



The Roadrunner

Newsletter of the El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society

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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

General Meetings
Centennial Museum at UTEP
University Ave. & Wiggins Rd.

December 11, 2017 7:00pm

Holiday Photo Sharing & Holiday Event



Join us on Monday, December 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Centennial Museum at UTEP for the Annual Photo Sharing and Holiday Event. Submit up to 15 of your digital photos in the categories of **birds, nature, scenery** and **humor**. This is not a contest, just sharing.

Submit your digital entries to Scott Cutler at scottmcutler@sbcglobal.net no later than Monday, December 4, 2017. Bring a snack to share and enjoy the evening.

January 15, 2018 7:00pm

eBird
Dr. Kevin Floyd, UTEP



eBird is an online checklist program launched in 2002 by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society, and participants have submitted more than 10 million observations. Kevin Floyd will discuss how the data on eBird are used by scientists and can be used to help plan birding trips. He will also demonstrate how to add observations to eBird. Bring your old checklists and learn how to add them to eBird too! This will be an interactive time to become familiar with the program. The more people that add observations to eBird, the more useful the tool will become.

Dr. Kevin Floyd is a post-doctoral researcher in Biological Sciences at UTEP, and serves as conservation chair for the El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society.

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Saturday, December 9 and 10, 2017 Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge

Thousands of Sandhill Cranes and Snow Geese winter at the refuge. This is an overnight trip and if you are interested in going, please let us know and we will provide a detailed itinerary.



Contact Mark Perkins at 915-637-3521 for more information.

Save the Date for the
Awards Dinner and Program,
Saturday, February 17, 2018,
6:30 p.m.

at the Hyatt Place Hotel,
6030 Gateway Blvd. East.

More information will follow.

Conservation Organizations

Chihuahuan Desert Education Coalition
www.chihuahuandesert.org

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

El Paso Zoo 521-1850
www.elpasozoo.org

Stick House Sanctuary
<https://www.facebook.com/epwildliferescue>
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www.keystoneheritagepark.com

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www.riobosque.org

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www.wildmesquite.org

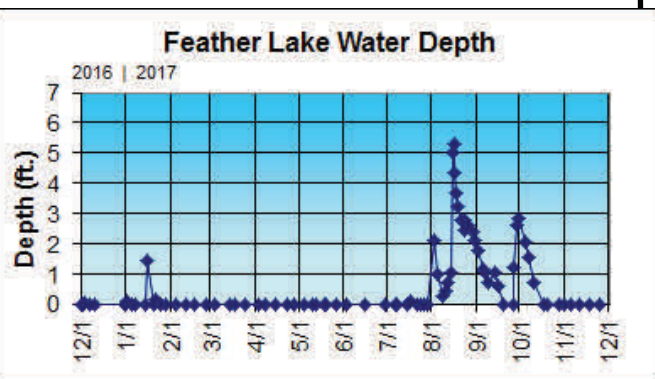
Franklin Mt. Wilderness Coalition
www.franklinmountains.org/

AT FEATHER LAKE

The August-September rains that kept Feather Lake wet throughout those months are now a fading memory.

The lake has been dry since October 20, a pattern likely to continue until next summer. That doesn't mean there is nothing to do at our sanctuary. Those summer rains led to vigorous plant growth that has engulfed parts of the trail on the east side of the basin. On the west side, thick, weedy growth is drawing comments from our neighbors. And the trash that came in with the storm water is now scattered throughout the dry lake basin.

Our next workday at Feather Lake is **Sat., December 9**, starting at **2 p.m.** Which of these exciting options will we take on? Join us to find out. Feather Lake is located at 9500 North Loop at Bordeaux in El Paso, 0.3 miles west of Americas Ave.



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Audubon at

Rio Bosque Wetlands Park

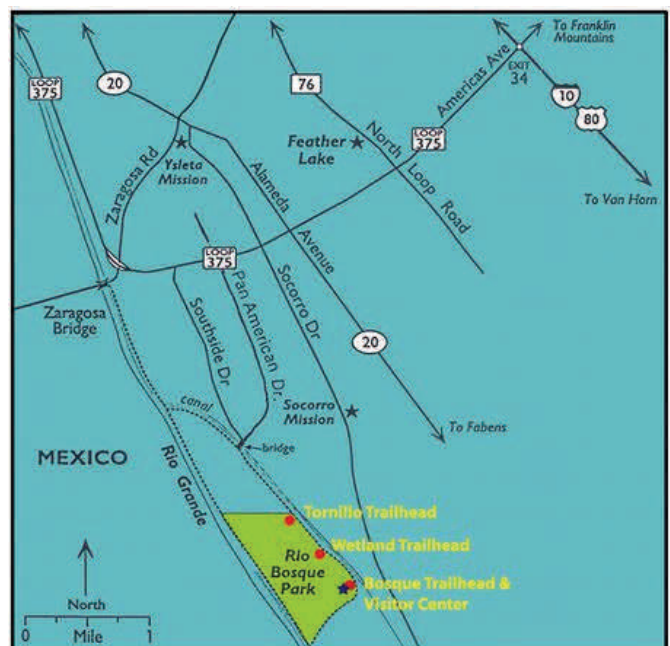


The park's wetland cells are gradually filling but are not yet fully flooded. White-tailed Kites nested successfully at the park this year for the 4th year in the past 9. The adults are still present.

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 3 (Introductory tour)**
- 8 a.m., Sat., December 9 (Birding tour)**
- 8 a.m., Sat., January 13 (Birding tour)**
- 3 p.m., Sun., January 21 (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.



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

December

3 & 9: **Rio Bosque**
Sat 9: **Feather Lake Workday**
9 & 10: **Bosque del Apache**
Mon 4: **Board Meeting**
Mon 11: **General Meeting**

January

13 & 21: **Rio Bosque**
Mon 8: **Board Meeting**
Mon 15: **General Meeting**

February

Mon 12: **Board Meeting**
Sat 17: **Awards Dinner**

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