



The Roadrunner

Newsletter of the El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society

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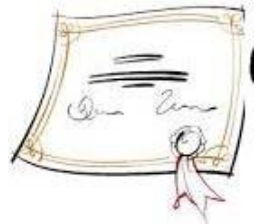
El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Website!

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

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Audubon Awards Dinner and Program
Saturday, February 18, 2017
Hyatt Place Hotel, 6030 Gateway Blvd
6:30 p.m.

February Awards Dinner and Program will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at the Hyatt Place Hotel, 6030 Gateway Blvd. East, across I-10 from Bassett Center, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m.



Janaé Reneaud, Executive Director of The Frontera Land Alliance since 2011, will receive the Conservation Award. Janaé has been instrumental in the efforts to preserve Castner Range and have it designated as a National Monument. Janaé works tirelessly to preserve open space in the West Texas and Southern New Mexico region, especially around the Franklin Mountains.

Susie Schneider will receive the Meritorious Service Award. Susie has been a Chapter member for many years and recently volunteered to head the Programs Committee. She is bringing some very interesting and diverse speakers to the Chapter's meetings.

Tom Taylor will present the program. Tom, a fellow Audubon member from Santa Fe, will present a photographic tour of birds that range across the United States.

After an initial focus on the Southwest, he will give an overview of some of the colorful songbirds found in the eastern part of the country - with emphasis on their migration from the tropics. Taken independently, some of the photos stand apart as fascinating images of bird behavior. This is sure to be an interesting and beautiful program.



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Reservations are required and can be made by contacting Janet Perkins at [915-637-5269](tel:915-637-5269) or intperk@elp.rr.com by February 15, 2017.



The choices of entrees are:

1. Chicken Cordon Bleu with Light Béarnaise Sauce, served with scalloped potatoes, green beans almandine, fresh garden salad and dinner rolls and dessert - \$23.00 per person
2. Marinated Brisket, served with tri-color pasta, ranchero beans and warm bread and dessert - \$18.00 per person
3. Meatless Lasagna, served with green garden tossed salad, green beans almandine and French bread and dessert - \$18.00 per person

Prices include tip.

Make checks payable to El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society and mail to Janet Perkins, 813 Montclair Dr., El Paso, TX 79932.

Conservation Organizations

Chihuahuan Desert Education Coalition
www.chihuahuadesert.org

Second Chance Wildlife Rescue
www.wildliferescueelpaso.org
Josie Karam (915) 920-7867

El Paso Zoo 521-1850
www.elpasozoo.org

Keystone Heritage Park 581-7920
www.keystoneheritagepark.com

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(Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park)
(575) 524-3334 www.asombro.org

Friends of Rio Bosque 747-8663
www.riobosque.org

Southwest Environmental Center
(575) 522-5552
www.wildmesquite.org

Franklin Mt. Wilderness Coalition
www.franklinmountains.org/

Stick House Sanctuary
www.facebook.com/epwildliferescue/

AT FEATHER LAKE

After a mid-January storm, Feather Lake was flooded to a depth of 1.48 feet at the inlet, the most water we've seen in the basin during January since 2007. By the end of the month, of course, it was again dry.

Our next workday at Feather Lake will be **Sat., February 11**, starting at **9 a.m.** Each time the lake receives these surges of water, it also receives surges of trash. We'll try to make some of it disappear on the workday.

Feather Lake is located at 9500 North Loop at Bordeaux in El Paso, 0.3 miles west of Americas Ave.

Audubon at

Rio Bosque Wetlands Park

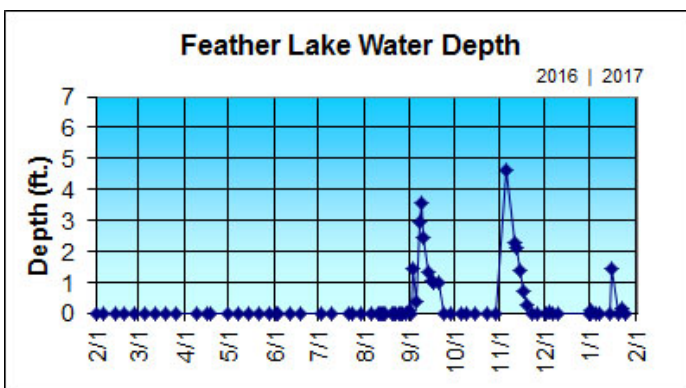


Water deliveries to the park are expected to continue – and to hold many of the 2,000+ ducks now present – through mid-February. For up-to-date information on Rio Bosque's birds and water conditions, check www.riobosque.org.

Upcoming free walking tours (The afternoon tours end with a chance to see a Western Screech-Owl):

- 8 a.m., Sun., February 5 (Bird tour)**
- 3 p.m., Sat., February 11 (Introductory tour)**
- 3 p.m., Sun., March 5 (Bird tour)**
- 4 p.m., Sat., March 18 (Introductory 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.



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General Meeting

Centennial Museum at UTEP

500 W. University Ave
Monday, March 20, 2017 7:00pm

Please plan to attend the March program. It can be stated in advance that you will be glad you did.



The speaker has not yet been scheduled so check your email for an announcement when the time draws near.

Around the Community

El Paso Water Utilities/TECH H₂O Fix-a-Leak Week March 20-26

Household leaks can waste more than one trillion gallons of water annually in the U.S. As a call to action to fix those leaks, EPA's ninth annual Fix-a-Leak Week is scheduled for March 20-26. To learn more or volunteer, contact: Norma Guzman, nlguzman@epwu.org, (915) 621-2001

Become a Texas Master Naturalist!

The mission of the Trans-Pecos Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist Program is to develop a group of well-informed volunteers to provide education, outreach and service dedicated toward the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas.

For more info contact Matthew Santillan (915) 771-2354

http://elp.tamu.edu/event/2017-texas-master-naturalist-course/?instance_id=405

Bird List from Phoenix Field Trip, Jan. 13-16, 2017

Pied-billed Grebe GWR, RSP, VOP	Common Raven T, SR	Gambel's Quail RSP, GWR, VOP
Double-crested Cormorant RSP, GWR, VOP	Horned Lark SCF	Common Gallinule VOP
Great Blue Heron RSP, GWR, VOP, GR	Rock Wren BTA	Sandhill Crane T
Snowy Egret RSP, GWR, VOP	Cactus Wren BTA	Mountain Plover SCF
Black-crowned Night-Heron GWR	Ruby-crowned Kinglet RSP, GWR, VOP	American Avocet GWR
Mute Swan GWR	Northern Mockingbird SR, GWR	Spotted Sandpiper GWR
Cackling Goose GWR	American Pipit SCF	Long-billed Dowitcher GWR
Northern Pintail GWR	European Starling GWR	White-winged Dove SCF
American Wigeon RSP, GWR, W	Northern Cardinal BTA	Eurasian Collared-Dove SCF
Cinnamon Teal GWR, VOP	Spotted Towhee GWR	Wilson's Snipe GWR
Lesser Scaup GWR	Song Sparrow GWR, SR	Anna's Hummingbird BTA, GWR
Canvasback RSP	Western Meadowlark SCF	Northern Flicker RSP
Bufflehead GR	Yellow-headed Blackbird RSP	Red-naped Sapsucker BTA
Ruddy Duck RSP, VOP, W	House Finch GWR	Say's Phoebe SCF
Cooper's Hawk BTA	House Sparrow T, SCF	Loggerhead Shrike SCF
Red-tailed Hawk T, RSP, SCF	large grebe species RSP	Chihuahuan Raven T
Bald Eagle GR	Least Bittern GWR	Verdin RSP, GWR, VOP
American Kestrel T, RSP, GWR, SCF	Great Egret GR, GWR, VOP	Marsh Wren RSP
Sora SR	Green Heron GWR, VOP	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher VOP
American Coot RSP, GWR, VOP	Tundra Swan W	Hermit Thrush BTA
Killdeer GWR	Canada Goose GWR	Curve-billed Thrasher BTA, GWR, VOP
Black-necked Stilt GWR	Mallard RSP, GWR, VOP	Phainopepla RSP
Greater Yellowlegs GWR	Gadwall RSP	Yellow-rumped Warbler RSP, GWR, VOP
Least Sandpiper GWR	Northern Shoveler GRW, VOP, W	Abert's Towhee GWR
Rock Pigeon T	Green-winged Teal GWR	Lark Sparrow SCF
Mourning Dove GWR, SCF	Ring-necked Duck RSP, GWR, VOP	White-crowned Sparrow RSP, GWR
Greater Roadrunner SR	Redhead RSP	Red-winged Blackbird RSP, GWR, SCF
Belted Kingfisher SR	Common Merganser RSP	Great-tailed Grackle T, GWR
Costa's Hummingbird BTA	Northern Harrier T, RSP, GWR, SCF	Lesser Goldfinch BTA
Gila Woodpecker RSP, BTA, GWR	Zone-tailed Hawk VOP	
Black Phoebe GWR, SR, SCF	Ferruginous Hawk SCF	
Vermilion Flycatcher RSP, SCF	Crested Caracara SCF	

Field Trips

Saturday, February 4, 2017 Rio Bosque Wetlands

Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the parking lot of Office Depot at Bassett Center and we will carpool from there. Rio Bosque is getting water, so we should see lots of over-wintering waterfowl and raptors.

Nonmembers and beginners are welcome. Contact Mark Perkins at 915-637-3521 for more information.



Saturday, March 11, 2017 Dripping Springs and Butler Canyon Road

We'll be looking for winter sparrows and others. There is about a mile and a half, fairly easy, hike up to the springs. There is a fee of \$5 per car.



Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the southwest corner of the parking lot of the El Paso Outlet Mall at I-10 and Transmountain (Talbot Road entrance to the Mall).

Beginners and nonmembers are welcome. Bring a lunch. Contact Mark Perkins at 915-637-3521 for more information.

Saturday, February 18, 2017 Keystone Heritage Park 4220 Doniphan.

Meet at 7:00 a.m. There is an entry fee of \$2 per person. We'll walk around the brush and also observe waterfowl.

Saturday, March 25, 2017 El Paso Archaeology Museum and Hawk Alley, Northeast El Paso

Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the Museum, 4301 Transmountain Rd. We'll be looking for desert birds, including Pyrrhuloxia, Black-throated Sparrow, Cassin's Sparrow, among others.

We'll then drive Hawk Alley, with a stop at Painted Dunes Golf Course, looking for raptors and other desert birds.

Nonmembers and beginners are welcome. Contact Mark Perkins at 915-637-3521 for more information.

Accommodations are limited, so plan to make reservations as soon as possible.

Save the Date Chiricahua Mountains Memorial Day Weekend May 26-29, 2017.

For a detailed Itinerary, contact Mark Perkins at 915-637-3521.

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**National Audubon Society
Chapter Membership Data Center
PO Box 97194
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Dates to Remember Call Mark Perkins for details 637-3521

February

Sat 4: **Rio Bosque**
5 & 11: **Rio Bosque**
Sat 11: **Feather Lake Workday**
Mon 13: **Board Meeting**
Sat 18: **Keystone Park**
Sat 18: **Awards Dinner/Annual**

Meeting

March

Mon 13: **Board Meeting**
Sat 11: **Dripping Springs**
5 & 18 **Rio Bosque**
Sat 25: **Hawk Alley**
Mon 20: **General Mtg.**

April

Mon 10: **Board Meeting**
Mon 17: **General Meeting**

May

Mon 8: **Board Meeting**
Mon 15: **General Mtg.**

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