

The Roadrunner



Newsletter of the El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society

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El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society General Meetings

El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society General Meeting
Monday, October 17, 2011
Memorial Park Garden Center
3105 Grant Street, 7:00 p.m.

Heather Rivera, Education Specialist for the El Paso Zoo will be talking about Golden Eagles and will bring the zoo's eagle, Takota. Heather has been at the El Paso Zoo for over three years. She has led Zoo Adventure Programs. Since April, Heather has been in her present position and is the educator for the Africa section of the zoo. Come and see a Golden Eagle up close and personal rather than through binoculars!



Note: Please be on time since we will begin with the program so that Takota can get home for his bedtime.

Monday, November 21, 2011
Memorial Park Garden Center
3105 Grant Street, 7:00 p.m.

Back by popular demand.....

The "To-Be-Announced" programs have been so overwhelmingly successful, we will be having an encore for the November general meeting. If you are on the

email list for El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon, you will most likely receive an email letting you know the program details once they are finalized





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Celebration of our Mountains 2011

<http://www.celebmtns.org/>

Visit the website to learn how to participate in many fun, outdoor, family friendly events

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El Paso Zoo 521-1850
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www.keystoneheritagepark.org

Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park
(575) 524-3334 www.asombro.org

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www.riobosque.org

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(575) 522-5552
www.wildmesquite.org

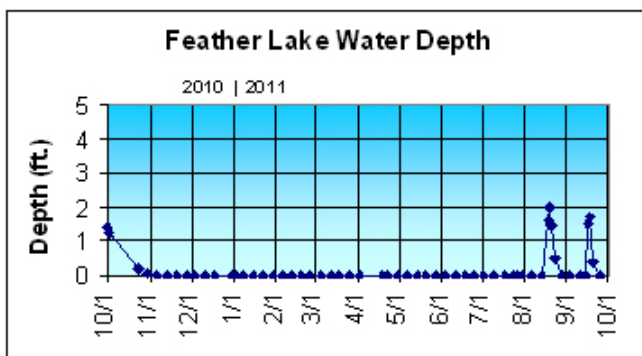
Franklin Mt. Wilderness Coalition
www.franklinmountains.org/

AT FEATHER LAKE

Storms in mid-August and again in mid-September put water in Feather Lake for the first time in 9.5 months. Unfortunately, both times the water soaked rapidly into the parched soil, and the lake again went dry. The water did perk up some of the cottonwoods and willows that had been highly stressed, but many others appear dead.

Feather Lake continues to be closed to the public. Absent more substantial rains, it may stay closed through the end of the year.

For you, however, we'll make an exception. Visit Feather Lake **Sat., December 3**, for our final workday of the year, starting at 2 p.m. The brief storms in August and September washed plenty of trash into the basin. Help us deal with it! Feather Lake is located at 9500 North Loop at Bordeaux in El Paso, 0.3 miles west of Americas Ave.

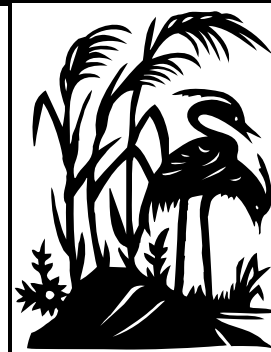


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The Audubon website!

Updated information about upcoming field trips, a calendar of upcoming events, recent bird sightings. El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon <http://www.trans-pecos-audubon.org>

Audubon at RIO BOSQUE WETLANDS PARK



Rio Bosque is also dry and may not get water till December. On a brighter note, this year's 2nd nesting pair of White-tailed Kites now has young in the nest. For up-to-date information on what is being seen, check the recent-bird-sightings page on the Park's website, www.riobosque.org. Upcoming free walking tours:

- 8 a.m. Sat., Oct 1 (Bird tour)**
- 4 p.m. Sun., Oct 16 (Introductory tour)**
- 8 a.m. Sat., Nov 5 (Bird tour)**
- 9 a.m. Sun., Nov 20 (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

Saturday, October 15, 2011. Celebration of Our Mountains Event. Nature Walk in Franklin Mountains.

We will hike the Nature Walk, an easy trail 0.62 miles long that features Chihuahuan Desert native plants along a broad arroyo. The thickets offer berries and seeds to fall migrant birds, including warblers. The bird blinds help visitors observe birds without startling them.



Meet at 7:45 a.m. at the entrance to the Tom Mays Unit of Franklin Mountains State Park off Transmountain Road.

Bring water, hiking shoes and binoculars. Contact Mark Perkins 637-3521 or mperkins4@elp.rr.com.



No field trip was needed to capture these photos . This hawk is a frequent visitor to a back yard on Kilkenny Street on the east side of El Paso.



Saturday, October 29, 2011. Hawk Alley.

This field trip offers views of hawks that winter in our area. We will travel by car along a stretch of Northeast roads called "Hawk Alley", a magnet for large diurnal birds of prey. We'll look for Red-tailed Hawks and beautiful Harris Hawks that are El Paso area residents. Golden Eagles are also possible to see along Hawk Alley near the Franklin Mountains.



Don't miss this opportunity to see these majestic birds in their desert habitat. Stops may also include Painted Dunes Golf Course and the Ft. Bliss Ponds. We'll finish up around 12:00 noon. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at Lowe's Parking Lot, 4531 Transmountain Rd., behind Taco Bell. The public is welcome. Contact Mark Perkins 637-3521 or mperkins4@elp.rr.com.

More Field Trips

Saturday, November 19, 2011.
Reservoirs Down the Valley.

Due to the drought, there are a lot of mud flats at the reservoirs creating great opportunities to see wading birds and shore birds.

We'll travel east on I10 and visit the McNary, Ft. Hancock and Tornillo reservoirs. Meet at Feather Lake, 9500 North Loop at Bordeaux at 7:00 a.m. We will car pool from there.

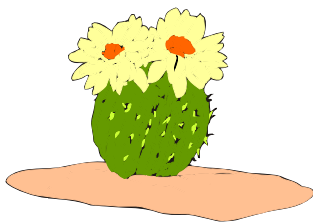


Bring lunch, water and binoculars if you have them. We'll return to Feather Lake around 2:00 p.m. The public is welcome. Contact Mark Perkins 637-3521 or mperkins4@elp.rr.com

El Paso Cactus and Rock Club

Saturday, Oct. 15th
Native Plant Appreciation Day
Program 9 am - 2 pm.

Speakers from El Paso NPS, El Paso Cactus & Rock Club, UTEP Chihuahuan Desert Gardens, Children's Corner activities. Centennial Museum, corner of Wiggins & University Ave, UTEP.



Saturday, November 5th
Cactus Appreciation Month Celebration
Special Program with the Public invited at the El Paso Garden Center.
For info. call 915-833-3006 or 915-833-7637.

Hueco Tanks

17th Annual Interpretive Fair Weekend
8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, October 15
8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, October 16.

The fair is a free, family-oriented event focused on natural education and cultural understanding. Attractions of the two-day event will include Native American dancing and drumming, folklorico and matachin dancers, pictograph, birding and hiking tours, and booths.



Tours begin at 8 a.m. both days of the fair. They'll range from mildly to moderately strenuous, and will be suitable for all age groups. There will be birding tours, rare plant tours, hiking tours, and tours to the Native American pictographs. After 10 a.m. both days, visitors can browse informational booths on the environment, local history, desert wildlife, area parks, and native plants. Performances and presentations begin after 11 a.m. both days of the fair. Families will enjoy folklorico dancers, matachines, the Great American Indian Dancers, the Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo Dancers, a presentation on ranching family history at Hueco Tanks, and a flint-knapping demonstration. There will also be food for sale. An evening program hosted by Boy Scout Troop 137 will start at 6 p.m. Saturday, October 15.

Admission to the Interpretive Fair is free. For photos and more information, please visit <http://www.celebmtns.org/?p=1463>

We would love to see you at the fair!
Hueco Tanks State Park & Historic Site
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Dates to Remember Call Mark Perkins for details 637-3521

October

Sat. 1: **Feather Lake**
Mon 10: **Board Meeting**
Sat 15: **Nature Walk**
Sun 16: **Rio Bosque**
15 & 16: **Hueco Tanks**
Mon 17: **General Meeting**
Sat 29: **Hawk Alley**

November

5 & 20: **Rio Bosque**
Mon 14: **Board Meeting**
Sat 19: **Down the Valley**
Mon 21: **General Meeting**

December

Sat 3: **Feather Lake**
Mon 5: **Board Meeting**
Mon 12: **General Meeting**
Holiday Party

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