

South Texas: Fall Migration | Species List

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Marbled Godwit by Bryan Calk

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

(I)= Introduced

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Summary: Witnessing migration along the Texas coast is a must for any US birder. While most folks come in spring, we had a taste of what fall has to offer. With over 75 species of migrating bird observed and 173 species overall, I think we were quite successful! The weather was still very warm and it was truly a grand adventure with many exceptional moments of natural history observed.

BIRDS (174 species recorded):

DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS: Anatidae

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis*— Seen almost every day of the tour with a huge concentration observed at Estero Llano Grande State Park (ELGSP)

Fulvous Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna bicolor*— A lone bird sleeping on the edge of a pond just south of Hazel Bazemore

Blue-winged Teal *Spatula discors*— Seen almost daily with very good views had at the Leonabelle Turnbull Port Aransas Birding Center (Port A. BC)

Northern Shoveler *Spatula clypeata*— A few seen here and there, including ELGSP and Port A. BC

Gadwall *Mareca strepera*— One fly-by at Suter Wildlife Refuge

American Wigeon *Mareca americana*— A few in the sky at Suter, and some on the main pond at Hazel Bazemore

Mottled Duck *Anas fulvigula*— Seen in low numbers at many freshwater locations during the trip

Northern Pintail *Anas acuta*— A few at Cape Valero in Rockport and Suter Wildlife Refuge

Green-winged Teal *Anas crecca*— Good numbers of these on the ponds at ELGSP, smaller numbers at Cape Valero and other locations

Redhead *Aythya americana*— A group of about 15 birds on the water at Cape Valero Drive

GUANS AND CHACHALACAS: Cracidae

Plain Chachalaca *Ortalis vetula*— Best seen at the National Butterfly Center and Bentsen RGVSP

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NEW WORLD QUAIL: Odontophoridae

Northern Bobwhite *Colinus virginianus* – Two coveys flushed up along Old Port Isabel Rd., including a few that landed in a mesquite tree quite close to the van for great views

PARTRIDGES AND PHEASANTS: Phasianidae

Wild Turkey *Meleagris gallopavo* – About a dozen at Bentsen RGVSP (Rio Grande Valley State Park)

GREBES: Podicipedidae

Least Grebe *Tachybaptus dominicus* – A handful at ELGSP and Santa Ana NWR

Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps* – seen on many ponds and lakes throughout the trip, including ELGSP and Cape Valero

PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia* (**I**)— Commonly seen flying over parks and while driving through the urban sprawl

Eurasian Collared-Dove *Streptopelia decaocto* (**I**)— Common in urban areas, also at Tule Creek in Rockport and the South Padre Island Birding and Nature Center (SPIBNC)

Inca Dove *Columbina inca*— Good views at Bentsen RGVSP, also seen at Hazel Bazemore and SPIBNC

Common Ground-Dove *Columbina passerina*— One flushed up at ELGSP on both visits

White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi*— Good numbers and views of this species on this trip, including coming to the feeders at ELGSP and the National Butterfly Center

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

Mourning Dove *Zenaida macroura*— Abundant throughout the week

CUCKOOS: Cuculidae

Groove-billed Ani *Crotophaga sulcirostris*— One in the grass near the last boardwalk at the SPIBNC

Greater Roadrunner *Geococcyx californianus*—One along the entrance road to Laguna Atascosa NWR

NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae

Common Nighthawk *Nyctidromus albicollis*— At least three birds at their traditional day roost area at ELGSP

SWIFTS: Apodidae

Chimney Swift *Chaetura pelagica*— One fly-over bird at Bentsen RGVSP

HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae

Ruby-throated Hummingbird *Archilochus colubris*— Seen at several feeders and occasionally coming to flowers

Black-chinned Hummingbird *Archilochus alexandri*— One bird at each ELGSP and Bentsen RGVSP

Buff-bellied Hummingbird *Amazilia yucatanensis*— Good views had at ELGSP, also present at Bentsen RGVSP, Santa Ana, and the National Butterfly Center

RAILS AND ALLIES: Rallidae

Clapper Rail *Rallus crepitans*— Several birds calling at SPIBNC with brief views. One bird calling and in flight at Suter Wildlife Refuge, and good views for some at both Cape Valero and Port A. BC

Sora *Porzana carolina*— Great views at ELGSP with many birds present. A few at Port A. BC as well

Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata*— Best views at ELGSP, SPIBNC, and Port A. BC

American Coot *Fulica americana*— Present at most stops with water – common throughout the trip

STILTS AND AVOCETS: Recurvirostridae

Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus*—Seen at several locations, with great views at Indian Point and Santa Ana NWR

American Avocet *Recurvirostra americana*— Mostly distant birds, some from the Aransas Bay boat trip and at the Port Aransas Wetland Park. A couple also at Indian Point

OYSTERCATCHERS: Haematopodidae

American Oystercatcher *Haematopus palliatus*— A few on the beach in Port Aransas and from the boat in Aransas Bay

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae

Black-bellied Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*— Small numbers at many locations, good views at the JFK Causeway wetlands and from the boat

Snowy Plover *Charadrius nivosus*— A few running along the water edge as we drove along the JFK Causeway

Wilson's Plover *Charadrius wilsonia*— One from the boat trip as we passed Goose Island State Park

Semipalmated Plover *Charadrius semipalmatus*—Two from the same patch of sand next to the Wilson's Plover

Piping Plover *Charadrius melodus*—A few on the beach in Port Aransas and one from the boat with the other plovers

Killdeer *Charadrius vociferus*— At several locations, best seen at Rockport Beach Park

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae

Long-billed Curlew *Numenius americanus*— Several along Old Port Isabel Road (OPIR) and one at the SPIBNC

Marbled Godwit *Limosa fedoa*— One exceptionally cooperative bird foraging on mowed lawn grass at Rockport Beach Park, several out on the mud flats at SPIBNC

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*—Common along the coast at many locations

Red Knot *Calidris canutus*— Good numbers on the beaches around Port Aransas and North Padre Island

Stilt Sandpiper *Calidris himantopus*— Lots in the canal on the back end of ELGSP and a few at Indian Point

Sanderling *Calidris alba*—Common along the saltwater coast, like at the JFK Causeway Wetlands and Indian Point

Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla*—Commonly encountered throughout the week, biggest flocks at ELGSP

Western Sandpiper *Calidris mauri*— A small handful at Indian Point

Short-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus griseus*— A group together in the saltwater ponds at JFK Causeway wetlands

Long-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus scolopaceus*— Mixed in with the Stilt Sandpipers at ELGSP and one at Santa Ana

Wilson's Snipe *Gallinago delicata*—A few at ELGSP and one flushed at Hazel Bazemore

Wilson's Phalarope *Phalaropus tricolor*—One lone bird swimming around and foraging at Indian Point

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius*—Seen from the boat in Aransas Bay and at Santa Ana

Solitary Sandpiper *Tringa solitaria*— A couple at Santa Ana NWR

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca*— Small numbers here and there throughout the week – most encountered from the boat in Aransas Bay

Willet *Tringa semipalmata*—Commonly encountered whenever near salt water throughout the week

Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes*— One at Santa Ana NWR, one at Indian Point, and a few at Cape Valero in Rockport

GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae

Laughing Gull *Leucophaeus atricilla*— Abundant throughout the week – highest numbers seen from the boat trip in Aransas Bay

Ring-billed Gull *Larus delawarensis*— Single bird at Indian Point

Herring Gull *Larus argentatus*— One on the beach at Port Aransas and another briefly seen at the Big Tree area of Goose Island State Park on the Lamar Peninsula

Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica*— Two seen at separate locations in Port Aransas as fly-bys getting drinks of fresh water

Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia*— Many seen from the boat trip, others at SPIBNC and Rockport Beach Park

Forster's Tern *Sterna forsteri*— Lots seen from the boat trip and on the ferry ride, others at the JFK Causeway etc.

Royal Tern *Thalasseus maximus*—Abundant when near salt water. Good views on the beach area of Port Aransas

Sandwich Tern *Thalasseus sandvicensis*—Good numbers on the beach near the Port Aransas Jetty

Black Skimmer *Rynchops niger*— A good group roosting together at the JFK Causeway wetlands

STORKS: Ciconiidae

Wood Stork *Mycteria americana*— Flocks lifting off and catching thermals to migrate south were quite a sight at Bentsen RGVSP. One lone bird at Old Port Isabel Road

FRIGATEBIRDS: Fregatidae

Magnificent Frigatebird *Fregata magnificens*— Two birds seen in flight while boarding the ferry back to the mainland

ANHINGA: Anhingidae

Anhinga *Anhinga anhinga*— Many seen on the main resaca at Bentsen RGVSP and one on the pond in the pasture by Big Tree

CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae

Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*— Small handfuls seen here and there throughout the week, including SPIBNC, Port A. BC, and Cape Valero in Rockport

Double-crested Cormorant *Phalacrocorax auritus*— Abundant with largest numbers seen from the boat in Aransas Bay

PELICANS: Pelecanidae

American White Pelican *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*— A good number seen loafing at the JFK causeway wetlands and the Port A. Birding Center. An enormous flock seen migrating at an incredible distance (several miles) from the hawk watch platform at Hazel Bazemore

Brown Pelican *Pelecanus occidentalis*— Common along the saltwater coastline

HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae

Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias*— Common throughout the week

Great Egret *Ardea alba*— Seen often throughout the week whenever near water

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula*— Seen often throughout the week whenever near water

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea*— Singles here and there including ELGSP, SPIBNC, and Cape Valero Drive.

Tricolored Heron *Egretta tricolor*— Great views at SPIBNC, also at a few other locations during the week

Reddish Egret *Egretta rufescens*— A few along Cape Valero Drive, and singles at the JFK causeway wetlands and from the boat

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*— Many seen around the Rockport area, even riding the backs of some cattle briefly

Green Heron *Butorides virescens*—Most at ELGSP with a couple at SPIBNC also

Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*— A single bird seen in an oak tree from the boat trip in Aransas Bay

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron *Nyctanassa violacea*— Roosting at alligator lake at ELGSP and one at SPIBNC

IBIS AND SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae

White Ibis *Eudocimus albus*— Highest numbers at Hazel Bazemore where they were migrating through, others at many other locations during the week

White-faced Ibis *Plegadis chihi*— A handful at ELGSP

Roseate Spoonbill *Platalea ajaja*— Excellent views at SPIBNC with more sightings around the Corpus Christi and Rockport areas

NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*— Small numbers here and there during the trip with some fantastic views in Rockport

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*— Abundant throughout the week, but most notably we got to see good numbers of these streaming overhead on thermals migrating south for winter

OSPREY: Pandionidae

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*— Seen throughout the week near water

HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES: Accipitridae

White-tailed Kite *Elanus leucurus*— Best views had at ELGSP with a couple more distant birds at OPIR

Northern Harrier *Circus cyaneus*— A couple birds at ELGSP, but better views for some were had at Cape Valero Drive and Hazel Bazemore

Sharp-shinned Hawk *Accipiter striatus*— Two high-flying migrants streamed overhead at Hazel Bazemore

Cooper's Hawk *Accipiter cooperii*— Single birds at ELGSP, Santa Ana NWR, Hazel Bazemore, etc. Some migrating overhead, some hunting low

Harris's Hawk *Parabuteo unicinctus*— Good views for some at Santa Ana NWR, and a very cooperative individual at Laguna Atascosa NWR along the road in to the refuge

White-tailed Hawk *Geranoaetus albicaudatus*— Some distant birds along OPIR and a closer perched bird along the entrance road to Laguna Atascosa NWR

Gray Hawk *Buteo plagiatus*— Good numbers and views at Bentsen RGVSP

Red-shouldered Hawk *Buteo lineatus*— A few flying around and perched at Bentsen RGVSP, one resident hunting at Hazel Bazemore

Broad-winged Hawk *Buteo platypterus*— Witnessed these birds take to the sky and form nice kettles while catching thermals to migrate south on at Bentsen RGVSP. A few also streamed overhead mixed in with other species at Hazel Bazemore

Swainson's Hawk *Buteo swainsoni*— Mixed in with other migrating species on thermals at Bentsen RGVSP and Hazel Bazemore

Red-tailed Hawk *Buteo jamaicensis*— A couple seen overhead at Hazel Bazemore and one distantly at Port A. BC

OWLS: Strigidae

Eastern Screech-Owl *Megascops asio*— One that unfortunately flushed as soon as we saw it at the National Butterfly Center

KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae

Belted Kingfisher *Megascops alcyon*— Seen at several places where water was present during the week including Bentsen RGVSP and Indian Point

Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle americana*— A couple that eventually gave us good looks at Bentsen RGVSP and another at Santa Ana NWR

WOODPECKERS: Picidae

Golden-fronted Woodpecker *Melanerpes aurifrons*— Common throughout the week in wooded areas, with the best views had perhaps at ELGSP

Ladder-backed Woodpecker *Dryobates scalaris*— Good views of these at Bentsen RGVSP and Santa Ana NWR among others

FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae

Crested Caracara *Caracara cheriway*— One very cooperative bird on the beach in Port Aransas and a couple hunting the fields at Hazel Bazemore

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius*— Mostly singles seen throughout the week, often while driving

Merlin *Falco columbarius*— One bird perched along the entrance road to Laguna Atascosa NWR

Aplomado Falcon *Falco femoralis*— Two perched on the nesting platform on Mustang Island

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*— Several spotted during the week, often in flight like at ELGSP, Blucher Park, and OPIR. One seen perched on the rocks briefly before taking off while on the boat in Aransas Bay

PARROTS: Psittacidae

Red-crowned Parrot *Amazona viridigenalis*— Over 100 birds seen at the evening roost near Oliveira Park in Brownsville

Red-lored Parrot *Amazona autumnalis*— One pair mixed in with the Red-crowned Parrot flock

White-fronted Parrot *Amazona albifrons*— A few mixed in with the Red-crowned Parrots

Green Parakeet *Psittacara holochlorus*— A good number at the roost sight in urban McAllen after dinner

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae

Eastern Wood-Pewee *Contopus virens*— One seen briefly at the SPIBNC in the mangroves

Eastern Phoebe *Sayornis phoebe*— Seen here and there throughout the tour with good views at Santa Ana NWR

Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus*— Good views near the Big Tree area and SPIBNC, female type seen from the boat in Aransas Bay

Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus*— Common in many areas in the LRGV

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus*— Heard calling both the parrot roost in Brownsville and seen at the Parakeet roost in McAllen. One also at the SPIBNC calling

Couch's Kingbird *Tyrannus couchii*— Seen and heard at many spots, including Santa Ana NWR, the National Butterfly Center, and more

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus forficatus*— Good numbers on the wires as we approached Laguna Atascosa NWR with a few at Bentsen RGVSP and elsewhere

VIREOS: Vireonidae

White-eyed Vireo *Vireo griseus*— Mostly heard with a few seen even giving prolonged views for cameras at Bentsen RGVSP, Laguna Atascosa NWR, and elsewhere

Warbling Vireo *Vireo gilvus*— One that only gave a brief view at Santa Ana NWR along the trail

Red-eyed Vireo *Vireo olivaceus*— One gave a very brief view in the mangroves at SPIBNC

SHRIKES: Laniidae

Loggerhead Shrike *Lanius ludovicianus*— Seen well at Cape Valero Drive in Rockport, others at Santa Ana NWR and Oliveira Park in Brownsville

CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae

Green Jay *Cyanocorax yncas*— Common, especially at Santa Ana NWR coming to the feeders and Laguna Atascosa

TITS AND CHICKADEES: Paridae

Black-crested Titmouse *Baeolophus atricristatus*— Commonly heard and often seen in wooded areas throughout the tour. Especially cooperative though at the Sarita Rest Area

PENDULINE TITS: Remizidae

Verdin *Auriparus flaviceps*— Singles at both Santa Ana and Laguna Atascosa, though not super cooperative

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae

Northern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*— Flocks moving over ELGSP and Hazel Bazemore

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*— Good numbers moving through, with flocks at Bentsen RGVSP and ELGSP

Cliff Swallow *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*— A couple birds presumably moving south over OPIR

KINGLETS: Regulidae

Ruby-crowned Kinglet *Regulus calendula*— Scattered sightings, perhaps best at Tule Creek or Big Tree in Rockport

GNATCATCHERS: Polioptilidae

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher *Poliotilta caerulea*— Very common wherever songbirds were present, moving south

WRENS: Troglodytidae

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon*— Many heard and a few seen well, at many locations during the week

Marsh Wren *Cistothorus palustris*— Seen darting through the cattails at the Port A. Birding Center

Carolina Wren *Thryothorus ludovicianus*— Mostly heard, seen briefly at Santa Ana

Bewick's Wren *Thryomanes bewickii*— (HO) heard from the dense brush near the back of ELGSP

STARLINGS AND MYNAS: Sturnidae

European Starling *Sturnus vulgaris* (I)— Common in urban areas throughout the week

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae

Gray Catbird *Dumetella carolinensis*— Lots at South Padre where some were surely still migrating through, others in small numbers elsewhere like Tule Creek and Suter Wildlife Refuge

Curve-billed Thrasher *Toxostoma curvirostre*—One at ELGSP

Long-billed Thrasher *Toxostoma longirostre*—More often heard, but seen at the National Butterfly Center and Santa Ana NWR

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

THRUSHES: Turdidae

Clay-colored Thrush *Turdus grayi*— Seen well at the National Butterfly Center and Santa Ana

OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* (I)— Common in urban areas and anywhere with feeders up

FINCHES: Fringillidae

Lesser Goldfinch *Spinus psaltria*— A few at the National Butterfly Center and Santa Ana NWR

NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Emberizidae

Olive Sparrow *Arremonops rufivirgatus*— Seen best at Bentsen RGVSP, also at Santa Ana and Laguna Atascosa

Seaside Sparrow *Ammospiza maritimus*— One perched up for us from the grass while on the boat in Aransas Bay

Lincoln's Sparrow *Melospiza lincolnii*— Good numbers at the Port A. BC but also at Big Tree and Tule Creek

NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS: Icteridae

Eastern Meadowlark *Sturnella magna*— Singing and perching up distantly along OPIR

Altamira Oriole *Icterus gularis*— Several at Santa Ana all together, and a few at Bentsen RGVSP

Audubon's Oriole *Icterus graduacauda*— One at the National Butterfly Center

Red-winged Blackbird *Agelaius phoeniceus*— Good sized flocks gathering up at several locations

Bronzed Cowbird *Molothrus aeneus*— Several dozen attracted to the feeders at Hazel Bazemore

Brown-headed Cowbird *Molothrus ater*— A couple in the blackbird flocks at Hazel Bazemore

Brewer's Blackbird *Euphagus cyanocephalus*— Some walking around the Border Patrol Checkpoint just before the Sarita Rest Area

Great-tailed Grackle *Quiscalus mexicanus*—Massive flocks in urban centers, especially in McAllen and near major grocery stores like HEB in the evenings. Also on feeders and in parks during the day

NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae

Black-and-white Warbler *Mniotilta varia*— One at the National Butterfly Center and a couple at the SPIBNC

Tennessee Warbler *Leiothlypis peregrina*—Two at the SPIBNC and one in the mixed flock at Hazel Bazemore

Orange-crowned Warbler *Leiothlypis celata*— Single at Bentsen and a couple at Hazel Bazemore, one from the boat trip in Aransas Bay near the Vermilion

Nashville Warbler *Oreothlypis ruficapilla*—A couple at Bentsen RGVSP, one at Port A. BC and Blucher Park

Common Yellowthroat *Geothlypis trichas*—More often heard, but a couple seen well at Port A. BC
Hooded Warbler *Setophaga citrina*— One darting around the understory for only very brief views for some at the National Butterfly Center
American Redstart *Setophaga ruticilla*—A couple at the SPIBNC
Northern Parula *Setophaga americana*— One in the mixed flock at Hazel Bazemore
Magnolia Warbler *Setophaga dominica*— One coming to the drip on below the back deck at the SPIBNC
Blackburnian *Setophaga coronata*— One in drab fall plumage was a confusing individual for a while, in the mixed flock at Hazel Bazemore
Yellow Warbler *Setophaga petechia*— A couple at the SPIBNC including those of the “Mangrove” subspecies, and one at Suter Wildlife Refuge calling in the parking lot
Chestnut-sided Warbler *Setophaga nigrescens*—One coming to the drip on the back deck at the SPIBNC
Wilson’s Warbler *Cardellina pusilla*— A few at the SPIBNC near the drip area mostly, and one at Blucher

CARDINAL-GROSBEAKS: Cardinalidae

Northern Cardinal *Cardinalis cardinalis*— Many seen during the week, often at feeders
Indigo Bunting *Passerina cyanea*— Mostly brown-plumaged bird with only faint hints of blue, most seen at the National Butterfly Center coming to get water, others at Hazel Bazemore, SPIBNC, etc.
Dickcissel *Spiza americana*—One head as a fly-over at Tule Creek, another coming to the feeder below the deck at Hazel Bazemore seen only by one participant and guide

MAMMALS (10 species recorded):

Eastern Cottontail *Sylvilagus floridanus*— Several seen during the week, like at ELGSP and Laguna Atascosa NWR
Black-tailed Jackrabbit *Lepus californicus*—Seen along OPIR
Eastern Fox Squirrel *Sciurus niger*— Several seen throughout the week, associating with live oak trees
Collared Peccary *Tayassu tajacu*— Family group coming to the hawk watch platform at Hazel Bazemore for the bird seed and water put out there
White-tailed Deer *Odocoileus virginianus*— A few seen in the Rockport area
Bottlenose Dolphin *Tursiops truncatus*— A few seen from the Port Aransas Ferry and from the boat trip into Aransas Bay
Coyote *Canis latrans*— One out in a the coastal prairie habitat while searching for falcons near OPIR
Wild Boar *Sus scrofa*— A family group seen on land from the boat in Aransas Bay
Virginia Opossum *Didelphis virginiana*— Seen by one guest wandering the grounds of the Inn at Fulton Harbor
Bat sp. *Chiroptera sp.*— At least one seen flying around the Inn at Fulton Harbor

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (12 species recorded):

American Alligator *Alligator mississippiensis*— Seen at the ELGSP
Red-eared Slider *Trachemys scripta*— Seen at the SPIBNC and Tule marsh
Blue Spiny Lizard *Sceloporus cyanogenys*— Several on the brick wall at Bentsen RGVSP
Texas Spiny Lizard *Sceloporus olivaceus*— One briefly at Santa Ana NWR and better views in the trees near Big Tree
Rose-bellied Lizard *Sceloporus variabilis*— A couple on the paths at ELGSP
Texas Spotted Whiptail *Aspidoscelis gluaris*—A couple at Bentsen RGVSP and ELGSP
Brown Anole *Anolis sagrei*— Seen at ELGSP, SPIBNC and elsewhere
Diamondback Water Snake *Nerodia rhombifer*— One crossing the resaca at Bentsen RGVSP and one in the small ditch/creek by the bridge at Suter Wildlife Area
Gulf Coast Ribbon Snake *Thamnophis proximus*— One that was briefly seen at the same spot at Suter
Mesquite Lizard *Sceloporus grammicus*— One being pretty uncooperative for views at Santa Ana NWR

Mexican Racer *Coluber constrictor*— A couple in the road, including one that the roadrunner was pursuing just outside of Laguna Atascosa NWR

Texas Tortoise *Gopherus berlandieri*— Two together along OPIR thanks to some incredible spotting by one participant from a moving van. One was out while the other was inside the burrow