



# The Roadrunner

## Newsletter of the El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society

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General meetings are held at the Rio Grande Campus of El Paso Community College, 100 West Rio Grande, corner of West Rio Grande and Oregon, Building 4010, in Room 119. There is parking behind the building on Oregon Street and also on Rio Grande Avenue.

**Directions: From I-10-heading west, take the Mesa DOWNTOWN route**

1. Head west toward N Kansas St - 0.1 km
2. Slight left at E Yandell Dr - 0.4 km
3. Turn right at N El Paso St - 0.3 km
4. Take the 1st right onto W Rio Grande Ave - 35 m

**Directions: From I-10 heading east, take DOWNTOWN EXIT**

1. Continue straight until Oregon Street
2. Turn left on Oregon
3. Continue about 4 blocks
4. Turn left into parking lot behind building, or go to W. Rio Grande
5. Turn left on W. Rio Grande; enter at 100 W. Rio Grande

### THE ELECTRONIC 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).

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**Monday, October 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at The Rio Grande campus of El Paso Community College**

### Those Amazing BATS!

Did you know that bats are the most significant predators of night-flying insects (US Geological Survey 2003)? A bat will eat half its weight in insects in a single night! On a summer evening 400,000 Mexican Free-tailed Bats emerge in an unforgettable display from Carlsbad Caverns, New Mexico. Lois Balin, urban wildlife biologist for Texas Parks and Wildlife, will present a program on bat ecology on Monday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the El Paso Community College, Rio Grande campus.

**Monday, November 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at The Rio Grande campus of El Paso Community College, 100 West Rio Grande Avenue, Room 119**

### The Birds of Our Yard in the Northern Mesilla Valley

Jimmy Zabriskie, regional bird watcher and native plant nursery owner, will speak on the birds seen from his and his wife's yard. Jimmy and Marcy Scott have recorded 240 species in their 1-acre yard just south of Radium Springs, New Mexico. He will speak at the November, 2009 El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society general meeting.

El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society  
<http://www.trans-pecos-audubon.org>



The Audubon Foundation of Texas represents Texas Audubon chapters in the Earth Share of Texas payroll-deduction plan for charitable giving.

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**BIRDATHON 2009**



We had another successful BIRDATHON this year, not the greatest but a very good one. Money raised was the 3rd largest of the last 5 years. Individual highlights of the Birdathon follow:

<b>Most species identified;</b>	<b>Most sponsors:</b>
147 John Groves	28 Jane Fowler
130 John Kiseda	24 John Sproul
109 John Sproul	14 Kathy Whelen

**Most \$\$\$ raised;**  
 \$ 1461.00 John Sproul  
 \$ 1384.00 Jane Fowler  
 \$ 532.00 John Kiseda

**The rarest or most unusual birds and by whom:**  
 Varied Bunting - John Groves, John Sproul.  
 Prothonotary Warbler - John Sproul.  
 Eastern Phoebe - John Kiseda, John Groves

**Some of the species not found, that usually are;**  
 Greater Yellowlegs, Tree Swallow.  
 Western Tanager, Hooded Oriole.

**Some of the species found by only one counter;**  
 Neotropic Cormorant, Common Poorwill,  
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Spotted Towhee.

**We thank all the counters and especially all the sponsors for their efforts.**

**December Holiday Party!**

**At the Rio Grande campus of El Paso Community College, 100 West Rio Grande Avenue, Building 4010, Room 119, corner of Rio Grande and Oregon Street.**  
**Monday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m.**

The El Paso/ Trans-Pecos Audubon holiday merry-making is set for Monday, December 14, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the Rio Grande campus of El Paso Community College, room 119, corner of West Rio Grande Avenue and Oregon Street. Join in the traditional photo contest, taste irresistible holiday refreshments, and meet Santa Claus! Bringing a snack is optional, but if you wish to bring something, we predict you will see happy smiles.

If you dream of winning the photo contest, here's what to do: Our guideline is

**Each person is allowed one photo in each category:**

- Bird Photos
- Wildlife other than birds
- Scenic shots
- Kids and pets
- Humorous photos

*Here's how to get your photos to Bob Johnson, photo contest coordinator:*

**Email JPEG-formatted photos to [wild-birderbob@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wild-birderbob@sbcglobal.net), OR**  
**Call Bob at 751-0125 to arrange for pick-up of printed photos or slides**

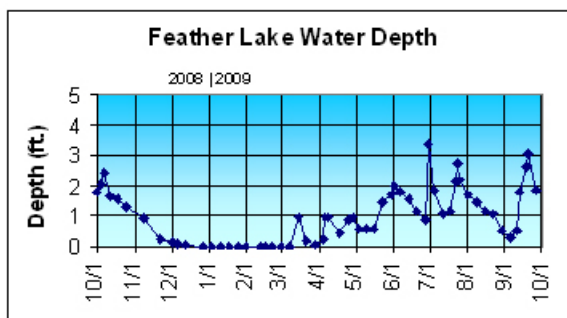
## AT FEATHER LAKE

Without significant rainfall, the water level at Feather Lake Wildlife Sanctuary dropped steadily from late July to early September. When it was just 4 inches deep on September 5, the day we opened for the fall season, it looked like the lake would soon go dry and the season would be a very short one.

Timely rains in mid-September saved the day. Prospects for a full fall season are now much brighter. That, of course, means we continue to need volunteers to staff Feather Lake during visitor hours. Can you help? Please contact John Sproul (747-8663, [jsproul@utep.edu](mailto:jsproul@utep.edu)) if you can put in a Saturday morning or Sunday afternoon at our sanctuary this fall.

We also welcome help at our next workday. It takes place **Sat., December 5**, an afternoon session starting at **2 p.m.** The cottonwoods and willows that ring the lake should be well into their fall colors. Come out, work a few hours, then enjoy a beautiful setting at the end of the day.

Feather Lake is located at 9500 North Loop at Bordeaux in El Paso, 0.3 miles west of Americas Ave. Hours are 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays and 2 p.m. to dusk on Sundays. Admission is free.



## Audubon at RIO BOSQUE WETLANDS PARK

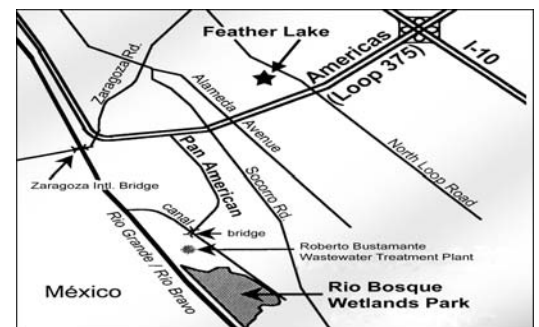


Rio Bosque began receiving water September 20, over a month earlier than last year. Waterbirds began arriving immediately. For the latest on what is being seen, check the recent-bird-sightings page on the Park's website, [www.riobosque.org](http://www.riobosque.org). Upcoming free walking tours at the Park:

**8 a.m. Sat., October 3 (Bird tour)**  
**9 a.m. Sun., October 11 (Introductory tour)**

**8 a.m. Sat., November 7 (Bird tour)**  
**3 p.m. Sun., November 15 (Introductory 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.



### The new website is here!

Updated information about upcoming field trips, a calendar of upcoming events, recent bird sightings.

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<http://www.trans-pecos-audubon.org>

### HUECO TANKS

#### Admission

Adults-\$5, Seniors-\$2, Children-free  
**Bird Identification Tours**  
 Third **SATURDAY** Each Month  
 Please check in at the Headquarters.

# Sightings

Hi Everyone!

Welcome, to this, my first attempt at compiling the newsletter's nature observations feature which will be called **Sightings!** It's hoped that for some of us, being able to read about other's observations will rekindle a spark for the great, diverse world around us, while for others, it may help them keep in touch with the changes that time and the arrival and waning of the seasons bring.

I'll do my best to include sightings of other interesting types of wildlife [ & plants? ], in addition to the bird sightings that we've all missed reading about for a while now.

If you want to provide me with your sightings, email me your observations @ [kise-dajj@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:kise-dajj@elpasotexas.gov). Email reports are greatly preferred because I don't have to type up my own written record & there will be less chance of me making a mistake or an omission. I'd also like to say 'thanks' to **Bob Johnson** for having previously worked so hard on the newsletter's Observations reports for so many years..... **THANKS, Bob!!!** So take care & I'm looking forward to hearing from you, so get out there & enjoy what nature has to offer us!



**Claudia Sermeno (2009)** created this fanciful owl with acrylic paint.

## SIGHTINGS!

April → Sept 2009 {partial through 9-26}

John Kiseda

FOS = 1<sup>st</sup> of 'Spring migration'

FOF = 1<sup>st</sup> of 'Fall migration'

### Sites

ANT = Anthony

BOY = Boy Scout

COT = Cottonwood Springs

EX&DN = Executive & Doniphan

FAB = Fabens

FBP = Ft Bliss Ponds

FLK = Feather Lake W.S.

FTH = Ft Hancock Reservoir

HKA = Hawk Alley

KJH = Kenyon Joyce house

MCN = McNary Reservoir

RIO B = Rio Bosque W.P.

TON = Tonto

TOR = Tornillo Reservoir

UPV = Upper Valley

WEST = West side

ZOO = El Paso Zoo

### **Loons → Ducks**

Double-crested cormorant 8/29 – J. Kiseda/EX&DN.

Neotropic cormorant (100+) 9/25 – J. Kiseda/EX&DN.

Ringed teal (2) 5/6, 8/1 – J. Sproul/FLK [escaped exotics?]

Fulvous whistling-duck 5/23 FBP, (7) 6/19 FTH – Jim Paton

American wigeon 7/18 – J. Sproul/FLK

### **Albatross → Shorebirds**

American white pelican...throughout reporting pd; TOR

Brown pelican 8/19 – B. Zimmer/MCN

Laughing gull (2) 7/14, 8/19 – B. Zimmer/MCN

Sabine's gull...1 ea 9/13 – J.Paton/TOR. B. Zimmer/MCN

Black tern 6/13 – J. Kiseda/KEY

Caspian tern 6/24 – Jim Paton/MCN

Common tern 9/25 – B. Zimmer/TOR

Forster's tern 7/20 – B. Zimmer/FTH

Royal tern 9/13 [1<sup>st</sup> area record] – Jim Paton/FTH

White-faced ibis (20) 6/13 – J. Sproul/RIO B

Little blue heron 7/20 – B. Zimmer/MCN

Great egret [few area records] 7/14 – B. Zimmer/MCN

Yellow-crowned night-heron 8/29 – Jim Paton/MCN

Wilson's phalarope 4/22 – FOS J& K. Kiseda/FBP

Red-necked phalarope (2) 9/24 – B. Zimmer/FBP

Western sandpipers 4/22 – FOS J& K. Kiseda/FBP

Solitary sandpiper (2) – 8/21 FOF B. Zimmer/FBP

Stilt sandpiper 7/14 – B. Zimmer/MCN

White-rumped sandpiper – 5/22 B. Zimmer/FBP

Baird's sandpiper 6/24 – Jim Paton/MCN

Marbled godwit 6/24 (3) – Jim Paton/1-MCN, 2-FTH

Upland sandpiper 8/19 – B. Zimmer/MCN. 8/22 (2)

J. Sproul/RIO B

### **Invertebrates [Insects & Bugs]**

Tropical leafwing butterfly {BF} 8/10 – B.

Zimmer/TON

American snout BF (mini-invasion) 8/10 – B.

Zimmer/TON

Giant swallowtail BF 8/28 – J. Kiseda/ZOO.

### **Mammals**

Mule deer (2) 8/18 – B. Zimmer/TON

### **Reptiles**

Round-tailed horned lizard 9/16 – brought to ZOO from Speedway ~ Montana

Prairie rattlesnake ~9/17 – B. Zimmer/FBP

**Quail → Doves**

White-tailed kite (4) 4/1 – J. Sproul/RIO B  
 Harris's hawk (3) 4/1 – J. Sproul/RIO B  
 Osprey 4/14 – J. Sproul/RIO B. 8/30 – J. Kiseda/KJH.  
 Mississippi kite 6/29 – J. Sproul/RIOB. 9/20 J. Paton/UPV  
 Peregrine falcon 7/4-30, 8/2-30, 9/5-15 – J. Sproul/RIOB  
 Cooper's hawk – FOS J. Kiseda/EX&DN  
 Prairie falcon 9/25 – B. Zimmer/HKA  
 Eurasian collared-dove 8/29 – J. Kiseda/EX&DN

**Parrots → Flycatchers**

Military macaw 6/13 – J. Sproul/RIO B [escaped exotic]  
 Whip-poor-will 9/19 – Dan Allan/COT  
 Broad-tailed hummer 4/2 – FOS Ad male; J. Kiseda/KJH  
 Anna's hummer 4/19 – B. Zimmer/TON. Late Aug U.  
 Sherrill/WEST. 8/30 - 9/26 J. Kiseda/KJH.  
 Rufous hummer 7/7 – B. Zimmer/TON  
 Calliope hummer 7/11 2 – FOF Ad male; B.Zimmer/TON  
 Costa's hummer 9/15 – imm male; B. Zimmer/FBP  
 Ruby-throated hummer 9/17 – B. Zimmer/TON  
 Red-naped sapsucker 9/21 – FOF B. Zimmer/TON  
 Williamson's sapsucker 9/15 – U. Sherrill/WEST. 9/19 –  
 B. Zimmer/TON  
 Red-headed woodpecker 9/25 – B. Zimmer/~FAB  
 Gray flycatcher 5/1 – B. Zimmer/TON  
 Hammond's flycatcher 4/26 – J. Sproul/RIO B  
 Dusky flycatcher (2) 5/9 – J. Sproul/RIO B  
 Olive-sided flycatcher 5/4 – J. Sproul/RIO B  
 Cordilleran flycatcher 5/4 – J. Sproul/RIO B  
 Willow flycatcher 5/16 – J. Sproul/FLK. 8/14 – B.  
 Zimmer/TON. 8/21 (9) B. Zimmer/FBP  
 Least flycatcher 9/25 – B. Zimmer/RIO B  
 Vermilion flycatcher 9/25 – B. Zimmer/RIO B  
 Cassin's kingbird 4/26 – J. Sproul/RIO B, 5/1 – B.  
 Zimmer/TON  
 Eastern Kingbird 9/12 – J. Kiseda/EX&DN  
 Western wood-pewee – 7/31 FOF B. Zimmer/TON

**Larks → Phainopeplas**

Vaux's swift 4/16 [if accepted, 1<sup>st</sup> state record] – J. Kiseda/EX&DN  
 Bank swallow (12) 8/19 – B. Zimmer/MCN  
 Western scrub jay 9/6 – Jim Paton/UPV. 9/19 J. Kiseda/EX&DN. (3) 9/22 B. Zimmer/TON.  
 Red-breasted nuthatch 9/5 – Jim Paton/BOY  
 Bewick's wren 4/22 – J. Sproul/RIO B  
 House wren 4/23 – J. Sproul/RIO B  
 Black-gray gnatcatcher 8/29 – J. Kiseda/EX&DN  
 Sage thrasher 4/8 – J. Sproul/RIO B  
 Brown thrasher 4/22 – FOS K. Kiseda/FBP  
 Hermit thrush 4/24 – B. Zimmer/Ton  
 Swainson's thrush 5/14 – Jim Paton/BOY  
 Loggerhead shrike (2) 8/21 – B. Zimmer/FBP  
 Cedar waxwing 9/26 – B. Zimmer/Ton  
**Vireos → Tanagers**  
 Bell's vireo 4/13 – J. Sproul/RIO B  
 Plumbeous vireo 4/24 – B. Zimmer/TON. 9/9 J. Kiseda/~KJH

Cassin's vireo 5/1 – B. Zimmer/TON  
 Warbling vireo 5/1 – B. Zimmer/TON  
 Northern waterthrushes (2) – J. Kiseda & V.Milne/ZOO  
 Virginia's warbler 4/21 – FOS. 8/17 B. Zimmer/TON  
 Orange-crowned warbler 8/16 – FOF B. Zimmer/TON  
 Nashville warbler 4/26 – B. Zimmer/TON. (1-2) 8/18 J. Paton/BOY  
 Black & white warbler 4/26 – J. Sproul/RIO B, 6/19 J. Paton/BOY  
 Yellow warbler 8/16 – FOF TON. (51) FBP B. Zimmer  
 Prothonotary warbler 5/6 – J. Sproul/Hueco Tanks  
 Hermit warbler 8/21 – B. Zimmer/FBP  
 MacGillivray's warbler 4/26 – B. Zimmer/TON  
 Magnolia warbler 9/24 – B. Zimmer/FBP  
 Townsend's warbler 5/1 – B. Zimmer/TON  
 Black-throated gray warbler 5/1 – B. Zimmer/TON  
 American redstart 8/27 – B. Zimmer/TON. 9/3 J. Kiseda/ZOO. 9/6 J. Paton/UPV. 9/17 B. Zimmer/FBP. 9/25 B. Zimmer/FBP  
 Yellow-breasted chat 5/2 – J. Sproul/FLK  
 Yellow-headed blackbird 7/14 (12) – J. Sproul/RIO B  
 Bronzed cowbird – 8/16 J. Kiseda/KJH.  
 Western tanager 5/2 – B. Zimmer/TON  
 Hepatic tanager 5/14 – Jim Paton/BOY. 8/16 J. Kiseda/ KJH.  
 Summer tanager 6/29 – J. Sproul/RIO B  
 Scott's oriole 4/20 – FOS. B. Zimmer/TON  
 Hooded oriole 4/20 (5) – B. Zimmer/TON  
 Bullock's oriole 4/24 – J. Sproul/RIO B  
 Orchard oriole – 9/17 B. Zimmer/FBP

**Sparrows → Lark Buntings**

Green-tailed towhee 4/1 – J. Sproul/RIO B. 8/29 FOF – J & K Kiseda/KJH  
 Spotted towhee 9/21 – FOF B. Zimmer/FBP  
 Dark-eyed junco [gray-headed] 9/7 – Tom Gill/WEST  
 Black-headed grosbeak 5/13 – J. Sproul/RIO, 5/14 – Jim Paton/BOY  
 Chipping sparrow (5) 4/22 – FOS J & K. Kiseda/FBP  
 Lark sparrow 7/31 – B. Zimmer/TON  
 White-throated sparrow 4/2 – J. Sproul/RIO B  
 Lincoln's sparrow 8/29 – FOF J. Kiseda/KJH  
 Song sparrow 9/3 – FOF J. Kiseda/KJH  
 Cassin's sparrow (4) 4/26 – J. Sproul/RIO B  
 Clay-colored sparrow (19) 4/22 – FOS/FBP J & K. Kiseda. FOF/EX&DN JK.  
 Blue grosbeak 5/20 – J. Sproul/RIO B  
 Lazuli bunting 8/14 – B. Zimmer/TON  
 Indigo bunting 4/27 – B. Zimmer/TON  
 Painted bunting 5/9 – J. Sproul/RIO B. (2) 9/11 J. Kiseda/ZOO  
 Varied bunting 5/6 – J. Sproul/Hueco Tanks  
 Pine siskin 4/21 – FOS. B. Zimmer/TON  
 Lawrence's goldfinch 9/13 – J. Kiseda/KJH  
 Dickcissel 9/6 – J. Paton/BOY. (13) 9/16 B. Zimmer/TON. 9/25 B. Zimmer/~FAB  
 Lark bunting (4) 8/2 – J. Sproul/RIO B



## Do Birds and Mammals Need Our Help?

September 26, 2009

If you were a robin, what help would you ask from humans? The question may sound silly, but does wildlife actually have needs that humans can meet? I asked two people who work closely with birds and animals: Debbie Lofton and Josie Karam, wildlife rehabilitators at Chihuahuan Desert Wildlife Rescue. Here are some of their answers:

**Keep house cats inside the house.** In 1990, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimated that house cats and feral cats kill millions of small mammals and birds each year. Cats feed on fledglings, birds roosting at night, birds on the nest, at the feeder, and at the bird bath.

**Trim trees in winter.** To protect nesting birds. The nesting season spans many months. To be sure you aren't imperiling adults, young, or eggs wait till dead-of-winter for major trimming.

**Use no chemical pesticides or herbicides.** If you poison ants and roaches, the birds eating them get a deadly meal. Protect pollinators too! Sixty percent of the fruits and vegetables we feed our families depend on honeybee pollination. Pesticide residues on flowers and leaves can prove fatal to bees.

**Use non-poisonous methods to deter ants, roaches and other pests.** For example, sprinkle food-grade (only) diatomaceous earth around the base of your house. This is available at <http://www.gardenharvestsupply.com/productcart/pc/home.asp> Get rid of unwanted roaches by placing a jar of sugar-water around your back door and sunk to ground level.

**Remove pet food dishes from the yard** after domestic animals eat from them. Pet food odor can attract skunks, opossums, raccoons, foxes and ants.

**Draw birds that eat insects**, such as mockingbirds, robins, thrashers, kingbirds and woodpeckers, by putting out suet and fruit. Mix peanut butter with raisins, cranberries, and other dried fruit, and spread on a board that you can set in a tree. Hang an orange half or any fruit on string from a small nail in a tree. A good place to use bruised fruit. Numerous suet recipes are available.

**Leave up hummingbird feeders** to nourish migrants as they move through our area farther south to spend the winter.

**Call wildlife rehabilitators if you see an injured bird or mammal**, especially if it doesn't move away when you approach. In El Paso: Josie Karam, 920-7867, and Debbie Lofton, 772-6011. In Anthony, NM: Helen Bigelow, 575-882-2910. To get help removing a snake, call Geoff Wiseman at 525-0261, or Col. Jim Leech PhD, retired, at 471-3567.

**It is against State and Federal laws to keep wildlife, feathers, nests or any parts of protected species.** To access a list of the protected birds and mammals, information is available on the Texas Parks & Wildlife and U.S. Fish and Wildlife websites.

### Conservation Organizations

Chihuahuan Desert Wildlife Rescue  
[www.whc.net/cdwr](http://www.whc.net/cdwr)

El Paso Zoo 521-1850  
[www.elpasozoo.org](http://www.elpasozoo.org)

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

Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park  
(505) 524-3334 [www.asombro.org](http://www.asombro.org)

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

Southwest Environmental Center  
(505) 522-5552  
[www.wildmesquite.com](http://www.wildmesquite.com) [swec@zianet.com](mailto:swec@zianet.com)

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



### **What: Franklin Mountains State Park Birding Tour**

**When:** 7:45a.m. – 12:00 p.m.,  
**Saturday, Oct. 10**

**Where:** Entrance to Tom Mays Unit of FMSP, Trans-Mountain Rd

**Leader:** Ursula Sherrill, 526-7725,  
[usherrill@miners.utep.edu](mailto:usherrill@miners.utep.edu)

**Summary:** We will hike the Nature Walk, an easy trail 0.62 miles long, that features Chihuahuan Desert native plants growing along a broad arroyo. The thickets offer berries and seeds to fall migrant birds, including warblers, and the newly completed blind helps hikers observe birds without startling them.

**Cost:** is \$4 for adults, and free to children 12 and under (with family). No limitation on number of participants. Wear hiking shoes and bring a light jacket and water.

#### *Celebration of Our Mountains*

### **What: Hueco Tanks Birding Tour**

**When:** Saturday, October 17, 7:00 a.m.

**Where:** Meet at Evergreen Cemetery across from the Sheriff's Academy, 12501 East Montana.

**Cost:** No charge

**Information & reservations:** Ursula Sherrill, 526-7725, or [usherrill@miners.utep.edu](mailto:usherrill@miners.utep.edu)

**Summary:** Hueco Tanks State Park and Historic Site is one of El Paso's most unique natural areas. We will carpool for the 11-mile trip to the park where we will join a birding tour led by Richard Hermosillo from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. More than 200 bird species have been recorded here. The 15th Hueco Tanks Annual Interpretive Fair is also scheduled for Saturday, Oct 17 (8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.) and Sunday, Oct 18 (8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) and features Native American dancing and drumming, a Buffalo Soldier encampment, Folkloric dancers, pictograph tours, climbing demonstrations, environmental and cultural information booths, an evening program and food, music, art, gifts and books for sale.

#### *Celebration of Our Mountains*

### **What: Birds of the Keystone Heritage Park and Gardens**

**When:** Saturday, Oct 24, 9:00-12:00 noon

**Where:** Keystone Heritage Park  
(4200 Doniphan Drive)

**Coordinator:** Ursula Sherrill, El Paso Audubon Society. Information: 526-7725;  
[usherrill@miners.utep.edu](mailto:usherrill@miners.utep.edu)

**Bring:** Water, binoculars and a hat. We will have a few pairs of binoculars to loan.

**Cost:** Free

**Summary:** Since Keystone opened in 1997, over 200 species of migratory and local birds and 22 rare birds have been found in this 52-acre permanent wetland. Keystone attracts a variety of ducks and shorebirds, plus other birds that are passing through. Young and beginner birders are welcome. Keystone is also the setting for an archaeological site estimated to be 4,500 years old.

### **What: Ft Davis Conservation & Fun**

**When:** Fri-Sun, November 6, 7 & 8; leaving from Feather Lake Wildlife Sanctuary

**Where:** Ft. Davis, Texas

**Information and Reservations:** U. Sherrill, 526-7725; [usherrill@miners.utep.edu](mailto:usherrill@miners.utep.edu)



**Summary:** We combine fun plus conservation service on this special weekend to one of the most scenic areas of Texas: Fort Davis and the Davis Mountains State Park. We will join volunteers from the Chi-

huahuan Desert Research Institute on a quarterly bird survey of their 500-acre grounds, while we watch for Sage Sparrows, Lark Buntings, Rufous-crowned and other winter sparrows, Western Meadowlarks, Pyrrhuloxias, Dark-eyed Juncos and possibly a Red-naped Sapsucker and a Golden Eagle. At Davis Mountains State Park, we'll look for Montezuma Quail, a park highlight, and much more. If sky-viewing conditions are right, we may visit the McDonald Observatory atop Mount Locke. Lake Balmorhea is a possible stop on our way home.

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### National Audubon Society

#### Chapter Membership Application

**Yes**, I'd like to join.

Please enroll me as a member of the National Audubon Society and my local chapter. Please send AUDUBON magazine and my membership card to the address below.

My check for \$20.00 is enclosed

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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#### October

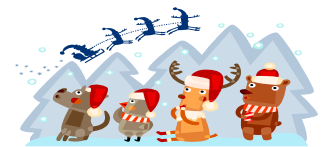
Sun 3: **Hawk Watch**  
3 & 11: **Rio Bosque**  
Sat 10: **Franklin Mts.**  
Mon 12: **Board Meeting**  
Sat 17: **Hueco Tanks**  
Mon 19: **Gen. Meeting**  
Sat 24: **Keystone**

#### November

Sat 6, 7, 8: **Ft Davis Fun**  
7 & 15: **Rio Bosque**  
Mon 9: **Board Meeting**  
Mon 16: **General Meeting**  
28 & 29: **Keystone**

#### December

5 & 12: **Rio Bosque**  
Sat 5: **Feather Lake**  
Mon 14: **Holiday Party**  
26 & 27: **Keystone**



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