Greetings everyone!

Migration is definitely ongoing. I had my best birding day in Bell County on May 2nd, 2018. I was burning a little time before clinic in the morning and managed to see an Ovenbird, Magnolia Warbler, Yellow-breasted Chat, Catbirds and a Golden winged Warbler! I almost couldn't drag myself back into clinic. After noon, I got a slice of pizza and went back to it and saw a Hooded Warbler, Bay-breasted Warbler, Wood Thrush and more Ovenbirds! Not to mention numerous chats, redstarts, and Common Yellow-throats.

All of this was on the Scott and White campus with numerous non-birding crazed individuals walking around, taking no mind. This just goes to show that during migration it pays to have those pocket binoculars with you and spend a few minutes looking around!

Our may meeting is a great forum for these sorts of stories and I hope you all take advantage of the serendipity of migration and have some great stories to share!

In addition to getting out, and looking around, don’t neglect your own backyard! Look what fantastic species Mike and Andrea spotted at their place! A Yellow-throated Vireo!
UPCOMING EVENTS

PRESENTATIONS

08 May - Picture Show and Tell. Everyone bring pictures to share! Please bring your pictures in digital format, either on a jump drive, or a CD/DVD. This has become a favorite event, and contributors are asked to limit themselves to no more than 10 images, unless otherwise coordinated in advance.

FIELD TRIPS

12 May: Fort Hood East Range If you are interested in participating, meet at 08:00. Coming from intersection of I-35 and HWY 190, turn right onto Loop 121 and drive north. Go 2.4 miles and turn left onto Sparta Rd at the third traffic light. Continue driving west, going through a stop sign at 5.4 miles. At a distance of 7.4 miles you will drive over a cattle guard - you are now on Fort Hood (Sparta road is now called North Nolan Road). Continue driving on the same road and past a sign to Belton Lake Outdoor Recreation Area (BLORA) at 7.5 miles. After 12.9 total miles you will come upon an intersection with a tank trail/improved dirt road. Turn right and *immediately* turn right again onto a large concrete pad where we will meet at 08:00. This is the same location we usually meet for birding on the East Range.

Snack and Drink Sign-up

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Photos from Messer Ranch Field Trip, taken by Scott Summers
Meetings
7:00 p.m., second Tuesday of the month in Room 117, York Science Center, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton (No meetings March, June, July or August).