



The Roadrunner

Newsletter of the El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society

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The e-Roadrunner

The Roadrunner is now also available electronically as a PDF file. If you would like to receive our newsletter in this way via e-mail, just send a note to John Sproul at jsproul@utep.edu.

El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Website!

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

www.trans-pecos-audubon.com



**Holiday Meeting via ZOOM
December 13, 2021 7:00pm**

Annual member photo share!



Our December meeting is the always popular Photo Share. We will have this via Zoom.

Click [here](#) to register.

If you want to share some of your own photos, select up to 10 of your favorites and send them to Scott Cutler (scottmcutler@sbcglobal.net) or call him at 915-494-2193 with any questions. The pictures can be from anywhere, not just El Paso, and can include scenery, people (with their permission of course!), or non-bird animals.

Please send them by Monday December 6th.

Our meetings are open to everyone, whether you are an Audubon member or not. If you are not currently a member, we encourage you to join the national Audubon by clicking [here](#).

General Meeting January 17, 2022 7:00pm

Our January meeting on 1/17/2022 will be the Birds of East Africa part 2. Vikki Milne and Kevin Floyd will share pictures from their trip to Kenya and Tanzania in August 2021. They met up with Julio Sanchez de Alba in Tanzania, and visited several national parks in the north.

We are planning on resuming in person meetings at the UTEP Centennial Museum in 2022, but will see what the public health situation is at that time.

We plan on having the meeting via Zoom as well, so people can choose whether to join in person or online. We will send more information in the beginning of January.

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BIRDATHON 2021 UPDATE

Congratulations to all on a good Birdathon again this year. We especially thank our sponsors and counters without whom the Birdathon would not be possible. We appreciate your participation and support for our conservation and education endeavors. Thanks, too, for our hard-working members who handle the details, especially Jane Fowler who handles the mailings.

Again, this year was really different! It was quite a change from the fall count last year. The migration this year had fewer species and fewer numbers of birds. Some possible reasons were that the birds were spread out due to the abundant vegetation from the heavy rains or due to the smoke from the California fires altering migration paths.

Our net receipts totaled \$5,000. The money will go to chapter operations, Rio Bosque Wetlands Park, Audubon Texas, Second Chance Wildlife Rescue, Stick House Sanctuary, and the El Paso Zoo Raptor Rehabilitation Program.

Species seen by at least one counter were tallied. A total of 122 species were seen, compared to 185 last year.

The winners for the highest number of species seen by an individual or party were again John Kiseda and Richard Hermosillo with 93. The prize for the most money raised went to Jim Paton. The unusual birds seen this year were the Sagebrush Sparrow (early), Calliope Hummingbird, and Red Phalarope.

A big THANK YOU to all of our participants & sponsors!

Conservation Organizations

Chihuahuan Desert Education Coalition
<http://www.chihuahuadesert.org>

Second Chance Wildlife Rescue
<https://www.secondchancewildliferescue.org>
 Josie Karam (915) 920-7867

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 (575) 524-3334 www.asombro.org

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www.riobosque.org

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

Franklin Mt. Wilderness Coalition
www.franklinmountains.org/

Celebration of Our Mountains
www.celebmtns.org

AT FEATHER LAKE

In 2017, two apartment complexes were built very near our Feather Lake Wildlife Sanctuary. The Bella Vista Place Apartments are directly across North Loop Dr. from the sanctuary, and the North Loop Apartments are next to the trailer court that borders Feather Lake to the southeast. The North Loop Apartments are now expanding. They are adding two new buildings along Feather Lake's southeast fence line. Little by little, the remaining pockets of open space surrounding Feather Lake and its sister storm-water basin Feather Lake II are disappearing.

Want to check out the construction work in progress? Join us for our next workday. It takes place **Sat., December 4**, starting at **2 p.m.** The storms this past summer washed in plenty of trash, and we are still cleaning it out. 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

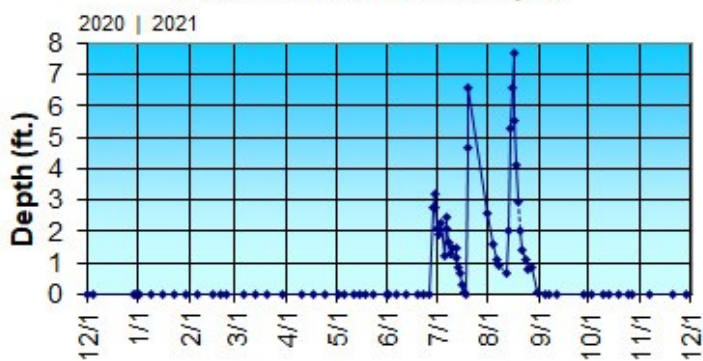


Rio Bosque's wetland cells are fully flooded. Avian activity is down compared to last year, but fall colors are peaking. For up-to-date information on tours, birds and water conditions at the park, check www.riobosque.org. Upcoming tours:

- 3 p.m., Sun., December 5 (Introductory tour)**
- 8 a.m., Sat., December 11 (Birding tour)**
- 8 a.m., Sat., January 8 (Birding tour)**
- 3 p.m., Sun., January 16 (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.

Feather Lake Water Depth



American Bird Conservancy

Each week a different bird is featured. The American Crow is highlighted December 5th, 2021



<https://abcbirds.org/bird/american-crow/>

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Dates to Remember

December

Sat 4: **Feather Lake Workday**
5 & 11: **Rio Bosque**
Mon 6: **Board Meeting**
Mon 13: **General Meeting &
Photo Sharing**

January

Mon 10: **Board Meeting**
Mon 17: **General Meeting**
8 & 16: **Rio Bosque**

February

Mon 14: **Board Meeting**
Mon 21: **General Meeting**

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