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GENERAL MEETING

El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society meets the third Monday of each month (Sept - May) at 7:30 PM in the garden Center, 3105 Grant, in Memorial Park. Visitors are welcome. (Please note that the February general meeting will be SUNDAY, Feb. 19th, at Coronado Country Club).

AWARDS DINNER/INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

SUNDAY, FEB. 19th Our general meeting will be our Annual Awards Dinner and Installation of Officers.

When: 6 PM

Where: Coronado Country Club
1044 Broadmoor 79912

Cost: \$15.00 per person

Reservations due by Feb. 9th

Make checks payable to: Anne Hussman
533 Stonebluff 79912, phone 584-4081.

It will be an elegant evening with Helen Bigelow and Dr. Jim Koschmann, our two keynote speakers who will talk about local wildlife rehabilitation efforts.

The Meritorious Service Award will go to JOYCE DAVIS. Joyce's contributions to our chapter are legion: She has been chapter presidents (1983-4), secretary (1986) and program chair (1985). Since 1982, she has been our air quality coordinator. She has compiled both the El Paso (1982-4) and Hueco Tanks (1985-present) Christmas Bird Counts. Since Sept. 1986, she has been observations editor for this newsletter. She is a frequent field trip leader, Feather Lake

worker, and helper at any chapter event where help is needed. And she has been active in the effort to get Chihuahuan Desert Wildlife Rescue established. Whew! For Joyce's contributions, "meritorious service" is an understatement.

The recipient of our Conservation Achievement Award will be the TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION. Probably the most significant conservation event affecting Trans-Pecos Texas in 1988 was the Commission's July 21st decision to acquire the 215,000-acre Big Bend Ranch in Presidio and Brewster Counties as a state natural area. This area just west of Big Bend National Park is nothing short of remarkable: habitat for at least 11 endangered species; significant geological formations, including the 5,000-foot Solitario; two 100-foot waterfalls; important archeological sites; many springs and seeps; and 25 miles of frontage on the Rio Grande.

Acquisition of Big Bend Ranch has been a dream of Texas conservationist for years; that it finally happened is due to persistence and a real commitment to resource protection on the part of the Commission. The Commission acted to secure lasting protection for an important part of our natural heritage. On February 19th, we'll recognize and thank them for this major achievement.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS
FEBRUARY 9TH!!!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Dear Dolores Stafford and Collin Gil,

Good Day, Mates! Thank you so much for the wonderful program on Australian birds. It was a delightful and extremely educational experience. We learned so much from Mr. Gil's personal and humorous comments. When the program was over, everyone was ready for a trip to the Land Down Under. We can understand why Dolores gets homesick. Thanks again for a fair dinkum program.

Sincerely,
The Entire El Paso/
Trans-Pecos Audubon Chapter

MARCH PROGRAM

Mon. March 20. Africa Revisited - Iola Pennington will present "Birds of Kenya." Mrs. Pennington went on a photographic safari sponsored by Cornell University. During her three week journey, she captured African people, animals, and, birds on film forever. In her own words, Iola "has never been anywhere else on the face of the earth with so many exotic birds."

CHIHUAHUA DESERT WILDLIFE RESCUE

A wish list for our upcoming spring activities--rehabilitators really need: heating pads; old towels; old quilts and blankets; 1 lb. coffee cans. Call Nancy Wilson 833-3907 or Anne Hussman 584-4081 for pick up of donations. Thanks.

FIELD TRIP FOLLOW UPS

BOSQUE DEL APACHE Sat/Sun Dec. 3/4
Anne, Nancy and Smoky arranged a special guided tour of the closed North area. This was only one of many highlights during the weekend. Seen on this tour were two porcupines snoozing in a tree, 65 Turkeys, 15 or which walked across the road about 100' in front of the cars. Two of our members accompanied Anne, Nancy, and Smoky to the Shalako ceremony near Grants on Sat. night. Ask Joyce Davis and Pat Brasfield about this. Also seen at the Bosque were 5 Whooping Cranes, 2 Bald Eagles and a Prairie Falcon.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT Sat. Dec. 17
found 38 spotters in the field and 5 looking out their windows trying to determine the numbers of birds flying around El Paso. By days end, 8920 birds from 98 species had been counted. Now aren't you sorry that you missed all the fun! Plan on coming along next year.

RIO BOSQUE PARK Sun. Jan. 8. John Sproul led 3 other birders through Rio Bosque Park in the Lower Valley with a stop at Feather Lake. Total bird count exceeded 1200 with 34 species seen including a Black Phoebe, a Burrowing Owl, a House Wren, and 4 White-faced Ibis.

FIELD TRIP CALENDAR

FORT BLISS PONDS

Sat. Feb. 4. For good year-round birding, this is the place to go locally. We always see a variety of birds, often unexpected ones. Meet at 7:30 am at Furniture Country (formerly Furrows Lumber) 4801 Fred Wilson. No need for lunch. Leader Bob Johnson h. 751-0125, b. 757-1876 (recorder) Asst. Leaker Robert Doss 581-8090.

FORT HANCOCK/TORNILLO

Sun. Feb. 19. Meet at Feather Lake, at 7:30 am. Bring a lunch as this will be a 6-7 hour tour. Probables are Grebes and Gulls, Cormorants and Crows. Leader Bart Rumaker 544-6432 Asst. Leader h. 751-0125 b. 757-1876 (recorder).

MT. RILEY

Sat. Feb 25. Meet at the Crossroads Pond (Doniphan and Mesa) at 7:30 am. Bring food as we will picnic in the desert west of Santa Teresa. Last year this trip produced 3 Golden Eagles and 8 Long-eared Owls. Leader Tom Baker 877-3365 Asst. Leader Larry Jordan 833-5969.

CITY PARKS OF CENTRAL EL PASO

Sun. Mar. 5. Who knows what may show up, come and find out. Cont. on p. 3

FIELD TRIP CALENDAR (cont.)

City Parks (cont). No lunch needed as you will be through before noon. Meet at the Garden Center in Memorial Park, 3105 Grant at 8 am. Leader Paul Bingham 755-9496 Asst. Leader Jean Coyle 595-2225.

HOLLOMAN LAKE

Sat. Mar. 18. Meet at K-Mart, 9484 Dyer at 7 am. This trip has been good for owls. Last year we had a Barn Owl and a few years ago a Great Horned Owl. Bring your lunch, we will picnic at the Alamogordo Zoo. If anyone is interested a trip to the Space Museum is good for the afternoon. Leader Art Arteaga 595-8772 Asst Leader Pat Brasfield 584-8739.

HUECO TANKS STATE PARK

Sat. April 1. TEXAS TRASH OFF DAY. Meet at Avila's, 10600 Montana. Leader Bob Johnson h. 751-0125 b. 757-1876 (recorder) Asst. Leader Bart Rumaker.

BITTER LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Sat/Sun. April 8/9. Our first overnighiter of 1989. This trip will take us to Roswell, NM, camping at Bottomless Lakes State Park or motels in town. The highlight of the weekend will be an early AM wake up call and drive before dawn to see the Lesser Prairie Chicken booming on the LEC. Call Bob Johnson for travel details. Leader to be announced in the April issue.

Sun. April 16. Percha/Caballo Dam State Parks

Sun. April 30. East Franklins.

Sat. May 6. BIRDATHON.

SOUTH TEXAS COAST & RIO GRANDE VALLEY

Bob Johnson and Ray Waite are planning another birding trip this year, leaving approximately April 17. Ten nights, 6 in campgrounds and 4 in Motel 6's. If you think you might be interested, ask either one for details. GREAT BIRDING.

WELCOME TO A CLEAN TEXAS

This year as a part of our Field Trip Program, we are going to help keep Texas clean. This will be accomplished by our getting into the ADOPT A HIGHWAY program. Our chapter is trying to adopt the 2 mile section of US 62/180 at the entrance to Hueco Tanks State Park.

A quarterly field trip to Hueco Tanks will be included each time we pick up the trash. One of the clean up days will be on April 1st as part of the GREAT TEXAS TRASH OFF. Even if you cannot do much walking, you can be a big help by driving along the route with the pickers and haul the bags to the pick up point.

RECYCLING

The "Can-man" is getting lazy, that's because he doesn't have enough to do. In 1988 we turned in over 700 lbs. of aluminum, most can in during the first 6 months, the last 6 have really slowed down.

Save your cans and also your neighbors (no foil please), bring them in to the meetings or on field trips. If you cannot make either, call the "Can-man" for a pick-up. Bob Johnson h. 751-0125/757-1876 (recorder) or Bart Rumaker 544-6432.

For those in the Upper Valley you may drop of FASTENED PLASTIC bags full, under the trees to the right front of Alice Miskimins house, at 5114 Thornton, west on Country Club Rd., right on Thornton, middle house on 1st cul-de-sac to the right (a very deep cul-de-sac).

BIRDING ADVENTURES
ON NEW MEXICO'S RIVERS

The Randall Davey Audubon Center, National Audubon's education center (cont. p. 4)

BIRDING ADVENTURES
ON NEW MEXICO'S RIVERS

(cont. from p. 3) and state office in Santa Fe, is offering you a unique birding opportunity in northern New Mexico. Join the education staff on a float trip down the serene and beautiful Rio Chama or in the deep canyons of the Rio Grande.

Why combine a river trip and birding? Not only are rivers important corridors for migrating birds but they provide the ideal habitat for a great diversity of species. Take yourself away from the hustle and bustle of roadside birding, to the heart of the action. Choose from a two or three day birding adventure on the Rio Chama or a more adventurous two day trip on the northern Rio Grande. All trips will be guided by professional boaters and will include a birding expert.

RIO CHAMA BIRDING 3 days May 12-14, 1989
\$200

RIO CHAMA BIRDING 2 days May 20-21, 1989
\$150

RIO GRANDE BIRDING 2 days June 3-4, 1989
\$185

For further information and reservations, call or write: Randall Davey Audubon Center, P. O. Box 9314, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87504 (505) 983-4609. Space is limited, so reserve early.

NEW OFFICERS 1989-1990

President	John Sproul
Vice-president	Larry Jordan
Secretary	Jane Fowler
Treasurer	Bob Johnson
Directors	Peggy Riede
	Joyce Davis
	Norma Vargas

FEATHER LAKE NEWS

The January 14th workday was a "burn day" at the sanctuary; many tumbleweeds were incinerated on the east side of the inlet, greatly improving appearances and allowing some cacti to feel the sun once more. Bob J. and Bart R. wished someone had remembered to bring the marshmallows. The water in the lake is lower, but there are a variety of ducks to watch. The resident Burrowing Owl and a Belted Kingfisher were present as were White-faced Ibis and a mass of swirling, sprightly Chihuahuan Ravens.

On December 11, we collected trash along the west wall, and some members with strong backs installed cottonwood stumps (donated by Nancy Wilson) along the path around the lake. They are great seats for those walking the mile around the basin. Thank you, Nancy, for your kind donation. And thanks to these folks for helping on the workdays: Jeannette Cole, Joyce Davis, Anne Hussmann, Bob Johnson, Jo Nagel, Bart Rumaker, Susie Schneider, John Sproul, and Nancy Wilson.

Our next workdays are Sat. Feb. 11 and Sun. Mar. 12. Come at 8 AM or whenever you can. Some folks bring a lunch to take a break and chat a bit before resuming work or going on to other commitments. We appreciate whatever time you can spare. Since the recent article on Feather Lake, published in the EL PASO TIMES, we have seen an increase in numbers of guests during visiting hours. We hope this continues. Please join us and take a look around at your sanctuary. /Jane Fowler, Sanctuary Chair/

AUDUBON BIRDATHON



Birdathon is the El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society's most important annual fundraising event, each year supporting vital conservation and education projects. Birdathon contributions are divided equally between National Audubon Society programs and local Audubon projects. Our 1989 Audubon Birdathon will benefit:

- ✦ Chihuahuan Desert Wildlife Rescue. This new organization to support and promote wildlife rehabilitation work (care of injured/orphaned wildlife) in the El Paso-Las Cruces area is off to a great start. We want to give CDWR all the help we can as they establish their programs.
- ✦ Scholarships. Our scholarship program gives local educators the chance to attend Audubon Ecology Camps in Wyoming, Maine or Connecticut, where they can enhance their environmental education skills. The Birdathon is our main source of scholarship funds.
- ✦ Audubon Adventures. This is Audubon's highly successful youth-education program. We enroll as many local 3rd-to-6th-grade classes as we can in Audubon Adventures, and Birdathon is crucial to that effort.
- ✦ Audubon's Southwest Regional Office. Texas Audubon chapters have assumed responsibility for funding Audubon's southwest regional representative position. We're relying on the Birdathon to fulfill that commitment. Whether the issue involves Big Bend National Park, groundwater protection, Franklin Mountains State Park, endangered species, Big Bend Ranch or the Rio Grande, Audubon's Southwest Regional Office is a real friend of the environment in Trans-Pecos Texas. We need to keep that office strong.

The 9th annual Audubon Birdathon takes place May 6. How can you help? Please see the back.

NATIONAL AUDUBON BIRDATHON PLEDGE CARD

You bet! I'll sponsor _____
for \$ _____ per species for each species
s/he finds on the 1989 Birdathon.

I'm game! I'll pledge \$ _____ per species
based on the composite species total for
all Birdathon counters (expected to be
around 150 species).

I will add a bonus of \$ _____ if my counter
sees a _____

My tax-deductible gift of \$ _____ is
enclosed, payable to El Paso/Trans-Pecos
Audubon Society.

FROM:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Please clip and return this form by
May 3 to: Birdathon, c/o Bettie Roberts,
3817 Cabot, El Paso, TX 79935.

Thank you for your Birdathon pledge!
Your gift is tax-deductible as allowed by law.

HOW BIRDATHON WORKS

On May 6, participating birders will rise early -- make that ridiculously early -- and go all out trying to find as many bird species as possible in a single calendar day. They may be sleepy at first, but each counter will be highly motivated: each will be backed by sponsors who have pledged tax-deductible gifts based on the number of species found. Every new species thus means another big boost for Chihuahuan Desert Wildlife Rescue, for scholarships, for Audubon Adventures and for Audubon's Southwest Regional Office!

Whether it's 25¢ per species, \$1 per species or whatever, we hope you will consider making a Birdathon pledge. Some counters will find around 50 species, others around 100; most will be somewhere in between. Do you know someone who will be a counter on May 6? You might want to sponsor them. Or, how about accepting our Birdathon challenge and basing your pledge on our composite species total for all participants? Combined, we expect to see around 150 species. Use the form included with this flyer to make your pledge.

PRIZES

When you make a Birdathon contribution, our wildlife and our West Texas environment win. But the satisfaction of supporting a worthy cause isn't the only benefit your sponsorship brings. All sponsors will be eligible for a drawing to be held May 7, the day after the Birdathon. You could win one of several great prizes, including binoculars, a camera, bird feeders and more.

Counters will also be vying for prizes on Birdathon day, based on sponsors recruited, funds raised, and species found.

POT-LUCK DINNER

The drawing will take place at our annual post-Birdathon pot-luck dinner. We hold it the day after the Birdathon so our hard-working counters will have a chance to recover. It starts at 5:30 p.m. on May 7 at the Garden Center, 3105 Grant, in Memorial Park in El Paso. You are cordially invited to join us, enjoy lots of good food and hear about the amazing exploits of our counters on Birdathon day.



OBSERVATIONS

(uncommon, rare & accidental sightings)

November 12 - January 15

CL - Cement Lake
 CP - Crossroads Pond
 DP - Doniphan Playa
 EP/PL - El Paso Natural Gas/Pipe Line
 FrMt - Franklin Mountains
 HMT - Hueco Mountains
 HT - Hueco Tanks State Park
 MSL - Mountain Shadow Lake
 TM - Tom Mays Park

Sightings by a field trip member are noted by "+" after the leader's initials. Sightings in an observer's yard are indicated by an "*" before his/her initials. CBC stands for Christmas Bird Count.

LOONS - FALCONS

A Snowy Egret was seen at FL, 11/25 (JS). Cattle Egrets were found at FL from 11/18 through 1/8 (JS) and 1 in n.e. El Paso (JGo). Black-crowned Night Herons were spotted at FL 11/12 to 1/14 (JS). A Green-backed Heron was found at CP 11/28 (AH,NW). White-faced Ibis were at FL from 11/25 to 1/1 (JS). A Canada Goose was spotted at FL 1/1, 1/7 (JS) and at DP 1/15 (JD). Lesser Scaup were found at FL 11/25 (JS), MSL 12/31 (LJ,AG). Bufflehead were seen at CP 11/28 (AH,NW) and at MSL 12/31 (LJ,AG). Two Sharp-shinned Hawks were found on EP/PL 12/17 (JS+). A Rough-legged Hawk made visits to (*JB) during Nov. Adult Golden Eagles were spotted on FrMt 12/17 (JS+) and HMT 12/31 (JG). A Merlin visited (*AH) 11/24 + days, and was seen at HT 12/31 (JD+).

QUAIL - WOODPECKERS

Greater Yellowlegs were seen at FL 11/12 to 1/14 (JS) and at DP 1/14 (JD). A Dunlin was spotted at FL 1/1 (JS). Long-billed Dowitchers were reported at FL 12/11 to 1/8 (JS). Three Black-necked Stilts, 2 Solitary and 1 Spotted Sandpipers were found at Doniphan and Borderland 12/9 (BJ). Snipe were seen at FL 11/12 and 1/1 (JS). A Ring-billed Gull visited FL 11/25 (JS). A Western Screech Owl was heard and seen at HT 12/31 (JS). Great Horned Owls were found at CL 12/17 (G & JW) and at HT 12/31 (JS).

A burrowing owl was found at FL from 11/25 to 1/14 (JS). A Long-eared Owl was seen on EP/PL (JS+). White-throated Swifts were reported at TM 12/17 (JS+), HT 12/31 (JD+) and HMT 12/31 (JG+). A male Anna's Hummingbird visited (*JB) from 11/30 to 12/2.

FLYCATCHERS - VIREOS

A Western Flycatcher was reported in (*JB) 11/30. Five Scrub Jays also visited (*JB) 12/2 + days. Crows were seen at FL 12/18, 1/8 (JS). A Mountain Chickadee was seen at Lombardy Ave. 11/22 (BJ). House Wrens were spotted at Rio Bosque 1/8 (JS+) and e. FrMt 11/27 (JS+). Five Western Bluebirds were found e. FrMt 11/27 (JS+). A Hermit Thrush was seen at West Cottonwood Springs 12/17 (JS+) and at (*RW) 1/9. A Curve-billed Thrasher was found at TM 12/17 (JS+) and at (*JB) 11/30. Several Sage Thrashers were seen in HMT-CBC 12/31. A Phainopepla was spotted at HT 12/31 (JD+).

WARBLERS - WEAVER FINCHES

A Green-tailed Towhee was found at EP/PL 12/17 (JS+). A Rufous-sided Towhee was spotted on e. FrMt 11/27 (JS+). A Cassin's Sparrow was seen at Cactus Tank-HT-CBC 12/31 (JS). A Field Sparrow was found in HT-CBC 12/31 (LJ). Black-chinned and Vesper Sparrows were found in e. FrMt 11/27 (JS+). Sage Sparrows were reported on HT-CBC 12/31 (LJ,JS). Large flocks of Lark Bunting were found on HT-CBC 12/31. Two Swamp Sparrows were seen at FL 12/11, 1/1 (JS). White-throated Sparrow was reported at HT 12/17 (AA). A female Bullock's Oriole visited (*JB) several days in Nov/Dec. Pine Siskins were reported in HMT 12/31 (JG+). Lesser Goldfinches were seen in e. FrMt 11/27 (JS+).

OBSERVERS: Art Arteaga, Janet Brockmoller, Joyce Davis, Jane Fowler, Al Gavit, Joe Goff, Joe Guinn, Anne Hussman, Bob Johnson, Larry Jordan, John Sproul, Ray Waite, Geth and Ed White, Nancy Wilson.
 (Joyce Davis, Observations Editor/
 581-9470 h., 544-6772 w.)

1989 AUDUBON ECOLOGY CAMP SCHOLARSHIP

Want to apply for an EP/TPAS scholarship to attend an Audubon Ecology Camp in 1989? Better act soon; the deadline is March 1. Applicants must live or work in Trans-Pecos Texas and either be active in some way as an educator or be a student pursuing a career in education. These 1- and 2-week camps in Wyoming, Maine and Connecticut offer fantastic outdoor learning experiences in beautiful surroundings. The purpose of the scholarship is to give the recipient a unique opportunity to enhance his or her environmental education skills then use those skills in our community. For an application form, contact Jeanne French, 10925-B Sagebrush, El Paso, TX 79936 (915/592-1660) or John Sproul, 601 W. Yandell #25, El Paso, TX 79902 (915/545-5157).

OUTDOOR FILM ADVENTURES

The 1989 Outdoor Film Adventures series, cosponsored by the El Paso Zoological Society and El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon, is ready to begin. Join us for these 4 excellent outdoor films, each personally narrated by a well-known photographer/naturalist:

- Mon., Jan. 30. HIGH COUNTRY by John P. Wilson.
- Tues., Feb. 21. NATURAL WONDERS OF CEYLON by Jerzy Grabowski.
- Mon., Apr. 3. SUMMER IN KIWI LAND by Grant Foster.
- Wed., Apr. 26. NATURE ALONG THE MEXICAN BORDER by Dick Massey.

All films will be shown at the El Paso Civic Center and will start at 7 PM. For Zoological Society members or Audubon members, season tickets are \$16 for adults, \$8 for children. For non-members, they are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children. A family season ticket is available for \$40, and tickets for individual films can also be purchased. You can get tickets at upcoming Audubon meetings or by sending a check to the El Paso Zoological Society (P.O. Box 10628, El Paso 79996). For more information, call 532-8156.

SLIDE SHOW(S) A HIT

As many of you know, our chapter's education committee has a slide program, "Birds of the El Paso Area", that we give to school classes and a variety of youth and civic groups. Probably our most dedicated presenter during the past year has been Neil Keith, and on Dec 16 Neil outdid even himself. He spent the entire day at Ross School and gave the program a mere 6 times, each to a different 6th-grade class! Thanks, Neil, for a truly dedicated effort.

We're always looking for new helpers to present the program. Interested? Please call Ginny Baker (877-3365).

BIRDATHON 1989

Saturday, May 6 will be the day. Mark it on your calendar now, and plan to take part in our 9th annual Audubon Birdathon!



Birdathon has a dual purpose: fun and fundraising. It's a Spring Big Day Count in which participants try to find as many different bird species as possible in a single calendar day. It's also our most important annual fundraising event, one that allows us to take on vital conservation and education projects otherwise not possible. Feather Lake Wildlife Sanctuary, our scholarship program, Chihuahuan Desert Wildlife Rescue, the Rio Grande Boundary Preservation Project lawsuit, Audubon Adventures, the Texas Nongame Fund -- all have benefited from Birdathon. For National Audubon, Birdathon contributions from across the state are the main funding source for Audubon's southwest regional representative position and thus are vital to the regional office's effectiveness.

Birdathon has been a major success for us in years past, a success due entirely to your support. We hope you'll take part this year and make May 6 our best Birdathon ever. How does the event work? Our next newsletter will have all the details.

TEXAS BREEDING BIRD ATLAS PROJECT

Year 3 of the Texas Breeding Bird Atlas Project (TBBAP) is now underway. This ambitious 5-year effort to document current breeding-bird distributions in Texas has already yielded valuable data, but much remains to be done. How about volunteering to cover a survey area for the TBBAP this year?



Each survey area coincides with a U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute topographic map, or quadrangle. In Trans-Pecos Texas, many ornithologically interesting quadrangles still need coverage. The field work is fun -- it's birding with an added dimension. While observing birds in your survey area, you look for and record different clues that give evidence of breeding. Gathering such data is just as important for the common birds of your area as for the rare ones.

Would you like to take part in the TBBAP? Would you like more information? If you live in the El Paso area, please contact John Sproul (545-5157). If you live elsewhere in Trans-Pecos Texas, contact Bonnie McKinney, Trans-Pecos Regional Coordinator for the project (Black Gap WMA, Big Bend Route, Box 433, Alpine, TX 79830, ph. 915/376-2216).


In addition to volunteer field observers, the TBBAP depends on private donations to cover expenses associated with coordinating the field work, compiling the data and, ultimately, publishing the atlas. The expenses are substantial: \$20,000-\$25,000 per year. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

You can make a tax-deductible contribution by sending a check, payable to "Texas A&M University Development Foundation" to Dr. Keith A. Arnold, Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences, Texas A&M Univ., College Stn., TX 77843-2258. Please include on the check a memo that it is for the Texas Breeding Bird Atlas Project. /John Sproul/

TEXAS NONGAME STAMP/DECAL

The 1988-89 Texas Nongame Decal, featuring Charles Beckendorf's portrait of a pair of American Kestrels, is at last available. You can get one at our next general meeting or by using the order form below. The \$5 purchase price goes entirely to the Texas Special Nongame and Endangered Species Conservation Fund, used solely to support the Nongame and Endangered Species Program of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Buy a nongame stamp or decal and make a natural investment in Texas wildlife!

Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept.



1988 Nongame Stamp \$5.00

Are nongame wildlife and endangered species important Texas resources? You bet! So help ensure their future: buy a TEXAS NONGAME STAMP or DECAL. You'll be contributing directly to the nongame and endangered species conservation efforts of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

	Qty.	Each	Total
1988 Nongame Stamp		\$5	
1988-89 Nongame Decal		\$5	

Amt. Enclosed

Name

Address

Zip

Please make checks payable to:
El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society
P.O. Box 9655, El Paso, TX 79986

El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society
1988 FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND 1989 BUDGET

	1988 <u>Proposed</u>	1988 <u>Actual</u>	1989 <u>Proposed</u>	
INCOME				
NAS dues	\$2000	\$2435	\$2200	
Contributions	750	621	750	
Birdathon	3000	3336	3550	
Book Fair	200	360	300	
Sales	150	179	500	
Recycling	350	255	350	
Rummage	650	385	450	
Newsletter subscriptions	100	124	120	
Feather Lake caretaker	250	555	600	
Christmas Bird Counts	200	122	160	
1988 Spotted Owl survey	-	-	225	
Interest	200	590	500	
	<u>7850</u>	<u>8962</u>	<u>9705</u>	
Transfer from EP/TPAS special funds	1595	2578	1800	
	<u>\$9445</u>	<u>\$11,540</u>	<u>\$11,505</u>	
EXPENSES				
Conservation	\$1695	\$2416	\$1025	
Education	975	1098	1325	
Program	250	178	250	
Publications	960	901	675	
Sanctuary	750	1708	2000	
Ways and means	200	114	685	
Additional committee expenses	195	67	245	
Birdathon	200	166	300	
NAS regional office	1500	1585	1625	
Audubon Council of Texas	245	247	300	
Special events	40	50	-	
Awards and gifts	200	-	200	
Christmas Bird Counts	200	122	160	
Ornithology	50	108	100	
General administrative	485	450	530	
	<u>7945</u>	<u>9210</u>	<u>9420</u>	
Transfer to EP/TPAS special funds	1500	1544	2085	
	<u>\$9445</u>	<u>\$10,754</u>	<u>\$11,505</u>	
SUMMARY OF FUND BALANCES:				
<u>Fund</u>	<u>Balance, 12-31-87</u>	<u>1988 Income</u>	<u>1988 Expenses</u>	<u>Balance, 12-31-88</u>
General	\$3339	\$7418	\$6631	\$4126
Sanctuary	6457	447	562	6342
Scholarship	1410	860	500	1770
Franklin Mountains	1019	50	205	864
Wildlife Rehabilitators	1125	187	1312	0
	<u>\$13,350</u>	<u>\$8962</u>	<u>\$9210</u>	<u>\$13,102</u>

IN THE MATTER OF THE NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY

Officers
President: Mrs. J. B. ...
Vice President: ...
Secretary: ...
Treasurer: ...
Executive Director: ...

National Audubon Society Chapter Membership Application

Fill in your name and address in the spaces provided. If you are a member of another Audubon Society, please state its name and address. This information is for the use of the National Audubon Society.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____
Zip: _____
If you are a member of another Audubon Society, please state its name and address: _____

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