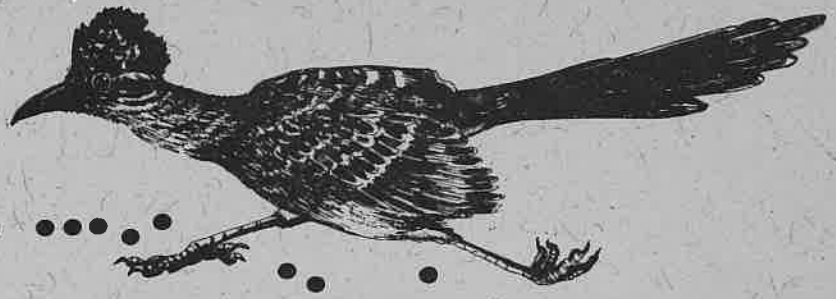


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(by: President Robert P. Bleicher)

## Calendar:

Important: Mayoral Candidates to be presented to Public.

Wednesday, 1200 hours, 28 February 1979. The candidates, running for the office of Mayor of El Paso, Texas, will assemble at the UTEP student theater to face the public. First, each candidate will be given five minutes to present his stand on local issues. This will be followed by questions by the public and answers by the candidates. Input is desired by all organizations, like ours. I encourage all who can possibly be there to come and participate: Wed., 28 Feb.

## Program:

Monday, 19 March 1979, 7:30 p.m., at the El Paso Garden Center, Grant Street. Mildred Smith, also renounly known as the El Paso "Tin Can Lady" for her efforts in encouraging recycling efforts, will present a 20 minute film titled: Resource Recovery, which details the activities of a specific recycling plant. The El Paso Trans-Pecos Audubon Society is grateful to Mrs. Mildred Smith because the proceeds from one of her Trash Bashes helped us financially in our efforts to establish and maintain the Feather Lake Bird Sanctuary. Also we who go birding, and hiking, wish that all people who throw their trash "anywhere" would be more recycle minded and help keep our environment clean. So Please come!

Monday, 16 April 1979, 7:30 p.m., at the El Paso Garden Center, Grant Street. At the present time, we are projecting Dr. William R. Canaris, Professor of Biological Sciences, UTEP, with a program titled: The Rio Grande Channelization Project. More about this in the next newsletter.

## Field Trips:

Saturday, 10 March 1979. A trip to Aguirre Springs, in the Organ Mts., is planned. Please meet at the Blue Spire in the Sunrise Shopping Center (on Dyer Street) at 06:00 a.m. Participants should bring a lunch, water, and comfortable hiking shoes. Joe Di Pasquale will be the field trip leader.

Sunday, 24 March 1979. Meet at the Wilderness Museum on Trans Mt. Road at 07:00 am. for a trip up White Rock Canyon. Joe Quinn will be the field trip leader. Joe has convinced me that this is an excellent canyon for birding.

## Board of Director's Meeting:

Wednesday, 28 February 1979. Meet at Bob Bleicher's home: 2809 Hector Dr., EPT, (Ph: 591-7261). Come with "ideas" and be prepared to take notes.

Thank you to:

Past President, Joe Guinn -- for two years of Outstanding Leadership. You gave untiring efforts, many, many, hours of time, and personal sacrifices, to include personal expenses, to our El Paso Trans-Pecos Audubon Society. And again, "thank you" for accepting the Chairmanship of the Program Committee. This Chapter appreciates your continuing service.

Kevin Zimmer -- for a real fine January 1979 program (and quiz) on bird identification; and for your efforts on behalf of the Chapter as the Editor, assistance with programming, and assisting in Bird Count compilations.

Rita Ward -- for your Christmas letter and the information on the ~~letter~~ ~~letter~~, Haha Roadrunner. I appreciate your writing; thanks and write again.

J. R. Martin -- for your Christmas letter and the information on that Great Horned Owl. We hope that we'll see you on a field trip real soon.

Minnie McHutt -- for your call and for the information you supplied about the birds in your area. We hope to see you again, out your way!

Rafaela Schuller -- for your letter. It is hearing from you and others that helps us know and understand our membership out there; thanks again.

Bart Rumaker -- for your postcard and bird list from Sunland Park. Keep birding -- alone or with someone else, either way it is fun and healthy.

Doris Van Doren for your call. It was also a pleasure meeting you at the Bosque Del Apache in New Mexico. We had great weather on this year's trip.

Pam Neilson -- for your call and your wanting to join our El Paso Trans-Pecos Audubon Society. I do hope you received my mailing to you on this matter.

Fran Sweeney -- for your call and your making it to the Bosque. Also, I'm glad that you and your husband like the Bushnell Spacemaster 2 scope with the zoom eyepiece. I've enjoyed mine while birding; their real great.

I thank all El Paso Trans-Pecos members for their communications and support of the National Audubon Society and Chapter activities. Write again.

Follow-up data:

At the January meeting, Kevin Zimmer had a surprise test for the audience in which we were to identify the birds in the 110 bird slides he showed on the screen. Here are the evening's winners: First Place: Richard Gilliland with a high score of 77 (out of the first 100). Second place: Joe Di Pasquale. Third place: Scott Wilson; Fourth place: Bill Hopres; and Fifth place: Nathan Gilliland. The program certainly was educational and it showed how difficult birds are to identify when they are surrounded by nature's coloration. The lighting available and a bird's size (often small) can also make a difference. (Note: Have you, the reader ever tried to photograph birds? It's difficult!)

From the pen of the (new) Chapter President:

"Concerns of a 'new' President."

On Monday, 19 February 1979, I was installed as the "new" Chapter President for the El Paso Trans-Pecos Audubon Society. In accepting this responsibility, I hold no illusions. I know that our Chapter will have to work hard to continue the fine job done in the past and now, I have the 'concerns' of past presidents I have known.

I have been with the El Paso Trans-Pecos Audubon Society since the Fall of 1973. I have known, and supported, the efforts of Presidents Charles Jensen, Eddie Chew, ~~Christa Chew~~ and Joe Quinn. All Chapter members owe these fine individuals a debt of gratitude for their untiring efforts and dedication to our Chapter. They spent money, time, and effort, far beyond that of the rest of us. Yet each of them, like myself, had their 'concerns' about making the Chapter "go." We become concerned, if with a membership of over 200, only a dozen show up for a monthly meeting, and if only a handful show up for a scheduled Field Trip. We worry when the Chapter cannot form functioning committees because too few people are interested in becoming committee members. This Chapter, like any other organization, is dependant upon the membership to help make it "go" and it needs members who will start out as helpers in various committees and who then move up to the position of Committee Chairman (or Chairperson--if you care), and from there to a position on the Board of Directors, and eventually to their turn as the organization president. Leadership is developed through organizational participation and without that participation, the organization suffers.

I am concerned about "good" programming and am therefore happy that past president, Joe Quinn, volunteered to act as Program Chairman. He did an outstanding job as president for the last two years, knows many people, and has a continuing interest in the welfare of the Chapter. Let's help him!

I am happy that Bill Hoppes, through election, has taken the job of Vice President. Bill has a good background experience and interest in our Audubon Chapter and he will be an asset to the Chapter. Bill is also going to serve as Conservation Chairman for the Chapter.

I am concerned about the Chapter files, records, and bank account. I am happy that, through election, Jane Fowler has been elected as our Secretary-Treasurer. Her enthusiasm, interest, and capacity are exemplary.

I am happy that Mrs. Edmund White (Geth) has agreed to be the Education Committee Chairperson. Geth has long served the Chapter in many capacities and her experience, judgement, and wisdom are all welcome.

I am happy that Joe Di Pasquale has agreed to be our Field Trip Chairman. Joe is a very active birder, who really gets around and has shown a great interest in the Chapter and its activities.

I am happy that Bertie Barhart has consented to be the Publicity Chairperson. She has the connections and the know-how to help us get our needed publicity. Bertie was one of our best writers for the old series: For the Birds, which use to be published in the El Paso Sunday paper.

I am concerned about the Chapter membership. We must continue to "grow" or we go "Backwards" because of transfers and lapsing memberships. So, I am happy that John Sproul Jr. has accepted the Membership Committee Chairmanship. Our January (79) membership was 228; our February membership is at 226. All of us should help John toward increasing membership.

I thank Elza Gilboe for accepting the Hospitality Chairmanship. This is an important task, and I shall see that her needs are met in this area.

I thank Al Cavit for accepting the Sanctuary Chairmanship. His son, Tom, acts as caretaker, and guardian at Feather Lake. Al will advise and help us on all matters concerning "our" Wildlife Sanctuary.

I thank Josephine Navel for accepting the Telephone Committee Chairmanship. This is an important job--requiring diplomacy! (We do not know who will be receptive or antagonistic when we try to let them know of some special activity.) Just another reason why we need to hear from you about how you feel; so just write anytime.

One of my greatest concerns involves our chapter finances. At the present time, and since 1976, when we made the decision to develop and support the Feather Lake Bird Sanctuary, this project has taken an increasingly amount of our Chapter's income. We are forced to operate at a deficit (our expenses will be greater than our income) at this time. A copy of my proposed budget is included as part of this newsletter. I shall accept any comments you may have on this report, but please put the comments in writing so that I, and the Board of Directors, may study them in a constructive manner for the good of the organization.

Until the last Board of Director's meeting, there was no limit on the Chapter's financial responsibility toward the utility costs at Feather Lake. Now, thanks to the Board of Directors, and Al and Tom Cavit, we are able to "program" toward these costs with our caretakers assisting in these expenses. As our projected budget shows, we will need some donations or a fund raising project to assist our Chapter in financing.

The New Board of Directors hereby thanks all who have served as officers and committee chairmen during the past year. We know that the taking on of additional responsibilities in any organization (which are usually unpaid) in addition to that of making a living, always requires an "additional" effort.

As President, and presently Editor, I invite you to write to me regarding our newspaper and Audubon Chapter. If there is something we should publish, please submit it to me along with your address, and if possible, your telephone number (in case we don't fully understand or read your copy).

If you would be willing to serve on one of our committees or be of help in some other way, please let me know. I encourage communications hoping it will help all of us develop and understand each other and Audubon.

El Paso Trans-Pecos Audubon Society  
Proposed Budget for Calendar Year 1979

1.	Income:		+\$966.00
2.	Expenses		-\$1,330.00
3.	Deficit Balance:		-\$364.00
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1.	Income:		
	a. Dues (228 Members)		860.00
	b. Subscriptions: (2 @ \$3.00 ea)		6.00
	c. Gifts: (Hopefully)		100.00
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	<b>Totals:</b>		<b>\$966.00</b>

2.	Expenses:		
	a. Garden Club Meeting Hall (\$10.00 X 8 mo.)		80.00
	b. Program (Advertisement/material)		25.00
	c. Administrative:		100.00
	1) Texas Audubon Council	\$22.00	
	2) All other Admin Exp	\$78.00	
			423.00
	d. Newsletter:		
	1) Mailing Permit (pr yr)	40.00	
	2) Newsletter Mailing (\$7.50 X 12 mo.)	90.00	
	3) Audubon Tables: (pr yr)	120.00	
	4) Material:		
	a) Paste Ink (\$6.15 X 4)	24.60	
	b) Stencils: (\$7.50 X 2)	13.80	
	c) Roadrunner Sheets (4,000)	80.10	
	d) 2d (& 3d sheets) (10 Reams X \$5.45)	54.50	
		<b>Totals: \$423.00</b>	
	e. Feather Lake:		622.00
	1) Lease (pr yr)	1.00	
	2) Liability Insurance: (pr yr)	141.00	
	3) Utilities: (by Board Decision)	480.00	
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		<b>\$622.00</b>	
	f. Garden Club Rent due from 1978: (Bill paid Jan '79.)		80.00
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			<b>-\$1,330.00</b>
3.	Checkbook Balance as of Jan '79		\$1,300.00
4.	minus Expense Deficit:		- 364.00
5.	Projected Checkbook Balance, Jan '80:		\$ 936.00

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