

# Photo Salon II

## Mexico Comes To Texas: Winter 2004–2005



Prior to the 2004–2005 winter season, there were only four records of Roadside Hawk for the United States, all from South Texas. This individual at Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge, Hidalgo County 9 February through 31 (here 8) March 2005 was one of three documented in Texas during the season. *Photograph by Keith Brady.*



This immature male Elegant Trogon provided the fourth documented occurrence in the Lower Rio Grande Valley when it was discovered on 14 (here 18) January 2005 at Frontera Audubon's Sanctuary in Weslaco, Hidalgo County. This individual lingered through the winter and into the spring. *Photograph by Steve Bentsen.*

Two Green-breasted Mangos appeared within the city of McAllen, Hidalgo County, in autumn 2004. This adult male lingered until 25 (here 16) January 2005 at a feeder that has hosted an adult male in two previous winters. *Photograph by Geoff Malosh.*



This Social Flycatcher provided the first fully documented record for Texas and the United States. It was at Bentsen–Rio Grande Valley State Park from 7–14 January 2004, here on the latter date. Though a very vocal bird, at times it was difficult to locate. It showed signs of injury on 14 January and was not seen again. *Photograph by Geoff Malosh.*

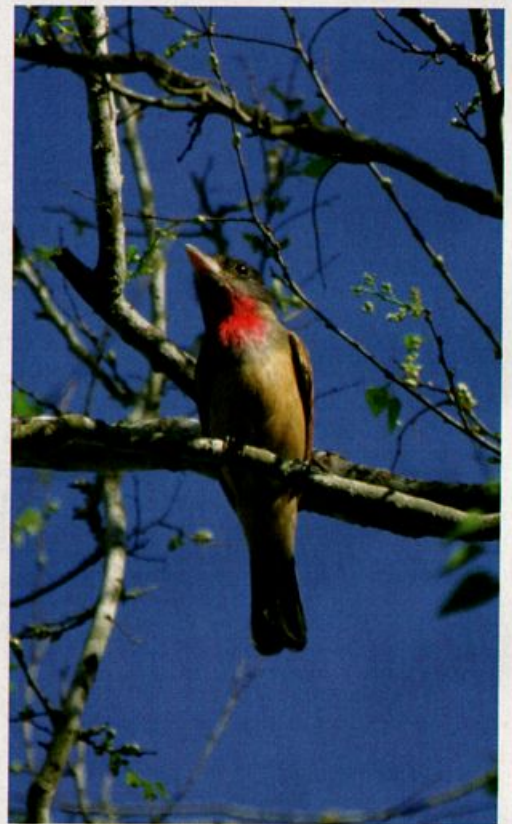


Two Dusky-capped Flycatchers made an appearance in the Lower Rio Grande Valley during the winter. This bird was at Frontera Audubon's Sanctuary in Weslaco, Hidalgo County 18 (here 29) December–1 January. Both individuals reported were of the much more brightly plumaged subspecies *lawrenceii*, found in northeastern Mexico, now documented in the United States on five occasions. *Photograph by Earl Crow.*





Most unexpected was this Streak-backed Oriole found on the Upper Texas Coast at Brazos Bend State Park, Fort Bend County 12 December 2004 (although word did not get out until early [here 6] February). This represents the first record of the species for Texas. *Photograph by Greg Lavaty.*



Up to 9 Rose-throated Becards were documented in the Lower Rio Grande Valley during the winter. This is by far the largest number seen in Texas in over 30 years. This immature male was one of three frequenting Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge between 18 December 2004 and 4 March 2005 (here 12 February). *Photograph by Matt Victoria/www.fickity.net.*



When the first White-throated Robin was discovered in late December 2004, it was big news, but before January was at an end, seven had been documented in Texas. This adult frequented Frontera Audubon's Sanctuary in Weslaco, Hidalgo County from 2 January to 23 March 2005 (here 26 February). *Photograph by David Nelson.*



The big news of the fall and winter, Crimson-collared Grosbeaks invaded as never before: an unfathomable total of 17 individuals was documented in South Texas. Obviously many more were present in the neighborhoods and woodlands. There had only been 8 found in the United States prior to this incursion, all but one of those in Texas. This adult female was one of up to three present in Pharr, Hidalgo County, from 20 November 2004 into the spring (here 6 March 2005). *Photograph by Mark W. Lockwood*



Single Golden-crowned Warblers were documented at three Cameron County, Texas locations, including this bird present in Brownsville 18 January–4 March (here 12 February) 2005. This was the first occasion on which more than one individual of this species was found in Texas in a winter season. *Photograph by Matt Victoria/www.fickity.net.*