



# Texas Pineywoods, Big Thicket, and Upper Coast: Birds and other Wildlife April 19-27, 2021

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(I) = Introduced

HO = Heard only, definitively, by guide and others

GO = Seen or heard and IDed by guide only

(#) = Number of days tallied for the 9-day tour

NWR = National Wildlife Refuge

SP = State Park

NP = National Preserve

BFSS = Bolivar Flats Shorebird Sanctuary

\*\* = New bird for this tour route

**Summary:** We tallied an amazing 207 bird species, including 27 warblers and 31 shorebirds; we also identified 7 mammals, 8 herptiles, 8 butterflies, and 4 odonates (more were seen but went unidentified).

# BIRDS (207 species recorded, of which 8 were HO and 3 were GO)

## **DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS: ANATIDAE**

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck Dendrocygna autumnalis—(7) Seen on all days at the coast, one flyby inland Fulvous Whistling-Duck Dendrocygna bicolor—(2) Seen from auto tour at Anahuac NWR and at Brazos Bend SP Wood Duck Aix sponsa—(2) Seen in backwater at Martin Dies SP, flushed from Turkey Creek at Big Thicket NP Blue-winged Teal Spatula discors—(6) Seen at various locations throughout Northern Shoveler Spatula clypeata—(1) One drake seen along Anahuac NWR auto tour

**Mottled Duck** *Anas fulvigula*—(5) Seen at multiple locations, including Mitchell Preserve and Anahuac NWR **Red-breasted Merganser** *Mergus serrator*—(1) One individual seen by few on Bolivar Peninsula

## **GREBES: Podicipedidae**

**Pied-billed Grebe** *Podilymbus podiceps*—(5) Seen multiple days on freshwater, including Tyrell Park (Beaumont) and Brazos Bend SP

#### **PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae**

Rock Pigeon (I) Columba livia—(5) Seen daily on latter half of tour, nearly all in developed areas

Eurasian Collared-Dove (I) Streptopelia decaocto—(3) Seen once at High Island and in urban Galveston and

Angleton

White-winged Dove Zenaida asiatica—(3) Urban areas of Woodlands and Beaumont Mourning Dove Zenaida macroura—(8) Widespread

#### **CUCKOOS: Cuculidae**

Yellow-billed Cuckoo Coccyzus americanus—(1) Seen by few at High Island

## **NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae**

Common Nighthawk Chordeiles minor—(3) Seen well at Lake Jackson

#### **SWIFTS: Apodidae**

Chimney Swift Chaetura pelagica—(6) Seen and heard mostly in coastal areas

## **HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae**

\*\*Buff-bellied Hummingbird Amazilia yucatanensis—(1) One bird seen briefly by guide and 1 client at Quintana Neotropical Bird Sanctuary

Ruby-throated Hummingbird Archilochus colubris—(5) Sabine Woods, High Island, and Anahuac NWR

#### RAILS, COOTS, AND ALLIES: Rallidae

King Rail Rallus elegans—(2) HO twice at Willows trail at Anahuac NWR

Clapper Rail Rallus crepitans—(2) Heard one day and then seen on Bolivar Peninsula

Sora Porzana carolina—(4) Heard 3 days, seen along Anahuac NWR auto tour

Common Gallinule Gallinula galeata—(4) Mitchell Preserve, High Island, and Brazos Bend SP

American Coot Fulica americana—(6) fairly widespread

Purple Gallinule Porphyrio martinica—(4) Easily seen at High Island and Anahuac NWR auto tour

## **STILTS AND AVOCETS: Recurvirostridae**

Black-necked Stilt Himantopus mexicanus—(4) Seen at various locations in coastal habitats

**American Avocet** *Recurvirostra americana*—(3) Coastal locations, including 1,000+ seen from 17<sup>th</sup> Street Jetty at BFSS.

## **OYSTERCATCHERS:** Haematopodidae

**American Oystercatcher** *Haematopus palliatus*—(1) Two seen on Bolivar Peninsula; one on 17<sup>th</sup> St Jetty, one at the end of Tuna Rd.

# **PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae**

Black-bellied Plover Pluvialis squatarola—(2) BFSS from the flats and 17<sup>th</sup> St Jetty

Snowy Plover Charadrius nivosus—(1) Seen well at BFSS

Wilson's Plover Charadrius wilsonia—(2) Seen well at BFSS and not-so-well at the end of Tuna Rd.

Semipalmated Plover Charadrius semipalmatus—(2) BFSS from the flats and 17<sup>th</sup> St Jetty

Piping Plover Charadrius melodus—(1) Several seen at BFSS

**Killdeer** Charadrius vociferus—(6) Widespread, especially in coastal areas

## **SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae**

 $\textbf{Upland Sandpiper } \textit{Bartramia longicauda} \textbf{--} (2) \ \text{Chamber Co. backroads and up close at Galveston Airport Park}$ 

Whimbrel Numenius phaeopus—(4) Seen daily along open coast

**Long-billed Curlew** *Numenius americanus*—(2) BFSS

Marbled Godwit Limosa fedoa—(1) BFSS from the flats

Ruddy Turnstone Arenaria interpres—(2) BFSS from the flats and 17<sup>th</sup> St Jetty

Stilt Sandpiper Calidris himantopus—(1) Many seen at Anahuac NWR auto tour

**Sanderling** Calidris alba—(2) BVSS from the flats and 17<sup>th</sup> St Jetty, other beaches

**Dunlin** Calidris alpina—(2) BVSS from the flats and 17<sup>th</sup> St Jetty

Least Sandpiper Calidris minutilla—(3) Mitchell Sanctuary, Anahuac NWR auto tour, and BFSS

White-rumped Sandpiper Calidris fuscicollis—(1) BFSS from the flats and Retilon Rd

**Buff-breasted Sandpiper** Calidris subruficollis—(2) Chamber Co. backroads and Galveston Airport Park

Pectoral Sandpiper Calidris melanotos—(3) Anahuac NWR auto tour, Galveston Airport Park

Semipalmated Sandpiper Calidris pusilla—(1) BFSS from the flats

Western Sandpiper Calidris mauri—(1) BFSS from the flats

Short-billed Dowitcher Limnodromus griseus—(2) BFSS from the flats and 17<sup>th</sup> St Jetty

Long-billed Dowitcher Limnodromus scolopaceus—(3) Anahuac NWR auto tour, LaFitte's Cove Nature Preserve

Wilson's Phalarope Phalaropus tricolor—(1) One seen at BFSS from the flats

**Spotted Sandpiper** *Actitis macularius*—(2) BFSS and Tuna Rd.

Solitary Sandpiper Tringa solitaria—(2) Jasper roadside pond and Anahuac NWR Willows Trail

Greater Yellowlegs Tringa melanoleuca—(2) Mitchell Preserve, High Island

Willet Tringa semipalmata—(3) Eastern Willets courting along Tuna Rd; Western Willets at Anahuac NWR

Lesser Yellowlegs Tringa flavipes—(5) Widespread in coastal ponds, esp. Anahuac NWR

#### **GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae**

Bonaparte's Gull Chroicocephalus philadelphia—(1) GO, before and after lunch on Intracoastal Waterway

Laughing Gull Leucophaeus atricilla—(6) Widespread in coastal areas, some inland

Ring-billed Gull Larus delawarensis—(2) Livingston Spillway and Galveston Ferry

Herring Gull Larus argentatus—(1) A few at BFSS from the flats

\*\*Iceland Gull Larus glaucoides—(1) One bird seen well and photographed at BFSS on the flats

Least Tern Sternula antillarum—(2) Common at BFSS and Intracoastal Waterway

Gull-billed Tern Gelochelidon nilotica—(1) BFSS along Retilon Rd

Caspian Tern Hydroprogne caspia—(4) Livingston Spillway, Bolivar Peninsula

Black Tern Chlidonias niger—(2) BFSS and Intracoastal Waterway

Forster's Tern Sterna forsteri—(4) Fairly common along coast, also Anahuac NWR

Royal Tern Thalasseus maximus—(2) BFSS from the flats and 17<sup>th</sup> St Jetty

Sandwich Tern Thalasseus sandvicensis—(2) BFSS from the flats and 17<sup>th</sup> St Jetty

Black Skimmer Rynchops niger—(2) Dozens seen at Rollover Pass

## FRIGATEBIRDS: Fregatidae

Magnificent Frigatebird Fregata magnificens—(1) One bird seen from the Galveston Ferry

## **ANHINGAS: Anhingidae**

Anhinga Anhinga anhinga—(1) Expected earlier but finally seen at Brazos Bend SP

## **CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae**

**Neotropic Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*—(4) Most common cormorant, including Livingston Dam and dozens nesting at Smith Oaks rookery

Double-crested Cormorant Phalacrocorax auritus—(2) Livingston Spillway and Quintana Beach

#### **PELICANS: Pelecanidae**

American White Pelican Pelecanus erythrorhynchos—(2) Dozens at Livingston Spillway, a few at Anahuac NWR Brown Pelican Pelecanus occidentalis—(3) Common along open coast

## **HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae**

American Bittern Botaurus lentiginosus—(1) Two seen well at Brazos Bend SP

Least Bittern Ixobrychus exilis—(1) Two seen well by all along Anahuac NWR auto tour

Great Blue Heron Ardea herodias—(8) Widespread

Great Egret Ardea alba—(8) Widespread, dozens nesting at Smith Oaks rookery

Snowy Egret Egretta thula—(8) Widespread, nesting at Smith Oaks rookery

**Little Blue Heron** *Egretta caerulea*—(7) Widespread, many at Oak Island crawfish farm

**Tricolored Heron** *Egretta tricolor*—(4) Sabine Pass, a few elsewhere along coast

Reddish Egret Egretta rufescens—(2) Seen well at Rollover Pass, including white morphs

Cattle Egret Bubulcus ibis—(8) Widespread

Green Heron Butorides virescens—(5) Sabine Pass, Anahuac NWR

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron Nyctanassa violacea—(4) Tyrell Park, several along Anahuac NWR auto tour

#### IBIS AND SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae

White Ibis Eudocimus albus—(5) Widespread along coast, including Galveston greenways

Glossy Ibis Plegadis falcinellus—(1) One seen well at Brazos Bend SP

White-faced Ibis Plegadis chihi—(4) Many at Oak Island crawfish farm, a few scattered elsewhere

Roseate Spoonbill Platalea ajaja—(5) Many nesting at Smith Oaks rookery, others scattered along coast

## **NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae**

Black Vulture Coragyps atratus—(9) Widespread and common

**Turkey Vulture** Cathartes aura—(9) Widespread and common

## **OSPREY: Pandionidae**

Osprey Pandion haliaetus—(2) High Island and Bolivar Peninsula

## HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES: Accipitridae

Swallow-tailed Kite Elanoides forficatus—(1) Seen well at Tyrell Park in Beaumont

**Mississippi Kite** *Ictinia mississippiensis*—(1) Hundreds seen from the Port Bolivar Cemetery migrating along the coast with Broad-wings

Northern Harrier Circus hudsonius—(1) One seen along the Anahuac NWR auto tour

Sharp-shinned Hawk Accipiter striatus—(1) GO seen somewhere on Day 3

**Red-shouldered Hawk** *Buteo lineatus*—(4) Seen and heard in multiple locations in the northern parts of the route, incl. good scope views at Mitchell Preserve

**Broad-winged Hawk** *Buteo platypterus*—(2) Dozens seen from the Port Bolivar Cemetery migrating along the coast with Mississippi Kites, also overhead at Mitchell Preserve

Swainson's Hawk Buteo swainsoni—(2) Seen from the vehicles twice en route to High Island

**Red-tailed Hawk** *Buteo jamaicensis*—(5) Several seen on the upland parts of the route, including Jones SP, Tyrell Park, and a beautiful "Krider's" color-morph near the Oak Island crawfish farm

## **OWLS: Strigidae**

Barred Owl Strix varia—(1) One heard at Brazos Bend SP from the Hoot's Hollow trail

## **KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae**

Belted Kingfisher Megaceryle alcyon—(2) One seen at High Island, another HO

## **WOODPECKERS: Picidae**

**Red-headed Woodpecker** *Melanerpes erythrocephalus*—(3) Seen well at Mitchell Preserve and the Pitcher Plant trail in the Big Thicket NP, HO one day

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** *Melanerpes carolinus*—(5) Seen at Martin Dies SP and Turkey Ck Trail, among others, HO on two days

**Downy Woodpecker** *Dryobates pubescens*—(3) HO two days early in the trip and seen on the Pitcher Plant trail **Red-cockaded Woodpecker** *Dryobates borealis*—(1) Amazing experience with a family group on our first afternoon at Jones SF

Hairy Woodpecker Dryobates villosus—(2) Seen twice in the Big Thicket NP

**Pileated Woodpecker** *Dryocopus pileatus*—(5) Seen daily in the first half of the trip and HO at Brazos Bend SP **Northern Flicker** *Colaptes auratus*—(1) HO on the Pitcher Plant Trail

#### **FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae**

Crested Caracara Caracara cheriway—(3) Seen daily en route from Winnie to High Island

Merlin Falco columbarius—(1) One seen well bolting across the Port Bolivar Cemetery

Peregrine Falcon Falco peregrinus—(1) One seen at Tyrell Park, Beaumont

#### **TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae**

Eastern Wood-Pewee Contopus virens—(5) Seen and heard along several parts of the route

Acadian Flycatcher Empidonax virescens—(3) Seen once and HO twice, Birdwatchers' Trail and Martin Dies SP

**Great Crested Flycatcher** *Mylarchus crinitus*—(5) Heard twice early in the trip and then seen a Sabine Woods and Smith Oaks at High Island

Eastern Kingbird Tyrannus tyrannus—(8) Seen well almost daily throughout the tour

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher Tyrannus forficatus—(4) Several seen along the outer coast, likely arriving migrants

#### **SHRIKES: Laniidae**

Loggerhead Shrike Lanius Iudovicianus—(4) Seen well at High Island and Bolivar Peninsula

#### **VIREOS: Vireonidae**

White-eyed Vireo Vireo griseus—(8) Seen and heard frequently throughout

Yellow-throated Vireo Vireo flavifrons—(2) Seen well along Turkey Creek Trail and at High Island

Philadelphia Vireo Vireo philadelphicus—(1) Found at High Island

Warbling Vireo Vireo gilvus—(3) Seen at Anahuac NWR and Quintana Preserve

Red-eyed Vireo Vireo olivaceus—(5) Seen and heard throughout the first half of the trip

## **CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae**

Blue Jay Cyanocitta cristata—(9) Scattered throughout

American Crow Corvus brachyrhynchos—(5) Seen in uplands and towns on first part of trip and at Brazos Bend SP Fish Crow Corvus ossifragus—(1) Tyrell Park in Beaumont

#### **SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae**

Northern Rough-winged Swallow Stelgidopteryx serripennis—(3) Foraging above riparian habitats early in trip

**Purple Martin** *Progne subis*—(4) Seen frequently in coastal areas

Tree Swallow Tachycineta bicolor—(2) Seen on days 4 and 7

Barn Swallow Hirundo rustica—(8) Almost daily throughout

Cliff Swallow Petrochelidon pyrrhonota—(4) Livingston Spillway, Brazos Bend SP, and along coast

#### **TITS AND CHICKADEES: Paridae**

Carolina Chickadee Poecile carolinensis—(4) HO two days, seen twice in Big Thicket NP and Brazos Bend SP

Tufted Titmouse Baeolophus bicolor—(5) HO first three days and finally seen on Pitcher Plant Trail and at Brazos

Bend SP

#### **NUTHATCHES: Sittidae**

White-breasted Nuthatch Sitta carolinensis—(1) HO at Mitchell Preserve

Brown-headed Nuthatch Sitta pusilla—(2) HO at Mitchell and seen along Pitcher Plant Trail

## **WRENS: Troglodytidae**

Sedge Wren Cistothorus platensis—(2) HO twice at High Island, Boy Scout Woods

Marsh Wren Cistothorus palustris—(2) HO at Anahuac NWR auto tour and Skillern Tract

Carolina Wren Thryothorus Iudovicianus—(5) HO 3 days and seen at High Island and Brazos Bend SP

#### **GNATCATCHERS:** Polioptilidae

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher Polioptila caerulea—(4) HO twice and seen at Mitchell Preserve and Martin Dies SP

# **KINGLETS: Regulidae**

Ruby-crowned Kinglet Regulus calendula—(3) HO singing on three days in the uplands habitats early in the trip

#### **THRUSHES: Turdidae**

Eastern Bluebird Sialia sialis—(2) Seen at Jones SF and Pitcher Plant Trail

Veery Catharus fuscescens—(3) Seen at Sabine Woods, Lafitte's Cove, and Brazos Bend SP

Gray-cheeked Thrush Catharus minimus—(2) Sabine Woods and Lafitte's Cove

Swainson's Thrush Catharus ustulatus—(6) Sabine Woods, Lafitte's Cove, and Quintana, among others

Wood Thrush Hylocichla mustelina—(7) Sabine Woods, High Island, Lafitte's Cove

American Robin Turdus migratorius—(2) Only seen on first two days

## **MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae**

Gray Catbird Dumetella carolinensis—(6) Abundant at High Island

**Brown Thrasher** *Toxostoma rufum*—(4) Sabine Woods, Boy Scout Woods, and Lafitte's Cove

Northern Mockingbird Mimus polyglottos—(9) Seen daily throughout (Texas state bird)

## **STARLINGS AND MYNAS: Sturnidae**

European Starling (I) Sturnus vulgaris—(8) Seen almost daily throughout

## **WAXWINGS: Bombycillidae**

Cedar Waxwing Bombycilla cedrorum—GO near airport

## FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae

Pine Siskin Spinus pinus—(1) Seen at Jones SF

American Goldfinch Spinus tristis—(1) HO flyover at Galveston Airport Park

#### **NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Passerellidae**

Bachman's Sparrow Peucaea aestivalis—(1) Difficult bird finally seen by all at Boykin Springs

Lark Sparrow Chondestes grammacus—(1) Seen at Livingston Spillway

White-throated Sparrow Zonotrichia albicollis—(1) Smith Oaks at High Island

Seaside Sparrow Ammospiza maritima—(1) Bob and Tuna Roads on Bolivar Peninsula

Nelson's Sparrow Ammospiza nelsoni—(1) Tuna Road

Savannah Sparrow Passerculus sandwichensis—(2) Livingston Spillway and Anahuac NWR auto tour

Lincoln's Sparrow Melospiza lincolnii—(1) One seen bathing at Quintana Sanctuary

Swamp Sparrow Melospiza georgiana—(2) Willows Trail at Anahuac NWR and Brazos Bend SP

#### YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: Icteriidae

Yellow-breasted Chat Icteria virens—(2) HO at Mitchell Preserve and High Island Boy Scout Woods

#### **NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS: Icteridae**

Bobolink Dolichonyx oryzivorus—(1) Arriving migrants seen at Port Bolivar Cemetery

Eastern Meadowlark Sturnella magna—(5) Seen daily in the coastal plain

Orchard Oriole Icterus spurius—(5) Seen well at High Island and Quintana Sanctuary

Baltimore Oriole Icterus galbula—(4) Arriving migrants seen at Anahuac NWR Skillern Tract and High Island

Red-winged Blackbird Agelaius phoeniceus—(8) Seen in wetland and grassland habitats throughout

Bronzed Cowbird Molothrus aeneus—(1) Galveston an Quintana Sanctuary on the same day

Brown-headed Cowbird Molothrus ater—(5) Galveston and Bolivar Peninsula

**Common Grackle** *Quiscalus quiscula*—(6) Fairly common and widespread

Boat-tailed Grackle Quiscalus major—(2) Beaumont's Tyrell Park, Anahuac NWR, and Brazo Bend SP

**Great-tailed Grackle** *Quiscalus mexicanus*—(7) Found in most habitats throughout

#### NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae—An amazing 27 species for the trip!

Only the highlight locations are listed below

Ovenbird Seiurus aurocapilla—(4) High Island, seen by all Lafitte's Cove

Worm-eating Warbler Helmitheros vermivorum—(4) Martin Dies SP, Boy Scout Woods at High Island

Louisiana Waterthrush Parkesia motacilla—(4) Bathing in the pond at Quintana

Northern Waterthrush Parkesia noveboracensis—(1) One seen at Smith Oaks, High Island

Golden-winged Warbler Vermivora chrysoptera—(1) High Island

Blue-winged Warbler Vermivora cyanoptera—(2) Sabine Woods, High Island

Black-and-white Warbler Mniotilta varia—(5) Widespread, Lafitte's Cove

**Prothonotary Warbler** *Protonotaria citrea*—(6) Common in swampy habitats, great looks from the Birdwatcher's Trail in Big Thicket NP

Swainson's Warbler Limnothlypis swainsonii—(1) One seen poorly by guide and 1 client at High Island

Tennessee Warbler Oreothlypis peregrina—(4) Fairly common at High Isand

Nashville Warbler Oreothlypis ruficapilla—(2) Martin Dies SP

Kentucky Warbler Geothlypis formosa—(4) On breeding territories, Big Creek Scenic Area

**Common Yellowthroat** *Geothlypis trichas*—(7) Common throughout

Hooded Warbler Setophaga citrina—(7) Quite common, Quintana

American Redstart Setophaga ruticilla—(5) Common at High Island, Quintana

Cerulean Warbler Setophaga cerulea—(1) Presumably two different birds seen at Smith Oaks at High Island

Northern Parula Setophaga americana—(7) Common and on territories, Birdwatcher's Trail

Magnolia Warbler Setophaga magnolia—(3) Stunning looks at Quintana Sanctuary

Blackburnian Warbler Setophaga fusca—(2) Seen well at High Isand

Yellow Warbler Setophaga petechia—(3) Small numbers but widespread

Chestnut-sided Warbler Setophaga pensylvanica—(3) Mostly high Island

Blackpoll Warbler Setophaga striata—(1) High Island

Pine Warbler Setophaga pinus—(4) On territories at Jones State Forest and elsewhere

Yellow-rumped Warbler Setophaga coronata—(1) I think we only saw one bird, at High Island

Yellow-throated Warbler Setophaga dominica—(2) On territories in the Big Thicket NP

Prairie Warbler Setophaga discolor—(1) One seen well on territory in the Big Thicket NP

Black-throated Green Warbler Setophaga virens—(3) HO twice and finally seen at High Island

# **CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND ALLIES: Cardinalidae**

**Summer Tanager** *Piranga rubra*—(6) Common and widespread

Scarlet Tanager Piranga olivacea—(5) Great looks at Sabine Woods, Smith Oaks, and Quintana

Northern Cardinal Cardinalis cardinalis—(9) Ubiquitous

Rose-breasted Grosbeak Pheucticus Iudovicianus—(4) High Island, Quintana

Blue Grosbeak Passerina caerulea—(3) In open habitats at High Island and elsewhere

**Indigo Bunting** *Passerina cyanea*—(9) All over the place, sometimes in flocks

Painted Bunting Passerina ciris—(2) High Island

**Dickcissel** *Spiza americana*—(4) First seen near Jasper, then a large flock of 40+ seen flying in off the Gulf from the Port Bolivar Cemetery

## **OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae**

House Sparrow (I) Passer domesticus—(5) Common in developed and suburban areas

## MAMMALS (10 species recorded):

Virginia Opossum Didelphis virginiana Nine-banded Armadillo Dasypus novemcinctus Eastern Cottontail Sylvilagus floridanus Swamp Rabbit Sylvilagus aquaticus Fox Squirrel Sciurus niger
Eastern Gray Squirrel Sciurus carolinensis
Common Raccoon Procyon lotor
Coyote Canis latrans
Bobcat Lynx rufus
White-tailed Deer Odocoileus virginianus

# REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (14 species recorded):

Common Slider Trachemys scripta—
Common Box Turtle Terrapene carolina—
Common Snapping Turtle Chelydra serpentina—
American Alligator Alligator mississippiensis—
Brown Anole (I) Anolis sagrei—
Green Anole Anolis carolinensis—
Little Brown Skink Scincella lateralis—
Common Five-lined Skink Plestiodon fasciatus—
Western Ribbon Snake Thamnophis proximus—
Western Rat Snake Pantherophis obsoletus—
Banded Watersnake Nerodia fasciata—
DeKay's Brownsnake Storeria dekayi—
Copperhead Agkistrodon contortrix—
Cottonmouth Agkistrodon piscivorus—

# ODONATES AND OTHER ATHROPODS (5 species recorded):

Eastern Pondhawk Erythemis simplicicollis—Photographed at Mitchell Preserve, The Woodlands Common Whitetail Plathemis lydia —Seen at Jones SF Common Wood-nymph—Cercyonis pegala Ebony Jewelwing—Calopteryx maculata Green Anole Anolis carolinensis—