

Texas 19/4-3/5/2004

Gulf Coast Lower Rio Grande Valley and Edwards Plateau

Bored with the slow and very poor spring for mothing and birding, I decided on a last minute chill-out in Texas. Having found, on the Internet, a direct flight to Houston for only £200 on 16/4, I flew out on 19/4.

I've been before and seen most of the specialities, this was just a casual wander around and I just saw what threw itself in front of me.

The following is a species list only.

Common Loon	Lesser Scaup
Horned Grebe	Red-breasted Merganser
Eared Grebe	Ruddy Duck
Pied-billed Grebe	Turkey Vulture
Least Grebe	Black Vulture
American White Pelican	Northern Harrier
Brown Pelican	Hook-billed Kite
Magnificent Frigatebird	White-tailed Kite
Double-crested Cormorant	Mississippi Kite
Neotropic Cormorant	Swallow-tailed Kite
Anhinga	Sharp-shinned Hawk
American Bittern	Cooper's Hawk
Least Bittern	Harris's Hawk
Great Blue Heron	Grey Hawk
Great Egret	Red-shouldered Hawk
Snowy Egret	Broad-winged Hawk
Reddish Egret	Short-tailed Hawk
Tricolored Heron	Swainson's Hawk
Little Blue Heron	White-tailed Hawk
Cattle Egret	Red-tailed Hawk
Green Heron	Osprey
Black-crowned Night Heron	Crested Caracara
Yellow-crowned Night Heron	American Kestrel
White Ibis	Peregrine
White-faced Ibis	Plain Chachalaca
Roseate Spoonbill	Northern Bobwhite
Black-bellied Whistling Duck	Scaled Quail
Fulvous Whistling Duck	Wild Turkey
Muscovy Duck	American Purple Gallinule
Wood Duck	Moorhen
Mottled Duck	American Coot
Gadwall	Clapper Rail
American Wigeon	King Rail
Shoveler	Sora Rail
Blue-winged Teal	Yellow Rail
Green-winged Teal	Black Rail
Redhead	Grey Plover

American Golden Plover
Piping Plover
Semi-palmated Plover
Snowy Plover
Wilson's Plover
Killdeer
American Oystercatcher
American Avocet
Black-necked Stilt
Greater Yellowlegs
Lesser Yellowlegs
Solitary Sandpiper
Willet
Spotted Sandpiper
Upland Sandpiper
Whimbrel
Long-billed Curlew
Hudsonian Godwit
Marbled Godwit
Turnstone
Knot
Sanderling
Dunlin
Pectoral Sandpiper
White-rumped Sandpiper
Baird's Sandpiper
Western Sandpiper
Semi-palmated Sandpiper
Least Sandpiper
Stilt Sandpiper
Long-billed Dowitcher
Short-billed Sandpiper
Buff-breasted Sandpiper
Wilson's Phalarope
Franklin's Gull
Laughing Gull
Ringed-billed Gull
Herring Gull
Caspian Tern
Royal Tern
Sandwich Tern
Common Tern
Forster's Tern
Least Tern
Gull-billed Tern
Black Tern
Black Skimmer
Mourning Dove
White-winged Dove
Eurasian Collared Dove

White-tipped Dove
Inca Dove
Common Ground Dove
Feral Pigeon
Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Black-billed Cuckoo
Grove-billed Ani
Roadrunner
Barn Owl
Great Horned Owl
Barred Owl
Elf Owl
Eastern Screech Owl
Common Nighthawk
Common Poor-will
Chuck-wills-widow
Whip-poor-will
Common Nighthawk
Lesser Nighthawk
Chimney Swift
Buff-bellied Hummingbird
Black-chinned Hummingbird
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher
Ringed Kingfisher
Green Kingfisher
Red-headed Woodpecker
Golden-fronted Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Red-cockaded Woodpecker
Ladder-backed Woodpecker
Pileated Woodpecker
Northern Beardless Tyrannulet
Olive-sided Flycatcher
Eastern Wood-Pewee
Acadian Flycatcher
Least Flycatcher
Black Phoebe
Eastern Phoebe
Vermilion Flycatcher
Ash-throated Flycatcher
Brown-throated Flycatcher
Great-crested Flycatcher
Eastern Kingbird
Couch's Kingbird
Western Kingbird
Kiskadee
Loggerhead Shrike

Red-eyed Vireo
Warbling Vireo
Philadelphia Vireo
Bell's Vireo
Black-capped Vireo
White-eyed Vireo
Yellow-throated Vireo
Blue-headed Vireo
Blue Jay
Western Scrub Jay
Green Jay
Brown Jay
Raven
Chihuahuan Raven
American Crow
Fish Crow
Horned Lark
Purple Martin
Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Sand Martin
Tree Swallow
Cliff Swallow
Cave Swallow
Swallow
Tufted Titmouse
Carolina Chickadee
Verdin
Bush-tit
Brown-headed Nuthatch
Carolina Wren
Bewick's Wren
House Wren
Sedge Wren
Marsh Wren
Cactus Wren
Canyon Wren
Black-tailed Gnatcatcher
Blue-tailed Gnatcatcher
Eastern Bluebird
Clay-colored Robin
Wood Thrush
Veery
Swainson's Thrush
Grey-cheeked Thrush
Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher
Long-billed Thrasher
Curve-billed Thrasher
Starling
Tropical Parula

Northern Parula
Orange-crowned Wblr
Tennessee Wblr
"Brewster's Wblr"
Blue-winged Wblr
Golden-winged Wblr
Nashville Wblr
Yellow Wblr
Chestnut-sided Wblr
Magnolia Wblr
Cape May Wblr
Black-throated Blue Wblr
Cerulean Wblr
Blackburnian Wblr
Yellow-rumped Wblr (Myrtle)
Townsend's Wblr
Black-throated Green Wblr
Golden-cheeked Wblr
Prairie Wblr
Palm Wblr
Pine Wblr
Bay-breasted Wblr
Blackpoll Wblr
Yellow-throated Wblr
Worm-eating Wblr
Prothonatary Wblr
Black and White Wblr
American Redstart
Swainson's Wblr
Ovenbird
Northern Waterthrush
Louisiana Waterthrush
Kentucky Wblr
MacGillivray's Wblr
Common Yellowthroat
Gray-crowned Yellowthroat
Wilson's Wblr
Canada Wblr
Hooded Wblr
Yellow-breasted Chat
Summer Tanager
Western Tanager
Scarlet Tanager
Pyrrhuloxia
Cardinal
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Blue Grosbeak
Indigo Bunting
Painted Bunting
Dickcissel

White-collared Seedeater
Canyon Towhee
Olive Sparrow
Rufous-crowned Sparrow
Cassin's Sparrow
Bachman's Sparrow
Black-throated Sparrow
Field Sparrow
Clay-colored Sparrow
Chipping Sparrow
Grasshopper Sparrow
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow
Seaside Sparrow
Savannah Sparrow
Vesper Sparrow
Lark Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow

Eastern Meadowlark
Bobolink
Brown-headed Cowbird
Bronzed Cowbird
Yellow-headed Blackbird
Red-winged Blackbird
Common Grackle
Boat-tailed Grackle
Great-tailed Grackle
Bullock's Oriole
Baltimore Oriole
Hooded Oriole
Orchard Oriole
Altamira Oriole
Scott's Oriole
Audubon's Oriole
House Finch
Pine Siskin
Lesser Goldfinch
House Sparrow