

The Roadrunner

Newsletter of the El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society

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You are invited to Feather Lake
for our April 18 meeting beginning at 6:00 PM!
This is a one-time change for a special bird walk!

Can birding lead us to a deeper connection with all of existence?

LoraKim Joyner, who has inspired many naturalists across the region, will be El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon's guest speaker for the Monday, April 18 meeting at Feather Lake, 9500 North Loop at Bordeaux. Dr. Joyner, who is both a bird veterinarian and a minister at the Unitarian Universalist Community of El Paso, will lead a guided spiritual bird walk with those gathered beginning at 6:00 PM around the lake's perimeter. Participants can look forward to an experience in which scripture, poetry and science, conservation and ecology mingle. Dr. Joyner says that the experience is not meant to evangelize any faith or religion. Rather it is to help us reflect on what birds mean to us and how we might respond to them with compassion.

Birdathon! 2005

Please help us to prepare, plan and conduct our chapter's pending Birdathon! 2005 event. Anyone and everyone that wants to help us to once again make this a successful event, is more than welcome!

Please contact or Flora Pittard, Jane Fowler, or Betty Fisbeck to offer your help, with this, our primary fundraising event of the year (contact numbers or in the newsletter's officer/board directory).

THIS YEAR, WE ARE IN GREAT NEED OF PEOPLE TO BE COUNTERS AND TO TRY TO FIND BUSINESS SPONSORS FOR THE EVENT [for 'general' event sponsorship dollar donations or donations of prizes].

And as usual, sponsors for our counters are always welcome, especially for some of our 'new' counters.

Thanks for your help & generosity, John Kiseda.

Wildlife Photos with Dr. Raul Valdez Monday, May 16, 2005 6:00pm UTEP Centennial Museum

Did you see Dr. Raul Valdez's enchanting wildlife photo program at the February Awards Dinner? Join us at the UTEP Centennial Museum for a delightful deja vu with Dr. Valdez on Monday May 16 at 7:00 PM, only this time he'll be talking about his work with Jaguars in Mexico and Central America! Refreshments will be served!

All are welcome! Don't miss this!

Keep her in your thoughts....

Helen Bigelow continues to recover from back surgery; please keep her in your thoughts.



The Audubon Foundation of Texas represents Texas Audubon chapters in the Earth Share of Texas payroll-deduction plan for charitable giving.

**Earth Share
OF TEXAS**

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 ElPasoBirdAlert@gbarnett.com

The Children's Literacy Project committee will meet on Thursday, April 7, at 7:00 PM at Barnes & Noble westside. Call Ursela Sherrill, 526-7725, for details or just join us.

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). Thanks, John Kiseda

Anybody out there, have Web Master skills?

The organization's long term and hardworking 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.

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Contributions are welcome.

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Local Results of February's, 8th Annual Great Backyard Bird Count

This project was developed and is managed by the National Audubon Society and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. The data collected will help to determine the status of birds throughout the continent.

The GBBC site [www.birdsource.org.] also highlight's the newly expanded "Audubon at Home" website, where people can learn about the best ways to improve the health and diversity of their backyards.

A number of local reports were submitted from the El Paso area Here are some of the more interesting species noted:

Eurasian Collared-Dove [2]	White-faced Ibis [11]	Blue-winged Teal [1]	Cinnamon teal [30]
Harris's Hawk [2]	Red-tailed Hawk[5]	Merlin [1]	Belted Kingfisher [2]
Loggerhead Shrike [1]	Tree Swallow [7]	Crissal Thrasher [4]	Field Sparrow [15]
Red-breasted Nuthatch [2]	Pine Siskin [29]	Lesser Goldfinch [64]	

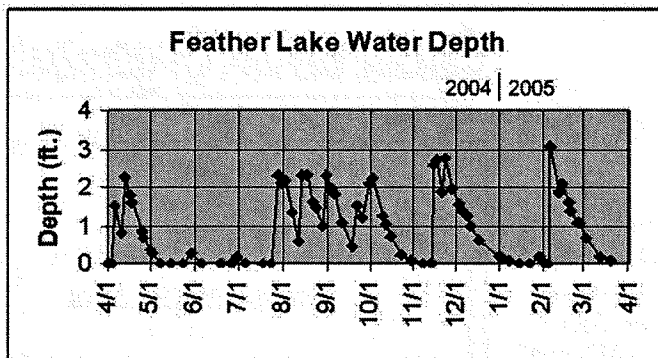
AT FEATHER LAKE

Timing is everything. Rain brought Feather Lake up to a depth of over 3 feet in early February. Then yet another slow, steady drop began. As the lake level dropped, it became increasingly attractive as a roost site for the White-faced Ibis now migrating through our region. Throughout late February and March, ibis numbers built steadily, with some 2,900 birds present March 20.

But by then, the lake was going dry. It was uncertain how much longer the ibis would continue to use it. Have their numbers continued to build into April? Or did the lake go completely dry and the ibis move on? Join us for our April 18 general meeting at Feather Lake (see page 1) to find out.

Another excellent time to visit Feather Lake would be Sat., June 4, the date of our next workday. The gates will open at 8 a.m., but come any time during the day to help out.

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



El Paso Native Plant Society
Field Trip: The Blooming Hybrid Cacti of Orogrande, NM
Saturday, April 16th at 9:00am

We'll drive about one hour before starting our hike to see the unique and blooming hybrid claret cup cacti, which can only be found at this site. The variety of colors will surprise and amaze you. The moderate to strenuous hike, over rocky terrain, will last about 2 hours.

Participants will meet at the WalMart on the corner of Highway 54 and Transmountain, in the northeast for carpooling in 4 wheel drive and high clearance vehicles.

Bring water and a snack, and wear sturdy shoes. Admission is free and non-members are always welcome. For more information, contact trip leader, Peter Beste at 755-3558.

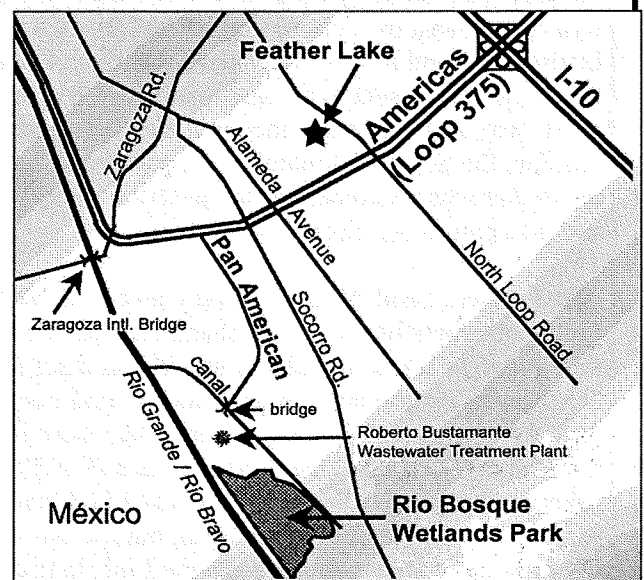
RIO BOSQUE WETLANDS PARK



UTEP offers free walking tours twice each month and also holds monthly community workdays at Rio Bosque Wetlands Park, 4 miles from Feather Lake. Coming up:

- 9 a.m. Sat., Apr. 9 (Birds)
- 8 a.m. Sat., Apr. 16 (Workday)
- 3 p.m. Sun., Apr. 24 (Spring Wildflowers)
- 8 a.m. Sat., May 14 (Birds)
- 8 a.m. Sat., May 21 (Workday)
- 9 a.m. Sun., May 22 (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. Please be prompt. Information: 747-8663.



El Paso Native Plant Society

THE CENTENNIAL MUSEUM at UTEP CAMPUS
 Thursday, April 14th at 7:00pm
"A Preview of the Plants at FLORAFEST"

Wynn Anderson, Botanical Curator of UTEP's Centennial Museum, will present an informative slide presentation on the rare native plants that will be available at the 13th annual FloraFest Plant Sale. This year UTEP has scheduled its FloraFest for April 23-25. The plant sale, which is a part of the festivities, provides El Pasoans with their best opportunity to purchase a wide variety of drought tolerant native plants and trees. Our preview will provide an excellent opportunity to see the plants as they flower and grow into maturity, answering the questions that will help you better plan your garden and prepare your shopping list.

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 and non-members are welcome. For more information, call 588-1562 or 533-6072

NEWS from The Frontera Land Alliance!

The Frontera Land Alliance and several El Paso neighborhood associations will host a forum on urban growth and quality of life issues on Wednesday, April 20th, beginning at 7 PM in the conference room of Chamizal National Memorial. A screening of the documentary film "Making Sense of Place, Phoenix: The Urban Desert" will be followed by a discussion led by Laurel Arndt of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Scottsdale, Arizona. Formal invitations to the event will be sent to all candidates for City Council and Mayor of El Paso, key City personnel, and members of the City Plan Commission, the El Paso Mountain Committee and the Ad Hoc Committee on Arroyos. Members of the public are very welcome to attend and take part in the discussion.

The Frontera Land Alliance usually meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Chamizal National Memorial. The mission of TFLA is to preserve significant lands that maintain and enhance the natural environment and cultural heritage of the Northern Chihuahuan Desert. If you would like more information about the TFLA, please call Ursula Sherrill at 833-7339, or email her at usherrill@utep.edu. You can also visit TFLA's new website, tfla.net. It's still under construction, but has lots of useful information. For more information about the Lincoln Institute, visit www.makingsenseofplace.org and www.lincolninstitute.edu.



Keystone Heritage Park

If you can arrange to go birding at Keystone a few times during the next few months, I'd really appreciate it. The site checklist is now up to 185 species seen (go to the Keystone website for the current list) & I hope that if I get some more good help from people such as yourself throughout this year, we can bring the list up to the 200 species mark.

Please call if you see any of the birds listed below.....
 ["theoretically possible" species to be sighted in the next few months]:

- | | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Yellow-billed Cuckoo | Barn Owl | Harris's Hawk |
| Common Nighthawk | Any vireo | Northern Parula |
| Common Poorwill | Rock Wren | Lucy's Warbler |
| Willow Flycatcher | Scott's Oriole | Hooded Oriole |
| Cordilleran Flycatcher | Indigo Bunting | Painted Bunting |
| Summer Tanager | Northern Waterthrush | |
| Cassin's Sparrow | Eastern Meadowlark | |

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.cdnpp.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/

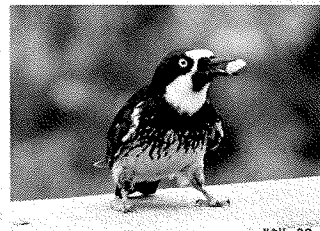
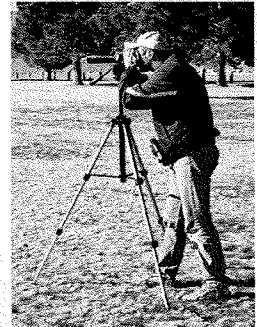
Bird watching

ON THE TRAIL

TO CAVE CREEK

Sat. - Mon. May 28-30. Cave Creek (El. 5500 ft.) is located in the **Coronado National Forest**, next to **Portal Az.** Portal is 7 miles west of **Rodeo NM**, which is on route **US 80** reached from **Exit 5 (Road Forks)** on **I-10** or through **Columbus NM** on New Mexico **Route 9** from Santa Teresa Port of Entry Rd.

This is one of the best places in the United States to see the **Elegant Trogon**, **Sulpher-bellied Flycatcher**, **Painted Redstart**, **Gray-breasted Jay**, the **Gila**, **Strickland's** and **Acorn Woodpeckers**, **Cassin's Kingbird**, **Bridled Titmouse** and **Blue-throated Hummingbird** and many more. One walk will be up high in **Rustler Park** (El. 8500 ft.) where you could find **Mexican & Mountain Chickadees**, **Yellow-eyed Junco**, **Broad-tailed Hummingbird**, **Red-faced Warbler** & **Olive Warbler**.



Campground picnic

Elegant Trogon

Acorn Woodpecker

Blue-throated Hummingbird

We will be having our famous campground picnic on **Sat. evening** (no singing required). Great camping among the Arizona Sycamores, which line Cave Creek as it flows through Idlewild, Stewart & Sunny Flats Campgrounds. For those of you who like more comforts the following listed places are within a few miles of the camp sites. Please **CALL** Bob "Wildbird" Johnson" (757-1876), E-mail(Bobwildbirderj@cs.com) for the **ITINERARY/Map** and sign up sheet, which will include a mail back of your selections, 3 major trails will be conducted each day so everyone will get a chance.

- Cave Creek Ranch (520) 558-2334
- Kraft Cottage (520) 558-2443
- Southwestern Research Station(520) 558-2396
- Chiracahua Cottages (1-800-726-7231)

- Geo. Walker House (520)558-2287
- Portal lodge (520)558-2223
- Cathedral Rock Lodge (520) 558-2254
- Ranger Station (520) 364-3468

PERCHA DAM

A trip up **I-25** (about 1 1/2 hours) to Percha and Caballo Dams State Parks. **Herring Gulls** and **Common Loons** are frequently spotted at Caballo and **Golden-crowned kinglets** 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. Bring lunch.

- Date: Saturday, April 2.
- Time: 7:40 AM.
- Place: I-10 & Transmountain Road.
(Shell station parking lot)

HUECO TANKS

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

Bird Identification Tours

Sunday	April	17	7:07 AM
Sunday	May	15	7:07 AM
Sunday	June	19	7:07 AM

Please check in at the Headquarters. Reservations and Information **857-1135**.
Leader Bob "Wildbirder" Johnson **757-1876**.

OBSERVATIONS

January 16, 2005 to March 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 category.

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

Observers: Dan Allen; Cliff Eidson; Tom Gill; Paul Gerbino; Bob Johnson; John Kiseda; John Sproul; Barry Zimmer. -f field trip leader; -y in yard



On January 16, 2005 Richard Hermosillo, while leading a birding tour at Hueco Tanks State Historical Site, found a LEUCISTIC (or dilute) **Pyrrhuloxia**. There have been additional know sightings, which include later in January, again in early February, and early March.

Locations: Asc-Ascarate Park; Flk-Feather Lake; FBP-Fort Bliss Ponds; Gbk-Gibson Veck; Key-Keystone Heritage Park; LaU-La Union; McK-Mc Killegan Canyon; McN-McNary Resv; MtP-Mountain Park; Rbq-Rio Bosque Wetland Park; Rbn-Riverbend; Sil-Silverwood; Ton-Tonto; TRS-Tornillo Rest Stop; Tor-Tornillo Resv; UTE-UTEP Campus; WPM-Wilderness Park Museum; Xrd-Cross Roads Ponding Area; Zoo-El Paso Zoo.

FALCONS

Merlin.	1/16+	JS	RBq
Peregrine Falcon.	1/27	JS	RBq
	1/30	BJ-f	GBK

RAILS THRU GULLS

Sora.	1/28	BZ	FBP
Sandhill Crane.	1/17	JS	RBq
Black-necked Stilt.	2/7	JS	RBq
Wilson' Snipe	1/30	BJ-f	Rvb
Bonaparte's Gull.	1/27	BZ	McN



WILSON'S SNIPE

GEESE & DUCKS

Canada Goose.	2/26	JS-f	FLk
Wood Duck	1/30	BJ-f	XRd
Blue-winged Teal.	2/18+	JS	RBq
Cinnamon Teal.	2/12+	JS	RBq
Ring-necked Duck.	2/26	JS-f	FLk
Long-tailed Duck.	1/19	BZ	McN
Common Goldeneye.	1/19	BZ	McN

MERGANSERS & CORMORANT

Hooded Merganser.	1/27	BZ	Asc
Common Merganser.	400	1/27	BZ
Red-breasted Merganser.	1/27	BZ	Tor
Double-crested Cormorant.	1/22	JS	RBq

IBIS THRU HAWKS

White-faced Ibis.	2/18+	JS	RBq
Turkey Vulture.	3/14	DA	Key
Sharp-shinned Hawk.	1/16+	JS	RBq
Cooper's Hawk.	1/20	JS	RBq
Harris's Hawk.	1/21+	JS	RBq

DOVE THRU VIREO

Eurasian Collared-Dove.	1/16	JS	RBq
	3/6	BJ-f	McN
Burrowing Owl.	1/16+	JS	RBq
White-throated Swift.	2/3	JS	RBq
Rufous Hummingbird.	1/28	BZ-yd	Ton
Belted Kingfisher.	2/20	JS	FLk
Dusky Flycatcher.	1/28	BZ	Ton
		1st winter record	
Hutton's Vireo	1/27	BZ	MtP

ON THE TRAIL CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

FEATHER FEST

At Keystone Heritage Park we will have a booth with pictures of the birds of Keystone, chapter handouts, scopes set up to view the birds on the water and those wading around the edge. Probable good looks at *Pied-billed Grebe*, *Mexican Mallards*, *Cinnamon Teal* and *Buffleheads*. Also *Black-necked Stilts*, *Greater Yellowlegs*, *Least Sandpiper* and *Long-billed Dowitchers*. The large contingent of *Ring-billed Gulls* will probably drop in and could be accompanied by a rare one.

10 AM - 2 PM on Saturday April 23rd



Ring-billed Gulls at Keystone with a California Gull and Am. Coot

MEMORIAL & ARROYO PARKS

Warbler migration should be near its peak and **Memorial Park** is always one of the better places to see them. Also a stop at **Arroyo Park** could produce a few rare ones. In addition to *Warblers*, *Orioles* and *Vireos*, possibly a *Tanager* could be spotted. The meeting time will be **7:14 AM, Sat. May. 1**, the place is **The Garden Center in Memorial Park, 3500 Grant Street**.

Date: Saturday, May 1
 Time: 7:14 AM
 Place: Garden Center in Memorial Park
 3500 Grant Street

OBSERVATIONS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

SWALLOWS

Tree Swallow.	3/6	JK	Key
No. Rough-winged Swallow.	3/6	JK	Key
Cliff Swallow.	<u>2/2</u>	JK	Zoo
Cave Swallow.	2/6	JS	RBq
	3/3	BZ	WPM
Barn Swallow.	<u>3/6</u>	JK	Key

NUTHATCH THRU THRASHER

Red-breasted Nuthatch.	1/28	BZ	FBP
	3/6	JK	FBP
House Wren.	1/28	BZ	FBP
	3/15	DA	LaU
Western Bluebird.	1/23	CE	FBP
	1/17	JS	RBq
Sage Thrasher.	3/3	BZ	WPM

WAXWINGS THRU MEADOWLARK

Cedar Waxwing.	3/2	TG	UTE
Phainopepla.	2/6+	JS	RBq
Black-chinned Sparrow.	1/28	BZ	McK
Swamp Sparrow	2/3	JS	RBq
Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-color)	2/26	JS-f	FLk
(Gray-headed)	2/5	PG	Sil
Western Meadowlark.	1/16+	JS	Rbq



Western Meadowlark

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Dates to Remember

Call Bob Johnson for details 757-1876

National Audubon Society
 Chapter Membership Application

Yes, I'd like to join.

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

My check for \$20.00 is enclosed

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State ____ Zip _____

*Please make all checks payable to the
 National Audubon Society*

National Audubon Society
 Chapter Membership Data Center
 P.O. Box 51001
 Boulder, Colorado 80322-1001
 El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon

W10
 Local Chapter Code
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April
 Percha Dam/Caballo
 Saturday, 2nd

Board Meeting
 Monday, 11th

Hueco Tanks
 Sunday, 17th

General Mtg. Feather Lake
 Monday, 18th

Feather Fest
 Saturday, 23rd

May
 Mem. & Arroyo Parks
 Saturday, 1st

Rio Bosque
 14th, 21st, 22nd

Board Meeting
 Monday, 9th

Hueco Tanks
 Sunday, 15th

General Meeting
 Monday, 16th

May
 Cave Creek
 28th-30th

June
 Feather Lake
 Work Sat., 4

Hueco Tanks
 Sunday, 19th

El Paso/Trans-Pecos Local **Chapter Only Membership** Your \$15.00 will help support chapter activities & you'll receive *The Roadrunner* delivered to your mailbox. Make checks payable to the El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society.
 Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Lets "Fly" into Action! Audubon's Birdathon! 2005

Birdathon counters are already "in training" in preparation for Birdathon 2005!

What is Birdathon, you might ask? One thing is for sure, it's not your average bird count or fund-raiser!

Birdathon is unusual and different: a wild weekend of birding and our organization's most important source of income for conservation & education programs.

Birdathon! 2005 will occur on May 7th – 8th & we hope you can join us for a full, rewarding weekend of birding throughout the El Paso area by **being a sponsor** and possibly even a counter (if you want to become part of the "Birdathon Flock" by becoming a Birdathoner yourself, contact Jane Fowler by 4/26, at 598-2448).

Birdathon! 2005 will benefit the following programs and projects:

CHIHUAHUAN DESERT WILDLIFE RESCUE

This local wildlife rehabilitation organization does a great job in helping solve OUR problems and concerns regarding the wildlife of or area. Help us to help them, continue with their good works.

UTEP'S RIO BOSQUE WETLAND'S PARK.

Even though this wildlife area is a wetlands park, it typically does not have water for a very large portion of the year. We will help to provide funds for the future purchase of a water well pump, so that the park manager will have more opportunity to maintain the habitat in a 'wet' manner.

EDUCATION, CONSERVATION & "our own" FEATHER LAKE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY.

Birdathon is the main source of funding used in support of our Audubon Adventures youth program and our other conservation and education endeavors such as those at Feather Lake Wildlife Sanctuary.

TEXAS AUDUBON SOCIETY. Our support helps to ensure that this National Audubon Society office based in Texas can be an effective, respected voice for the Texas (& especially our West Texas) environment.

How Birdathon Works

On the weekend of **May 7-8**, our dedicated Birdathon counters will be busy scouring the countryside, trying to find as many bird species as possible, in a single 24-hour blitz. These hardy, energized & intrepid individuals will start early, stay out late, visit varied wildlife habitats and give their eyes, ears and bird knowledge a full workout. Why do they push themselves so hard? For the pleasure of a day out in the field, for the chance to collect meaningful data for a nationwide census project, for a test of their birding skills and **most importantly, for a better West Texas environment.** Each counter will be backed by sponsors who pledge either a given amount for each species seen or a fixed total amount. Most counters will see 50 to 100 species. A pledge of, say \$0.50 per species for 60 species would result in a contribution of \$30.

Fully 95% of Birdathon income goes to projects; 5% pays for fundraising costs (printing, paper, postage, etc.).

All Birdathon sponsors are entered in our ever-popular drawings for a number of great prizes such as a gift cards, optics, books and the like. Counters will also be eligible for some cool prizes!

So, whom can you sponsor for Birdathon? This year's roster of outstanding counters are a hardy and dedicated bunch, most of whom have been involved in a number of Birdathons. If you supported one of these

people last year, please give them a call & sponsor them again. If you don't know any of the counters personally and don't know whom to choose, please give Jane Fowler and she will help you to do that!

All or most of these hardworking people will be back at it, "fighting the good fight" this year and ready to do their all for the Birdathon 2005! **HOW ABOUT YOU? WILL YOU DO YOUR PART?**

Birdathon Heroes: The Counters

Eddie Chew
Betty Fisbeck
Bob Johnson
Flora Pittard
John Sproul

Scott Cutler
Jane Fowler
John Kiseda
Jane Riger
Kathy Whelen

Cliff Eidson
Richard Hermosilla
Carol Moreno
Susie Schneider
Nancy Wilson

Josh, Ben, Laura Ditlevson
Hugh Jameson
Jim Paton
Ursula Sherrill
Craig & Darbie Bragington

Please pick one or more individuals and give them your support!

Dessert Pot-luck Extravaganza.

As usual, the prize drawings will take place at our annual post-Birdathon pot-luck, but this year's event will be a bit different because of UTEP rules concerning 'hot food', so this year we will go wild with everyone's best dessert dishes instead of the typical entrees. The pot-luck will also be different this year because it will take place a week after Birdathon, so that we don't intrude upon people's possible Mother's Day celebrations. SO, the dessert pot-luck will start at **6 PM, on Saturday May 14th**, at the UTEP Centennial Museum. Reports of the weekend's best birds, great cakes, pies and other goodies are to be anticipated, as well as the results of our prize drawings await you! How about joining us? **ALL ARE INVITED!!!**

Whether it's \$.25 per species, \$1.00 per species or any given amount, we hope you will consider a Birdathon pledge. Have you already made your Birdathon 2005 pledge? **Excellent!** If not, please pick one or more counters to sponsor and return the enclosed card today. Your support makes the work Audubon does, possible. **Thank you very much, for your generosity and support!**

Sincerely,

Jane Fowler, Betty Fisbeck, Flora Pittard & John Kiseda
Birdathon Coordinators

El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society

BIRDATHON! 2005

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

From _____

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

Address _____

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

City State Zip

My tax deductible gift of \$ _____
sponsoring _____
is enclosed, payable to El Paso/Trans-Pecos
Audubon Society.

Telephone _____

Please clip & return this form by April 26 to:
Birdathon! 2005
c/o Betty Fisbeck
613 W. Sunset El Paso, TX 79922

Your gift is tax deductible as allowed by law.

Thank you for your Generous Birdathon pledge!