

The Roadrunner



Newsletter of the El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society

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Annual Awards Program & Dinner Saturday, February 21, 2015 6:30pm

Holiday Inn Sunland Park, located at I-10 and Sunland Park Drive. **Oscar Mestas**, Regional Urban Forester for the Mountain West Region of Texas A&M Forest Service, will receive the **Conservation Award** and **Richard Hermosillo** will receive the **Meritorious Service Award**. Richard, an avid birder, leads birding groups at Hueco Tanks State Park, is active in the Christmas Bird Count, and is a long-time supporter of bird-watching and the environment.

Entrée Choices for the Dinner:

1. 10 ounce Grilled NY strip steak with merlot & mushroom sauce, baked potato, steamed vegetables, house salad, rolls, coffee or tea; cake. \$27.00
2. Chicken Florentine - chicken breast stuffed with spinach and provolone cheese served with a white wine and mushroom sauce, wild rice pilaf and seasonal fresh vegetables, house salad, rolls, coffee or tea; cake. \$21.00
3. Vegetarian option - pasta with mixed vegetables, garlic bread, house salad, coffee or tea; cake. \$18.00

Alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase. All meal prices include tip (tax will not be charged because EPTPAS is tax-exempt).

Make checks payable to El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society and mail to Janet Perkins at 813 Montclair Dr., El Paso, TX 79932.

Deadline for reservations is February 17, 2015. Your reservations will not be confirmed until payment is received.

Wayne Pope, Adjunct Professor of Photography at Lansing Community College in Lansing, Michigan, will give a program entitled "How to Get Better Pictures." Wayne, a member of the Michigan Audubon Society, will have lots of pictures of birds and show us how to get better pictures whether we use a point and shoot camera, a cell phone, or a digital single lens reflex camera (DSLR).



Wayne Pope's Bio for Birders

Wayne Pope is an Adjunct Professor of Photography at Lansing Community College in Lansing Michigan. He is a member of the Michigan Audubon Society and, for several years, has written a column for their bi-monthly newsletter "The Jack-Pine Warbler." His column, "Click-Notes", is a combination of natural history notes and photographs of Michigan bird species. Wayne has published a chapbook, "Birds of Michigan" Wayne owns and operates "Pope Photo Tours & Workshops" and he leads birding photography workshops across America.

He will be teaching a free workshop entitled, "Birding 101" at the Franklin Mountains State Park, Tom Mays Unit, near El Paso, TX on Valentine's Day February 14, 2015 from 1-4pm. Visit Wayne's website at: waynerpope.com.

Space is limited, so make your reservations soon by calling Janet Perkins at 915-637-5269 or by email to Janet at intperk@elp.rr.com.

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

General Meeting
Monday, March 16, 2015
7:00 - 8:30pm
Centennial Museum, at UTEP
Scott Cutler
Exploring and Birding the West Coast of America

During October of 2015 Scott and Miki Cutler took an extended trip to explore the western coast of America from Washington to southern California.



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It was an opportunity to see the majesty of our western states and the unparalleled beauty and diversity of our coasts. The presentation will present some their experience and bird sightings on this memorable adventure.

Conservation Organizations

Chihuahuan Desert Education Coalition
www.chihuahuandesert.org

Second Chance Wildlife Rescue
Josie Karam (915) 920-7867

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<http://www.cdwr.org>

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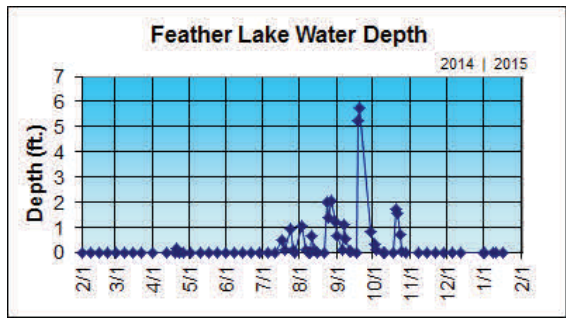
Franklin Mt. Wilderness Coalition
www.franklinmountains.org/

AT FEATHER LAKE

Feather Lake continues to be dry. Our next workday at our sanctuary will be **Sat., February 7**, starting at **9 a.m.**

We've reduced the volume of the trash washed in with last year's storms, but haven't eliminated it yet. We'll continue this effort at the workday.

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



Letter to the Editor that appeared in the Sunday, January 25, 2015 edition of the El Paso Times:

Austin bird lover had great visit to El Paso, wetlands

This past weekend I got to visit El Paso for the winter meeting of the Texas Ornithological Society, sponsored by the Trans-Pecos Audubon chapter.

El Paso has many gorgeous species of birds that are less common in other parts of Texas, and some of us saw more than 100 different species in the county during our three-day visit. I was impressed with the friendliness of everyone I interacted with, from waiters to hotel and airport staff, to our local field trip leaders, who invited us to their homes to see hummingbirds and rarities like the Band-tailed Pigeon and Lewis' Woodpecker.

The Rio Bosque wetlands were a real jewel that the whole city can be proud of.

Please appreciate the intrinsic and economic value of your unique local wildlife, and preserve and restore habitat where they can continue to flourish.

Thanks for your hospitality.
Jane Tillman
Austin, Texas

Audubon at

Rio Bosque Wetlands Park



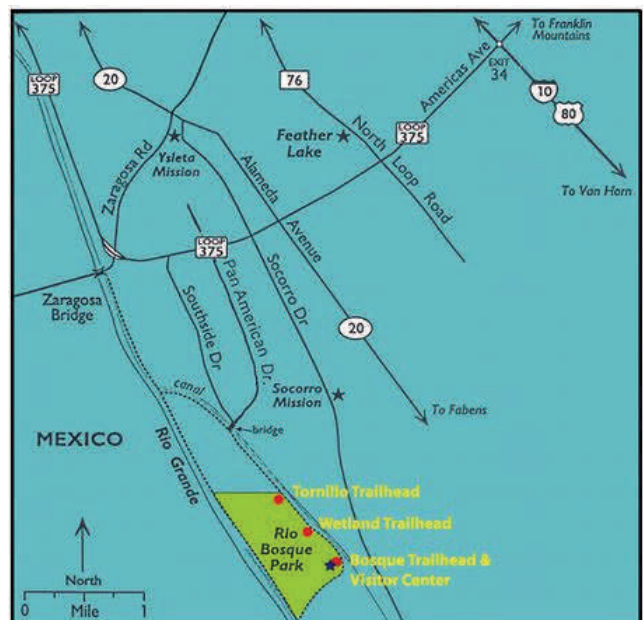
After three weeks with water flowing to the park, deliveries are expected to end February 1. Only briefly, we hope.

The pipeline that will deliver water directly to Rio Bosque from the adjacent Roberto Bustamante Wastewater Treatment Plant is nearing completion. Once operating, it will ensure flows from the plant year-round.

For up-to-date information on Rio Bosque's birds and water conditions, check www.riobosque.org. Upcoming free walking tours:

- 8 a.m., Sun., February 8 (Bird tour)**
- 3 p.m., Sat., February 14 (Introductory tour)**
- 3 p.m., Sun., March 8 (Bird tour)**
- 9 a.m., Sat., March 14 (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.



Field Trips

Phoenix Trip February 13-16, 2015

We are planning another great trip to the Phoenix area. Join us in the Valley of the Sun for 3 days of birding over President's Day weekend.



We'll be birding some of the favorites such as Boyce Thompson Arboretum and Gilbert's Water Ranch as well as some new places we've been working on. Mark Perkins and Fay Millett will be trip leaders.

If you'd be interested in helping with the trips, let Mark know. This is a great and popular trip, so please contact Mark Perkins at 915-637-3521 to reserve your space and to get your detailed itinerary.

Saturday, March 14, 2015 Elephant Butte area

We'll be birding some new areas together with some places we've birded before.

Meet at 6:30 a.m. at the Southwest corner of the parking lot of the El Paso Outlet Mall at I-10 and Transmountain (Talbot Road entrance to the mall). This would be the second Transmountain Exit off I-10 coming from the east. Bring a lunch. Open to the public.

Contact Mark Perkins at (915) 637-3521 for more information.



Guadalupe Mountains National Park

Saturday, March 28, 2015 Guadalupe Mountains National Park and Frijole Ranch. More than 300 bird species are known to frequent the Guadalupe Mountains area.

At Frijole Ranch we'll do a mile hike, so wear appropriate shoes. Bring a lunch. There is a nominal fee for the Park. Open to the public.

Meet at 6:30 a.m. in front of Evergreen Cemetery, 12400 E. Montana, 1/4 mile east of Loop 375. We will carpool for the 90-mile trip. Contact Mark Perkins at 915-637-3521 for more info.

Roswell, NM



In April (the weekend of April 17-19), we are considering a trip to Roswell, NM for the Prairie Chickens and Bitter Lake.

There is a lot of advance planning that needs to take place for this trip, so we need to know how many people would go (we will need at least 6 people signed up for this trip). Contact Mark Perkins at 915-637-3521.

Sierra Vista, Arizona



Memorial Day Weekend, **May 22-25, 2015** we will be returning to Sierra Vista, AZ.

Mark your calendars for this wonderful trip. Mark Perkins and Fay Millett will be trip leaders, but they would like to have another person or two to help, so let Mark know if you'd be interested in that. Mark's number is 915-637-3521. More information will follow soon.

Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation



Education and Resources for Wildlife Conservation Worldwide

The International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council will offer the Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation course in El Paso, Texas this February for those looking to add to their formal wildlife rehabilitation education.

● Course Description:

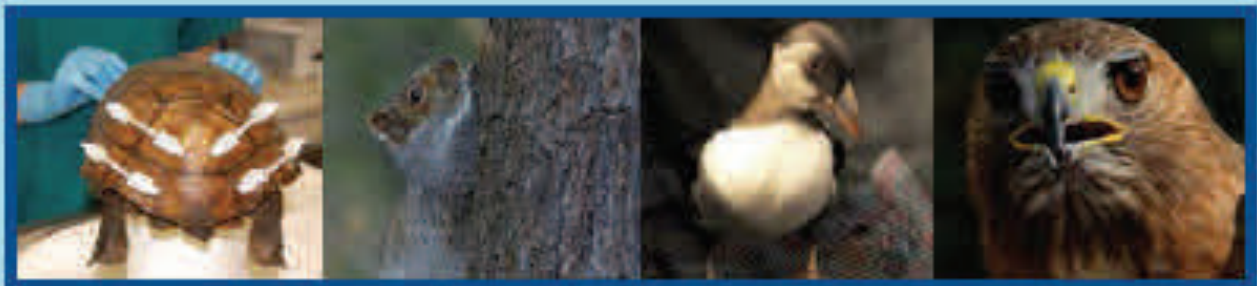
A **two-day** introductory course with lecture topics that include: Intro to wildlife rehab, basic anatomy and physiology, handling and physical restraint, thermoregulation, stress, basic shock cycle, initial care and physical examination, fluid therapy, standards for housing, zoonoses, euthanasia criteria and release criteria.

● Includes a half-day lab to practice techniques in: gavage (tube-feeding), physical restraint, intramuscular and subcutaneous injections, physical exams, limb immobilization and weighing. (Full course earns 15 Continuing Education Credits)

Where: UTEP - 500 West University Ave. El Paso, TX

When: February 21st and 22nd, 2015

Cost: IWRC Members \$150 Non-members \$190



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*This program was reviewed and approved by the AAVSB RACE program for 15 continuing education. Participants should be aware that some boards have limitations on the number of hours accepted in certain categories and/or restrictions on certain methods of delivery of continuing education. Please contact the AAVSB RACE program at race@aavsb.org should you have any comments/concerns regarding this program's validity or relevancy to the veterinary profession.

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**National Audubon Society
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Dates to Remember Call Mark Perkins for details 637-3521

February



Sat. 7: **Feather Lake**
8 & 14: **Rio Bosque**
Mon 9: **Board Meeting**
13-16: **Phoenix, AZ**
Sat 21: **Awards Dinner**

March

8 & 14: **Rio Bosque**
Mon 9: **Board Meeting**
Sat 14: **Elephant Butte**
Mon 16: **General Meeting**
Sat 28: **Guadalupe Mts.**

April

Mon. 13: **Board Meeting**
17-19: **Roswell**
Mon 20: **General Meeting**

May

May 22-25, 2015: **Sierra Vista**

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