

# The Roadrunner



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## ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Audubon awards Dinner will be held February 18, 1990 at 6:30 PM at the Coronado Country Club. A sumptuous buffet honoring dedicated people in our midst. A buffet dinner will be offered with several entrees and numerous salads and desert available. Everyone is invited to attend. Our speaker will be Dr. Dale Zimmerman from Western New Mexico State University in Silver City. Dr. Zimmerman's subject will be "The Magnificent Birds of Costa Rica". Our chapter's new officers and board members will be inducted and the Meritorious Service Award and Conservation Activity Awards will be presented. Please see page two for more information on these recipients. You won't want to miss this annual treat - ask those who went last year! Please call Anne Hussmann for reservations (584-4081). Your \$15.00 check is your confirmation. Make your checks payable to Anne M. Hussmann (dinner).

### MARCH GENERAL MEETING

Mon., March 19, 7:30 PM in the Garden Center, 3105 Grant in Memorial Park. The Texas Breeding Bird Atlas Project is an ambitious 5-year effort to map the distribution of all breeding bird species in Texas. When complete, it will advance greatly our understanding of Texas birdlife. The maps and data bases developed will be invaluable scientific and conservation tools.

Now entering its 4th year, the Breeding Bird Atlas Project relies on volunteers throughout Texas to do the necessary field work. What are the objectives of the project? How is it organized? How can you take part? Join us on Monday, March 19 for a workshop. John Sproul will present on the Atlas Project. You'll learn what it's all about and maybe even get inspired to do some atlasing field work yourself this spring and summer.

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## \* \* AWARDS \* \*

Two Meritorious Service Awards will be given this year: to Jeannette Cole and Bob Johnson.

Jeannette's contributions have been many. She has, 1) coordinated volunteer staffing at Feather Lake; 2) prepared displays at Feather Lake, Memorial Park Branch Library and other locations; 3) arranged and led group trips to Feather Lake; 4) developed an information package on environmental resources in the area; 5) worked frequently at Feather Lake; and 6) been a representative to the Franklin Mountains Wilderness Coalition.

Bob has been active in many chapter activities. He has been, 1) membership chairman; 2) a rummage and recycling fund raiser; 3) a frequent worker at Feather Lake; 4) compiler of the El Paso Christmas Bird Count; 5) has held the office of President of EPTPAS; and 6) currently is treasurer and field trip chairman.

James Koschmann, DVM, will be the recipient of the Conservation Achievement Award. Jim has spent endless hours and talent in surgical and medical care of wild birds and animals for the rehabilitators of the Chihuahuan Desert Wildlife Rescue, Inc. He has also been one of the major movers in the reintroduction of the thick-billed parrots in the Chiricahua Mountain area.

These awards will be presented at the Annual Audubon Awards Dinner on February 18.

## CONSERVATION NOTE

Please look for the article, "The Bucks Stop Here" in the January Texas Monthly. The author, Peter Elkind, reports on the scandal in the Parks and Wildlife Department. For instance, 39 pronghorns were released on a ranch where they knew the pronghorns couldn't survive, because the owner was a close friend of the governor. Hunters and ranchers are favor-

ed over the recreational and ecological needs of all the people.

## ANOTHER CONSERVATION NOTE

See the December, 1989 issue of Smithsonian for "Phenomena, comment and notes", written by John P. Wiley jr. Mr. Wiley comments on two books about birds that should be of interest to more than just birdwatchers. The books are Save The Birds and Lords of the Air. The books celebrate birds and the fact that if we can preserve birds and the habitats in which they live we will also preserve countless other species that share those habitats. In the process, we will very likely save ourselves and the planet. Those of us who enjoy watching birds and who work for their preservation will, in the end, make this a much better place for everyone.

## WETLANDS INVENTORY

Wetlands protection is the theme for the 1990 Audubon Month effort. April 1990 will mark the sixth annual Audubon Month Celebration.

In order to protect the local wetlands, we need to know what we have and what condition they are in. Therefore, I am asking everyone to let me know of any wetlandsthat they see. These can be on public or private land and of any size. The following information is wanted: 1) location and access; 2) owner, if known; 3) size; 4) vegetation in and around; 5) any wildlife seen at the location.

Please send the information to:  
Joyce Davis, 200 N. Mesa Hills Dr.,  
#1505, El Paso, Texas, 79912-4856 or  
call me at 581-9470.



# ON THE TRAIL

## RANDEL'S POOL

Start at the crossroads ponding area, walk Lombardy, then to Meadowlark, after this on to Randel's. Probables are Red-breasted Nuthatches, Mountain Chickadees, Kingfisher and Verdin. Meet Pat Brasfield (584-8739) on Sun. the 4th of Feb. at 7:30 AM at the crossroads meeting point. Tour will be over by noon.

## HIGHWAY TRASH

The quarterly trash pickup along our adopted highway, US 62/180, is scheduled for the weekend of Feb. 10 & 11. We will gather at 9 AM on Sat. the 10th, meeting at the flying saucer building, which is located at the junction of Hueco Tanks road. In an attempt to get more of our members involved, I will also be at the meeting place at 1 PM on Sun. the 11th. To those of you who have another commitment on Sat. I will expect to see you on Sun. Leader Bob Johnson (751-0125 or 757-1876)

## LOWER VALLEY

Feather Lake, Rio Bosque, Socorro Ponds. You've heard these names, now come out and see what interesting birds are to be found. Wintering water birds and the crows of the valley are a sure thing. This trip is scheduled to show our guest speaker (awards dinner that evening) what we have at and near our sanctuary. Come on out and meet him before the dinner. Leader Bob Johnson (751-0125 or 757-1876), meet him at Feather Lake on the 19th of Feb. at 7:30 AM.

## INDIAN HOT SPRINGS

An all day trip, about 80 miles down river from Feather Lake, a good place and time to see birds that usually do not get into El Paso. Good possibilities are Great Egrets, Vermillion Flycatchers and Harris Hawk. Maybe some early swallows and Orioles could be spotted. Bring a lunch as we will not be getting back to Feather Lake until after 4 PM. Meet your leader, Jean Coyle (595-2225), at 7 AM (the sun will rise at 6:30) on Sun. March 4th.

## LAKE STINKY

This small lake in front of larger Lake Holloman, could have some good waders. All this is located a few miles south of Alamogordo. The area is good for migrating water birds, maybe some gulls and occasionally an owl. Lunch will be eaten in the park next to the Alamogordo Zoo. We will meet in the parking lot of the K-Mart at 9484 Dyer St., time 7 AM, date 10th of March, Leader Jim Harvey 532-6001

## OWENS/DURLINGS

Start at the crossroads ponding area at 7:15 AM on the 25th of March. Then walk the Lombardy - Rosemont area, finally motor to Gardner Road and Mrs. Owens bird haven. Scott Cutler (584-2476) is the leader, and will show you the way, so don't worry about getting lost.

## ELEPHANT BUTTE A NEW EXPERIENCE

Anne and Tom Hussmann have extended us an invitation to spend a weekend at their camp at Elephant Butte Reservoir. Hot water and protected sleeping available, also great birding. This will take place on the weekend of March 30/April 1. For additional details and reservations call Anne at 534-4081.



Common Snipe

## SPRING HIGHLIGHTS

Sat. Apr. 7, John Sproul will lead us on breeding bird survey. Details next issue and at the March 19th meeting.

Sat. May 6. *BIRDATHON*.

Sat. - Mon. May 26 - 28. Southeast Az. This year its Sierra Vistas turn.

On all trips try to give the leader or Bob Johnson a call if you might be interested. We always wait 15 min. beyond the meeting time.

## TEXAS BREEDING BIRD ATLAS PROJECT



The Texas Breeding Bird Atlas Project (TBBAP), the 5-year effort now underway to map current breeding-bird distributions in our state (see p. 1), is a volunteer effort in more ways than one. 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), but so are the benefits. The project is already yielding important new insights into Texas birdlife. The atlas will be an invaluable baseline against which to measure future changes. It will be a useful tool in land-use planning and an important stimulus for identification and protection of sensitive habitats.

Your support of this worthwhile project 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 Station, TX 77843-2258. Please include on the check a memo that it is for the Texas Breeding Bird Atlas Project. /John Sproul/

## RESOURCES

**ENDANGERED SPECIES VIDEO:** The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has produced a videotape on "Threatened and Endangered Animals of Texas" for use by educators, Scout groups and others. For information on its availability, telephone 1-800-792-1112, ext. 4505, or write Nongame Resources Program, TPWD, 4200 Smith School Rd., Austin, TX 78744.

**LOCAL FLORA:** UTEP Biology professor Richard Worthington has published "An Annotated Checklist of the Native and Naturalized Flora of El Paso County, Texas". If you didn't get a copy at our last general meeting, it's available at the UTEP Centennial Museum for \$7.

**MIDLAND BIRD LIST:** Want to keep your collection of Texas bird checklists current? The 9th edition of the Midland County Check List of Birds is available from the Midland Naturalists for \$0.25 each, 5 for \$1. Please include \$0.25 postage for 1 list, \$0.50 postage for 5. You can order this checklist from Frances Williams, 1407 E. Co. Rd. 130, Midland, TX 79701.



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## BIRDATHON 1990



The Audubon Birdathon is 10 years old in 1990, and on **Saturday, May 5, El Paso/Trans-Pecos** Audubon will take part for the 10th consecutive year!

Birdathon is an amazing event, with equal emphasis on 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. For example, our scholarship program, our Audubon Adventures program and the wildlife-rehabilitation work of Chihuahuan Desert Wildlife Rescue all benefited from Birdathon last year. 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.

Thanks to your support, our 9 previous Birdathons have been wonderfully successful. We hope you'll take part this year and make the 10th anniversary Birdathon one to remember. Our next newsletter will have all the details.

### CHAPTER ELECTION RESULTS

At our January general meeting, we elected officers and directors for the year ahead. The lucky winners:

Vice-president . . .	Larry Jordan
President-elect . . .	Joyce Davis
Secretary . . .	Lorraine Snelling
Treasurer . . . . .	Bob Johnson
Directors . . . . .	Betty Pagel
	Susie Schneider
	John Snelling

These worthy individuals will be installed at our Annual Meeting in Feb-

ruary. John Sproul will continue as president in the 2nd year of his 2-year term. Congratulations to all, and thanks to our nominating committee -- Pat Brasfield, Sarah Jane Dodds and Betty Pagel -- for their good work in developing such an excellent slate of candidates.

### THE RUMMAGE REPORT

Our rummage sale on Nov 12 was a big success, adding \$420.49 to our treasury. Thank you, rummage contributors! Special thanks go to our talented sales team of Jane Fowler, Anne Hussmann, Bob Johnson, Larry Jordan, Betty Pagel, Bart Rumaker, Sid Shepperd, John Sproul and Nancy Wilson. They put in a full day of wheeling and dealing to convert your rummage into cash to support our chapter programs.

### GRACIAS

Gradually, we're getting the upper hand on saltcedar at Feather Lake Wildlife Sanctuary, and native trees and shrubs are becoming established around the basin. On Sat., Dec 9, our efforts at saltcedar control got a welcome boost from participants in the Sierra Club's Inner City Outings (ICO) program. An energetic group of ICO students and adult leaders spent the morning pulling saltcedar seedlings at our sanctuary, and we greatly appreciated their hard work!

The programs at our general meetings continue to be of high quality. Thank you, Tom Wolf of the New Mexico Nature Conservancy for an excellent presentation on the Gray Ranch in November and Joe Leach for a lively and entertaining look at Canada's Northwest Territories in December.

Finally, we gratefully acknowledge recent donations to our chapter from Tanya and Bill Hoppes, Sue and Neil O'Hara, and Bart Rumaker.

## FEATHER LAKE NEWS

Work days:

February 24

March 17

You are welcome to come at 8 AM or any other time that you can. It would be very helpful if members with pickup trucks could lend a hand taking rubbish to the landfill.

The March 17 work day will be special. Chef Anne Hussmann will be preparing a special brunch for the crew working at Feather Lake that day. As we know from past experience, Anne's cooking is not to be missed.

We have accepted a bid to build a rest room at Feather Lake. The contractor will build the basic structure and we will complete it. Your skills as an electrician or plumber can be put to good use on this project. Since this will be a fairly expensive project, cash donations will be gratefully accepted. This will be a long awaited and eagerly anticipated addition to the facilities at Feather Lake.

## APRIL FOOL BIRD TRIP INFO

When: March 31 - April 1, 1990

Where: Hussmann-Dix cabin at Elephant Butte Lake

What: Cookout Saturday Night

Bring: Your choice of meat and towels

Provided: Hot coals and beans; beds; hammocks; hot showers; Cole slaw; cold libations.



## A CHANCE AT FAME

Our chapter will be producing T-shirts similar to the shirts for the C.D.W.R. We are looking for interesting, intriguing, fascinating, memorable designs for these shirts. Some designs were on display at the January general meeting. The deadline for submitting designs is the March board meeting (Mar. 12). Submit your design to Anne Hussmann or Nancy Wilson.

## Puffin Decline Concerns Audubon Scientists

by Steve Kress, National Audubon Society  
Research Biologist

Few of the puffin chicks fledged during the period 1984 through 1987 from Eastern Egg Rock and Seal Island—both off the Maine coast—have returned to their home colonies, leading to speculation that they perished at sea. These Atlantic puffins (*Fratercula arctica*) were hatched as part of Audubon's Puffin Project, which has successfully restored populations of the seabirds to portions of their former range. Under the project, numbers of puffin chicks are transplanted to artificial nesting burrows on the coastal islands, where they are hand-reared by Audubon biologists.

The low rate of return—only 1 percent (6 of 534) of the birds fledged during the four-year period, as opposed to 32 percent for the period 1977 through 1980—has Audubon scientists looking again at the factors that affect puffin chick survival and mortality.

It is not clear exactly what risks puffins face at sea and how chance events influence survival. Young puffins spend their first 2 to 3 years at sea before returning to land, and during that time they must learn how to find ample food while avoiding predatory gulls and fish, plastic debris, oil spills, and drift nets. Weather and the amount of available food vary greatly from year to year, but favorable and unfavorable years seem to occur in distinct stretches.

Audubon's research suggests that both wild and transplanted colonies of puffins will need to have several unbroken years of favorable conditions in order to reach viable population levels. To be successful, restoration programs such as the Puffin Project must be conducted over a long period. In that way, seasonal fluctuations, and perhaps even those occurring over several years, can be overcome.

## OBSERVATIONS

Nov. 12 - Jan. 12, 1990

uncommon, rare &amp; casual sightings

CP - Crossroads Pond  
 EPCC - El Paso Country Club  
 FB - Ft. Bliss Ponds  
 FL - Feather Lake  
 Fmt - Franklin Mountains  
 GR - Gardner Road  
 HT - Hueco Tanks  
 MP - Mountain Park  
 RP - Randell's Pool  
 SP - Sunland Park

Sightings by a field trip member are noted by a (+) after the leader's initials. Sightings in an observer's yard or area are indicated by an (\*) before his or her initials.

## LOONS - WOODPECKERS

Cattle egrets were seen at FL 12/9 & at GR 1/1 by BJ/RH. Black-crowned night herons were spotted at FL 12/9 JS and at EPCC by BJ/RH. The wintering flock of snow geese were found at SP. A common goldeneye and hooded merganser were found at CR 12/10 PR. Two golden eagles were seen at Shadow Mountain Lake 12/14 by AG. A ferruginous hawk was spotted on GR 1/1 BJ/RH. A rough-legged hawk sat at the entrance to Santa Teresa 12/2 PR. The downtown peregrine falcon continued to stay around the EPNG building. It was seen at various times from 11/10 - 1/5 JS/BJ/RH.

## QUAIL - WOODPECKERS

Five great horned owls were heard at HT 12/30 (JS). An injured saw whet owl was picked up by two kids RP 12/20. It was turned over to HB. Burrowing owls were spotted at FL 12/9 (JS) and at GR 1/1 (BJ/RH). White throated swifts were found at Sunland Park 12/31 (AH/ NW) & 1/1 (BJ/NW). A male anna's hummingbird was reported 12/16 (AB\*). An acorn woodpecker hung around (FF\*) from late Sept/ early Oct till December. A yellow-bellied sapsucker was found at (MP) 12/1 (RH) and 1/1 (BJ/RH).



## FLYCATCHERS - VIREOS

Stellar's and scrub jays continue to be reported at various locations. AH, BJ, RH. American crows were found around FL (JS). A red breasted nuthatch was on W. Fmt. 12/16 (JS/ JF/SS), at UTEP 12/11 (JS) and at EPCC (BJ/RH). Western bluebirds were spotted at MP 1/1 (BJ/RH). Townsends solitaires were seen on Fmt. 12/16 (JS+) & Coronado Country Club (JD/AB). A hermit thrush was found on Fmt 12/16 (JS+). A brown thrasher was sighted on 12/23 (HB\*).

## WARBLERS - WEAVER FINCH

Green tailed & rufous sided towhees were seen at HT 12/30 (JD+). Rufous also seen on Lombardy avenue 1/1 (BJ/ RH). Black chinned sparrows were reported in HT area 12/30 (JG/SS). Vesper sparrows were seen at RP (BJ/BH). Sage sparrows were found at FB 1/1 (BJ/RH). Flocks of lark buntings were seen at HT 12/30 & SP 1/1. Pine siskins were reported at HT 12/30 (JD+).

Observers: Helen Bigelow, Anne Bowman, Mike Chintis, Joyce Davis, Fred Fry, Joe Guinn, Richard Hermosillo, Anne Hussman, Bob Johnson, Al & Madeline Gavit, Peggy Reide, Sid Shepperd, John Sproul, Nancy Wilson.

Observations Editor - Joyce Davis  
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## BOARD MEETINGS

Feb. 12 - The February board meeting will be at Joyce Davis's home, 200 N. Mesa Hills Dr., #1505. 581-9470.

Mar. 12 - The March board meeting will be held at Jane Fowler's home, 1594 B Bengal Dr., 598-2448.

## AUDUBON NEEDS WETLANDS SLIDES

National Audubon's Wetlands Task Force will be producing a slide show for the Wetlands campaign (one of five national high priority campaigns). Our regional office will also produce a customized show of wetland resources and threats in this region. High quality 35mm slides are needed in the following categories:

- Good examples of different wetland types.
- Good examples of wetland habitat.
- Mammals, plants and birds that are indicators of specific wetland types.
- Destructive forces affecting wetlands such as agricultural conversion, dredging, suburban development, peat mining, grazing, etc.
- Benefits of wetlands such as flood control, water quality, aquatic productivity.
- Restoration and/or creation projects.
- Recreational, educational and research uses of wetlands.

Please send originals or high quality copies to:

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Let the region office know if you want your slides returned. If so, be sure to include mailing information on the box. Please be sure you send only original work not published elsewhere and not copyrighted unless you also send us a release to use the work. This is a great opportunity to feature our area's resources in a nationally distributed show. Please help if you can.

## USFWS CRACKS DOWN ON OILY PITS

Open oil and chemical pits are lethal to wildlife. Recent investigations by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) have documented the extent of the problem in the Southwest: an estimated annual loss of 225,000 birds in 5,649 pits in eastern New Mexico; at least 100,000 waterfowl dying annually due to contact with oil and oil by-products in the Texas high plains, eastern New Mexico and western Oklahoma.

Causing the death of a migratory bird is a punishable offense under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA). Maximum penalties are \$5,000 and/or 6 months in jail for individuals and up to \$10,000 for corporations for each violation.

Last fall, the USFWS began a campaign to eliminate wildlife losses at oily ponds and pits. It made state and industry leaders aware of the problem and promised to suspend enforcement of the MBTA until October 1, 1989 if industry would use the year to cover oily pits with screening or netting, close them or otherwise make them nonhazardous. The response has been encouraging, but problem areas remain.

With the grace period now ended, the USFWS is cracking down on continuing violators. And they've asked for our help. Auduboners are frequently afield. If, in your travels, you find any open oil, brine or chemical pits, the USFWS asks that you notify one of its law-enforcement agents immediately. Agents in and near our region include Jesus Bustamante in El Paso (915/541-7292), Tom Lane in Albuquerque (505/ 883-7814) and Rob Lee in Lubbock (806/743-7273).  
/John Sproul/





## HARD WORK PAYS OFF

Yes, it is possible for a few people to make a big difference. The rehabilitators supported by the Chihuahuan Desert Wildlife Rescue have worked long, hard hours to have a successful release rate of 50% to 65%. They have been able, in their first year as an organization, to free 316 birds and 15 mammals. All would have died without the effort and support of the C.D.W.R. and all involved. Here is a list of the successes:

## HAWKS

Redtailed hawk	(16)
Swainson's hawk	(7)
Cooper's hawk	(2)
Northern harrier	(3)
Ferruginous hawk	(1)
Sharp shinned hawk	(3)
Turkey Vulture	(1)
Golden Eagle	(3)
Prairie falcon	(2)
Peregrine falcon	(1)
American kestrel	(31)
Burrowing owl	(20)
Long eared owl	(1)
Great horned owl	(7)
Barn owl	(14)
Flammulated owl	(1)
Caracara	(1)

## BIRDS

Green jay	(1)
Mourning Dove	(18)
Inca Dove	(15)
White wing dove	(16)
Grackle	(12)
Mockingbird	(14)
American robin	(10)
House finch	(19)
House sparrow	(38)
Rock dove	(6)
Loggerhead shrike	(1)
Barn swallow	(4)
Sora rail	(1)
Western kingbird	(3)
Rufous hummingbird	(3)
Black chin hummingbird	(11)
Chimney swift	(1)
Cowbird	(3)
Roadrunner	(5)
Crow	(1)
Gambel's quail	(1)
Common moorhen	(2)

Blue wing teal	(1)
American bittern	(1)
Great blue heron	(1)
Northern cardinal	(1)
Ground dove	(2)
Oriole	(1)
Lesser nighthawk	(2)
Ladderbacked woodpecker	(1)
Blackheaded grosbeak	(1)
Starling	(1)
Pyrrhuloxia	(2)
Common nighthawk	(2)
Piedbilled grebe	(1)
Northern flicker	(1)

## MAMMALS

Grey fox	(1)
Cottontail	(3)
Jackrabbit	(1)
Ringtailed cat	(1)
Rock squirrel	(2)
Phitis mephitis	(7)

The five rehabilitators are Helen Bigelow, Gay Kozusko, Pam Vella, Sylvia Weyenberg, and Marcia Wheatley.

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## Audubon Adventures Goes Global

**A**udubon Adventures, National Audubon's youth education program, introduces children in grades 3-6 to the wonders of the natural world. Through hands-on learning exercises led by their teachers, kids develop a sense of responsibility for their immediate environment.

Now, a pilot program funded by the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation aims to foster awareness about international environments and cultures. Audubon's first-ever Global Youth Network has taken off in New York City and Newark, New Jersey, where classroom teachers and students exchange a variety of materials with counterparts in Korea, China, Japan, and Barbados. Inside an "Audubon Exchange Box" students place—and receive—letters, drawings, photographs, maps, bird checklists, pressed plants; anything that enables them to overcome language and cultural barriers and learn about their pen-pals' environment.

The program helps develop students' writing and research skills, their understanding of science, geography, and foreign cultures, and their awareness of the environment, locally and globally. Future link-ups will occur between U.S. Adventures classrooms and classrooms in Europe, Asia, Central and South America, and the Caribbean region.

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