

**Fall 2021 Report for the East Texas Region**  
**(for *North American Birds*)**  
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CANADA GOOSE – Feral populations of Canada Goose have exploded in the northern third of East Texas and flocks of 40-120 were reported from Bowie, Cass, Camp, Harrison and Red River Cos (m.obs.).

**WHITE-WINGED SCOTER** – Two White-winged Scoters at Ellen Trout Park in Lufkin, Angelina Co 22-23 Nov were down to one through 26 Nov (ph., Gary Hunter, David Wolf, m.obs.). This was only the third record for the Central Pineywoods and the first since 1977.

**BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO** – A Black-billed Cuckoo was seen in Tyler SP, Smith Co 25 September (Boyd Sanders). This species has very rarely been reported in East Texas in the fall.

**BROWN BOOBY** – A juvenile Brown Booby present at the Lake Livingston dam and spillway, Polk Co 1-8 August (ph.; John O'Brien; m.obs.) provided yet another inland record.

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN – Summering American White Pelicans have increased greatly and up to 200 were counted at the Lake Livingston spillway Polk/San Jacinto Cos 1-7 August (m.obs.).

TRICOLORED HERON – A very high inland count of 55 Tricolored Herons left a large ardeid roost at the Attoyac Bayou on upper Lake Rayburn, San Augustine Co 21 August (David Bell, John Smelser).

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE – A Swallow-tailed Kite was seen in the extreme north of the region near Clarksville, Red River Co 30 Aug (Nancy Newfield).

WHITE-TAILED KITE – A White-tailed Kite near Henderson, Rusk Co 8 Sept provided yet another record of this rare wanderer to the region (Carol Wells).

**SNOWY PLOVER** – A Snowy Plover on the upper Lake Livingston delta, San Jacinto Co 24 August was only about the tenth regional record in 50 years (ph., John Pike, J. Berner).

AMERICAN AVOCET – A flock of 75 American Avocets repeatedly circled Kurth Lake, Angelina Co 29 Oct (David Bell, Gary Hunter & John Smelser).

**RED-NECKED PHALAROPE** – Two Red-necked Phalaropes on the upper Lake Livingston delta, San Jacinto Co 24 August provided the fourth regional record and the first since 1977 (John Pike, J. Berner).

**SAY'S PHOEBE** - A very cooperative Say's Phoebe at Alazan Bayou WMA, Nacogdoches 30 Sept-1 Oct was the second record for the Central Pineywoods (ph., Anne Tindell, David Wolf, m.obs.).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH – The Red-breasted Nuthatch staged a major invasion into the Pineywoods this fall, with the first report from Center, Shelby Co 14 Sept (John Smelser). By the end of the month they were widespread (m.obs.).

**VEERY** – A Veery photographed at a bird bath near Antioch, Shelby Co 8 Sept was the first fall record ever for the Pineywoods (Sue Orwig).

**WESTERN TANAGER** – A well-described female Western Tanager was seen in Center, Shelby Co 10 Oct (John Smelser) and then another appeared in Lufkin, Angelina Co 9 Nov+ (ph., Gary Hunter).

