

# the ROADRUNNER.....



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## Calendar

Monday, February 19, 1979, 7:30 p. m.: Regular meeting at the Garden Center, Memorial Park, 3105 Grant Avenue. Dr. Richard Worthington, Biology Department, UTEP, will talk about Wild Plants of the Desert and Mountains of the El Paso area. His presentation will be accompanied by the showing of slides. Please come and join us at this educational program. (Also new officer installation.)

Saturday, February 24, 1979. Tom Diez will show a film titled: "Northwestern Adventures" and a film titled: "Adventures in Tennes Woods" at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union Theatre. Fee is \$1.50 for general admission and 50¢ per child. My informant tells me that these are Excellent films for everyone.

## Field Trips

Saturday, February 10, 1979: Trip to Bosque del Apache Refuge, New Mexico. Some Auduboners will be leaving on Friday, the 9th, so as to see the birds gathering at sunset. Individuals so doing may arrange to stay in Socorro, N.M. for the night, which is just a short distance from the Bosque. Others may want to leave early and should arrange to meet with each other at the parking lot of the Royal Inn (Executive Center exit of the I-10 freeway) at a time agreed upon by those desiring to go early on Saturday. You may call Bob Bleicher (who is going on Friday) at 551-7261 and he will pass on any calls received by persons desiring to go on Friday or Saturday. Don't forget: Bring a lunch!

Sunday, February 25, 1979: A trip to Durling's Farm is planned. Interested persons are to meet at the Country Club Bridge on Country Club Road (just off Mesa) at 07:30 a.m. This is always a good area and we hope we'll see some of our dear friends from that area coming out to join us regulars!

## AUDUBON MEMBERSHIP

Audubon Leader, the Environmental newsletter of the National Audubon Society, tells us in Volume 19, Number 14, dated 28 July 1978, that the National Audubon Society membership dues are increased as of 1 September 1978. They are now:

1. Student and Senior Citizen, individual memberships: \$13.50
2. Individual memberships: \$18.00
3. Family memberships: \$21.00

To keep your membership current, make and send your check for renewal dues to the National Audubon Society, 1517 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20005. Do not send your checks to the local Audubon Chapter. Send in an old table for quick positive identification. We enjoy sending you the Roadrunner!!!!!!!

Christmas Bird Count, 17 Dec. 1978.

El Paso, Texas; 105 Species.

01. Eared Grebe
02. Great Blue Heron
03. Green Heron
04. Snow Goose
05. Mallard
06. Gadwall
07. Pintail
08. Green-winged Teal
09. Blue-winged Teal
10. Cinnamon Teal
11. American Wigeon
12. Northern Shoveler
13. Redhead
14. Ringed-necked
15. Canvasback
16. Lesser Scaup
17. Common Goldeneye
18. Bufflehead
19. Common Merganser
20. Sharp-shinned Hawk
21. Cooper's Hawk
22. Red-tailed Hawk
23. Marsh Hawk
24. American Kestrel
25. Scaled Quail
26. Gambel Quail
27. Common Gallinule
28. American Coot
29. Killdeer
30. Common Snipe
31. Spotted Sandpiper
32. Least Sandpiper
33. Rock Dove
34. Ring-billed Gull
35. White-winged Dove
36. Mourning Dove
37. Inca Dove
38. Roadrunner
39. Great-horned Owl
40. Lesser Nighthawk
41. Broad-tailed Hummingbird
42. Belted Kingfisher
43. Common Flicker
44. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
45. Ladderbacked Woodpecker
46. Black Phoebe
47. Say's Phoebe
48. Western Wood Pewee
49. Horned Lark
50. Stellar's Jay
51. Scrub Jay
52. Mountain Chickadee

53. Verdin
54. White-breasted Nuthatch
55. Brown Creeper
56. House Wren
57. Bewick's Wren
58. Cactus Wren
59. Long-billed Marsh Wren
60. Canyon Wren
61. Rock Wren
62. Mockingbird
63. Curved-billed Thrasher
64. Crissal Thrasher
65. Robin
66. Hermit Thrush
67. Western Bluebird
68. Golden-crowned Kinglet
69. Ruby-crowned Kinglet
70. Water Pipit
71. Cedar Waxwing
72. Phainopepla
73. Loggerhead Shrike
74. Starling
75. Yellow-rumped Warbler
76. House Sparrow
77. Western Meadowlark
78. Yellow-headed Blackbird
79. Red-winged Blackbird
80. Brewer's Blackbird
81. Great-tailed Grackle
82. Brown-headed Blackbird
83. Pyrrhuloxia
84. House Finch
85. American Goldfinch
86. Lesser Goldfinch
87. Green-tailed Towhee
88. Rufous-sided Towhee
89. Brown Towhee
90. Savana Sparrow
91. Baird's Sparrow
92. Vesper Sparrow
93. Lark Sparrow
94. Rufous-crowned Sparrow
95. Black-throated Sparrow
96. Dark-eyed Junco
97. Brewer's Sparrow
98. Grey-headed Junco
99. Chipping Sparrow
100. Black-chinned Sparrow
101. White-crowned Sparrow
102. White-throated Sparrow
103. Lincoln's Sparrow
104. Song Sparrow
105. Field Sparrow

Count compiler: Barry Zimmerman  
Thank you Barry--a fine job.

HEUCO THANKS BIRD COUNT: 30 Dec. 1979

58 Species, as follows:

- 01. Pied-billed Grebe
- 02. Red-tailed Hawk
- 03. Marsh Hawk
- 04. American Kestrel
- 05. Kildeer
- 06. Mourning Dove
- 07. Rock Dove
- 08. Roadrunner
- 09. Common Flicker
- 10. Ladder-backed Woodpecker
- 11. Say's Pheobe
- 12. Horned Lark
- 13. Stellar's Jay
- 14. Scrub Jay
- 15. Mountain Chickadee
- 16. Verdin
- 17. Cactus Wren
- 18. Canyon Wren
- 19. Rock Wren
- 20. Mockingbird
- 21. Curved-billed Thrasher
- 22. Sage Thrasher
- 23. Robin
- 24. Western Bluebird
- 25. Mountain Bluebird
- 26. Black-tailed Gnatcatcher
- 27. Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- 28. Loggerhead Shrike
- 29. Starling
- 30. Yellow Warbler
- 31. House Sparrow
- 32. Western Meadowlark
- 33. Red-winged Blackbird
- 34. Brewer's Blackbird
- 35. Great-tailed Grackle
- 36. Pyrrhuloxia
- 37. Purple Finch
- 38. House Finch
- 39. Pine Siskin
- 40. American Goldfinch
- 41. Lesser Goldfinch
- 42. Green-tailed Towhee
- 43. Rufous-sided Towhee
- 44. Brown Towhee
- 45. Lark Bunting
- 46. Savanna Sparrow
- 47. Rufous-sided Sparrow
- 48. Black-throated Sparrow
- 49. Sage Sparrow
- 50. Dark-eyed Junco
- 51. Grey-headed Junco
- 52. Chipping Sparrow
- 53. Clay-colored Sparrow
- 54. Brewer's Sparrow

- 55. Black-chinned Sparrow
- 56. White-Crowned Sparrow
- 57. White-throated Sparrow
- 58. Lincoln's Sparrow

Count compiler: Geth White  
Thank you Geth for your recording.

Teams for the El Paso bird count were as follows: 1: Ed & Geth White, Sarah Jane Dodd, Barry Zimmer, and Helen Barto. 2: Kevin Zimmer, Richard Gilliland, Joe Di Pasquale, Scott Wilson, and Nathan Gilliland. 3: Bob Bleicher, Ed Gilboe, Jane Fowler, Mary Giles, and Sid Sheppard. 4: Al Gavit and son Criss, Bertha and Berytte Barnhart. 5: Bill Hoppes and John Sproul.

Teams for the HEUCO THANKS bird count were as follows: 1: Al & Criss Gavit, Lucial Swick, and Jane Fowler. 2: Joe Quinn, Sid Sheppard, Ed & Geth White, Sarah Jane Dodd, Bertha & Berytte Barnhart, Helen Barto, and Jeannette Cole.

To all: Thanks for your efforts and for all the data you collected.

At Christmas and New Years time, Bob and Gretchen Bleicher were in Indiana and Illinois. In Indiana, at Buffalo, Ind., they watched the birds at the feeder at the Nicholson's residence (Gretchen's folks) and there they saw the Cardinals, Blue Jays, White-breasted Nuthatch, House Sparrows, Slate-colored Juncos, Yellow-shafted Flickers, Harry Woodpeckers, the Red-bellied Woodpecker, Tufted Titmouse, Brown Creeper, Starlings, Field Sparrows, and in the distance flocks of crows.

As the new President of the El Paso Trans-Pecos Audubon Chapter, I would like to hear from those of you we never get to see at our regular monthly meetings. Please send a postcard from your area or here in February, send a Valentine to: Mr. Robert P. Bleicher, 2809 Hector Dr., El Paso, Texas, 79935. We'll acknowledge your card in the next Roadrunner. We want to hear from you because, you're important to us and a part of our AUDUBON Chapter.

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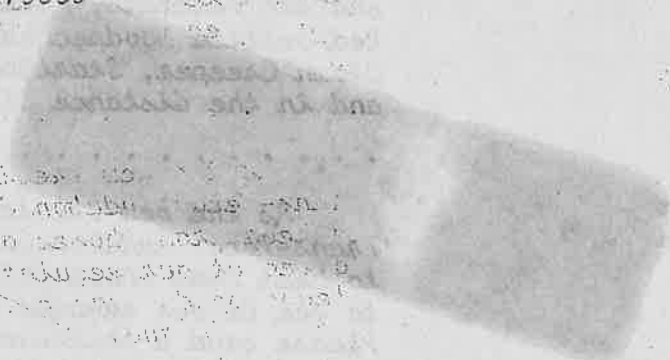
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