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**THE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY
TOUR SPECIES LIST
April 14-19, 2013**

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List compiled by Bob Behrstock

BIRDS:

- Black-bellied Whistling-Duck**—Seen on several days; numerous at Ft. Inge
Gadwall—Several at the fish hatchery in Uvalde
American Wigeon—Several at the fish hatchery in Uvalde
Blue-winged Teal—Fairly numerous at the fish hatchery in Uvalde; also at Ft. Inge
Cinnamon Teal—A stunning male at the fish hatchery in Uvalde
Northern Shoveler—Cook's Slough and the fish hatchery in Uvalde
Lesser Scaup—Three at the fish hatchery in Uvalde
Ruddy Duck—A flock at Cook's Slough in Uvalde
Northern Bobwhite—One heard at Park Chalk Bluff.
Wild Turkey—Seen on several times on the drive to Kerr Wildlife Management Area (WMA)
Pied-billed Grebe—Several at Cook's Slough and the fish hatchery in Uvalde
Neotropic Cormorant—Two posing nicely at Cook's Slough
Great Blue Heron—A couple at Cook's Slough
Great Egret—Seen on two days with best looks at Cook's Slough
Snowy Egret—One at Cook's Slough
Cattle Egret—Seen on three days but not numerous
Green Heron—Several at Cook's Slough
Black-crowned Night-Heron—One bird Cook's Slough
Black Vulture—Numerous and seen throughout the trip
Turkey Vulture—Numerous and seen throughout the trip
White-tailed Kite—One along the entrance road to Park Chalk Bluff
Harris's Hawk—One along the highway north of Uvalde
Red-shouldered Hawk—One heard at Park Chalk Bluff
Swainson's Hawk—Seen on two days including a dark morph bird at Cook's Slough
Zone-tailed Hawk—Easy to miss but we had close looks at Lost Maples and Park Chalk Bluff
Red-tailed Hawk—Singles on two days
American Coot—Several at Cook's Slough
Killdeer—A couple at the fish hatchery in Uvalde

Spotted Sandpiper—*One in winter plumage at Cook's Slough*
Solitary Sandpiper—*One at the hatchery in Uvalde*
Greater Yellowlegs—*One at the hatchery in Uvalde*
Rock Pigeon—*Seen on a couple days*
Eurasian Collared-Dove—*Common throughout and obviously increasing in Texas*
White-winged Dove—*Small numbers just about every day; common at Neal's Lodge*
Mourning Dove—*Small numbers throughout the trip*
Inca Dove—*Seen on four days; best views at the feeders at Neal's Lodge*
Common Ground-Dove—*Several at a water trough at Kerr WMA*
Yellow-billed Cuckoo—*An astonishingly cooperative bird posing for more than five minutes at Ft. Inge*
Greater Roadrunner—*Seen on three days; good looks at Kerr WMA and Park Chalk Bluff*
Barred Owl—*One responded during the day at Utopia Park*
Chimney Swift—*Heard at Utopia and seen at Neal's Lodge*
Ruby-throated Hummingbird—*Small numbers at Neal's Lodge*
Black-chinned Hummingbird—*Numerous on feeders at Neal's Lodge and Lost Maples*
Ringed Kingfisher—*One along the Nueces River at Park Chalk Bluff*
Green Kingfisher—*Sparse this year; one seen in a backwater of the Nueces River at Park Chalk Bluff*
Golden-fronted Woodpecker—*Seen on several days at various sites*
Ladder-backed Woodpecker—*Encountered on four days. Easily seen at Neal's Lodge*
Crested Caracara—*Small numbers of this popular bird were seen on several days*
American Kestrel—*One male flew past the windshield north of Uvalde*
Eastern Wood-Pewee—*A couple of noisy birds in the Pecan Grove at Park Chalk Bluff*
Black Phoebe—*On the Frio River at Neal's Lodge*
Eastern Phoebe—*Small numbers pretty much every day*
Vermilion Flycatcher—*Several days and easily seen: numerous at Park Chalk Bluff*
Ash-throated Flycatcher—*A pair at Park Chalk Bluff*
Great Kiskadee—*Rather local in the Hill Country, we were pleased to find several at Ft. Inge*
Couch's Kingbird—*A vocal pair at the hatchery in Uvalde constituted our only sighting*
Western Kingbird—*Small numbers seen on three days-the first ones at the HEB in Hondo*
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher—*Numerous (but still spectacular) throughout the trip*
Loggerhead Shrike—*One at the airport in San Antonio*
White-eyed Vireo—*Seen on one day and heard on a couple more days*
Bell's Vireo—*Noisily present pretty much throughout; seen on two days*
Black-capped Vireo—*Although this endangered species can be maddeningly difficult to see, with patience, we enjoyed good looks of at least three individuals and heard perhaps five more at Kerr WMA*
Yellow-throated Vireo—*Heard at Lost Maples; several seen very well at Park Chalk Bluff*
Red-eyed Vireo—*Heard at Lost Maples; several seen at Park Chalk Bluff*
Blue Jay—*Seen at Utopia Park where near the western boundary of their range*
Western Scrub-Jay—*Seen by some of the participants at Lost Maples*
Common Raven—*Numerous throughout*
Northern Rough-winged Swallow—*Two at Park Chalk Bluff*
Purple Martin—*A few on a nest box outside Ft. Inge in Uvalde*
Barn Swallow—*Common throughout the trip*
Cliff Swallow—*Numerous; colonies on all the large bridges*
Cave Swallow—*Several dozen were present at the Frio Bat Cave*
Carolina Chickadee—*Seen on three days including on feeders at Neal's Lodge*
Black-crested Titmouse—*Common and noisy throughout the trip*
Red-breasted Nuthatch—*Two in the Pecan Grove at Park Chalk Bluff were a major surprise*

Canyon Wren—*Heard from the canyon walls at Lost Maples*
Bewick's Wren—*Seen at Kerr WMA and heard two other days*
Carolina Wren—*Encountered on four days; best views at Lost Maples*
Cactus Wren—*One in mesquite scrub at Ft. Inge*
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher—*Seen on a couple days; fairly numerous at Kerr WMA*
Eastern Bluebird—*Small numbers in Leaky and at Park Chalk Bluff*
Northern Mockingbird—*The State Bird of Texas and numerous throughout*
European Starling—*Seen two days on lawns in Uvalde*
Louisiana Waterthrush—*Mediocre looks at a distant singing bird at Lost Maples*
Black-and-white Warbler—*Seen by some participants on one day and heard on another*
Orange-crowned Warbler—*Seen on several days; a common April migrant*
Nashville Warbler—*Seen on several days; another common April migrant*
Mourning Warbler—*A male we found at Park Chalk Bluff was quite early in the season; subsequently, it was seen by other observers*
Common Yellowthroat—*One at Park Chalk Bluff*
Yellow-rumped ("Myrtle") Warbler—*Numerous at Utopia Park*
Yellow-throated Warbler—*Characteristic of the cypress bottomlands, this beauty was seen on three days*
Golden-cheeked Warbler—*We had great looks at this endangered Hill Country specialty at Lost Maples State Natural Area, seeing four or five and hearing as many more*
Black-throated Green Warbler—*Quick looks at two birds at Park Chalk Bluff*
Yellow-breasted Chat—*Normally a skulker, we saw many singing birds on two days*
Olive Sparrow—*Near the northern edge of its range, we had nice looks at one singing at Ft. Inge*
Rufous-crowned Sparrow—*Seen two days-best at Kerr WMA*
Cassin's Sparrow—*One seen very well and two more heard on the entrance road to Park Chalk Bluff*
Chipping Sparrow—*Small flocks seen on four days; frequent at feeders*
Clay-colored Sparrow—*A common and noisy migrant; seen five days-best at Park Chalk Bluff*
Field Sparrow—*One on the feeders at Neal's Lodge and one heard at Kerr WMA*
Lark Sparrow—*Seen three days; best looks of this lovely sparrow at Ft. Inge and Kerr WMA*
Black-throated Sparrow—*Several birds in cactus and mesquite scrub at Park Chalk Bluff*
Lincoln's Sparrow—*Seen on four days-best at the feeders at Neal's Lodge and Lost Maples*
White-crowned Sparrow—*Seen on three days-mostly at woodland edge*
Summer Tanager—*Seen on four days-numerous and noisy in wooded areas*
Northern Cardinal—*Seen throughout the trip*
Pyrrhuloxia—*One singing male at Ft. Inge*
Blue Grosbeak—*Seen on three days-best at Lost Maples' feeders*
Lazuli Bunting—*A sparse bird in the Hill Country; one male was present at Lost Maples*
Indigo Bunting—*Recorded two days; territorial singers at Lost Maples were especially nice*
Painted Bunting—*A few males were seen well at Lost Maples (feeders) and Park Chalk Bluff*
Red-winged Blackbird—*Seen on four days including a few singing on territory*
Yellow-headed Blackbird—*A few in a flock of blackbirds in ranchland west of Uvalde*
Great-tailed Grackle—*Seen on several days; numerous around Uvalde*
Bronzed Cowbird—*One male on a lowed lawn at the entrance to Cook's Slough*
Brown-headed Cowbird—*Numerous throughout the trip, especially at feeders*
Orchard Oriole—*A singing male at Ft. Inge and another in immature plumage at Cook's Slough*
Hooded Oriole—*Seen on two days at Neal's Lodge and Park Chalk Bluff*
Bullock's Oriole—*A pair in scrub as we left Ft. Inge*
House Finch—*Numerous throughout the trip*

Pine Siskin—*Numerous at feeders at Neal’s Lodge*
Lesser Goldfinch—*Numerous-especially at feeders*
House Sparrow—*A few noted early in the tour*

Dragonflies and Damselflies (All at Cook’s Slough):

Blue-ringed Dancer
Dusky Dancer
Sulphur-tipped Clubtail
Roseate Skimmer

Moths and Butterflies:

Cecropia Moth (Gas station in Leaky)
Eight-spotted Forester Moth (Utopia Park)
Pipevine Swallowtail
Black Swallowtail
Eastern Tiger Swallowtail
Southern Dogface
Sleepy Orange
Dainty Sulphur
Gulf Fritillary
Red Admiral
Red-spotted Purple
Monarch
Common Sootywing

Amphibians and Reptiles:

Cricket Frog
Red-eared Slider
Eastern (Texas) Spotted Whiptail

Mammals:

Nine-banded Armadillo
Mexican Free-tailed Bat
Coyote
White-tailed Deer
Eastern Cottontail
Black-tailed Jackrabbit
Eastern Fox Squirrel

Introduced “Texotics”

Grant’s Gazelle
Blackbuck Antelope
Fallow Deer