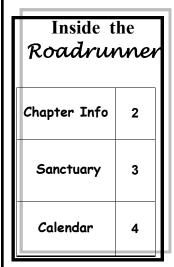


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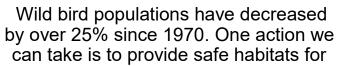
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Updated information about upcoming field trips, calendar of upcoming events, and recent bird sightings.

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General Meeting via ZOOM October 18, 2021 Kevin Floyd BIRD FRIENDLY YARDS





them in our own yards, with food, shelter, and water. Kevin Floyd, botanical curator at the Chihuahuan Desert Gardens at UTEP, will present on ways to make our yards bird-friendly. We will also learn about the results from our chapter's Bird-a-thon that took place October 2-3.

The meeting is Monday, October 18 at 7:00 pm. The meeting will open about 10 minutes early for people to get logged in and chat with each other. Register for the meeting at https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvdOGhrTkvHNa-L63lpmEmyhp96xNRr8sk

The meeting is open to everyone, whether you are an Audubon member or not.

We are still looking for ideas for more presentations. If you have someone in mind, please email us at elpasoaudubon@gmail.com.

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AT FEATHER LAKE

After a long dry spell, Feather Lake received runoff from 3 significant summer storms, one in late June, one in mid-July, and one in mid-August. The August storm topped them all. The water level at the lake peaked on August 15-16, but we could only speculate about the actual depth because the lake's water-level gauge was completely under water.

After that peak, the water level dropped steadily, and the basin was again dry by September 1. With the lake dry, we measured the high-water mark on the bridge where North Loop Dr. passes over the lake inlet. It was at approximately 7'8". If accurate, that is the highest water level ever recorded at the lake, exceeding the level of 7'6", also measured at the bridge, during the storms of 2006.

Not only did the runoff from the recent storms bring new accumulations of trash, it distributed that trash throughout the basin. Our next workday will be **Sat., October 9,** starting at **8 a.m.** If conditions permit, we'll work on trash removal. Feather Lake is located at 9500 North Loop at Bordeaux in El Paso, 0.3 miles west of Americas Ave.

Audubon at

Water deliveries to Rio Bosque from the adjacent Roberto Bustamante



Wastewater Treatment Plant ended September 30. We expect deliveries to resume in late October, re-flooding the wetland cells and, we hope, attracting a wealth of water birds.

For up-to-date information on tours, birds and water conditions at the park, check www.riobosque.org. Upcoming tours:

- 4 p.m., Sun., Oct 17 (Bird tour)
- 8 a.m., Sat., Oct 30 (Introductory tour)
- 3:30 p.m., Sat., Nov 13 (Introductory tour)
- 8 a.m., Sun., Nov 21 (Bird 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.

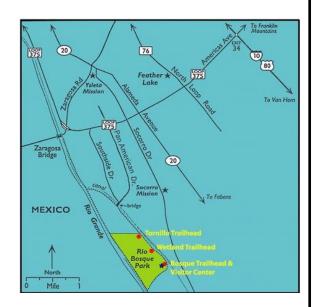
AVIAN ARCHAEOLOGY

From October 2021 through May 2022, Archaeology Southwest is offering a monthly series of free online presentations via Zoom exploring human-avian relationships in the ancient Southwest. The series promises to be fascinating and enlightening. The first 3 presentations in the lineup:

Oct. 5. Ancestral Pueblo Turkey Penning in Perspective (Cyler Conrad)

Nov 2. Turkeys in the Mimbres Valley (Sean Dolan)
Dec 7. Turkey Feather Blankets in Ancestral
Pueblo History (Bill Lipe and Mary Weahkee)

All presentations start at 6 p.m. To view the full schedule, learn more about each and register for individual presentations, visit <u>archaeologysouthwest.org/café</u>. Space is limited, so don't delay.



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<u>October</u>

Mon 11: **Board Meeting**Mon 18: **General Meeting**Sat 9: **Feather Lake workday**17 & 30: **Rio Bosque**

16 & 17: **Hueco Tanks Inter-**

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November

Mon 8: **Board Meeting** 13 & 21: **Rio Bosque**

Mon 15: General Meeting

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