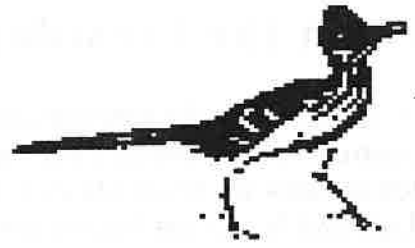


# The Roadrunner

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**Texas Parks and Wildlife and UTEP, Centennial Museum brings El Paso two evenings of free presentations on West Texas Hummingbirds.**

Mark Klym, from Texas Parks and Wildlife (Austin), is the coordinator of the Texas Hummingbird Roundup and expert on Texas hummingbird diversity and ecology. He will be presenting on hummingbirds for two evenings on August 14 and 15. Presentations are free and will be held from 6:30PM to 9PM at the Centennial Museum, UTEP (on the corner of University and Wiggins).

Each presentation will begin with an introduction to the 18 hummingbirds recorded in Texas with special emphasis on West Texas hummingbirds. The presentations will include simple tips on identifying these flying marvels. Mark will then give simple tips to attract and maintain hummingbirds in your yard using native drought-tolerant plants. Next, Mark will present ways to help control ants, wasps, and other pests around your feeders.

For more info, contact:

Lois Balin, Texas Parks & Wildlife 834-7070 843-7060fax  
Scott Cutler, Centennial Museum 747-6668 747-5411fax

**General Meeting: Monday, September 17, 2001**  
Memorial Park Garden Center  
3105 Grant Street 7:30pm

**Chihuahuan Desert Wildlife Rescue**  
Marcia Fulton, Rehabilitator

Marcia Fulton has been a volunteer wildlife rehabilitator with CDWR for twenty four years. She will talk about the work that she and other volunteers do to help injured wildlife return to the wild. The organization works with a wide variety of birds, mammals and reptiles and additional volunteers are always needed.

## Chapter Web Site

<http://www.gbarnett.com/eptpas/eptpashome.html>.

El Paso Audubon Online, features updated graphics and more information for chapter members and visitors to El Paso.

El Paso Audubon Online supplements The Roadrunner and includes information about upcoming field trips, a calendar of events, recent bird sightings and an updated list of birding links to the Internet. make bird sighting reports at

[ElPasoBirdAlert@gbarnett.com](mailto:ElPasoBirdAlert@gbarnett.com)

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## From the President's Aerie

How does one explain the fascination with birds that some of us experience? Once several years ago when the gray silky flycatcher came up from Mexico and hung out around Meadowlark and Vista del Monte for several months, birders came from all over the United States to get a glimpse of this bird. I even met a Canadian! About the same time a blue mockingbird was appearing in a back yard in the Chiracauhuas and my husband and I drove 200 miles and spent all of one Saturday and three hours on Sunday standing motionless and silently waiting for it to appear! And it did fifteen minutes after we left! We were not alone in this vigil-there were about 20 other people engaged in this perplexing human behavior. I drive around on weekends going to the same spots and seeing the same birds but I enjoy every minute. We watch the usual doves, finches, and sparrows in our backyard and find their behavior fascinating. Whenever we travel, our binoculars are constant companions. These are things not easily explained to others, but we who experience the "birding life" know that it gives an added dimension to our lives.

Happy birding throughout the year!

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### About the Roadrunner:

Roadrunner is your newsletter. We welcome your contributions. Contact Kathy Whelen 751-2408  
email: [whelenk@aol.com](mailto:whelenk@aol.com)

## SUPPORT LOCAL WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS

### Chihuahuan Desert Wildlife Rescue

Meets: 4th Tuesday of; Jan.,  
Feb., Apr., June, Aug. & Oct.  
El Paso Community College  
Northwest Campus, Room 45,  
6701 South Desert Blvd.  
[www.whc.net/cdwr](http://www.whc.net/cdwr)

### El Paso Zoo

[www.elpasozoo.org](http://www.elpasozoo.org)

### Keystone Heritage Park

Meets 3rd Wednesday of each  
month at El Paso Police Dept.  
Westside Regional Command  
Center, 4801 Osborne  
[keystonepark.com](http://keystonepark.com) or  
[keystonepark.org](http://keystonepark.org)

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

The El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon  
Society gratefully acknowledges  
recent donations to our Sanctuary  
Fund from these thoughtful  
friends:

In Memory of Jo Nagel:

Mary Bradley  
Jeanette Cole  
Jane Fowler  
Jean Hagesfeld  
Dorothy Williams

## At Feather Lake

After the traditional summer hiatus, Feather Lake Wildlife Sanctuary re-opens to the public Sat., Oct. 6. Hours are 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays and 2 p.m. to dusk on Sundays. Feather Lake is located at 9500 North Loop at Bordeaux in El Paso, 0.3 mi. west of Americas Ave. Admission is free.

Volunteers carry out all of our activities at Feather Lake, and two of our stalwarts are stepping aside this fall from roles they have played with great dedication and enthusiasm in recent years.

Charles Simpson has coordinated staffing at Feather Lake when it is open to the public, and Mary Lou Alcorn has made sure experienced guides are on hand when school classes and other groups visit.

Thank you, Charles and Mary Lou, for your excellent handling of these responsibilities.

With Mary Lou and Charles retiring from these roles, there are, of course, new opportunities for you! Wouldn't you like to help our organization in one of these important ways? Please contact John Sproul (545-5157; ae494@rgfn.epcc.edu) if you are interested. We also need volunteers to staff the sanctuary during visitor hours this fall. Again, contact John if you can help.

For a sneak preview of Feather Lake before Opening Day, join us Sat., Sept. 29 to help get the sanctuary ready for visitors. Gates open at 8 a.m., but come anytime during the morning.

**Feather Lake Workday**  
**Saturday, Sept. 29 8:00am**

## NEW BIRD GUIDE

Have you seen other birders using the new The **SIBLEY** *Guide to Birds*?

Maybe you thought, I might like one of those. Well you can get one from our sales table at all general meetings. It is \$35 plus tax at book stores, we are selling them for **\$24.88** plus tax. If you would like a copy sooner than the next meeting, call Bob (757-1876) or any officer listed in this issue.

## RIO BOSQUE WETLANDS PARK

UTEP's Center for Environmental Resource Management offers free walking tours twice each month and also holds monthly community workdays at Rio Bosque Wetlands Park in El Paso's Mission Valley.

Coming up:

- \* 8 a.m. Sat., Aug 11  
(Introduction to Rio Bosque)
- \* 8 a.m. Sat., Aug 18 (Workday)
- \* 7 a.m. Sat., Aug 25 (Rio Bosque Birds)
  
- \* 8 a.m. Sat., Sep 15 (Workday)
- \* 8 a.m. Sat., Sep 22 (Introduction)
- \* 8 a.m. Sun., Sep 23 (Birds)

For all of these activities, the meeting place is a bridge crossing Riverside Canal. To get there from I-10, take Americas Ave. (Loop 375) to Pan American Dr., turn left onto Pan American and travel 1.5 miles to the bridge. Please be prompt.

Information: (915) 747-8663.

# GOING ON THE TRAIL

## SHOREBIRD MIGRATION

The southerly migration of shorebirds usually starts the last week in July so we could catch some good ones at the Fort Bliss Ponds. Will surely be able to see at least 6 species of swimming and 6 species of wading birds. If the **Wilson's Phalaropes** are in maybe a **Red-necked** could be among them.

**DATE:** Saturday, August 4  
**TIME:** **7:22 AM**  
**PLACE:** Walmart, 4530 Woodrow Bean/  
Trans.Mt. Road. North end of  
parking lot.  
Leader: Call 757-1876 to find out.

## LINCOLN NATIONAL FOREST

**August 10-11-12.** A wonderful weekend in the Sacramento Mountains, what a chance to get away from the heat in El Paso. Pitch your tent at South Fork (Elev. 7500'), a very nice NF campground, located just above Bonito Lake. For those wanting more comfortable accommodations, it's only 10 miles to Alto and another 5 to downtown Ruidoso, where you will find many places. Birds that could be seen; 3 species of **Jays**, **Mountain Chickadee**, **Golden-crowned Kinglet** and **Mountain Bluebird**. **Northern Pygmy Owl** could be heard in the campground. Extra effort will be made to find **American Dipper**.  
Details, Bob(757-1876), E-mail [[bobwildbirderj@cs.com](mailto:bobwildbirderj@cs.com)].

## FORT DAVIS

### SEPTEMBER 6-7-8-9

The **TOS**(Texas Ornithological Society) is having its fall meeting at Prude Ranch. They will have many excellent Field Trips and great evening programs (Kelly Bryan, Greg Lasley and John O'Neil). Registration is \$30 for members and \$50 for non-members. The additional \$20 will sign you up for a 1 year membership in TOS. For details of the meeting and forms get in touch with Bob, numbers above.

## CLL

All field trips scheduled September 22 - October 28 will be held jointly with the UTEP Center for Lifelong Learning. These classes are given by members of our chapter to help promote a better understanding of birds in the area. If you would like to attend the classroom sessions during the week and or get more information on the Center call 747-6280.

## ZOO / KEYSTONE

The first stop will be at the America's Aviary, located in the EL Paso Zoo. This will allow close up looks that will help in understanding identification features. Then on to Keystone Marsh to get close up views of the birds located there.

**DATE:** **Saturday, September 22**  
**TIME:** **8:03 AM** (Please be on time, as we are going in as a group before the regular opening time.)  
**PLACE:** **El Paso Zoo**

## BACKYARD BIRDS

A couple stops in chapter members backyards to learn something about the birds, feeders and feeding.

**DATE:** **Sunday, September 30**  
**TIME:** **7:46 AM**  
**PLACE:** **4331 Emory** (near Doniphan)

The Last three trips will be covered in the Oct./Nov.issue of the ROADRUNNER. Either Sat. or Sun. Oct. 13 or 14, Sun. Oct 21, and Sat. or Sun. Oct 27 or 28.

## FRIENDS OF HUECO TANKS

**Admission:** Hueco Tanks Historical Park - \$4.  
\$2 for Seniors 65 and older. Children under 12 FREE.

### Bird identification Tours

<b>Sunday August</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>7:10 AM</b>
<b>Sunday September</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7:10 AM</b>
<b>Sunday October</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>8:10 AM</b>

Call ahead for reservations 849-6684. Also the Annual Interpretive Fair will be held the weekend of Oct 20 /21 Great time, plan to attend, details in the Oct. RR

## GOING ON THE TRAIL <sup>Continued</sup>

### HAWK WATCH

An overnight trip to the Monzano Mountains to observe part of the annual migration of **RAPTORS**. This is one of a number of sites in the west that Hawk Watch International uses as a counting and banding site for the study of raptor migration. The raptor count is conducted from about the middle of August until the first part of November. The observation point is located on Capilla Peak in the Cibola National Forest.

A few motels in Mountainair about 15 miles south from a campground below the peak and motels in Albuquerque about 50 miles north. This is not a trip where you have to get out at sunrise as the birds are flying by all day. The last week in September and the first week in October are usually the best weeks. Two years ago when we went they had the biggest count day on Sat. Oct 2d with over 300 birds seen.

You will see various species up close, including hand held raptors that have been mist netted for banding. They will show the wings and body size and explain about the bird. You might be one of the persons that will be allowed to hold and release a bird.



This is photo of one of our members taken during the last trip mentioned above.

This trip will occur on **October 6th and 7th.** for itinerary and maps contact **Bob "Wildbirder" Johnson (757-1876)**

## RETURN FROM THE TRAIL

The Cave Creek weekend in May was attended by 17 people, and all enjoyed many great birds. Over 75 species were seen, including Elegant Trogon, Yellow-eyed Junco, Mexican Chickadee, and Painted Redstart. Also at the Cave Creek Ranch were Red Crossbills, Cedar Waxwings, Lesser Goldfinchs, Orioles, and a Elf Owl.

The largest *FLOCK* of birders we have ever had for a local 1/2 day trip (22) came out for the Egret Rookery on June 9th. Your leader found out the week before that it had been abandoned after 7 years. However a new nest site in Canutillo with about 2 dozen nests was an adequate substitute.

Good birds at the Crossroads meeting area were Pied-billed Grebe and Wood Ducks. Then we went to Keystone Marsh where it was youth day, meaning we saw baby Coots, American Avocets, Black-necked Stilts, Ruddy Ducks, Mallards and Killdeer.

Along the route we stopped and had a walk along the Levee at the Country Club Bridge. This allowed many to see Green Heron, Gambel's Quail and Western Meadowlarks. We then stopped at an underpass on Aircraft Rd. and saw the mud nests of Cliff and Cave Swallows. At this location Tom Homesley and a few others rescued a Western Kingbird that had caught its leg in string that hung up on a barbed wire fence.

Nine people enjoyed the Gila National Forest on June 22/23. Best sighting was a Painted Redstart feeding 2 young right in the campsite. We also had a flock of about 40 Pinyon Jays and a number of Common Ravens sitting in the Pines nearby. Yellow-breasted Chats calling, and a Female Common Merganser with 4 young swimming down the river. On Friday Cliff spotted a Zone-tailed Hawk.

Only 6 people showed up on July 8th at the Crossroads ponding area. Wood Ducks at the start and Avocets, Black-necked Stilts, Lesser Yellowlegs and Snowy Egrets at Keystone Marsh showed off for the group. Voted the best sightings were 2 Mississippi Kite nests with little fuzzy white heads sticking up by the adult standing on the edge. The tour leader, Mary Lou Alcorn, invited all into her yard to see the Lesser Goldfinchs eating at the thistle feeder. It all ended with a glowing sunset viewed from her backyard.

**El Paso/Trans-Pecos  
AUDUBON WEB SITE**

[http://www.gbarnett.com/ep\\_tpas/eptpashome.html](http://www.gbarnett.com/ep_tpas/eptpashome.html)

Find out information, make reservations at Feather Lake, bird reports, submit articles to the Roadrunner; e-mail us through the web site.

**Dates to Remember**  
Call Bob Johnson for details 757-1876

**August**

Sat. 4 Shorebird Migration  
10-12 Bonito Lake  
Sat. 11 Rio Bosque  
Mon. 13 Board Meeting  
Sat. 18 Rio Bosque  
Sun. 19 Hueco Tanks  
Sat. 25 Rio Bosque

**September**

6th-9th Prude Ranch  
Sat. 15 Rio Bosque  
Mon. 17 General Meeting  
Sun 16 Hueco Tanks  
Sat. 22 Zoo & Keystone  
22 & 23 Rio Bosque  
Sat. 29 Feather Lake  
Sun. 30 Backyard birds

**October**

Sun. 21 Hueco Tanks

**Rock Art Tours**

*Every Sat & Sun 9:00am & 11:00am*

**Birding Activities at Hueco Tanks**

***Bird Identification Tours & Slide Show Presentations***

**National Audubon  
Society**

Chapter Membership Application

**Yes, I'd like to join.**

Please enroll me as a member of the National Audubon Society and of my local chapter. Please send AUDUBON magazine and my membership card to the address below.

My check for \$20 is enclosed.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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## CONSTITUTION and BY- LAWS

They have not been amended since 1984. The board now feels that some changes are needed. Following is the current document, and at the end the proposed changes.

We will have a discussion on these proposed changes at the September general meeting and again at the October general meeting. The President will then call for a vote sometime in November.

In addition to the proposed changes shown here anyone may submit to an Officer or Board member other changes they feel would be appropriate.

### CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE ELPASO/TRANS-PECOS AUDUBON SOCIETY

(As amended and approved, 16 January 1984)

#### CONSTITUTION

##### ARTICLE I: NAME

This organization shall be known as the El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society, Inc. ("Chapter"), a chapter of the National Audubon Society Inc. ("National Society").

##### ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

Section 1. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES. The purpose and objectives of this Chapter shall be to engage in any such educational, scientific, investigative, literary, historical, philanthropic and charitable pursuits as may be part of the stated purposes of the National Society. Said purposes and objectives shall conform to the provisions of Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 2. NOT FOR PROFIT. This chapter is a nonprofit organization duly incorporated in the State of Texas. It is not organized, nor shall it be operated, for pecuniary gain or profit, and it does not contemplate the distribution of gains, profits, or dividends to the members thereof, or to any private shareholder or individual. The property, assets, profits, and net income of this Chapter are irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the property, assets, profits, or net income of this Chapter shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof or to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.

Section 3. LIMITATION ON LOBBYING AND POLITICAL ACTIVITY. No substantial part of the Chapter's activities shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, nor shall the Chapter participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate, for public office.

##### ARTICLE III: DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution, or upon abandonment, the assets of this Chapter remaining after payment of or provision for all debts and liabilities of this Chapter, shall be donated to the National Society or its successor or, if unwilling or unable to accept said donation, to such corporation or corporations, association or associations, fund or funds, or foundation the board of directors of this Chapter may designate, subject to the order of the court as provided by law; provided that none of such assets shall be donated to any organization other than one organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes as presently set forth in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### BY-LAWS

##### ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY. Any person interested in the purposes of the Chapter is eligible for membership.

Section 2. MEMBERSHIP CLASSES. Classes of membership shall be the same as those maintained by the National Society. They shall include the following categories or others that may be set by the National Society: Regular (individual), Family, Student, Sustaining, Supporting, Contributing, Donor, Life.

Section 3. DUES LEVELS. Annual dues of membership shall be as established by the National Society.

Section 4. DUES PAYMENT. Membership dues shall be payable at the time of application and, in the case of Regular, Family, Student, Sustaining, Supporting, Contributing and Donor members, yearly thereafter. In the case of life members, dues shall be paid in full in one sum, except as may be provided otherwise in the by-laws of the National Society.

Section 5. DUAL PRIVILEGES. All classes of members shall enjoy all the rights and privileges pertaining to the members of both this Chapter and the National Society.

Section 6. LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP. Should renewal of membership dues not be paid within six months after due date, a member so in default shall be dropped forthwith from the rolls.

#### ARTICLE II: MEETINGS

Section 1. REGULAR MEETINGS. Regular meetings of the chapter shall be held each month from September through May, on the day selected by the Chapter.

Section 2. ANNUAL MEETING. The annual meeting of the Chapter shall be held in February, at which time new officers will be installed and take office.

Section 3. SPECIAL MEETINGS. Special meetings may be called by the president, or pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Directors, or by petition of not less than one-tenth of all members entitled to vote. Ten days' written notice of such special meeting, stating objectives thereof, shall be given each member at his last known post office address.

Section 4. QUORUM. One-tenth of the members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any duly called regular or special meeting.

#### ARTICLE III: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. DUTIES AND COMPOSITION. The control and conduct of business of the Chapter shall be vested in its Board of Directors. The Board shall determine the policies of the Chapter. The Board shall consist of (a) the elected officers, (b) three directors elected by the members for terms of one year, and (c) the chairs of the standing committees. The three elected directors each shall chair a standing committee.

Section 2. MAXIMUM LENGTH OF SERVICE. No one individual shall serve for more than four consecutive years as a member of the Board, except in the case on an individual who after four years is elected President or President-Elect and then may serve on the Board until the end of his presidency.

Section 3. REGULAR MEETINGS. Regular meetings of the board shall be held each month, August through June, on the day selected by the Board.

Section 4. SPECIAL MEETINGS. special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or upon the request of the majority of the Board.

Section 5. QUORUM. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

Section 6. OPEN MEETINGS. All Board meetings shall be open to all members of the Chapter.

#### ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Section 1. OFFICERS AND TERMS OF OFFICE. The elected officers of the chapter shall be a President, a President-Elect, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Clause A. THE PRESIDENT. The President shall hold office for a two-year term and shall not succeed himself. He shall be President of the Chapter, Chairman of the board of Directors, and an ex-officio member of all committees and shall perform all other duties associated with the office of the president.

Clause B. THE PRESIDENT-ELECT. At the close of the first year of any presidency, a President-Elect shall be elected by the membership. During his year on the Board prior to becoming President, he shall be assigned special duties helpful to the President and/or Board of Directors. The same individual may simultaneously hold the offices of Vice-President and President-Elect.

Clause C. THE VICE-PRESIDENT. The Vice-President shall serve a one-year term and may not serve more than three consecutive terms. The Vice-President shall help the President carry out his duties and shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the President. He shall be designated by the President to head one of the standing committees.

Clause D. THE SECRETARY. The secretary shall serve a one year term and may not serve more than three consecutive terms. The secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings of the Board and the Chapter and shall conduct all correspondence of the Chapter.

Clause E. THE TREASURER. The treasurer shall serve a one year term and may not serve more than three consecutive terms. The Treasurer shall have custody of the Chapter's funds. He shall maintain sound and timely accounting of all Chapter's funds and shall disburse such funds as may be ordered by the Board. He shall report to the Board of Directors at its regular meeting or as requested. He shall prepare an annual report on the financial condition of the Chapter for distribution to the members at the Annual Meeting and shall forward a copy of this report to the National Society. The Treasurer shall also prepare a proposed budget (Article VIII, Section 3) for the Chapter's fiscal year.

#### ARTICLE V: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. NOMINATING COMMITTEE. The Board of Directors shall annually appoint prior to the first day of November a Nominating Committee to consist of not less than three members. Its purpose shall be to nominate candidates for officers and elected directors to succeed those whose terms of office are to expire. The names of the members of the Nominating Committee shall be made known to the membership of the chapter and suggestions for nominations for officers and directors may be submitted the Committee by any member of the Chapter.

Section 2. TIMING OF ELECTIONS AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS. The Nominating Committee shall present its report to the membership, and the elections shall take place, at a regular meeting one month prior to the Annual meeting. The officers and elected directors will be installed at the Annual Meeting.

Section 3. NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR. Nothing herein contained shall prevent nominations of officers or directors from the floor at the meeting at which the elections take place.



#### Section 4. ELECTION PROCEDURES.

Clause A. UNCONTESTED ELECTIONS. When there is just one Candidate for each office and just three candidates for elected director positions, candidates presented by the Nominating Committee shall be elected either by voice vote or by motion of the membership that the recommendations of the Nominating Committee be accepted by acclamation.

Clause B. CONTESTED ELECTIONS. When there is more than one Candidate for an office, election to that office shall be by ballot, with the winner receiving the majority vote of the ballots cast. When there are more than three candidates for elected-director positions, elections likewise shall be by ballot, with the three winners having the three highest vote totals.

Section 5. VACANCIES. A vacancy in any office or any one of the three elected-directors positions shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, and the officer or director so chosen shall serve until the next Annual Meeting. In the case of a vacancy in the office of the President occurring during the term of the President-Elect, the latter shall immediately succeed to the office of President. When an officer or director fills a vacancy, his partial term shall be disregarded with respect to qualification for re-election for a full term or for additional consecutive terms.

#### ARTICLE VI: COMMITTEES

Section 1. STANDING COMMITTEES. Standing committees of the Chapter shall include the Membership, Program, Conservation, Field Trip, Hospitality, Publicity, Education, Publications, Ways and Means, and Sanctuary committees and such other committees as becomes necessary to carry out the functions of the Chapter.

Section 2. COMPOSITION OF STANDING COMMITTEES. The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint chairmen of standing committees who, in turn, may select their own committee members with recommendations and suggestions from the Board. Terms of office shall be for one year or until their successors are appointed; but no chairman shall serve more than three consecutive years for the same committee. Standing committees shall be composed of not less than three members.

#### Section 3. DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Clause A. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE. The membership Committee shall maintain close contact with the Membership Department of the National Society. It shall keep the Chapter's membership records and shall conduct membership campaigns to enroll new members. It shall endeavor to retain those members who have become delinquent in the payment of their dues.

Clause B. PROGRAM COMMITTEE. The program committee shall make all plans and arrangements for the regular meetings of the Chapter, and shall make arrangements for lectures, discussions, and such other events as may promote interest in and appreciation of conservation, ecology and natural history.

Clause C. CONSERVATION COMMITTEE. The Conservation Committee shall keep informed on local, state and national governmental policies and actions affecting the natural environment and conservation of natural resources. It shall draft and recommend the Chapter's conservation policy to the Chapter's Board of Directors. It shall carry out the conservation policy as approved by the Board and endeavor to coordinate the actions of the Chapter with the policy and activities of the National Society insofar as conservation measures and policies of national scope are concerned. It shall keep the National Society informed of such actions.

Clause D. FIELD TRIP COMMITTEE. The field trip committee shall plan, organize and arrange for the proper conduct of field trips that may be participated in, not only by the members of the Chapter, but by nonmembers and friends.

Clause E. HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE. The Hospitality Committee shall plan and conduct such social gatherings of the members, or provide the social aspects of regular meetings such as refreshments, as may seem desirable to the Board of Directors.

Clause F. PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. The Publicity Committee shall publicize, through newspaper, radio, TV and other publicity media, the purposes and program of the Chapter.

Clause G. EDUCATION COMMITTEE. The Education Committee shall maintain close contact with the Educational Services Division of the National Society. It shall encourage schools and colleges within the Chapter's territory to conduct courses in, or otherwise stress, natural history, ecology and conservation. The Committee shall conduct, or cause to be conducted, workshops in natural science for members and others, and shall cooperate in furthering the educational objectives and programs of the National Society. It shall, through other means, inform and educate the public, especially young people, about the natural environment.

Clause H. PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE. The Publications Committee shall publish, at least six times a year, a bulletin or newsletter for the members of the Chapter and shall prepare any other publications helpful to the Chapter's on-going programs.

Clause I. WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE. The Ways and Means Committee shall make recommendations and, subject to approval by the membership or Board of Directors, organize, promote and carry out programs for obtaining financial support for the Chapter.

Clause J. SANCTUARY COMMITTEE. The Sanctuary Committee shall be responsible for operation and maintenance of any wildlife sanctuaries or nature preserves managed by the Chapter, including designation of resident or non-resident caretakers where necessary. It shall develop and implement master plans for these sanctuaries or preserves. It shall identify opportunities for establishing additional sanctuaries or preserves and make recommendations to the Board on whether and how to pursue those opportunities.

Section 4. SPECIAL COMMITTEES. The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, may appoint special or task force committees whose terms of office will be determined by the length of the assignment to be done.

#### ARTICLE VII: FINANCES

Section 1. FISCAL YEAR. The fiscal year shall be the calendar year.

Section 2. DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS. All checks and drafts of the Chapter must be signed by the Treasurer, the President or Vice-President. One signature shall be sufficient, unless otherwise stipulated by the Board of directors.

Section 3. BUDGET. The Treasurer will prepare the proposed budget for the Chapter's fiscal year with the assistance of the chairs of the standing committees, who will present the Treasurer with their financial requirements for the year. The proposed budget will be submitted to the Board of Directors prior to the Board's final meeting of the previous fiscal year.

Section 4. AUDIT. An audit of the Chapter's financial records shall be made at the end of each year, or upon change of Treasurer, by two members appointed by the President. The purpose of the audit shall be to ensure proper control of funds and proper accounting procedures and practices. The annual report of audit shall be submitted to the Board of Directors as soon as practicable after the close of the fiscal year.

#### ARTICLE VIII: COMMITMENTS

This Chapter of its officers or Board of Directors, shall not enter into any commitments binding on the National Society without authorization from the latter. In like manner, the National Society shall make no commitments binding on this Chapter.

#### ARTICLE IX: DISCONTINUANCE

This Chapter reserves the right to terminate its chapter status on six month's notice, given in writing to the National Society, in which case all allocation of dues by the National Society to this Chapter will cease on expiration of the six-month period. This Chapter recognizes the right of the National Society to terminate the Chapter relationship on six month's notice, given by it to this Chapter, in which case the members of this Chapter shall continue as members of the National Society for the balance of the term for which dues have been paid.

#### ARTICLE X. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

In matters not covered by these By-Laws, Robert's Rules of Order, Revised shall govern.

#### ARTICLE XI. CONSTRUCTION

Section 1. STATUTORY AUTHORITY. This Constitution and By-Laws shall be construed under the laws of the State of Texas.

Section 2. GENDER. The masculine pronoun, as used in this Constitution and By-Laws, shall mean the masculine or feminine, wherever applicable.

#### ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS

This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of members in good standing present at any regular meeting or at any special meeting thereof, regularly called, provided a quorum is present, and provided further that notice of such amendments shall have been mailed to each member of the Chapter at his last known address at least fifteen days before said meeting.

#### Proposed changes: By-Laws

#### ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP

Section 2. MEMBERSHIP CLASSES.

Add a leadin to the current paragraph - Clause A.

Add: Clause B. LOCAL. A regular membership for persons wanting to participate in El Paso/Trans Pecos Chapter activities only.

Section 3. DUES LEVELS.

Add a leadin to the current paragraph - Clause A.

Add: Clause B. Annual dues of local membership shall be as established by the El Paso/Trans Pecos Board.

Section 5. DUAL PRIVILEGES.

Add a leadin to the current paragraph - Clause A.

Add: All local members shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of this chapter.

#### ARTICLE II: MEETINGS

Section 3. SPECIAL MEETINGS. Change: one-tenth to read one-twentieth (5%).

Section 4. QUORUM. Change: one-tenth to read one-twentieth (5%).

#### ARTICLE III: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. DUTIES AND COMPOSITION.

Change the third sentence to read: The Board shall consist of (a) the elected officers, (b) nine (9) elected directors. Directors would be elected for a three year term, with only three coming up for election each year

Delete the forth sentence and replace with: Each elected director would chair a standing committee, as would the Vice-President, but they would not be elected to specific committee. The President would appoint the committee chairs from the elected directors with the approval of the board.

Section 2. MAXIMUM LENGTH OF SERVICE.

Change - four consecutive years - to read: six consecutive years and - after four years - to read: after six consecutive years.

Section 3. REGULAR MEETINGS.

Delete sentence and add new sentence: A minimum of ten (10) regular monthly meetings shall be held each year, on a day selected by the board.

#### ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Section 1. OFFICERS AND TERMS OF OFFICE

Clause B. Change the sentence to read: The same individual may simultaneously hold any elected office and President elect.

Clause C. Clause D. Clause E. In the first sentence change: more than three consecutive terms - to: more than six consecutive terms.