

The Roadrunner



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USFWS Special Agent

General Meeting — Monday, April 18, 7:30 PM

As it sometimes happens, our February speaker was not able to attend the meeting and an alternative program was given. Our scheduled speaker, Mr. Doug McKenna, has rescheduled for the April meeting. Mr. McKenna is a special agent with the Division of Law Enforcement, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, assigned to the El Paso office. A couple of years ago, Mr. McKenna was in charge of a sting operation to identify persons using illegal control measures in Wyoming and Colorado. His work was described in an article in the March/April issue of Audubon magazine titled "Who's Poisoning the West," and subsequently received a national award from the U.S. Department of the Interior for his work. Mr. McKenna will tell us about this operation and his duties as a Special Agent in El Paso.

Birdathon Pot-Luck Dinner

General Meeting - Monday, May 16, 6:30 PM

Notice the time of this month's meeting. The reason for this is that we are including the post-Birdathon Pot Luck as this month's program. Birdathon will be taking place on the weekend of May 14 and 15, so the pot luck was set for Monday's general meeting. This will be our last meeting of the year. Everyone is welcome: participants, sponsors, members, anyone interested in sharing their favorite dish and fellowship with others who have common interests. Join us for the fun. Hope to see you there.

The general meetings are held in the Garden Center, 3105 Grant, in Memorial Park, El Paso. The public is cordially invited.

☛ Craig Braginton ☛

Audubon Activist

The Audubon Cause

(Continued from the February-March Newsletter)

Together with the Mission Statement, the Audubon Cause expresses our major concerns and targets for Audubon advocacy. It bonds the entire organization together with a sense of common purpose and commitment.

Further The Wise Use of Land and Water

- Advocate ecologically sound floodplain, beach, and watershed management with emphasis on nonstructural approaches and termination of government programs that subsidize development in flood-prone areas.
- Promote environmentally sensitive development and rehabilitation in our cities. Work for the creation and preservation of environmental education centers, open space, and green belts in urban regions.
- Support reforms in tax structures and the creation of additional incentives for the preservation of productive agricultural and forest lands.
- Promote the preservation and restoration of natural aquatic ecosystems, including streams, lakes, and wetlands, and oppose environmentally unsound channelization, dredging, drainage, dam-building, diversion, and navigation projects.
- Promote procedures for an equitable sharing of construction costs and maintenance of highways, railways, airports, and public waterways.
- Actively defend the national interest in federal public lands and oppose transfer of these lands to the states, other political jurisdictions, or to private interests, except where such transfers are clearly in the public interest.
- Press for the establishment, adequate funding, and proper management of national parks, monuments, preserves, wildlife refuges, wilderness areas, and wild and scenic rivers.
- Seek reform of the General Mining Law of 1872.
- Work for proper environmental controls over prospecting, mining, grazing, logging, off-road vehicles, and recreational activities on federal, state, county, and other public

lands.

- Urge preservation of the integrity of natural stream flows where diversions threaten aquatic and riparian ecosystems.
- Monitor the development of biotechnology products that may change land-use patterns and thus affect wildlife and their habitats.

Seek Solutions for Global Problems Involving the Interaction of Population, Resources, and the Environment

- Support the purposes of the United Nations Environmental Programme and urge full U.S. participation and funding.
- Promote and participate in international treaties and conventions for the protection of wildlife and the environment.
- Work with other national and international organizations, both private and public, in cooperative efforts to protect and preserve wildlife as well as rain forests, oceans, and other major ecosystems of global concern.
- Cooperate with private and public agencies to develop rational strategies for reducing population growth.
- Emphasize the relationship between population pressures and environmental problems, and include population concerns in our education and legislative programs.
- Encourage only sustainable development of natural resources while opposing any development that squanders the biological capital of the global ecosystems.
- Promote the concept of environmental sustainability in U.S. foreign aid programs.

The *Audubon Cause* was approved by the NAS Board in June, 1993. The rest of the *Audubon Cause* will appear in a future edition of The Roadrunner.

For more information, please contact:

National Audubon Society
700 Broadway
New York, NY 10003

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On The Trail

The Best Field Trip of the Year

Southeast Arizona is one of the best birding locations in the country. Its deserts and mountains create a birding wonderland; that, combined with the closeness of subtropical Mexico, allow for a diversity of birds found *nowhere else* in the USA.

We will concentrate on finding Broad-billed and Violet-crowned Hummingbirds, Green Kingfisher, Gila Woodpecker, Sulphur-bellied and Buff-breasted Flycatchers, and two other flycatcher types: the Tropical Kingbird and Northern Beardless Tyrannulet. Most of these are found *only* in Southeastern Arizona. In addition, we could see the Gray Hawk, Gray-breasted Jay, Bell's Vireo and Albert's Towhee.

This great trip will take place on Memorial day weekend May 28, 29, and 30. If you think that you would like to go, contact Bob (Wild Birder) Johnson for itinerary and other details. Bob can be reached at 757-1876 (business recorder) or 751-0125.



Whispering Spring

Meet at the Wilderness Park Museum, 4301 Transmountain Road, at 8:00 AM on Saturday, April 23. We'll visit whispering Spring Canyon, one of the more productive avian habitats in the Franklin Mountains. Expect to see a good mix of permanent residents (e.g., Canyon Wren, Rufous-crowned Sparrow), summer residents (Ash-throated Flycatcher, Scott's Oriole) and migrants (vireos, warblers and more). Plan to walk 2+ miles in moderately steep terrain. Bring refreshments and hiking boots. The leader for this trip is the always productive John Sproul and he can be reached at 545-5157.

TOS Meeting in Davis Mts.

The Texas Ornithological Society meets in the Davis Mountains on May 5 - 7, and we plan to be there. Each year, TOS holds two statewide meetings that attracts bird enthusiasts from throughout Texas. These gatherings always feature an outstanding mix of field trips during the day, and both scientific and popular presentations in the evenings. Target birds for the upcoming meeting include Western and Clark's Grebes, Common Black-Hawk, Montezuma Quail, Mountain Plover, Band-tailed Pigeon, Gray Flycatcher, Western Bluebird, and Grace's Warbler. If you want to join us, contact Jon Sproul (545-5157) or Bob Johnson (757-1876) as soon as possible for registration and camping/lodging information. Registration is \$15 per person before April 15, \$18 after. The Saturday night banquet is \$15.

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April is one of the nicest times of the year at Feather Lake. The brown tones of winter give way to the greens of spring, and the mix of birds changes constantly as migrants pass through. April also marks the end of our visitor season. Regular visitor hours end April 24 (see back page) and won't resume till October 1. So plan to pay your sanctuary a visit in April.

Early water deliveries brought Feather Lake's level up in late January and February. That was not enough, though, to hold our visiting swan. It was last seen February 6. We're still not confident of the species identification of this immature bird, but the evidence was leaning increasingly towards Tundra Swan.

Want to help with habitat-management work at Feather Lake? Upcoming workdays are April 9 and May 21. Gates open at 8:00 AM, but come whenever you can. ☞ John Sproul ☞

As part of National Audubon's BirdAmerica activities in April and May, we'll be holding our 14th annual Birdathon May 14-15. We invite all our members and friends to join The Strelz and take part!

The Strelz? Yes, this year's celebrity counter is none other than well-known educator, voluble auto-supply-store spokesman, erstwhile sporting-event announcer, and up-and-coming birder Paul Strelzin. The Bowie High School principal will be one of many counters who will scour the countryside May 14-15 trying to find as many bird species as possible in a 24-hour period. All counters will be backed by sponsors who pledge contributions based on the number of species found.



AUDUBON BIRDATHON

We hope you'll sponsor Paul Strelzin or one of our other hardworking counters for Birdathon '94. If you've supported Birdathon in the past, you know how important it is to Audubon's conservation and education programs. The funds raised through this unique event enable us to take on projects we could otherwise only dream about.

Historically, we've held Birdathon on or near May 1, but it will be later in 1994. Why? To coincide with the 3rd Annual North American Migration Count (NAMC). May 14 is both International Migratory Bird Day and the day of the NAMC, a nationwide 1-day "snapshot" of the progress of spring migration. This year, our Birdathon counters can also gather valuable data for the NAMC.

The flyer enclosed with this newsletter tells you more. Please read it, and plan to be a part of Birdathon '94!

☞ John Sproul ☞

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Rummage Wrap-up

Stormy weather forced us to postpone last November's rummage sale to February 27.

We couldn't have picked a better day: warm, sunny, calm, with bargain hunters out in force. In just a few short hours, we converted your castoffs into \$535 for our chapter treasury. Who worked this magic? Our hard-working wheelers and dealers were Tom Baker, Craig Braginton, Dayle Edwards, Jane Fowler, Frances Gutiérrez, Bob Johnson, Peggy Riede and John Sproul. Thanks to all. Special thanks go to Dayle Edwards for coordinating the event and Craig and Karen Braginton for letting us use their barn as a storeroom this past year. And thank you, everyone who contributed rummage and made it all possible.

☞ John Sproul ☞

In Memoriam: Sarah Jane Dodds

In January, we lost one of our steadiest, most stalwart members when Sarah Jane Dodds passed away. In 1972, when El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon applied to become a chapter of the National Audubon Society, Sarah Jane was one of the charter members. In the years to follow, she helped our group in every possible way. She edited our newsletter, hosted out-of-town visitors, chaired many committees, including our first awards committee, and made many other contributions to our success, always with her unique blend of style, grace and kindness. In 1991, we honored Sarah Jane with our Meritorious Service Award. Sarah Jane's family has donated her collection of natural-history books to our organization. We extend our sincere thanks to them for this reminder of a very special friend.

☞ John Sproul ☞

Earth Day on the Border

Earth Day is Friday, April 22. In El Paso, the celebration will begin early, with Earth Day on the Border on Sunday, April 17 (10 AM to 8 PM) at the Chamizal National Memorial, and end late, with Earth Day at Hueco Tanks on Saturday, April 23. Audubon will be involved in both events. Join us for the festivities on both weekends, and remember to make every day Earth Day.



El Paso Environmental Center

Don't forget to bring your recyclables to the Environmental Center, 800 South Piedras (corner of Piedras and Paisano). The Center is open Wednesday through Saturday, 9 AM to 2 PM, and accepts newspaper, white office paper, computer paper, corrugated cardboard, aluminum cans, steel cans, plastic soft-drink bottles, plastic milk jugs, styrofoam packing peanuts, styrofoam egg cartons and some magazines. Profits from the sale of these materials help pay the Center's bills. We hope to see some of those bills decrease in the near future, thanks to the Greater El Paso S.E.R. Through the S.E.R.'s weatherization program, the Center recently obtained Solar Screens on all its windows, silicon sealing around all its doors and windows, and other energy-efficient improvements. ¡Gracias, S.E.R.!

☞ John Sproul ☞

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Hummer/Bird Celebration

When the Ruby-throated Hummingbird comes through the Rockport-Fulton area each fall they are in for a surprise. A celebration awaits them. It's called the Hummer/Bird Celebration and this September 8-11, 1994, will be the sixth annual. Its purpose is to celebrate the natural phenomenon of the huge numbers of Ruby-throated Hummingbirds that stop at feeders and nectar producing plants on their southward journey to Mexico and Central America where they will spend the winter. It is also a celebration of all birds. The main attraction is the awesome sight of 50, or 100, or up to 200 hummers swarming around feeders stoking up on fuel necessary to complete their arduous journey.

Thursday, September 8, at 4:00 PM the booths will open to the public. Also, ticket sales and information will begin at that time. The first program will begin at 7:30 PM Thursday evening. All the programs are presented by experts in their fields who come from all over the U.S. with topics to educate, delight, stimulate, and entertain. This year there are 13 speakers who will either be duplicating the same program or introducing a new second program throughout the three and a half days, a total of thirty programs. The program are on Hummingbirds, all birds, and even bats and butterflies. Booths with avian and nature items for sale are very popular among the attendees. There are bus trips and self-guided tours to see the hummers, boat trips to see other birds, and a limited participation sign-up Hummingbird Banding project by Nancy Newfield. All this comes together to provide a most delightful and educational experience.

The prices are minimal: a \$25.00 ticket will get you into all programs and one bus and boat ride. The programs are free to people under sixteen. Or, pay as you go on a per use basis: \$2.00 for each program, \$5.00 for a one and a half hour bus trip; \$7.50 for a four hour bus trip; \$7.50 for a one hour and forty-five minute boat trip. No advance reservations are

required unless one wants to be guaranteed a spot on a bus or boat at a specific time.

Come and enjoy! It's a very unique happening. You'll go away glad you came. For further information, please call or write the Rockport-Fulton Area Chamber of Commerce, 1-800-242-0071, 404 Broadway, Rockport, Texas 78382.

Gila Bird and Nature Festival

Silver City, New Mexico, gateway to the Gila National Forest, will host the second annual Gila Bird and Nature Festival. The Festival will be held Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30, and Sunday, May 1.

The Gila National Forest encompasses 3.3 million acres. Of these, 790,000 were designated wilderness in 1924 through the efforts of Aldo Leopold, an early-day environmentalist. The four life zones, from the desert floor at 4,200 feet to the mountain tops at 11,000 feet, provide excellent habitat for birds, bats, and over eighty other varieties of mammals, amphibians, fish, reptiles, wild plants, trees and shrubs. There are 360 miles of mountain streams and man-made lakes. Over 170 bird species are known to breed in the Gila National Forest and 110 additional species can be seen at some time in the year.

The Festival will include guided bird tours, nature walks, bird and plant identification workshops, bike tours, art exhibits, a photo tour, and hands-on archaeological digs. Registration starts Thursday, April 28 at 7:00 PM at the Holiday Motor Hotel, Festival Headquarters, 3610 Hwy. 180 East in Silver City. The first birding tour starts at 6:00 AM on Friday, April 29. Paid reservations are recommended prior to April 22, 1994.

For more information on the Gila Bird and Nature Festival, contact the Silver City Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-548-9378.

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National Science Experiment

Volunteers Needed for Project Tanager

More than 200 Project Tanager participants combed the forests of North America this past summer, looking for signs that these colorful migratory songbirds were successfully rearing young. Birders from 31 states and two Canadian provinces conducted nearly 1,000 point counts as they studied the effects of forest fragmentation on breeding tanagers.

Now the Cornell Lab of Ornithology is recruiting more volunteers for the summer of 1994. Project Tanager is one of three "National Science Experiments" supported by the National Science Foundation. Through these experiments, the Ithaca, New York-based bird conservation center hopes to build a network of experienced amateur researchers who can study other important ornithological questions.

Project Tanager examines the relationship between forest size and breeding success of the tanagers nesting there. Across North America, road building, logging, and development have broken large forests into smaller fragments. Scientists have some evidence that Scarlet Tanagers in the eastern United States may not be able to breed in small woodlots. Project Tanager is examining this relationship in more detail, not only for Scarlet Tanagers but for Hepatic, Summer, and Western Tanagers, which nest in other parts of the United States and Canada.

In the experiment, birders will search forests of four size classes: 1, 10, 100, and 1000 hectares (2.5, 25, 250, and 2500 acres). Previous findings support the idea that Scarlet Tanagers are more sensitive to forest fragmentation than other tanager species. If you're a birder and want to use your skills for bird conservation, consider joining Project Tanager this summer. It's free, and it's fun. The more people who participate, the more reliable the data will be. We want to make

intelligent recommendations concerning the habitat requirements of these beautiful neotropical migrants.

To participate, write to:
Project Tanager
Cornell Lab of Ornithology
159 Sapsucker Woods Road
Ithaca, New York 14850
or call (607) 254-2446

Solar Eclipse Bird Count

On Tuesday, May 10, 1994, there will be an annular solar eclipse crossing North America. The path of the greatest part of the eclipse will cross El Paso. We have been asked to join in a bird count on that day to study the wildlife reactions during the event. Wildlife reactions are myriad to the darkening light levels, temperature changes, and weather changes precipitated during an eclipse. Many birds exhibit roosting behavior, and insects can become quite active.

The focus of the count will be to gather as many detailed observations of as many avian species as possible. All observations are valuable, be they scientific, sketchy, narrative, illustrative, or poetic. Observations from areas of local roosts, bodies of water, mountaintops, valleys, deserts, back yards, etc., are being sought.

Even if no noticeable behavior changes are noted, we would like to receive a tally of all species found during the event. This will yield a window of spring sightings which will traverse the country along with this celestial event.

If you would like to participate in the annular solar eclipse bird count, please contact Bob Johnson. He will have all the particulars and some information on viewing an annular eclipse. Bob can be reached at 757-1876.

Observations

January 16, 1994 -- March 15, 1994
 Uncommon, RARE and CASUAL SIGHTINGS

(Observers: George Barnett, Helen Bigalow, Craig Braginton, Doug Emkalns Jane Fowler, Madaline Gavit, Sallie Homan, Bob Johnson, Bruce Neville, Al Olivas, Russ Parker, John Sproul, Hank Webb, Barry Zimmer. Mob=many observers, -yd=at yard feeder.)

Ant-Anthony Area; CnA-Canutillo Area; CCA-Country Club Area; EwA-Eastwood Area; FBP-Fort Bliss Ponds; FHC-Fort Hancock; FkM-Franklin Mts; FLk-Feather Lake; HTk-Hueco Tanks; Hor-Horizon City; NEE-Northeast El Paso; SoC-Solidad Canyon; STA-Santa Teresa Area; Tor-Tornillo.

Some birds listed here may not be considered rare, but because of the season or location, it makes them unusual.

GREBES TO GEESE

<u>HORNED GREBE</u>	3/13	(BN) FHC
<u>CLARK'S GREBE</u>	2/6	(DE) FHC
	3/13	(BN) FHC
Great Egret	Various	(Mob) FLk
WHITE FACED IBIS	2/28	(JS) FLk
<u>SWAN (?TUNDRA)</u>	thru 2/6	(Mob) FLk
<u>GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE</u>	2/6	(DE) FHC
Snow Goose	All period	(Mob) FLk
ROSS' GOOSE	2/6	(BN) FHC

DUCKS TO AVOCETS

Wood duck	2/6	(DE) FHC
BLUE-WINGED TEAL	2/28	(JS) FLk
HOODED MERGANSER	2/12	(RP) CCA
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2/4	(JF-yd) EwA
Red-tailed(<u>HARLAN'S</u>) Hawk	3/6	(BN) FBP
GOLDEN EAGLE	2/6	(AO) SoC
<u>MERLIN</u>	2/24	(BJ) NEE
<u>PEREGRIN FALCON</u>	2/11	(BJ) FBP
Black-necked Stilt	3/12	(JS) FLk
American Avocet	2/26	(GB) FBP

OWLS TO SWALLOWS

<u>WESTERN SCREECH-OWL</u>	2/6	(DE) Tor
LONG-EARED OWL	1/16	(BZ) Can
	3/6	(BN) HTk
<u>YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER</u>	1/20	(MG) Hor
	2/11	(DE) CCA
RED-NAPED SAPSUCKER	1/23	(JF-yd) EwA

VERMILLION FLYCATCHER

	All Period(Mob)	STA
TREE SWALLOW	2/20	(SH) FBP
NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW	3/5	(CB) FLk
BARN SWALLOW	2/28	(JS) FLk

NUTHATCHES TO GRACKLES

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH	2/11	(BN) CCA
<u>WINTER WREN</u>	2/6	(DE) Tor
MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD	1/20	(HW) FkM
TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE	1/29	(AO) HTk
TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE	2/6	(AO) SoC
BROWN THRASHER	1/20	
	2/20	(HB) Ant
SOLITARY VIREO	2/9	(BJ) CCA
	2/20	(CB) Can
<u>GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW</u>	2/20	(AO) HTk
	3/6	(BN) HTk
Dark-eyed(<u>SLATE-COLORED</u>) Junco	2/6	(AO) SoC
<u>COMMON GRACKLE</u>	1/16	(DE) CCA
	2/11	(BN) CCA



Western
Screech-Owl

Report your sightings to Bob Johnson 757-1876 (recorder)

AUDUBON BIRDATHON '94



Birdathon '94 takes place May 14-15! Please join us for a full, rewarding weekend of birding throughout the El Paso area. Birdathon is both our annual Spring Big Day Count and El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon's most important fundraising event, each year supporting vital conservation and education projects. In 1994, it will also be a source of data for a nation-wide bird-census project, the North American Migration Count.

Birdathon contributions are divided equally between National Audubon Society programs and local Audubon projects. Our 1994 Birdathon will benefit:

- ☛ **Education.** Birdathon is the main source of funds for both our **Audubon Adventures** youth-education program and our **scholarship program**, which gives local educators the chance to attend Audubon Ecology Camps in Wyoming, Maine or Connecticut, where they can enhance their environmental education skills.
- ☛ **Franklin Mountains and Hueco Tanks State Parks.** Today, funding for state parks in Texas is extremely tight. The parks that move forward will be the ones with community support. Through Birdathon, we want to further two high-priority projects at local state parks. In the **Franklin Mountains**, Birdathon will help launch an endowment intended to fund key elements of the new park management plan; at **Hueco Tanks**, it will help renovate the Escontrias ranch house as an interpretive center and gift shop.
- ☛ **El Paso Environmental Center.** The Environmental Center at 800 S. Piedras is starting to hit its stride as an information and education resource, a recycling center and a focal point for citizen environmental action in the El Paso-Juárez area. Birdathon will help fund essential capital improvements at the Center, such as surfacing the parking area.
- ☛ **Audubon's Southwest Regional Office.** In Audubon's Southwest Regional Office, we have a vigorous and effective voice for our West Texas environment. Through Birdathon, we'll do our part to keep that office at full strength.

The counters on the reverse are ready to do their all for Birdathon. How can you help? (over)

El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society BIRDATHON '94

___ Yes! I'll sponsor _____
for \$ _____ per species for each species
s/he finds on the 1994 Birdathon.

___ I'll sponsor _____
for a flat \$ _____.

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

___ My tax-deductible gift of \$ _____
sponsoring _____ 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 11 to:
Birdathon, c/o Jane Fowler,
3212 Killkenny, El Paso, TX 79925.

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

HOW BIRDATHON WORKS

On the weekend of May 14-15, our Birdathon counters will go all out trying to find as many birds as possible in a single 24-hour period. They'll start early, stay out late, visit multiple habitats, and give their eyes, ears and knowledge of birds a full workout. Why? For the pleasure of a day afield, for the chance to collect meaningful data for a nationwide census project, for a test of their birding skills, and, most important, for a better West Texas environment. Each counter 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 Audubon Adventures, our scholarship program, Franklin Mountains and Hueco Tanks state parks, the El Paso Environmental Center, and Audubon's Southwest Regional Office.

Whether it's 25¢ per species, \$1 per species or any other amount, we hope you will consider a Birdathon pledge. Your support makes Birdathon work. Some counters will see around 40 species, others over 100; most will be somewhere in between. Please use the form on the reverse of this flyer to sponsor one or more of our hard-working Birdathon counters. Don't forget celebrity counter Paul Strelzin. Help make his day in the field a successful one!

PRIZES

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 16**. Once again, our Grand Prize is truly special: a striking portrait of a roadrunner on a prickly pear by Dave Parker, Hueco Tanks State Park ranger, outstanding artist and our 1991 Conservation Award winner. Other great prizes include a Pentax 7x50 binocular, a Patagonia Force II ripstop jacket, The Pleasures of Watching Birds by Lola Oberman, and a Franklin Mountains Wilderness Coalition t-shirt.

POT-LUCK DINNER

The drawing will take place at our annual post-Birdathon pot-luck dinner, which this year will also serve as our May general meeting. It starts at **6 p.m. on Monday, May 16** at the Garden Center, 3105 Grant, in Memorial Park in El Paso. Please join us. Reports of the weekend's best birds, great food, door prizes for everyone, and results of our drawing await you!

Approximately 96% of Birdathon income will go to conservation and education projects;
4% pays for the cost of fundraising.

THE COUNTERS

Bowie High School Principal **Paul Strelzin** has made a career of doing the unusual. Now, his greatest challenge lies just ahead, for on May 14-15, he'll lead our stellar crew of Birdathon counters, currently including:

Art Arteaga	Phil Dolan	Jo Nagel
Tom Baker	Cliff Eidson	Alfred Olivas
George Barnett	Jane Fowler	Susan Page
Matt Bingham	Joe Guinn	Iola Pennington
Paul Bingham	Chris Hahn	Mark Riede
Betty Bowen	Anne Hussmann	Peggy Riede
Craig Braginton	Hugh Jameson	Susie Schneider
Karen Braginton	Bob Johnson	John Sproul
Kathy Ditlevson	Larry Jordan	Paul Strelzin
Tara Ditlevson	John Kiseda	Mary Ann Vernon
Jean Drinkwin	Paul Millios	Nancy Wilson

During Birdathon, counters will also have the opportunity to gather data for the 3rd Annual North American Migration Count, a nationwide 1-day snapshot of the progress of spring migration. We welcome additional counters. Would you like to participate? Please contact Peggy Riede (589-1734), Craig Braginton (877-4138) or John Sproul (545-5157) for details.

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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 _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Please make all checks payable to the National Audubon Society.

Send this application and your check to:

National Audubon Society
 Chapter Membership Data Center
 P.O. Box 51001
 Boulder, Colorado 80322-1001

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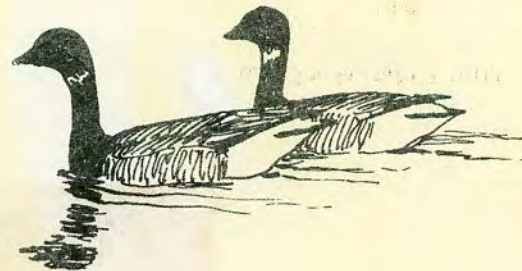
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Roadrunner Subscription

Membership in the National Audubon Society entitles you to receive a subscription to THE ROADRUNNER. If you would like to order a subscription to our chapter newsletter for yourself or a friend send \$5.00 and a name and address to Publications Chairperson, El Paso/Trans Pecos Audubon Society, P.O. Box 9655, El Paso, TX 79986.



Calendar

April

- Sat., 2** - Feather Lake open, 8:00 AM to Noon.
Sun., 3 - Feather Lake open, 2:00 PM to Dusk.
Sat., 9 - Feather Lake workday.
Sun., 10 - Feather Lake open, 2:00 PM to Dusk.
Mon., 11 - Board Meeting at Mary Lou Alcorn's home, 4331 Emory, 584-8768, 7:30 PM.
Sat., 16 - Feather Lake open, 8:00 AM to Noon.
Sun., 17 - Feather Lake open, 2:00 PM to Dusk.
Sun., 17 - Earth Day on the Border, see page 5.
Mon., 18 - General Meeting, see page 1.
Sat., 23 - Field Trip to Whispering Spring, see page 3.
Sat., 23 - Earth Day at Hueco Tanks, see page 5.
Sun., 24 - Feather Lake open, 2:00 PM to Dusk.
Fri. and Sat., 29 - 30 - Gila Bird and Nature Festival, see page 6.

May

- Sun., 1** - Gila Bird and Nature Festival, see page 6.
Thu. to Sat., 5 - 7 - TOS Meeting, see page 3.
Mon., 9 - Board Meeting at George Barnett's home, 600 Espina Dulce, 581-1829, 7:30 PM.
Tue., 10 - Annular eclipse bird count, see page 7.

Sat. and Sun., 14 - 15 - Birdathon, see page 4.

- Mon., 16** - General Meeting, see page 1.
Sat., 21 - Feather Lake workday.
Sat. to Mon., 28 - 30 - Field trip to Southeast Arizona, see page 3.

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