



The Roadrunner

Newsletter of the El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society

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El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Website!

Updated information about upcoming field trips, calendar of upcoming events, and recent bird sightings.
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No General Meetings for August

General Meeting via ZOOM September 20, 2021

Birding in Northern Colombia, South America. Ad Konings

The presentation will cover Ad's 8-day trip in January 2020 to Baranquilla, Colombia. He will discuss how the trip was organized and what birds were encountered. He photographed over 160 different species, most of them near Minca in the Santa Marta Mountains, and he will be sharing some of them with us.

The meeting will once again be done by Zoom. It will begin at 7pm, on Monday, September 20th.

Celebration of Our Mountains September 11, 2021 7:00am

Join Audubon star birder, Star Posada, on a field trip to [Percha Dam State Park](#) just an hour-and-one-half drive from El Paso. (MAP) Meet at Cabela's near Artcraft and the freeway ([MAP](#)) at 7:00 AM to carpool or caravan.

Percha Dam is a great place to watch birds, especially during migration. This State Park is an open bosque of cottonwoods. Some of the birds you can see are woodpeckers, warblers, Phainopepla, flycatchers and vireos.

Bring mosquito repellent, sunscreen, a hat, good walking tennis shoes/boots. You will be walking through thick vegetation so pants are recommended. Don't forget your binoculars and field guide books if you have them.

Bring a sack lunch for a picnic at the park. There is a \$5 Day Use Fee per Vehicle.

For more information, contact Star Posada at staryglecias@gmail.com.

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Join us on September 24th
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
at Keystone Heritage Park for
the
Mystical Market’s autumn
equinox fundraiser for CASFV
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Family Violence)
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Second Chance Wildlife Rescue
<https://www.secondchancewildliferescue.org>
Josie Karam (915) 920-7867

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www.elpasozoo.org

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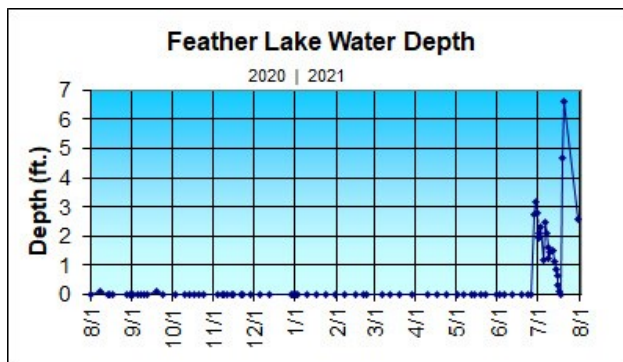
Franklin Mt. Wilderness Coalition
www.franklinmountains.org/

Celebration of Our Mountains
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AT FEATHER LAKE

After 11 straight dry months, runoff from storms in late June fully flooded the Feather Lake basin, with a peak water depth of 3.18 feet on June 29. Water levels fluctuated over the next few weeks but trended downward until the basin was effectively dry on July 18. But later that day another storm hit, and on the morning of July 19 water in the basin was 4.7 feet deep...and still rising. The next day, the water was at least 6.65 feet deep, the deepest it has been since the storms of 2006. Why don't we know the exact depth? Our 6.65-foot tall water-level gauge was completely under water.

The runoff from the recent storms, of course, brought with it a new accumulation of trash. Our next workday will be **Sat., August 14**, starting at **8 a.m.** If conditions permit, we'll work on trash removal. Feather Lake is located at 9500 North Loop at Bordeaux in El Paso, 0.3 miles west of Americas Ave.



Update: Since last Monday, the water depth at Feather Lake has shot up again. Aug. 15th, the water-level gauge was again completely under water, which puts the depth at greater than 6.65 feet. Aug. 16th, based on the water level beneath the bridge over the inlet on North Loop, it was even higher:



Audubon at

Rio Bosque Wetlands Park

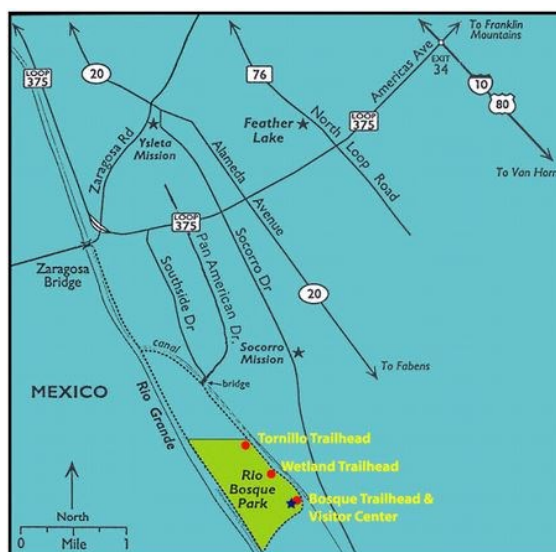


An eventful summer at Rio Bosque brought a first record of Least Bittern for the park and detections of Yellow-billed Cuckoos on 18 dates between June 16 and August 1. Now the nesting season is winding down. The cuckoos won't be around much longer. Nor will Rio Bosque's Painted Buntings.

For up-to-date information on tours, birds and water conditions at the park, check www.riobosque.org. Upcoming tours:

- 8 a.m., Sun., Aug 15 (Introductory tour)**
- 8 a.m., Sat., Aug 28 (Bird tour)**
- 8 a.m., Sat., Sep 11 (Bird tour)**
- 8 a.m., Sun., Sep 19 (Introductory tour)**

The meeting place is a bridge crossing the Riverside Canal. To get there from I-10, take Americas Ave. (Loop 375) to Pan American Drive, turn left onto Pan American and travel 1.5 miles. Information: 747-8663.



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Dates to Remember

August

Mon 9: **Board Meeting**
15 & 28 : **Rio Bosque**
No General Meeting
Sat 14: **Feather Lake workday**

September

Mon 13: **Board Meeting**
11 & 19: **Rio Bosque**
Sat 11: **Percha Dam**
Mon 20: **General Meeting**

October

Mon 11: **Board Meeting**
Mon 18: **General Meeting**

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