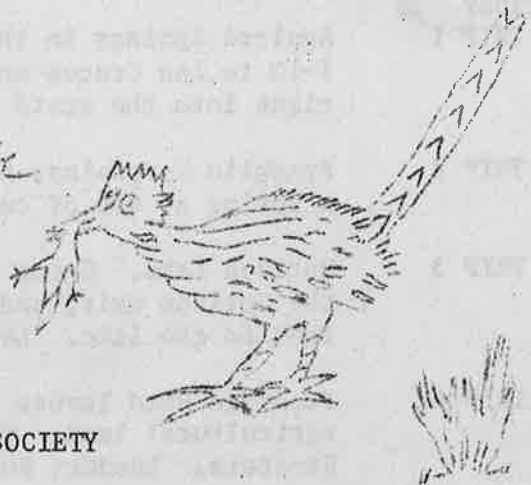


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COMING EVENTS

- November 17 Field trip leaders for TOS please check your territories. Enlist as many other members as possible to cover areas. Please call Geth White or Bill Hunt if you see anything unusual.
- November 19 Meeting at Centennial Museum, UTEP, at 7:30 P.M. No special program. We will be checking final details for the upcoming TOS Fall Meeting.
- November 22, Texas Ornithological Society Fall Meeting. The New Mexico Ornithological Society will also be our guests. HEADQUARTERS: Del Camino Motel, 5001 Alameda. GENERAL CHAIRMAN: Geth White, 584-7783; HOSPITALITY AND REGISTRATION: Louise Yerby, 755-7360; FIELD TRIPS: Charlie Jensen, 584-7626; LOCAL BIRDS SLIDE SHOW: Carl and Linda Jones, 584-4652; CHECKLISTS: Bill Hunt, 591-5630; MAPS: Mary Moore, 565-8065.
- December 5 We're invited to join the Sierra Club at the Centennial Museum, UTEP, to hear Dr. Clyde Tombaugh, noted astronomer, tell about the Kohoutek Comet which will be visible with the naked eye from November 1 to February 15. Readers Digest, latest issue, has an excellent article on the comet.
- December 15 Audubon Christmas Count Day. More details in the December newsletter.

PROGRAM FOR T O S MEETING

- November 22 Registration of incoming guests, informal reception in El Ferrero Thursday Room, Del Camino, with Carl and Linda Jones showing slides of regional birds. Local members please register in advance by mailing the \$3 fee to Mrs. Clarence Shelfer, 3050-A Chandler, El Paso, Texas 79904. Make checks payable to the Texas Ornithological Society.
- November 23 Field trips as follows with all trips leaving at 7 A. M. Groups Friday: will assemble in the open area in front of the Adams residence on the grounds directly east of the motel. Each person is responsible for providing his own drinking water and picnic lunch.

November 23

Friday

- TRIP 1 Aguirre Springs in the Organ Mountains. Group will travel on I-10 to Las Cruces and then on Highway 70/82 to Organ Pass, turning right into the state park. Leaders: Geth and Ed White
- TRIP 2 Franklin Mountains, high canyon hike off Trans-Mountain Road to a spring at top of canyon.
- TRIP 3 Horizon Lake. Group will travel east on I-10 about 20 miles, taking the Horizon exit, and east for about 8 miles, turning left onto new road to the lake. Leaders: Bill Hunt and Al Gavit
- TRIP 4 Frontera Road levees and Upper Valley flood plains, orchards, and agricultural land. Group will follow Mesa to Doniphan, Doniphan to Frontera. Leader: Ruby Allen

Dinner Meeting 6:30 p. m. DINNER in La Sarao Room of Jerry Wolfe's Rodeway Restaurant in Juarez. Menu: baked chicken, green salad, potatoes, peas, ice cream, coffee. Price: \$4.25.

PANEL DISCUSSION after dinner. Panelists are Roland Wauer and John Henneberger of the National Park Service; Ed Kutac, T O S president; and a local representative of EC-EC. Subjects under discussion: (1) wilderness preservation (2) scientific area preservation (3) outdoor learning facilities for school children (4) habitat development for birds.

November 24

Saturday

- TRIP 1 Aguirre Springs trip repeated. Leader: Eddie Chew
- TRIP 2 Hueco Tanks State Park. Group will take Carlsbad Highway 62/180 to marked turn-off, continuing to park entrance. Park entry fee is \$1 per car. Leaders: Geth and Ed White
- TRIP 3 Frontera Road levees trip repeated. Leader: Ruby Allen
- TRIP 4 Horizon Lake trip repeated. Leaders: Al Gavit and Bill Hunt

Dinner Meeting 6:30 p.m. DINNER in the Guadalaajara Room of Del Camino. Mexican buffet for \$4. Roast beef is available by paying a small extra charge at the time of buying dinner ticket.

DINNER SPEAKER: Dr. Ira Gabrielson, who is retired after a long and illustrious career in wildlife management. He was manager of the National Wildlife Management Institute and Board Member of the World Wildlife Fund. He has numerous honors and medals including the Aldo Leopold Medal of the Wildlife Society, the Audubon Medal, the Department of Interior Conservation Service Award, among many others.

Post-Meet Trip to Mexico A post-conference trip to Mexico on the Chihuahuan Railroad to Los Mochis is available; \$134.50 for 8 days, including round trip transportation, chartered buses and boats, hotel accommodations and special entertainment, but NOT MEALS. NO SINGLE ACCOMODATIONS. Checks should be sent to Koch Travel Service, Box 1052, Alpine, Texas 79830. There will be birding in the Mexican thorn forest in the El Fuerte area and a cruise to Farallon Rock where arctic migrants and marine species may be seen.

BIRD SIGHTINGS

- 10/1 3 snowy egrets, 8 greater yellowlegs, 1 lesser yellowlegs. (Observer: Bill Hunt in the Lower Valley)
- 10/7 Swan species, 25 wigeon, 4 gadwalls, 2 eared grebes, 1 merlin, 2 yellow warblers, 1 Wilson's warbler. (Observers: Geth and Ed White in the vicinity of new man-made lake in new building development in the Upper Valley)
- 10/8 Migrating flock of common flickers and mockingbirds (Observer: Caroline McClintock on Federal Street)
- 10/11 1 golden eagle flying over Cement Lake toward Mexican border (Observer: Charlie Jensen) Geth White observed 7 golden eagles in the fall of 1969 during the last half of October and the month of November following this same route. A definite wind current seems to be used over the mountains toward Cristo Rey.
- 10/13 Prairie falcon (Observer: Jim Mc Culloch at Hueco Tanks)
- 10/16 1 juvenile Mississippi kite (Observers: Ruby Allen and Sarah Dodds in very good light with all field marks carefully observed for a very late occurrence of this species which is known to nest at Camp Pioneer.)
- 10/21 Phainopepla in the yard of the Clarence Shelfers on post at Fort Bliss.
- 10/23 Male and female Anna's hummingbird at feeders in garden of Luis and Sue Santaella; has been present for about three weeks in Mountain Park. Observed in good light for a half hour by Geth and Ed White. Also seen were a female summer tanager, 4 lesser goldfinches.
- 10/27 Field trip to Hueco Tanks State Park. (Observers: Ed White, Louise and Weldon Yerby, Mrs. Barnhart, Berttye Barnhart, Al Gavit.) Notable species seen were American bittern (for a first record in several years) which was also seen the following day by Sue Santaella, black phoebe, yellowbellied sapsucker, flocks of horned larks, brown towhee, three female American redstarts.
- 10/28 Pine siskins (Observers: Carl and Linda Jones in Coronado)

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