

**Pineywoods/East Texas – Winter 2019-2020 (1 Dec 2019 – 29 Feb 2020)**  
**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:

**Solitary Sandpiper** - A Solitary Sandpiper northeast of Huntsville, *Walker* 29 Dec (ph. Erik Wolf) was a nice find for the Pineywoods so late in the season.

**Little Gull** - Outstanding finds were single Little Gulls at Lake Cypress Springs, *Franklin* 8-11 Dec (Steve Glover, Greg Cook) and on Lake Bob Sandlin, *Camp* 21 Feb (Greg Cook, Blaine Carnes).

**Lesser Black-backed Gull** - Though the species is now quite common along the coast, as many as 6 Lesser Black-backed Gulls were near the dam on Lake Livingston, *San Jacinto* 6-20 Dec (Fred Collins, Ted Drozdowski) was one of the higher inland counts for this species in Texas.

**Zone-tailed Hawk** - An irregular visitor to the Pineywoods, a Zone-tailed Hawk was unexpected at Huntsville S.P. south of Huntsville, *Walker* 4 Jan (Darrell Vollert).

**Crested Caracara** - A Crested Caracara just south of De Kalb, *Bowie* 24-25 Dec (Judy Reeves) was at the far northeast edge of where the species can be found.

**Ash-throated Flycatcher** - Ash-throated Flycatchers are seldom detected in the Pineywoods so one near Toledo Bend Reservoir east of Milam, *Sabine* 4 Jan (David Bell) was a highlight of the season.

**Great Kiskadee** - A pair of Great Kiskadees below the Lake Livingston Dam spillway, *Polk* 25 Feb (ph. Cinda Crosley, Jean Martin) was certainly the same birds detected there in mid-November.

**Bullock's Oriole** - A Bullock's Oriole 15 miles northeast of Crockett, *Houston* 11-15 Feb (ph. Barrett Riess) was out of place and perhaps a bird that over-wintered in the area.

**Palm Warbler** - An irregular wintering bird away from the coast, a Palm Warbler south of Massey Lake, *Anderson* 4 Jan (ph. Bonnie McKenzie, Laura Wilson) was a bit surprising.

**Yellow-throated Warbler** - A Yellow-throated Warbler east of Lakeport, *Harrison* 30 Jan - 3 Feb (David Brotherton) was certainly one of the northernmost wintering sightings of this species in the state ever.

**Summer Tanager** - A Summer Tanager lingered much of the season in Lufkin, *Angelina* until 5 Jan (ph. Gary Hunter).

*Cited observers and contributors:*

David Bell, David Brotherton, Blaine Carnes, Fred Collins, Greg Cook, Cinda Crosley, Ted Drozdowski, Steve Glover, Gary Hunter, Jean Martin, Bonnie McKenzie, Judy Reeves, Barrett Riess, Darrell Vollert, Laura Wilson, Erik Wolf