



**Naturalist Journeys' Texas Hill Country Birding and Nature Tour
April 16 - 21, 2017
Nature and Birding Tour Species List**

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List compiled by Bob Behrstock
Photo: Golden-cheeked Warbler by Tom Dove***

BIRDS:

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*)— Dozens at the cattle yard near Sabinal, a few in Uvalde



Gadwall (*Anas strepera*)— Several at the fish hatchery in Uvalde

American Wigeon (*Anas americana*)— Several at the fish hatchery in Uvalde

Blue-winged Teal (*Anas discors*)— Fairly numerous at the fish hatchery in Uvalde

Cinnamon Teal (*Anas cyanoptera*)— Several pairs at the fish hatchery in Uvalde

Redhead (*Aythya americana*)— About six at the fish hatchery in Uvalde

Wild Turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo*)— Perhaps a dozen on the drive to and at Kerr Wildlife Management Area (WMA)

Pied-billed Grebe (*Podilymbus podiceps*)— One at the fish hatchery in Uvalde

Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)— One posing nicely at Cook's Slough

Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*)— Singles at Park Chalk Bluff and in Utopia

Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*)— A flock seen near Hunt

Black-crowned Night-Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*)— One little more than glimpsed at Cook's Slough

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*)— Numerous and seen throughout the trip

Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*)— Numerous and seen throughout the trip

Cooper's Hawk (*Accipiter cooperii*)— One seen soaring at Kerr WMA

Harris's Hawk (*Parabuteo unicinctus*)— One along the highway north of Uvalde

Red-shouldered Hawk (*Buteo lineatus*)— One heard at Cook's Slough

Broad-winged Hawk (*Buteo platypterus*)— One at Lost Maples SNA

Short-tailed Hawk (*Buteo brachyurus*)— A great surprise and a good bird anywhere in Texas--one seen very well as it circled over Neal's Lodges

Swainson's Hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*)— Seen on the San Antonio to Concan drive

Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*)— Seen on several days

American Coot (*Fulica americana*)— Several at Cook's Slough and the fish hatchery

Killdeer (*Charadrius vociferus*)— A few at the fish hatchery in Uvalde

Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularius*)— One at the hatchery and one at the city park in Utopia

Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*)— Generally ignored but seen in Uvalde a couple times

Eurasian Collared-Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*)— Seen several days; common at the stock yards in Sabinal

Inca Dove (*Columbina inca*)— Seen two days; best views at the feeders at Lost Maples SNA

Common Ground-Dove (*Columbina passerina*)— Heard only at Park Chalk Bluff

White-tipped Dove (*Leptotila verreauxi*)— Two were present at a feeding station at Lost Maples SNA; a relatively new addition to the avifauna of the Texas Hill Country

White-winged Dove (*Zenaida asiatica*)— Small numbers just about every day; common at Neal's Lodge

Mourning Dove (*Zenaida macroura*)— Small numbers throughout the trip

Greater Roadrunner (*Geococcyx californianus*)— Seen at the stock yard in Sabinal; sparse this trip

Lesser Nighthawk (*Chordeiles acutipennis*)— One seen at Neal's Lodges

Ruby-throated Hummingbird (*Archilochus colubris*)— Small numbers at feeders in the Utopia city park

Black-chinned Hummingbird (*Archilochus alexandri*)— Numerous on feeders at Neal's Lodges and Lost Maples SNA

Belted Kingfisher (*Megaceryle alcyon*)— Heard only at Neal's Lodges

Golden-fronted Woodpecker (*Melanerpes aurifrons*)— Noisy and fairly common at Neal's Lodges

Ladder-backed Woodpecker (*Picoides scalaris*)— Seen at Park Chalk Bluff. Seemingly scarce this trip.

Crested Caracara (*Caracara cheriway*)— Seen on three days including a small flock with vultures north of Uvalde

American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*)— Small numbers seen on two days

Eastern Wood-Pewee (*Contopus virens*)— A couple of noisy birds seen well at Park Chalk Bluff

Black Phoebe (*Sayornis nigricans*)— One on the Frio River at Neal's Lodges

Eastern Phoebe (*Sayornis phoebe*)— Seen a couple days, heard more often

Vermilion Flycatcher (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*)— Seen a couple days; numerous at Park Chalk Bluff

Ash-throated Flycatcher (*Myiarchus cinerascens*)— A pair at Park Chalk Bluff

Brown-crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tyrannulus*)— A couple at Park Chalk Bluff

Great Kiskadee (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)— Local in the Hill Country; one was seen at Park Chalk Bluff

Couch's Kingbird (*Tyrannus couchii*)— One in Uvalde during a lunch stop and one or two at Park Chalk Bluff

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus forficatus*)— Numerous (but still spectacular) throughout the trip

Black-capped Vireo (*Vireo atricapilla*)— Astonishing looks at a singing male on a slope northwest of Park Chalk Bluff. Quick look at a couple more at Kerr WMA

White-eyed Vireo (*Vireo griseus*)— Seen at Neal's and Kerr WMA

Bell's Vireo (*Vireo bellii*)— Noisily present pretty much throughout; seen two days

Gray Vireo (*Vireo vicinior*)— Two seen well northwest of Park Chalk Bluff

Hutton's Vireo (*Vireo huttoni*)— One seen and a couple more heard at Kerr WMA

Yellow-throated Vireo (*Vireo flavifrons*)— Seen at Neal's and Park Chalk Bluff

Red-eyed Vireo (*Vireo olivaceus*)— Seen at Lost Maples and Park Chalk Bluff

Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay (*Aphelocoma woodhouseii*)— One or two were at a feeding station at Lost Maples SNA

Common Raven (*Corvus corax*)— Seen at Kerr WMA and Lost Maples SNA

Purple Martin (*Progne subis*)— Seen a couple days at Neal's and in Uvalde

Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*)— Noted a couple days

Cliff Swallow (*Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*)— Numerous; colonies on all the large bridges

Cave Swallow (*Petrochelidon fulva*)— Several dozen were present at the Frio Bat Cave

Carolina Chickadee (*Poecile carolinensis*)— Seen two days; best looks at Neal's

Black-crested Titmouse (*Baeolophus atricristatus*)— Common and noisy throughout the trip

Verdin (*Auriparus flaviceps*)— Seen at the fish hatchery; heard a couple other days

Canyon Wren (*Catherpes mexicanus*)— Seen two days; best looks were two roof birds at Mo Ranch

Carolina Wren (*Thryothorus ludovicianus*)— Encountered several days; numerous at Neal's

Bewick's Wren (*Thryomanes bewickii*)— Seen at Kerr WMA and Park Chalk Bluff; heard elsewhere

Cactus Wren (*Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus*)— Several singing birds were noted at Park Chalk Bluff

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (*Polioptila caerulea*)— Seen at Kerr WMA and Lost Maples WMA

Curve-billed Thrasher (*Toxostoma curvirostre*)— One at Park Chalk Bluff

Long-billed Thrasher (*Toxostoma longirostre*)— Singles seen at Cook's Slough and Park Chalk Bluff

Northern Mockingbird (*Mimus polyglottos*)— The State Bird of Texas and numerous throughout

European Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*)— Seen on lawns in Uvalde

Cedar Waxwing (*Bombycilla cedrorum*)— A few were seen at Park Chalk Bluff

Orange-crowned Warbler (*Oreothlypis peregrina*)— Seen at Lost Maples SNA

Nashville Warbler (*Oreothlypis ruficapilla*)— Seen two days including in pecan trees at Park Chalk Bluff

Yellow-throated Warbler (*Setophaga dominica*)— A characteristic bird of the cypress and pecan bottomlands, this beauty was seen on three days

Golden-cheeked Warbler (*Setophaga chrysoparia*)— Heard at Kerr WMA and, with patience, great looks at a male and female at Lost Maples SNA

Yellow-breasted Chat (*Icteria virens*)— Normally a skulker, we had nice sightings on two days, especially at Park Chalk Bluff

Olive Sparrow (*Arremonops rufivirgatus*)— Near the northern edge of its range, we had nice looks at one singing Park Chalk Bluff

Chipping Sparrow (*Spizella passerina*)— Small flocks seen on several

Field Sparrow (*Spizella pusilla*)— Seen NW of Park Chalk Bluff, at Neal's, and at Kerr WMA

Black-throated Sparrow (*Amphispiza bilineata*)— Seen two days, Park Chalk Bluff vicinity and Kerr WMA

Lark Sparrow (*Chondestes grammacus*)— Seen four days; fairly common at roadsides and on fences

White-crowned Sparrow (*Zonotrichia leucophrys*)— A couple in the driveway at Park Chalk Bluff

Lincoln's Sparrow (*Melospiza lincolni*)— A couple at Lost Maples SNA

Canyon Towhee (*Melospiza fusca*)— Seen at Kerr WMA

Rufous-crowned Sparrow (*Aimophila ruficeps*)— Very good 'scope looks at Kerr WMA; also seen at Lost Maples SNA

Summer Tanager (*Piranga rubra*)— Noisy and seen most days

Northern Cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*)— Numerous and seen pretty much throughout the trip

Pyrrhuloxia (*Cardinalis sinuatus*)— One at the stock yard in Sabinal and one in Uvalde

Blue Grosbeak (*Passerina caerulea*)— Seen three days; best looks at Lost Maples' feeders

Indigo Bunting (*Passerina cyanea*)— Sparse this trip; seen at Lost Maples SNA

Painted Bunting (*Passerina ciris*)— Single males seen near the bat cave entrance gate and at Neal's Lodges

Dickcissel (*Spiza americana*)— About five were seen between Sabinal and Concan. More were heard near Park Chalk Bluff

Red-winged Blackbird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*)— Seen several days; common on utility wires in agricultural areas

Yellow-headed Blackbird (*Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*)— Several at the cattle yard near Sabinal

Great-tailed Grackle (*Quiscalus mexicanus*)— Seen several days; numerous around Uvalde
Bronzed Cowbird (*Molothrus aeneus*)— One male on the entrance road to Cook's Slough
Brown-headed Cowbird (*Molothrus ater*)— Encountered several days; numerous at the stock yard outside Sabinal
Orchard Oriole (*Icterus spurius*)— Singing males at Park Chalk Bluff and the fish hatchery
Hooded Oriole (*Icterus cucullatus*)— Seen Neal's Lodges and Park Chalk Bluff
Scott's Oriole (*Icterus parisorum*)— A distant bird mostly heard from high on a cliff face at Lost Maples SNA
House Finch (*Haemorhous mexicanus*)— Seen a couple days, mainly at feeders
Lesser Goldfinch (*Spinus psaltria*)— Seen several days; especially at feeders
House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*)— A few here and there

NATIVE MAMMALS:

Mexican Free-tailed Bat
White-tailed Deer
Eastern Cottontail
Eastern Fox Squirrel
Rock Squirrel

INTRODUCED MAMMALS

Grant's Gazelle
Blackbuck Antelope
Scimitar-horned Oryx
Axis Deer
Nutria

AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES:

Cricket Frog
Texas Spiny Lizard (apparently)
Unidentified lizard at the fish hatchery
Eastern (Texas) Spotted Whiptail
Diamond-backed Watersnake
Red-eared Slider

DRAGONFLIES AND DAMSELFLIES: (Most seen at Cook's Slough and National Fish Hatchery):

American Rubyspot
Plateau Spreadwing
Blue-fronted Dancer
Variable Dancer
Kiowa Dancer
Blue-ringed Dancer
Dusky Dancer
Desert Firetail
Jade Clubtail
Checkered Setwing
Common Pondhawk
Great Pondhawk

Flame Skimmer
Thornbush Dasher
Roseate Skimmer
Blue Dasher
Eastern Amberwing
Common Whitetail
Variegated Meadowhawk

BUTTERFLIES:

Pipevine Swallowtail
Black Swallowtail
Eastern Tiger Swallowtail
Two-tailed Swallowtail
Orange Sulphur
Sleepy Orange
Lyside Sulphur
Southern Dogface
Gray Hairstreak
Reakirt's Blue
American Snout
Gulf Fritillary
Variegated Fritillary
Bordered Patch
Graphic (Vesta) Crescent
Texan Crescent
Red Admiral
Painted Lady
American Lady
Viceroy
Red-spotted Purple
Hackberry Emperor
Little Wood Satyr
Monarch
Common Sootywing
Common Checkered Skipper
Northern Cloudywing
Southern Broken-dash

Plant List

Compiled by Arthur Goodman
Vascular plants observed in the Texas Hill Country
: April 16-21, 2017. Excursion led by Bob Behrstock.
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: Note: Some ubiquitous weeds excluded. Taxonomy may
: be dated, but plant identity should be unambiguous.

ACANTHACEAE

Justicia americana: Water-willow

ACERACEAE

Acer grandidentatum: Bigtooth maple

AGAVACEAE

Dasyilirion texanum: Sotol

Manfreda maculosa: American aloe

Yucca rupicola: Twist-leaf yucca

AMARYLLIDACEAE

Cooperia drummondii: Rain lily

Cooperia pedunculata: *Ditto*

ANACARDIACEAE

Rhus virens: Evergreen sumac

APIACEAE

Bifora americana: Bishop's-weed

Hydrocotyle umbellata: Water pennywort

Ptilimnium capillaceum: Mock bishop's-weed

Torilis arvensis: Hedge-parsley

Torilis nodosa: Knotted hedge-parsley

ASCLEPIADACEAE

Asclepias asperula: Antelope horns

Matelea reticulata : Green milkweed vine

ASTERACEAE

Ageratina havanense: Havana snakeroot

Ambrosia trifida: Giant ragweed

Aphanostephus sp.: Lazy daisy

Calyptocarpus vialis: Straggle daisy

Carduus nutans: Nodding thistle

Centaurea americana: Basket-flower

Centaurea melitensis: Malta star-thistle

Chaetopappa asteroides: Dwarf aster

Chaptalia nutans: Silverpuff

Chrysactinia mexicana: Damianita

Cirsium texanum: Texas thistle

Dyssodia pentachaeta: Parralena

Engelmannia pinnatifida: Engelmann daisy

Evax verna: Pygmy cudweed

Gaillardia pulchella: Indian blanket

Gaillardia suavis: Pincushion plant

Helenium quadridentatum: Sneezeweed

Helianthus annuus: Common sunflower

Hymenopappus scabiosaeus: Woolly-white

Hymenoxys linearifolia: Slender-leaf hymenoxys

Melampodium leucanthum: Blackfoot daisy

Palafoxia callosa: Palafoxia

Parthenium hysterophorus: Ragweed parthenium

Perityle lindheimeri: Rock daisy
Pinaropappus roseus: White rock-lettuce
Ratibida columnaris: Mexican hat
Verbesina virginica: Frostweed

BERBERIDACEAE

Berberis swaseyi: Texas barberry
Berberis trifoliata: Agarita

BORAGINACEAE

Cordia podocephala: Texas manjack

BROMELIACEAE

Tillandsia recurvata: Ball moss
Tillandsia usneoides: Spanish moss

CACTACEAE

Opuntia engelmannii: Texas prickly-pear
Opuntia leptocaulis: Pencil cactus

CAMPANULACEAE

Triodanis coloradoensis: Western Venus' looking-glass
Triodanis perfoliata: Venus' looking-glass

CAPPARIDACEAE

Polanisia dodecandra: Clammyweed

COMMELINACEAE

Commelinantia anomala: False dayflower
Tradescantia sp.: Spiderwort

CONVOLVULACEAE

Convolvulus equitans: Texas bindweed
Cuscuta sp.: Dodder
Ipomoea lindheimeri: Lindheimer's morning glory
Ipomoea trichocarpa: Purple bindweed

CORNACEAE

Cornus sp.: Dogwood

CUCURBITACEAE

Cyclanthera naudiniana: Hill Country cyclanthera

CYPERACEAE

Dichromena colorata: White-top sedge

EBENACEAE

Diospyros texana: Texas persimmon

EUPHORBIACEAE

Acalypha lindheimeri: Three-seeded mercury
Acalypha radians: Cardinal feather
Chamaesyce sp.: Sandmat
Croton monanthogynus: Prairie-tea
Euphorbia roemeriana: Roemer's spurge
Jatropha dioica: Leather stem
Phyllanthus polygonoides: Leaf-flower
Ricinus communis: Castor bean
Sapium sebiferum: Chinese tallow tree

FABACEAE

Acacia berlandieri: Guajillo
Cercis canadensis var. texensis: Texas redbud
Dalea aurea: Golden dalea
Leucaena retusa: Golden ball tree
Lupinus texensis: Bluebonnet
Mimosa sp.: Sensitive plant
Parkinsonia aculeata: Retama
Prosopis glandulosa: Mesquite
Senna roemeriana: Two-leaved senna
Sophora secundiflora: Texas mountain laurel
Vicia ludoviciana: Deer pea vetch

FAGACEAE

Quercus buckleyi: Texas red oak
Quercus laceyi: Lacey oak
Quercus muhlenbergii: Chinquapin oak
Quercus virginiana: Live oak

FUMARIACEAE

Corydalis curvisiliqua: Scrambled eggs

GARRYACEAE

Garrya lindheimeri: Lindheimer's silktassel

GENTIANACEAE

Centaurium calycosum: Rosita

GERANIACEAE

Erodium texanum: Stork's bill

HIPPOCASTANACEAE

Aesculus pavia var. flavescens: Yellow dwarf buckeye

HYDROPHYLLACEAE

Phacelia congesta: Blue-curls

IRIDACEAE

Sisyrinchium sp.: Blue-eyed grass

JUGLANDACEAE

Carya illinoensis: Pecan
Juglans microcarpa: Texas walnut

LAMIACEAE

Hedeoma acinoides: Annual pennyroyal
Hedeoma drummondii: Mock pennyroyal
Marrubium vulgare: Horehound
Monarda sp.: Beebalm
Salvia ballotaeflora: Blue sage
Salvia coccinea: Tropical sage
Salvia farinacea: Mealy sage
Salvia roemeriana: Cedar sage
Scutellaria drummondii: Drummond's skullcap

LAURACEAE

Lindera benzoin: Spicebush

LILIACEAE

Allium drummondii: Wild garlic

Nothoscordum bivalve: Crow poison

Schoenocaulon texanum: Green lily

LINACEAE

Linum rigidum var. Berlandieri: Yellow flax

Linum rupestre: Rock flax

LOASACEAE

Mentzelia oligosperma: Chicken-thief

MALVACEAE

Callirhoe involucrata: Winecup

Malva neglecta: Common mallow

Malvastrum coromandelianum: False mallow

Sida sp.: Sida

Sphaeralcea sp.: Globe mallow

MELIACEAE

Melia azedarach: Chinaberry

MENISPERMACEAE

Cocculus carolinus: Moonseed

MORACEAE

Morus rubra: Red mulberry

NYCTAGINACEAE

Boerhavia coccinea: Scarlet spiderling

Mirabilis sp.: Four o'clock

NYMPHAEACEAE

Nuphar luteum: Spatterdock

OLEACEAE

Fraxinus sp.: Ash

ONAGRACEAE

Calylophus drummondianus: Square-bud primrose

Gaura coccinea: Scarlet gaura

Gaura parviflora: Velvet-leaf gaura

Oenothera missouriensis: Missouri primrose

Oenothera speciosa: Showy primrose

OROBANCHACEAE

Castilleja sp.: Paintbrush

PAPAVERACEAE

Argemone albiflora: White prickly poppy

Argemone mexicana: Mexican poppy

PHYTOLACCACEAE

Rivina humilis: Pigeon berry

PLANTAGINACEAE

Plantago patagonica: Plantain

PLATANACEAE

Platanus occidentalis: Sycamore

POACEAE

Andropogon sp.: Bluestem

Bouteloua sp.: Grama grass

Bromus sp.: Bromegrass

Cenchrus sp.: Sandbur
Chasmanthium latifolium: Inland sea-oats
Chloris sp.: Fingergrass
Melica nitens: Melic-grass
Panicum virgatum: Switchgrass
Rhynchelytrum repens: Natalgrass
Sorghum halepense: Johnson grass
Tripsacum dactyloides: Gamagrass

POLEMONIACEAE

Gilia incisa: Cut-leaf gilia

PTERIDACEAE

Adiantum capillus-veneris: Maidenhair fern

RANUNCULACEAE

Clematis drummondii: Texas virgin's bower
Clematis texensis: Scarlet leatherflower
Delphinium carolinianum: Prairie larkspur

RHAMNACEAE

Colubrina texensis: Texas snakewood
Condalia viridis: Green condalia
Frangula caroliniana: Carolina buckthorn

ROSACEAE

Prunus serotina var. eximia: Escarpment black cherry

RUBIACEAE

Cephalanthus occidentalis: Buttonbush
Galium sp.: Bedstraw
Hedyotis nigricans: Bluets

RUTACEAE

Ptelea trifoliata: Wafer ash

SALICACEAE

Salix nigra: Black willow

SAPINDACEAE

Ungnadia speciosa: Texas buckeye

SAXIFRAGACEAE

Philadelphus ernestii: Canyon mock-orange

SCROPHULARIACEAE

Leucophyllum frutescens: Cenizo
Maurandya antirrhiniflora: Snapdragon vine
Penstemon triflorus: Scarlet penstemon

SMILACACEAE

Smilax bona-nox: Greenbrier

SOLANACEAE

Physalis sp.: Ground cherry
Quincula lobata: Purple ground cherry
Solanum dimidiatum: Western horse-nettle
Solanum elaeagnifolium: Silver-leaf nightshade

STERCULIACEAE

Hermannia texana: Mexican mallow

TAMARICACEAE

Tamarix sp.: Tamarisk

TAXODIACEAE

Taxodium distichum: Baldcypress

ULMACEAE

Celtis laevigata: Hackberry

Ulmus crassifolia: Cedar elm

URTICACEAE

Parietaria sp.: Pellitory

VALERIANACEAE

Valerianella amarella: Corn-salad

VERBENACEAE

Aloysia gratissima: Bee-brush

Lantana horrida: Lantana

Phyla nodiflora: Frog-fruit

Verbena bipinnatifida: Dakota vervain

Verbena halei: Texas vervain

Vitex agnus-castus: Chaste tree

VISCACEAE

Phoradendron tomentosum: Mistletoe

VITACEAE

Cissus incisa: Ivy treebine

Parthenocissus quinquefolia: Virginia creeper

Vitis sp.: Wild grape