

Spring Into Summer 2005 Photo Essay



Roseate Spoonbills soar over Aransas Bay, Rockport, Texas.



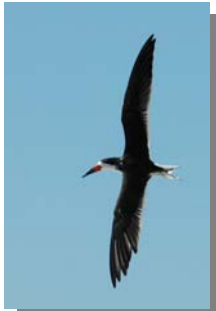
A male Cassin's Finch eyes a feeder from his rainy day perch.



From March to August the Ruddy Duck's breeding plumage, distinguished by its bright blue bill and cinnamon body, makes it a stand out in any marsh. Market Lake WMA, Idaho.



Field marks to look for when identifying the Common Tern are: dark wedge on primaries (not visible in this shot), orange-red bill with dark tip (dark tip is often lost July-Sept.), and the gray body blending with the gray back. Snake River, near Buhl, Idaho.



Black Skimmer in flight at Rockport Beach State Park, Rockport, Texas.



Lewis's Woodpecker, May 6, 2005, visits the seed feeder in my front yard. This photo was taken through the window.



Here are three wary Great Horned Owl chicks on Picabo Road south of Bellevue during the branching phase of the fledging process.



A close-up view of an Atlantic race Brown Pelican in breeding plumage, Texas.



An American Coot chick floats effortlessly in the main canal at Market Lake.



The broad black mask and short stubby bill are two of the field marks that differentiate the Loggerhead Shrike from the Northern Shrike.



Just outside the gates of the San Ygnacio Bird Sanctuary a Couch's Kingbird perched on a utility wire.



In Hailey, Idaho, a Clark's Nutcracker takes a break above a backyard feeder.



At Market Lake in eastern Idaho an American Coot chases a Black-crowned Night-Heron out of its territory and away from its young.



Near the Stockard Road bridge in the Silver Creek Preserve, one of three Great Horned Owl fledglings observes me as I snapped its picture. Picabo, Idaho.



A female Cassin's Finch.



From its perch on a wheel line, this first year Swainson's Hawk will not miss a scurrying field mouse.

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A Great Kiskadee at the Santa Ana, NWR, Texas.



The mottled, dark gray feathers emerging on this Little Blue Heron identify it as a first spring bird. Silver Springs, Marion County, Florida.