

Pineywoods/East Texas – Spring 2020 (1 March 2020 – 31 May 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:

Eastern Whip-poor-will - Somewhat late was an Eastern Whip-poor-will calling near Douglass, *Nacogdoches* 20 May (Carol Wells).

Sandhill Crane - A tough migrant in the Pineywoods, 194 Sandhill Cranes were over Arcadia, *Shelby* 13 Mar (Ashley Wahlberg).

American Golden-Plover - A count of 400 American Golden-Plovers near the Trinity River 10 miles northwest of Crockett, *Houston* 28 Mar (Barrett Reiss) was a good count for the Pineywoods.

Pectoral Sandpipers - Likewise, a count of 110 Pectoral Sandpipers in that same area near the Trinity River 10 miles northwest of Crockett, *Houston* 28 Mar (Barrett Reiss) was also impressive.

American Bittern - An American Bittern near Old Lake, *Henderson* 27 Mar (ph. Taylor Kirkland et al.) was a nice find.

Crested Caracara - Crested Caracara at the northeast edge of their range include one northeast of Rocky Branch, *Morris* 8 May (Judy Reeves) and 2 more southwest of De Kalb, *Morris* 24 May (ph. Judy Reeves).

Vermilion Flycatcher - Unusual was a male Vermilion Flycatcher at the Kilgore Cemetery, *Gregg* 14 Mar (ph. Daniel Boney).

Red Crossbill - A vocalizing Red Crossbill near Boykin Springs, *Angelina* 14 May (Rich Schaefer) was a good find, especially for a non-invasion year.

Yellow-headed Blackbird - Lone Yellow-headed Blackbirds were found northeast of Hunstville, *Walker* 31 Mar (Anne Prouty, Brad Hall) and in Gun Barrel City, *Henderson* 31 Mar (ph. Caroline Humphries).

Bronzed Cowbird - Bronzed Cowbirds rarely penetrate into the Pineywoods so a male at Lake Livingston S.P., *Polk* 17 May (John O'Brien) was a notable find.

Cape May Warbler - Not regularly found in the Pineywoods, a Cape May Warbler visited Tyler S.P., *Smith* 5 May (Boyd Sanders).

Cited observers and contributors:

Daniel Boney, Brad Hall, Caroline Humphries, Taylor Kirkland, John O'Brien, Anne Prouty, Judy Reeves, Barrett Reiss, Boyd Sanders, Rich Schaefer, Ashley Wahlberg, Carol Wells.