



Sunrise Birding LLC
South Texas Specialties
Trip Report
January 11 – 19, 2025



Meet the Group!



National Butterfly Center – David Mathieu



Salineño – David Mathieu



Estero Llano Grande – David Mathieu

Some Highlights and Memorable Sightings from our Trip

- **Mottled Owl** – 1st Chaseable U.S. Record
- **Cattle Tyrant** – 1st U.S. Record**
- **Brown Jays** – Santa Margarita Ranch
- **Rose-throated Becards** (2 males)!!!
- **Tropical Parula** – Amazing views!
- Sprague’s Pipits!
- Hermit Warbler (rare in LRGV)
- Anna’s Hummingbirds* (rare)
- Rufous Hummingbird* (adult male!)
- The Whooping Crane* Family!
- Aplomado Falcons*
- Grove-billed Ani*!
- “Mangrove” Yellow Warbler*
- Red-billed Pigeon* (A team clutch save)
- The Pauraque find!
- “McCall's" Eastern Screech-Owl* – Fred!
- Buff-bellied*, Ruby-throated, & Black-chinned Hummingbirds
- Clay-colored Thrush*
- All three Kingfishers*
- Scaled* On the hopper & Bobwhite Quail
- Caracaras, White-tailed & Harris’s Hawks
- Burrowing Owl (great looks)
- Barn Owl!
- Black* & Surf Scoters
- 14 species of warblers!
- Olive Sparrows, Green Jays & Plain Chachalacas
- Vermilion Flycatcher, Cactus Wren, Bewick’s Wren, Pyrrhuloxia
- The Brownsville Landfill Experience!
- Franklin’s Gulls* (4!) & Lesser Black-backed Gull!
- Lunches at Nana’s... & la Finca
- Audubon’s, Altamira, & Hooded Orioles*
- Great looks at almost everything
- Tropical & Couch’s* Kingbirds – Score!
- Santa Margarita Ranch and other feeding stations!
- Incredible numbers of shorebirds and waders at Leonabelle Turnbull NC
- The company of friends, old and new!
- The food... And The run for 200!

* Nice finds & area specialties
 ** **Provisional – not yet accepted.**



Mottled Owl!!! – Santa Margarita Ranch – Chris Wood



Looking at a Vermilion Flycatcher – Buena Vista Cemetery



Nana’s fabulous Mexican Restaurant



* Photos by Frank Gallo unless otherwise noted.



Brown Jay!! – Santa Margarita Ranch



Altamira Oriole – Salineño



Male Green Kingfisher – Edinburg Scenic Wetlands



**American White Pelican & American Avocets
Leonabelle Turnbull Birding Center**



Laughing Gull Pile – Brownsville Landfill!



Mob of Chihuahuan Ravens – Brownsville Landfill!



Long-billed Curlew – Mustang Island



Common Pauraque – Estero Llano Grande



Chachalaca Party – Nat Butterfly Center



**Rose-throated Becard – Santa Ana
Chris Wood**



Brewer's Blackbird – Sarita Rest Area



Golden-fronted Woodpecker – Salineño



Burrowing Owl – Superior Sod Farm



Lark Buntings – Falcon County Park



Black-throated Green Warbler – Leonabelle



Green Jay – Nat Butterfly Center



Black-bellied Whistling Duck - SPIBNC



Groove-billed Ani – Laguna Vista



Peccary – Santa Margarita Ranch



Roseate Spoonbill – Mustang Island



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SOUTH TEXAS SPECIES LIST

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Total Species: 201! A new record! Includes 2 Provisional Birds (Cattle Tyrant & White-fronted Parrot). There were also an additional 3 Leader-only birds.

Leaders: Frank Gallo & David Mathieu

**** Provisional (not yet accepted). * = TX specialties or rarities. Bold = New for the trip list or not seen on the last tour. LO = leaders only**

#	Species	Scientific Name	# of days seen	Max per day	Comments
1	Black-bellied Whistling-Duck*	<i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i>	3	75	Great looks at S Padre Nature Center
2	Greater White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser albifrons</i>	1	2	Knolle Farms
3	Blue-winged Teal	<i>Spatula discors</i>	6	45	Common throughout the valley
4	Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>	6	55	Fairly common in the valley
5	Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>	5	11	Seen at most wetland sites in small numbers.
6	American Wigeon	<i>Mareca americana</i>	4	12	Scarce this year; S. Padre Isle/ Salineño
7	Mexican Duck*	<i>Anas diazi</i>	1	2	Just 2 at Salineño on Rio Grande
8	Mottled Duck*	<i>Anas fulvigula</i>	5	29	1 st seen at Hazel Bazemore. Fairly common
9	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	4	80	1 st seen at Leonabelle Turnbull Birding Center, Port Aransas
10	Green-winged Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	3	450	1 st at Leonabelle Turnbull Birding Ctr and Wetland's Park
11	Redhead	<i>Aythya americana</i>	4	500	Common in the Oso Bay- Corpus area!
12	Ring-necked Duck	<i>Aythya collaris</i>	1	2	In roadside puddle on Mustang Island. Not common
13	Lesser Scaup	<i>Aythya affinis</i>	5	10	Mustang Island, S. Padre Isle, etc.
14	Surf Scoter	<i>Melanitta perspicillata</i>	1	2	# 197 Swantner Park; 2 females by breakwater with female Black Scoter
15	Black Scoter* (rare in TX)	<i>Melanitta americana</i>	1	1	Female; Rare. New for Frank in TX. #196
16	Bufflehead	<i>Bucephala albeola</i>	2	3	JFK Causeway, Oso Bay, Corpus.

17	Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>	1	1	JFK Causeway, Oso Bay, Corpus.
18	Ruddy Duck	<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>	1	125	Edinburg Scenic Wetlands
19	Plain Chachalaca*	<i>Ortalis vetula</i>	3	31	1 st at Estero Llano Grande. Most at Nat Butterfly Center
20	Northern Bobwhite	<i>Colinus virginianus</i>	1	23	Falcon State Prk -often difficult to find
21	Scaled Quail	<i>Callipepla squamata</i>	2	6	Heard at Falcon State Park; seen on Salineño - Old Dump Road – difficult!
22	Wild Turkey	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	3	14	Bentsen on roadside near feeders
23	Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	6	50	Widespread but not as common in some areas as expected
24	<u>Red-billed Pigeon*</u>	<i>Patagioenas flavirostris</i>	1	2	Third try was the charm. Great looks at Salineño as they flew back and forth from Mexico.
25	Eurasian Collared-Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	3+	200	Nana's Taqueria has a stellar population nearby. More seen in transit but not recorded.
26	Inca Dove*	<i>Columbina inca</i>	3	17	Our introduction to these cuties was at Hazel Bazemore
27	Common Ground Dove	<i>Columbiana passerina</i>	1	1	Flew by the group at Knolle Farm. Hard to find this year. Never common
28	White-tipped Dove*	<i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>	5	5	Our first was at Laguna Vista Nature Trail Blind #3 within minutes of arrival
29	White-winged Dove*	<i>Zenaida asiatica</i>	5	47	Fairly common in the valley. Many at Salineño.
30	Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	5	24	Fairly common
31	<u>Groove-billed Ani*</u>	<i>Crotophaga sulcirostris</i>	1	1	Great looks as we were leaving at Laguna Vista Nature Trail
32	Greater Roadrunner	<i>Geococcyx californianus</i>	2	5	Fantastic experience at Falcon State Park
33	Common Pauraque*	<i>Nyctidromus albicollis</i>	2	6	Fantastic views at Estero Llano! 1 seen & 6 heard at Santa Margarita
34	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	<i>Archilochus colubris</i>	2	2	First at Clay Taylor's house
35	Black-chinned Hummingbird	<i>Archilochus alexandri</i>	2	1	First at Estero Llano Grande
36	Anna's Hummingbird (rare)	<i>Calypte anna</i>	1	2	Young Male at Hazel; female at Clay's
37	Rufous Hummingbird	<i>Selasphorus rufus</i>	1	2	Stunning adult male at Hazel Bazemore. Female at Clay's
38	Buff-bellied Hummingbird*	<i>Amazilia yucatanensis</i>	4	1	Still scarce this year. First and Nice looks at feeders at Laguna Vista NT

39	Clapper Rail	<i>Rallus crepitans</i>	1	1	Leonabelle Turnbull Birding Center.
40	Sora	<i>Porzana Carolina</i>	2	3	Great looks at Leonabelle and Estero
41	Common Gallinule	<i>Gallinula galeata</i>	3	16	Fairly common in coastal wetlands
42	American Coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>	6	24	Common.
43	Sandhill Crane	<i>Antigone canadensis</i>	1	4	4 at roadside near Knolle Farm; 2 at MT Plover site.
44	Whooping Crane*	<i>Grus americana</i>	1	3	Heartwarming close views of family group at Charlie's Pasture!
45	Black-necked Stilt	<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>	5	295	Brownsville Landfill
46	American Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra americana</i>	2	38	Great views at Leonabelle Turnbull BC, Mustang Island.
47	Black-bellied Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	3	40	1 st on causeway to Mustang Island
48	Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	4	4	1 st Leonabelle Turnbull NC (LTNC)
49	Piping Plover	<u><i>Charadrius melodus</i></u>	1	1	A flyby a S Padre Isle Birding Center
50	Mountain Plover	<u><i>Anarhynchus montanus</i></u>	2	39	Nice views at Chapman Ranch!
51	Long-billed Curlew*	<i>Numenius americanus</i>	4	360	Superior Turf Farm flying over in groups of 25+
52	Marbled Godwit	<i>Limosa fedoa</i>	2	11	TX-Shrimp Basin Bridge, Boat Ramp
53	Long-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus scolopaceus</i>	2	300	Most at Leonabelle Turnbull Birding Center, Mustang Island
54	Wilson's Snipe	<i>Gallinago delicata</i>	3	12	First at Hazel Bazemore; most at Estero Llano Grande
55	Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularius</i>	5	5	1 st at South Padre Island BC
56	Willet	<i>Tringa semipalmata</i>	3	8	1 st along the causeway to Mustang Island
57	Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	4	8	1 st at Charlie's Pasture
58	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	2	7	1 st at Boat Ramp going to S. Padre Island
LO	(Stilt Sandpiper)	<i>Calidris himantopus</i>	1	1	Leaders-only at Brownsville Landfill
59	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	2	3	South Padre Island boardwalk

60	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	1	25	Ocean Drive Bridge, #200!
61	Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>	6	14	1 st at Hazel Bazemore's Pond
62	Western Sandpiper	<i>Calidris mauri</i>	1	5	Ocean Drive Bridge, # 201!
63	Laughing Gull	<i>Leucophaeus atricilla</i>	5	15,140	Brownsville Landfill
64	Franklin's Gull	<i>Leucophaeus pipixcan</i>	1	4	Brownsville Landfill
65	Ring-billed Gull	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	5	58	Seen in Corpus along the causeway
66	Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	2	27	Brownsville Landfill
67	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	1	1	Adult standing on post at Wetland Park, Port Aransas
68	Black Skimmer	<i>Rynchops niger</i>	2	150	Nice looks from Shrimp Basin Bridge
69	Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	3	8	JFK Causeway & S Padre Island
70	Forster's Tern	<i>Sterna forsteri</i>	2	9	1 st on causeway to Mustang Island
71	Royal Tern	<i>Thalasseus maximus</i>	1	23	Swantner Park and Ocean Drive # 199
72	Least Grebe*	<i>Tachybaptus dominicus</i>	3	8	First seen well at Estero Llano Grande, and elsewhere!
73	Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	5	40	1 st seen in pools at Packery Channel Mustang Island.
74	Common Loon	<i>Gavia immer</i>	1	1	Seen on Mustang Island flying over
75	Anhinga	<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>	3	2	1 st at Oliveira Park, Brownsville
76	Double-crested Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>	7	15	Widespread in small numbers.
77	Neotropic Cormorant*	<i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i>	3	9	1 st at Superior Turf Farms. Most at Edinburg Scenic Wetlands
78	White Ibis	<i>Eudocimus albus</i>	5	9	Widespread
79	White-faced Ibis	<i>Plegadis chihi</i>	1	1	Estero Llano Granda
80	Roseate Spoonbill	<i>Platalea ajaja</i>	4	12	Nice looks at Packery Channel-day 2!
81	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>	2	9	1 st at Shrimp Basin boat launch. Most at S Padre Island BC.
82	Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	3	14	Roost at Edinburg Scenic Wetlands
83	Little Blue Heron	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	3	3	Packery Channel with spoonbills

84	Tricolored Heron	<i>Egretta tricolor</i>	2	4	Generally uncommon, but great looks at S Padre Island BC
85	Reddish Egret	<i>Egretta rufescens</i>	3	6	We saw bot Dark & White Morphs. 1 st at Charlie's Pasture.
86	Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>	8	23	Fairly common
87	Green Heron	<i>Butorides virescens</i>	2	1	Uncommon. South Padre Island BC, and Oliveira Park, Brownsville
88	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	3	176	Nice looks at Brownsville Dump & Edinburg Scenic Wetlands
89	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	7	10	Seen nearly daily in small numbers
90	Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	6	14	Seen most days
91	American White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>	7	150	Fairly common; Seen nearly daily.
92	Brown Pelican	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>	4	14	Most South Padre Island/Corpus area
93	Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	5	69	Common; Seen most days
94	Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	8	63	Seen in good numbers all but 1 day
95	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	7	12	Seen here and there along the coast
96	Sharp-shinned Hawk	<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	3	2	Uncommon; first at Salineño (bombed feeders at one point)
97	Cooper's Hawk	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	3	1	1 st at Leonabelle Turnbull NC
98	Northern Harrier	<i>Circus hudsonius</i>	5	2	Seen first at Hazel Bazemore
99	Harris's Hawk*	<i>Parabuteo unicinctus</i>	5	3	Widespread and a lovely raptor!
100	White-tailed Hawk*	<i>Geranoaetus albicaudatus</i>	3	4	4 perched on poles near Aplomado Falcon towers on Mustang Island!
101	Gray Hawk*	<i>Buteo plagiatus</i>	4	5	First seen at Nat Butterfly Center!
102	Red-shouldered Hawk	<i>Buteo lineatus</i>	1	1	Adult seen from the hawk platform and at Hazel Bazemore
103	Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	6	5	Seen nearly daily, including <i>Fuertes</i> (pale-bellied) birds
104	American Barn Owl	<i>Tyto furcata</i>	1	1	Great looks at 1 at Chapman Ranch
105	"McCall's" Eastern Screech-Owl	<i>Megascops asio mcallii</i>	1	6	A South Texas subspecies seen at Estero Llano Grande in its shed. Heard and seen at Santa Margarita

106	Great Horned Owl	<u>Bubo virginianus</u>	2	3	Heard at Santa Margarita and Salineño
107	Burrowing Owl	<u>Athene cunicularia</u>	1	1	Great looks at one on a concrete structure at Superior Turf farm.
108	Mottled Owl* (Mega!)	<u>Strix virgata</u>	1	1	Incredible looks at Santa Margarita of the first chaseable Mottled in U.S.
109	Ringed Kingfisher*	<u>Megasceryle torquata</u>	3	5	We had great looks at a hovering bird at Salineño
110	Belted Kingfisher	<u>Megasceryle alcyon</u>	4	3	Scattered sightings; 1 st at JFK Causeway Wetlands
111	Green Kingfisher*	<u>Chloroceryle americana</u>	3	3	Incredible views of one at a pair at Edinburg Scenic Wetlands!!
112	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	<u>Sphyrapicus varius</u>	3	1	First at Oliveira Park, Brownsville
113	Golden-fronted Woodpecker*	<u>Melanerpes aurifrons</u>	6	11	What beauties. 1 st at Hazel Bazemore
114	Ladder-backed Woodpecker*	<u>Dryobates scalaris</u>	6	5	Seen or heard almost daily; 1 st was at Hazel Bazemore
115	Crested Caracara*	<u>Caracara cheriway</u>	7	10	We shall never forget the Brownsville Landfill. 1 st at Chapman Ranch-day 1.
116	American Kestrel	<u>Falco sparverius</u>	7	6	Common on the wires...
117	Merlin	<u>Falco columbarius</u>	3	2	First at JFK Causeway; 2 at Oliveira
118	Aplomado Falcon*	<u>Falco femoralis</u>	2	3	Our first views were on the hack tower day two. 3 perched on the return trip. Mustang Island,
119	Peregrine Falcon	<u>Falco peregrinus</u>	1	1	Salineño; circled and went down river
120	Monk Parakeet	<u>Myiopsitta monachus</u>	3	20	Best looks at 4 perched at Oliveira
121	White-fronted Amazon** (provisional)	<u>Amazona albifrons</u>	1	55	4 teed up on a wire by the bathroom at Oliveira Park; joined in try by 53!
122	Red-crowned Parrot*	<u>Amazona viridigenalis</u>	1	130	Put on quite the show at Oliveira
LO	Red-lored Amazon** (provisional)	<u>Amazona autumnalis</u>	1	2	Quick flyby at Oliveira. Leaders Only
123	Green Parakeet*	<u>Psittacara holochlorus</u>	1	7	Flying around Olive Garden at 1 st light
124	Rose-throated Becard	<u>Pachyramphus aglaiae</u>	2	1	Great looks at young male at Santa Ana and adult male at Salineño!
125	Black Phoebe*	<u>Sayornis nigricans</u>	2	2	Pair at Salineño on the dead snag
126	Eastern Phoebe	<u>Sayornis phoebe</u>	8	2	Seen daily in small numbers

127	Say's Phoebe	<i>Sayornis saya</i>	3	3	Nice looks at several perched
128	Vermilion Flycatcher*	<i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>	3	2	Harder to find this year. Lovely males at Buena Vista Cemetery & Salineño.
129	Great Kiskadee*	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>	7	16	Hard to miss!
130	Cattle Tyrant** (provisional)	<i>Machetornis rixosa</i>	1	1	Incredible looks as it walked among us in Corpus Christi; not yet accepted
131	Tropical Kingbird*	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>	3	5	Great views of our first at Laguna Vista Nature Trail near entrance
132	<u>Couch's Kingbird*</u>	<i>Tyrannus couchii</i>	2	1	One calling while perched at Hazel Bazemore & at Oliveira Park. Tours missed this bird.
133	White-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo griseus</i>	3	2	Best views in thickets at Falcon SP
134	Blue-headed Vireo	<i>Vireo solitarius</i>	3	4	1 st at Hazel Bazemore; 3 at BV Cem
135	Loggerhead Shrike*	<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	8	10	Seen daily and well
136	Brown Jay* (Mega)	<i>Cyanocorax morio</i>	1	4	These Mex rarities vanish for years at a time. Killer views - Santa Margarita
137	Green Jay*	<i>Cyanocorax yncas</i>	6	22	Nothing says you're in South Texas like these incredible creatures! I never get tired of seeing them.
138	Chihuahuan Raven*	<i>Corvus cryptoleucus</i>	1	14	Brownsville Landfill party. Surprisingly inconspicuous otherwise
139	Black-crested Titmouse*	<i>Baeolophus atricristatus</i>	6	11	1 st at Hazel Bazemore – cuties
140	Verdin*	<i>Auriparus flaviceps</i>	2	4	Great looks at roadside in Fronton!
141	Horned Lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>	1	20	Chapman Ranch on day 1
142	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>	2	1	Flying around at Salineño a traditional site for them.
143	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	1	2	Flying together upriver - Roma Bluffs
144	Cave Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon fulva</i>	3	11	First at Hazel; best looks at Edinburg
145	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus calendula</i>	7	9	Common in the valley; First at Leonabelle.
146	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	<i>Poliptila caerulea</i>	6	9	1 st in Clay Taylor's yard
147	Northern House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	3	3	1 st was at Edinburg Scenic Wetlands
148	Sedge Wren*	<i>Cistothorus platensis</i>	2	5	Heard and seen briefly on Mustang Island and at Hazel Bazemore

149	Marsh Wren	<i>Cistothorus palustris</i>	1	1	Heard at Estero Llano Grande
150	Carolina Wren	<i>Thryothorus ludovicianus</i>	2	2	1 st at Estero & feeders at Santa Ana
151	Bewick's Wren*	<i>Thyomanes bewickii</i>	2	2	Our best luck with this tricky wren was along the road in Fronton
152	Cactus Wren*	<i>Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus</i>	1	3	Nice views along the road in Fronton
153	European Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	7	150	Brownsville dump
154	Curve-billed Thrasher*	<i>Toxostoma curvirostre</i>	4	3	1 st seen well on the neighbor's lawn at Laguna Vista Nature Trail
155	Long-billed Thrasher*	<i>Toxostoma longirostre</i>	4	4	Seen well 1 st at feeders at Clay's; also at Laguna Vista and elsewhere
156	Northern Mockingbird	<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>	8	13	Seen daily in small numbers
157	Hermit Thrush	<i>Catharus guttatus</i>	1	1	Great views at Falcon SP blinds
158	Clay-colored Thrush*	<i>Turdus grayi</i>	4	4	1 st views at the feeders and on the neighbor's lawn at Laguna Vista
159	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	8	55	In towns and cities
160	American Pipit	<i>Anthus rubescens</i>	3	5	Best looks at one in a tree at Salineño!
161	<u>Sprague's Pipit*</u>	<i>Anthus spragueii</i>	1	4	Great views at Superior Turf Farm of this increasingly hard to find species
162	House Finch	<i>Haemorhous mexicanus</i>	1	2	Seen only on the phone wire at our hotel in Pfarr. Always tough to find.
163	American Goldfinch	<i>Spinus psaltria</i>	1	12	A small flock in the trees at the Nat Butterfly Center – heard
164	Cassin's Sparrow*	<i>Peucaea cassinii</i>	1	1	Seen by a few at roadside Fronton
165	Olive Sparrow	<i>Arremonops rufivirgatus</i>	6	3	1 st seen well at the feeders at Hazel Bazemore and elsewhere.
166	Chipping Sparrow	<i>Spizella passerina</i>	1	3	Seen along road at Salineño
167	Black-throated Sparrow*	<i>Amphispiza bilineata</i>	3	15	We had great luck with this lovely little sparrow. First at Fronton
168	Lark Sparrow	<i>Chondestes grammacus</i>	2	23	First perched in treetops at Knolle's Farm
169	Lark Bunting*	<i>Calamospiza melanocorys</i>	2	12	Gave killer views perched at Falcon County Park
170	White-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>	3	1	All adults; first in Clay's yard.
171	Vesper Sparrow	<i>Pooecetes gramineus</i>	1	4	Perched on fence Knolle's Farm

172	Savannah Sparrow	<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>	3	5	First at Chapman Ranch along CR 12
173	Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	1	1	Great views on the fence at Salineño of this uncommon sparrow in RGV
174	Lincoln's Sparrow	<i>Melospiza lincolni</i>	4	1	Great views of 1 at Leonabelle of the boardwalk on the walk out.
175	Western Meadowlark*	<i>Sturnella neglecta</i>	1	1	At least one at Hazel Bazemore
176	Eastern Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella magna</i>	2	9	Widespread in farmland. 1 st at Hazel
177	Hooded Oriole*	<i>Icterus cucullatus</i>	1	2	Seen at blind #3 and #1 Laguna Vista. Always a treat!
178	Altamira Oriole*	<i>Icterus gularis</i>	4	7	1 st seen at Estero Llano Grande. Hard to forget these beauties!
179	Audubon's Oriole*	<i>Icterus graduacauda</i>	4	3	Amazing looks at several sites of this stunning local bird. 1 st at Butterfly Center with the hybrid.
180	Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	8	260	Seen daily—common, 500 Brownsville
181	Bronzed Cowbird*	<i>Molothrus aeneus</i>	1	12	On the wires at Sunoco gas station across from Olive Garden, Harlingen
182	Brown-headed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>	1	55	Fairly common
183	Brewer's Blackbird	<i>Euphagus cyanocephalus</i>	2	6	Nice looks at the flock at Sarita Rest Area twice; once at night.
184	Great-tailed Grackle*	<i>Quiscalus mexicanus</i>	9	5000 +	flock on the wires every night in every town... thousands!!
185	Black-and-White Warbler	<i>Mniotilta varia</i>	2	2	1 st at Buena Vista Cemetery
186	Tennessee Warbler	<i>Leiothlypis peregrina</i>	1	1	One seen by some at Buena Vista
187	Orange-crowned Warbler	<i>Leiothlypis celata</i>	8	35	Common throughout the valley. Saw 2 subspecies. 1 st at Leonabelle
188	Nashville Warbler	<i>Leiothlypis ruficapilla</i>	1	3	At least 3 at Roma Bluffs. Great looks in the reeds
189	Common Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	5	10	1 st by the boardwalk at Charlie's Pasture & Leonabelle Turnbull BC
190	Northern Parula	<i>Setophaga americana</i>	1	1	Great looks at Buena Vista Cemetery
191	Tropical Parula	<i>Setophaga pitiauyumi</i>	1	1	Wow views of this much desired Mex specialty bathing at Laguna Vista
192	"Mangrove" Yellow Warbler*	<i>Setophaga petechia oraria</i>	1	2	Views of one, heard 2 at SPI boardwalk
192a	Yellow Warbler	<i>Setophaga petechia</i>	2	2	A wintering pair at Oliveira Park; uncommon in the valley in Winter

193	Pine Warbler	<i>Setophaga pinus</i>	1	1	Seen by a couple at Buena Vista Cemetery
194	Yellow-rumped Warbler	<i>Setophaga coronata coronata</i>	8	28	2 nd most common warbler after OCWA
194a	"Audubon's" Warbler*	<i>Setophaga coronata auduboni</i>	1	2	May be separated again. 2 in Roma, 1 on roadside; one in reeds
195	Yellow-throated Warbler	<i>Setophaga dominica</i>	1	2	1 st at Edinburg at eye level; 2 nd at Santa Ana
196	Hermit Warbler*	<i>Setophaga occidentalis</i>	1	1	Great views of this RGV rarity-Buena Vista Cemetery. New for FG in TX
197	Black-throated Green Warbler	<i>Setophaga virens</i>	2	1	Eyelevel at Leonabelle & Buena Vista
198	Wilson's Warbler	<i>Cardellina pusilla</i>	2	2	1 st at Edinburg; also at Butterfly Centr
LO	Summer Tanager	<i>Piranga rubra</i>	2	1	Calling at Santa Margarita at dusk
199	Northern Cardinal	<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>	8	24	Common in the valley; they seem to have longer crests than northern birds.
200	Pyrrhuloxia*	<i>Cardinalis sinuatus</i>	4	7	1 st at Knolle Farm; Great views along the road in Fronton. A stunner!
201	<u>Morelet's Seedeater*</u>	<i>Sporophila moreletii</i>	1	2	A pair came into the reeds - Fronton; only the female seen well perched briefly; always a challenge.



Crowds enjoying the Cattle Tyrant!! – Corpus Christi



Cattle Tyrant!! – Corpus Christi – David Mathieu

OTHER SPECIES	Scientific Name
Fox Squirrel	<i>Sciurus niger</i>
Coyote	<i>Canis latrans</i>
White-tailed Deer	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>
Mule Deer (introduced?)	<i>Odocoileus hemionus</i>
Cottontail Rabbit	<i>Sylvilagus floridanus</i>
Nine-banded Armadillo	<i>Dasypus novemcinctus</i>
Collared Peccary (Javelina)	<i>Pecari tajacu</i>
Roan? Antelope (King Ranch)	<i>Hippotragus equinus</i>
Hispid Cotton Rat (Nat Butterfly)	<i>Sigmodon hispidus</i>
Virginia Opossum	<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>
Badger (dead)	<i>Taxidea taxus</i>
American Alligator	<i>Alligator mississippiensis</i>
Chicken Turtle	<i>Deirochelys reticularia</i>
Red-eared Slider	<i>Trachemys scripta</i>
Painted Lady Butterfly	<i>Vanessa cardu</i>
Sulphur Butterfly sp.	<i>Phoebis sp.</i>



Tropical Parula!! – Laguna Vista – Chris Wood



Scaled Quail! – Salineño



Whooping Crane! – Leonabelle



The Gang at the lovely Brownsville Landfill with a young Franklin's Gull (Chris Wood), 1 of 4 seen!