

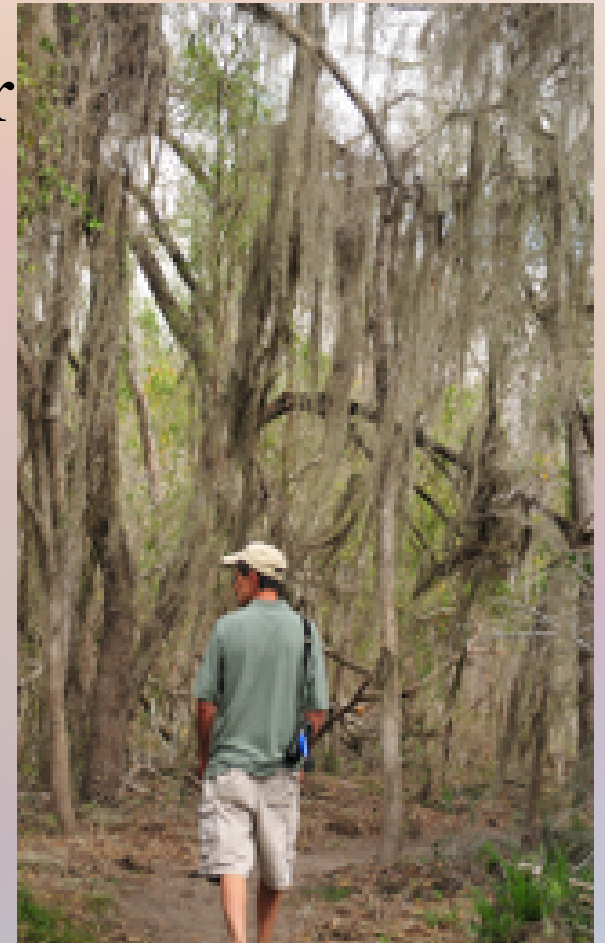
# Santa Ana NWR – Alamo, TX

Recommended by Greg Miller!

- 2088 acres on the Rio Grande River
- Trails and lots of Spanish moss



<--1800's  
cemetery



# New bird #19 – Fulvous-whistling Duck at Santa Ana NWR, TX Year-round RGV



# Valley Nature Center – Weslaco, TX (twice)

- Feeders, nice habitat to walk through, sells native plants
- I attended a Public banding demo



# Valley Nature Center – Weslaco, TX



<--Inca Dove at Banding Session

Orange-crowned Warbler-->  
(numerous)



# Valley Nature Center at Weslaco, TX

## Banding Demonstration (free!)



<--Banding a Great  
Kiskadee

He thinks he's being  
held:



# Driving Levees (not on the map)!

Snowy Egret:



Cinnamon Teal:



# New bird #20 – Couch's Kingbird (levee)



# New bird #21 – Roseate Spoonbill (levee)



# New bird #22 – White Ibis (levee)



<---Juvenile in flight



Adults and Juveniles--->

# McAllen Botanical Gardens (closed – booked tour through Quintan Mazatlan)

- Bus ride to gardens
- Free walking tour
- Knowledgeable bird guide



bathing Cooper's ^  
Hawk |

# McAllen Botanical Gardens (closed)

Verdin:



Ladder-backed Woodpecker:



# New bird #23 – Green Parakeets (fly-over McAllen Botanical Gardens, McAllen TX) RGV only



Next, we also visited these places outside of the World Birding Center!



- Hidalgo RV Park
- Laguna Atascosa NWR, TX
- Sabal Palm Grove Sanctuary, TX

# New bird #24 - Monk Parakeet Hidalgo, TX RV Camp



# New bird #25 – Black-bellied Whistling Ducks

I thought were statues :)  
RV park in Hidalgo, TX



# New bird #26 – Whimbrel

## Hidalgo, TX RV park (Gulf States)



# Laguna Atascosa NWR

- Feeders, 15 mile drive through different habitats



New bird #27 – Altamira Oriole  
Laguna Atascosa NWR, TX (RGV only)



# New bird #28 – Long-billed Thrasher at Laguna Atascosa NWR, TX (RGV only)



New bird #29 – Reddish Egret  
Laguna Atascosa NWR, TX  
(year-round Gulf States)



# New bird #30 – Western Sandpiper Laguna Atascosa NWR, TX



New bird #31 – Black-crested Titmouse  
Laguna Atascosa NWR, TX  
Mid-Texas year-round



# New bird #32 – Upland Sandpiper (on the way to Sabal Palm Sanctuary)



# Sabal Palm Grove Sanctuary – Brownsville, TX

- One of my favorite places
- Lots of paths, butterflies and BIRDS in January



New bird #33 – Olive Sparrow  
Sabal Palm Sanctuary, TX  
RGV Specialty



# New Bird #34 – White-tipped Dove

## Sabal Palm Grove Sanctuary, TX

### (RGV Specialty)

Feeders at Visitor Center:



# Landfill or SPI to see a new bird?

I saw the Tamaulipas Crow outside the Brownsville landfill, but no picture (didn't count)!

# Back to South Padre Island, TX (Sabal palm worker told us...)

- Flamulated Owl (new bird #35) wintered at the Convention Center (saw it, but did not get a good picture)  
internet picture:



We ALSO visited these places  
outside of the World Birding Center!



- Anzalduas Park (three times!)
- Falcon Dam and Falcon State Park
- Salineno, TX
- Frontera Audubon

# Anzalduas Park, Grenajo TX



# Estero Llano Ranger told us Burrowing Owls nested at Anzalduas Park

- No Burrowing Owls too early!



# New bird #36 – Vermillion Flycatcher Anzalduas Park - Grenajo, TX

Male →

Female:



# New bird #36 – Vermillion Flycatcher Anzalduas Park - Grenajo, TX

Male →

Female:



New bird #37 – Royal Tern  
Anzalduas Park – Grenajo, TX (out of range)



# Falcon State Park, TX



# Falcon Dam between Star Co. TX and Tamaulipas State of Mexico



- Northern Harrier female hunting -->

# Salineno, TX

(heard we could see a Brown Jay)

No Brown Jays that day!      This is it:



# Frontera Audubon - Weslaco, TX

Free! Large Buzzard Roost, feeders and pond!



# New bird #38 – Buff-bellied Hummingbird at Frontera Audubon (RGV year-round – Gulf Coast winter)

Female →

Male:



We ALSO visited these places  
outside of the World Birding Center!



- Donna Reservoir – Donna, TX
- Delta Lake Park – Raymondville, TX
- El Zacatal, TX

# Donna Reservoir, Donna, TX (and DQ :)



← Eurasian-Collared Dove



# Delta Lake Park, Raymondville, TX



<--Meadowlark

Harvesting  
Sugar  
Cane -->



# Delta Lake Park, TX – a lonely horse



# El Zacatal, TX

Cemeteries are good  
birding places →



<--beautiful sunset