

WANTED:



Egyptian Goose (*Alpochen aegyptiacus*)



Mute Swan (*Cygnus olor*)



Monk Parakeet (*Myiopsitta monachus*)



Red-vented Bulbul (*Pycnonotus cafer*)



Nutmeg Mannikin: (*Lonchura punctulata*)
Adult (L), Immature (R)



Orange Bishop: (*Euplectes franciscanus*)
Breeding M (L), F / Eclipse M / Imm. (R)

YOUR VALUABLE OBSERVATIONS FOR AN INVASIVE BIRD STUDY

Call for Data

An ongoing citizen science project coordinated by Daniel Brooks, Ph.D. (Houston Museum of Natural Science) is documenting how rapidly these invasive species are spreading across Texas.

Kindly provide info and contact info on the data sheet (below) for each separate observation.

Kind thanks for your help – All participants will be acknowledged in any publications!

Please note which species you are sending observations for: Egyptian Goose, Mute Swan, Monk Parakeet, Red-vented Bulbul, Nutmeg Mannikin, or Orange Bishop
NOTE: For waterfowl, please make sure birds are full winged and not pinioned (primaries of wings missing). Voucher photos appreciated! Please use 1 sheet per observation.

- 1) **Your name and e-mail (or other contact info.)**

- 2) **Where you saw it?** (GPS is best, but please be as descriptive as possible; for example: Side yard of 111 Welch St., Houston, Harris Co., Tx. 77006)

- 3) **When you saw it?** (Time / Date)

- 4) **What was the habitat?** (Please be as descriptive as possible. If nothing else, a general description [e.g., weedy drainage ditch, urban parkland, creek, etc], but the more info you can provide on abundance of different plants, size of pond, etc. the better!)

- 5) **Describe “architecture” where bird was observed** (*Waterfowl:* How large was the body of water? was it a pond? or artificial bayou/river?etc. *Passerines:* What type/species of vegetation was the bird(s) perched in? How tall was the vegetation? How high off the ground was the bird perched in the vegetation?)

- 6) **How large was the flock?**

- 7) **What was the bird(s) behavior?** (e.g., resting, preening, calling, courtship, foraging [and if so, try to indicate what it was eating], etc.)

- 8) **Did you observe any breeding behavior?** ([Active] nest, nest building/carrying nest material, courtship, etc., and if so please describe in detail.)

- 9) **What was your observation time?** (in minutes and/or seconds)

Kindly e-mail info on the data sheet (below) for each separate observation to: dbrooks@hmns.org
or send by post to:

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