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The ROADRUNNER

Newsletter of the El Paso/Trans Pecos Audubon Society

An Evening at Feather Lake

April General Meeting

General Meeting, Monday, April 13 - Feather Lake Wildlife Sanctuary is changing. The changes are not obvious and dramatic, and they don't happen overnight. These are small, subtle, gradual changes most visitors never notice. In part, they flow from natural ecological processes. In part, they are due to our efforts to guide those processes. Together, they are shaping the future of Feather Lake.

At our April general meeting, John Sproul will talk about habitat management at Feather Lake. We'll look at how Feather Lake has changed over the years, our habitat-management work today, and how the actions we take today are shaping the Feather Lake of 25 years from now. As a special treat, this meeting will take place at Feather Lake, at 9500 North Loop in El Paso's lower valley, and not at the Garden Center. It starts at 7:30 p.m. For those interested, a pre-meeting walk around the lake will start at 6:30 p.m. Plan to join us (and several 1000 White-faced Ibis) at Feather Lake!

Photography in Honduras

May General Meeting

General Meeting, Monday, May 20, 7:30 PM - Our speaker for the May Meeting will John Green, photographer and traveler. He will be showing us his photographs of birds, mountains, and plants taken while he was working for the United Fruit Company in a jungle village with the intriguing name of Nueva Eden (New Eden) in Honduras. This promises to be a fascinating presentation of an area far different from El Paso's desert. The meeting will be held in the Garden Center, 3105 Grant, in Memorial Park.

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About Audubon

by John Sproul

As reported previously in these pages, the National Audubon Society has developed an exciting new strategic plan. It puts Audubon's focus squarely on conservation of birds, other wildlife and their habitats. It targets education and advocacy as the primary tools for carrying out Audubon's mission. It stresses investment in Audubon's grassroots. It envisions a "seamless Audubon" where all parts are working together, from member to chapter to national board.

Audubon is truly reshaping itself as it moves forward with implementing the strategic plan. On March 7-10, the NAS board of directors met in McAllen, Texas, and the entire meeting revolved around advancing the goals of the plan. The board approved five action plans: Field Offices, Audubon Centers, Communications, Education, and Membership. (The board had approved Campaign, Grassroots Action, and Human Resources action plans in December. The Science and the Finance and Fundraising action plans will be up for approval in June.)

Of particular interest right now is the Field Office Action Plan. Audubon intends to decentralize by establishing field offices in each state. These offices will be the focal point for all Audubon activities in a state. Many programs formerly run by Audubon's national office will be delegated to the field offices. And the fundamental aim of each office will be to strengthen Audubon's grassroots — its network of chapters and members — to achieve its conservation and education goals at all levels.

The transition to the new decentralized structure has begun, with a California Field Office launched in December 1995. In New Mexico, the Randall Davey Audubon Center in Santa Fe already has many of the features of a state field office and is expected to become one soon.

Texas will also be one of the first states with a field office. The Audubon Council of Texas (ACT) met in McAllen during the NAS board meeting, and it, too, focused on planning. In the months ahead, ACT and

local chapters will be developing a strategic plan for Audubon in Texas. This plan will provide guidance and direction for the new field office and help define the job of the field office director. Want to learn more about Audubon's strategic plan and how it will be applied in Texas? Give me a call at 532-9645.

NAS Lauds New Budget

The National Audubon Society, devoted to the protection of birds and their habitats, today (March 19) commended President Clinton for offering a fiscal year 1997 budget that continues protection of the nation's natural resources and seeks to restore ecosystems.

Audubon's vice-president Eric Draper said, "Increased support for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and for the National Biological Service make this budget pro bird. By investing funds in science and habitat protection, the President is helping to prevent loss of important species and the places they breed and feed."

"Within a balanced budget proposal, President Clinton has set a fine goal for spending on watersheds and wildlife," Draper continued.

Everglades restoration continues to top the President's list of priorities. New funding for restoration plan implementation, \$100 million in new land acquisition funds to restore the heart of the Everglades, and the penny a pound subsidy giveback assessment on sugar producers all made the President's priority list. "This is the best Everglades budget ever," Draper said.

Land and Water Conservation Fund dollars are up to \$262 million in the 1997 proposal. This means that the federal government will be able to continue its commitment to save the best remaining bird habitat through outright purchase.

Wetlands got a boost with a \$216 million commitment to the Wetlands Reserve Program in the Agriculture budget. The program restores previously farmed wetlands. If Congress goes along, this money will mean 600,000 acres restored to date.

Join the '96 Audubon Birdathon

by Nancy Wilson

"...we share the same breath - the beasts, the trees, the birds, the man."
(Nancy Wood - Taos Indians)

Time flies by and Birdathon is just around the corner. It is time to double knot tennis shoe laces, strap on the binoculars, and observe the natural wonders of the



AUDUBON BIRDATHON

Earth. While raising funds to protect birds, wildlife and their habitats, dedicated birders have a fun day of competitive and social birding. This year's Birdathon will benefit the Audubon Southwest Regional Office, Audubon Adventures for children, the El Paso Environmental Center, and send one fortunate person to the Audubon Ecology Camp. Birdathon is important both nationally and locally for education and conservation.

Birdathon will take place on the weekend of May 4th and 5th in El Paso. This is another chance to preserve our chapter's tradition of being a leader in the nation for funds raised. If you would like to be included as a participant and/or a sponsor contact John Kiseda (833-6212) or Jane Fowler (598-2448). Another tradition is the potluck dinner, which will be held at the Garden Center (3105 Grant St.) on Sunday evening, May 5th. Audubon members are splendid cooks and everyone is welcome. If you can't participate to count bird species, please register as a sponsor.



Visit Feather Lake This Spring

by John Sproul

Feather Lake News

There are lots of good reasons to visit Feather Lake in spring. Our wildlife sanctuary, located at 9500 North Loop in El Paso's lower valley, is flush with new growth. Thousands of White-faced Ibis arrive at day's end to roost there each evening. Beginning in mid-April, the sand pricklypear, a candidate for possible future listing as an endangered species, is bright with showy yellow blooms.

In addition to the regular visitor days shown on the back page, you'll have two special opportunities to enjoy Feather Lake this spring. One is our April 15 general meeting, described on page 1. The other is our May 18 workday. Join us for breakfast at Feather Lake at 8 AM, followed by the dedication at 9 AM of a special tree honoring the contributions of Joe Guinn and Sid Shepperd to Feather Lake, followed by some good honest labor.

Speaking of honest labor, we've gotten a lot of great help lately. On January 20, youths from the Juvenile Probation Department's First Time Offender program, working with the Sierra Club's Inner City Outings program, planted some 30 coyote willow poles along the east side of the basin. On February 5-6, students from Montwood High School cleared every scrap of trash they could find from the sanctuary. And during March and April, El Paso Community College students are helping remove saltcedar from selected areas on the lake's largest island. Our sincere thanks to all!

We also extend sincere thanks to Pearson's Tree Place in Canutillo, which generously donated the Arizona ash we will be dedicating May 18. Finally, thanks are due the City of El Paso, from whom we lease the Feather Lake property. On February 6, City Council renewed our lease for an additional 5-year term.



Taxonomically Speaking

by John Sproul

The most recent supplement to the American Ornithologists' Union Check-list of North American Birds appeared recently (*The Auk* 112(3):819-830), presenting the latest thinking of the AOU Check-list Committee regarding taxonomy and nomenclature of North American birds. Here are the changes of greatest interest to Southwestern U.S. birders:

The Gilded Flicker (*Colaptes chrysoides*), found in southeastern California and southern Arizona, is again split off from the Northern Flicker (*C. auratus*).

The Scrub Jay is split into three species: Florida Scrub-Jay (*Aphelocoma coerulescens*), Island Scrub-Jay (*A. insularis*) and Western Scrub-Jay (*A. californica*). The Florida Scrub-Jay is found only in Florida and the Island Scrub-Jay only on Santa Cruz Island, California. Scrub jays everywhere else are Westerns.

The Rufous-sided Towhee is split into two species: Eastern Towhee (*Pipilo erythrophthalmus*) and Spotted Towhee (*P. maculatus*). The Spotted Towhee winters in the El Paso area and nests in New Mexico. There is only one record of Eastern Towhee from El Paso.

The Northern Oriole is split into three species: Baltimore Oriole (*Icterus galbula*), Bullock's Oriole (*I. bullockii*) and Black-backed Oriole (*I. abeillei*). Bullock's is the common nesting species in our area. The Baltimore Oriole is a very rare vagrant here, and the Black-backed Oriole is found in southern Mexico.

In addition to the splits, there are some name changes. The scientific name for the Great Egret changes from *Casmerodius albus* to *Ardea alba* and that for the American Golden-Plover changes from *Pluvialis dominica* to *Pluvialis dominicus*. Finally, the English name of *Aphelocoma ultramarina* is once again Mexican Jay instead of Gray-breasted Jay.

Much as you might think otherwise, these changes aren't intended to drive birders crazy or sell new editions of field guides. Our understanding of the evolution and taxonomic relationships of birds is

constantly being refined. New knowledge dictates new thinking on how we classify birds. It is a process that doesn't end, so rest assured you'll see more changes in the future.

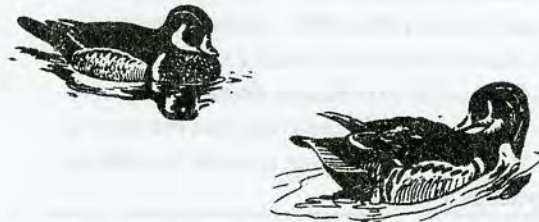
About the Newsletter

The chapter newsletter, **THE ROADRUNNER**, is published six times a year by the El Paso/Trans Pecos Audubon Society. The annual subscription rate for the newsletter only is \$5.00. The newsletter is included with your membership in the National Audubon Society.

Chapter members are encouraged to submit articles for publication in THE ROADRUNNER. The articles may be of any length and in any format, but the editor reserves the right to modify submissions to fit space available.

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Neil O'Hara for the General Fund

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Texas Celebrity Bird Tours

See Texas' best birds with our best birders while helping to support Texas Audubon programs with Celebrity Bird Tours in Texas. The Southwest Regional Office of the National Audubon Society is scheduling tours throughout Texas to see the Golden-cheeked Warbler, Black-capped Vireo, Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl, Attwater's Prairie-chicken and many more birds that make birding in Texas special.

The following trips have been scheduled:

- Golden-cheeked Warblers and Black-capped Vireos - Bird the Balcones Canyonland National Wildlife Refuge for these endangered species with Chuck Sexton on Saturday, May 18. Cost is \$75.00 for Audubon members, \$100.00 for non-members.

- Ferruginous Pygmy Owls - Bird the Kenedy Ranch with the Executive Director of Texas Partners in Flight, Cecilia Riley. The dates are June 1 - 2, 1996 and the tentative costs are \$275 for Audubon members and \$300 for non-members.

- El Paso Area - Go birding in the El Paso area with the El Paso/Trans Pecos Audubon Society on October 19 - 20, 1996. Details and cost are still being arranged. The proceeds from this tour will benefit the Audubon Foundation of Texas.

- Lower Rio Grande Valley - Bird this area for some species found nowhere else. Nature columnist and leading local birder, Father Tom Pincelli, will be leading the tour. Dates and cost will be determined.

- Attwater's Prairie-chicken - Houston Zoo's Curator of Birds, Chelle Plasse, will lead this tour to the Houston Zoo's captive breeding facility. A night will be spent in Eagle Lake then go to the Attwater's Prairie National Wildlife Refuge at dawn's light. The tentative date for the tour is March 1 - 2, 1997; cost is still to be determined.

For more details of these trips, and others yet to be planned, contact: National Audubon Society Southwest Regional Office 2525 Wallingwood #301 Austin, TX 78746 (512) 327-1943 sskrei@audubon.org

More Reasons to Surf the Internet

There are two more news groups on the Internet that are of interest to birders.

TexBirds is now on-line.

There is now a electronic way to distribute Texas rare bird alerts and bird sightings and to discuss birding topics in Texas. Ted Eubanks has set up a maillist server through the help of Evette Metzger at National Audubon.

TexBirds is devoted exclusively to conversations about birds and birding for Audubon members in Texas. The listserver can distribute rare bird alerts and updates almost instantly throughout Texas. To be added to the list, send an email message with the subject line blank to — majordomo@igc.apc.org — with the following message only: `subscribe audubon-texas-birds`

If you need any additional information, please feel to contact me.

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Ornithology Mail List Started

Announcing ORNITH-L, a new mailing list for the discussion of ornithology. This is a fully moderated forum for general queries and discussions regarding any topic within ornithology, e.g. systematics, physiology, ecology, conservation, etc. This is not a birding list, nor a forum for bird banding. Messages not appropriate to ORNITH-L will be returned to the sender. The hope is to encourage scientific discussions of ornithology, and to establish a network of ornithologists for the exchange of new ideas. ORNITH-L can also be used for workshop, conference and symposium announcements. To subscribe, send the message 'subscribe ORNITH-L Yourfirstname Yourlastname' to Listserv@uafsysb.uark.edu. Any problems with subscription or questions regarding ORNITH-L can be directed to the list owner JEANETTE BIDER, jbider@comp.uark.edu

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On The Trail

Southeast Arizona is one of the best birding locations in the country. Its deserts and mountains create a birding wonderland: that, combined with the closeness of subtropical Mexico, allow for a diversity of birds found nowhere else in the USA.

We will concentrate on trying to find Broad-billed and Violet-crowned Hummingbirds, Spotted Owl, Sulphur-bellied and Buff-breasted Flycatchers, and two other flycatcher types: the Tropical Kingbird and Northern-beardless Tyrannulet. Most of these are found only in Southeastern Arizona. In addition, we could see the Gray Hawk, Elegant Trogon, Bell's Vireo and Abert's Towhee. We will find the Gray-breasted Jay, Gila Woodpecker, Cassin's Kingbird and Painted Redstart.

This great trip will take place on Memorial day weekend May 25, 26, and 27. Camping in the area is difficult so many will stay at one of the good motels in Sierra Vista. If you think that you might like to go, contact Bob "Wild Birder" Johnson 757-1876 for itinerary and other details.

HUECO TANKS STATE PARK

Some of the winter birds will be gone, but not the Green-tailed Towhees. Some summer residents should have arrived including the Ash-throated Flycatcher. We will also look for Golden-crowned (3d winter here, but very rare in Texas), Black-throated (permenent resident), and Cassin's (migrant) Sparrows. We will meet in front of the Flying Saucer Building (US 62/180 & FM 2775) at 7:22 AM on the 13th of April. For more birding bring your lunch and we will picnic together. Any questions call Bob 757-1876.

MEMORIAL PARK

7:16 AM is the time to meet John Kiseda at the Garden Center, which is located at 3500 Grant St., on Sat. April 27th. Warbler migration should be in full swing and the Orioles and Vireos should have arrived. It will be a colorful morning of birding and you will be home for lunch..Info-call John 833-6212.

BIRDATHON

Saturday and Sunday May 4/5 is the day to help us raise money. Bob is going to do his counting in Kerrville Texas (home of the GOLDEN-CHEEKED WARBLER) anyone wanting to go camping that weekend is welcome to come along. Additional information on the Birdathon published elsewhere is tnis issue.

SPRING MIGRATION COUNT

The 5th Annual North American Migration Count will be held on Sat. May 11, which is also International Migratory Day This a one day "snapshot" of the progress of spring migration. Call to be assigned to a team, Leader John Sproul 545-5157.

C D W R

For those of you who don't know, C D W R stands for Chihuahuan Desert Wildlife, Rescue. Helen Bigalow, who is the Chief Dispatcher for the organization, will host us for a briefing on their operation. This will be at her home in Anthony NM, after that we will go in search of the Heron Rookery west of the river. This will all take place on Sun. June 9th and Tom Baker will be your leader, meet him at Transmountain Road and I 10 at 3:28 PM

PLAN AHEAD

July 4-7, Sallie Homan's cabin at Willow creek in the Gila NF. A trip to the Catwalk for the Dipper and a trip to Luna for the Lewis' Woodpecker.

August 3-4, Summer at the Bosque Del Apache and Water Canyon, see the Red-faced Warbler and a trip to Magdelana for Pinyon Jays.

Upcoming activities at Hueco Tanks State Historical Park sponsored by the Friends of Hueco Tanks.

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| April 13 | Star Party |
| April 21 | Bird Identification Tour |
| April 28 | Volunteer Fair |
| May 11 | Star Party |
| May 19 | Bird Identification Tour |

UTAH & YELLOWSTONE

Bob Johnson is going to the ABA (American Birding Association) bianual convention in Park City, Utah, June 17 - 22, then on to Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks, June 23 -28. Anyone wanting to tag along at their own expense, call Bob 757-1876.

Audubon Birdathon '96

Birdathon counters are gearing up for 1996! What is Birdathon? It's not your average bird count or fundraiser, that's for sure! Birdathon is totally unique: a wild weekend of birding and our organization's most important source of income for conservation and education programs. **Birdathon '96 will take place on May 4th-5th** and we hope you can join us for a full, rewarding weekend of birding throughout the El Paso area.

The proceeds of our 1996 Birdathon efforts will benefit local & national programs equally: This year's beneficiaries will be:

EDUCATION. Birdathon is the main source of funding used in support of our **Audubon Adventures** youth education program and our **Audubon Ecology Camp Scholarship Program**. The scholarship provides local educators the opportunity to attend an **Audubon Ecology Camp** where they can enhance their environmental education skills.

EL PASO ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER. Funds to help support essential capital improvements at the center.

FEATHER LAKE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY. Our chapter manages this "Jewel of the Dessert" for the benefit of local wildlife and as a wonderful teaching tool for environmental education concepts. It's also a great place to watch birds and enjoy a pleasant hike.

NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY'S SOUTHWEST REGIONAL OFFICE. Our support helps to ensure that this NAS regional office continues to be an effective, respected voice for our West Texas environment. Funds dedicated to the operations of the NAS regional office are needed to keep the office at full strength & working for us.

The counters on the reverse side are ready to do their all for Birdathon. How can **you** help? (over)



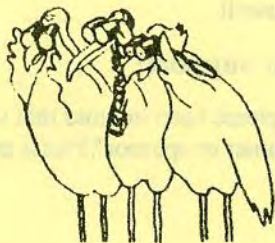
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BIRDATHON '96**

____ YES! I'll sponsor _____
for \$ _____ per species for each
species s/he finds on the Birdathon.

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for a flat \$ _____.

____ I will add a bonus of \$ _____ if my
counter sees a _____.

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Pecos Audubon Society.



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Please clip & return this form by April 27 to:
Birdathon '96
c/o Jane Fowler
3212 Kilkenny
El Paso, TX 79925

Thank you for your Generous Birdathon pledge!
Your gift is tax deductible as allowed by law.

On the weekend of **May 4-5**, our dedicated Birdathon counters will be wildly scurrying about the countryside, trying to find as many bird species as possible in a single 24-hour blitz. These hardy & intrepid individuals will start early, stay out late, visit varied wildlife habitats and give their eyes, ears and bird knowledge a full workout. Why do they push themselves so hard? For the pleasure of a day afield, for the chance to collect meaningful data for a nationwide census project, for a test of their birding skills and most importantly, for a better West Texas environment. Each counter will be backed by sponsors who pledge either a given amount for each species seen or a fixed total amount. Most counters will see 50 to 100 species. A pledge of, say \$0.50 per species for 60 species would result in a Birdathon contribution of \$30. All contributions are tax-deductible. **Fully 95%** of Birdathon income goes to our named projects; 5% pays for the cost of fundraising. Every new species identified thus means another big boost for our Education Fund, Feather Lake Sanctuary, the El Paso Environmental Center and Audubon's Southwest Regional Office.

You support makes Birdathon work! Whether it's \$.25 per species, \$1.00 per species or any given amount, we hope you will consider a Birdathon pledge.

Prizes

As usual, this years prizes are great! As a Birdathon sponsor, you'll be entered in our ever-popular local Birdathon drawings for a number of wonderful prizes. You will also have a chance to win an 8 night cruise and tour vacation for two aboard the tss Seawind Crown including air from Miami, Baltimore, Newark or Tampa through the National Audubon Society's office.

Pot-luck Dinner

The prize drawings will take place at our annual post-Birdathon pot-luck. It will start at 6 PM on Sunday, May 5th, at the Garden Center, 3105 Grant, in Memorial Park in El Paso. Please join us. Reports of the weekend's best birds, great food, door prizes, and results of our drawing await you!

The Counters

So, whom can you sponsor? As of today, 33 counters have agreed to put out their best effort for this year's Birdathon. You can also sponsor one of this years celebrity counters, the **Youth of El Paso**. Local school children that have an interest in nature & wildlife will team up with some of our experienced birders to have fun, learn about local wildlife & raise funds for our local & national conservation efforts.

This year's roster of individual counters are a hardy and dedicated group & most have been involved in a number of Birdathons. These people are:

Mary Lou Alcorn	Weldon Fishbeck	Paul Milios
Art Arteaga	Jane Fowler	Jo Nagel
George Barnett	Joe Guinn	Gail Nickle
Matt Bingham	Richard Hermosilla	Terry Nickle
Paul Bingham	Ann Heying	Jim Paton
Mary Bradley	Sally Homan	Iola Pennington
Craig Braginton	Anne Hussmann	Mark Riede
Joe Cancellare	Bob Johnson	Susie Schneider
Cliff Edison	Larry Jordan	Charles Simpson
Theresa Fanney	John Kiseda	John Sproul
Betty Fishbeck	Peggy Laswell	Nancy Wilson

Please pick one or more and give them your support!

We welcome & encourage additional counters! Also, please keep in mind that we hope to have several teams of enthusiastic school children. Would you like to participate as a counter or sponsor? Please contact John Kiseda (833-6212) or Jane Fowler (598-2448) for details.

Observations

January 16, 1996 to March 15, 1996

Uncommon, RARE, and CASUAL sightings

We are continuing to have a number of very rare sightings (full entry **bold and underlined**). Some of the listings may not be considered RARE, but because of the season or habitat (date and/or location **bold and underlined**) they are unusual. The listing of birds here is determined using the checklist "Birds of El Paso County, Texas and Adjacent Areas" 7th Edition, October 1987. The number of sightings are way down this period. WHAT HAPPENED? Either you have not been going out or are not reporting what you saw. If you are unsure of a sighting, don't hesitate - report it, to Bob "WILDBIRDER" Johnson 757-1876 (recorder).

(Observers: Al Gavit, Madaline Gavit, Richard Hermosillo, Bob Johnson, Larry Jordan, John Kiseda, Kathy Kiseda, Terry Nickle, Al Olivas, Flora Pitard, Patricia Russell, John Sproul, James Zebreskie, Barry Zimmer. All-Entire Period, Var.-Various dates, Mob-Many observers, ft-Field Trip Leader, yd-at yard feeder.)

Locations: Can-Canutillo, Cor-Coronado, DMA-Doniphan Marsh, FBP-Fort Bliss Ponds, FHC-Fort Hancock, FLk-Feather Lake, Frn-Frontera, HTk-Hueco Tanks, Hor-Horizon City, Kil-Kilkenny, Lom Lombardy, McG-McGreggor Range, McN-McNary, MPk-Mountain Park, STa-Santa Teresa, Tor-Tornillo, UVI-Upper Valley, VDM- Vista Del Monte, Xrd-Crossroads Pond, Zoo-El Paso Zoo(not an exhibit).

GREBES to SWANS

Western Grebe (15)	1/16	(BZ)	McN
CLARK'S GREBE (5)	1/16	(BZ)	McN
<u>WHITE PELICAN</u>	2/14	(BJ-ft)	McN
	3/14	(BZ)	McN
GREAT EGRET	Var.	(JS)	FLk
White-faced Ibis	2/29	(JS)	FLk
<u>TUNDRA SWAN</u>	2/29	(LJ)	Xrd

GEESE to VULTURES

Snow Goose	Var.	(JS)	FLk
ROSS' GOOSE (21)	1/16	(BZ)	McN
Canada Goose	Var.	(JS)	FLk
WOOD DUCK	1/29	(JZ)	Can
	Var.	(JS)	FLk
Blue-winged Teal	2/5	(JS)	FLk
<u>EURASIAN WIGEON</u>	1/16	(BZ)	Tor
<u>RED-BREASTED MERGANSER</u>	2/3	(PR)	DMA
Turkey Vulture	3/10	(JZ)	Can

EAGLES to HUMMINGBIRDS

Golden Eagle	1/20	(AG)	Hor
<u>PEREGRINE FALCON</u>	2/3	(MG)	Hor
Sora	2/3	(PR)	DMA
SANDHILL CRANE	2/16	(KK)	UVI
<u>WESTERN SANDPIPER</u>	1/16	(BZ)	FHC
LONG-EARED OWL	1/22	(AO)	McG
	3/2	(RH)	FBP
ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD	2/18	(KK)	MPk

WOODPECKERS to PIPETS

<u>LEWIS' WOODPECKER</u>	ALL	(Mob)	Frn
	(4th Area Record)	1/16-2/10	(Mob) Lom
<u>ACORN WOODPECKER</u>	2/29	(RH)	VDM
<u>DOWNY WOODPECKER</u>	2d Area Record		
	3/3	(BJ)	Lom
VERMILLION FLYCATCHER	3/11	(FP)	Hor
Barn Swallow	3/5	(JZ)	Can
Scrub Jay	2/13	(JF-yd)	Kil
<u>GREEN JAY</u>	Var	(JK)	Zoo
<u>SPRAGUE'S PIPET</u>	1/22	(AO)	McG

WARBLERS to GOLDFINCHES

<u>TENNESSEE WARBLER</u>	1/25	(JK)	Zoo
ORANGE-CROWNED WBLR	2/3	(PR-yd)	STa
<u>YELLOW WARBLER</u>	2/16	(TN)	Cor
SWAMP SPARROW	2/5	(JS)	FLk
<u>GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW</u>	Very rare in Texas,		
	3d Winter here)	Var	(Mob) HTk
PINE SISKIN	2/3	(MG)	Hor
<u>LAWRENCE'S GOLDFINCH</u>	2d Texas Record)		
	2/11	(BJ)	FBP

Lawrence's Goldfinch



winter ♂

CALENDAR

April

- Mon., 8 - Board Meeting
- Sat., 13 - Field Trip to Hueco Tanks, see page 6.
- Sun., 14 - Feather Lake open, 2:00 PM to Dusk.
- Mon., 15 - General Meeting, see page 1.
- Sat., 20 - Feather Lake open, 8:00 AM to Noon.
- Sat., 20 - Field Trip to Memorial Park, see page 6.
- Sun., 21 - Feather Lake open, 2:00 PM to Dusk.
- Sun., 28 - Feather Lake open, 2:00 PM to Dusk.

May

Sat., 4 - Sun., 5 - Birdathon - See page 3 and the special insert.

- Sat., 11 - Spring Migration Count, see page 6.
- Mon., 13 - Board Meeting
- Sat., 18 - Feather Lake workday, see page 3.
- Mon., 20 - General Meeting, see page 1.
- Sat., 25 - Sun., 26 - Mon., 27 - Field trip to Southeast Arizona, see page 6.

June

- Sun., 9 - Field trip to the CDWR, see page 6.
- Mon., 10 - Board Meeting

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