



The Roadrunner

Newsletter of the El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society

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General Meetings

Holiday Get Together

December 12, 2016

Centennial Museum at UTEP

500 W. University Ave

Join us on Monday, December 12, 2016 for our annual Holiday get-together and photo sharing event at 7:00 p.m. at the Centennial Museum at UTEP, corner of Wiggins and University.

Share up to 10 of your photos in the categories of Birds, Humor, Children, Scenery or Other Animals. Only digital photos can be entered and they need to be turned in to Scott Cutler at scottmcutler@sbcglobal.net no later than December 4. It's not a contest.

Bring a snack to share and enjoy the evening. Contact Janet Perkins at 637-5269 for more info.

The Electronic 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

January 16, 2017 7:00pm
Centennial Museum at UTEP
500 W. University Ave



Join the Audubon Society for an evening and an interesting program on January 16. The speaker and topic are at the moment still being arranged. As always it promises to be well worth your time. Stay tuned to your email for updates.

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Field Trip

**Phoenix, Arizona
 January 13-16, 2017**

Martin Luther King 3-day holiday. Contact Mark Perkins at [915-637-3521](tel:915-637-3521) to sign up for the trip.
 Detailed Itineraries will be provided to those signing up.

Around the Community

December Events
Hueco Tanks State Park & Historic Site

December 9: Women's Hike
 December 11: Yoga Tour
 December 17: Birding Tour
 December 22: Stargazing
 December 29: Campfire & Storytelling
https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/hueco-tanks/park_events

Wylers Aerial Tramway

December 10: Postcard Printing
 December 17 & 18: Santa Photos
 December 25: Last Sunday Hike
 January 1: First Day Hike
https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/wyler-aerial-tramway/park_events

Conservation Organizations

Chihuahuan Desert Education Coalition
www.chihuahuadesert.org

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

El Paso Zoo 521-1850
www.elpasozoo.org

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/

Stick House Sanctuary
www.facebook.com/epwildliferescue/

AT FEATHER LAKE

Wow! The rain/hail storm the afternoon of November 4 resulted in heavy runoff to Feather Lake. One day, the lake basin was dry; the next, it was entirely flooded to a depth of 4.64 feet at the inlet. This was first time since 2008 that we've had a meaningful amount of water in the lake during November. Also, 4.64 feet is the deepest the lake has been in November since we began measuring water depth in 2000. The previous maximum was 3.56 feet on November 2, 2002.

The water, of course, has been dropping steadily since the storm runoff flooded the basin. On November 17, it was down to 0.75 feet. Will we still have water when our next workday at Feather Lake rolls around on **Sat., December 10**, starting at **2 p.m**? If yes, we'll work on our sanctuary's trails. If no, we'll go after some of the trash washed in with this most recent storm. Anyone need a water-logged sofa? Feather Lake is located at 9500 North Loop at Bordeaux in El Paso, 0.3 miles west of Americas Ave.

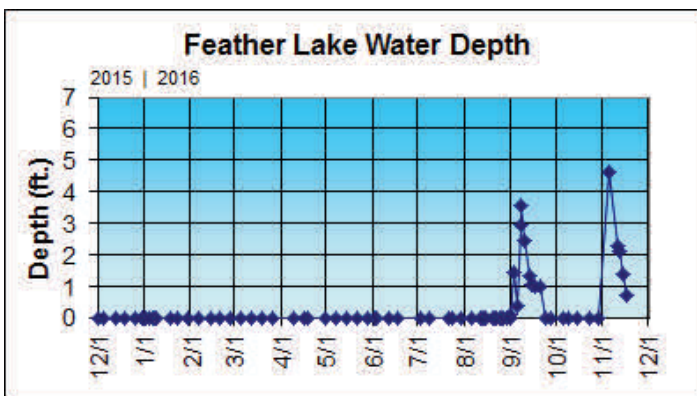
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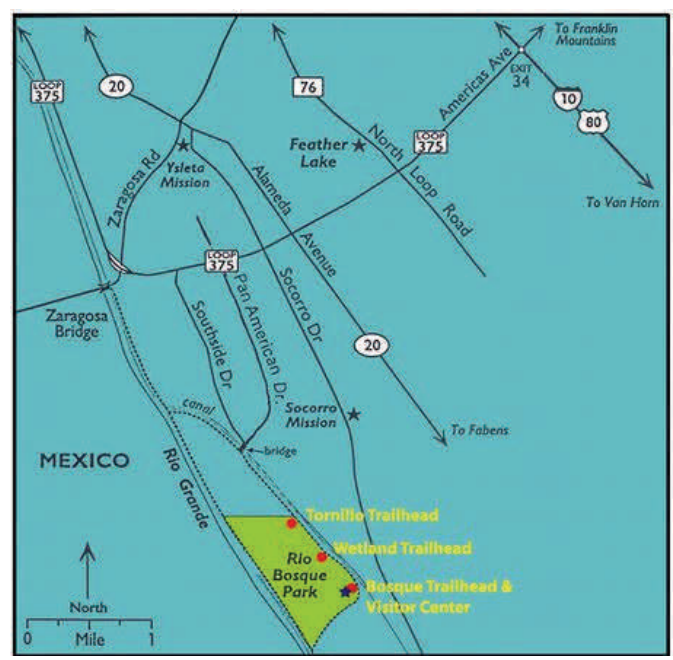
The park began receiving water again October 23. By November 17, the wetland cells were fully flooded, and approximately 1,800 ducks were present. For up-to-date information on Rio Bosque's birds and water conditions, check www.riobosque.org. Upcoming free walking tours:

- 3 p.m., Sun., December 4 (Introductory tour)**
- 8 a.m., Sat., December 10 (Birding tour)**
- 8 a.m., Sat., January 14 (Birding tour)**
- 3 p.m., Sun., January 22 (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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Send AUDUBON magazine and my membership card to address below.

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Name _____
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**National Audubon Society
Chapter Membership Data Center
PO Box 97194
Washington, DC 20090-7194**

Dates to Remember Call Mark Perkins for details 637-3521

December

Sat 3: **Keystone Heritage Park**
Mon 5: **Board Meeting**
4 & 10: **Rio Bosque**
Sat 10: **Feather Lake Workday**
Mon 12: **General Meeting**

January

14 & 22: **Rio Bosque**
Mon 9: **Board Meeting**
13-16: **Phoenix Trip**
Mon 16: **General Meeting**

February

Sat 11: **Feather Lake Workday**
Mon 13: **Board Meeting**
Sat 18: **Awards Dinner/Annual Meeting**

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