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Chapter Annual Meeting

Nancy Wilson

Annual Meeting

Our chapter's Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, February 20, 1995 at 6:30 PM in the El Paso Club (18th floor, Texas Commerce Bank Building 201 E. Main).

The highlights of the evening will be the presentation of the Meritorious Service Award, the Conservation Award, and the installation of officers. (See page 3). Our dinner will be accompanied by friendly companions and millions of lights from two countries. The menu will consist of salad, breast of chicken Marsala with mushrooms, fettuccine d'Alfredo, sauteed vegetables, French bread, lemon cake, iced tea and coffee. A cash bar will be provided. The cost is \$15.00 per person (tip included). Make your reservations by February 13 and send your check (payable to EPTPAS) to Larry Jordan, 6316 El Risco, El Paso, Texas 79912. Our speaker for this event will be Dr. Joseph Leech, retired professor of English and American Literature at UTEP. Dr. Leech's hobby is world traveler (really!) and his program will feature a lecture and photographs he has taken on trips to places as diverse as Alaska, Tibet, and Iceland. The program will contain spectacular scenery, humanity, and at least one bird picture per country.

Barry Zimmer and Antarctica

Nancy Wilson, Programs Chairperson

March General Meeting

General Meeting, Monday, March 20, 7:30 PM at the Garden Center, 3105 Grant. Barry Zimmer is one of the acknowledged masters of birding, photographer extraordinaire, and tour guide for Victor Emmanuel Tours.

If you have seen his presentations before, then you know that he brings special knowledge and skills to the meeting. If you haven't heard Barry, then this is your chance to hear the best. His subject for the March General Meeting will be Antarctica, a place of both beauty and desolation. Don't miss this one!

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Its Not What It Looks Like
**The Contract With
America**

George Barnett

**Audubon
Activist**

The National Audubon Society has examined the fine print in the Republican Contract with America. The fine print in this case being the laws written to support the provisions in the Contract. Most disturbing to Audubon are some provisions in the "Job Creation and Wage Enhancement Act" which are a direct threat to the environment and twenty years of environmental legislation.

Paying Polluters Not to Pollute

Title IX of the Act actually proposes entitlements to property owners for complying with federal regulations regarding pollution. Title IX would grant certain property owners the right to public payments for any reduction in the value of property arising from a limitation on an otherwise lawful use of property which is "measurable but not negligible." The bill defines any "reduction" in value of 10 percent or more as "not negligible." Stated differently, the bill would require taxpayers to pay whenever a public health or safety law meant that a company's profits would be 10 percent less than they would be if the company could simply ignore the law.

The proposed bill would allow a property owner to file an administrative claim for payment from the federal government. If a property owner rejected a federal agency's offer of payment, the owner could demand binding arbitration. In addition, upon receipt of a request for payment, an agency would be required to suspend its regulatory action. In other words, for the cost of a 32 cent stamp any company or individual that objected to a regulation could block its enforcement by filing a claim under the Act.

On its face, Title IX would impose an enormous new burden on the federal taxpayer. Businesses subject to public regulation would receive a massive windfall at the expense of every other American. The Congressional Budget Office estimated that a "property rights" bill in the

last Congress which would have redefined property interests regulated under the Clean Water Act would have cost upwards of \$10 Billion.

Title IX is based on the extreme philosophy that citizens and their elected representatives have no role in regulating private property to protect neighboring property owners, the community, the natural environment, or future generations. As a group of State Attorneys General recently wrote in a letter to Congress, this type of legislation would "write into law the dubious principle that the government must pay polluters not to pollute, pay property owners not to harm their neighbors or the public, and pay companies not to damage the health, safety, or welfare of others."

Unfunded Mandates

The problem of unfunded mandates occurs when when the federal government requires state and local governments to follow certain mandates, but does not provide full funding to do so. Resources are scarce at all levels of government, prompting many state and local officials to urge the federal government to alleviate some of the burden of complying with federal regulations. The legislation proposed under the Contract with America would ban any mandates not fully funded by the federal government.

While this may seem reasonable on its face, the fact is these costs have been largely exaggerated, and exemptions for complying with many regulations have long been granted local governments.

What You Can Do

The Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Clean Air Act are all in danger of being completely dismantled. Companies will be able to pollute with no regard for their neighbors or community, and may be entitled to payment to stop polluting. Federal agencies responsible for enforcing these acts are in great danger of having their funding drastically cut. In addition, several social programs are also in danger.

Write your Senators to tell them this legislation is danger-

ous to our national well-being, health and safety.

The Honorable Phil Gram
The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510
Or call them, through the U.S. Capitol switchboard at
(202) 224-3121

You can send a message to President Clinton by writing
Leon Panetta, the White House Chief of Staff, at:
The Honorable Leon Panetta
Chief of Staff to the President
First Floor, West Wing
Executive Office of the President
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20500

For further information, please contact John Echeverria,
Sarah Margolies or Sharon Dennis at (202) 547-9009
(NAS DC office).

*Portions of this article were taken from memos written by
Liz Raisbeck (NAS Senior VP), John Echeverria (Audu-
bon Counsel), and Connie Mahan (NAS-DC).*

Award Recipients to be Honored at Annual Meeting

By John Sproul

Highlighting our Annual Meeting on Feb. 20
(see p. 1) will be the presentation of our
Meritorious Service and Conservation awards
to two very deserving recipients. We hope you'll join us
to honor them.

The Meritorious Service Award, which goes to a chapter
member who has made outstanding contributions to El
Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon and its programs, will be

presented this year to GEORGE BARNETT. Our news-
letter, THE ROADRUNNER, is our most important link
with our members, and George has been editing it with
distinction since 1989. Throughout, he has constantly
sought ways to improve its content and appearance, with
results both impressive and most appreciated by the read-
ership. Not only is editing the newsletter an important job,
it is also a demanding one, and George consistently brings
it off with style and good humor. Congratulations, George!

Our Conservation Award recipient will be HECTOR
VILLA, Regional Manager for Region 6 of the Texas
Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC).
This award recognizes an individual, organization or
other entity outside the chapter who has done exceptional
work on behalf of the environment and furthering the
Audubon Cause in Trans-Pecos Texas. Hector Villa fits
the bill. The TNRCC is the state's primary environmental
agency, and its Region 6 covers Brewster, Culberson, El
Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis and Presidio counties. With
both the TNRCC and its predecessor the Texas Water
Commission, Hector has been a strong, conscientious and
effective advocate for clean air, clean water and respon-
sible waste management. He consistently stands up, often
under difficult circumstances, for a better West Texas
environment and deserves our thanks for it. Well done,
Hector!

Changing of the Guard

By John Sproul

Also taking place at our Annual Meeting will be
the installation of officers for 1995-96. Craig
Braginton will begin his 2-year term as presi-
dent. His fellow officers, elected in January, will be John
Kiseda (vice-president), Jane Fowler (secretary) and Larry
Jordan (treasurer). The three elected directors, each of
whom will chair a standing committee, will be Bob
Johnson, Roxanne Schroeder and Charles Simpson.

Outgoing members of our board of directors will include
president Peggy Riede, vice-president Dayle Edwards,
secretary Mary Lou Alcorn and education chair Frances
Gutiérrez. All are due sincere thanks for their many

contributions to the success of our organization. Special thanks go to Peggy, who led us not only during her full two-year term but also completed predecessor Joyce Davis' term when Joyce moved to Kansas.

Banner Year at Feather Lake

By John Sproul

Feather Lake News

This has been an outstanding winter at our Feather Lake Wildlife Sanctuary, located at 9500 North Loop, between Zaragosa Road and Americas Ave., in El Paso. A combination of good breeding success enjoyed by North American waterfowl populations last year and excellent winter habitat conditions at our sanctuary has meant a lake consistently covered with ducks. Toss in plenty of mild weather that hardly qualifies as wintry and some great sunsets, and you've got a place well worth a visit. Check the calendar on the back page for days when Feather Lake will be open over the next two months.

There are still a few dates available for volunteers to staff the sanctuary when it is open to the public. If you would like to help in this way, please call John Sproul (545-5157). Also, the next workday at Feather Lake will be Saturday, March 18. We'll start at 10 AM, break for lunch, then continue as needed in the afternoon. Grab your work gloves and come on down!

Barn Owl Nest Box Proposal

The following is a letter received from Alfred Olivas

On behalf of the Directorate of Environment (DOE) Natural Resources Management Branch, I would like to thank the Board of Directors and other members of the El Paso/Trans Pecos Audubon Society for their partnership and support of the "Placement of Nest Boxes for Displaced and Depredating Barn Owls on the Fort Bliss Military Installation" Legacy

Proposal. Unfortunately, The Department of Defense (DOD) Legacy Program has decided not to fund the project at this time. It was determined that the relative priority level of this proposal with others submitted by DOE was not sufficient enough to support. The possibility to resubmit this proposal next July 1995 is still an option of opportunity.

Despite the non-funding of this particular project, DOE has received more than \$700,000 in the last two fiscal years from the Legacy Program for projects such as "Monitoring of Neotropical Migrants and Breeding Bird Populations on Northern McGregor Range, Fort Bliss, Texas", Natural History of the Chihuahuan Desert Awareness Documentary", Fort Bliss Wildlife and Habitat Surveys of the Fort Bliss Training Lands", "Candidate Endangered Species Survey Within the Military Portion of the Organ Mountains" and "Investigations of Ecosystem Instability and Maneuver Carrying Capacity". All of the projects mentioned above were proposals funded since 1993 by the DOD Legacy Program. Together with other investigations, these projects make up more than 25 ecological research studies conducted and managed on Fort Bliss by the DOE Natural Resources Branch.

Please let me know if you have any ideas for other research or conservation proposals for 1995.

Once again, thanks to all the supporters of this venture.

(signed)
Alfred Olivas, DOE
Wildlife Biologist

Some Ways to Help Your Chapter

by George Barnett

With the installation of the new officers and board, there are some positions still open. Of the ten standing committees, four are in need of chairpersons. Listed below are the committees and their duties as expressed in the *Constitution and By-Laws of the El Paso/Trans Pecos Audubon Society*.

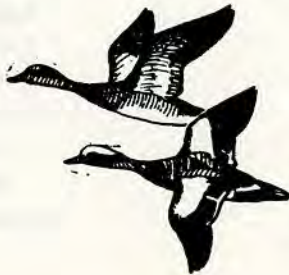
Education Committee - The Education committee shall maintain close contact with the Educational Services Division of the National Society. It shall encourage schools and colleges within the Chapter's territory to conduct courses in, or otherwise stress, natural history, ecology and conservation. The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

Ways and Means Committee - This 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.

Conservation Committee - This 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 policies 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.

Sanctuary Committee - This committee shall be responsible for the operation and maintenance of Feather Lake. It shall develop and implement master plans for this sanctuary and make recommendations to the Board on whether and how to pursue those opportunities.

For more information on these committees, and to volunteer a couple of hours of your time, contact Craig Braginton at 877-4138.



Numbers Don't Lie

from Audubon Activist, December 1994

For the third consecutive year, Times Mirror Magazines commissioned Roper Starch Worldwide to conduct its National Environmental Forum Survey. The survey gauges American's attitudes toward environmental protection, natural resources, and solutions to environmental problems.

Results from the Times Mirror survey have been remarkably consistent from year to year - and they leave little doubt that the American public continues to put a high priority on environmental protection.

We herein present a few of the highlights from the 1994 survey in the hope that activists will use these figures to support their efforts on behalf of the environment.

"Can environmental protection and economic development go hand-in-hand?"
Yes: 66% No: 25% Don't Know: 10%

"How far have environmental laws and regulations gone?"
Not Far Enough: 53% Right Balance 23% Too Far: 16%

"Federal Spending should be shifted to environmental programs from other areas."
Agree: 63% Disagree: 30%

"How do you classify yourself in terms of environmentalism?"
Active or Sympathetic: 79% Neutral: 16% Unsympathetic: 2%

"How much do personal efforts to benefit the environment make a difference?"
Make a Difference: 90% No Difference: 8% Don't Know: 2%

The Times Mirror National Environmental Forum Survey was conducted among a nationwide cross-section of 1,005 adults, ages 18 and older. The survey was conducted by phone between April 13, and May 3, 1994. The margin of error is plus or minus three percentage points.

About the Newsletter

The chapter newsletter, THE ROADRUNNER, is published six times a year by the El Paso/Trans Pecos Audubon Society. The annual subscription rate for the newsletter only is \$5.00. The newsletter is included with your membership in the National Audubon Society.

Chapter members are encouraged to submit articles for publication in THE ROADRUNNER. The articles may be of any length and in any format, but the editor reserves the right to modify submissions to fit space available.

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North American Duck Populations

Prepared by U.S. Department of the Interior

10 Most Common Species	1985 Status (000s)	1994 Status (000s)	Goals Year 2001
Mallard	4,754	6,980	8,100
Pintail	2,511	2,972	5,600
Gadwall	1,304	2,318	1,500
Wigeon	2,040	2,382	3,000
Green-winged Teal	1,435	2,108	1,800
Blue-winged Teal	3,459	4,616	4,700
Shoveler	2,697	2,912	2,000
Redhead	579	653	640
Canvasback	373	526	540
Scaup	5,038	4,529	6,300

Observations

November 16, 1994 - January 15, 1995
 Uncommon, RARE, and CASUAL SIGHTINGS

Due to space limitations only one or two sightings of many species are listed, although in many cases more were reported. This fall and winter has been exceptional for rare species, also some of the casual listings are a first or second for the area. Report your sightings to Bob Johnson (757-1876).

(Observers: Mary lou Alcorn, Craig Braginton, Karen Braginton, Doug Emkalns, Al Gavit, Madaline Gavit, Richard Hermosillo, Sallie Homan, Bob Johnson, Larry Jordan, John Kiseda, Kathy Kiseda, Bruce Neville, Al Olivas, Jim Paton, John Sproul, Ted Zagarra, Barry Zimmer. -yd in their yard, -ft on a field trip, mob = many observers.)

Var. is various dates; Asc-Ascarte Park; Can-Cantillo area; CCA-Country Club area; Cen-Central El Paso; Chp-Chapperal; Cor-Coronado area; DMA-Doniphan Marsh; D/O-Durlings/Owens area; FBP-Fort Bliss Ponds; Fth-Fort Hancock; Hor-Horizon City; HTk-Hueco Tanks SP; McG-McGreggor Range; McN-McNary; LaU-La Union; STA-Santa Teresa area; Sun-Sunland Park area; Tor-Tornillo; TEP-UTEP area; EPZ-El Paso Zoo.

LOONS TO GEESE

<u>PACIFIC LOON</u> (3d checklist area record)	12/30 (BZ) McN
<u>COMMON LOON</u>	12/11 (LJ) McN
<u>HORNED GREBE</u>	12/11 (LJ) McN
	1/8 (JS) FLk
Western Grebe	12/21 (JK) Asc
CLARK'S GREBE	12/30 (BZ) McN
<u>WHITE PELICAN</u>	11/19 (JS-ft) McN
DOUBLE CREST CORMORANT	12/11 (LJ) McN
NEOTROPIC CORMORANT	12/11 (LJ) McN
GREAT EGRET	11/26 (JK) CCA
	12/26 (LJ) McN
<u>TUNDRA SWAN</u>	12/2 (LJ) FBP
Snow Goose	12/21 (JK) Asc
	All (mob) FLk
ROSS'S GOOSE	12/2 (LJ) FBP
	1/8 (DE/BN) McN
CANADA GOOSE	All (mob) FLk

DUCKS TO FALCONS

BLUE-WINGED TEAL	11/26 (CB) STA
<u>EURASIAN WIGEON</u>	11/19 (JP) Sun
(12th ck.list area rec)	1/8 (DE/BN) McN
COMMON GOLDENEYE	Var. (SH-mob) DMA
	1/1 (TZ) Sun
HOODED MERGANSER	12/30 (BZ) McN
Common Merganser	12/11 (LJ) McN
<u>RED-BREADED MERGANSER</u>	1/8 (DE/BN) McN
<u>BALD EAGLE</u>	12/15 (AO) McG
Red-tail. Hk (HARLAN'S)	12/11 (RH) Can
" " (<u>RUFIOUS MORPH</u>)	12/15 (CB/KB) Can
Golden Eagle	12/17 (AG/MG) Hor
	12/19 (AG) Chp

MERLIN	11/16 (AO) McG
	12/11 (RH) LaU
PEREGRIN FALCON	12/28 (BJ) Sun

STILTS TO HUMMINGBIRDS

BLACK NECKED STILT	All (mob) DMA
AMERICAN AVOCET	12/26 (LJ) Fth
Spotted Sandpiper	12/26 (LJ) Fth
Western Sandpiper	1/8 (DE/BN) Tor
<u>DUNLIN</u>	1/8 (DE/BN) Tor
<u>FRANKLIN'S GULL</u>	11/19 (JS-ft) McN
BONAPART'S GULL	12/11 (LJ) McN
Black-hooded Conyer	12/4 (JK) Sun
WESTERN SCREECH OWL	Dec. (rehabr) Cen
ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD	12/ (JP) Cen
<u>COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRD</u>	1/3 (LJ) Cen

SAPSUCKERS TO NUTHATCHES

<u>YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKR</u>	1/8 (DE/BN) CCA
RED-NAPE SAPSUCKER	1/8 (BJ) CCA
<u>HAIKY WOODPECKER</u> (2d El Paso County rcrd)	1/8 (DE/BN) CCA
VERMILLION FLYCATCHER	1/7 (SH) STA
Tree Swallow	12/7 (BZ) FBP
<u>STELLAR'S JAY</u>	11/24 (JS) Cen
Scrub Jay	All (mob) All
<u>GREEN JAY</u> (Probably escpd)	All (JK) Zoo
	12/5 (JS) Cen
RED-BREADED NUTHATCH	12/28 (DE/BN) Cen
<u>WHITE-BREADED NUTHATCH</u>	1/8 (DE/BN) CCA
<u>PYGMY NUTHATCH</u>	1/9 (BZ) CCA

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On The Trail

COMMON LOONS

On Sun. Feb. 5 meet Bob Johnson (757-1876) at Feather Lake, time 7:25 AM, for a trip to McNary Reservoir. Great birds have been seen all winter (see observations page). Coming back we will stop at Ft. Hancock and Tornillo. Bring lunch and liquids. Ass't leader Richard Hermosillo (751-8605).

SCRUB JAYS

Are around Hueco Tanks State Park this year, to see the Jay's and the rare GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW meet Craig Braginton (877-4138) at 7:33 AM, Sat. Feb. 11 by the Flying Saucer Building (Junction US 62/180 and FM 2775). Friendly Canyon Towhees are all over the park. Bring a friend to enjoy them with you. For those who would like to stay past noon bring a sandwich and enjoy the birds while eating. Asst. Leader Jane Fowler (598-2448).

DUCKS

And more at the Crossroads Ponding area. This trip will allow those of you who cannot get up for our morning trips to see some good birds. You will meet Sallie Homan (584-0415) at the ponding area (Mesa/Country Club & Doniphan) at 3:19 PM, Sun. Feb 19. A Drive past the Golf Course (who knows, maybe the Gray Silky-Flycatcher will still be around), and on to Durlings, checking for Owls along the way. Asst Leader Joe Cancellare (833-8874).

MORE DUCKS

Fort Bliss Ponds are always good for ducks and many other species. Birders will gather at Furniture Country 4801 Fred Wilson Rd. at 7:17 AM Sat. Mar 4. This short tour will be over before lunch. Leader Larry Jordan (833-5969).

EARLY MIGRANTS

Tom Baker (877-3365) will check out Doniphan Marsh, the river and the golf course with you. Meet at the usual spot (crossroads pond - Mesa/Country Club Rd. & Doniphan) at 7:14 AM on Sun. Mar. 12, maybe the Common Goldeneyes will still be around, if not the Black-hooded Conyers probably will. Ass't Leader Mary Lou Alcorn (584-8768).

SWALLOWS

Most of the swallow species will be around by Sat. Mar. 25. We should see quite a few plus the possibility of a Hooded Oriole and migrant wading birds. All this as you check out Rio Bosque Park, located near the river not too far from Feather Lake, which is where you will meet Dennis Taylor (592-7414) at 3:49 PM. He will have Jean Coyne (595-2225) helping him point out the birds.

LESSER PRAIRIE CHICKEN

April 1 & 2 are the dates of our first weekend away in 1995. Where to??? - the Roswell NM area to see the Lesser Prairie Chickens. We will also visit Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge, which is good for shore birds and waterfowl. Camping at Bottomless Lakes State Park and for who desire more comfort, motels in Roswell. Call your tour leader for details, Bob Johnson (757-1876) or his able ass't Richard Hermosillo (751-8605).

PERCHA DAM

An all day trip up the Rio Grande to a birding hot spot. ???maybe White-throated Sparrows, some good migrants, and Caballo always has Gulls and other water birds. John Kiseda (833-6212) will meet you on Sun. Apr. 9 at 7:27 AM at Trans Mt. Rd. and I10, Ass't Leader Cliff Edson (584-9338).

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Observations

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WRENS TO GOLDFINCHES

CAROLINA WREN	1/9	(BZ)	CCA
EASTERN BLUEBIRD	1/9	(BZ)	D/O
RUFOUS-BACKED ROBIN	(carryover from last obsv. report-2d area rcrd) (MLA) D/O		
BROWN THRASHER	12/27	(LJ)	Cen
Cedar Waxwings	1/3	(JK)	Zoo
	1/6	(KK)	Cor
GRAY SILKY-FLYCATCHER	(2d U.S. RECORD)		
	1/12-15	(L/E)	CCA
Black-thrt Gray Warbler	11/26	(CB)	STA
GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW	All	(mob)	HTK
Dark-eyed Junco(SLATE-COLORED)	12/4	(MLA)	D/O
COMMON GRACKLE	12/4	(BJ)	CCA
American Goldfinch	12/	(DE/EN)	CCA

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS

Hueco Tanks count, on Sat. Dec. 17 turned up 62 species, totaling 2141 birds, about average, highest was 67 species last year.

A very rare sighting by Jane Fowler and Scott Cutler was a Gray Catbird, never before seen on either count. NO sightings of Killdeer or Mockingbird were recorded which was unusual. Low numbers for Northern Harrier, American Kestrel, Curve-billed Thrasher, Green-tailed and Rufus-sided Towhees. This could be attributed to the fact that only 10 people were in the field, our lowest number in many years.

First time reports of Ring-billed Gull and Chihuahuan Ravens helped, and we had high counts of Rufus-crowned Sparrow, Sage Sparrow and Song Sparrow.

Interesting aspects of the 31 Dec. El Paso count were 2d high number of species at 108, and the lowest number of people in the field (27) since 1984.

New species this year were Western Grebe, Harris' Hawk and Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. Old reliables that did not show were Northern Pintail, Brewers and Vesper Sparrows and Lesser Goldfinch. We had new high numbers of Cattle Egret, Northern Shoveler, White-winged Dove, Chihuahuan Raven, Ruby-crowned Kinglet. Unusually low numbers of Scaled Quail, Inca Dove, Horned Lark, American Pipet, Lark Bunting and a very low 9 Black-throated Sparrows - our 10 year average is 141.



BLACK SKIMMERS

APRIL 22-30, 1995. See Black Skimmers, Roseate Spoonbills, and Reddish Egrets, these and many other great birdson a FUN tour of the Texas Coast. Professional tours covering this area cost from \$700 to over \$1000 from Corpus Christi. For a brochure call Bob Johnson 757-1876.

CALENDAR

February

- Sat., 4** - Feather Lake open, 8:00 AM to Noon.
Sun., 5 - Field trip to McNary Reservoir, see page 8.
Sun., 5 - Feather Lake open, 2:00 PM to Dusk.
Sat., 11 - Field trip to Hueco Tanks, see page 8.
Sun., 12 - Feather Lake open, 2:00 PM to Dusk.
Mon., 13 - Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, El Paso Environmental Center.
Sat., 18 - Feather Lake open, 8:00 AM to Noon.
Sun., 19 - Field trip to Upper Valley, see page 8.
Sun., 19 - Feather Lake open, 2:00 PM to Dusk.

Mon., 20 - Annual Meeting, see page 1.

Sun., 26 - Feather Lake open, 2:00 PM to Dusk.

March

- Sat., 4** - Feather Lake open, 8:00 AM to Noon.
Sat., 4 - Field trip to Ft. Bliss Ponds, see page 8.
Sun., 5 - Feather Lake open, 2:00 PM to Dusk.
Sun., 12 - Feather Lake open, 2:00 PM to Dusk.
Sun., 12 - Field trip to Upper Valley, see page 8.
Mon., 13 - Board meeting at Mrs. Peterson's home, 1235 La Cruz (Piedmont at La Cruz), 7:30 PM. 533-0061 or 534-7019 (Roxanne Schroeder).
Sat., 18 - Feather Lake open, 8:00 to Noon.
Sat., 18 - Feather Lake workday.
Sun., 19 - Feather Lake open, 2:00 PM to Dusk.
Mon., 20 - General Meeting, see page 1.
Sat., 25 - Field trip to Rio Bosque Park, see page 8.
Sun., 26 - Feather Lake open, 2:00 PM to Dusk.
Sat., and Sun., April 1 -2 - Field trip to Roswell, NM, see page 8.
Sun., April 9 - Field trip to Percha Dam. see page 8.

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