

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: 10-15 Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks were at Dimmitt City Park, Castro Co 21 Aug-8 Sep (Vicki Wilmarth, photographs), 2 Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks were at Hale Center, Hale Co 4-5 Sep (Niler Pyeatt, Sheri Anderson, multiple observers, photographs), 1-2 Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks were at Travis Trussell Park, Plainview, Hale Co 15 Sep-4 Oct (Melba Olsen, photographs), and 15 Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks were at Aquatic Center Park, Hereford, Deaf Smith Co 30 Oct (Greg Cook, Steve Glover) – good number of sightings and good numbers for this species, currently establishing itself in the region.

BRANT: One Brant persisted at Travis Trussell Park, Plainview, Hale Co 21 Nov-30 Nov (Niler Pyeatt, multiple observers, photographs) – accidental to the region; one of the best birds of the period for our region.

AMERICAN WIGEON: 5 American Wigeons were at Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge, Bailey Co 12 Sep (Jennifer Miller, Ari Rice) – formerly regular by early September; now quite unusual during the first half of the month.

MEXICAN DUCK: One Mexican Duck was at McAlister Park, Lubbock Co 4 Oct (Joe Cochran, Tucker Dangremond, photographs), one Mexican Duck was in southwest Lubbock, Lubbock Co 6 Oct (Joe Cochran, photographs), one Mexican Duck was at the Lorenzo Rookery, Crosby Co 10 Oct (Mark Lockwood, photographs), and one Mexican Duck was at Buddy Holly Park, Lubbock Co 30 Oct (Jim Crites, photographs) – status deeply uncertain in the region; these were the reports that survived review by multiple eBird reviewers but the species may be far more common in the region than expected.

GREATER SCAUP: One Greater Scaup was at McAlister Park, Lubbock Co 19-20 Oct (Jim Crites, photographs) – either very rare in the region or under-reported; this bird was also a bit early.

SURF SCOTER: One Surf Scoter was at McAlister Park, Lubbock Co 22 Nov (Jim Crites, photographs) – accidental to the region; one of but a handful of reports for the entire region.

COMMON GOLDENEYE: One Common Goldeneye was at Whisperwood Pond, Lubbock Co 8-30 Nov (Ari Rice, multiple observers, photographs) – fairly regular in the region during winter but this is, by contemporary standards, a very early bird.

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER: 9 Red-breasted Mergansers were at White River Lake, Crosby Co 18 Nov (Mark Lockwood, photographs) – this is an unusually high number for this species at any single site in the region and the birds seemed a bit early.

EARED GREBE: 10-11 Eared Grebes were at Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Randall Co 25 Aug-5 Sep (Peggy Trosper, J. Cepeda, photographs) – though findable in the region as a breeder, this was an unusually large number suggesting either unusually good breeding at the site or an unusually large number of early migrants.

HORNED GREBE: 3 Horned Grebes were at White River Lake, Crosby Co 12 Nov (Mark Lockwood) – formerly regular in the region; now very difficult to find, making these birds noteworthy.

RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD: One Ruby-throated Hummingbird was in a Lubbock yard, Lubbock Co 16-24 Oct (Jim Crites, photographs) and one Ruby-throated Hummingbird in a Plainview yard, Hale Co 17-29 Oct (Melba Olsen) – both birds running very late for the region.

BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD: One Broad-tailed Hummingbird was in a Lubbock yard, Lubbock Co 17 Oct (Sheryl Gonzales, photographs) and one Broad-tailed Hummingbird was in another Lubbock yard, Lubbock Co 22-27 Oct (Jim Crites, photographs) – extraordinarily late reports for this species for our region.

WHOOPING CRANE: One Whooping Crane was spotted over Yellowhouse Draw below Lake Six, Lubbock Co 9 Nov (Jim Crites, Brad Shine, photographs) – accidental to the region; one of a handful of records for the region.

BLACK-NECKED STILT: One Black-necked Stilt was at the Cone Playa, Crosby Co 13-18 Oct (Sheri Anderson, Mark Lockwood, photographs) – persisting later than usual.

AMERICAN AVOCET: One American Avocet was in southwest Lubbock, Lubbock Co 21 Nov (Anthony Hewetson, multiple observers, photographs) – persisting later than usual.

AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER: One American Golden-Plover was at the Whitaker Road Playa, Randall Co 18 Sep (Vicki Wilmarth) – rare in the region during the regular period of migration, this was a rather late report.

MARbled GODWIT: One Marbled Godwit was at the Whitaker Road Playa, Randall Co 16-20 Sep (Doug Smith, Vicki Wilmarth, photographs) and one Marbled Godwit was at McGee Lake, Potter Co 29 Sep (Robert Heise) – very rare in the region, multiple reports in a single month very good.

SANDERLING: 3 Sanderlings were at the Skeen Playa, Lynn Co 26 Sep (Ari Rice, photographs) – accidental or casual to the region; multiple birds for a single site remarkable.

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER: One Short-billed Dowitcher in southwest Lubbock, Lubbock Co 6 Sep (Joe Cochran, Peter Keyel, photographs – either very rare or under-reported (due to difficulty in documenting solid sightings) in the region; this report survived the scrutiny of multiple eBird reviewers.

SOLITARY SANDPIPER: One Solitary Sandpiper was at McAlister Park, Lubbock Co 28 Oct (Bobby Schat) – this would have been an incredibly late date until rather recently, we now expect a bird or two to make it into late fall.

WILLET: One Willet was seen at Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge, Bailey Co 26 Aug (Jim Crites) and one Willet was near Fieldton, Lamb Co 6 Sep (Bradley Banner) – a very rare migrant through the region; multiple reports in a season a pleasant surprise.

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE: 5-9 Red-necked Phalaropes were at Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge, Bailey Co 12 Sep (Jennifer Miller, Ari Rice), one Red-necked Phalarope was at McAlister Park, Lubbock Co 5 Oct (Jim Crites, photographs), and one Red-necked Phalarope was at Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Randall Co 24 Oct (Doug Smith, Sue Smith) – very good numbers for this very rare migrant through the region.

SABINE'S GULL: One Sabine's Gull was at Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge, Bailey Co 11-12 Sep (Steve Glover, multiple observers, photographers) – casual to the region with reports trickling in, at best, every 2-5 years.

BONAPARTE'S GULL: 26 Bonaparte's Gulls were at White River Lake, Crosby Co 22 Nov (Mark Lockwood, photographs) – though the species is regular to the region, this was an unusually large number of birds for a single sighting.

FRANKLIN'S GULL: 27 Franklin's Gulls flew over Lubbock, Lubbock Co 18 Nov (Anthony Hewetson) – an unusually large number for the region, particularly this late in the season.

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL: One Lesser Black-backed Gull was at White River Lake, Crosby Co 6 Oct (Mark Lockwood, photographs) – casual to this part of the region; reports trickle in every 2-5 years.

COMMON LOON: One Common Loon was at White River Lake, Crosby Co 9 Nov (Mark Lockwood) – a very early report for the region.

MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD: One Magnificent Frigatebird was seen at Lake Stamford, Haskell Co 24 Oct (Bradley Banner) – accidental to the region; possibly the second report for the entire region and probably the best bird of the period for the region.

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN: 7 American White Pelicans were at White River Lake, Crosby Co 15 Nov (Mark Lockwood, photographs) – rather early in the season for such high numbers.

LEAST BITTERN: One Least Bittern was seen at Lake Six, Lubbock Co 8 Aug (Sheri Anderson, Anthony Hewetson) – now located annually – at this single site in the region!

LITTLE BLUE HERON: One Little Blue Heron was at the Himmel Farm, Crosby Co 19 Sep (Kelly Himmel) – this was a very poor season for post-breeding wandering of waders, making this a very unusual report for the season.

WHITE-FACED IBIS: 4 White-faced Ibises were seen near Meadow, Terry Co 27 Nov (Deb Wallace, Lee Wallace) – formerly accidental this late in the year; this report stood out for the large number this late in the season.

OSPREY: One Osprey was at Clapp Park, Lubbock Co 21 Aug (Sheri Anderson, Anthony Hewetson) and one Osprey was at Lake Six, Lubbock Co 22-31 Aug (Sheri Anderson, Anthony Hewetson) – very early reports; particularly odd given the unusually dry and unusually warm conditions prevalent in the region.

WHITE-TAILED KITE” One White-tailed Kite was seen below Lake Six, Lubbock Co 29 Aug (Sheri Anderson, Anthony Hewetson) – depending on the time frame, very rare or accidental to the region – always worthy of note.

GOLDEN EAGLE: One Golden Eagle was seen near Welch, Terry Co 19 Nov (Wyatt Egelhoff) and one Golden Eagle was seen near Crosbyton, Crosby Co 28 Nov (Mark Lockwood, photographs) – very rare this far south in the region and very early for the region overall – part of what ended up being a very good fall/winter for eagles in the region.

BALD EAGLE: One adult Bald Eagle was seen at City Farms, Lubbock Co 31 Oct (Sheri Anderson, Anthony Hewetson, photographs) and one adult was seen at White River Lake, Crosby Co 4-15 Nov (Mark Lockwood, photographs) – rare this far south in the region and very early for the region overall – part of what ended up being a very good fall/winter for eagles in the region.

HARRIS’S HAWK: One Harris’s Hawk was seen over the TTU HSC Campus, Lubbock Co 6 Aug (Anthony Hewetson), 1-2 Harris’s Hawks were at the Bison Road Playa, Hockley Co 27 Aug-6 Sep (Brad Shine, multiple observers, photographs), one Harris’s Hawk was at Clapp Park, Lubbock Co 23 Sep-4 Nov (Sheri Anderson, multiple observers, photographs), one Harris’s Hawk was in northwest Lubbock, Lubbock Co 16 Oct (Jim Crites), and one Harris’s Hawk was near the Caprock Gin, Crosby Co 8 Nov (Mark Lockwood) – an irruptive resident and breeder to the region; this has been a good year for the species in our region.

BROAD-WINGED HAWK: One Broad-winged Hawk was seen below Lake Six, Lubbock Co 11 Nov (Johny Nelson) – a rather late report for the region; the species is trending a bit later each year.

LONG-EARED OWL: 9 Long-eared Owls were at the Lorenzo Cemetery, Crosby Co 9 Nov (Mark Lockwood, photographs) – a very large number for a single roost site this early in the season.

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER: One Red-headed Woodpecker was at Yellowhouse Canyon, Lubbock Co 24 Oct (Sheri Anderson, Anthony Hewetson) – casual this far west in the region.

ACORN WOODPECKER: One Acorn Woodpecker was seen at Stanford Park, Yoakum Co 11 Nov (Steve Glover, photographs) – accidental to the region; this might well be a first county record.

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER: One Red-bellied Woodpecker was at the Sundown Golf Course, Hockley Co 23 Nov (Todd Deininger) – extraordinarily rare this far west in the region.

PRAIRIE FALCON: One Prairie Falcon was at Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge, Bailey Co 9 Aug (Icarus Haradon) – a very early report, by contemporary standards, for the region.

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER: One Great Crested Flycatcher was at Clapp Park, Lubbock Co 4-10 Sep (Sheri Anderson, multiple observers, photographs) and one Great Crested Flycatcher was at Lubbock Lake Landmark, Lubbock Co 8-9 Sep (Jim Crites, multiple observers, photographers) – good number of sightings for the western edge of the species movements in the region.

WESTERN WOOD-PEWEE: One Western Wood-Pewee was at Ransom Lake, Lubbock Co 24 Oct (Joe Girgente, Hannah Wojo, photographs) – a very late date for the region.

EASTERN KINGBIRD: One Eastern Kingbird was in southwest Lubbock, Lubbock Co 6-7 Sep (Joe Cochran, multiple observers, photographs) and one Eastern Kingbirds was at Clapp Park, Lubbock Co 11 Sep (Sheri Anderson, Anthony Hewetson, photographs) – very rare this far west in the region.

HAMMOND'S FLYCATCHER: One Hammond's Flycatcher was at Clapp Park, Lubbock Co 11 Sep (Joe Girgente, Hannah Wojo, multiple observers, photographs) – either very rare or under-reported in the region.

GRAY FLYCATCHER: One Gray Flycatcher was at Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Randall Co 5 Sep (Peggy Trosper) and one Gray Flycatcher was at Clapp Park, Lubbock Co 11 Sep (Ari Rice, multiple observers) – formerly more common during migration; sightings have become noteworthy over the past decade.

DUSKY FLYCATCHER: One Dusky Flycatcher was at Clapp Park, Lubbock Co 11 Sep (Anthony Hewetson) – either very rare or under-reported in the region.

SAY'S PHOEBE: One Say's Phoebe was in Yellowhouse Canyon, Lubbock Co 2 Aug (Sheri Anderson, Anthony Hewetson) – fairly far south in the region for what is, essentially, a summer report.

VERMILION FLYCATCHER: One Vermilion Flycatcher was at the Comanche Springs Observatory, Foard Co 14 Aug (Lynn Seman, Christena Stephens, photographs), one Vermilion Flycatcher was seen near Crowell, Foard Co 12 Sep (Scotty Lofland), one Vermilion Flycatcher was at Boxcar Tank, Kent Co 6-7 Sep (Scott Fitzgerald, photographs), one Vermilion Flycatcher was seen at the Lockwood Farm, Crosby Co 1 Oct (Mark Lockwood), and one Vermilion Flycatcher was at Buddy Holly Park, Lubbock Co 14 Oct (Jim Crites, multiple observers, photographs) – formerly accidental to the region; now regular with little evidence of seasonality.

NORTHERN SHRIKE: One Northern Shrike was near Lake Six, Lubbock Co 7-30 Nov (Sheri Anderson, Anthony Hewetson, multiple observers, photographs) – casual, at best, this far south in the region.

BELL'S VIREO: 2 Bell's Vireos were at the Wheeler Ranch, Crosby Co 3 Sep (Mark Lockwood), one Bell's Vireo was at Caprock Canyons State Park, Bricoe Co 6 Sep (Ari Rice), one Bell's Vireo was at Clapp Park, Lubbock Co 10-11 Sep (Jim Crites, multiple observers, photographs), and 2 Bell's Vireos were at White River Lake, Crosby Co 12 Sep (Mark Lockwood – these reports are all late for the region; the species is persisting later, in good numbers, as it becomes established in the region.

CASSIN'S VIREO: One Cassin's Vireo was seen at Cochran County Park, Cochran Co 11 Sep (Steve Glover) – the rarest of the three species in the 'solitary' complex; reports remain noteworthy.

RED-EYED VIREO: One Red-eyed Vireo was at Clapp Park, Lubbock Co 11 Sep (Joe Girgente, Hannah Wojo, multiple observers, photographs), one Red-eared Vireo was seen at White River Lake, Crosby Co 12 Sep (Mark Lockwood), and one Red-eyed Vireo was found below Lake Six, Lubbock Co 21 Oct (Jim Crites) – very rare in the region; multiple reports in a single season is quite remarkable and the latest report represents a very late date for the region.

WOODHOUSE'S SCRUB-JAY: One Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay was seen at White River Lake, Crosby Co 15 Nov (Mark Lockwood) – formerly regular in the region; now very rare this far west in the region.

COMMON RAVEN: One Common Raven was at the Lorenzo Play, Crosby Co 21 Sep (Glenda Kelly), one Common Raven was at the TTU Farms Playa, Lubbock Co 2 Oct (Sheri Anderson, Anthony Hewetson), one Common Raven was at the FM 1054 x FM

1313 Playa, Lynn Co 20 Oct (Manuel De Leon), one Common Raven was seen near Happy, Randall Co 23 Oct (RJ Baltierra), and one Common Raven was found near Becton, Lubbock Co 21 Nov (Sheri Anderson, Anthony Hewetson) – regular in the canyon cuts to the east and becoming regular along the northern and western edges of the region, the species is now moving, in larger numbers, into the portions of the region between.

VERDIN: 2-4 Verdins were found in Yellowhouse Canyon, Lubbock Co 14-21 Nov (Ari Rice, multiple observers) – this species appeared to be much affected by the harsh winter event in February of 2021; this is the second sighting of the species in the region since.

CAROLINA CHICKADEE: One Carolina Chickadee was found in Yellowhouse Canyon, Lubbock Co 5 Nov (Sheri Anderson, Anthony Hewetson) – formerly regular in the region, this is the first report for the county since 2016.

BLACK-CRESTED TITMOUSE: Up to 8 Black-crested Titmice were in Yellowhouse Canyon, Lubbock Co 1 Aug-30 Nov (Sheri Anderson, multiple observers, photographs), up to 9 Black-crested Titmice were at the V8 Ranch, Lubbock Co 25 Sep-6 Nov (Ari Rice, multiple observers), and one Black-crested Titmouse was found at the Purina Mountain Bike Trail, Lubbock Co 30 Oct (Sheri Anderson, Anthony Hewetson) – formerly regular in the region; this is the best year for the species this far west in the region in over a decade.

NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW: One Northern Rough-winged Swallow was at Buddy Holly Park, Lubbock Co 14 Oct (Ari Rice, multiple observers) – a very late record for the region.

CAVE SWALLOW: 4-8 Cave Swallows were at Buddy Holly Park, Lubbock Co 14-18 Oct (Jim Crites, photographs) – very late reports for the region; the species seems on the cusp of genuine wintering attempts in milder years.

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH: One White-breasted Nuthatch was found in Yellowhouse Canyon, Lubbock Co 1-17 Nov (Jim Crites, multiple observers, photographs) – fairly early reports for the region, especially by recent years' standards.

CACTUS WREN: One Cactus Wren was found near Dalhart, Dallam Co 5 Nov (Blaine Carnes) – the species appears to be moving back into the northwestern part of the region without spending time in points south, suggesting that the movement is eastward from New Mexico.

GRAY CATBIRD: One Gray Catbird was in a Lubbock yard, Lubbock Co 3-29 Nov (Ken Dixon), one Gray Catbird was at Palo Duro Canyon State Park, Randall Co 4-28 Nov (Doug Smith, multiple observers, photographs), one Gray Catbirds was seen at the V8 Ranch, Lubbock Co 6 Nov (Joe Cochran, Jordan Cochran, photographs), and one Gray Catbird was in Yellowhouse Canyon, Lubbock Co 7-21 Nov (Tucker Dangremond,

multiple observers, photographs) – formerly accidental this late in the year, the species is becoming regular as a low-density late fall, even winter, resident.

EASTERN BLUEBIRD: 2 Eastern Bluebirds were in Yellowhouse Canyon, Lubbock Co 2-14 Aug (Sheri Anderson, Anthony Hewetson) – the end of one of the western-most breeding efforts in the region in some time.

LESSER GOLDFINCH: 9 Lesser Goldfinches were at the V8 Ranch, Lubbock Co 6 Nov (Glenda Kelly) and 2 Lesser Goldfinches were in Yellowhouse Canyon, Lubbock Co 21 Nov (Sheri Anderson, Anthony Hewetson) – good numbers for this late in the season.

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH: One American Goldfinch was at the Himmel Farm, Crosby Co 23 Aug (Kelly Himmel) – running rather early, by contemporary standards, for the region

CHIPPING SPARROW: One Chipping Sparrow at the Lockwood Farm, Crosby Co 12 Aug (Mark Lockwood) – an early report for this far south in the region.

FIELD SPARROW: One immature Field Sparrow was spotted in Yellowhouse Canyon, Lubbock Co 14 Aug (Sheri Anderson, Anthony Hewetson) – the bird was barely flighted, suggesting one of the western-most breeding records for the region.

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: One White-throated Sparrow was at McAlister Park, Lubbock Co 12 Oct (Tucker Dangremond) and one White-throated Sparrows was at Aztlan Park, Lubbock Co 14 Oct (Sheri Anderson, Anthony Hewetson) – early reports for the region; in recent years the arrival date for this species has shifted to November this far south in the region.

SAVANNAH SPARROW: One Savannah Sparrow was at Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge, Bailey Co 12 Sep (Jennifer Miller) – a very early report for the region.

SONG SPARROW, LINCOLN'S SPARROW, and SWAMP SPARROW – all three species were running very late, in terms of arrival date, and were in unusually low numbers, even at the end of the period.

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: One Yellow-breasted Chat was at the Wheeler Ranch, Crosby Co 14 Oct (Mark Lockwood) – running rather late which has become a bit of a trend for this species in the region over the last decade.

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: One Yellow-headed Blackbird was seen below Lake Six, Lubbock Co 20 Nov (Bobby Schat) – running rather late but the species does persist, in large flocks of blackbirds, during years featuring late grain harvests.

BALTIMORE ORIOLE: One Baltimore Oriole was at the Lockwood Farm, Crosby Co 5 Sep (Mark Lockwood) and 3 Baltimore Orioles were in a Lubbock yard, Lubbock Co 9

Sep (Jennifer Miller) – a very rare post-breeding wanderer; multiple records in one season remarkable.

BRONZED COWBIRD: 4-14 Bronzed Cowbirds were on the TTU HSC Campus, Lubbock Co 9-14 Oct Tucker Dangremond, Ari Rice), one Bronzed Cowbird was at Lake Six, Lubbock Co 12 Oct (Sheri Anderson, Anthony Hewetson), one Bronzed Cowbird was seen near Weinert, Haskell Co 16 Oct (Bradley Banner), and 2 Bronzed Cowbirds were at Clapp Park, Lubbock Co 16 Oct (Sheri Anderson, Anthony Hewetson) – good number of reports and very good numbers for this late in the season.

RUSTY BLACKBIRD: One Rusty Blackbird was at McAlister Park, Lubbock Co 11 Nov (Jim Crites, photographs), 3 Rusty Blackbirds were at White River Lake, Crosby Co 18 Nov (Mark Lockwood), one Rusty Blackbird was the Lorenzo Rookery, Crosby Co 20 Nov (Mark Lockwood, photographs), and one Rusty Blackbird was at the Morton Water Treatment Ponds, Cochran Co 26 Nov (Blaine Carnes, Greg Cook) – semi-irruptive to the region in good blackbird years; this was a good number of reports for this early in the season.

OVENBIRD: One Ovenbird was at Clapp Park, Lubbock Co 24 Sep (Joe Cochran, Jim Crites, photographs) – formerly casual to the region; now verging on annual albeit very rare.

TENNESSEE WARBLER: One Tennessee Warbler was at Clapp Park, Lubbock Co 10-13 Sep (Jim Crites, multiple observers, photographs) – either very rare or under-reported as a fall migrant.

NASHVILLE WARBLER: One Nashville Warbler was at the V8 Ranch, Lubbock Co 6-7 Nov (Joe Girgente, Hannah Wojo, multiple observers, photographs) – a very late report for this species in the region.

MACGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER: One MacGillivray's Warbler was at Erskine Marsh, Lubbock Co 14 Oct (Sheri Anderson, Anthony Hewetson) and one MacGillivray's Warbler was at MacKenzie Park, Lubbock Co 14 Oct (Sheri Anderson, Anthony Hewetson) – two rather late reports though we have previous records into early November.

AMERICAN REDSTART: One American Redstart was at MacKenzie Park, Lubbock Co 14 Oct (Sheri Anderson, Anthony Hewetson) – a late report for the species in the region.

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER: A stunning male Blackburnian Warbler was seen at Mae Simmons Park, Lubbock Co 14 Oct (Sheri Anderson, Anthony Hewetson) – accidental to the region and a very late report for the region.

PINE WARBLER: One Pine Warbler was seen at Lake Six, Lubbock Co 28 Nov (Erik Atwell, multiple observers) – rare in the region as a fall migrant; this may have been a potential wintering attempt.

TOWNSEND'S WARBLER: One Townsend's Warbler was seen in Yellowhouse Canyon, Lubbock Co 25 Oct (Joe Cochran) – another very late warbler report for the region.

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER: One Black-throated Green Warbler was at the Thompson Grove Picnic Area, Dallam Co 3 Sep (Tyler Davis), one Black-throated Green Warbler was seen on the V8 Ranch, Lubbock Co 25 Sep (Ari Rice), one Black-throated Green Warbler was seen near Tahoka, Lynn Co 24 Oct (Manuel De Leon), and one Black-throated Green Warbler was in Yellowhouse Canyon, Lubbock Co 31 Oct-24 Nov (Sheri Anderson, Anthony Hewetson, multiple observers, photographs) – a remarkable number of reports for this region and what seemed to be an attempt at wintering representing a remarkable run of late dates for the region.

WILSON'S WARBLER: One Wilson's Warbler was seen near the TTU HSC Campus, Lubbock Co 3 Nov (Ari Rice) – another very late warbler report for the region.

SUMMER TANAGER: One Summer Tanager was in Yellowhouse Canyon, Lubbock Co 2 Aug (Sheri Anderson, Anthony Hewetson) – probably one of the birds that bred at the site; one of the westernmost breeding sites recorded for the region.

WESTERN TANAGER: One Western Tanager was at Aztlan Park, Lubbock co 14 Oct (Jim Crites, photographs) – a very late report for the region.

BLUE GROSBEAK: One immature Blue Grosbeak was seen below Lake Six, Lubbock Co 12 Oct (Shri Anderson, Anthony Hewetson) – a rather late report for the region.

PAINTED BUNTING: 1-2 Painted Buntings were at Clapp Park, Lubbock Co 30 Sep-4 Oct (Jim Crites, multiple observers, photographs) and one Painted Bunting was at Boys Ranch, Oldham Co 30 Oct (Greg Cook, Steve Glover) – rather late for the region but the species has shown a pattern, over the last five years or so, of late persistence.

DICKCISSEL: One Dickcissel was seen at Erskine Marsh, Lubbock Co 14 Oct (Sheri Anderson, Anthony Hewetson, photographs) – a rather late date for the species in the region.

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