

**Central Texas  
Summer 2007  
By Willie Sekula**

What an interesting summer it was weather wise for Central Texas. It was incredibly wet in July making for a verdant landscape even in the Midland area. Some of the regional lakes especially in the Hill Country were full to the brim. A lot of locations in the San Antonio area already surpassed yearly rainfall totals by the end of July!

**Notable Observations:**

Osprey

An Osprey seen on Lometa Reservoir 4 Jul was of note (Rick Kostecke).

Mississippi Kite

Mississippi Kites apparently nested in Georgetown *Williamson* again this summer (*fide* Tim Fennell).

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Leslie Linehan reports a Sharp-shinned Hawk from Camp Bullis *Bexar* on 23 Jun. She observed the bird while doing a Black-capped Vireo survey. She heard the bird the next day doing a “sharp fairly high-pitched barking”.

Peregrine Falcon

An adult Peregrine Falcon was seen flying over northwest San Antonio (Sea World area) on 8 Jun (Roel Loera). A large and dark individual (probably female) bird was in *Bell* 27 Jul (Rick Kostecke).

American Golden-Plover

A wayward American Golden-Plover was present in Midland 16 Jun (Rose Marie Stortz & John Adams).

Western Sandpiper

A tardy Western Sandpiper was present 16 Jun near Midkiff *Midland* (Mid-Nats). .

Baird's Sandpiper

Two early Baird's Sandpipers were in Midland 4 Jul (Rose Marie Stortz). .

Black Tern

A molting Black Tern was present at Soda L. *Midland* on 29 Jun (Bill Lupardus).

Green Violet-ear

It was a good season for this Mexican species in the state with a bird present in *Bandera* 13 Jun (*fide* Dick Park) and the continuing bird from spring near *Bastrop* which stayed 11 weeks probably a new record for length of stay in the state. It was present 15 Apr to 14 Jul (*fide* Mark Klym).

White-eared Hummingbird

A female White-eared Hummingbird graced Mitch Heindel's feeders near Utopia *Uvalde* 21-22 Jul. The bird was photographed.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Mitch Heindel reports a juvenile Ruby-throated Hummingbird at his feeders near Utopia *Uvalde* 1 Jun.

Calliope Hummingbird

A male was present at a feeder 24-27 Jul in Leander *Travis* (Carol Ferguson).

Rufous Hummingbird

An early Rufous Hummingbird was seen at Wimberley *Hays* on 15 Jul (Cindy Rodriguez).

Warbling Vireo

Brush Freeman reports a Warbling Vireo singing 9 Jul in western *Bastrop*.

Black-capped Vireo

The male Black-capped Vireo reported at Lake Georgetown *Williamson* from the spring was seen singing vigorously 20 & 21 Jun at the nest site. On the next visit by Tim Fennell to the area he observed the male singing vigorously in the cedars which were mostly under water including the nest site! The lake was over 30 feet above being full!

Chihuahan Raven

A begging juvenile Chihuahan Raven was seen following an adult near Utopia *Uvalde* on 2 Jul (Mitch Heindel).

Rock Wren

Two Rock Wrens were singing at the spillway of Lake Georgetown *Williamson* on 20 Jun. Three birds were seen at the spillway on 1 Aug including a fledgling (Tim Fennell).

Gray Catbird

One was present at Warbler Woods *Guadalupe* 7-8 Jun (Susan Schaezler).

American Robin

Interesting was a single male American Robin in Utopia *Uvalde* on 27 Jun (Mitch Heindel).

Cedar Waxwing

Most bizarre was a lone Cedar Waxwing observed in Boerne *Kendall* on 13 Jul. It was seen well. The bird appeared to be well. (Tom Collins)

Yellow Warbler

A male Yellow Warbler was present in Utopia *Uvalde* 27 Jun (Mitch Heindel).

Blackburnian Warbler

One was present at Warbler Woods *Guadalupe* 5 Jun (Susan Schaezler).

Prothonotary Warbler

A male Prothonotary Warbler hung out in a Fredricksburg *Gillespie* yard until 24 Jun (Bill Lindemann). The bird was present for at least a month.

MacGillivray's Warbler

One was present at Warbler Woods *Guadalupe* 2 Jun (Susan Schaezler).

**Cited Observers**

Tim Fennell  
Carol Ferguson  
Brush Freeman  
Mitch Heindel  
Mark Klym  
Bill Lindemann  
Leslie Linehan  
Roel Leora  
Bill Lupardus  
Dick Park  
Cindy Rodriguez  
Susan Schaezler  
Rose Marie Stortz