

**Pineywoods/East Texas – Spring 2019 (1 March 2019 – 31 May 2019)**  
**Noteworthy Bird Sightings**

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Counties Covered: Anderson, Angelina, Bowie, Camp, Cass, Cherokee, Franklin, Gregg, Hardin, Harrison, Henderson, Houston, Jasper, Marion, Morris, Nacogdoches, Newton, Panola, Polk, Red River, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Smith, Titus, Trinity, Tyler, Upshur, Walker

Notable Species observed during the period:

**Western Grebe** - An outstanding spring sighting for the Pineywoods was a Western Grebe at Lake Bob Sandlin, *Titus* 1 Mar (ph. David Brotherton).

**Virginia Rail** - Three Virginia Rails 5 miles west of Houston County Lake, *Houston* 15 May (Barrett Riess) were unusual and late migrants through east Texas.

**Lesser Black-backed Gull**- A Lesser Black-backed Gull on the uppermost portion of Lake Livingston, *Trinity* 29 Mar (Tony Frank, Mike Austin) was a nice find.

**Common Loon** - Toledo Bend Reservoir, *Sabine* held an impressive count of 65 Common Loons as late as 8 Apr (David Bell).

**Brown Pelican** - A Brown Pelican was a nice find on Lake Palestine, *Smith* 22 Mar (Sonny Bratz).

*Cited observers and contributors*:

Mike Austin, David Bell, Sonny Bratz, David Brotherton, Tony Frank, Barrett Riess.