



# The Roadrunner

Newsletter of the El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society

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## The e-Roadrunner

The Roadrunner is now also available electronically as a PDF file. If you would like to receive our newsletter in this way via e-mail, just send a note to John Sproul at [jsproul@utep.edu](mailto:jsproul@utep.edu).

## El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Website!

Updated information about upcoming field trips, calendar of upcoming events, and recent bird sightings. [www.trans-pecos-audubon.com](http://www.trans-pecos-audubon.com)



**General Meetings**  
**Centennial Museum at UTEP**  
**500 W. University Ave El Paso, Texas**

**April 17, 2023 7:00pm in person & via Zoom**  
**Spring Migrants Kevin Floyd**



April is peak spring migration. Have you forgotten what the feathered friends who just pass through look like? Kevin Floyd will present an overview of some of the migrating birds that should be coming through El Paso this spring.

Zoom link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpc-6urT4qG9zhL7s1M5hJ\\_fuQJAwR\\_SPs](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpc-6urT4qG9zhL7s1M5hJ_fuQJAwR_SPs)

**May 15, 2023 7:00pm in person & via Zoom**  
**Programmed by El Paso Sierra Club**

Chris Williamson and Liz Walsh from the national Sierra Club's Wildlife and Endangered Species Activist Team and Litigation Fellow Sarah Rogers from the Animal Legal Defense Fund will talk about how we can use legislation, lobbying, and grassroots activism to protect habitat for birds and all wildlife.



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## Field Trips

Current list of upcoming field trips at <http://www.trans-pecos-audubon.com/>

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### FIELD TRIPS

#### Bird Walk Keystone Heritage Park

Come join us on a Bird Walk at Keystone Heritage Park on **Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 9:30 am.**

We will meet at 4220 Doniphan Dr. El Paso, TX. This is a great place to see a variety of water and shore birds, as well as migrating songbirds.

Bring mosquito repellent, sunscreen, a hat, good walking shoes and water. Don't forget your binoculars and field guide books if you have them. Bring a snack if you want to relax in the Botanical Garden after we bird.

RSVP [staryglecias@gmail.com](mailto:staryglecias@gmail.com)

#### Congratulations Castner Range National Monument

Castner Range became a National Monument on **March 21, 2023**. The 6,672 acres of high-desert mountains within the Franklin Mountain range was once home to the Apache and Pueblo peoples and the Comanche Nation, the Hopi Tribe, and Kiowa Indian Tribe of Oklahoma. The Castner Range area contains more than 40 known archeological sites including living structures, hearths, remnants of pottery and other tools, as well as a myriad of petroglyphs and images on the rock faces that make up the canyons and mountains of Castner Range.

### Conservation Organizations

Chihuahuan Desert Education Coalition  
<http://www.chihuahuadesert.org>

Second Chance Wildlife Rescue  
<https://www.secondchancewildliferescue.org>  
Josie Karam (915) 920-7867

El Paso Zoo (915) 212-0966  
[www.elpasozoo.org](http://www.elpasozoo.org)

Stick House Sanctuary  
<https://www.facebook.com/epwildliferescue>  
(915) 219-2365

Keystone Heritage Park 581-7920  
[www.keystoneheritagepark.com](http://www.keystoneheritagepark.com)

Asombro Institute  
(575) 524-3334 [www.asombro.org](http://www.asombro.org)

Friends of Rio Bosque 747-8663  
[www.riobosque.org](http://www.riobosque.org)

Wildlife for All  
(formerly SW Environmental Center)  
(575) 522-5552  
[www.wildmesquite.org](http://www.wildmesquite.org)

Franklin Mt. Wilderness Coalition  
[www.franklinmountains.org/](http://www.franklinmountains.org/)

Celebration of Our Mountains  
[www.celebmtns.org](http://www.celebmtns.org)

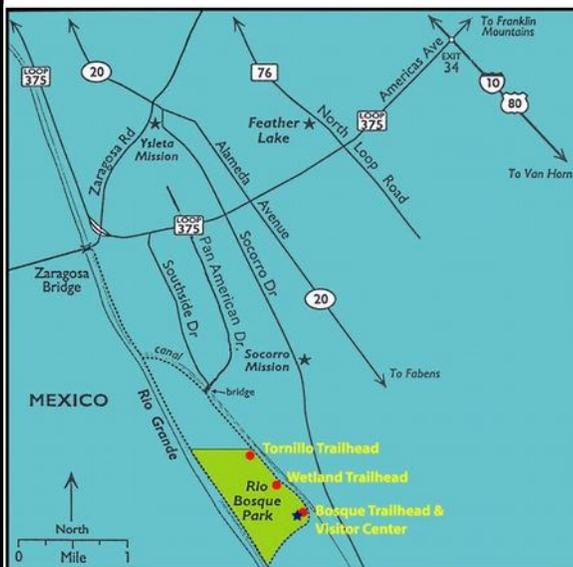
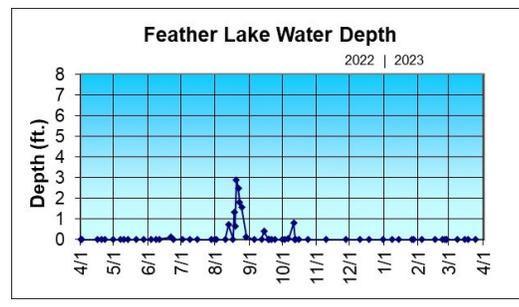
Frontera Land Alliance (915) 351-8352  
[www.fronteralandalliance.org](http://www.fronteralandalliance.org)

# AT FEATHER LAKE

Feather Lake continues to be dry. This long period of mostly dry conditions, interrupted a few times each year by flooding from storm runoff, started in November 2010 and shows no signs of ending. Welcome to the Anthropocene.

Upcoming workdays at Feather Lake are **Sat., April 8** and **Sat., June 10**, both starting at **8 a.m.** Preparations appear to be underway for modification of the outlet from the basin. Join us for one of the workdays to see if there have been any new developments.

Feather Lake is located at 9500 North Loop at Bordeaux in El Paso, 0.3 miles west of Americas Ave.



# Audubon at

Rio Bosque Wetlands Park



Water deliveries to Rio Bosque from the Roberto Bustamante Wastewater Treatment Plant ended Feb 12. We hope they will resume May 1, but that is not certain.

In addition, the well at the park's inlet is out of operation, so the park is currently down to just one electric-powered well. That well is keeping ~20% of the old river channel within the park wet, but the rest of the channel and the wetland cells are dry. The park's resident beaver? We don't know if it has retreated to the small area that still has water or left for greener pastures.

For up-to-date information on tours, birds and water conditions at the park, check [www.riobosque.org](http://www.riobosque.org). Upcoming tours:

- 4:30 p.m., Sun., April 16 (Introductory tour)**
- 8 a.m., Sat., April 22 (Birding tour)**
- 7 a.m., Sat., May 13 (Birding tour)**
- 8 a.m., Sun., May 21 (Introductory tour)**
- 8 a.m., Sat., June 3 (Introductory tour)**
- 6:30 a.m., Sat., June 24 (Birding tour)**

The meeting place is a bridge crossing the Riverside Canal. To get there from I-10, take Americas Ave. (Loop 375) to Pan American Drive, turn left onto Pan American and travel 1.5 miles. Information: 747-8663.

**Party for the Planet**  
**April 22nd 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the El Paso Zoo!**

Celebrate Earth Day with The City of El Paso, The El Paso Zoo, and the Environmental Services Department! This year they will be combining two departments in one fun filled afternoon dedicated to our beautiful planet Earth.

Visit with educational partners, participate in crafts and games, watch some great entertainment, and watch your favorite animals do their part in preserving nature's resources.

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**National Audubon Society  
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PO Box 97194  
Washington, DC 20090-7194**

Local Chapter Code **C1ZW100Z**

**Dates to Remember**

April

Sat 8: **Feather Lake  
Workday**  
Mon 10: **Board Meeting**  
Mon 17: **General Meeting**  
16 & 22: **Rio Bosque**  
Sat 22: **Party for the Planet**

May

Sun 7: **Keystone**  
Mon 8: **Board Meeting**  
Mon 15: **General Meeting**  
13 & 21: **Rio Bosque**

June

Sat 10: **Feather Lake  
Workday**  
Mon 12: **Board Meeting**  
**No General Meeting**  
3 & 24: **Rio Bosque**

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