

Pineywoods/East Texas – Summer 2020 (1 June 2020 – 31 July 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:

Common Loon - A Common Loon on Lake Livingston, *Polk* 2 Jun (ph. Raymond Nojek) may have been late while one on Lake Tyler, *Smith* 26-27 Jun (Ron Weeks, Brad Lirette) and another on Toledo Bend Reservoir, *Newton* 27 Jun (ph. Brian Berry) were likely over-summering.

Brown Booby - A Brown Booby made it inland to Sam Rayburn Reservoir, *Angelina* 2 Jul (ph. Carlene Fontenot).

Crested Caracara - A Crested Caracara roughly 10 miles north of Henderson, *Rusk* 27 Jun (Daniel Boney) was about as deep into the Pineywoods as the species get while one southeast of De Kalb, *Bowie* 14 Jun (ph. Judy Reeves) was near the northern edge of their range.

White-throated Sparrow - Quite unseasonal was a White-throated Sparrow detected intermittently through the period in Lindale, *Smith* (ph. Sam Saunders).

Yellow-headed Blackbird - A Yellow-headed Blackbird at Gus Engeling W.M.A., *Anderson* 18 Jun (Linda Belssner) was a good mid-summer find for the region.

Cited observers and contributors:

Linda Belssner, Brian Berry, Carlene Fontenot, Brad Lirette, Judy Reeves, Sam Saunders, Ron Weeks.