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EL PASO/TRANS PECOS AUDUBON SOCIETY

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THE El Paso/Trans Pecos Audubon Society on the third Monday of each month, September through May. The general meetings are held at the Garden Center, Memorial Park, 3105 Grant, El Paso, Texas. The public is cordially invited.

General Meeting: Monday, April 15, 7:30 PM. - The Chihuahuan Desert Wildlife Refuge is now officially one year old. Come to the April general meeting to meet Helen Bigelow, wildlife rehabilitator, and Jim Koschman, D.V.M., and see what they are all about. For instance, last year there was a 50% to 65% successful release rate. They were able to free some 316 birds and 15 mammals back into the wild where the creatures really belong. See the Feb.-Mar., 1990 Roadrunner for a complete listing of the animals they have helped. Don't miss this opportunity to meet two of the unsung heroes of the CDWR.



General Meeting: Monday, May 21, 7:30 PM

Last year, considerable controversy was generated by Audubon television special called "Rage Over Trees". The controversy began when loggers threatened a boycott of Stroh's Beer, the programs major sponsor. Stroh's, already in financial hard times, withdrew its support of the Audubon series. Several lesser sponsors followed. All of this before the show was aired. The possibility of the public actually seeing "Rage Over Trees" was remote at best until Ted Turner, owner of Turner Broadcasting System, came to the rescue and broadcast the show at his own expense. Ironically, some environmental groups thought the program was biased in favor of the loggers.

If you were unable to "Rage Over Trees" before, join us at the May general meeting to see what sparked the controversy. The program will be presented by Joyce Davis.

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## THANKS, AND MORE THANKS

Many thanks to Ron Bates, manager of Coronado Country Club, for arranging a sumptuous buffet and dessert table for our Annual Awards Dinner. The food was great and the service impeccable. It was a great success!

Kudos to Marian and Dale Zimmerman for a marvelous program on "Birds of Costa Rica". A great treat for our Awards Dinner. Hope you'll be back again!

Gracias, Pete Dix, for your generous donation of answering machines for our local wildlife rehabilitators - we appreciate your support.

Many, many thank yous to Anne Hussmann, Chef Emeritus, for her "rewarding" and tireless work in hospitality for our Audubon functions - from cookies to dinners. She has served with great flair and delicious efficacy for three years. Thank you again, Anne Hussmann, for the added avoirdupois.

Thank you to John Sproul for a most informative and interesting program on the Texas Breeding Bird Atlas. And we look forward to watching birds breed for the Atlas.

Many thanks to Hussmann Ventures for the donation of an Oaxacan-made pottery bird for the April raffle. The bird was on display at the March general meeting and that alone should be incentive enough to attend the April meeting.

//Thank You Editor, Nancy Wilson//



## A NOTE TO THE CHAPTER

The El Paso Sierra Club's Inner City Outings Program (ICO) would like to thank all those who graciously pledged their support of our recent fundraiser at Feather Lake. We had 10 students who participated. Their 4 hours of hard work resulted in a very large number of salt cedars being removed from the wildlife sanctuary.

The money raised will be put towards our overnight ski trip to Cloudcroft as well as future field trips and equipment. Your generous pledges will make it possible for these and future students to gain experience in the outdoors and learn to appreciate and protect the health of their environment.

Sincerely, (signed) Scott Cutler, ICO Chairman

Happy to help, Scott.

## LEK TREK

The Southeastern New Mexico Audubon Society will hold its second annual Prairie Chicken Lek Trek on April 7, 1990. The Lek Trek will depart from Denny's Restaurant at Second and Main in Roswell, N.M. at 4:30 AM on Saturday, April 7. The group will reassemble at approximately 5:30 AM at the rest stop 40 miles due east of Roswell in order to be in place at the lek before daylight.

After the viewing the SNMAS will serve breakfast (donations accepted) and will provide assistance for those birders who wish to tour Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge near Roswell.

Visitors should wear warm clothing and bring coffee and binoculars. For more information contact Dan Baggao of the Roswell BLM office at (505) 624-1790 or Sherry Bixler, Audubon volunteer, at (505) 622-0597.

# ON THE TRAIL

## HUMMINGBIRD HAVEN

Southeast Arizona is described as one of the best birding spots in the country, and all of our members who have been there and they will agree. This year we are going to stay in Sierra Vista, but will visit Sonita Creek and Ramsey Canyon, both Nature Conservation Sanctuaries. Also a trip to Huachuca Canyon and the San Pedro River are on the schedule. Listed here are a few of the more than 100 species seen two years ago. Blue-throated, Magnificent, Broad-billed, and Broad-tailed hummingbirds; Abert's Towhee; Yellow-eyed Junco; Gray-breasted Jay; Gray Hawk; Gila Woodpecker; Black-shouldered Kite; Tropical Kingbird; Rose-throated Becard; Buff-breasted Flycatcher.

Down to earth campers (no facilities) will tent in Miller Canyon. Several good motels are located in Sierra Vista; MOTEL 6 (505-891-6161) will be our headquarters motel this year. A Best Western (1-800-525-1234) Thunder Mt. Inn is located further out of town. Retired Mil. can use the R.V. Park on Fort Huachuca, no reservations accepted. If you wish to go on this fun filled weekend, May 26, 27, and 28 (Mon. is a holiday) call Bob Johnson (751-0125h/757-1876b ncrdr) for Map and Itinerary.



### BREEDING BIRD SURVEY

On Sat. April 7th John Sproul (755-5157h/541-6126b) will lead us on the first of three trips, thru June, to determine which birds are breeding in the area. These trips will occur in the Northeast part of town. Meet at the Wilderness Park Museum on Woodrow Bean Trans Mt. Rd. 7:30 AM.

### ROCK ART AND BIRDS

RANGER Dave Parker will show us the highlights of Hueco Tanks State Park on Sat. the 28th of April. After a few hours we will adjourn to the main highway and conduct our quarterly trash pickup. 7:15 AM is the meeting time at the flying saucer building on US 62/180 located at the entrance road to Hueco Tanks. If you cannot get there for the tour, but will help clean the highway be at the meeting point at 9:45 AM, this phase will end at noon. Anyone that cannot pick trash on Sat. we can use your help at 1 PM on Sun. For info call Bob (nos. above).

### BIRDATHON

Sat. and Sun. May 5th and 6th. Everyone's own field trip. For details see article elsewhere in this newsletter.

### MIGRATION

Early May always brings in species that are not usually seen at other times, especially warblers. Susie Schneider (542-3041h/779-4473) will show you the places in central El Paso where these might be found. Meet her at the Garden Center, 3105 Grant St. on Sat the 12th of May at 7:15 AM.

### SECOND BREEDING BIRD SURVEY

A REPEAT OF April 7th, with a few refinements. Meet John at the Wilderness Park Museum at 7:00AM on Sun May 20th.



### SUMMER SPECIALS

Sat. June 9th. Final breeding bird survey

Sun. Jun 24th. West side of the Franklin. Scott Cutler.

Sat./Sun. June 30/July 1. Cloudcroft New Mexico. Anne Bowman.

August. Gila National Forest.

## EARTH DAY 1990 -- CELEBRATE WITH AUDUBON



Sunday, April 22, marks the 20th anniversary of Earth Day.

Throughout the nation, citizens will reflect on our environment, how it sustains us, and how we need to take better care of it.

El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon will celebrate Earth Day 1990 in these ways:

- We currently have a poster contest in progress for 4th-to-8th-grade students. The subject is "Wetlands", this year's Audubon Month theme, and the winning posters will be exhibited at...
- ...our display at Cielo Vista Mall on April 20-21. The display will focus on Earth Day, wetlands, and local Audubon programs.
- On April 22, our display will move to the UTEP campus, for an Earth Day Fair involving numerous organizations.
- On both April 21 and 22, our Feather Lake Wildlife Sanctuary (9500 North Loop in El Paso's lower valley) will be open from 8 AM to 6 PM. We'll offer tours every hour on the hour to introduce folks to Feather Lake and the importance of wetlands. Drop on by!

Our Audubon Adventures classrooms will also get into the Earth Day act. Wetlands and recycling are the subjects they'll be investigating in April.

They'll also be part of a campaign Audubon is launching to get a million signatures on a young peoples' Declaration of Interdependence (see box) that will be presented to President Bush.

To make our Earth Day activities a success, we need your help, particularly in staffing our display. If you could spend a couple of hours at the display on April 20, 21 or 22, it would be greatly appreciated. If you can, please call Susie Schneider (542-3041) or John Sproul (545-5157).

### EARTH DAY YOUTH DECLARATION TO PRESIDENT BUSH

*Dear President Bush,*

*We the youth of planet earth  
With respect for the dignity of each human life,  
With concern for future generations,  
With growing appreciation of our relationship  
to our environment,  
With concern for wildlife and for our  
disappearing natural resources,  
And with need for enough food, air, water, shelter,  
health, justice and self-pride,  
Hereby declare our interdependence;  
And pledge to work together in peace and  
in harmony with our environment  
To enhance the quality of all life everywhere.*



### RECYCLING

Reducing solid-waste volumes is one way all of us can work for a better environment. Don't forget recycling. In particular, don't forget our chapter's aluminum recycling efforts. Please save you empty aluminum cans, then bring them to an Audubon meeting or field trip or have Bob Johnson (751-0125, 757-1876) or Bart Rumaker (544-6432) pick them up. Thanks!

**Make Every Day An Earth Day**

## OBSERVATIONS

Jan. 13 - March 13, 1990  
 uncommon, rare & casual sightings

CP - Crossroads Pond  
 DP - Doniphan Pond  
 FL - Feather Lake  
 IHS - Indian Hot Springs  
 LA - Lombard Ave.  
 LR - Love Road  
 MR - Mt. Riley  
 RP - Randel's Pool  
 SP - Sunland Park

Sightings by a field trip member are noted by a (+) after the leader's initials; Sightings in an observer's yard or area are indicated by an (\*) after his or her initials.

## LOON - FALCONS

Great Egret - IHS, 3/4, (JC+)  
Cattle Egrets - FL, 1/15 & 1/31, (JS)  
Black Crowned Night Heron - FL, 1/15 - 1/31, (JS)  
Snow Geese - SP, 1/13, (PB\*); FL, 1/20 (JS)  
Canada Geese - FL, 1/15 & 1/20 (JS)  
Hooded Merganser - CP, 1/13 (JD+)  
Sharp shinned Hawk - 1/1-1/31 (BR\*)  
Harris Hawks - IHS, 3/4, (JC+)  
Peregrine Falcon - Downtown, (JS)

## QUAIL - WOODPECKERS

Spotted Sandpipers - Rio Grande, 1/13, (JD+); DP, 2/25, (JD)  
Long Billed Curlews - Surette's Pond, 2/18, (BJ+)  
Common Snipe - DP, 1/13 (JD+); CP, 2/4, (PB+)  
Burrowing Owl - Socorro school, 2/18 (BJ+)  
Red-Naped Woodpecker - LR, 2/1 (BJ)

## FLYCATCHERS - VIREOS

Vermillion Flycatchers - IHS, 3/4, (JC+)  
Violet Green Swallows - IHS, 3/4, (JC+)  
Blue Jays - Savanna St., (AH)  
Scrub Jays - Various locations, 1/13-3/11,  
American Crows - FL, 1/13-2/18, (JS, JD)

White Breasted Nuthatch - LR, (BJ) & LA, 2/4 (PB+)  
Red Breasted Nuthatch - LR, (BJ), & LA, 2/4 (PB+)  
Western Bluebirds - Emory RD., 2/13, (MLA+); CP, 3/3 (JD)  
Townsend's Solitaire - MR, 1/27, (TB+)  
Cedar Waxwings - St. Clements School, 1/25, (AB); UTEP, 2/20 (AH)

## WARBLERS - WEAVER FINCHES

Green Tailed Towhee - MR, 1/27, (TB+)  
Rufous Sided Towhees - RP, 2/4 (PB+); 12/27-1/20 (BR\*)  
Vesper Sparrows - MR, 1/27 (TB+)  
Sage Sparrows - MR, 1/27, (TB+)  
Fox Sparrows - 1/17, (KB+)  
Swamp Sparrows - FL, 2/18, (BJ+)  
Lesser Goldfinch - LA, 2/4, (PB+)

Observers: Mary Lou Alcorn, Tom Baker, Ken Beno, Anne Bowman, Pat Brasfield, Jean Coyle, Joyce Davis, Anne Hussman, Bob Johnson, Bettie Roberts, John Sproul

Observations Editor: Joyce Davis,  
 581-9470 (H), 544-6772 (W)

## WETLANDS INVENTORY

Wetlands protection is the theme for the 1990 Audubon Month effort. April 1990 will mark the sixth annual Audubon Month Celebration.

In order to protect the local wetlands, we need to know what we have and what condition they are in. Therefore, Joyce Davis is asking everyone to let her know of any wetlands that they see. These can be on public or private land and of any size. The following information is wanted: 1) location and access; 2) owner, if known; 3) size; 4) vegetation in and around; 5) any wildlife seen at the location.

Please send the information to:  
 Joyce Davis, 200 N. Mesa Hills DR., #1505, El Paso, Tex., 79912 or call her at 581-9470.

### GRACIAS

Our Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner on Feb 18 was **OUTSTANDING**. Nancy Wilson and Anne Hussmann did their usual superb job organizing the event and deserve many thanks and kudos. Thanks also go to Coronado Country Club for hosting the dinner, Dale and Marian Zimmerman of Silver City for a captivating program on the birds of Costa Rica, and Jo Nagel for lettering the awards certificates. Once again, hats off to our award recipients: Jeannette Cole, Bob Johnson and Jim Koschmann.

Also in line for accolades:

- UTEP's Richard Worthington for a fascinating program on Malaysia at our meeting in January,
- Marilyn Fankhauser for her thoughtful contribution to our scholarship program, and
- Anne Hussmann for 3 splendid years as our hospitality chair.

Finally, congratulations and thanks are in order to the The Nature Conservancy for bringing off a huge conservation achievement, the acquisition in January of the 323,000-acre Gray Ranch in southwestern New Mexico. /John Sproul/

### NEW MEXICO RARE BIRD ALERT

New Mexico has a new statewide rare-bird alert. To get timely information on occurrence and location of rarities in the state, call 1-505-662-2101.

You'll hear a tape-recorded message that is updated at least weekly, more often when important new sightings are being reported. Newly reported birds are described first, followed by updates on previously reported birds. Following the sighting information, upcoming field trips around the state and other items of ornithological interest are described.

The message lasts 3-5 minutes. At its end, you can leave your own message about any rarity you have found, or you can request more information about birds reported on the tape. If you have a touch-tone phone and just want to leave a report, you can bypass the pre-recorded message by pressing the asterisk (\*) button.

This service needs good information to be successful. When you are birding in New Mexico and find something truly noteworthy, you can help by reporting it to the Rare Bird Alert. Unsure if the bird seen warrants reporting? Report it anyway. Let the Alert up-dater worry about its inclusion. The New Mexico Rare Bird Alert can enhance your birding in the state, and by contributing your sightings you can enhance the birding of many others.

### RARE PLANTS IN WEST TEXAS

On Feb 21, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) published in the Federal Register its latest list of plant taxa native to the U.S. that are being reviewed for possible future listing as endangered or threatened species.

The list includes 2,100 species, subspecies and varieties that are currently candidates for future listing. Approximately 25% are Category 1 candidates, for which adequate information is already available to support a listing proposal, and 75% are Category 2 candidates, for which there is some evidence of vulnerability but not enough data to support a listing proposal at this time.

In Texas, there are 12 Category 1 candidates and 145 Category 2 candidates. Over half of these plants (6 in Category 1 and 74 in Category 2) are found in the Trans-Pecos. And of the Trans-Pecos counties, Brewster clearly stands out as the most important in Texas for rare plants.

An amazing 51 candidate plants have a range wholly or partly in Brewster County. Totals for other Trans-Pecos counties are: Culberson - 12, El Paso - 6, Hudspeth - 9, Jeff Davis - 13, Pecos - 10, Presidio - 15, Reeves - 3 and Terrell - 2.

What are the 6 plants found in El Paso County? All are Category 2 candidates: desert night-blooming cereus, Comal snakewood, dense cory cactus, sand pricklypear, Alamo beardtongue and Hueco rock-daisy. All were also Category 2 candidates on the previous review list the USFWS published in 1985, except Hueco rock-daisy, not previously listed.

**MEXICAN SPOTTED OWL**

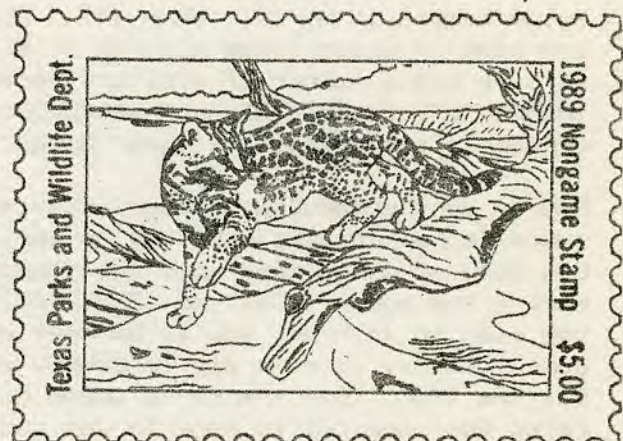
In December, the USFWS received a formal petition to list the Mexican Spotted Owl, the subspecies of this owl found in the southwestern U.S., on the federal list of threatened and endangered species. The Endangered Species Act requires the USFWS to make a finding on the appropriateness of the petition within 90 days of receiving it. If the petition is found appropriate, the USFWS will be required to determine within 12 months of the date of its receipt whether the Mexican Spotted Owl warrants listing. The National Audubon Society is supporting this petition effort. You can express your views by writing: Mr. Michael Spear, Regional Director, USFWS, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, NM 87103.

**TEXAS NONGAME STAMP/DECAL**

Mearn's Quail, the Montezuma Quail subspecies found in the southwestern U.S., will be featured on the 1990 Texas nongame stamp, decal and art print. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission approved artist Sherrie Russell Meline's portrait of this species at its Jan 25 meeting. If you are interested in the limited-edition art print, place your order by May 31 with Collectors Covey, P.O. Box 568448,

Dallas, TX 75356-8448 (800/521-2403). The price (one stamp included) is \$140, over \$40 of which goes to the Texas Nongame and Endangered Species Conservation Fund. The 1990 stamps and decals will be available after Aug 1.

Meanwhile, the 1989 nongame stamp, decal and art print, featuring an ocelot, remain available. Order the print through Audubon's Southwest Regional Office (512/327-1943) and the stamp and decal by using the form below. All proceeds from stamp and decal sales go to the Nongame Fund.



Are nongame wildlife and endangered species important Texas resources? You bet! So help ensure their future: buy a TEXAS NONGAME STAMP or DECAL. You'll be contributing directly to the nongame and endangered species conservation efforts of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

	Qty.	Each	Total
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Amt. Enclosed			

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Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:

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P.O. Box 9655, El Paso, TX 79986

## FEATHER LAKE NEWS

You'll notice it at once when you next visit the Sanctuary. Yes, it's true--- after all these years, there is a REAL restroom at Feather Lake! By the time you receive this newsletter, the restroom should be painted and resplendent. Come out to see it. Bring your camera! [Given Paint & Wallcoverings Co. on N. Piedras kindly donated the paint for this project. Thank you, Given Paint, for your generosity!]

Recently a very young visitor was at FL with his mother; he looked out over the empty basin and said to a man working on the education shed, "Mister, turn on the water so the birdies will come". My sentiments also. It's sad to see the few ducks sitting forlornly on the muddy bottom of the lake and the fish dying in scattered pockets of water. But irrigation season resumed the 1st of March, and we have some water coming in at last (Mar 11). Despite our lack of water (from mid-Feb to Mar 10), we have had a number of visitors recently--- thanks to articles in local newspapers. We certainly appreciate the "good press".

Due to many scheduled chapter activities, there is no official work day in April, but some of us go down most Saturdays to work a few hours. Call me (598-2448) if you wish to join us; you'll be most welcome. In May, a work day is scheduled for Sat the 19th. Our thanks to these fine folks who came out to work in Jan and Feb: Jeannette Cole, Joyce Davis, Bill Fowler, Anne Hussmann, Bob Johnson, Jo Nagel, Bart Rumaker, Susie Schneider, Lorraine and John Snelling, John Sproul and Nancy Wilson.

Last, but certainly not least, our thanks to Edna Mae Lyons, Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Milto and John Sproul for their contributions to Feather Lake. Construction of the restroom depleted our Sanctuary Fund, so their donations were gratefully received. Our upcoming Birdathon will provide the perfect opportunity for chapter members and friends to support the Sanctuary. Fifty percent of the chapter's share of money raised will go into the Sanctuary Fund. So plan to participate and start

lining up sponsors now. Or if you are unable to count on May 5-6, sponsor someone who can. We have many exciting improvements planned for the Sanctuary which will require both money and physical effort on our part. Please plan to do what you can to help. /Jane Fowler, Sanctuary Chair/

## SAVE YOUR RUMMAGE

When you clean out your garages and closets this summer, put aside those saleable items for the chapter's annual rummage sale in the fall. We can sell most items that are clean and in good repair or that are repairable. Bob Johnson (751-0125 or 757-1876) is the contact person for the east side of town as is Anne Hussmann (584-4081) for the west side. If anyone can offer storage space for large items, please call Bob. Thanks for your support.

## National Audubon Society

### Chapter Membership Application

**Yes, I'd like to join.**

Please enroll me as a member of the National Audubon Society and of my local chapter. Please send AUDUBON magazine and my membership card to the address below.

My check for \$20 is enclosed.

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*Please make all checks payable to the National Audubon Society.*

**Send this application and your check to:**

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## AUDUBON BIRDATHON

The pulse quickens! The suspense builds! The 10th annual Audubon Birdathon is drawing near!

Birdathon is both our Spring Bird Count and our most important annual fundraising event. What's involved? Participating counters will try to find as many bird species as possible during the weekend of May 5-6, and they'll be backed by generous sponsors who pledge contributions based on the number of species found. All sponsors are eligible for a drawing for some outstanding prizes.

The flyer enclosed with this issue gives you all the details. A few highlights:

\* Birdathon 1990 will benefit our Feather Lake Wildlife Sanctuary, the wildlife-rehabilitation work of Chihuahuan Desert Wildlife Rescue, our scholarship and Audubon Adventures programs, chapter conservation programs, and National Audubon's Southwest Regional office.

\* In a change from past Birdathons, this year we'll have a Birdathon Weekend. Participating counters won't have to confine their efforts to a single calendar day but can try to find as many birds as possible during any 24 hour period on the weekend of May 5-6.

\* The Grand Prize in this year's Birdathon is truly grand: a beautiful stained-glass window depicting three black necked stilts in a cattail marsh! Tom Baker is the artist and generous donor.

\* Counters can either join one of the groups we'll have in the field on Birdathon weekend, bird in the field on their own or watch birds in their yard. If you want to be a counter, please contact Joyce Davis (915/581-9470).

\* We'll learn the results of the Birdathon and hold a drawing for the Grand Prize and other prizes at a pot-luck dinner on Sunday, May 6. It begins at 6 PM at the Garden Center, 3105 Grant in Memorial Park. Everyone is invited!

\* Our goal again this year is to raise \$6,000. Last year, we came close. This year, we're going over the top!

Our past Birdathons have been successful because we've had lots of generous sponsors, recruited mainly by our dedicated, hardworking counters. Want to know a little secret, though? You don't have to be a counter to recruit sponsors. Each and every one of us has relatives, friends, acquaintances, business associates, neighbors, classmates, etc. who would welcome the chance to support the conservation and education programs backed by Birdathon.

Perhaps your company would consider a corporate sponsorship. Many businesses will jump at the chance to be associated with the environmental activities of the Audubon Society.

Why not get in touch with them? If you'll be counting, invite them to sponsor you. Otherwise, ask them to consider a pledge based on the composite species total for all counters combined. Before Birdathon weekend, be sure to let Bettie Roberts (915/591-0421), keeper of the Birdathon books, know the names, addresses and pledges of the sponsors you've recruited.

If each of our 440 members recruited 5 sponsors, we'd have 2,200 sponsors. We'd have an All-World Birdathon. Go for it!



# CALENDAR

## APRIL

- Sat., 7 - Breeding Bird Atlas Survey,  
see page 3.  
Mon., 9 - Board meeting at Anne Huss-  
mann's home, 533 Stonebluff,  
584-4081.  
Mon., 15 - General meeting, see page 1.

### EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES

- Fri., 20 Earth Day displays at Cielo  
Sat., 21 Vista Mall and UTEP. Feather  
Sun., 22 Lake open. See page 4.  
Sat., 28 - Field trip to Hueco Tanks  
See page 3.

## MAY

- Sat., Sun., 5-6 - Birdathon, see page 9.  
Fri., - Sun., 11-13 - ACT meeting  
Sat., 12 - Field trip to central El  
Paso parks, see page 3.  
Mon., 14 - Board meeting at Susan  
Scheinder's home, 607 E. Blan-  
chard, 542-3041.  
Sat., 19 - Feather Lake work day, see  
page 8.  
Sun., 20 - Breeding Bird Atlas Survey,  
see page 3.  
Mon., 21 - General meeting, see page 1.  
Sat., - Mon., 26-28 - Field trip to S.E.  
Arizona, see page 3.



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