



The Roadrunner

Newsletter of the El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society

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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.

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General Meeting
Monday, February 15, 2021, 7 p.m.
Be a Better Birder

In this second part of the Be a Better Birder talks, we will learn about the tools that help with bird watching. We will cover topics like the differences in binoculars, spotting scopes, field guides, online resources, and smartphone apps. There will also be time to answer your questions.

Register for the meeting here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qc-igpzouGtcLREi2mxO2E8qcbikQ77T0>

General Meeting
Monday, March 15, 2021, 7 p.m.
Conservation of the Northern Aplomado Falcon in North America



Come join us on Zoom for a fascinating presentation on efforts to support aplomado falcon populations in North America. See below for details for how to join this virtual gathering.

Paul Juergens is a biologist with The Peregrine Fund and has been involved in and managed raptor studies involving Peregrine Falcons, Golden Eagles and the Northern Aplomado Falcon. His presentation will focus on the work The Peregrine Fund has done, and continues to do, to ensure the Northern Aplomado Falcon establishes sustainable populations primarily in the South Texas area.

Here is the link to register for the March meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcrc-6vrTopHdKbVsJL2zdYbo5mzaj2lVPv>

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New Zealand Village Turns off Street Lights to Protect Young Birds

Westland petrel fledglings have been hitting the roads, possibly mistaking the lights for bioluminescent fish they feed on. The town has reduced the number of deaths from an average of 20 birds down to 10.



The full article can be read at the following link:

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/dec/22/new-zealand-village-turns-off-street-lights-to-stop-birds-crash-landing-on-to-roads>



Join us on Facebook!

There is now an El Paso Audubon Society group on Facebook. Our aim is to provide a space for people around El Paso to share pictures, sightings, and other information about birds and conservation.

All levels of pictures are welcome. If you are looking for help with identification, please include the location and date of the picture, as both are important with narrowing the possibilities.

Conservation Organizations

Greater Big Bend Coalition
<https://greaterbigbend.wordpress.com/>

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

Second Chance Wildlife Rescue
<https://www.secondchancewildliferescue.org>
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www.elpasozoo.org

Stick House Sanctuary
<https://www.facebook.com/epwildliferescue>
(915) 219-2365

Keystone Heritage Park 581-7920
www.keystoneheritagepark.com

Asombro Institute
(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/

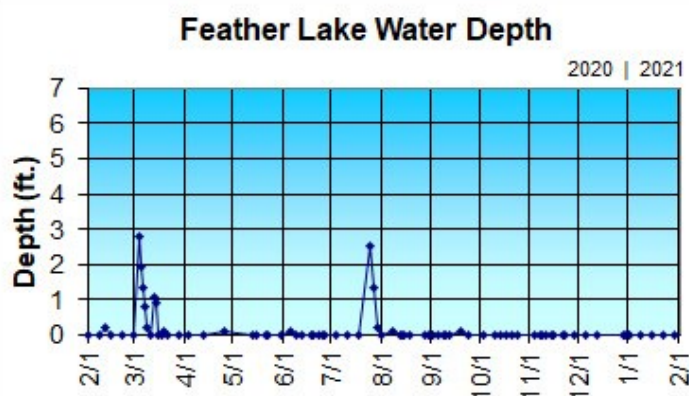
Celebration of Our Mountains
www.celebmtns.org

AT FEATHER LAKE

Boy Scouts from Troop 4 continue to make impressive progress removing saltcedars from Feather Lake II, the stormwater basin immediately west of our Feather Lake Wildlife Sanctuary. Eagle Scout Alex Carrillo led one project in November, and Eagle candidate Juan-Carlos Franco is currently leading another. Eagle candidate Carlos Gonzalez is next on deck. The scouts are doing excellent work and are having an important influence on the trajectory of vegetation development at Feather Lake II. A casual observer looking across the 10.5-acre central basin might not notice any change, but to a careful observer, it is dramatic.

Meanwhile, back at Feather Lake I, arrowweed (*Pluchea sericea*) continues to occupy large areas in the uplands surrounding the basin. Pruning and clearing is needed in some areas and will be the task for our next workday. It takes place **Sat., February 6**, starting at **9 a.m.**

Feather Lake is located at 9500 North Loop at Bordeaux in El Paso, 0.3 miles west of Americas Ave. COVID-19 safety guidelines remain in place. Bring your mask.



Audubon at

Rio Bosque Wetlands Park



This winter, El Paso County Water Improvement District No.1 is working to complete lining the Riverside Canal along the east side of Rio Bosque Wetlands Park with concrete. The pace of work picked up noticeably after the Martin Luther King holiday. Access to Rio Bosque is still open via the levee road along the canal, but if you visit during the week, be careful in areas where work is in progress and be prepared for temporary delays to allow for movement of construction equipment.

Tours at the park continue, but they remain subject to possible cancellation if COVID-19 conditions so dictate. Due to the pandemic, tours are limited to 9 participants plus the tour leader, and masks are required. For up-to-date information on tours, birds and water conditions at the park, check www.riobosque.org. Upcoming tours:

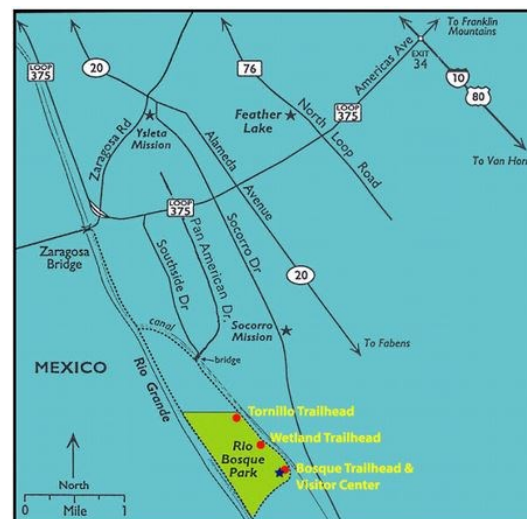
8 a.m., Sun., February 7 (Bird tour)

9 a.m., Sat., February 13 (Introductory tour) *Note: the time has changed from the originally scheduled 3 p.m.*

3 p.m., Sun., March 7 (Bird tour)

9 a.m., Sat., March 13 (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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Dates to Remember

February

Sat 6: **Feather Lake Workday**
Mon 8: **Board Meeting**
Mon 15: **General Meeting**
7 & 13: **Rio Bosque**

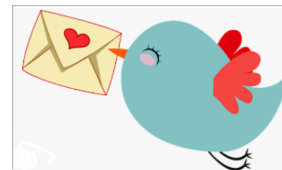
March

Mon 8: **Board Meeting**
7 & 13: **Rio Bosque**
Mon 15: **General Meeting**

April

Mon 12: **Board Meeting**
Mon 19: **General Meeting**

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