

**North American Birds – Spring 2006 Report**  
**1 March through 31 May**  
**Region 19 – Texas**  
**Sub-region 2 – North-central Texas**

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**Weather:**

Ross Rasmussen:

“The warmer than normal winter trend continued into spring; temperatures were well above normal through April. In fact, the Jan-Apr. period was the warmest ever recorded in the region. There were several colder than average days in early May, but temperatures rebounded to above normal quickly. The rains finally came! Although, rainfall was above normal in March and part of April all of the area did not receive equal amounts; the areas west and north of Ft. Worth seemed to have had the heaviest rain. The western and northern sections rains filled up Lake Texoma and other reservoirs to the west while L. Tawakoni partially recovered-however, mudflats were still present at the end of period whereas other areas like Texoma had none.”

**CHARADRIIFORMES**

Snowy Plover – 2 at Lake Tawakoni *Rains* 23 Apr. (RR, RK), rare migrant.

Lesser Black-backed Gull – the 3<sup>rd</sup>-winter bird present at Lake Ray Hubbard *Dallas* since winter was last seen 3 Mar. (RR), rare for region.

Little Gull – 1 ad. at White Rock Lake *Dallas* 6-17 Mar. (CR, m. obs.; ph. BG), rare for region.

Thayer's Gull - 1 1<sup>st</sup> winter bird at Lake Texoma *Grayson* 3-12 Mar. (BG, GC, TR, RR), rare for region.

## **COLUMBIFORMES**

Common Ground-Dove – 1 in *Palo Pinto* 16 Mar. (PB, BG), rare for region.

## **PASSERIFORMES**

### **TYRANNIDAE**

Acadian Flycatcher – 1 at Arapaho Park *Dallas* 29 Apr. (RR, GC), rare migrant away from nesting range farther east and first park record.

### **VIREONIDAE**

Black-capped Vireo – 3 in *Palo Pinto* 6 Apr. (BF) and again 10 Apr. (BG), rare and local.

### **CORVIDAE**

Western Scrub-Jay – 1 about seven mi. n. of Gordon *Palo Pinto* 17 Mar. (BF), FIRST REGIONAL RECORD.

### **HIRUNDINIDAE**

Cliff Swallow – Nesting colony of 180 birds in *Palo Pinto* 22 Mar. (BF), early nesting date.

Barn Swallow – 1 at White Rock Lake *Dallas* 2 Mar. (BG), early arrival.

### **MIMIDAE**

Sage Thrasher – Secondhand report of one at Azle *Tarrant* 16 May (TE).

### **PARULIDAE**

Kentucky Warbler – 1 at Prairie Creek Park *Collin* 26 Apr. (RR), rare migrant away from breeding areas at the eastern edge of the region.

Blackpoll Warbler – 1 at Hagerman NWR *Grayson* May (TR, BS, RR), rare migrant.

### **EMBERIZIDAE**

Baird's Sparrow – 1 in se. *Young* 4 Apr. (BF), very rare regional record and TBRC Review Species.

Black-throated Sparrow – 1 in sw. *Stephens* 8 Apr. (RR), rare and local in region.

### **CARDINALIDAE**

Black-headed Grosbeak – 1 male in *Dallas* 7 May (PA), rare for region.