

Weekly Migratory Bird Report

Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

Nov. 25, 2009

Weekly migratory bird hunting reports are posted from early September through early February.

South Zone Duck: The coast continues to produce steady duck shoots on the prairies, marshes and bays.

Gadwalls, wigeons, shovelers and pintails have been the norm on the prairie.

Absent has been large wads of teal, since bluewings have moved on and greenwings have not arrived en masse.

Bay hunters have seen an influx of redheads along the middle coast, and most hunts have been half-limits this past week with calm winds and mild temperatures.

Good numbers of birds were reported in Rockport.

Goose numbers are building, but snow geese have been absent across the prairies.

There are some huntable concentrations, however, for the most part, many traditional goose spots are devoid of birds.

That could change any day with the full moon approaching.

Sandhill crane numbers are steady.

Prospects are good.

High Plains Mallard Management Unit: Goose hunters saw better decoying action near Dumas and Amarillo over the weekend.

The slight cool-down and wind put birds in a better mood to work spreads.

Specklebellies and Canadas were solid in Knox and Haskell counties over peanuts.

Duck numbers continue to build in the Panhandle, with more mallards showing with the cool front.

Playas are full of water, but the Knox City area could use the rain.

Sandhill crane hunters enjoyed great decoying action over the weekend with the winds. Prospects are good.

North Zone Duck: Duck hunting remains fair at best in Northeast Texas and the Pineywoods.

More mallards have shown, but the brunt of the greenhead population has not arrived.

Biologists report most of the mast crop was washed away with the flooding.

Sloughs and river bottoms are full of water and attracting good numbers of wood ducks.

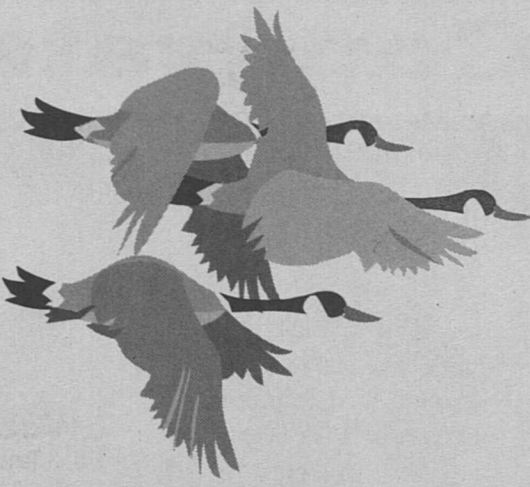
Gadwalls and wigeons have been taken in shallow coves of lakes and reservoirs.

The diver population on lakes and reservoirs spiked during the past week with the cooler temperatures.

Hunting remains best around the zone boundaries of IH-10.

Freshwater impoundments have held pintails, wigeons, shovelers and wigeons.

Most of the blue-winged teal have moved on, and hunters are waiting for waves of greenwings to arrive. Prospects are fair to good.



Texas Crop Weather Report

Agricultural Summary for Week of Nov. 23

The Texas Field Office released the following report regarding Texas agriculture for the week of Nov. 23 to 29.

Agricultural Summary
South Central Texas and the Coastal Bend received up to two inches of rainfall.

The rest of the state observed little to no rainfall. Winter wheat was in need of moisture in parts of the Plains.

Wheat and oats made good progress in South Central Texas.

Dry land wheat and oats responded well to cooler temperatures and recent rainfall in South Texas.

Cotton harvest made good progress due to favorable weather conditions in the Plains.

Cotton harvest was active in the Edwards Plateau.

Grain sorghum harvest continued in some areas of the Plains.

Pecan harvest made good progress in the Northern Low Plains, Trans-Pecos, and North East Texas.

Supplemental livestock increased due to forages declining in some areas of the state.

Top soil moisture was mostly

short to adequate across the state.

Small Grains
Winter wheat continued to make progress in the Plains; however, it was in need of moisture in some areas of the plains.

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Wheat condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Oat condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Cotton

Cotton harvest made good progress due to favorable weather conditions in the Plains. Cotton harvest was active in the Edwards Plateau.

Cotton condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Sorghum

Grain sorghum harvest continued in some areas of the Plains.

Peanuts

Peanut harvest in South Texas was delayed due to wet conditions.

Soybeans

Soybean condition was mostly poor to fair statewide.

Pecans

Pecan harvest made good progress in the Northern Low Plains, Trans-Pecos, and North East Texas.

In the Trans-Pecos, most pecans have fallen.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report
Irrigation was active on spinach, cabbage, onion, and carrots in South Texas.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Supplemental livestock increased due to forages declining in some areas of the state.

Livestock weaning was active in the Northern Low Plains and the Trans-Pecos.

More rainfall was needed to refill stock tank levels in some areas of the state.

The last cutting of hay took place in the northeast part of the state.

Feral hogs damaged pastures and rangeland in some areas of the state.

Forages declined due to a hard freeze in the eastern part of the state.

Range and pasture condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Shiner Big Buck Contest Standings

The following is the unofficial weekly results of the 27th Annual Shiner Businessmen's Club Shiner Area Big Buck Contest Week 4, as of Nov. 30.

Colorado County

1. Richard Grobe of Columbus, 13-pointer, 17 3/8-inch spread, 13-inch longest time, 4 3/4-inch right antler circumference, 48 1/8 total points;
2. Wayne Zimmerhanel of Columbus, 11-pointer, 20 5/8-inch spread, 9 1/2-inch longest time, 4 3/4-inch right antler circumference, 45 7/8 total points;

3. Anthony Janda of Weimar, 9-pointer, 18 5/8-inch spread, 8 3/4-inch longest time, 5 5/8-inch right antler circumference, 42 1/8 total points;
4. Carl Kloesel of Weimar, 10-pointer, 16-inch spread, 8-inch longest time, 3 1/2-inch right antler circumference, 37 1/2 total points;

Gonzales County

1. * Willie Simper * of Gonzales, 13-pointer, 21 7/8-inch spread, 13-inch longest time, 4 1/4-inch right antler circumference, 52 1/8 total points;
2. Edward Holdridge of Magnolia, 8-pointer, 22 1/2-inch spread, 11 3/4-inch longest time, 4-inch right antler circumference, 46 1/4 total points;
3. Donnie Valis of Shiner, 10-pointer, 20 1/2-inch spread, 10 7/8-inch longest time, 4 1/4-inch right antler circumference, 45 5/8 total points;
4. Clay Herman of Shiner, 9-pointer, 20-inch spread, 9 1/8-inch longest time, 4 7/8-inch right antler circumference, 43 total points;

Dewitt County

1. Robert Fojtik of Moulton, 11-pointer, 16 1/2-inch spread, 8-inch longest time, 4-inch right antler circumference, 39 1/2 total points;
2. James Hurta of Cuero, 8-pointer,

16-inch spread, 9 1/2-inch longest time, 4 1/2-inch right antler circumference, 38 total points;

3. Calvin Roensch of Cat Spring, 8-pointer, 16-inch spread, 10 1/8-inch longest time, 3 3/4-inch right antler circumference, 37 7/8 total points;

Lavaca County

1. Stephen E. Grahmann of Hallettsville, 13-pointer, 15-inch spread, 7 3/4-inch longest time, 4 1/4-inch right antler circumference, 40 total points;
2. Allan Raabe of Moulton, 10-pointer, 17 1/2-inch spread, 8 5/8-inch longest time, 3 3/4-inch right antler circumference, 39 7/8 total points;

3. John Kloppenburg of Hallettsville, 9-pointer, 16 3/8-inch spread, 8 5/8-inch longest time, 3 5/8-inch right antler circumference, 37 5/8 total points;

4. David Vaughn of Moulton, 8-pointer, 16-inch spread, 9 1/2-inch longest time, 3 3/4-inch right antler circumference, 37 1/4 total points;

Fayette County

1. Andrea Janda of La Grange, 16-pointer, 19-inch spread, 10 1/2-inch longest time, 4 1/2-inch right antler circumference, 50 total points;
2. Amanda Ditta of La Grange, 10-pointer, 19 1/2-inch spread, 11-inch longest time, 4-inch right antler circumference, 44 1/2 total points;

3. Harold Mica of Flatonia, 8-pointer, 18 7/8-inch spread, 11 7/8-inch longest time, 4-inch right antler circumference, 42 3/4 total points;

4. Charles Srubar of West Point, 9-pointer, 18 3/8-inch spread, 10 1/2-inch longest time, 4 5/8-inch right antler circumference, 42 1/2 total points;

Texas Open - North Zone

1. Logan Brown of Lockhart, 9-pointer, 22 1/4-inch spread, 9 7/8-inch longest time, 5-inch right antler

circumference, 46 1/8 total points.

2. Otilia Meyer of Columbus, 9-pointer, 20 3/4-inch spread, 11 1/4-inch longest time, 5 -inch right antler circumference, 46 total points.

3. Alois Palinek of Wharton, 10-pointer, 19 -inch spread, 8 7/8-inch longest time, 4 3/8-inch right antler circumference, 42 1/4 total points.

4. Rodger Koehler of Seguin, 8-pointer, 19 1/4-inch spread, 10 3/4-inch longest time, 4 1/8-inch right antler circumference, 42 1/8 total points.

Texas Open - South Zone

1. Frank A. Wojtek of Richmond, 13-pointer, 21 3/4-inch spread, 9 3/8-inch longest time, 5-inch right antler circumference, 49 1/8 total points.

2. Ronnie Kostelnik of Hallettsville, 11-pointer, 21 3/8-inch spread, 10 1/8-inch longest time, 4 3/8-inch right antler circumference, 46 7/8 total points.

17 & Under Youth Division

1. Mary Kubicek of Moulton, 10-pointer, 17 1/2-inch spread, 10 1/4-inch longest time, 5 1/4-inch right antler circumference, 43 total points;

2. Colton Blackwell of Cuero, 10-pointer, 20 3/8-inch spread, 8 1/4-inch longest time, 4 1/8-inch right antler circumference, 42 3/4 total points;

3. Chase Blackwell of Cuero, 8-pointer, 21-inch spread, 9 3/8-inch longest time, 4 1/8-inch right antler circumference, 42 1/2 total points;

4. Jace Shock of Gonzales, 9-pointer, 16 3/4-inch spread, 11 1/2-inch longest time, 4-inch right antler circumference, 41 1/4 total points.

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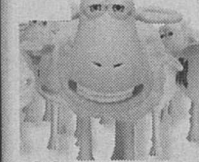
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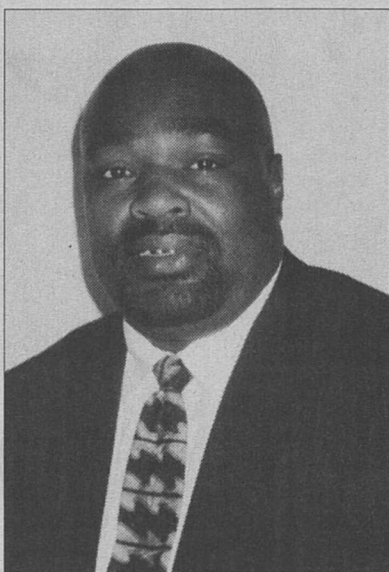
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and dreams, and that is to see that
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this town, Eagle Lake, get a good
education.

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Malcom, Jr. and Your Entire Family and
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