

NORTHWEST TEXAS BIRD REPORT  
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TBRC review species are in **bold**. County names are in *italics*. All cited observers are listed, alphabetically, at the end of the report.

**BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK** – One Black-bellied Whistling-Duck was seen at Thompson Park, *Potter* 16 Apr (Doug Smith, Sue Smith, Vicki Wilmarth, photographs) – what is notable is that this is the only report received; the last few springs have featured multiple reports of multiple birds.

**ROSS'S GOOSE**: One Ross's Goose was found at McAlister Park, *Lubbock* 27 Apr (Peter Keyel, Joel Buford, Joe Cochran, Jim Crites) and one Ross's Goose was found at Leroy Elmore Park, *Lubbock* 9-12 May (Cathy Cochran, Joe Cochran, Jordan Cochran, Whitney Cochran) – the April sighting is, now, a very late sighting of this species anywhere in the region and the May sighting is, even by historical standards, an extraordinarily late sighting.

**GREATER SCAUP**: 2 Greater Scaups were found at Lake Aspermont, *Stonewall* 22 Mar (Greg Cook, Steve Glover) – the date is not noteworthy but confirmed Greater Scaup are either very rare in the region or, as I suspect, under-reported.

**RING-NECKED DUCK**: One Ring-necked Duck was at the Morton Water Treatment Plant, *Cochran* 2 May (Will Jaremko-Wright) and one Ring-necked Duck was at Reese Center Playa, *Lubbock* 9 May (Jordan Cochran) – formerly, early May reports were casual but, by contemporary standards, these are very late sightings.

**HOODED MERGANSER**: One Hooded Merganser was at Thompson Park, *Potter* 17 May (K Dean Edwards) – a rather late report.

**RED-BREASTED MERGANSER**: One Red-breasted Merganser was seen at Lake Meredith, *Hutchinson* 11 Mar (Amy Packer, Jay Packer) – rather rare this late in the season; more of a deep winter bird.

**HORNED GREBE**: One Horned Grebe was at Lake Meredith, *Hutchinson* 17 May (Vicki Wilmarth) – a very late report for the species; quite probably the second May report for the Panhandle proper.

**EARED GREBE**: 51 Eared Grebes were found at Lake Truscott, *Knox* 24 May (Scot Wingo) – fairly regular in the region into late spring but this is an exceptional number.

**WESTERN GREBE**: One Western Grebe was seen at Buffalo Springs Lake, *Lubbock* 22-31 Mar (Glenda Kelly, Cathy Cochran, Joe Cochran, Jordan Cochran, Whitney Cochran, Jim Crites, Jennifer Miller, Lena Zappia), one Western Grebe was seen at Lake Two, *Lubbock* 11 Apr (Joel Buford, Joseph Manthey, Brad Shine), one Western Grebe was

seen at McAlister Park, *Lubbock* 14 Apr (Joe Cochran, Jordan Cochran, Whitney Cochran, Jim Crites, Drew Harvey, Anthony Hewetson, Greg Joiner, Peter Keyel, Jim Kringle, Jennifer Miller, Bobby Schat, Brad Shine), one Western Grebe was seen at Lake Meredith, *Hutchinson* 23-24 Apr (Mark Elliott, Rod Goodwin), and one-4 birds were at Lake Meredith, *Potter* 10-29 May (Vicki Wilmarth, K Dean Edwards, Rod Goodwin, Will Jaremko-Wright) – though the last sighting was of a breeding family which has become regular at the site, the earlier sightings represent a very good spring for this wintering species.

CLARK'S GREBE: One-2 Clark's Grebe were at Lake Meredith, *Potter* 5-9 May (Rod Goodwin, K Dean Edwards, Vicki Wilmarth) and one Clark's Grebe was at Lake Meredith, *Moore* 14 May (Mark Elliott) – most likely a repeat of the successful breeding at the site noted during the last few years.

COMMON POORWILL: One Common Poorwill was at Copper Breaks State Park, *Hardeman* 9 Mar (Bob Friedrichs), one Common Poorwill was at Buffalo Springs Lake, *Lubbock* 27 Mar (Jennifer Miller, Brad Shine), and one Common Poorwill was at Clapp Park, *Lubbock* 30 Mar (Anthony Hewetson) – generally an April arrival; these all represent early reports.

WHITE-THROATED SWIFT: One White-throated Swift was at Buffalo Springs Lake, *Lubbock* 29 Mar (Drew Harvey) – historically, found in some of the larger canyons during winter – disappeared for at least a decade – appears to be making a bit of a reappearance.

BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD: One Broad-tailed Hummingbird was at Windsor Park, *Lubbock* 30 Apr (Lyle Hale), one Broad-tailed Hummingbird was in a Lubbock yard, *Lubbock* 4 May (Ken Dixon), and one Broad-tailed Hummingbird was at Windsor Park, *Lubbock* 6 May (Lyle Hale) - very rare as a spring migrant.

VIRGINIA RAIL: 3 Virginia Rails were at Fair Park in Childress, *Childress* 9 Mar (Amy Packer, Jay Packer) – according to Seyffert, noteworthy in the Panhandle proper during March.

SORA: 2 Soras were at Lake Meredith, *Hutchinson* 11 Mar (Amy Packer, Jay Packer) – rare in the Panhandle Proper in spring.

COMMON GALLINULE: One Common Gallinule was seen at Clapp Park, *Lubbock* 30 Mar (Anthony Hewetson) – very rare away from the Canyon Lakes of Lubbock.

SANDHILL CRANE: 5 Sandhill Cranes near Oldham, *Oldham* 12 May (Will Jaremko-Wright) and one Sandhill Crane was seen near Panhandle, *Carson* 15-22 May (Mark Elliott, Rod Goodwin) – both very late reports for the region.

AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER: One American Golden Plover was found near Allmon, *Floyd* 18 May (Bobby Schat) – very rare migrant.

WHIMBREL: 11 Whimbrels were seen at McAlister Park, *Lubbock* 29 Apr (Whitney Cochran, Joel Buford, Joe Cochran, Jordan Cochran, Jim Crites, Anthony Hewetson, Jim Kringle, Jennifer Miller, Brad Shine, photographs) – accidental to the region and a remarkably high number for a single sighting.

MARBLED GODWIT: 11 Marbled Godwits were seen at McAlister Park, *Lubbock* 14 Apr (Joe Cochran, Jim Crites, Peter Keyel, Jim Kringle, Jennifer Miller, Brad Shine, photographs) and 34 Marbled Godwits were at Lake Meredith, *Hutchinson* 24 Apr (Rod Goodwin) – a very rare migrant in the region; these were very high numbers for single site reports.

HUDSONIAN GODWIT: One Hudsonian Godwit was seen near Becton, *Lubbock* 18 May (Drew Harvey, photograph) – accidental to the region.

STILT SANDPIPER: One Stilt Sandpiper was seen near Abernathy, *Hale* 29 Mar (Niler Pyeatt) – a very early date for this species in the region.

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER: 10 at Tahoka Lake, *Lynn* 28 Mar (Manuel De Leon) – a very early date for this species in the region.

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: One White-rumped Sandpiper was seen at Muleshoe NWR, *Bailey* 31 May (Grant Beauprez) – surprisingly, the only report of the species for the region in this spring.

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER: 18 Semipalmated Sandpipers were seen at Tahoka Lake, *Lynn* 28 Mar (Manuel De Leon) – a very early date for this species in the region.

WESTERN SANDPIPER: 25 Western Sandpipers were seen at Tahoka Lake, *Lynn* 28 Mar (Manuel De Leon) – a very early date for this species in the region.

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER: One Short-billed Dowitcher was seen at McAlister Park, *Lubbock* 17 Apr (Jennifer Miller) – a very rare (or under-reported) migrant through the region.

WILLET: One-2 Willets were at McAlister Park, *Lubbock* 24-25 Apr (Joe Cochran, Joel Buford, Jordan Cochran, Whitney Cochran, Jim Crites, Anthony Hewetson, Greg Joiner, Peter Keyel, Phillip Kite, Jennifer Miller, Skyler Parks, Bobby Schat, Brad Shine, photographs) and one Willet was found near Lockney, *Floyd* 25 Apr (Amy Packer, Jay Packer) – a very rare migrant; always a surprise to get multiple reports.

WILSON'S PHALAROPE: One Wilson's Phalarope was seen at Tahoka Lake, *Lynn* 28 Mar (Manuel De Leon) – an early date for this species in the region.

FRANKLIN'S GULL: 29 Franklin's Gulls were seen at Maxey Park, *Lubbock* 19 Apr (Jim Crites, Glenda Kelly) and 25 Franklin's Gulls were seen at McAlister Park, *Lubbock*

24 Apr (Jordan Cochran) – a regular migrant in the region but these represent very large numbers for single report in the area.

RING-BILLED GULL: One Ring-billed Gull was seen at McAlister Park, *Lubbock* 29 May (Jordan Cochran, Whitney Cochran) – an incredibly late date for the species in the region.

HERRING GULL: One Herring Gull was seen at McAlister Park, *Lubbock* 14 Apr (Joe Cochran, Jim Crites, Peter Keyel, Jim Kringle, Jennifer Miller, Brad Shine) – a very late date for the species in the region.

GLAUCOUS GULL: One Glaucous Gull was found at Lake Meredith, *Hutchinson* 11 Mar (Amy Packer, Jay Packer, photographs) – accidental to the region; fewer than ten reports from the Panhandle proper.

COMMON TERN: One Common Tern was at Greenways Park, *Randall* 16 May (K Dean Edwards, Doug Smith, Sue Smith, Vicki Wilmarth) – accidental to the region; reports are so scarce that it can't be stated that this is a late date.

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN: 8 American White Pelicans were seen at McAlister Park, *Lubbock* 14 May (Whitney Cochran, Jordan Cochran) – regular enough in the region but this is a large number for a single report.

AMERICAN BITTERN: One American Bittern was seen near Floydada, *Floyd* 25 Apr (Amy Packer, Jay Packer) – very rare in the region.

LEAST BITTERN: One Least Bittern was seen at Lake Six, *Lubbock* 16 Apr (Brad Shine), one Least Bittern was seen at Lubbock Lake Landmark, *Lubbock* 5 May (Bobby Schat), and one Least Bittern was seen at Lake Six, *Lubbock* 17 May (Anthony Hewetson) – a low density migrant through and breeder in the region with almost all records from the Canyon Lakes of Lubbock.

GLOSSY IBIS: One Glossy Ibis was at the Crosbyton Playa, *Crosby* 25 Apr (Amy Packer, Jay Packer) – accidental to the region; fewer than ten records for the entire region.

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK: One Sharp-shinned Hawk was seen at Clapp Park, *Lubbock* 4 May (Jordan Cochran) – a very late date for the region; particularly by contemporary standards.

COOPER'S HAWK: A pair of Cooper's Hawks set up shop in an Amarillo yard, *Randall* (Vicki Wilmarth, photographs) and one Cooper's Hawk was seen at Clapp Park, *Lubbock* 1-17 May (Joe Cochran, Bobby Schat) – formerly accidental in summer; now a low-density breeder in the Panhandle proper and increasingly noted in the Southern High Plains into late spring.

BALD EAGLE: One Bald Eagle was seen near Spearman, *Ochiltree* 26 May (Thomas Meitzen) and one Bald Eagle was seen at Lake Palo Duro, *Hansford* 28 May (Drew Harvey) – late reports; potentially summering birds.

ZONE-TAILED HAWK: One Zone-tailed Hawk was seen over Lubbock, *Lubbock* 24 Mar (Clint Boal, photographs) – accidental to the region; the second report of the species for the entire region.

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER: One Red-headed Woodpecker was seen at the Littlefield Cemetery, *Lamb* 6 May (Will Jaremko-Wright), one Red-headed Woodpecker was at Clapp Park, *Lubbock* 12 May (Brad Shine), and a pair of Red-headed Woodpeckers were seen in Yellowhouse Canyon, *Lubbock* 14-31 May (Joe Cochran, Cathy Cochran, Jordan Cochran, Whitney Cochran, Brad Shine, photographs) – all of these sightings are beyond or well beyond the western edge of the species' range in the region.

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER: One Red-bellied Woodpecker was found at Clapp Park, *Lubbock* 12 May (Jim Crites) – well west of the regular range of the species but we are getting an increase in reports from well-wooded portions of Lubbock.

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER: One Great Crested Flycatcher was found at White River Lake, *Crosby* 25 Apr (Amy Packer, Jay Packer) – very rare this far west in the region.

BLACK PHOEBE: One Black Phoebe was seen at Aztlan Park, *Lubbock* 16-31 Mar (Glenda Kelly, Anthony Hewetson, Phillip Kite, photographs), one Black Phoebe was at Buffalo Springs Lake, *Lubbock* 27 Mar (Brad Shine), and one Black Phoebe was seen at Clapp Park, *Lubbock* 27-31 Mar (Joe Cochran, Joel Buford, Jordan Cochran, Jim Crites, Jennifer Miller, Bobby Schat, Brad Shine, photographs) – formerly accidental in the region; becoming somewhat more regular but multiple reports in the same season remarkable.

VERMILION FLYCATCHER: One Vermilion Flycatcher was at Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge, *Randall* 17 Mar (Hannah Tripp), one Vermilion Flycatcher was at Palo Duro Canyon State Park, *Randall* 23 Mar (Randy Spurlock, Sandra Spurlock), 2 Vermilion Flycatchers were found near Weinert, *Haskell* 28 Mar (Ben Sandstrom), one Vermilion Flycatcher was at Lake Meredith, *Potter* 3 Apr (Rod Goodwin), one Vermilion Flycatcher was at Thompson Park, *Potter* 10-11 Apr (K Dean Edwards, Doug Smith, Sue Smith, Vicki Wilmarth), one Vermilion Flycatcher was at Copper Breaks State Park, *Hardeman* 3 May (Edwin Quintero), and 3 Vermilion Flycatchers were at Matador Wildlife Management Area, *Cottle* 30 May (Todd Fitzgerald) – formerly accidental in the region; becoming regular though sporadic and with no strong pattern of seasonality.

WHITE-EYED VIREO: One White-eyed Vireo was found at Palo Duro Canyon State Park, *Randall* 21-26 Apr (Doug Smith, Sue Smith, Vicki Wilmarth) and one White-eyed Vireo was found at Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge, *Randall* 9-11 May (Doug

Smith, Sue Smith) – accidental in the region but there is some evidence that it is moving westward into the region.

BLACK-CAPPED VIREO: One Black-capped Vireo was found near Caprock, *Crosby* 25 Apr (Amy Packer, Jay Packer) – accidental to the region; our fourth record.

CASSIN'S VIREO: One Cassin's Vireo was seen at Aztlan Park, *Lubbock* 23 Apr (Joseph Manthey) – the rarest of the solitary vireo complex in the region remains noteworthy.

RED-EYED VIREO: One Red-eyed Vireo was found at Lake Six, *Lubbock* 4 May (Anthony Hewetson) – formerly considered accidental in the region; now considered casual.

BANK SWALLOW: One Bank Swallow was at Buffalo Springs Lake, *Lubbock* 23 Mar (Jim Crites) – another very early report.

BUSHTIT: 2 Bushtits were at the Lubbock Cemetery, *Lubbock* 1-30 Mar (Anthony Hewetson, Jennifer Miller, Brad Shine), 4 Bushtits were seen at Monk's Crossing, *Floyd* 22 Mar (Drew Harvey), and 3 Bushtits were in Woodlands, *Potter* 3 May (K Dean Edwards) – given the species retreat from the region during the past decade, this was a reassuring number of sightings.

CACTUS WREN: One Cactus Wren was seen on the Frying Pan Ranch, *Potter* 15 May (Will Jaremko-Wright) – the species seems to be staging a bit of a movement into the Panhandle without actually moving through the Southern High Plains.

EASTERN BLUEBIRD: 3-4 Eastern Bluebirds were in Yellowhouse Canyon, *Lubbock* 1-17 May (Jordan Cochran, Joe Cochran, Whitney Cochran, Jim Crites, Brad Shine) and one Eastern Bluebird was seen near Edmonson, *Hale* 9 May (Andrew Kasner, Niler Pyeatt) – both reports far west of typical breeding range in the region.

WESTERN BLUEBIRD: 7 Western Bluebirds were seen near Crowell, *Foard* 9 Mar (Bob Friedrichs) – well east of the species's normal range during what was, essentially, a non-irruptive year.

GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH: One Gray-cheeked Thrush was seen at Thompson Park, *Potter* 17 May (Doug Smith, Sue Smith) – formerly a regular though rare migrant through the region; currently best regarded as accidental.

LESSER GOLDFINCH: One Lesser Goldfinch was in Woodlands, *Potter* 6 Mar (K Dean Edwards) and 2 Lesser Goldfinches were at Wheeler City Park, *Wheeler*, 20 Mar (Amy Packer, Jay Packer) – both a tad north of normal range and both were early dates for the species to be seen this far to the north.

AMERICAN PIPIT: One American Pipit was seen at Clapp Park, *Lubbock* 13 May (Samuel Driver, Al Kings) – a very late report for the region; close to record late.

BLACK-CHINNED SPARROW: One Black-chinned Sparrows was at Buffalo Springs Lake, *Lubbock* 27-29 Mar (Jennifer Miller, Drew Harvey, Peter Keyel, Brad Shine, photographs) – accidental to our region; the second record for the entire region. Interestingly, the sole previous record was from the same site.

DARK-EYED JUNCO: One Dark-eyed Junco was at Clapp Park, *Lubbock* 15 May (Kassie Moore, photographs) – a very late report; in fact, the latest report on record for the region.

SONG SPARROW: One Song Sparrow was at Palo Duro Canyon State Park, *Randall* 20 Apr (Doug Smith, Sue Smith, photographs) – formerly regular in the region into the last week of April and rare in the first week of May; now rarely seen during the second half of April.

GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE: One Green-tailed Towhee was seen near Aspermont, *Stonewall* 22 Mar (Greg Cook, Steve Glover) – well east of normal range in the region.

EASTERN TOWHEE: One Eastern Towhee was seen near Estelline Station, *Hall* 8 Mar (Amy Packer, Jay Packer) – somewhat west of normal range; possibly a first county record.

BULLOCK'S ORIOLE: One Bullock's Oriole was seen at Palo Duro Canyon State Park, *Randall* 5-10 Mar (Cindy Olson, Doug Smith) – an extraordinarily early report. I was surprised to find that there were previous March reports for the region.

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER: One Black-and-white Warbler was found at Clapp Park, *Lubbock* 31 Mar (Joe Cochran, Jennifer Miller, Brad Shine) – an early report for the migrant and this site is so well covered that I doubt an overwintering bird had been overlooked.

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER: One Prothonotary Warbler was seen at Clapp Park, *Lubbock* 3 May (Bobby Schat, Drew Harvey) – formerly considered accidental to the region; now known as a very rare but annual visitor.

TENNESSEE WARBLER: One Tennessee Warbler was at Clapp Park, *Lubbock* 28 Apr (Joe Cochran, Brad Shine), one Tennessee Warbler was at Clapp Park, *Lubbock* 10 May (Anthony Hewetson, Jennifer Miller, Brad Shine), one Tennessee Warbler was seen at Aztlan Park, *Lubbock* 15 May (Bobby Schat), and one Tennessee Warbler was seen at Clapp Park, *Lubbock* 16 May (Jim Crites, Anthony Hewetson) – an unusually large number of reports of a species that is probably regarded best as a casual migrant through the region ... though there were a couple of reports last spring.

MOURNING WARBLER: One Mourning Warbler was seen at Ransom Lake, *Lubbock* 6 May (Jim Crites) – formerly annual as a migrant; now more properly regarded as casual with records every two-five years.

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT: 2 Common Yellowthroats were at Fair Park in Childress, *Childress* 9 Mar (Amy Packer, Jay Packer) – early migrants or overwintering birds would be a tough call for this sighting.

NORTHERN PARULA: 2 Northern Parulas were at the CR 301 Woodlot, *Cottle* 19 Apr (Amy Packer, Jay Packer) and one Northern Parula was at Clapp Park, *Lubbock* 10-11 May (Jordan Cochran, Whitney Cochran, Drew Harvey, Anthony Hewetson, Jennifer Miller, Brad Shine) – a very rare migrant in the region; multiple reports intriguing.

YELLOW WARBLER: One Yellow Warbler was seen at Guy Park, *Lubbock* 20-23 Mar (Joe Cochran, photographs) – a very early report; near record.

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER: One Chestnut-sided Warbler was seen at Palo Duro Canyon State Park, *Randall* 5 May (Hannah Tripp) and one Chestnut-sided Warbler was seen below Lake Six, *Lubbock* 9 May (Brett Andersen, Mark Lee) – casual, at best, in the region.

BLACKPOLL WARBLER: One Blackpoll Warbler was at Clapp Park, *Lubbock* 10-11 May (Anthony Hewetson, Cathy Cochran, Joe Cochran, Jordan Cochran, Whitney Cochran, Drew Harvey, Jennifer Miller, Skyler Park, Brad Shine, photographs), one Blackpoll Warbler was seen at Thompson Park, *Potter* 17 May (K Dean Edwards, Dough Smith, Sue Smith), and one Blackpoll Warbler was at Clapp Park, *Lubbock* 19 May (Jim Crites) – formerly considered accidental to the region; now casual with multiple reports in the years reported.

PINE WARBLER: One female Pine Warbler was seen at Clapp Park, *Lubbock* 16 May (Anthony Hewetson, photographs) – generally a wintering species in the region; true migrants quite rare.

TOWNSEND'S WARBLER: One male Townsend's Warbler was seen at Clapp Park, *Lubbock* 16 May (Jim Crites, Anthony Hewetson) – actually, by recent years' standards, a bit on the low side as it was becoming an annual migrant with multiple sightings.

WILSON'S WARBLER: One Wilson's Warbler was seen at Guy Park, *Lubbock* 31 Mar (Jennifer Miller, Brad Shine), one Wilson's Warbler was at Clapp Park, *Lubbock* 1 Apr (Brad Shine), and one Wilson's Warbler was at the Lubbock Cemetery, *Lubbock* 4 Apr (Bobby Schat) – mid-April records are considered early; multiple records earlier than that is unprecedented for the region.

WESTERN TANAGER: One Western Tanager was at Turner Memorial Park, *Lipscomb* 12 May (Samuel Driver) – a rare report for this far north and east in the region.

BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK: One male Black-headed Grosbeak was at Reese Center, *Lubbock* 20 Apr (Anthony Hewetson), one female Black-headed Grosbeak was at Clapp Park, *Lubbock* 3 May (Drew Harvey), one female Black-headed Grosbeak was seen below Lake Six, *Lubbock* 4 May (Anthony Hewetson), 2 male Black-headed Grosbeaks were in Yellowhouse Canyon, *Lubbock* 6 May (Jim Crites), one female and 2 male Black-headed Grosbeaks were at Clapp Park, *Lubbock* 10-12 May (Jordan Cochran, Whitney Cochran, Anthony Hewetson, Jennifer Miller, Brad Shine), 2 male Black-headed Grosbeaks were at Clapp Park, *Lubbock* 15-18 May (Joe Cochran, Jim Crites, Anthony Hewetson, Jennifer Miller, Brad Shine), and one male Black-headed Grosbeak was at Clapp Park, *Lubbock* 22 May (Jennifer Miller) – a remarkably good spring for the species in the region; probably a record number of reports and of individuals.

ROSE-BREADED GROSBEAK: one male Rose-breasted Grosbeak was at Leftwich Park, *Lubbock* 25 Apr (Brad Shine, Joel Buford, Anthony Hewetson, Skyler Parks, photographs), 2 Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were at County Road Z, *Swisher* 20 Apr (Connie Andrus, Marlin Andrus), one female Rose-breasted Grosbeak was below Lake Six, *Lubbock* 5 May (Anthony Hewetson), and up to one female and 3 male Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were at Clapp Park, *Lubbock* 15-17 May (Jim Crites, Anthony Hewetson, Jennifer Miller, Kassie Moore, Brad Shine) – a remarkably good spring for the species in the region; probably a record number of reports and of individuals.

LAZULI BUNTING: one male Lazuli Bunting was seen at Clapp Park, *Lubbock* 28-29 Apr (Joe Cochran, Joel Buford, Jim Crites, Zachary Schwab), one female and one male Lazuli Bunting were at Clapp Park, *Lubbock* 29-30 Apr (Anthony Hewetson, Jennifer Miller, Lena Zappia), 2-4 Lazuli Buntings were at Clapp Park, *Lubbock* 1-4 May (Cathy Cochran, Joe Cochran, Jordan Cochran, Anthony Hewetson, Greg Joiner, Bobby Schat, Brad Shine), and 2-3 Lazuli Buntings were found below Lake Six, *Lubbock* 8-9 May (Jim Crites, Cathy Cochran, Joe Cochran, Drew Harvey, Anthony Hewetson, Brad Shine) - a remarkably good spring for the species in the region; probably a record number of reports and of individuals.

INDIGO BUNTING: One Indigo Bunting was at Hale Center, *Hale* 20 Apr (Niler Pyeatt), one Indigo Bunting was at Reese Center, *Lubbock* 20 Apr (Anthony Hewetson), 1 male Indigo Bunting was at Clapp Park, *Lubbock* 28 Apr (Jim Crites, Joel Buford, Jennifer Miller, Brad Shine), one female and 2 male Indigo Buntings were at Clapp Park, *Lubbock* 29 Apr (Jennifer Miller, Joe Cochran, Lena Zappia), 2 female and 3 male Indigo Buntings were at Clapp Park, *Lubbock* 30 Apr (Anthony Hewetson), 1 female and 4 male Indigo Buntings were at Clapp Park, *Lubbock* 1-2 May (Cathy Cochran, Joe Cochran, Anthony Hewetson, Greg Joiner, Bobby Schat, Brad Shine), 1 male Indigo Bunting was below Lake Six, *Lubbock* 3 May (Drew Harvey), 2 female and 4 male Indigo Buntings were at Clapp Park, *Lubbock* 3 May (Joe Cochran, Jim Crites, Drew Harvey, Anthony Hewetson, Bobby Schat, Brad Shine), one female and 2 male Indigo Buntings were seen below Lake Six, *Lubbock* 9 May (Drew Harvey, Anthony Hewetson), one female Indigo Bunting was at Lubbock Lake Landmark, *Lubbock* 9 May (Anthony Hewetson), 2 female Indigo Buntings were at Clapp Park, *Lubbock* 10-11 May (Joe Cochran, Drew Harvey,

Anthony Hewetson, Jennifer Miller, Brad Shine), and one female and one male Indigo Buntings were seen below Lake Six, *Lubbock* 17 May (Anthony Hewetson) – an incredibly good spring for the species in the region; probably a record number of reports and of individuals.

PAINTED BUNTING: 3 Painted Buntings were seen at White River Lake, *Crosby* 25 Apr (Amy Packer, Jay Packer), one male Painted Bunting was in a Lubbock yard, *Lubbock* 27 Apr (Anthony Hewetson), and 2 female Painted Buntings were seen at Clapp Park, *Lubbock* 30 Apr (Anthony Hewetson) – any April records of this species are considered noteworthy early.

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