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GENERAL MEETING

El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society meets the third Monday of each month (Sept - May) at 7:30 PM in the Garden Center, 3105 Grant, in Memorial Park.

MON., OCT 17. The July 1987 discovery of breeding Spotted Owls on a timber-sale tract in the Sacramento Mts. prompted the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) to begin a status survey for this species on the Lincoln Natl. Forest. The results to date have been fascinating. What have the researchers learned? What are the implications for Spotted Owl management on the Lincoln? What future research is planned? Join us Oct 17 and find out, as USFS wildlife biologist John Peterson speaks on the Mexican Spotted Owl, "the owl that comes when you call it."

MON., NOV 21. The "Big Bird" Trip presented by Ray Waite, Bob Johnson, Bart Rumaker and, last but not least, Antsy Hussmann and Nan Wilson. A photographic trek through the lower Rio Grande Valley, Corpus Christi, Padre Island and Big Bend.



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All chapter members (and especially the Program Chair) wish to gratefully thank Barry and Yvonne Zimmer for a wonderful program on VENEZUELA, THE LAND AND ITS BIRDS at our Sept meeting. Everyone loved it.

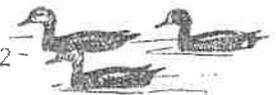
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MON., OCT. 10, 7:30 PM. The Board will meet at the home of John Sproul, 601 W. Vandell (545-5157). All members are welcome.

ORGANIZATION DAYS AT FEATHER LAKE

October 16

November 12



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Dear Readers,

Please note that this is a double issue. We've changed the schedule for the newsletter to: Sept, Oct-Nov, Dec-Jan, Feb-Mar, Apr-May, and June. Your next newsletter will be the Dec-Jan issue, so you may wish to keep this RR on hand for field trip info, etc.

Ed.

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FIELD TRIP CALENDAR

CENTRAL EL PASO PARKS

SUN., OCT. 9. Mission Hills, Arroyo, Tom Lea and Memorial Parks. Meet at 7:30 AM at the Garden Center. Leader is Peggy Riede (833-4881).

COUNTRY CLUB AREA

SAT., OCT. 15. Meet at 8 AM at the Crossroads Pond, Doniphan and Country Club. Leader will be Sarah Jane Dodds (533-4150).

SITTING BULL FALLS/DOG CANYON

SAT.-SUN., OCT. 22-23. This trip is for campers only as there are no motels nearby. Meet at 7:30 AM at Avila's restaurant, 10600 Montana at Yarbrough. Bob Johnson is the leader (751-0125 h, 757-1876 w).

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FT. HANCOCK/TORNILLO

SAT., NOV. 5. Plan for a full day with Bob Johnson leading this one. Bring lunch and snacks, and meet at Feather Lake, 9500 N. Loop, at 7:30 AM.

[For all the details on the following trips, contact Bob Johnson, Field Trips Chair (751-0125 or 757-1876).]

SUN., NOV. 13. FT. BLISS PONDS

SAT., NOV. 19. HUECO TANKS

SUN., NOV. 27. FRANKLIN MTS.

SAT.-SUN., DEC. 3-4. BOSQUE DEL APACHE

If you plan to participate in any overnight field trip, call the trip leader or Bob, if leader is not known. Trips are subject to cancellation if there is insufficient interest.

RUMMAGE SALE SOON

The chapter's annual rummage sale will be held Sun, Nov 6, at the old Woolco shopping center, 5631 Dyer St. As always, your rummage and your help with sales are needed. If you are willing and able to provide either, call Larry Jordan (833-5969) or Bob Johnson (751-0125).

FALL 1988 A.C.T. MEETING

The Fall 1988 meeting of the Audubon Council of Texas (ACT) will be held Nov 18-20 at the Welder Wildlife Refuge in Sinton, near Corpus Christi. Statewide conservation issues, ACT business, a look at wildlife research on the Welder Refuge, and a look at Whooping Cranes at Aransas National Wildlife Refuge will all be on the agenda. For registration information, contact chapter ACT delegate John Sproul (545-5157).

LOOKING AHEAD

It's not too soon to start thinking of the chapter election in Jan. We will need to elect a vice-president, secretary, treasurer and 3 directors. A nominating committee will be named to seek out likely candidates for these positions. Plan to give them your suggestions.

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CHIHUAHUAN DESERT WILDLIFE RESCUE

With Helen Bigelow's recent decision to cut back significantly on her wildlife-rehabilitation work, many folks have been asking how they can help with the care and rehabilitation of injured wildlife in the El Paso area. The answer? Support Chihuahuan Desert Wildlife Rescue (CDWR). The purposes of this newly formed group (RR, Mar) are to:

- develop a network of volunteers to help active wildlife rehabilitators,
- provide financial support for wildlife-rehabilitation work,
- encourage interested individuals to become rehabilitators, and
- educate the public about the importance of protecting native wildlife species and their habitats.

Want to get involved? Come to the next CDWR meeting on Tues., Oct 11, beginning at 7:30 PM in the board room of the El Paso Zoo, Evergreen at Paisano, or contact John Sproul (545-5157).

/John Sproul/



OBSERVATIONS

(uncommon, rare & accidental sightings)

August 14 - September 18

CP - Crossroads Pond
 FB - Ft. Bliss Ponds
 FL - Feather Lake
 HT - Hueco Tanks
 RB - Rio Bosque Park



LOONS - FALCONS

A White Pelican was seen at FB 8/21 (BJ). Double-crested Cormorants were found at FL 8/14 (JS) and FB 9/11 (JS+). A Tri-colored Heron was spotted at CP 8/14 (TB+). Ospreys were found at FL 9/17 (JD+) and FB 9/18 (BJ). A Mississippi Kite was seen near El Paso Country Club 8/14 (TE+).

QUAIL - WOODPECKERS

Soras were seen at FB 8/21 (BJ) and 9/11 (JS+). Black-necked Stilts were found at FB 8/28 (BJ) and 9/11 (JS+). Baird's Sandpipers were sighted at FB 9/11 (JS+) and 9/18 (BJ,RW). Upland Sandpipers were spotted in a field on hwy. 20 (DT). A Pectoral Sandpiper was seen at Ashley's Pond 9/18 (BJ,RW). A Red-necked Phalarope was found at FB 9/11 (JS+). A Sabine's Gull was spotted on a pond on Pico Norte Dr. 9/11 (SW) and was observed by several birders during the 3 days it remained at the pond. This is only the 2nd record for this species in the El Paso area. Twelve Black Terns were found at FB 8/28 (BJ). A Yellow-billed Cuckoo was found at RB 8/14 (JS). A pair of Calliope Hummingbirds came to a feeder in Canutillo in the latter part of Aug (IP).

FLYCATCHERS - VIREOS

A Willow Flycatcher was seen at RB 8/14 (JS). An Olive-sided Flycatcher was reported at HT 8/28 (DT). Bank Swallows were found at RB 8/14 (JS). A Philadelphia Vireo was spotted at Memorial Park 9/11 (A&DA).

WARBLERS - WEAVER FINCHES

A female American Redstart was spotted in Horizon City 9/4 (A&MG*). A Northern Waterthrush was found at HT 9/17. A Common Yellowthroat was heard at FB 9/11 (JS+). A Black-headed Grosbeak was seen in e. El Paso 9/11 (A&DA*). Four Clay-colored Sparrows were spotted at HT 9/17 (DT).

OBSERVERS: Art & Donna Arteaga, Tom Baker, Joyce Davis, Al & Madeline Gavit, Bob Johnson, Iola Pennington, John Sproul, Dennis Taylor, Ray Waite, Scott Wilson.

/Joyce Davis, Observations Editor/
 (581-9470 h, 544-6772 w)

THIRD CHIHUAHUAN DESERT SYMPOSIUM

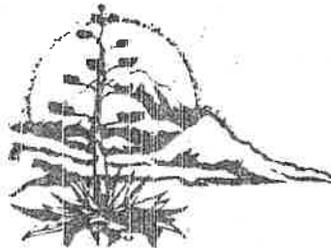
The Third Symposium on Resources of the Chihuahuan Desert Region: U. S. and Mexico will take place on November 10-12 at Sul Ross State University (Main Auditorium). The symposium will be hosted by the Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute and Sul Ross, and its theme will be "Desertification and Resource Depletion: Past, Present, and Future".

Registration fees:

- three day fee - \$40 (includes 1 copy of the Symposium Proceedings publication)
- daily fee - \$15 (does not include the publication)

Spouses may attend free of charge with registered participant.

For pre-registration and additional information write: Chihuahuan Desert Symposium, CDRI, PO Box 1334, Alpine, TX. 79831, or call (915) 837-8370.



EDUCATION NOTES

AUDUBON ADVENTURES: This school year, we have 19 local elementary-school classrooms enrolled in Audubon Adventures, the youth-education program of the National Audubon Society. We couldn't have done it without you! Funding for 9 of the classes came from our 1988 Birdathon, and for the other 10 from individual contributions. New Audubon Adventures sponsors since our last report are Robert Doss and Jo Nagel. Thanks to both, and thanks once again to Peggy Riede for her good work as Audubon Adventures coordinator. If you want to learn more about Audubon Adventures, contact Peggy (833-4881).

PROJECT WILD: Also in line for thanks are Gloria Basden, Ginny Baker, Louise Bergdahl, Nan Johnson and Charles Simien. On Aug 25-26, Gloria, helped by the others, introduced 42 local teachers at 2 in-service workshops to another worthwhile educational program, Project WILD (Wildlife in Learning Design). The teachers were highly enthusiastic about the program and the activities it uses to get students thinking about basic ecological concepts and the roll of wildlife in our world. Want to learn more about Project WILD? Contact Gloria Basden (581-7432).

1989 SCHOLARSHIP: Interested in applying for our scholarship to attend an Audubon Ecology Camp next summer? Know someone who might be? The application deadline is only 5 months away! To be eligible, you must live or work in Trans-Pecos Texas and either be active in some way as an educator or be a student pursuing a career in education. For details, contact John Sproul (545-5157).
/John Sproul/

NEW MEMBERS

EPTPAS welcomes these new members: Jacqueline Conley, L.L. Dunwoody, George J. Guerra, James Lambert, Jeff Moline, J.G. Monroy, Howard Neighbor, Ronald Pyke, W. Reynaud, Dan Richey, Marty Snortum, Michael Spurlock, Glodene Swedenburg and Susan Telehany. Transfers in are: Mr. & Mrs. Howard Aldrich, Patricia Beasley,

F.M. Grigsby, Michael D. Hagg, Leona Lack, Martin Ponce and Dr. Seth White. Join us soon and get acquainted.

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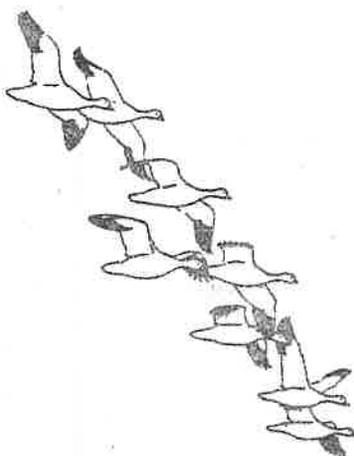
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AWARDS DINNER/ANNUAL MEETING

On Sunday, Feb 19, 1989, our chapter will try something new. We'll hold our Awards Dinner in conjunction with our Annual Meeting -- creating a most auspicious occasion. You'll get full details in future newsletters, but mark Feb 19 on your calendar now.

The 2 awards we'll present are for Meretorious Service and Conservation Achievement. The MERETORIOUS SERVICE AWARD recognizes chapter members who, through devotion of time, effort and expertise, have made outstanding con-
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Passing Through —

Dim with distance there is a chorus
like barking terriers in the flawless
October sky.

It is a signal to lean on your rake.
Forget yard-work for a moment and
search the sky. There!
Far off and away, lines of dazzling
specks caught by the sun.

Snow geese passing through,
southbound from the mud flats of
subarctic deltas and the linegrass
ridges of Hudson Bay,
heading for Dixie,
marking the end of one good thing
and the start of another.

Savor their music.
Watch them out of sight.
Fallen leaves can wait; traveling
snow geese cannot.

[Ed note: Calligraphy by our own Jo Nagel.
Thank you, Jo!]

(Awards Dinner cont.)
tributions to El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon and its programs. Past recipients have included John Sproul, Joe Guinn, Jo Nagel, Jane Fowler and Geth White.

The CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD recognizes government officials, civic organizations, businesses or individuals outside the chapter for specific achievements that that have furthered the Audubon Cause in Trans-Pecos Texas. Past recipients have included the Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute for its Chihuahuan Desert Film Trilogy, Joan Duncan of the Franklin Mts. Wilderness Coalition for her work on behalf of the Franklin Mts., Dickshire-Coors for its recycling programs, Carole Beach and Helen Bigelow for their wildlife-rehabilitation work, and Clark Champie for his contributions to outdoor education in the El Paso area and to protection of the Franklin Mts.

We are actively seeking nominees for both awards and welcome your suggestions. Please give it some thought and submit your nominations to Tom Baker (877-3365), 958 Kelso, El Paso, TX 79932.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

DEC 12--"Showtime"
Don't miss the Dec general meeting. Your EPTPAS board is participating in a bird calling contest.

Judges - Prizes - Surprises

Come one! Come all! Family Entertainment at its Best.

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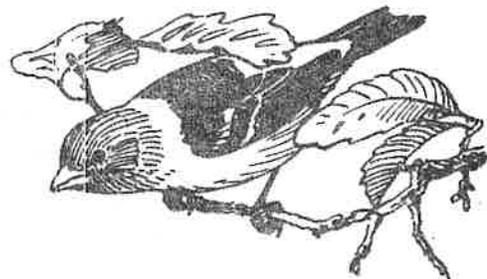
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