

The Roadrunner

Newsletter of the El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society

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Annual Awards Banquet Saturday, February 19th at 6:00pm at the Great American Land & Cattle Steakburger and Steakhouse 701 S. Mesa Hills (corner of Mesa Hills & Cromo)

Our chapter's annual awards will be presented this evening; the Conservation Award will be given to Peter Beste in acknowledgment of his inspiring efforts at habitat conservation through his native plant salvaging work. The chapter's Meritorious Service Award will be given to Betty Fisbeck in recognition of her years of diverse and continuing service to the chapter, as a past president and as an important member of our Birdathon Fundraiser team.

We will also be awarding a check for approximately \$2500, to the **Franklin Mountains State Park's Legacy Fund**. Once the state park's fund reaches a pre-determined level, they will be able to use the interest generated from those funds, for needed items and projects.

This fun and enjoyable event will also include a wonderful presentation by **Dr. Raul Valdez, Professor of Wildlife Science at NMSU's Dept of Fishery & Wildlife Science**, that will deal with 'Community Based Wildlife Conservation'. Dr. Valdez will be discussing some of his work in Mexico and central Asia, and he has also assured me that he'll be sure to include some bird photos & info, for the 'hardcore birders' among us.

The all inclusive cost for this event is \$16 per person, with choice of a fish, chicken or brisket dinner. Advance reservations are required, and, as always, non-members are welcome. **For more information & reservations, call Scott Cutler at 581-6071.**

President's News

Happy New Year & Adios for Now (sort of)!

By, John Kiseda, EP/TP, Audubon Chapter President

Well, now that the holiday season is behind us, it's time to think of what we might expect from the new year. We can anticipate that our friends and neighbors will continue to become even more active in working to preserve those natural places and the wildlife that live there, that are close to our hearts. We will work to make our collective voice, louder and stronger, so that our elected officials, city and county planners, and the relevant boards, will know that wild places and wildlife are important to our community and should not be dealt with in an offhand manner.

We will also continue to try to make more people aware of the wonder of the natural world around us and the sometimes sublime beauty of our Chihuahuan Desert. I also know that our organization, our community, can and will continue to count on you to work towards our common goal of making El Paso and its nearby areas, a better place for our families and our environment. Keep up the good work!

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Happy New Year & Adios for Now (sort of)!

It is also time for new officers and board members (as well as some longstanding, hardworking members that will remain) to start another productive year for our organization; please give these folks the best of your support and help. Be sure to give Bob Garcia a big "Thank You" for his willingness to become even more involved than last year, and to serve as vice-president. Two relative newcomers to the area have also 'stepped-up' and volunteered to help our organization; Eddie Chew will become our new treasurer and Gabe Valdes is to be our new Conservation chair on the board; please make them feel as welcome as possible to El Paso and our organization.

In part because of Audubon's bylaws, I will "officially" be stepping away from the organization. It's been a privilege to have worked with so many dedicated people over the years & having been able to have served in various capacities as an officer and board member during that time; I will continue to be involved in an informal manner and continue to look forward at what we can and will achieve, this year. Stay well, **John K.**

General Meeting

March 21, 2005 7:00pm

UTEP Centennial Museum Sun Bowl & University

Dr. Debra Finch will speak on her work since 1998 as leader of the **USDA Forest Service Recovery Team** for the Southwestern Willow Flycatcher at the March chapter meeting **March 21 at 7:00 PM** in the UTEP Centennial Museum. Dr. Finch has been involved in long-term studies of migration and breeding of the willow flycatcher.

Dr. Finch is a research wildlife biologist with the Albuquerque Forestry Sciences Laboratory of the Rocky Mountain Research Station. She conducts research on the ecology and conservation of endangered, native, and Neotropical migratory birds, and on the diverse biota of riparian and desert ecosystems of the Southwest.

Chapter Web Site

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

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

Make bird sighting reports at
EIPasoBirdAlert@gbarnett.com

El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society

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President: John Kiseda, 533-4615
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 The Roadrunner is published six times a year.
 Contributions are welcome.
 Please email to whelenk@aol.com

AT FEATHER LAKE

After 5.5 months with only one brief dry spell, Feather Lake again went dry in mid-January. Unless we get a good rain, it will likely stay that way for a while. With the lake dry, we are closing our sanctuary at the end of January until water returns.

Don't let a little lack of water keep you from visiting Feather Lake on **Sat., March 26**, the date of our next workday. Join us at **2 p.m.** to help with habitat management at our sanctuary. Many thanks go to the participants in our bimonthly workdays at the lake in 2004: Jane Fowler, Bob Johnson, John Sproul, and the hard-working Girl Scouts and adult leaders from Troop 148.

Feather Lake is located at 9500 North Loop at Bordeaux, 0.3 miles west of Americas Ave.

The Frontera Land Alliance NEWS!

Everyone is welcome to attend The Frontera Land Alliance meetings at the Chamizal National Memorial Conference Center on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM. Next meeting is February 17, 2005, at 6:30pm

In early January, a belated holiday present from the Internal Revenue Service arrived at the home of Frontera Land Alliance steering committee member Ed Storey. The IRS document announced that the TFLA has been awarded 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status! Now, the land trust group is ready to commission a complete board of directors, and form a budget for 2005.

Our *Roadrunner* publication deadline occurred before the FLA January 20th steering committee meeting. But, according to coordinator Maria Trunk, Paul Cusumano of the National Park Service was slated to help the committee pinpoint skills and resources essential to the board's future effectiveness. Also, NPS land preservation specialist Steve Bonner was invited to speak on the responsibilities with which board members are charged when agreeing to serve on the FLA board.

The mission of TFLA is to preserve valuable open space lands, and give landowners a viable economic alternative to selling their land for development. If you would like to receive more information about the TFLA, please call Ursula Sherrill at 833-7339, or email her at usherrill@utep.edu.

RIO BOSQUE WETLANDS PARK

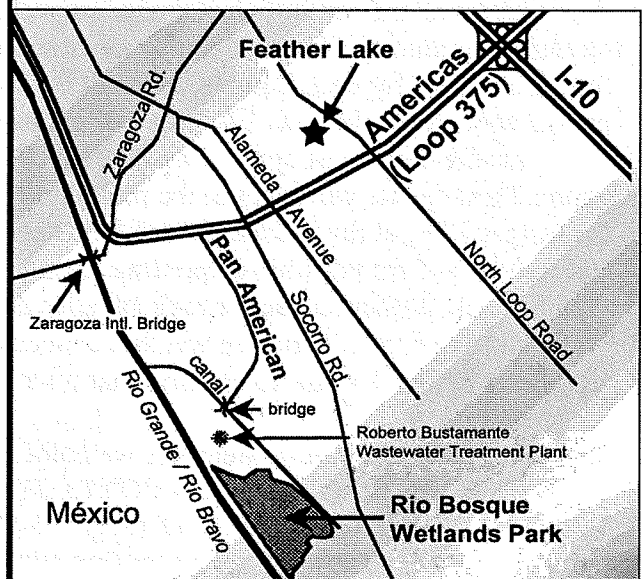


UTEP offers free walking tours twice each month and also holds monthly (except December) community workdays at Rio Bosque Wetlands Park, 4 miles from Feather Lake.

Coming up:

- 9 a.m. Sat., Feb. 12 (Birds)
- 9 a.m. Sat. Feb. 19 (Workday)
- 3 p.m. Sun., Feb. 20 (Introductory)
- 3 p.m. Sun., Mar. 6 (Birds)
- 9 a.m. Sat., Mar. 19 (Workday)
- 9 a.m. Sat., Mar. 26 (Introductory)

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.



El Paso Native Plant Society

**CENTENNIAL MUSEUM on the UTEP CAMPUS
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH AT 7:00 PM
"WATER CONSERVATION through LANDSCAP-
ING"**

Water Conservation Manager from the **El Paso Water Utilities, ANAI PADILLA**, will make a presentation covering the local water situation and the best methods of conservation through residential landscaping. As part of her program she will discuss the utilities **"Turf Replacement Program"** and will provide the information both interesting and useful to any resident contemplating getting rid of their existing lawns.

AFTER OUR PROGRAM, Wynn Anderson will conduct **"Plant Clinic Services"** So, bring a photo or a secure plastic bag containing your plant or problem samples, prepare your questions, and get ready to find the answers that your garden has been looking for. Admission is free, non-members are welcome. More info: **588-1562 or 533-6072**

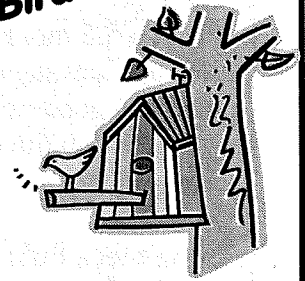
EL PASO NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY FIELD TRIP TO KILBOURNE HOLE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH AT 8:30 AM

Join us as we visit the local site of an ancient volcanic blowout and see how history has impacted the plant community. The site is also an interesting collection spot for rock hounds, as small Peridot crystal specimens abound. The trip will include a moderate hike of approximately two hours. Participants will meet in the parking lot of the Burger King at the intersection of Interstate 10 and Redd Road for possible carpooling. Bring water, a snack, perhaps a sac for rock samples and wear sturdy shoes. If there are weather concerns, call Peter before 7:45am to confirm that it's a go.

Admission is free, non-members welcome.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
TRIP LEADER PETER BESTE AT (915) 755-3558**

The Great Backyard Bird Count Year #8



It's once again time to participate in the annual Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC), & this year's event will take place from Feb 18-21.

This project was developed and is managed by the National Audubon Society and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Whether you watch for birds for a few minutes or a few hours, at one site or multiple locations, on one day or on all four days, your data will help to determine the status of birds throughout the continent.

You can watch and record the birds that visit the feeders in your yard, you can go to one of your favorite birding sites locally, or you can make a special trip of it out to one of your special 'out of town' locations; it's all up to you. All ages and skill levels of birders are encouraged to become involved!

You can find a lot of interesting ideas and information at the website www.birdsource.org. (your bird observations can also be submitted on-line here). The project's website also teaches participants how to turn their backyards into good habitat for wildlife.

Last winter's event yielded 42,000 + checklists from participants across North America, yielding an observation list of 554 species of birds seen &/or heard, and 4,305,109 individuals counted! If you have any questions, give me a call. If you want to try to bird a few local sites in small groups, give me a call & I'll see what we can put together.

Conservation Organizations

Chihuahuan Desert Wildlife Rescue
www.whc.net/cdwr

El Paso Zoo 521-1850
www.elpasozoo.org

Keystone Heritage Park 581-7920
Keystonepark.com keystonepark.org

Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park
www.cdnp.org (505) 524-3334

Friends of Rio Bosque 747-8663
www.cerm.utep.edu/riobosque

Friends of Hueco Tanks 857-1135
desertmorrow@msn.com

Southwest Environmental Center
Severn.swec@zianet.com

Franklin Mt. Wilderness Coalition
www.iloveparks.com/fmwc/



Keystone Heritage Park

If anyone is interested in aiding site visitors in bird identification and providing other types of bird information, please let me know. KHP, Inc., is hoping that some of our members will come forward to help out on a regular basis on the weekends, especially since the botanical garden has opened to the public and has had a subsequent increase in visitation to the site by citizens and tourists alike.

Also, if you visit Keystone, please keep your eyes open for unusual birds or birds that haven't yet been reported, let John Kiseda know what you saw.

Crossroads Ponds

A bird checklist was developed earlier in the year for the site by John Kiseda (~110 documented species seen); a number of rare, unusual species have been noted at the site, but many "common" birds, have not been noted.

Please give me your sightings, if you visit this little gem of a birding spot (a site guide and bird checklist can be found on our Audubon website).

Anybody out there, have Web Master skills?

The organization's long term and hard-working webmaster, George Barnett, has recently been unable to devote the usual amount of time and effort into maintaining the chapter's website.

He has suggested that we look for someone else to take it over. So, please let us know if you have the interest and skills to take on this important assignment.

ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

**Saturday,
 February 19,
 2005**



B I R D W A T C H I N G O N T H E T R A I L

BACKYARD BIRDS

A stop in members backyards to learn something about the birds, feeders and feeding. *Phainopepla*, *Ruby-crowned Kinglet*, *White-crowned Sparrow*, *Dark-eyed Junco*, and *House Finch* are some of the birds that will probably be seen.

DATE: Sunday, February 6.
TIME: **8:00 AM**
MEET at Mary Lou Alcorns Wildbird
 Sanctuary at **4331 Emory.**

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 the Keystone Marsh to get close views of the birds located there, *Ring-billed Gulls*, *Mallards*, *Pied-billed Grebes*, *Common Moorhens*, *Killdeer*, *Greater Yellowlegs* and *Least Sandpiper*.

DATE: Saturday, February 12.
TIME: **7:55 AM** (PLEASE be on
 Time as we are going in as a
 group before regular opening.
MEET at: **El Paso Zoo, 4001 E.**
Paisano.

BIRDS OF HUECO TANKS

The class will tour the rocks and desert scrub of HTSHS for the birds that inhabit the area. *Gambel's Quail*, *Black-throated Sparrow*, *Verdin*, *Rock Wren*, *Canyon Towhee*, *Say's Phoebe* and many more.

DATE: Sunday, February 20
TIME: **8:08 AM**
MEET at: **Hueco Tanks SHS, 20 miles**
 east of the Airport on US 62/
 180, take FM 2775 north.

WATER and WADING BIRDS

Take in the sights of Feather Lake Wildlife Sanctuary, then over to Rio Bosque Wetlands Park. *Hérons*, *Egrets*, *White-faced Ibis*, *Gadwalls*, *Green-winged Teal*, and *Northern Shoveler*.

DATE: Saturday, February 26.
TIME: **7:35 AM**
MEET at: **Feather Lake Wildlife**
Sanctuary at 9500 North Loop Drive.

DOWN THE VALLEY

McNary, Fort Hancock, and Tornillo Reservoirs are always good for *Gulls*, *Ducks*, *Geese*, *Egrets* and *Cormorants*. Quite a few species of passerines could also be present along with some birds of prey to include *Harris' Hawk*. A trip extension to the Espranza exit may be included. A lunch break will probably occur at the Tornillo Rest Area.

DATE: Sunday, March 6.
TIME: **7:25 AM**
MEET at: **Feather Lake WS**

FRANKLIN MOUNTAINS

A trip into The TOM MAYS section of the Franklin Mountain State Park. The first part of the walk will be fairly level. The second half will be a moderately steep trail up to **West Cottonwood Springs**. For those that think its too tough we will have an excellant birder stay at the lower level. Birds that could be seen will include *Black-chinned*, *Rufus-crowned*, *Black-throated*, and *White-crowned Sparrows*. *Rock* and *Cactus Wrens*, and *Ruby-crowned Kinglet*.

DATE: Sunday, March 13.
TIME: **7:45 AM**
MEET at: Entrance to Tom Mays on
 Trans Mt. Road. West side.

Bird watching: Continued from page

DESERT BIRDS / BIRDS of PREY

A chance to see some of the birds that inhabit the desert scrub, *Cactus Wren, Pyrrhuloxia, Scaled Quail, and Curve-billed Thrasher*. Then out along *Hawk Alley* for *Northern Harrier, Red-tailed Hawk, Swainson's Hawk, American Kestrel and Turkey Vulture*. Often Golden Eagles are present.

DATE: Saturday, March 19.
TIME: 7:20 AM
PLACE: Wilderness Park Museum
 4301 Trans-Mountain Rd.

PERCHA DAM CABALLO DAM

A trip up I-25 (about 1 1/2 hours) to Percha and Caballo Dams State Parks. A *Herring Gull* and *Common Loon* were recently spotted at Caballo and a *Golden-crowned kinglet* and both *Eastern and Western Bluebirds* at Percha. *Mergansers* and *Cormorants* fish in the Lake just above the dam and many gulls are continuously flying by.

DATE: Saturday, April 2.
TIME 7:40 AM
PLACE: I-10 - Transmountain Road
 Across from Shell Station.

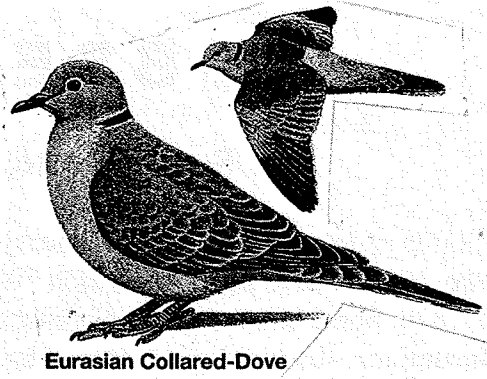
HUECO TANKS

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

Bird Identification Tours

Sunday February 20 8:08 AM
 Sunday March 20 8:08 AM
 Sunday April 17 8:08 AM

Check in at the Headquarters. Info 857-1135.
 Leader Bob "Wildbirder" Johnson 757-1876.



Eurasian Collared-Dove

HUECO TANKS CBC

If you didn't know, CBC stands for Christmas Bird Count. This year the Hueco circle was conducted in nice weather, which probably helped in the increase of total birds. Seven people were able to identify 47 different species with a total of 2546 birds.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Eurasian-collard Dove- 37 1st time ever.
 Burrowing Owl - 1 1st since 1982.

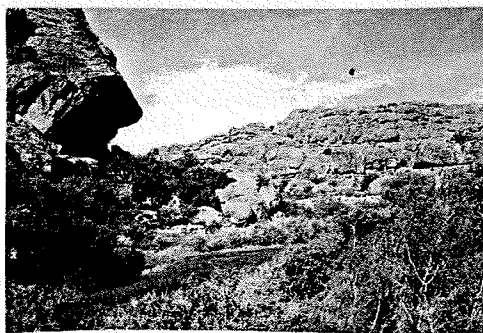
The following data is based on the **previous 10 yrs.**

Western Bluebird-	12	seen only 4 counts.
Crissal Thrasher -	0	only the 2 nd time.
LOW NUMBERS	This year	Average
Northern Harrier-	1	4
Scaled Quail-	6	87
Cactus Wren-	5	26
White-crown Sparrow-	130	232
HIGH NUMBERS		
American Kestrel-	10	5
White-winged Dove-	40	14
Lark Bunting-	560	60
House Finch-	758	214

DOOR PRIZES

In addition to your interest in the programs, come to the meeting and get a chance to win one of 7 or 8 door prizes that will be given away each time. Some are great, others are nice, some humorous, and one or two would be good for your kids or grandkids, if none for the next door neighbors kid.

We will have extra special giveaways at our **annual dinner** with more than a dozen great prizes and a special **GRAND PRIZE!**



View into Mescalero Canyon. Hueco Tanks SHS

OBSERVATIONS

September 16, 2004 to January 15, 2005

Listing of birds is determined using the checklist "Birds of El Paso County, Texas and Adjacent Areas" 8th Edition May 2003. Leave sightings at Bob "Wildbirder" Johnson ,E-mail bobwildbirderj@cs.com, phone (915) 757-1876. Some entries included because of the time of year or location puts them into a catagory.

Uncommon - no highlights; **Rare - bold highlights; Casual - bold and shaded**

Observers: Mary Lou Alcorn; Dan Allen; David Bernat; Helen Bigalow; Madaline Gavit; Tom Gill; Richard Hermosillo; Bob Johnson; John Kiseda; Kathy Kiseda; Eve McCullough; Jim Paton; John Sproul; Barry Zimmer.

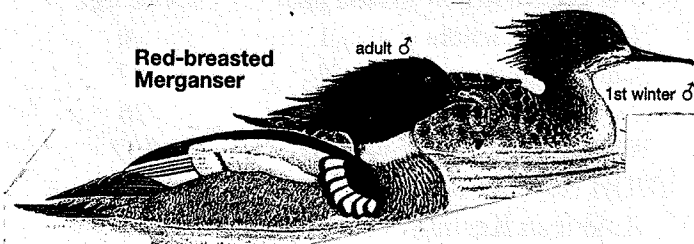
Locations: ALA-Alamo Alto; Emy-Emory; FBP-Fort Bliss Ponds; FtH-Fort Hancock Resv; Hor-Horizon City; Hut-Hueco Tanks SHS; KnJ-Kenyon Joyce; Key-Keystone Heritage Park; LEP-Lake El Paso; McC-McCombs; McK-Mckelligan Canyon; McN-McNary Resv; MHI-Mesa Hills; Okf-O'keefe; Rbq-Rio Bosque; RLV-River Levee(west); ROK-River Oaks; Stm-Stahman Farms; SPR-Sunland Park Racetrack; Sun-End of Sunset; Ton-Tonto; Tor-Tornillo Resv; Trm-Tramway; UTP-UTEP Campus.

GREBES THRU MERGANSERS

Horned Grebe	11/14	JP	LEP
American White Pelican	10/11	MG	LEP
White-faced Ibis	12/10	JS	RBq
Snow Goose	11/27	JK	SPR
Cackling Goose (Note #1)	12/1	BZ	TOR
Hooded Merganser	12/2	JP	TOR
Common Merganser	10/28	DA	LAU
Red-breasted Merganser	12/2	JP	TOR

RAILS THRU GULLS

Sora	9/19	BJ	HUT
Sandhill Crane	11/2	BZ	FBP
	11/16	DA	LAU
American Avocet	12/20	BZ	MCN
Long-billed Curlew	1/6	JS	RBQ
Wilson's Snipe	11/18	JS	RBQ
Franklin's Gull	10/28	DA	KEY
Bonapart's Gull	11/14	JP	LEP
California Gull	12/2	JP	KEY
Herring Gull	12/2	JP	KEY
Thayer's Gull (Very RARE)	11/27	JK	KEY
Western Gull	11/6	JK	KEY
Sabine's Gull	9/24	BZ	AAL



BIRDS OF PREY

Osprey	10/4	BZ	TRM
Cooper's Hawk	10/11	DA	LAU
Harris' Hawk	ALL	MOB	RBQ
Broad-winged HK (Very RARE)	10/1	BZ	FBP
Ferruginous Hawk	11/25	JK	STM
Golden Eagle	10/10	JK	TRM
American Kestrel	12/4	JP	ROK
Merlin	9/28	BZ	TOR
	12/1	BZ	HOR
	12/11	DA	BRM
Peregrine Falcon	9/17	BJ	TRM
	10/11	DA	KEY
	11/6	JK	KEY
Prairie Falcon	12/8	DA	UTE
	12/11	JP	HOR

PIGEONS THRU HUMMINGBIRDS

Band-tail Pigeon (Very RARE)	11/21	RH	HUT
Eurasian Collard-Dove	9/24	BZ	NEP
(Becoming more numerous)	10/11	DA	LAU
Ruddy Ground-Dove	9/28	BZ	FBP
Great Horned Owl	12/7	TG	MHL
Burrowing Owl	ALL	MOB	RBQ
Long-eared Owl	12/6	JS	RBQ
Common Nighthawk	11/11	DA	LAU
Common Poorwill	10/18	DA	LAU
Anna's Hummer	10/3	KK-YD	KJO
Calliope Hummer	BZ has had these 4 hummingbirds species most of the period		
Broad-tailed Hummer			
Rufous Hummingbird			

Observations: Continued from page

KINGFISHER THRU FLYCATCHERS

Belted Kingfisher	11/6	JK	KEY
Acorn Woodpecker	12/12	DB	RLV
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	11/17	DA	LAU
Red-naped Sapsucker	10/10	JP	FBP
Downy Woodpecker	10/6	BZ	FBP
Willow Flycatcher	9/16	DA	SUN
Hammond's Flycatcher	9/18	JP	FBP
Eastern Phoebe	9/28	BZ	FBP
Vermillion Flycatcher	10/1	BZ	FBP
Cassin's Kingbird	9/24	BZ	MCG
Fork-tailed Flycatcher	10/14	MG	LEP
(Rare in the United States)			

VIREOS THRU WAXWINGS

Hutton's Vireo	11/28	BZ-YD	TON
Western Scrub-Jay	10/1	MLA	EMY
Cave Swallow	11/16	DA	TNW
Red-breasted Nuthatch	10/4	HB	ANT
	11/18	TG	MHL
White-breasted Nuthatch	11/3	TG	MHL
Marsh Wren	11/27	JS	RBQ
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	9/17	BZ	FBP
Western Bluebird	12/4	BZ	SHL
Hermit Thrush	9/29	KK-YD	KJO
Wood Thrush	9/28	EM	OKF
Varied Thrush	10/14	JK	KJO
Sage Thrasher	10/3	KK-YD	KJO
	11/10	DA	LAU
Brown Thrasher	10/1	BZ	FBP
Cedar Waxwing	11/23	DA	LAU

WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler	9/24	BZ	FBP
<i>First County Record</i>			
Orange-crowned Warbler	12/23	MLA	EMY
Lucy's Warbler	9/20	DA	LAU
	10/1	BZ	FBP
Yellow Warbler	12/19	KK-YD	KJO
Chestnut-sided Warbler	9/17	BZ	FBP
	9/21	BZ-YD	TON
Magnolia Warbler	9/16	DA	SNS
Black-throated Gray Warbler	9/16	DA	SNS
Hermit Warbler (Very RARE)	9/17	JP	SNS
American Redstart	9/24	BZ	FBP
Common Yellowthroat	12/19	JK	KEY
Painted Redstart (Very RARE)	10/3	BZ-YD	TON

TANAGERS THRU GROSBEAKS

Hepatic Tanager	9/18	JP	FBP
Lark Sparrow	11/16	DA	LAU
Sage Sparrow	12/1	BZ	HOR
Grasshopper Spw (Very RARE)	10/10	JP	MCM
Song Sparrow	9/25	JP	FBP
Dark-eyed Junco (gray-headed)	9/22	DA	SNS
Northern Cardinal	ALL	BZ-YD	TON
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	10/6	BZ	FBP

BUNTINGS TO SISKIN

Lazuli Bunting	10/1	BZ	FBP
Indigo Bunting	9/17	BZ	FBP
Painted Bunting	9/18	JP	FBP
Common Grackle	1/7	BZ	FTH
Cassin's Finch	10/9	JP	FBP
Red Crossbill	11/24	BZ-YD	TON
	12/19	JK-YD	KJO
	12/31	TG	MHL
Pine Siskin	10/6	KK-YD	KJO

Note # 1: You will notice this entry *Cackling Goose*. This is a recent split from the *Canada Goose*. For details of the split go to <http://www.texasbirds.org/tbrc>. Click on Index go down the page to Miscellaneous and Click on Canada/Cackling split.

Note # 2: Bob does not keep official records for the checklist area. He only takes reports for the observation page, and does not keep these notes beyond 4 months. If you have a **RARE** or **CASUAL** sighting based on the checklist, also report these to John Sproul, (915) 545-5157 or e-mail <jsproul@utep.edu>.

PHOTO WINNERS

A great time was had by all in attendance at the December meeting. The door prizes and food were the best, but the fun part of the evening was the photo contest. About 10 people entered some or all of the categories which were SCENES, BIRDS, ANIMALS, HUMOR, and CHILDREN. In the **children** category Craig Braginton had the best shot. Roxanne Schroeder took 1st and Paul Gerbino 2nd for their **scenic** pics. The **bird** contest was a walk for Eddie Chew with his Northern Hawk Owl. In **animals** Lois Balin's Mt. Goats got her a 1st and Bob Johnson with the Greater Earless Lizard came in 2nd. The **humor** award went to Bob Johnson and Paul Gerbino garnered another 2d.

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February

Field Trips
 6th, 12th, 20th, 26th
Annual Dinner
 Saturday, 19th
Hueco Tanks
 Sunday, 20
Rio Bosque
 12th, 19th, 20th

March

Field Trips
 6th, 13th, 19th
Rio Bosque
 6th, 19th, 26th
Board Meeting
 Monday, 14th
General Meeting
 Monday, 21st
Feather Lake Work
 Saturday, 26th

April

**Percha Dam/
 Caballo**
 Saturday, 2nd
Board Meeting
 Monday, 11th
Hueco Tanks
 Sunday, 17th
General Meeting
 Monday, 18th

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