



The Roadrunner

Newsletter of the El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society

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

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Annual Award Dinner

Saturday, February 15, 2020 6:00-8:00pm
 Hyatt Place Hotel, 6030 Gateway Blvd E., El Paso, Texas
Deadline to RSVP: Friday, February 7, 2020

The 2020 Annual Meeting of the El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society promises to be a most interesting and entertaining evening. Not only will you be able to visit friends and fellow Auduboners, we will be having a great presentation by Dr. David Angerstein, who has worked with conservation organizations around the world studying a variety of wildlife. His talk will focus on his experiences in conservation and wildlife rehabilitation in Central and South America.

We will be honoring Dr. Cesar Méndez, Superintendent of the Franklin Mountains State Park for his years of working to protect the Franklin Mountains and the Park.

Dinner will be part of the evening's activities, and we have a number of delicious menu items to choose from. This year there will be two vegetarian options and two meat options.

Beef and Chicken Fajitas (\$19 per person) - meat

Prepared with bell peppers, onions and tomatoes and served with ranchero or refried beans, Spanish rice, homemade flour tortillas, guacamole, tostadas, pico de gallo, specialty sauce and cilantro.

Mexican Combination Platter (\$18 per person) – meat or vegetarian

Meat option: one chile relleno, one cheese enchilada (red or green), one flauta (beef or chicken), one beef gordita, refried beans, Spanish rice, tostadas, salsa

Vegetarian option: two chile rellenos, two cheese enchiladas (red or green), refried beans, Spanish rice, tostadas, salsa

Important: when choosing this option, specify whether you want the meat or the vegetarian option.

Vegetarian Lasagna (\$16 per person)

Served with green garden tossed salad with ranch and Italian dressings, green beans almandine (without bacon) and French bread

All meals come with tea and water as well as a choice from assorted sliced cakes. Reservations are required. Please send your check for meal selections (and specify which menu items you want). Mail these to:

Eddie Chew
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March Meeting

Monday, March 16, 2020 6:30pm
Centennial Museum at UTEP
500 W. University Ave

Green Infrastructure

Sarah Elena Dillabough and Alec Mondello

We are excited to announce the March and April 2020 joint meetings of the **Sierra Club** and **Audubon Society**. The members of these groups have many overlapping interests about birds, nature, and conservation. However, everyone has such busy lives that we can't always attend the monthly meetings of the individual organizations. To try to allow us more opportunities to get to know each other, we are having these two joint meetings.

In March, both organizations will meet during the regularly scheduled Audubon meeting time, **Monday, March 16th, at 6:30 pm**, at the Centennial Museum on the UTEP campus. The program will be on the environmental benefits of green infrastructure, including for wildlife habitat. Sarah Elena Dillabough and Alec Mondello, both with Creosote Collaborative, will be presenting. The regularly scheduled Sierra Club meeting will be canceled.

In April, both organizations will meet during the regularly scheduled Sierra Club meeting time, **Tuesday, April 28th, at 6:30 pm**, also at the Centennial Museum. The program will be about the recent news reports of a 25% decline in North American birds since 1970 and the actions everyone can take to help recover those populations. Kevin Floyd, El Paso Audubon conservation chair, will be presenting. The regularly scheduled Audubon meeting will be canceled.

Conservation Organizations

Greater Big Bend Coalition
<https://greaterbigbend.wordpress.com/>

Chihuahuan Desert Education Coalition
www.chihuahuandesert.org

Second Chance Wildlife Rescue
www.secondchancewildliferescue.org
 Josie Karam (915) 920-7867

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Keystone Heritage Park 581-7920
www.keystoneheritagepark.com

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

Friends of Rio Bosque 747-8663
www.riobosque.org

Southwest Environmental Center
 (575) 522-5552
www.wildmesquite.org

Franklin Mt. Wilderness Coalition
www.franklinmountains.org/

Celebration of Our Mountains
www.celebmtns.org

AT FEATHER LAKE

Rain in late November and early December, sent 2 surges of runoff into the Feather Lake basin. On Dec 10, the water depth at the inlet hit 2.2 feet, our deepest measurement for the year. Of course, both storm events also brought the inevitable load of trash previously dumped into upstream drains.



The next workday at Feather Lake will be **Sat., February 8**, starting at **9 a.m.** Can you guess what our task will be?



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

Audubon at

Rio Bosque Wetlands Park

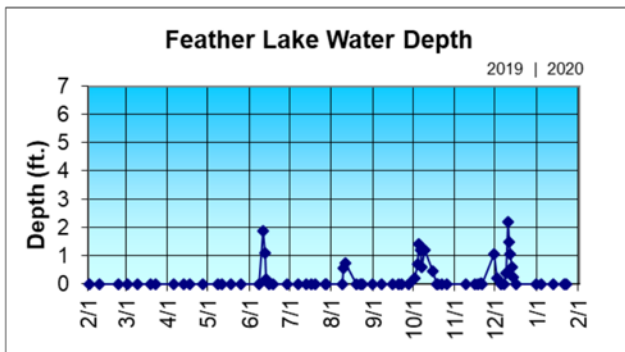


More water will likely be available to the park this year in February and March than in prior years, thanks to favorable volumes of water now in storage in upstream reservoirs. The wetland cells at Rio Bosque will likely stay fully flooded through the end of February, and irrigation water is expected to be available in mid-March. Last year's irrigation season didn't begin until June.

Unfortunately, the pages providing up-to-date information on Rio Bosque's water conditions and birds were recently eliminated from the park's website (www.riobosque.org); efforts to get them restored are underway. Upcoming free walking tours:

- 8 a.m., Sun., February 2 (Bird tour)**
- 3 p.m., Sat., February 8 (Introductory tour)**
- 3 p.m., Sun., March 1 (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.



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Dates to Remember

February

2 & 8: **Rio Bosque**
Sat 8: **Feather Lake Workday**
Mon 10: **Board Meeting**
Sat 15: **Awards Dinner**



March

Mon 9: **Board Meeting**
Mon 16: **General Meeting**
1 & 14: **Rio Bosque**

April

Mon 13: **Board Meeting**
Tue 28: **General Meeting**



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