

Central Texas – Summer 2019 (1 June 2019 – 31 July 2019)
Noteworthy Bird Sightings

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Counties Covered: Andrews, Bandera, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Borden, Brown, Burnet, Caldwell, Callahan, Coke, Coleman, Comal, Comanche, Concho, Coryell, Crockett, Dawson, De Witt, Eastland, Ector, Edwards, Erath, Fisher, Gaines, Gillespie, Glasscock, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Hamilton, Hays, Howard, Irion, Jones, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Lampasas, Lavaca, Llano, Martin, Mason, McCulloch, Medina, Menard, Midland, Mills, Mitchell, Nolan, Reagan, Real, Runnels, San Saba, Schleicher, Scurry, Shackelford, Sterling, Sutton, Taylor, Tom Green, Travis, Upton, Uvalde, Williamson, Wilson

Notable Species observed during the period:

Fulvous Whistling-Duck - A Fulvous Whistling-Duck wandered to just southeast of San Marcos, *Hays* 22-23 Jun (ph. Colton Robbins).

Ring-necked Duck - A Ring-necked Duck lingered the entire period in the northwest portion of Fort Hood, *Coryell* (ph. Liam Wolff, Nick Glover).

Eared Grebe - A group of 12 Eared Grebes at Big Lake, *Reagan* 21 Jul (Greg Cook, Steve Glover) might have been over-summering there.

Clark's Grebe - A long Clark's Grebe at Lake J.B. Thomas, *Scurry* 25 Jun (Justin Bosler) was along the far eastern edge of where the species can be expected.

Mexican Violetear - Mexican Violetears made a strong showing with the Kerrville, *Kerr* bird from the spring staying throughout the period until 19 Aug (ph. Lila Lewis), the spring bird near Reagan Wells, *Uvalde* staying until 19 Jun (m.ob.) and another one south-southeast of Concan, *Uvalde* 23 Jul - 11 Aug (ph. Tripp Davenport, m.ob.).

Black-chinned X Anna's Hummingbird - The hybrid Black-chinned X Anna's Hummingbird in far nw. Austin, *Williamson* was seen until 9 Jul (ph. Arman Moreno).

Common Gallinule – Rarely documented as a breeder in the hill country, 2 adult Common Gallinules were attending a recently fledged bird with 3 other slightly older juveniles nearby 16 Jul (ph. Mitch Heindel).

American Golden-Plover - Lingering and quite late were 2 American Golden-Plovers at Hornsby Bend, *Travis* 5-12 Jun (ph. Nick Komar).

American Woodcock - Quite unseasonal was an American Woodcock at St. Edward's Park in northwest Austin, *Travis* 26 Jul - 25 Aug (ph. Dan Hardy, m.ob.).

Franklin's Gull - An odd sighting in late summer was a Franklin's Gull over Hornsby Bend, *Travis* 23 Jul (Richard Kaskan).

Common Loon - A flyover Common Loon over Twin Buttes Reservoir, *Tom Green* 28 Jun (ph. Lawrence Haller) must have been a strange sight.

Burrowing Owl - Very out of place for the season were 2 Burrowing Owls on Fort Hood north of Copperas Cove, *Coryell* 24 Jun with at least one of them summering through 30 Jul (ph. Nick Glover).

Clay-colored Thrush - A Clay-colored Thrush was well north or range deep onto the Edwards Plateau at Rio Frio (community), *Real* 2 Jun (ph. Paul Fushille).

Cedar Waxwing - A mid-summer Cedar Waxwing north of Stillhouse Hollow Reservoir, *Bell* 21 Jun (ph. Gil Eckrich) was quite lost.

Phainopepla - Slightly unseasonal was a Phainopepla on the north side of Abilene, *Taylor* 3 Jun (ph. Jay Packer).

Mourning Warbler - A singing Mourning Warbler was quite late on the northwest part of Fort Hood, *Coryell* 12 Jun (Nick Glover).

Hooded Warbler - A singing Hooded Warbler at Devine Lake, *Williamson* 27 Jun (Brush Freeman) was at least 50-60 miles east of the closest known breeding areas.

Magnolia Warbler - A Magnolia Warbler at Colorado Bend S.P., *San Saba* 16 Jun (Kenneth Bader) was a late migrant.

Yellow Warbler - A mid-summer Yellow Warbler at the Uvalde Fish Hatchery, *Uvalde* 3 Jul (ph. Charmaine Ganson) was out of season and perhaps a bird that attempted to summer in the area.

Chestnut-sided Warbler - A Chestnut-sided Warbler at St. Edward's Park in northwest Austin, *Travis* 8 Jun (Robert Hardway) was the latest one reported.

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