

Table 1. Eskimo Curlew sightings in Texas, 1945 to 1968.

Date	Number of Birds	Location ^a
Apr 29, 1945	2	Galveston Island
Apr 27-29, 1950	1	Aransas N.W.R.
Mar 22, Apr. 18 & 26, 1956	1	Galveston Island
Mar 22-Apr. 26, 1959	1	Galveston Island
Apr 3-6, 1960	1	Galveston Island
Mar 31-Apr. 3, 1961	1	Galveston Island
Mar 24-Apr. 15, 1962	2 ^b	Galveston Island
Apr 11-12, 1963	1	Rockport
Mar 29, 1964	2	Galveston Island
Apr 30, 1968	1	Rockport

^aData from Emanuel (1962), Oberholser (1974), Iversen (1976), and Aldrich (1978).

^bVerified by photographs (D. L. Bleitz).

The ornithology department at Texas A & M University, the Houston Audubon Society, and several individual birders in the Houston-Galveston area were notified of the sighting, but unfortunately our observation was not confirmed by other birders. Atkinson Island is made of dredged soil from the adjacent Houston Ship Channel and is rarely visited by professional or amateur ornithologists. A boat is needed for access to Atkinson Island. The late date of our observation and the logistic difficulties associated with access to the area precluded confirmation of our sighting.

Both authors are experienced ornithologists and both are especially active in the area of endangered species and waterbird research. The senior author has

been bird-watching on the Texas coast since childhood. He is a research biologist and a member of the Whooping Crane (*Grus americana*) recovery team. The co-author has been engaged in waterbird research in Texas since 1968, and is a member of the Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*) recovery team. Both authors are thoroughly familiar with the Whimbrel, the bird most likely to be confused with the Eskimo Curlew.

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REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL spring close-up study (interception line) along the lower Rio Grande between Brownsville and Mission, Texas, will be held on Saturday, March 30, 1985. Anyone wishing to participate in this all-day count should contact Mrs. Gladys Donohue, P.O. Drawer 400, Penitas, TX 78576 as early as possible. Phone 512-581-6545.

THIS IS THE LAST year of the Ontar-

io Breeding Bird Atlas, and we would like to invite birders to help us collect data. Although assistance would be appreciated anywhere in the province, we are in particular need of volunteers interested in working in remote areas of northern Ontario. Experience with northern species and wilderness survival skills are essential, and canoeing experience would be useful in most remaining blocks.

Some northern areas are accessible via road and canoe, while others can only be reached by plane. Free and reduced rate

flights are available to atlas volunteers, and financial assistance with travel and living expenses may be available.

June and July are the key months for northern atlas work. Northern volunteers should plan on devoting at least one week to road-accessible blocks and ten days for fly-in blocks.

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