

# South Texas Birding & Nature | Trip Report with Naturalist Journeys



November 1 – 9, 2021

## Species List

With guides Michael Marsden and Bryan Calk and participants Larry, Jan, Marlo, Deanna, Janet, Ann, John, Lois, Christine, and Bjorne



Common Pauraque by Bryan Calk

Compiled by Bryan Calk

(HO)= Distinctive enough to be counted as heard only

(I)= Introduced

<https://ebird.org/tripreport/9244>

**Summary:** This adventure across south Texas took us to so many iconic spots in one of the most bird-diverse places on Earth. But what truly made this trip one for the books were our fantastic group of participants and some incredible wildlife encounters. Highlights included a wild Muscovy, Cape May Warblers, Tropical Parula and so many Texas “specialty” birds, javelinas, a boat ride to Aransas NWR, 12 species of reptiles/amphibians, butterflies, and more.

### BIRDS (189 species recorded):

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

**Black-bellied Whistling-Duck** *Dendrocygna autumnalis*— Our first encounter with these was in Rockport, but more were seen at Rancho Viejo, Estero Llano Grande State Park, and elsewhere

**Fulvous Whistling-Duck** *Dendrocygna bicolor*— Two seen foraging among the Black-bellieds at Estero Llano Grande State Park

**Snow Goose** *Anser caerulescens*— A small group of around a dozen seen at the Rockport Love Oak Country Club Rd.

**Muscovy Duck** *Cairina moschata*— One juvenile seen flying downstream from the boat ramp at Salineño Wildlife Preserve

**Blue-winged Teal** *Spatula discors*— Largest numbers were seen at a great distance while on The Skimmer, but more were seen closer at many locations throughout the week

**Cinnamon Teal** *Spatula cyanoptera*— Seen among the considerable number of whistling-ducks at Estero Llano Grande State Park

**Northern Shoveler** *Spatula clypeata*— Many hanging out at the Leonabelle Turnbull Birding Center in Port Aransas, and a handful at Estero Llano Grande State Park

**Gadwall** *Mareca strepera*— Large group seen at a great distance while on The Skimmer, but seen much closer at Estero Llano Grande State Park

**American Wigeon** *Mareca americana*— Large group seen at a great distance while on The Skimmer, but seen much closer at Hazel Bazemore in Corpus Christi

**Mallard** *Anas platyrhynchos*— One seen as a fly-by at Salineño Wildlife Preserve

**Mexican Duck** *Anas diazi*— One seen as a fly-by at Salineño Wildlife Preserve

**Mottled Duck** *Anas fulvigula*—Seen at many of the coastal hotspots throughout the week

**Northern Pintail** *Anas acuta*— Seen at a great distance while on The Skimmer, but seen much closer at Hazel Bazemore in Corpus Christi

**Green-winged Teal** *Anas crecca*—Lots loafing around at the Leonabelle Turnbull Birding Center in Port Aransas, and a handful at Estero Llano Grande State Park

**Redhead** *Aythya americana*— At least one seen from The Skimmer

**Ring-necked Duck** *Aythya collaris*—Seen well through the scope at Santa Ana NWR

**Lesser Scaup** *Aythya affinis*— A little group seen from the levee at Estero Llano Grande State Park

#### **GUANS AND CHACHALACAS: Cracidae**

**Plain Chachalaca** *Ortalis vetula*— First glimpsed at Sabal Palm, but seen at many of the other parks in the LRGV, mostly at feeding stations

#### **NEW WORLD QUAIL: Odontophoridae**

**Northern Bobwhite** *Colinus virginianus* – At least one covey coming to the feeders at Rancho Lomitas

**Scaled Quail** *Callipepla squamata*– At least one covey coming to the feeders at Rancho Lomitas

#### **PARTRIDGES AND PHEASANTS: Phasianidae**

**Wild Turkey** *Meleagris gallopavo*– A few coming to the feeders at Bentsen RGV State Park

#### **GREBES: Podicipedidae**

**Least Grebe** *Tachybaptus dominicus* – A few at Paradise Pond in Port Aransas, one at Sabal Palm, and several at Santa Ana NWR's Pintail Lakes

**Pied-billed Grebe** *Podilymbus podiceps* – Seen at many locations throughout the week

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

**Rock Pigeon** *Columba livia* (**I**)— Seen in many of the urban areas during the week

**Eurasian Collared-Dove** *Streptopelia decaocto* (**I**)— A few seen at Hazel Bazemore and Salineño as well as more urban areas

**Inca Dove** *Columbina inca*—Seen at many locations, often at feeding stations

**Common Ground-Dove** *Columbina passerina*— Coming to the feeders in the campgrounds at Falcon State Park

**White-tipped Dove** *Leptotila verreauxi*— First and most closely encountered at Sabal Palm, but also at Bentsen RGV State Park and Edinburg Scenic Wetlands

**White-winged Dove** *Zenaida asiatica*— Abundant throughout the week

**Mourning Dove** *Zenaida macroura*— Seen at many locations throughout the week

#### **CUCKOOS: Cuculidae**

**Greater Roadrunner** *Geococcyx californianus*— Seen at Falcon State Park and Rancho Lomitas

#### **NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae**

**Common Pauraque** *Nyctidromus albicollis*— Seen on their roosts at Santa Ana NWR and Estero Llano Grande State Park

#### **HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae**

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** *Archilochus colubris*—A couple hanging out in the tropical zone of Estero Llano Grande State Park and coming to the feeders at a few other locations

**Buff-bellied Hummingbird** *Amazilia yucatanensis*— Brief sightings at several locations, but seen well at Hazel Bazemore, Edinburg Scenic Wetlands, and Quinta Mazatlan

#### **RAILS AND ALLIES: Rallidae**

**Virginia Rail** *Rallus limicola*—Seen very poorly at Suter Wildlife Refuge in Corpus Christi

**Sora** *Porzana carolina*— (HO) Heard calling from the marshes at Santa Ana NWR

**Common Gallinule** *Gallinula galeata*— Seen in Port Aransas, South Padre Island, as well as Santa Ana NWR

**American Coot** *Fulica americana*— Many encountered throughout the week

#### **CRANES: Gruidae**

**Sandhill Crane** *Antigone canadensis*— A few hanging out near Big Tree, and a larger group at the Rockport Live Oak Country Club

#### **STILTS AND AVOCETS: Recurvirostridae**

**Black-necked Stilt** *Himantopus mexicanus*—Common at coastal hotspots and inland water bodies

**American Avocet** *Recurvirostra americana*— Most well-seen at Estero Llano Grande State Park, but seen earlier in the week at the Zapata Boat Ramp and Brownsville Landfill

#### **OYSTERCATCHERS: Haematopodidae**

**American Oystercatcher** *Haematopus palliatus*— Seen from The Skimmer and at the Zapata Boat Ramp

#### **PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae**

**Black-bellied Plover** *Pluvialis squatarola*—A few seen around the coastal waterways in Rockport, Corpus Christi, and South Padre Island

**Wilson's Plover** *Charadrius wilsonia*—Two seen at Indian Point in Corpus Christi

**Semipalmated Plover** *Charadrius semipalmatus*—Three seen at Indian Point in Corpus Christi

**Piping Plover** *Charadrius melodus*—One at Indian Point in Corpus Christi, and one at the South Padre Island flats

**Killdeer** *Charadrius vociferus*—Singles seen at Goose Island, Rockport Beach, and in the river at Salineño

#### **SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae**

**Long-billed Curlew** *Numenius americanus*— Seen standing on oyster reefs from The Skimmer, as well as at Rockport Beach Park

**Marbled Godwit** *Limosa fedoa*— At Indian Point Park in Corpus Christi

**Ruddy Turnstone** *Arenaria interpres*— Seen at almost all of our coastal stops by water

**Stilt Sandpiper** *Calidris himantopus*— Observed through the scope at Santa Ana NWR and Estero Llano Grande State Park

**Sanderling** *Calidris alba*— Seen at almost all of our coastal stops by water

**Dunlin** *Calidris alpina*—Many seen at South Padre Island flats and seen up close at Port Isabel Reservoir

**Least Sandpiper** *Calidris minutilla*—Encountered these at many locations during the week

**Western Sandpiper** *Calidris mauri*— Many seen at South Padre Island flats and seen up close at Port Isabel Reservoir

**Short-billed Dowitcher** *Limnodromus griseus*—Some seen/heard from The Skimmer, and more seen well at Port Isabel Reservoir

**Long-billed Dowitcher** *Limnodromus scolopaceus*— Seen closely at the Leonabelle Turnbull Birding Center in Port Aransas and at Estero Llano Grande State Park

**Wilson's Snipe** *Gallinago delicata*— Flushed at Hazel Bazemore and Santa Ana NWR, but seen well from the deck at Estero Llano Grande State Park

**Spotted Sandpiper** *Actitis macularius*— Several seen from aboard The Skimmer, and also seen at Santa Ana NWR and along the river at Salineño

**Greater Yellowlegs** *Tringa melanoleuca*— Seen from The Skimmer and at the South Padre Island Convention Center pond

**Willet** *Tringa semipalmata*— Seen at most of our coastal waterway stops  
**Lesser Yellowlegs** *Tringa flavipes*— Seen/heard from aboard The Skimmer

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

**Laughing Gull** *Leucophaeus atricilla*— Abundant during the week  
**Franklin's Gull** *Leucophaeus pipixcan*— Seen at the Zapata Boat Ramp and at the Brownsville Landfill  
**Ring-billed Gull** *Larus delawarensis*— Many seen during The Skimmer trip and at the Brownsville Landfill  
**Herring Gull** *Larus argentatus*—A few seen from The Skimmer and one at the Brownsville Landfill  
**Lesser Black-backed Gull** *Larus fuscus*— One seen distantly and briefly from The Skimmer  
**Caspian Tern** *Hydroprogne caspia*— Many seen along the coast, most from the Zapata Boat Ramp and South Padre Island  
**Forster's Tern** *Sterna forsteri*—Most seen from The Skimmer, but also at South Padre Island and a few other coastal spots  
**Royal Tern** *Thalasseus maximus*—Gave good comparisons to Caspian at the Zapata Boat Ramp, but also seen from other coastal spots  
**Sandwich Tern** *Thalasseus sandvicensis*—Seen from The Skimmer in confusing winter plumage  
**Black Skimmer** *Rynchops niger*— Many seen at the Zapata Boat Ramp and South Padre Island

#### **STORKS: Ciconiidae**

**Wood Stork** *Mycteria americana*— Seen well at Old Port Isabel Rd

#### **FRIGATEBIRDS: Fregatidae**

**Magnificent Frigatebird** *Fregata magnificens*—Briefly seen by some flying over the Inn at Fulton Harbor

#### **ANHINGA: Anhingidae**

**Anhinga** *Anhinga anhinga*— Many seen in the Bayview resacas, the UTRGV resaca, and a few other hotspots

#### **CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae**

**Neotropic Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*—Seen at most hotspots we visited with water  
**Double-crested Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax auritus*—Many seen from The Skimmer and at Edinburg Scenic Wetlands, but also at a few other locations

#### **PELICANS: Pelecanidae**

**American White Pelican** *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*— Most observed from The Simmer, but many were seen in the Corpus Christ area, at Santa Ana NWR, and Estero Llano Grande State Park  
**Brown Pelican** *Pelecanus occidentalis*— Seen at most of our coastal stops

#### **HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae**

**Least Bittern** *Ixobrychus exilis*—One fly-by at Santa Ana NWR  
**Great Blue Heron** *Ardea herodias*—Several observed throughout the week  
**Great Egret** *Ardea alba*— Several observed throughout the week  
**Snowy Egret** *Egretta thula*— Several observed throughout the week  
**Little Blue Heron** *Egretta caerulea*— At Goose Island State Park  
**Tricolored Heron** *Egretta tricolor*— Seen at a few coastal spots, but very closely at South Padre Island  
**Reddish Egret** *Egretta rufescens*— White and dark morphs seen, in the Corpus Christi, Rockport, and South Padre areas  
**Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis*—A few foraging around the Brownsville Landfill and Edinburg Scenic Wetlands  
**Green Heron** *Butorides virescens*— One at Hazel Bazemore and at Edinburg Scenic Wetlands  
**Black-crowned Night-Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax*— Seen well at Estero Llano Grande State Park and Edinburg Scenic Wetlands

**Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** *Nyctanassa violacea*— Seen well at Estero Llano Grande State Park and Edinburg Scenic Wetlands

**IBIS AND SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae**

**White Ibis** *Eudocimus albus*—Seen at several coastal hotspots

**White-faced Ibis** *Plegadis chihi*—A flock flew in distantly at Cape Valero Drive in Rockport

**Roseate Spoonbill** *Platalea ajaja*—Seen at several coastal hotspots as well as Rancho Viejo

**NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae**

**Black Vulture** *Coragyps atratus*—Abundant throughout the week

**Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura*— Abundant throughout the week

**OSPREY: Pandionidae**

**Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus*— Abundant throughout the week at coastal hotspots and along the Rio Grande

**HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES: Accipitridae**

**White-tailed Kite** *Elanus leucurus*— Seen well near the Bayview resacas and briefly overhead at Edinburg Scenic Wetlands

**Northern Harrier** *Circus cyaneus*— Seen in a few locations, but our closest encounter was aboard The Skimmer and one hunting below the hawk watch at Hazel Bazemore

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** *Accipiter striatus*—Notably one hunting the feeders at Salineño

**Cooper's Hawk** *Accipiter cooperii*— Seen at a few locations, including Sabal Palm and the UTRGV resacas

**Harris's Hawk** *Parabuteo unicinctus*— Seen first on the road to the Kenedy Ranch, but also at Santa Ana NWR, Salineño, and others

**White-tailed Hawk** *Geranoaetus albicaudatus*—Seen best on the Kenedy Ranch road and Old Port Isabel Rd

**Gray Hawk** *Buteo plagiatus*— Only seen in flight overhead, but at several locations including Santa Ana NWR and Bentsen RGV State Park

**Red-shouldered Hawk** *Buteo lineatus*—Seen at Bentsen RGV State Park and Quinta Mazatlan, and heard from Hazel Bazemore

**Zone-tailed Hawk** *Buteo albonotatus*— One soared over us at the end of the river trail at Salineño

**Red-tailed Hawk** *Buteo jamaicensis*— Several seen during the week

**OWLS: Strigidae**

**Eastern Screech-Owl** *Megascops asio*— Two seen roosting at the National Butterfly Center – one in a box, and one in a tree cavity

**Great Horned Owl** *Bubo virginianus*—One spotted at Bentsen RGV State Park by the resaca

**KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae**

**Ringed Kingfisher** *Megaceryle torquata*— One seen in the Bayview resacas, one at Estero Llano Grande State Park, two at Salineño, and one at Edinburg Scenic Wetlands

**Belted Kingfisher** *Megaceryle alcyon*— Several seen throughout the week

**Green Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle americana*—One at Hazel Bazemore and at the UTRGV resaca were quite cooperative

**WOODPECKERS: Picidae**

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** *Sphyrapicus varius*—One at Paradise Pond in Port Aransas

**Golden-fronted Woodpecker** *Melanerpes aurifrons*—Seen at many locations throughout the week

**Ladder-backed Woodpecker** *Dryobates scalaris*— Mostly seen in pairs, but at many locations including Big Tree, Sabal Palm, and the National Butterfly Center

**FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae**



**Crested Caracara** *Caracara cheriway*— A few seen in the Rockport and Corpus Christi areas, as well as the Brownsville Landfill and Salineño

**American Kestrel** *Falco sparverius*— One at Hazel Bazemore, Old Port Isabel Rd, and UTRGV perched on a roof

**Aplomado Falcon** *Falco femoralis*— One brief fly-by in front of the van windshields along highway 100

**Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus*—One perched at Hazel Bazemore

#### **PARROTS: Psittacidae**

**Monk Parakeet** *Myiopsitta monachus* (I)—Two seen in flight over Corpus Christi by Bryan's vehicle only

**Red-crowned Parrot** *Amazona viridigenalis*—Seen at the roost at Oliveira Park in Brownsville

**White-fronted Parrot** *Amazona albifrons*—Seen at the roost at Oliveira Park in Brownsville

**Green Parakeet** *Psittacara holochlorus*—one flock seen in Brownsville while driving, and another flock seen from the bridge at the UTRGV resaca

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

**Least Flycatcher** *Empidonax minimus*—One photographed by some at the Leonabelle Turnbull Birding Center in Port Aransas

**Eastern Phoebe** *Sayornis phoebe*—Seen at several locations during the week, including Big Tree and Bentsen RGV State Park

**Vermilion Flycatcher** *Pyrocephalus rubinus*— One seen at Big Tree and Santa Ana NWR

**Great Kiskadee** *Pitangus sulphuratus*—Many seen during the week, most abundantly at Salineño and Santa Ana NWR

**Tropical Kingbird** *Tyrannus melancholicus*—Seen at Rancho Viejo, UTRGV resaca, and Estero Llano Grande State Park

**Couch's Kingbird** *Tyrannus couchii*— Identified a couple in the Corpus Christi area as well as UTRGV and Estero Llano Grande State Park

**Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** *Tyrannus forficatus*— Seen well at Big Tree and Hazel Bazemore

#### **VIREOS: Vireonidae**

**White-eyed Vireo** *Vireo griseus*—Almost always heard-only, but also seen well at Estero Llano Grande State Park and Quinta Mazatlan

**Blue-headed Vireo** *Vireo solitarius*—One seen briefly at Sabal Palm Sanctuary

#### **SHRIKES: Laniidae**

**Loggerhead Shrike** *Lanius ludovicianus*—One outside of Hazel Bazemore, two at the Kenedy Ranch road, and one at Estero Llano Grande State Park near the parking lot

#### **CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae**

**Green Jay** *Cyanocorax yncas*—Seen in abundance, usually around feeding stations

**Chihuahuan Raven** *Corvus cryptoleucus*—A few seen just outside Sabal Palm Sanctuary and at the Brownsville Landfill

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

**Black-crested Titmouse** *Baeolophus atricristatus*—A common sight at several of the more wooded spots, and especially at feeders

#### **PENDULINE TITS: Remizidae**

**Verdin** *Auriparus flaviceps*—Seen well by some at Sabal Palm, but also at Santa Ana, Salineño, and Rancho Lomitas

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

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*—Seen flying around at Suter Wildlife Refuge, South Padre Island, and a few other locations

**Tree Swallow** *Tachycineta bicolor*— One identified at Hazel Bazemore

**Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica*—Most common at Hazel Bazemore and Santa Ana NWR, but seen in a couple other locations

#### **KINGLETS: Regulidae**

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** *Regulus calendula*—Many seen throughout the week in brushy areas

#### **GNATCATCHERS: Polioptilidae**

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** *Poliophtila caerulea*—Most were seen at Santa Ana NWR, but also at several other locations

#### **WRENS: Troglodytidae**

**House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon*—Almost always heard-only, but a few were seen during the week

**Marsh Wren** *Cistothorus palustris*—Seen very well at the Bayview resacas, but also at the Leonabelle Turnbull Birding Center and a few other places

**Carolina Wren** *Thryothorus ludovicianus*—Heard and seen in several places during the week, including Big Tree and Santa Ana NWR

**Bewick's Wren** *Thryomanes bewickii*—Seen at the feeders at Rancho Lomitas

**Cactus Wren** *Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus*— Seen at the feeders at Rancho Lomitas

#### **STARLINGS AND MYNAS: Sturnidae**

**European Starling** *Sturnus vulgaris* (I)—Hundreds congregated at the Brownsville Landfill, but common in urban areas throughout the week

#### **MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae**

**Gray Catbird** *Dumetella carolinensis*—Most seen at South Padre Island, but also in Rockport at the demonstration gardens

**Curve-billed Thrasher** *Toxostoma curvirostre*—Best seen at Rancho Lomitas and Edinburg Scenic Wetlands

**Long-billed Thrasher** *Toxostoma longirostre*—Commonly heard, but best seen at several feeding stations during the week

**Northern Mockingbird** *Mimus polyglottos*—Seen at many locations throughout the week

#### **THRUSHES: Turdidae**

**Eastern Bluebird** *Sialia sialis*—A pair were hanging out at Big Tree

**Clay-colored Thrush** *Turdus grayi*—Most abundant at Quinta Mazatlan, but also seen well at Edinburg Scenic Wetlands and Bentsen RGV State Park

#### **OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae**

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus* (I)— Abundant, mostly at feeders

#### **FINCHES: Fringillidae**

**Lesser Goldfinch** *Spinus psaltria*— A small group drinking out of the rain gutters at Bentsen RGV State Park and at the water feature at the National Butterfly Center

#### **NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Emberizidae**

**Olive Sparrow** *Arremonops rufivirgatus*—Most often heard, but seen well at the drip at Hazel Bazemore and feeding stations at Estero Llano Grande State Park, Rancho Lomitas, and more

**Black-throated Sparrow** *Amphispiza bilineata*—A few at Rancho Lomitas

**Savannah Sparrow** *Passerculus sandwichensis*—A few at Goose Island's Big Tree area

**Lincoln's Sparrow** *Melospiza lincolnii*—Seen at the Rockport demonstration gardens and Big Tree

**Swamp Sparrow** *Melospiza georgiana*—One seen at the Leonabelle Turnbull Birding Center

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

**Eastern Meadowlark** *Sturnella magna*—Most seen in the fields of the Rockport Live Oak Country Club, but also at Hazel Bazemore and Old Port Isabel Rd

**Altamira Oriole** *Icterus gularis*—First seen distantly at Santa Ana NWR, then seen much more closely at Salineño

**Audubon's Oriole** *Icterus graduacauda*—Coming to the feeders at Rancho Lomitas

**Red-winged Blackbird** *Agelaius phoeniceus*—Seen commonly throughout the week

**Bronzed Cowbird** *Molothrus aeneus*— A few observed at Hazel Bazemore, Santa Ana NWR, and Estero Llano Grande State Park at the feeders

**Brewer's Blackbird** *Euphagus cyanocephalus*— At the Sarita Rest Area

**Great-tailed Grackle** *Quiscalus mexicanus*— Abundant in urban areas, the Brownsville Landfill, and at feeding stations like Salineño

#### **NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae**

**Black-and-white Warbler** *Mniotilta varia*— One at Sabal Palm, and one at Santa Ana NWR

**Tennessee Warbler** *Leiothlypis peregrina*— One at the Rockport demonstration gardens

**Orange-crowned Warbler** *Leiothlypis celata*— Several seen at various wooded areas throughout the week

**Nashville Warbler** *Oreothlypis ruficapilla*—One at the Leonabelle Turnbull Birding Center, and a couple other spots, but best seen at the National Butterfly Center

**Common Yellowthroat** *Geothlypis trichas*—Mostly heard from the cattails, but glimpses were had here and there, best seen at the UTRGV resaca

**Cape May Warbler** *Setophaga tigrina*—Two seen at the South Padre Island Convention Center gardens

**Northern Parula** *Setophaga americana*— One at the Leonabelle Turnbull Birding Center

**Tropical Parula** *Setophaga pitayumi*— One at Hazel Bazemore coming to the drip

**Magnolia Warbler** *Setophaga magnolia*— One working the tepehuaje trees at Sabal Palm

**Yellow Warbler** *Setophaga petechia*—One in the willows along the resaca at UTRGV

**Palm Warbler** *Setophaga palmarum*— One tailless but friendly bird at the entrance to Leonabelle Turnbull Birding Center

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** *Setophaga coronata*— At Leonabelle Turnbull Birding Center

**Yellow-throated Warbler** *Setophaga dominica*— One at Leonabelle Turnbull Birding Center, and two at the UTRGV resaca habitat

**Black-throated Gray Warbler** *Setophaga nigrescens*— One female at the UTRGV resaca habitat

**Black-throated Green Warbler** *Setophaga virens*—One male at the parking lot of the Rockport demonstration gardens

**Wilson's Warbler** *Cardellina pusilla*—heard in a few locations and seen briefly at Quinta Mazatlan and UTRGV resaca

#### **CARDINAL-GROSBEAKS: Cardinalidae**

**Summer Tanager** *Piranga rubra*— One at Big Tree, and one at UTRGV

**Northern Cardinal** *Cardinalis cardinalis*— Many seen during the week in appropriate habitat

**Pyrrhuloxia** *Cardinalis sinuatus*— Distantly seen at Salineño, but much closer at Rancho Lomitas

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** *Pheucticus ludovicianus*— One seen very briefly at Santa Ana NWR by few

**Indigo Bunting** *Passerina cyanea*— Brown-plumaged birds seen at several locations, including Big Tree and South Padre Island

**Dickcissel** *Spiza americana*— One coming to the drip at Hazel Bazemore

#### **MAMMALS (8 species recorded):**

**Eastern Cottontail** *Sylvilagus floridanus*—Seen at Estero Llano Grande State Park



**Eastern Fox Squirrel** *Sciurus niger*—Working the oak trees at the Rockport demo gardens, Estero Llano Grande State Park, and Quinta Mazatlan

**Mexican Ground Squirrel** *Ictidomys mexicanus*—Coming to the feeders at Falcon State Park

**Hispid Cotton Rat** *Sigmodon hispidus*— One seen scurrying around the gardens of the National Butterfly Center

**Collared Peccary** *Tayassu tajacu*— A mother and young coming to the feeders at Bentsen RGV State Park

**White-tailed Deer** *Odocoileus virginianus*— Seen most commonly in the Rockport area, but also at a few other locations

**Bottlenose Dolphin** *Tursiops truncatus*—Playing in the water around The Skimmer and from the ferry

**Nine-banded Armadillo** *Dasyus novemcinctus*— One seen at Rancho Viejo in the early morning hours

#### REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (12 species recorded):

**American Alligator** *Alligator mississippiensis*— Leonabelle Turnbull Birding Center

**Red-eared Slider** *Trachemys scripta*—Seen at many bodies of water throughout the week

**Blue Spiny Lizard** *Sceloporus cyanogenys*—Seen on a house between Salineño and Falcon State Park, and abundantly at Bentsen RGV State Park

**Gulf Coast Ribbon Snake** *Thamnophis proximus*— Seen at Paradise Pond

**American Bullfrog** *Lithobates catesbeianus*— At Packery Channel

**American Green Treefrog** *Hyla cinerea*—At Big Tree sitting on a fence post

**Texas Spiny Lizard** *Sceloporus olivaceus*—At Big Tree climbing the oaks

**Green Anole** *Anolis carolinensis*—At Hazel Bazemore and Sabal Palm Sanctuary

**Brown Anole** *Anolis sagrei*—At Estero Llano Grande State Park and at the National Butterfly Center

**Texas Spotted Whiptail** *Aspidoscelis gularis*— At Santa Ana NWR

**Rio Grande Leopard Frog** *Lithobates berlandieri*—At Santa Ana NWR

**Rose-bellied Lizard** *Sceloporus variabilis*— At Estero Llano Grande State Park