

ON THE COVER: The bird of the year in Texas was this White-crested Elaenia found on South Padre Island, Cameron County by Dan and Honey Jones on 9 February 2008—a first record for the United States. It was still present the following day, when additional photographs were obtained (here) as well as audio recordings. Examination of those details suggest that this bird was of the migratory southern population, *Elaenia albiceps chilensis*. Photograph by Erik Breden.

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