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South Texas Birding and Nature Species List 2014

**Naturalist Journeys: South Texas Birding and Wildlife with Whooping Crane Extension
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Species Lists

Birds (# days encountered in parentheses, E = pre-tour extension only):

Black-bellied Whistling Duck	(4)	
Snow Goose	(1)	(E)
Gadwall	(4)	
American Wigeon	(1)	
Mottled Duck	(8)	
Blue-winged Teal	(6)	
Cinnamon Teal	(3)	
Northern Shoveler	(6)	
Northern Pintail	(3)	
Green-winged Teal	(2)	
Canvasback	(1)	(E)
Redhead	(4)	
Ring-necked Duck	(1)	
Greater Scaup	(1)	(E)
Lesser Scaup	(4)	
Bufflehead	(1)	(E)
Red-breasted Merganser	(2)	
Ruddy Duck	(2)	
Plain Chachalaca	(4)	
Common Loon	(1)	(E)
Least Grebe	(4)	
Pied-billed Grebe	(6)	
American White Pelican	(5)	
Brown Pelican	(4)	
Neotropic Cormorant	(5)	
Double-crested Cormorant	(7)	

Anhinga	(1)	
Great Blue Heron	(7)	
Great Egret	(7)	
Snowy Egret	(6)	
Little Blue Heron	(4)	
Tricolored Heron	(4)	
Reddish Egret	(3)	
Cattle Egret	(1)	
Black-crowned Night-Heron	(4)	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	(1)	
White Ibis	(5)	
White-faced Ibis	(4)	
Roseate Spoonbill	(3)	
Black Vulture	(5)	
Turkey Vulture	(9)	
Osprey	(6)	
White-tailed Kite	(1)	
Northern Harrier	(2)	
Cooper's Hawk	(4)	
Harris's Hawk	(4)	
Red-shouldered Hawk	(1)	
Gray Hawk	(2)	
White-tailed Hawk	(2)	
Zone-tailed Hawk	(1)	
Red-tailed Hawk	(7)	
Crested Caracara	(4)	
American Kestrel	(8)	
Aplomado Falcon	(2)	
Sora	(2)	
Common Moorhen	(4)	
American Coot	(8)	
Sandhill Crane	(2)	(E)
Whooping Crane	(2)	(E)
Black-bellied Plover	(4)	
Semipalmated Plover	(3)	(E)
Piping Plover	(1)	(E)
Killdeer	(3)	
American Oystercatcher	(2)	(E)
Black-necked Stilt	(4)	
American Avocet	(1)	(E)
Spotted Sandpiper	(4)	
Greater Yellowlegs	(4)	
(Western) Willet	(4)	
Long-billed Curlew	(3)	
Marbled Godwit	(2)	
Ruddy Turnstone	(2)	(E)
Sanderling	(3)	

Watch for a taxonomic split of the willets.

Least Sandpiper	(2)		
Pectoral Sandpiper	(1)		
Dunlin	(3)	(E)	
Short-billed Dowitcher	(3)	(E)	Silent coastal birds
Long-billed Dowitcher	(1)		
Wilson's Snipe	(1)		
Laughing Gull	(5)		
Ring-billed Gull	(4)		
Herring Gull	(3)		
Caspian Tern	(6)		
Common Tern	(1)	(E)	
Forster's Tern	(3)	(E)	
Royal Tern	(3)		
Black Skimmer	(4)		
Rock Pigeon	(9)		
Eurasian Collared Dove	(6)		
White-winged Dove	(3)		
Mourning Dove	(5)		
Inca Dove	(4)		
Common Ground-Dove	(2)		
White-tipped Dove	(5)		
Green Parakeet	(1)		
Greater Roadrunner	(2)		
Eastern Screech-Owl	(1)		
Great Horned Owl	(1)	(E)	A "plastic owl" that later vanished was probably this.
Burrowing Owl	(2)		Very uncommon in South Texas
Common Pauraque	(1)		
Buff-bellied Hummingbird	(2)		
Black-chinned Hummingbird	(2)		
Belted Kingfisher	(2)		
Green Kingfisher	(1)		Difficult this year; only one seen.
Golden-fronted Woodpecker	(6)		
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	(1)	(E)	
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	(5)		
Black Phoebe	(2)		
Eastern Phoebe	(4)		
Vermilion Flycatcher	(2)		
Great Kiskadee	(5)		
Tropical Kingbird	(1)		
Couch's Kingbird	(1)		
Loggerhead Shrike	(5)		
White-eyed Vireo	(3)		
Blue-headed Vireo	(2)		
Green Jay	(7)		
Chihuahuan Raven	(1)		
Purple Martin	(2)		
Cliff/Cave Swallow	(1)		A few overhead in bad light

Barn Swallow	(2)	
Black-crested Titmouse	(5)	
Cactus Wren	(1)	
Carolina Wren	(3)	
Bewick's Wren	(1)	
House Wren	(1)	(E)
Sedge Wren	(1)	(E)
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	(8)	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	(1)	
Black-tailed Gnatcatcher	(1)	
Eastern Bluebird	(1)	(E)
Clay-colored Thrush	(1)	
American Robin	(1)	(E)
Gray Catbird	(1)	(E) Heard Only
Northern Mockingbird	(9)	
Long-billed Thrasher	(4)	
Curve-billed Thrasher	(2)	
European Starling	(6)	
Orange-crowned Warbler	(5)	
Yellow-rumped Warbler		
"Myrtle" Warbler	(3)	
"Audubon's Warbler	(3)	
Yellow-throated Warbler	(1)	
Black-and-white Warbler	(1)	
Painted Redstart	(1)	(E) A very good bird in South Texas!
Olive Sparrow	(3)	
Cassin's Sparrow	(1)	
Savannah Sparrow	(1)	(E)
Grasshopper Sparrow	(2)	
Seaside Sparrow	(1)	(E) Close looks during the boat trip.
Lincoln's Sparrow	(1)	(E)
Summer Tanager	(1)	
Northern Cardinal	(7)	
Pyrrhuloxia	(1)	
Red-winged Blackbird	(9)	
Eastern Meadowlark	(2)	
Western Meadowlark	(1)	
Yellow-headed Blackbird	(1)	
Boat-tailed Grackle	(1)	(E)
Great-tailed Grackle	(9)	
Bronzed Cowbird	(1)	
Brown-headed Cowbird	(4)	
Altamira Oriole	(2)	
Audubon's Oriole	(1)	
House Finch	(1)	
House Sparrow	(9)	

Mammals:

Atlantic Bottlenose Dolphin - Close looks on Whooping Crane Boat Trip
Javelina - Aransas NWR
Eastern Cottontail - Goose Island S.P.
Hispid Cotton Rat - Feeders at Laguna Atascosa NWR and Salineño
Nutria - Lake at Edinburg Scenic Wetlands

Reptiles:

American Alligator - Aransas NWR, Estero Llano Grande S.P.
Rose-bellied Lizard - Along walkway at Estero Llano Grande S.P.
Blue Spiny Lizard - Bathroom and entrance walls at Bentsen S.P.
Texas Spiny Soft-shell Turtle - Estero Llano Grande S.P., and Rio Grande at Salineño
Red-eared Slider - Estero Llano Grande S.P. and other impoundments
Rio Grande Cooter - Rio Grande at Salineño

Butterflies: (Unusually chilly weather and wind hurt the butterfly and dragonfly lists)

Pipevine Swallowtail	Aransas NWR, etc.
Black Swallowtail	Edinburg Scenic Wetlands, Estero Llano Grande S.P.
Giant Swallowtail	Estero
Checkered White	Bentsen Rio Grande S.P. and Estero
Southern Dogface	Estero
Lyside Sulphur	Bentsen
Dusky-blue Groundstreak	Edinburg
American Snout	Estero, Bentsen
Texan Crescent	Edinburg
Vesta Crescent	Bentsen
Red Admiral	Edinburg, Estero
Common Buckeye	Aransas
Mexican Bluewing	Estero
Tropical Leafwing	Bentsen
Empress Leilia	Bentsen
Monarch	Aransas, Edinburg
Queen	Edinburg
Brown Longtail	Estero
Fawn-spotted Skipper	Edinburg

Dragonflies:

Striped Saddlebags - One at Estero Llano Grande S.P.
Black Saddlebags - Fairly common at Estero Llano Grande S.P.
Red Saddlebags - Common at Estero Llano Grande S.P.

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