

South Texas: Birds & Butterflies | Species List

November 1 – 9, 2022 | with Naturalist Journeys



With guides Robert Gallardo and Bryan Calk with participants Beth, Karen, Susan, Herb, Chris, Jim, and Jen



Speckled Racer by Bryan Calk

Compiled by Bryan Calk, butterflies by Robert Gallardo

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

(I)= Introduced

<https://ebird.org/tripreport/96365>

Summary: What a treat this tour was as we allowed our eyes and attention to wander back and forth between the birds and the butterflies. We lucked out with some mostly pleasant weather that kept the birds, bugs, snakes, and other critters moving for us. This time of year can hold many surprises as species are still migrating and emerging, taking advantage of new resources, and dispersing after the conclusion of the breeding season. There was hardly a dull moment and lifers were collected by us all!

BIRDS (168 species recorded):

DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS: Anatidae

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis*—Massive flocks were present at Estero Llano Grande State Park (ELGSP)

Blue-winged Teal *Spatula discors*—Present at many locations with water, best views at Leonabelle Turnbull Port Aransas Birding Center (Port A. BC)

Northern Shoveler *Spatula clypeata*— Highest numbers at Port A. BC with a few handfuls at ELGSP and Suter Wildlife Refuge

Gadwall *Mareca strepera*— Numbers of these scene distantly from the boat in Aransas Bay, a few at Sabal Palm and ELGSP

American Wigeon *Mareca americana*— Good numbers at both Port A. BC and Hazel Bazemore, smaller numbers elsewhere

Mottled Duck *Anas fulvigula*— Present in coastal wetland areas throughout the week, with the best views at the South Padre Island Birding and Nature Center (SPIBNC)

Northern Pintail *Anas acuta*— Large numbers seen mostly in flight from the boat in Aransas bay, great views at close range from the boardwalks at SPIBNC

Green-winged Teal *Anas crecca*— Best seen at Port A. BC and ELGSP

Canvasback *Aythya valisineria*— About four or so mixed in with a good raft of Redheads on Cape Valero Drive in Rockport

Redhead *Aythya americana*— Distant rafts at both Indian Point Park and Cape Valero Drive

Ring-necked Duck *Aythya collaris*— A handful in with the Redheads at Cape Valero

Lesser Scaup *Aythya affinis*— A couple in with the Redheads at Cape Valero and Indian Point

Bufflehead *Bucephala albeola*—

GUANS AND CHACHALACAS: Cracidae

Plain Chachalaca *Ortalis vetula*— Best views were at Bentsen Rio Grande Valley State Park (Bentsen), but seen and heard elsewhere

NEW WORLD QUAIL: Odontophoridae

Scaled Quail *Callipepla squamata* – About 25 birds were mostly hiding in the brush but occasionally out in the open at the feeding station of Rancho Lomitas

PARTRIDGES AND PHEASANTS: Phasianidae

Wild Turkey *Meleagris gallopavo* – A few seen along the park road at Bentsen

GREBES: Podicipedidae

Least Grebe *Tachybaptus dominicus* – A couple at Sabal Palm and good numbers at ELGSP in the various ponds

Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps* – Commonly seen on ponds and wetlands throughout the tour

PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia* (I)— Commonly seen in urban areas throughout the tour, one flock in the parking lot at Suter Wildlife Area

Eurasian Collared-Dove *Streptopelia decaocto* (I)— Small numbers generally, often near urban areas or feeders like at Salineño

Inca Dove *Columbina inca*— Best seen at the feeding area below the hawk watch of Hazel Bazemore, but smaller numbers also at ELGSP, Rancho Lomitas, etc.

White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi*— Mostly tough to see, but great views had by all at the feeding area of Rancho Lomitas

White-winged Dove *Zenaida asiatica*— Abundant throughout the tour, often at feeders

Mourning Dove *Zenaida macroura*— Commonly seen throughout the week, but generally smaller numbers at a time

CUCKOOS: Cuculidae

Groove-billed Ani *Crotophaga sulcirostris*— Two on the island in the Rio Grande at Salineño were a fun surprise

Greater Roadrunner *Geococcyx californianus*— Great luck with this species during the tour with birds seen at Bentsen, Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge (LANWR), and one who stole the show at Rancho Lomitas

NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae

Common Pauraque *Nyctidromus albigollis*— Two roosting in their traditional spot at ELGSP

HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae

Ruby-throated Hummingbird *Archilochus colubris*— One coming to the deck feeder at ELGSP

Black-chinned Hummingbird *Archilochus alexandri*— One coming to a feeder near the visitor center of Bentsen

Buff-bellied Hummingbird *Amazilia yucatanensis*— Best views had at Sabal Palm and perhaps ELGSP, with birds present near feeders or turk's cap blooms throughout the week

RAILS AND ALLIES: Rallidae

Clapper Rail *Rallus crepitans*— One seen only very briefly at SPIBNC, all others heard only
Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata*— Great views at both Port A. BC and SPIBNC from their boardwalks
American Coot *Fulica americana*— Small numbers at many locations, with a larger concentration of them at Cape Valero Drive wetlands

CRANES: Gruidae

Sandhill Crane *Antigone canadensis*— A few from the boat trip into Aransas Bay early on, and a flock of about 20 that flew over as we got back to the deck from our walk at ELGSP

Whooping Crane *Grus americana*— Four of these stunning birds gave us a memorable experience from the boat trip across Aransas Bay into Aransas National Wildlife Refuge

STILTS AND AVOCETS: Recurvirostridae

Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus*— Good views of these at Indian Point and the Port A. BC, present at several other locations as well

American Avocet *Recurvirostra americana*— Large numbers at a great distance at the Port A. BC, with small numbers at ELGSP and elsewhere

OYSTERCATCHERS: Haematopodidae

American Oystercatcher *Haematopus palliatus*— Great views from the boat in Aransas Bay and a few through the scope at the SPIBNC

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae

Black-bellied Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*— A couple from the boat in Aransas Bay and at the Port A. BC

Snowy Plover *Charadrius nivosus*— One on a far spit of sand at Indian Point

Piping Plover *Charadrius melodus*— One on a far spit of sand at Indian Point

Killdeer *Charadrius vociferus*— Only a couple seen during the week, a couple others heard only like at the Port A. BC and Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge (Santa Ana)

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae

Long-billed Curlew *Numenius americanus*— A couple at the Port A. BC and one from the boat in Aransas Bay

Marbled Godwit *Limosa fedoa*— Best numbers at the SPIBNC with one at Indian Point

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*— Many seen from the boat trip into Aransas Bay with a few others at Indian Point

Stilt Sandpiper *Calidris himantopus*— A couple dozen in the canal at the back end of ELGSP

Sanderling *Calidris alba*— Small numbers on the beach at Port Aransas, the Port A. BC, and from the boat

Dunlin *Calidris alpina*— A good little group of these were at the Port A. BC and one also at Indian Point for a nice size comparison to the other peeps

Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla*— Seen in several areas near water, biggest numbers though at ELGSP along the edges of the main ponds

Western Sandpiper *Calidris mauri*— A few at Indian Point gave the best views, but also present at a couple other places

Long-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus scolopaceus*— Good numbers at ELGSP in the canal at the back of the park

Wilson's Snipe *Gallinago delicata*— One at ELGSP

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius*— Several from the boat trip in Aransas Bay, with singles at ELGSP and Salineño

Solitary Sandpiper *Tringa solitaria*— One on the edge of an ephemeral pond at Hazel Bazemore as we drove the loop

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca*— Seen at several locations during the tour, including Cape Valero and the Port A. BC

Willet *Tringa semipalmata*— Commonly seen whenever near the coast during the trip

Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes*— One picked out at Cape Valero Drive with some greater

GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae

Laughing Gull *Leucophaeus atricilla*— Abundant throughout the week whenever at or near the coast

Ring-billed Gull *Larus delawarensis*— Small numbers at several locations, including the beach at Port Aransas and the Port A. BC

Herring Gull *Larus argentatus*— A handful on the beach in Port Aransas and from the boat in Aransas Bay

Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus*— At least two seen during the boat trip in Aransas Bay

Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia*— Biggest numbers seen from the boat, but also present at several other locations during the week

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*— A few mixed in with the Forster's at the Port Aransas Jetty beach

Forster's Tern *Sterna forsteri*— Many seen around the coastal environs of the Rockport area

Royal Tern *Thalasseus maximus*— Abundant from the boat trip and at Indian Point, present in smaller numbers elsewhere

Sandwich Tern *Thalasseus sandvicensis*— Good numbers loafing in the mixed flock at the Port Aransas Jetty beach, also a couple at Indian Point

Black Skimmer *Rynchops niger*— Most seen from the boat trip into Aransas Bay, but also a handful loafing at Indian Point and the Port Aransas Jetty

ANHINGA: Anhingidae

Anhinga *Anhinga anhinga*— Best views had at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley campus (UTRGV) in Brownsville, with a few other sightings elsewhere

CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae

Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*— Small numbers at many locations with water throughout the tour

Double-crested Cormorant *Phalacrocorax auritus*— Present at most areas with water throughout the tour, more numerous overall than Neotropic

PELICANS: Pelecanidae

American White Pelican *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*— Large numbers at a distance at the Port A. BC, with birds present at many locations during the tour

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

HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae

American Bittern *Botaurus lentiginosus*— One bird hunting various lizards and small snakes in the grass just a few feet off the sidewalk at the Port A. BC made for an incredible encounter

Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias*— Commonly seen pretty much anywhere there was water throughout the tour

Great Egret *Ardea alba*— Commonly seen pretty much anywhere there was water throughout the tour

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula*— Commonly seen pretty much anywhere there was water throughout the tour

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea*— A few at Cape Valero and the SPIBNC gave perhaps the best views, present elsewhere

Tricolored Heron *Egretta tricolor*— Best views at SPIBNC but present at many locations during the trip

Reddish Egret *Egretta rufescens*— White and dark morph birds both seen well, including at Indian Point and Cape Valero

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*— Several seen in fields while driving, but also at Cape Valero and Suter Wildlife Refuge

Green Heron *Butorides virescens*— One at SPIBNC

Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*— A good number seen at the Port A. BC and from the boat in Aransas Bay

IBIS AND SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae

White Ibis *Eudocimus albus*— Best seen at the Port A. BC and the SPIBNC, but present at many locations

White-faced Ibis *Plegadis chihi*—A few seen by the Live Oak Country Club near Cape Valero Drive
Roseate Spoonbill *Platalea ajaja*— A huge number seen at the Port A. BC but distantly, much closer views had at the SPIBNC and from the boat

NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*— Small numbers generally, but seen daily

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*— Seen at nearly every location during the tour in modest numbers

OSPREY: Pandionidae

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*— Common to see near any body of water, seen almost every day

HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES: Accipitridae

White-tailed Kite *Elanus leucurus*— Two at ELGSP flying around the open areas near the back of the park and the canal

Northern Harrier *Circus cyaneus*— A couple from the boat trip to Aransas Bay and hunting the fields just outside of LANWR

Sharp-shinned Hawk *Accipiter striatus*— One the buzzed past us at Falcon State Park

Cooper's Hawk *Accipiter cooperii*— Single birds at Suter Wildlife Refuge and Bentsen

Harris's Hawk *Parabuteo unicinctus*— A couple along the entrance road to LANWR gave nice views, and singles seen here and there at other locations during the tour

White-tailed Hawk *Geranoaetus albicaudatus*— Best views were had of one near the entrance to LANWR but single birds distantly elsewhere

Gray Hawk *Buteo plagiatus*— Great views had at Sabal Palm as they flew over the pond while some of us were in the blind and others on the trail. A few in various plumages also at Bentsen and Salineño

Red-shouldered Hawk *Buteo lineatus*— Single birds at many locations, fun interactions between several birds moving down the river at Salineño

Zone-tailed Hawk *Buteo albonotatus*—Two birds up soaring with some Turkey Vultures at Salineño

Red-tailed Hawk *Buteo jamaicensis*— Seen on utility poles and wires throughout the trip while driving, also up soaring with the other raptors at Bentsen

KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae

Ringed Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquata*— Two cruising up and down the river at Salineño even flying right overhead

Belted Kingfisher *Megaceryle alcyon*— Seen at many locations throughout the week, from the coast to Salineño

WOODPECKERS: Picidae

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker *Sphyrapicus varius*— One in the elm grove below the deck at Hazel Bazemore

Golden-fronted Woodpecker *Melanerpes aurifrons*— Commonly seen in or around wooded areas throughout the week

Ladder-backed Woodpecker *Dryobates scalaris*— Seen in low numbers at many locations, perhaps best at Rancho Lomitas feeders or Bentsen

FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae

Crested Caracara *Caracara cheriway*— Two hunting in the grassy areas at Hazel Bazemore gave good views, but mostly seen at a good distance

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius*— Frequently seen from the van and at a few of our stops including LANWR and Falcon State Park

Merlin *Falco columbarius*— One in the extreme distance at the Port A. BC and one just outside of Bentsen

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*— One perched bird on a tall cell tower at Hazel Bazemore showed us its backside, others in flight or more distant at a couple coastal locations

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 couple groups flew over us in the parking lot of the Alamo Inn

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae

Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans*— A couple at ELGSP was a nice treat as they are not always present at this location

Eastern Phoebe *Sayornis phoebe*— Commonly found in ones and twos at wooded areas throughout the tour

Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus*— One out on the island at Salineño gave good views through the scope

Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus*— Common in many parks and natural areas throughout the tour once we got to the LRGV

Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis*— One continuing bird is a mega rarity at the UTRGV resaca habitat

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus*— The most cooperative of these were at the UTRGV habitat near the Social Flycatcher, but also seen at ELGSP and Sabal Palm

Couch's Kingbird *Tyrannus couchii*— Good numbers up on the wires at LANWR and a few at ELGSP and Sabal Palm

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus forficatus*— A few on the wires at the entrance to LANWR and a couple flew by at SPIBNC

VIREOS: Vireonidae

White-eyed Vireo *Vireo griseus*— Most often heard, but a few seen like at Sabal Palm and ELGSP

Blue-headed Vireo *Vireo solitarius*— One in a mixed species flock along the park road at Bentsen

SHRIKES: Laniidae

Loggerhead Shrike *Lanius ludovicianus*— Seen several times from the vans, but good views at Cape Valero

CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae

Green Jay *Cyanocorax yncas*— Commonly seen anywhere with feeders up, with exceptional views at Salineño

TITS AND CHICKADEES: Paridae

Black-crested Titmouse *Baeolophus atricristatus*— Seen well at places like UTRGV and ELGSP, heard often and seen more fleetingly at other wooded locations

PENDULINE TITS: Remizidae

Verdin *Auriparus flaviceps*— More often heard than seen, with one bird giving good looks out on the trail at Rancho Lomitas and by the visitor center of Bentsen

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae

Northern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*— At least one flying over the water during the boat trip

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*— Small handfuls flying around during the boat trip, at the Port A. BC, and elsewhere, presumably late migrants

Cave Swallow *Petrochelidon fulva*— A handful of birds flying up high at Bentsen

KINGLETS: Regulidae

Ruby-crowned Kinglet *Regulus calendula*— Single birds at many locations throughout the week

NUTHATCHES: Sittidae

Red-breasted Nuthatch *Sitta canadensis*— Brief and fleeting looks at one that was calling near the nature center feeders at Bentsen

GNATCATCHERS: Polioptilidae

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher *Polioptila caerulea*— Seen commonly in mixed flocks working through wooded areas

WRENS: Troglodytidae

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon*— Commonly heard throughout the tour with a few giving looks at UTRGV, Salineño, and others

Winter Wren *Troglodytes hiemalis*— One in the water feature of the South Padre Island Convention Center was a regional rarity

Marsh Wren *Cistothorus palustris*— A couple gave us looks at the Port A. BC

Carolina Wren *Thryothorus ludovicianus*— Mostly heard, but common at many wooded areas like Santa Ana and Sabal Palm

Bewick's Wren *Thryomanes bewickii*— One heard at ELGSP and one at Salineño seen along the river trail

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

STARLINGS AND MYNAS: Sturnidae

European Starling *Sturnus vulgaris* (I)— Seen commonly in urban areas throughout the tour

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae

Gray Catbird *Dumetella carolinensis*— One each at the SPIBNC and Convention Center

Curve-billed Thrasher *Toxostoma curvirostre*— One calling at Falcon State Park and another hanging out on the fringes of the feeding area at Rancho Lomitas

Long-billed Thrasher *Toxostoma longirostre*— More often heard, we did get some good looks at them at Salineño and Rancho Lomitas

Northern Mockingbird *Mimus polyglottos*— Seen commonly during the trip

THRUSHES: Turdidae

Clay-colored Thrush *Turdus grayi*— One at the UTRGV resaca habitat, and several around the feeders at Bentsen

OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* (I)— Seen commonly around feeders and urban habitat throughout the tour

NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Emberizidae

Olive Sparrow *Arremonops rufivirgatus*— More often heard than seen, but we did all manage to eventually get a view of one

Seaside Sparrow *Ammospiza maritimus*— A few seen and heard from the boats out on Aransas Bay

Savannah Sparrow *Passerculus sandwichensis*— One out near the Seaside Sparrows on the boat and another at the Port A. BC

Lincoln's Sparrow *Melospiza lincolni*— A few at the Port A. BC and one on the feeder at Falcon State Park

Swamp Sparrow *Melospiza georgiana*— One seen from the boat and another at the Port A. BC was photographed

NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS: Icteridae

Eastern Meadowlark *Sturnella magna*— Several seen in the fields near the Live Oak Country Club near Cape Valero

Hooded Oriole *Icterus cucullatus*— One young male bird moving through the bamboo area of the UTRGV campus

Altamira Oriole *Icterus gularis*— Good views of these at LANWR and Bentsen, seen elsewhere as well

Audubon's Oriole *Icterus graduacauda*— Two were mostly being tough to see at Rancho Lomitas, but we managed some brief views

Red-winged Blackbird *Agelaius phoeniceus*— Common at feeders throughout the tour

Bronzed Cowbird *Molothrus aeneus*— One at the feeding area at Hazel Bazemore

Brown-headed Cowbird *Molothrus ater*— A good sized flock flew down the river at Salineño

Great-tailed Grackle *Quiscalus mexicanus*— Abundant, most notably in their massive evening roosts near urban grocery stores like HEB

NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae

Northern Waterthrush *Parkesia noveboracensis*— One in the water feature of the SPI Convention Center

Tennessee Warbler *Leiothlypis peregrina*—One at the SPIBNC near the water feature and one in a mixed flock at Sabal Palm

Orange-crowned Warbler *Leiothlypis celata*— Several seen throughout the week, occasionally even on feeders

Nashville Warbler *Oreothlypis ruficapilla*— One in the water by the visitor center of Bentsen

Common Yellowthroat *Geothlypis trichas*— Commonly heard and occasionally seen around many vegetated wet areas during the tour

Northern Parula *Setophaga americana*— One in a mixed flock at the Sabal Palm plantation gardens

Yellow-rumped Warbler *Setophaga coronata*— A few at Bentsen and single birds at Santa Ana and the Port A. BC

Yellow-throated Warbler *Setophaga dominica*— A couple cooperative birds at the UTRGV campus and another at ELGSP

Black-throated Green Warbler *Setophaga virens*— An absolutely stunning bird at Sabal Palm along the boardwalk section of the trail and a couple at the UTRGV campus

Wilson's Warbler *Cardellina pusilla*— A few at both Sabal Palm and the UTRGV resaca habitat

CARDINAL-GROSBEAKS: Cardinalidae

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

Pyrrhuloxia *Cardinalis sinuatus*— A couple around Falcon State Park and were only moderately cooperative

Indigo Bunting *Passerina cyanea*— Female brown-plumaged bird seen briefly at Salineño

MAMMALS (8 species recorded):

Eastern Cottontail *Sylvilagus floridanus*— Seen at a few wooded locations like Rancho Lomitas and Bentsen

Black-tailed Jackrabbit *Lepus californicus*— One at the airport within the first 5 minutes of the trip, only seen by a few

Eastern Fox Squirrel *Sciurus niger*— Seen commonly wherever oak trees were present

Mexican Ground Squirrel *Ictidomys mexicanus*— One scampering down the dirt road after leaving Rancho Lomitas

Hispid Cotton Rat *Sigmodon hispidus*— One at the feeders of the National Butterfly Center

Collared Peccary *Tayassu tajacu*— A good number seen below the hawk watch platform at Hazel Bazemore

White-tailed Deer *Odocoileus virginianus*— A few seen around the Rockport area and at Rancho Lomitas

Bottlenose Dolphin *Tursiops truncatus*— A couple seen from the boat trip into Aransas Bay and from the ferry trip to Port Aransas

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (12 species recorded):

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

Brown Anole *Anolis sagrei*— Seen at ELGSP, SPIBNC and elsewhere

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 Hazel Bazemore

Red-eared Slider *Trachemys scripta*— Common in any patch of water throughout the week

Blue Spiny Lizard *Sceloporus cyanogenys*— Sunning on the walls at Bentsen including a stunning male
Speckled Racer *Drymobius margaritiferus*— TWO(!) of these seen during our walk around Sabal Palm Sanctuary, the only public property to see this animal in the USA
Texas Indigo Snake *Drymarchon melanurus erebennus*— One seen briefly near the bird feeding area at Hazel Bazemore and another at Santa Ana NWR
Gulf Saltmarsh Snake *Anolis sagrei*— One coiled up and slithering away into the cattails from the boardwalk at the Port A. BC
Ruthven's Whipsnake *Anolis sagrei*— One catching some sun along the main refuge road at Santa Ana
Texas Toad *Anolis sagrei*— One tiny specimen hopping along the river trail at Salineño

Butterflies 80 species, List Compiled by Robert Gallardo

SWALLOWTAILS: Papilionidae (2)

Pipevine Swallowtail *Battus philenor*—Seen daily at virtually all sites in low numbers.
Western Giant Swallowtail—*Heracles rumiko*—Fairly common away from the Corpus Christi area. Observed at S. Padre Island Nature Center, Sable Palm Sanctuary, Santa Ana N.W.R., Falcon State Park and the Nat'l Butterfly Center.

WHITES AND YELLOWS: Pieridae (14)

Lyside Sulphur *Kricogonia lyside*—Appears to be a 'bumper' year for this species. They were seen virtually everywhere, especially where mistflowers were blooming.
Dainty Sulphur *Nathalis iole*—Observed at Salineño and Falcon State Park, being common at the latter site.
Sleepy Orange *Abaeis nicippe*—Observed at Falcon State Park, Bentsen Rio Grande Valley, and the Nat'l Butterfly Center.
Little Yellow *Pyrisitia lisa*—Small numbers seen at most sites throughout the trip. More were seen away from Corpus Christi.
Orange Sulphur *Colias eurytheme*—Two seen at the Port Aransas birding center.
Southern Dogface *Zerene cesonia*—Observed at Laguna Atascosa, Salineño, Falcon State Park, Bentsen Rio Grande Valley State Park, and the Nat'l Butterfly Center. Fairly common at most of those sites.
Cloudless Sulphur *Phoebis sennae*—Seen almost daily at inland sites.
Large Orange Sulphur *Phoebis agarithe*—Seen almost daily. Common at inland sites.
Statira Sulphur *Aphrissa statira*—One female observed at the Nat'l Butterfly Center. An uncommon to rare species in the area.
Florida White *Glutophrissa drusilla*—Two seen at the Port Aransas birding center.
Cabbage White *Pieris rapae*—A couple seen around the Port Aransas area on Day 3.
Checkered White *Pontia protodice*—One seen at the Nat'l Butterfly Center.
Great Southern White *Ascia monuste*—Small numbers seen at the Port Aransas birding center, the S. Padre Island Nature Center, and Sable Palm Sanctuary.
Giant White *Ganyra josephina*—Two individuals observed at Falcon State Park that fed on mistflower.

GOSSAMARWINGS: Lycaenidae (8)

Dusky-blue Groundstreak *Calycopis isobea*—One seen at the university in Brownsville and another at the Santa Ana N.W.R.
Mallow Scrub-Hairstreak *Strymon istapa*—Fairly common, mostly away from the coastline. Usually observed feeding on mistflowers wherever present.
Lantana Scrub-Hairstreak *Strymon bazochii*—Two seen at the Nat'l Butterfly Center.
Gray Hairstreak *Strymon melinus*—Small numbers seen at S. Padre Island nature center, Falcon State Park, and the Nat'l Butterfly Center.

Red-crescent Scrub-Hairstreak *Strymon rufofusca*—Two seen in the flower gardens at the S. Padre Island nature center.

Western Pygmy-Blue *Brephidium exilis*—Numerous seen in the flower garden at Salineño.

Reakirt's Blue *Echinargus isola*—One observed at Falcon State park.

Ceraunus Blue *Hemiargus ceraunus*—Fairly common at sites away from the coastline. Mostly seen feeding on mistflowers.

METALMARKS: Riodinidae (4)

Fatal Metalmark *Calephelis nemesis*—Numerous individuals seen at Falcon State Park, Bentsen Rio Grande Valley State Park, and the Nat'l Butterfly Center.

Red-bordered Metalmark *Caria ino*—Appears to be a bumper year for this species. Seen at Laguna Atascosa N.W.R., Estero Llano Grande State Park, Santa Ana N.W.R., Falcon State Park, and the Nat'l Butterfly Center.

Curve-winged Metalmark *Emesis emesia*—Three observed in the back gardens at the Nat'l Butterfly Center. A good sighting for the U.S.

Walker's Metalmark *Apodemia walkeri*—One female observed in the butterfly flower garden at the university in Brownsville.

BRUSHFOOTS: Nymphalidae (28)

American Snout *Libytheana carinenta*—A bumper year for this species. Hundreds seen at most sites away from the coastline.

Monarch *Danaus plexippus*—Small numbers seen around the lagoon at Aransas N.W.R. during the boat ride. Smaller numbers seen elsewhere, but generally uncommon.

Queen *Danaus gilippus*—Seen almost daily at most sites, especially away from the coastline. Especially common at the Nat'l Butterfly Center.

Soldier *Danaus eresimus*—Two seen at Falcon State Park.

Gulf Fritillary *Agraulis vanillae*—Seen in small numbers at most sites away from the coastline. Feeding on Turk's Cap and mistflowers.

Julia *Dryas iulia*—One briefly seen at Bentsen Rio Grande Valley State Park.

Zebra Longwing *Heliconius charithonia*—One seen at the Bentsen Rio Grande Valley State Park and seen by some at the Quinta Mazatlan center.

Mexican Fritillary *Euptoieta hegesia*—One seen at the Nat'l Butterfly Center.

Viceroy *Limenitis archippus*—One seen at the Port Aransas birding center.

Pavon Emperor *Doxocopa pavon*—One female observed feeding on Lantana at the Nat'l Butterfly Center.

Hackberry Emperor *Asterocampa celtis*—Seen at Santa Ana N.W.R. Abundant at the Nat'l Butterfly Center where they fed on fruit placed by staff.

Empress Leilia *Asterocampa leilia*—Numerous observed at Salineño and many at the Nat'l Butterfly Center.

Tawny Emperor *Asterocampa clyton*—A few seen at the Santa Ana N.W.R. and Rancho Lomita. Very common at the Nat'l Butterfly Center.

Northern Mestra *Mestra amymone*—Seen at most sites away from the coastline.

Mexican Bluewing *Myscelia ethusa*—A few seen at Estero Llano Grande State Park and the Nat'l Butterfly Center.

Red Admiral *Vanessa atalanta*—One seen at the Salineño feeders and another at the Nat'l Butterfly Center.

White Peacock *Anartia jatrophae*—Observed mostly away from the coastline. At some sites it was common.

Buckeye *Junonia coenia*—Small numbers seen at Port Aransas birding center, S. Padre Island nature center, Sable Palm sanctuary, and Estero Llano Grande State Park.

Twin-tipped Buckeye *Junonia genoveva*—One seen at the S. Padre Island Nature Center. A species that was split from the common buckeye.

Bordered Patch *Chlosyne lacinia*—Seen at Falcon State Park, Bentsen Rio Grande Valley State Park and the Nat'l Butterfly Center. Fairly common at those sites.

Elada Checkerspot *Texola elada*—A few observed at Falcon State Park in the butterfly garden.

Theona Checkerspot *Anthanassa theona*—Numerous individuals seen at Falcon State Park and the Nat'l Butterfly Center.

Texan Crescent *Anthanassa texana*—Two observed in the butterfly garden at Falcon State Park.

Phaon Crescent *Phyciodes phaon*—Observed at Sable Palm Sanctuary, Salineño, Falcon State Park, Bentsen Rio Grande Valley State Park, and the Nat'l Butterfly Center. Common at those sites.

Vesta Crescent *Phyciodes graphica*—Several seen in the butterfly garden at the Brownsville University.

Tropical Leafwing *Anaea aidea*—Several seen feeding on an orange at Rancho Lomita.

Goatweed Leafwing *Anaea andria*—One observed feeding on an orange at Rancho Lomita.

Carolina Satyr *Hermeuptychia sosybius*—Many observed at Sable Palm Sanctuary.

SKIPPERS: HesperIIDae (24)

Guava Skipper *Phocides polybius*—One briefly seen at Bentsen Rio Grande Valley State Park.

White-striped Longtail *Chioides albofasciatus*—One seen at Estero Llano Grande State Park, one at Falcon State Park, and another at the Nat'l Butterfly Center.

Gold-spotted Aguna *Aguna asander*—One seen well at the butterfly garden in Falcon State Park. A great sighting for the U.S.

Longtail Skipper *Urbanus proteus*—Observed in the gardens at the hotel in Rockport, at Estero Llano Grande State Park, Port Aransas birding center, and Sable Palm Sanctuary.

Dorantes Longtail *Urbanus dorantes*—Small numbers seen at various sites away from the coastline.

Brown Longtail *Urbanus procne*—Seen at various sites away from the coastline. Was the most common species of longtail seen during the trip.

Mimosa Skipper *Cogia calchas*—One seen at Santa Ana N.W.R.

Mazan's Sootywing *Staphylus mazans*—One male briefly seen on mistflowers at Bentsen Rio Grande Valley State Park.

White-patched Skipper *Chiomara georgina*—One seen at Falcon State Park and numerous at the Nat'l Butterfly Center.

Horace's Duskywing *Erynnis horatius*—One seen at Sable Palm Sanctuary.

Sickle-winged Skipper *Eantis tamenund*—Seen virtually everywhere away from the immediate coastline. Commonly observed feeding on mistflowers.

Tropical Checkered Skipper *Pyrgus oileus*—Seen at various sites, all away from the coastline.

Laviana White-Skipper *Heliopetes laviana*—Common at mistflower gardens Estero Llano Grande, Falcon State Park, and the Nat'l Butterfly Center.

Southern Skipperling *Copaeodes minima*—Many seen at the Nat'l Butterfly Center feeding on mistflower.

Obscure Skipper *Panoquina panoquinoides*—One seen at the S. Padre Island Birding Center.

Ocala Skipper *Panoquina ocala*—One seen at Falcon State Park and another at the Nat'l Butterfly Center.

Julia Skipper *Nastra julia*—Two seen at Rancho Lomita.

Eufala Skipper *Lerodea eufala*—Several seen at Falcon State Park and others at the Nat'l Butterfly Center.

Fawn-spotted Skipper *Cymaenes trebius*—One photographed by Beth at the Sable Palm Sanctuary.

Clouded Skipper *Lerema accius*—Common virtually everywhere, especially away from the coastline. Was the most common species of skipper seen on the trip.

Fiery Skipper *Hylephila phyleus*—Seen at various sites, all away from the coastline. Was particularly common where mistflowers were present.

Whirlabout *Polites vibex*—Seen at Estero Llano Grande State Park, Rancho Lomita, and the Nat'l Butterfly Center.

Southern Broken Dash *Wallengrenia otho*—Several seen at Falcon State Park and others at the Nat'l Butterfly Center.

Common Mellana *Quasimellana eulogius*—Seen at Falcon State Park and the Nat'l Butterfly Center. Observed mostly feeding on mistflower.