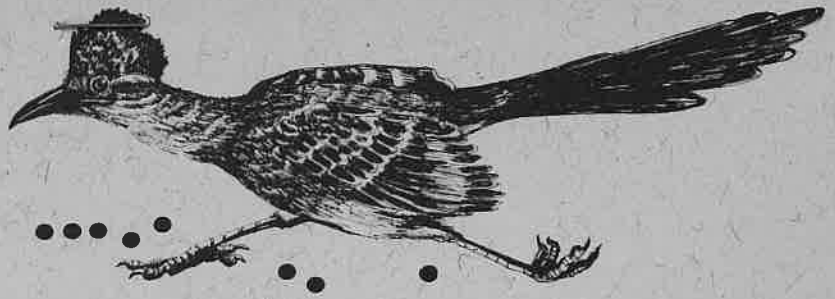


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AUDUBON FILM SERIES: Monday, October 17, 7:30 p.m.

We will be kicking off the film series with a truly outstanding and beautiful film by Ty Hotchkiss entitled "Exploring Big Bend." Your editor (who has seen the film) strongly urges everyone who is interested in the flora and fauna of the southwest to attend. The film will be shown in the Union Theater on the UTEP campus. Tickets are \$1.00/person (UTEP students with S.A. cards admitted free) and are available at the door the night of the show. Show time is 7:30 p.m.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING, Wednesday, October 19, 7:30 p.m., El Paso Garden Center, 3105

Dr. Peter Chrapliwy, professor of biology at UTEP, will present a program entitled "Poisonous Arthropods of Southwestern Deserts." This program should be of interest to everyone in this area, as Dr. Chrapliwy will show us how to separate the poisonous spiders, scorpions, etc. from the non-poisonous species. Included will be a display of specimens.

FIELD TRIP: Hueco Tanks State Park, Saturday, October 29, 7:00 a.m.

This will be a half-day trip to one of our best birding areas. We may catch some interesting late migrants, as well as some early winter visitors. Meet at the parking lot of the old Bordertown Drive-In on Montana at 7:00 a.m.

FIELD TRIP: Old Refuge, Saturday, Nov. 12, 6:30 a.m.

The Old Refuge is just south of Las Cruces, and is one of the best birding spots in our area. We have had some outstanding trips there in the past, with many birds seen. Bring a small lunch and meet at the Royal Inn parking lot (Executive Center and I-10) at 6:30 a.m.

*****NOTE: We will try another "meet the public" presentation on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at the El Paso Garden Center (3105 Grant), and will consist of a short slide show in bird identification, followed by a bird walk through Memorial Park.

CAVE CREEK IN NEED OF PROTECTION:

Cave Creek Canyon in the Chiricahua Mountains of southeastern Arizona is in need of protection. Human impact in the past few years has increased so drastically that the fragile environment may be irreparably harmed if adequate measures are not taken soon. Cave Creek is home to many rare plants and animals which are found nowhere else in the United States. At present there are too many people using the Canyon. People pressure is most critical in the South Fork area, where the endangered Copper-tailed Trogon nests. A campground is located right in the middle of the trogon nesting area, and tour groups of up to 30 people are continuously tramping through the area. There is also a move afoot to "develop" the area for more recreation, with a fishing lake which would bring many more people into the region.

The New Mexico Audubon Societies have formed a council and are meeting on October 15 at Roswell. Interested members from El Paso are invited to attend. The Silver City group would like to see the South Fork campground closed, and the South Fork trail closed with access by permission.

Send letters with your support to:

Mr. Bob Turner, Regional Forester
Denver, Colorado

and

Mr. J. Hassell, Regional Forester
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517 Gold Street, S.W.
Albuquerque, N.M. 87102

NOTE:

Anyone seeing one or more Whooping Cranes in this region in the next couple months is asked to contact the editor immediately at 751-0552.