

South Texas Birding & Nature | Species List

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

(I)= Introduced

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Summary: Nine days of birding south Texas took us up and down the coastal bend and across the Lower Rio Grande Valley just as the earliest signs of spring migration were beginning to appear. The weather, birds, wildlife, and scenery provided never-ending excitement and beauty, and it was so wonderful to share it all with such a fantastic group of folks. Some of the most memorable sightings were of cranes, orioles, flycatchers, warblers, herons, raptors and more, at some truly spectacular places, from the Lamar Peninsula to Santa Ana NWR and South Padre Island.

Red-crowned Parrot by Bryan Calk

BIRDS (186 species recorded, of which 1 was heard only):

DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS: Anatidae

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis*— First encountered in Rockport, but seen most abundantly on the Lamar Peninsula and Estero Llano Grande State Park (ELGSP)

Snow Goose *Anser caerulescens*— A few still lingering at the Live Oak Country Club in Rockport

Blue-winged Teal *Spatula discors*— Seen daily wherever there was water

Cinnamon Teal *Spatula cyanoptera*— One drake at ELGSP seen from the deck

Northern Shoveler *Spatula clypeata*— Common throughout the week

Gadwall *Mareca strepera*— Largest numbers were at the Port Aransas Wetland Park, but a few also at Salineño

Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*— One hiding in the grass at Rockport Beach Park

Mexican Duck *Anas diazi*— Two at Salineño that gave brief views before flying downstream

Mottled Duck *Anas fulvigula*— Seen commonly in fresh water near the coast

Northern Pintail *Anas acuta*— At Cape Valero Drive and from The Skimmer in Aransas NWR

Green-winged Teal *Anas crecca*— Most abundant in the Port Aransas area but at several other locations

Canvasback *Aythya valisineria*— In a pond along FM 1069

Redhead *Aythya americana*— Many from the Rockport area at large distances, but a few at Laguna Atascosa NWR (LANWR) gave better views

Ring-necked Duck *Aythya collaris*— A few females at Edinburg Scenic Wetlands (ESW) gave the best views

Lesser Scaup *Aythya affinis*— Seen in several places during the week, including ESW

Bufflehead *Bucephala albeola*— Seen distantly from The Skimmer

Common Goldeneye *Bucephala clangula*— Seen briefly from The Skimmer

Red-breasted Merganser *Mergus serrator*— One beautiful drake at Indian Point, and a few from South Padre Island

Ruddy Duck *Oxyura jamaicensis*— On the same pond as the Canvasback along 1069

GUANS AND CHACHALACAS: Cracidae

Plain Chachalaca *Ortalis vetula*— First found at Sabal Palm Sanctuary (Sabal), but best seen perhaps at Bentsen Rio Grande Valley State Park (BRGVSP)

NEW WORLD QUAIL: Odontophoridae

Northern Bobwhite *Colinus virginianus*— A lucky find at the King Ranch Visitor Center (KRVC), and coming to the feeders at Flacon State Park (Falcon)

Scaled Quail *Callipepla squamata*— Coming to the feeders at Rancho Lomitas

PARTRIDGES AND PHEASANTS: Phasianidae

Wild Turkey *Meleagris gallopavo*— At the feeders at BRGVSP

GREBES: Podicipedidae

Least Grebe *Tachybaptus dominicus*— A pair first seen at Paradise Pond in Port Aransas, but on several other ponds throughout the week

Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps*— Small numbers here and there during the week, best seen from the boardwalks at the Leonabelle Turnbull Port Aransas Birding Center (Port A. BC)

PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia* (**I**)— Seen commonly while driving through urban areas

Eurasian Collared-Dove *Streptopelia decaocto* (**I**)— Best seen at the feeders at Salineño

Inca Dove *Columbina inca*— First heard at Hazel Bazemore singing “no hope,” and seen well at feeders on the west side of the LRGV

White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi*— Seen coming to feeders throughout the LRGV

White-winged Dove *Zenaida asiatica*— Seen best at Salineño in the trees along the road

Mourning Dove *Zenaida macroura*— Common throughout the week

CUCKOOS: Cuculidae

Greater Roadrunner *Geococcyx californianus*— One at LANWR that crossed the road ahead of the front van, one as we left Salineño, and one from the tram back to the HQ of BRGVSP

NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae

Common Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis*— Two roosting in different areas of ELGSP

HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae

Ruby-throated Hummingbird *Archilochus colubris*— Males at ELGSP and ESW, and a few females coming to feeders

Black-chinned Hummingbird *Archilochus alexandri*— Males and females seen at feeders and flowers throughout the week

Rufous Hummingbird *Selasphorus rufus*— One female-type bird at KRVC

Buff-bellied Hummingbird *Amazilia yucatanensis*— Coming to feeders at ELGSP, BRGVSP, and Quinta Mazatlan

RAILS AND ALLIES: Rallidae

Clapper Rail *Rallus crepitans*— One at the beginning of the boardwalk at the Port A. BC

Sora *Porzana carolina*— One seen very briefly at the Port A. BC, and heard well at Santa Ana NWR (SANWR)

Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata*— Seen well at many ponds and wetlands throughout the week

American Coot *Fulica americana*— Seen well at many ponds and wetlands throughout the week

CRANES: Gruidae

Sandhill Crane *Antigone canadensis*—On the Lamar Peninsula near Big Tree

Whooping Crane *Grus americana*—Seen from The Skimmer at Aransas NWR and on the Lamar Peninsula where an impressive number were gathered and bugling

STILTS AND AVOCETS: Recurvirostridae

Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus*— Seen first at Indian Point and again at several ponds, but most abundant at SANWR

American Avocet *Recurvirostra americana*— Seen well from the Port A. BC boardwalk and a few other places

OYSTERCATCHERS: Haematopodidae

American Oystercatcher *Haematopus palliatus*— A good number of pairs seen from The Skimmer in Aransas NWR and surrounding islands and oyster reefs

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae

Black-bellied Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*— A couple at Indian Point

Semipalmated Plover *Charadrius semipalmatus*— A few in a flock of shorebirds on the side of the road at Indian Point

Piping Plover *Charadrius melodus*— A few in a flock of shorebirds on the side of the road at Indian Point

Killdeer *Charadrius vociferus*— Hanging out at Rockport Beach Park and the shores nearby in the Rockport area

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae

Long-billed Curlew *Numenius americanus*— First seen at Indian Point, and one very close at Rockport Beach Park

Marbled Godwit *Limosa fedoa*— Seen distantly and through the scope at the South Padre Island Birding and Nature Center (SPIBNC)

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*— Seen at saltwater edges and coastlines, like at Indian Point and from The Skimmer

Stilt Sandpiper *Calidris himantopus*— One seen well at Santa Ana NWR with many dowitchers

Sanderling *Calidris alba*— Running along the waves and meandering through the flocks of gulls and terns at the Port Aransas beach/jetty area

Dunlin *Calidris alpina*— Many at Indian Point and one down Boca Chica

Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla*— Seen at several places, but exceptionally close at Indian Point, even showing the yellow legs

Western Sandpiper *Calidris mauri*— In the flock of shorebirds along the highway at Indian Point

Short-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus griseus*—Seen from The Skimmer in Aransas NWR and a couple other saltwater areas

Long-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus scolopaceus*— Many seen from the boardwalk at the Port A. BC and on the ponds at SANWR

Wilson's Snipe *Gallinago delicata*— One seen sneaking through the grass along Cape Valero Drive and one flying into the cattails at SANWR

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius*—A couple along the rocks in Rockport and one from the SPIBNC boardwalk

Solitary Sandpiper *Tringa solitaria*— One from the blind overlooking the Willow Lake at SANWR

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca*— Seen at several spots in the early half of the week, and a good number at SANWR mixed in with some dowitchers

Willet *Tringa semipalmata*— Common along the salty coastal waters, like at the Port A. BC and the SPIBNC

Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes*—Seen distantly at the Port A. BC

GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae

Bonaparte's Gull *Chroicocephalus philadelphia*— One loafing with some other gulls at the Port Aransas beach/jetty area

Laughing Gull *Leucophaeus atricilla*— Abundant when closer to the coast

Franklin's Gull *Leucophaeus pipixcan*— One sitting next to some shovelers at the Port A. BC

Ring-billed Gull *Larus delawarensis*— Seen at a few different places along the coast, including many from The Skimmer, and a few at Falcon Lake

Herring Gull *Larus argentatus*— A few at Indian Point and from The Skimmer

Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica*— One seen poorly from The Skimmer, and one seen along Boca Chica

Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia*— Mostly seen in coastal areas, best from the SPIBNC

Forster's Tern *Sterna forsteri*—Seen well along the Port Aransas beach/jetty area, but most abundant from The Skimmer

Royal Tern *Thalasseus maximus*— Seen very well from the Port Aransas beach area where they were loafing with Laughing Gulls

Black Skimmer *Rynchops niger*— Flocks roosting at Rockport Beach Park and along the Port Aransas jetty

LOONS: Gaviidae

Common Loon *Gavia immer*—One at Rockport Beach Park and a few from The Skimmer

ANHINGA: Anhingidae

Anhinga *Anhinga anhinga*—Common in the freshwater ponds throughout the week, but a flock of around 400 migrating over Mexico as seen from SANWR was especially memorable

CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae

Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*— Common throughout the week whenever water was around

Double-crested Cormorant *Phalacrocorax auritus*—Large numbers from The Skimmer in the open water, but otherwise less abundant than the Neotropic

PELICANS: Pelecanidae

American White Pelican *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*— Seen in several areas throughout the week, starting to grow in their horns for the breeding season

Brown Pelican *Pelecanus occidentalis*— Beautiful breeding plumaged adults viewed from Snoopy's, and common along the coastal saltwater areas

HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae

American Bittern *Botaurus lentiginosus*— One flew into the cattails at Willow Lake at SANWR

Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias*—Common anywhere near water – rookeries seen in the Rockport area

Great Egret *Ardea alba*— Common anywhere near water

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula*— Common anywhere near water

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea*— First seen along Cape Valero Drive, but also at the Bayview resacas and at the SPIBNC

Tricolored Heron *Egretta tricolor*—Seen first at Indian Point, but also at a few other locations. Very close at the SPIBNC

Reddish Egret *Egretta rufescens*— Dark morphs and white morphs – seen well from Indian Point, the Port A. BC, and the SPIBNC

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*—A few at the SPIBNC and one at ESW

Green Heron *Butorides virescens*—One very close to the boardwalk at the SPIBNC and a couple at Sabal and ESW

Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*—Many roosting together in the vegetation at the Lamar Peninsula, ELGSP, and ESW

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron *Nyctanassa violacea*— Seen well from the Bayview resacas, and a large number roosting at ELGSP

IBIS AND SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae

White Ibis *Eudocimus albus*— Many seen throughout the week in a variety of plumages

Roseate Spoonbill *Platalea ajaja*—Mostly seen distantly and often in flight, giving great views of their dramatic pink plumage

NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*— A handful seen during the week, mostly in the Rockport/Corpus Christi area

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*—Abundant throughout the week, sometimes in large numbers when roosts would lift off like at Sabal

OSPREY: Pandionidae

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*— Seen near water throughout the week – one even caught a catfish at Salineño along the Rio Grande

HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES: Accipitridae

White-tailed Kite *Elanus leucurus*—Two seen hunting a field just outside of Bayview

Northern Harrier *Circus cyaneus*— Seen sporadically, mostly during the first half of the week. One hunting the area below the hawk watch platform at Hazel Bazemore

Sharp-shinned Hawk *Accipiter striatus*— One or two seen during the week as very brief encounters

Cooper's Hawk *Accipiter cooperii*—Hunting the feeders at LANWR and Sabal, and briefly seen a few other places

Harris's Hawk *Parabuteo unicinctus*—Very nice views along Boca Chica, and a few other places including Bayview, LANWR, and SANWR

White-tailed Hawk *Geranoaetus albicaudatus*— A stunning fly-over view at LANWR and another right after at the South Texas Ecotourism Center

Gray Hawk *Buteo plagiatus*— Two flying across the Rio Grande and into their nesting tree at Salineño

Red-shouldered Hawk *Buteo lineatus*— Two in courtship at the Rockport Demo Gardens and one just outside of Hazel Bazemore

Swainson's Hawk *Buteo swainsoni*— One flying over at BRGVSP at the Green Jay blind

Zone-tailed Hawk *Buteo albonotatus*— One perched eating its prey at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) campus resacas

Red-tailed Hawk *Buteo jamaicensis*— One perched up at the Lamar Peninsula, but mostly seen while driving between locations

OWLS: Strigidae

Great Horned Owl *Bubo virginianus*— One roosting in a large live oak tree at ELGSP

KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae

Ringed Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquata*— First seen as a fly-by at Bayview, and likewise in flight at SANWR, Salineño, and ESW

Belted Kingfisher *Megaceryle alcyon*— Seen at a few coastal areas as well as SANWR

Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle americana*—Best seen at SANWR, but also flying up and down the river at Salineño and briefly at ESW by most of us

WOODPECKERS: Picidae

Golden-fronted Woodpecker *Melanerpes aurifrons*— Common once we got to the LRGV, first spotted at the KRVC

Ladder-backed Woodpecker *Dryobates scalaris*— Common once we got to the LRGV, with great views at the feeders at Rancho Lomitas

FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae

Crested Caracara *Caracara cheriway*— Common along the roads, and many great views at Falcon State Park and LANWR

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius*— Commonly seen perched on wires from the vans, with one stunning male hunting near Pintail Lakes at SANWR

Merlin *Falco columbarius*— One perched on a fence post along Palmito Hill Rd. just off Boca Chica Blvd.

Aplomado Falcon *Falco femoralis*— A pair sitting on their nesting platform on Mustang Island along the main road

PARROTS: Psittacidae

Red-crowned Parrot *Amazona viridigenalis*—Around 200 birds feeding in a residential backyard near Oliveira Park in Brownsville was a spectacular sight, but our first were a pair perched at Sabal

Red-lored Parrot *Amazona autumnalis*— In with the large flock near Oliveira Park

White-fronted Parrot *Amazona albifrons*— In with the large flock near Oliveira Park

Green Parakeet *Psittacara holochlorus*— Very brief fly-over at Rancho Viejo and heard-only fly-over from the Valley Nature Center

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae

Eastern Phoebe *Sayornis phoebe*—Seen best foraging low above the water at SANWR with some Kiskadees

Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus*— A very tame bird at the Lamar Peninsula near Big Tree and a few others throughout the week

Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus*—Abundant once we were in the LRGV – frequently seen near water and feeders

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus*— Seen by all at the UTRGV resaca habitat

Couch's Kingbird *Tyrannus couchii*— Vocalizing alongside the Tropical Kingbirds at the UTRGV

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus forficatus*— Seen along Boca Chica Blvd., and briefly at ELGSP

VIREOS: Vireonidae

White-eyed Vireo *Vireo griseus*—Most often heard, but seen on a few occasions at Hazel Bazemore and the UTRGV

Blue-headed Vireo *Vireo solitarius*—One in a mixed flock of passerines moving through the bamboo at the UTRGV campus

SHRIKES: Laniidae

Loggerhead Shrike *Lanius ludovicianus*—Often seen from the vehicles, perched up on wires or fences. One seen by all at the Bayview resacas

CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae

Green Jay *Cyanocorax yncas*— Abundant once we were in the LRGV – frequently seen around feeders

Chihuahuan Raven *Corvus cryptoleucus*— Two seen along Boca Chica Blvd. by one van

TITS AND CHICKADEES: Paridae

Black-crested Titmouse *Baeolophus atricristatus*—Common in wooded or brushy areas throughout the week

PENDULINE TITS: Remizidae

Verdin *Auriparus flaviceps*— One seen briefly by some at Sabal

LARKS: Alaudidae

Horned Lark *Eremophila alpestris*— Seen by some along Boca Chica Blvd.

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae

Northern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*—Flying around at Bayview and SANWR, perched for some at Salineño

Purple Martin *Progne subis*—Seen flying overhead at many places in the LRGV, maybe best at SPIBNC

Tree Swallow *Tachycineta bicolor*— Flying low over the water at SANWR and below the boardwalk at the South Texas Ecotourism Center

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*— Mixed in with the other swallows at several places during the week

Cave Swallow *Petrochelidon fulva*— Difficult to get on, but flying over at SANWR

KINGLETS: Regulidae

Ruby-crowned Kinglet *Regulus calendula*— A couple at the Rockport Demo Gardens and one down low at the Port A. BC

GNATCATCHERS: Polioptilidae

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher *Polioptila caerulea*— Many around South Padre, and a few at other wooded locations later in the week

WRENS: Troglodytidae

Marsh Wren *Cistothorus palustris*— One seen by several at the Bayview resacas, and one very briefly at the SPIBNC

Carolina Wren *Thryothorus ludovicianus*— Almost exclusively heard-only until Steve and Bryan got on one at Quinta Mazatlan

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

Cactus Wren *Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus*— Coming to the feeders at Rancho Lomitas

STARLINGS AND MYNAS: Sturnidae

European Starling *Sturnus vulgaris* (I)—Seen most often in urban areas, but also around the parking lots and visitor centers of a few refuges

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae

Gray Catbird *Dumetella carolinensis*— Seen by Bryan and heard by Nancy at Sabal

Curve-billed Thrasher *Toxostoma curvirostre*— First seen by some at the KRVC, but seen easily by everyone at Rancho Lomitas and BRGVSP

Long-billed Thrasher *Toxostoma longirostre*— First at Hazel Bazemore, but coming to feeders and in habitat at several places in the LRGV

Northern Mockingbird *Mimus polyglottos*—Commonly seen in small numbers throughout the week

THRUSHES: Turdidae

Clay-colored Thrush *Turdus grayi*—First glimpsed by most at Salineño, but seen easily by all at BRGVSP and Quinta Mazatlan

OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* (I)—Common in urban areas and around some of the feeding stations

PIPITS AND WAGTAILS: Motacillidae

American Pipit *Anthus rubescens*— A small group in a grassy lawn along Fulton Beach Rd. in Rockport

FINCHES: Fringillidae

House Finch *Haemorhous mexicanus*— A couple along the dump road at Salineño and at Rancho Lomitas

Lesser Goldfinch *Spinus psaltria*— Seen poorly by most, but very well by a few at Quinta Mazatlan

NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Emberizidae

Olive Sparrow *Arremonops rufivirgatus*— Seen best perhaps at the feeders at Salineño, but also at LANWR and a few other places

Lark Sparrow *Chondestes grammacus*— Seen briefly in Bayview by the tree with the Altamira Orioles

White-crowned Sparrow *Zonotrichia leucophrys*— Coming to feeders at Falcon State Park and Rancho Lomitas

Savannah Sparrow *Passerculus sandwichensis*— A good group feeding along the fence line at the Lamar Peninsula by Big Tree, and a couple at other places

Lincoln's Sparrow *Melospiza lincolni*— Most easily seen at the Green Jay blind at BRGVSP

NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS: Icteridae

Eastern Meadowlark *Sturnella magna*—Seen well at the Lamar Peninsula, but a few other places as well. Singing loudly at the South Texas Ecotourism Center

Hooded Oriole *Icterus cucullatus*—First seen at South Padre, but also at several other locations including the feeders at Rancho Lomitas

Altamira Oriole *Icterus gularis*— Most easily seen at the feeders of Salineño, but first seen in a shaving brush tree in Bayview and at several other places as well

Audubon's Oriole *Icterus graduacauda*— Seen by most coming to the feeders at Salineño, and at Rancho Lomitas or BRGVSP

Red-winged Blackbird *Agelaius phoeniceus*— Abundant throughout the week, especially wherever feeders were

Brown-headed Cowbird *Molothrus ater*—A few at the Rockport Demo Gardens and a male coming to the feeders at LANWR

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

Great-tailed Grackle *Quiscalus mexicanus*— Common throughout the week, most abundantly at their roost areas, often near an H-E-B

NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae

Louisiana Waterthrush *Parkesia motacilla*— One at the SPIBNC next to a pile of American alligators

Black-and-white Warbler *Mniotilta varia*— First seen at the Rockport Demo Gardens, but seen at a few other places as well – most abundant at South Padre

Orange-crowned Warbler *Leiothlypis celata*— Common in wooded areas, often coming to peanut butter feeders

Nashville Warbler *Oreothlypis ruficapilla*— One at the Rockport Demo Gardens and a few at South Padre, and one at Quinta Mazatlan

Common Yellowthroat *Geothlypis trichas*— Seen best at SANWR but also at the UTRGV campus and SPIBNC

Hooded Warbler *Setophaga citrina*— One skulking around the vegetation at the Valley Land Fund's Sheepshead lots (Sheepshead)

Yellow Warbler *Setophaga petechia*— One very dull individual at Rancho Viejo, and one brighter bird at the Stripes gas station outside Sabal

Yellow-rumped Warbler *Setophaga coronata*—Generally seen in small numbers, best observed at Sheepshead and the UTRGV campus

Yellow-throated Warbler *Setophaga dominica*—At a couple coastal locations, with very close views at South Padre

Black-throated Gray Warbler *Setophaga nigrescens*— One in a mixed flock of passerines moving through the bamboo at the UTRGV campus

Golden-crowned *Basileuterus culicivorus*—One seen by Nancy, Sandra, and Bryan at the Valley Nature Center

Wilson's Warbler *Cardellina pusilla*—at the UTRGV campus and a couple other locations

CARDINAL-GROSBEAKS: Cardinalidae

Summer Tanager *Piranga rubra*— Two at UTRGV resaca habitat

Northern Cardinal *Cardinalis cardinalis*— Many seen during the week, often at feeders

Pyrrhuloxia *Cardinalis sinuatus*— One at the Subway at SPI, and a few around Falcon State Park and Rancho Lomitas

Indigo Bunting *Passerina cyanea*— Female brown-plumaged bird seen briefly at Edinburg Scenic Wetlands

TANAGERS: Thraupidae

Morelet's Seedeater *Sporophila torqueola*—(HO) heard singing from the island in the river at the end of the trail at Salineño

MAMMALS (10 species recorded):

Eastern Cottontail *Sylvilagus floridanus*—Seen by some at the KRVC
Eastern Fox Squirrel *Sciurus niger*—Most easily seen on top of some of the feeders like at ELGSP and BRGVSP
Hispid Cotton Rat *Sigmodon hispidus*— Darting through the grass at SANWR and the feeders at BRGVSP
Woodrat sp. *Neotoma sp.*— Hiding in a prickly pear at the King Ranch Visitor Center
Nutria *Myocaster coypus*—Sitting on an island by some cattails at SANWR briefly before sneaking back into hiding
Collared Peccary *Tayassu tajacu*— Darted ahead of us on the path at Sabal
White-tailed Deer *Odocoileus virginianus*— Most easily seen in the Rockport area
Coyote *Canis latrans*— Seen by at least one participant from the boat in Aransas NWR
Virginia Opossum *Didelphis virginiana*— Seen by some on the grounds of our lodging in Rockport
Bottlenose Dolphin *Tursiops truncatus*— Seen from The Skimmer between Rockport and Aransas NWR

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (11 species recorded):

American Alligator *Alligator mississippiensis*— Seen by few at the Port A. BC and by all at LANWR, ELGSP, and South Padre
Texas Spiny Softshell *Apalone spinifera emoryi*— Seen sunning at the UTRGV campus and swimming around at ESW
Red-eared Slider *Trachemys scripta*— Common in any patch of water throughout the week
Rio Grande Cooter *Pseudemys gorzugi*— One up on a small rocky bank in the middle of the Rio Grande at Salineño
Blue Spiny Lizard *Sceloporus cyanogenys*— Sunning on the walls at BRGVSP
Texas Spiny Lizard *Sceloporus olivaceus*— One tail-less individual at ELGSP and a nicer looking one at Quinta Mazatlan
Brown Anole *Anolis sagrei*— Seen at the UTRGV campus
Green Anole *Anolis carolinensis*— One hiding in the gate apparatus at Sabal
Rio Grande Leopard Frog *Lithobates berlandieri*—(HO) At Santa Ana NWR
Rose-bellied Lizard *Sceloporus variabilis*— At Santa Ana NWR along the path back from Pintail Lakes
Diamondback Water Snake *Nerodia rhombifer*— Piled together in the branches at ESW as well as one sunning along the rocks at very close range