalidae	
Summer Tanager	<i>Piranga rubra</i>	A gorgeous, daily sight!
Scarlet Tanager	<i>Piranga olivacea</i>	Seen near-daily among woodland birding
Northern Cardinal	<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>	Observed daily
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>	Observed near-daily. Exceptional views at Sabine Woods
Blue Grosbeak	<i>Passerina caerulea</i>	Observed near-daily. Seen and studied well at Smith Oaks
Indigo Bunting	<i>Passerina cyanea</i>	Daily sightings of this amazing species. Flocks were seen at Sabine Woods
Old World Sparrows	Passeridae	
House Sparrow (I)	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Seen every day
MAMMALS		
Opossums	Didelphidae	
Virginia Opossum	<i>Didelphus virginiana</i>	We found a family of them among the fields south of Winnie
Squirrels, Prairie Dogs & Marmots	Sciuridae	
Eastern Gray Squirrel	<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>	Seen daily

Rabbits & Hares	Leporidae	
Swamp Rabbit	<i>Sylvilagus aquaticus</i>	Smith Oaks
REPTILES/AMPHIBIANS		
American Alligator	<i>Alligator mississippiensis</i>	
Northern Cottonmouth	<i>Agkistrodon piscivorus</i>	
Red-eared Slider	<i>Trachemys scripta elegans</i>	
American Bullfrog	<i>Lithobates catesbeianus</i>	
BUTTERFLIES		
Monarch	<i>Danaus plexippus</i>	
American Snout	<i>Libytheana carinenta</i>	