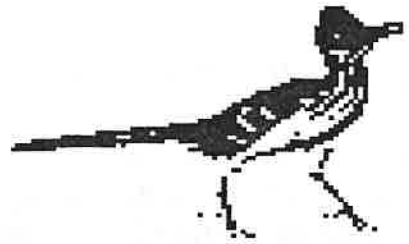


The Roadrunner

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General Meetings

Memorial Park Garden Center
3105 Grant Street 7:30pm

Monday, October 18, 1999
THE FORGOTTEN RIVER

Steve Harris, Rio Grande Restoration

Below El Paso, the Rio Grande sputters for some 86 channelized miles to a point 10 miles below Ft. Quitman. From here to its confluence with the Rio Conchos, the river traverses a 200-mile reach where it is not channelized but where environmental changes have been equally profound. Upstream water-management practices over the past century have led to greatly reduced flows, a narrowing of the river channel, a steady raising of the elevation of the river bed, increased soil salinity, and conversion of the floodplain vegetation to a monoculture of saltcedar. Above this reach, all of the Rio Grande's waters are allocated to other uses; the river should, in theory, cease to flow below Ft. Quitman. But it does flow. It is the Forgotten River.

Recently, citizens and agency personnel interested in this reach of the Rio Grande have begun exploring a truly visionary proposal: to restore the Forgotten River to ecological health through a combination of timed peak flows that mimic historic natural conditions and active restoration of native riparian plant communities. Steve Harris, the Director of Rio Grande Restoration, is a leader in this effort. Please join us October 18 as Steve describes the recent hydrologic history of the Forgotten River, outlines a possible approach for its future restoration, and fills us in on the planning work that has been done this far.

Monday, November 15, 1999

BIRDS OF HUECO

TANKS

Bob Johnson, President
EPTP Audubon Chapter

Join us at the November General meeting for a special presentation by our very own chapter President, Bob Johnson.

The birds of Hueco Tanks will be highlighted in this session in a slide show format. Come learn about the birds that nest in this area, as well as seasonal visitors and migratory transients.

This program should prove to be one that you won't want to miss - especially if you haven't seen it before. We hope to see you there.

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FROM THE PRESIDENTS AERIE

Where to bird watch in Texas!! At our bookstore we have the ABA/Lane Birdfinding Guide, "**A Birder's Guide to the Rio Grande Valley**". Two of the authors are our own James Paton and Barry Zimmer. It has 62 of 165 pages devoted to the Trans-Pecos, including Las Cruces. List price \$23.95, you can get it from us for \$23.00, tax included. Get it at the General Meeting or call Craig (877-4138) or me (757-1876).

Chihuahuan Desert Wildlife Rescue needs rehabilitators (especially on the east side). If you or anyone you know would like to learn this rewarding effort, please call Helen Bigalow, Anthony NM, (505-882-2910).

Bird festivals are flying upward in popularity. 1993 had 12 nationwide, 1999 they had grown to 140.

Get your kids, grandkids or the neighborhood kids interested in our birding activities. A good start would be to bring them to the picnic at Feather Lake on October 16. Also to the beginners field trip on November 6 or December 5 (for both see page 7).

Don't forget the "**BIG SIT**" also on page 7.

A Bird's-Eye View

This newsletter is written by and for ABA's younger members under the editorship of 16 year old students Jenny Brumfield and Nick Barber, with Matt Pelikan as Editorial Advisor. *A Bird's Eye View covers identification, field skill, conservation, optics, and much more. Contributions from young birders—articles, poems, and artwork about birds and birding are welcome.*

/s/ Bob "Wildbirder" Johnson. Pres.EP/TPAS

From the SKIMMER, Vol. 7, No 3, June 1999

POLITICAL MISSION?

Regular readers of "Quick Takes" and the Skimmer know that Texas, long a laggard when it comes to public policy and bird watching, has kettled its way close to the top of the good guys list in recent years. Not only has the state led the way in studying the economic impact of bird watching, but it has participated in creating the Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail and what is becoming the biggest and richest of the competitive birding/fundraising events, the three-day, Great Texas Birding Classic. Last year the big news was the plan to build the World Birding Center (WBC) somewhere in the state. The WBC is a cooperative venture, with several organizations joining the state in creating the facility. Although a few of the perpetually cynical, thought the title was a bit grandiose, virtually everyone likes the idea and acknowledges that it is one more piece of evidence that Texas is not merely paying lip service to its bird watching citizens and visitors.

Texas may also be able to lay claim to the first political squabble over promoting bird watching. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department was in the process of selecting a site and was evaluating proposals from a number of towns, most of them along the Rio Grande near Brownsville, one of the most-visited birdwatching locales in the State. The winner was Mission, a small town near Bentsen State Park, one of the area's birding jewels. The problem is that the Parks and Wildlife Department did not choose the site; the Texas legislature, which had not been part of the process did. The move caught everyone unprepared, but some observers said that it was inevitable. The WBC may not be the Super Dome, but it is plum for the winning town. In a region that does not always share the economic boom the rest of the state enjoys, the jobs, construction, and the birding tourist dollars have considerable appeal. Opponents howled that they have been blindsided, that the move was politics, and that the process had been corrupted. There were stories and editorials. Texas Parks and Wildlife, whose budget is hostage to the legislature, stood mute except to admit that the move caught them by surprise.

Well the smoke has cleared, and all the participants are reasonably happy. The WBC will be in Mission, the Parks Department has a little extra money in the budget, and there will be satellite facilities at various sites in towns up and down the river. The moral of all this? It is encouraging when bird watching has become enough of a force to attract the attention of politicians who, for the most part, could not tell a spoonbill from a roadrunner a year ago, but now are fighting to bring the benefits of our hobby to their towns.

Sixth Annual Celebration of Our Mountains - October 1999

The sister cities of El Paso and Juarez lie in a pass which the Rio Grande/Rio Bravo makes between the Franklin Mountains in west Texas and the Sierra de Juarez in northern Chihuahua. Between them sits Cerro de Cristo Rey in southern New Mexico. To the north, Las Cruces straddles the board Rio Grande Valley, with the Organ and Robledo mountains a distance from our city. As citizens of this area, we see the mountains every day, but rarely take the opportunity to explore them.

A binational event, highlighting the natural and cultural history of the mountains will be held on two weekends this year to celebrate our mountains, and will include field trips, artistic events, and museum open houses. These weekends of the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th of October and also the 30th and 31st of October 1999 have been selected for the "Celebrations of Our Mountains". A variety of field trips with natural history, science, and environmental content will be offered FREE to the public. The celebration is highlighted by a 3 day trip to the famous waterfalls near near Basaseachic, Chihuahua, Mexico. Museums have various activities and art galleries have shows and events with mountain themes. This celebration is initiated from the Center for Environmental Resource Management (CERM) and the Department of Geological Sciences, University of Texas at El Paso.

Several comments from prior participants are "It was great! We want to go on more trips", "Exactly the right amount of activity for one day", "two very informative and helpful leaders", and "No complaints". Call 747-5501 or 747-5593 for information. All activities are FREE with respect to organization and leadership; minor park visitation fees may be charged, and on the longer trip, individual must meet their own personal expenses. A team of dedicated leaders will give you insights into the natural world, and how to explore it yourself. For most trips, bring your own transportation, food and water. Call the group leader for specific questions and details.

The Birds of the Eastern Franklins
Sunday, October 24 at 8:00am
Wilderness Park Museum

Birds of Western Franklins
Sunday, October 31 at 8:00am
Tom Mays Park
call John Sproul 545-5157

Lecture and Slide Presentation
 Saturday, October 23 at 1:00pm
 Birds of El Paso
 Centennial Museum, UTEP
 call Scott Cutler 747-5565

You Can Help Our River On Día Del Río

The fifth annual Día del Río takes place Saturday, October 16. This event, sponsored by the Río Grande/Río Bravo Basin Coalition, celebrates and focuses attention on the Rio Grande from its headwaters in Colorado to the Gulf of Mexico.

On October 16, there will be a wide range of river-related activities throughout the Rio Grande basin. Many will have a service component. In El Paso, volunteers will have two opportunities to help: a clean-up at several locations along the river and a habitat-restoration project at Rio Bosque Wetlands Park.

Día del Río is a prefect day to contribute to a better Rio Grande environment. Want to be part of the river clean-up? Please call Keep El Paso beautiful at 546-6742 to find out how you can get involved. Want to work at Rio Bosque Wetlands Park and learn what a "bosque barrier" is? Please call John Sproul at UTEP at 747-8663. Want to know more about Día del Río? Call the Rio Grande/Río Bravo Basin Coalition at 532-0399. Join us in celebrating our river October 16!

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FEATHER LAKE NOTES

by, John Sproul

FEATHER LAKE

Our Feather Lake Wildlife Sanctuary, located at 9500 North Loop, is again open! From October through the end of April, you can visit every Saturday, 8:00am to noon, and every Sunday, 2:00pm to dusk. Admission is free.

Feather Lake will be open on some 60 dates this visitor season. For each, we need a volunteer to staff the sanctuary during visitor hours. If 30 volunteers each took two dates, we'd have the season covered. How 'bout you? The work is easy, the setting is beautiful, and the birds and other wildlife are abundant. Please call Charles Simpson (598-2274) to reserve a couple of dates now!

Saturday, October 16 is Día del Río (see page). It is also the day of our annual pot-luck dinner at Feather Lake. Celebrate our river, then cap the day enjoying huge numbers of Yellow-headed Blackbirds, a beautiful sunset and a memorable meal. See On the Trail (p.) for all the details.

The last Feather Lake Appreciation Day for the year will be Saturday, November 20. This is one of the nicest times of the year at our sanctuary: the cottonwoods are golden, the birds numerous and the weather generally pleasant. Join us at 2:00pm to work a few hours on sanctuary projects, then enjoy the lake at the end of day.

Workday at Feather Lake
Saturday, November 20
1999 8:00am

ON SALE NOW.....

55% discount

Year 2000 Audubon Nature Wall Calendars

Choose from five different varieties on sale at our General Meetings or to order one, call Craig Braginton at 877-4138 or Jane Fowler at 598-2448. Reserve your copy now.

Support Wildlife Conservation Organizations

The El Paso Herpetological Society

Contacts for the El Paso Herpetology Society are Mike Ross at 585-6947 and Stella Jimarez at 751-3772. Meetings occur at the El Paso Zoo Paraje exhibit meeting room at 7:00pm on the first Thursday of each month. Typically there is a guest lecturer at each meeting.

Chihuahuan Desert Wildlife Rescue, Inc.:

Board Meetings are all "open" meetings and held at the El Paso Environmental Center at 800 S. Piedras.

Visit the CDWR website at:
www.whc.net/cdwr

Visit the El Paso Zoo website at:
www.whc.net/epzoo

DONIPHAN MARSH

Contact: Carol Miller at 584-7088
Visit the KAPPA website at:
www.keystone-site.org



Education Committee Updates: TNRCC funds.....

Texas Audubon Society has recently entered a third party agreement with the Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) that will enable Audubon Projects to be considered by funding corporations that have been fined for violation of environmental regulations.

Fifteen have provided multiple proposals for projects that are directly beneficial to conservation in their communities or regions.

El Paso/Trans Pecos Audubon Society was presented the first award in the amount of \$1250.00 at the May 22nd Texas Audubon Board Meeting held in Corpus Christi. These funds will be used for Educational Programs and Feather Lake Wildlife Sanctuary.

Texas Audubon Society will continue to provide TNRCC with eligible projects for possible funding through this Supplemental Environmental Projects program.



Burrowing Owl

Wetland Resource for Teachers

The Wetland Resource Guide for Teachers is complete. This guide was made possible by a grant awarded to our chapter last July 1998 by Texas Audubon society. Wetland Workshops will be offered for teachers and free copies of this guide will be given out. Feather Lake will become a nature classroom for teachers as well as their students. Part of the workshop is to train teachers how to do water quality testing and macro invertebrates investigation.

Audubon Adventures

Once again, our organization will sponsor 30 teachers to receive a years subscription of the Audubon Adventures, an environmental program from National Audubon Society. It is a curriculum enhancement program used primarily in grades 4-6 to teach children science, environmental topics, and respect for nature. Each subscription costs \$35.00.

Let me know if any one of you would like to be a member in the Education Committee. We have several openings.

Elizabeth W. Chase
echase@htg.net
849-5900

ABA/Lecia Young Birder of the year competition

ABA/Lecia Young Birder of the year competition is a contest that rewards the improvement of younger birders' observation skills. The event is divided into three age groups and requires entrants to write two essays and keep a field journal of their observations, notes, and sketches over the course of a year. A panel of top-birders judges the entries, and participants receive valuable comments on their notebooks and essays. Prizes for the contest include Leica binoculars, scholarships to ornithology camps, field guides, software, and more. To learn more about this competition call the ABA at (719)578-9703 or go to the ABA website www.Americanbirding.org/ygbcomp.html.

ON THE TRAIL

BIRDS and PEOPLE

SATURDAY OCTOBER 16; 4:30 until ????

What's going to happen
8th Annual Pot Luck Picnic.

Where?
At our **FEATHER LAKE** sanctuary.

The chapter will provide the burgers, dogs and rolls, also the condiments to top them off. This is a family affair, the kids will enjoy it as the birds will be performing. The grill will be hot about 5:30.

Come at 4:30 PM so you can build up your appetite walking around looking at the birds. By early Oct. some ducks are starting to arrive and we will have some of regular night roosters flying in.

We ask you to bring a dish (Salad, Pasta, dessert, or something else) to share with a few others, Also your own utensils and what ever beverages you like.

If you think you might be coming give John Sproul (545-5157) or Bob Johnson (757-1876) a call. as we need an approximate count for buying the goodies. If you have a change of plans and on the last day you find you can come, please come even if you haven't called.

THE BIG SIT

On **Sunday October 17** we will counting birds from a seventeen foot (17") circle. Sit in a lawn chair and count all you can see. The exact location has not been established yet, but call **Bob (757-1876)** and volunteer for **1 or 2 hours** we need 2 or 3 people at a time. The basic period will be from **7AM until 7PM.** Lots of fun and enjoyable company, and it is **FREE.** Also a chance to win the National "Golden Bird" award.

FRIENDS of HUECO TANKS

Admission to Hueco Tanks State Historical Park;
Adults \$4.00 - Seniors age 65 \$2.00.
Children under 12 FREE.

Fifth annual Interpretive fair.

Saturday and Sunday October 30 - 31.

Events include pictograph tours, Native American dancers and drummers, Buffalo Soldiers Campfire program, folklorico dancers, environmental speakers, information booths, food and craft booths.

Bird Identification Tours at 8 AM both days.

BEGINNERS BIRD IDENTIFICATION

This fall we are going to give a different spin to a couple of field trips. We will primarily be working with new birders, especially young people, but everyone is welcome. These will be conducted at the Crossroads ponding area and Keystone Marsh. We will spend an hour plus at each location with scopes and binoculars, pointing out key identifying features.

First date: Sat. Nov. 6, 1999.

Time: 8:00 AM.

Place: Crossroads Ponding Area.
(Doniphan & Country Club)

Instructor: John Kiseda (533-4615)

2d date: Sun. Dec. 5, 1999.

Time: 8:00 AM.

Place: Crossroads Ponding Area.
(Doniphan & Country Club)

Instructor: Bob Johnson (757-1876)

ON THE TRAIL CONTINUED

LET'S GO TO McNARY

McNary is a large reservoir about 45 miles down I-10 from Feather Lake. It's possible that we will see *Clark's Grebe and Bonapart's Gull*, lots of ducks and some wading birds. A *Harris' Hawk* could also be found. On the return trip we will stop at Fort Hancock Reservoir, which also has numerous wading birds and some Gulls. Then on to Tornillo Reservoir where more ducks could be swimming around.

The date: **Sunday November 14**
The time: **7:27 AM**
Meet at: Feather Lake
Meet who? Larry Jordan (833-5969)

LOOKING AHEAD

Christmas Bird Counts. The period for conducting the counts this year will run from Friday December 17, 1999 thru Monday January 3, 2000. We will be holding one of ours on Saturday **December 18**, or Sunday **December 19**, probably the El Paso count. The other, the Hueco Tanks count, on Sunday **January 1**.

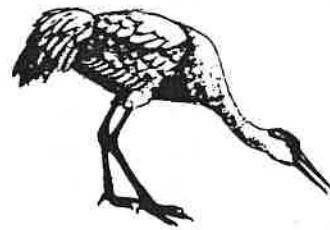
Bosque Del Apache National Wildlife Refuge. We will be going up to Socorro, New Mexico to enjoy the thousands of Snow Geese and Sandhill cranes. Also 10 to 20 Bald Eagles are usually in attendance. The dates for this will be Saturday and Sunday **January 22 and 23**.

WHAT HAPPENED!

CLOUDCROFT. An enjoyable weekend on August 14 & 15, nine people from El Paso were joined at various times by up to six residents. A great Sat. evening Pot Luck Buffet on the porch of Carol and Jay Fenberg's new house was the highlight of the weekend. Of course we did some bird watching in a few locations and the species total came to 49. As promised in the June ROADRUNNER, we did find *EVENING GROSBEAK*.

HUECO TANKS. Not many of you are coming out to the monthly Bird Identification Tours. On Sunday September 19 we counted 30 species in about 2 1/2 hours. Good birds were Coopers Hawk, Common Snipe, Western Tanager, and the best bird, Black-throated Gray warbler.

UPPER VALLEY. On Saturday September 25 seven birders spent 2 plus hours touring a few of the known birding location, and being able to identify 38 species. Good sightings were had of MacGillivray's Warbler, a Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs standing next to each other, and 2 pair of wood ducks swimming right in front of us.



Sandhill Crane

OBSERVATIONS

May 16, 1999 to September 15, 1999

Uncommon, Rare, and Very Rare sightings

A very rare sighting has the full entry italicized, bold and underlined. Some of the listings may not be considered **RARE**, but because of the season or habitat the date and/or location will be **bold and underlined**. The listing of birds is determined using the checklist "Birds of El Paso County, Texas and Adjacent Areas" 7th Edition, October 1987. Leave sightings at (757-1876) Bob "Wildbirder" Johnson.

Observers: Mary Lou Alcorn; Mark Anderson; Majanah Bender; Betty Fisbeck; Jane Fowler; Richard Hermosillo; Sallie Homan; Hugh Jameson; Bob Johnson; Larry Jordan; David Kruzich; Jim Paton; Flora Pitard; Ross Rassmussen; Patricia Russell; Susie Schnieder; John Sproul; Barry Zimmer; Jimmy Zabriskie. Mob-Many observers; Var-Variou; -ft on a field trip; -yd in their yard.

Locations: AyP-Arroyo Park; Asc-Ascarate Park; CCA-Country Club Area; Can-Canutillo; Emy-Emory; FLk-Feather Lake; FBP-Fort Bliss Ponds; FHc-Fort Hancock; Hor-Horizon; HTk-Hueco Tanks; KJy-Kenyon Joyce; Kil-Kilkenny; Lov-Love Road; McN-McNary; Mem-Memorial Park; MPk-Mountain Park; PtD-Painted Dunes; Put-Putnam School; RBq-Rio Bosque Park; STA-Santa Teresa Area; SRS-Stan Roberts Sr. Drive.

EGRETS thru GEESE

Great Egret (<i>Nesting</i>)	Var.	JS	RBq
<u>Little Blue Heron</u>	<u>7/21</u>	<u>BZ</u>	<u>McN</u>
<u>Tricolored Heron</u>	<u>8/7</u>	<u>JS</u>	<u>FLk</u>
	<u>9/6</u>	<u>JF</u>	<u>FHc</u>
Black-crwnd Night Heron	5/29	BZ	FBP
<u>Yellow-crwnd Night Heron</u>	<u>6/17</u>	<u>JS</u>	<u>RBq</u>
<u>Roseate Spoonbill (1st Trans</u>	<u>8/25</u>	<u>BZ</u>	<u>McN</u>
<u>Pecos record)</u>	<u>9/4</u>	<u>MA</u>	<u>McN</u>
Gr. White-fronted Goose	8/12	JK	Asc
Snow Goose	<u>5/29</u>	BZ	FBP
	8/12	JK	Asc
Ross's Goose	8/12	JK	Asc

DUCKS to FALCONS

Green-winged Teal	<u>5/29</u>	BZ	FBP
Osprey	<u>9/4</u>	MA	McN
	<u>9/6</u>	MLA	FHc
	<u>9/15</u>	BJ	SRS
Mississippi Kite	6/16	MLA-yd	Emy
Harris's Hawk (nesting)	Var	JS	RBq
(nesting)	Var	BJ	PtD
<u>Broad-winged Hawk</u>	<u>5/29</u>	<u>BZ</u>	<u>FBP</u>
Golden Eagle (2)	8/31	RH	SRS
Prairie Falcon after 25 Aug.	Var	BJ	SRS
	<u>9/14</u>	BZ	FBP

PLOVERS thru SANDPIPERS

Black-bellied Plover	<u>9/6</u>	JP	McN
<u>American Golden Plover</u>	<u>8/16</u>	<u>PR</u>	<u>FBP</u>
	<u>thru 7/23</u>	<u>Mob</u>	<u>FBP</u>
Snowy Plover	9/6	JP	FHc
<u>Willet</u>	<u>7/22</u>	PR	FBP
Spotted Sandpiper	<u>6/5</u>	JS	FLk
Upland Sandpiper	8/25	BZ	McN
<u>Long-billed Curlew</u>	<u>9/5</u>	BJ	FHc
	9/6	JP	FHc
<u>Marbled Godwit</u>	<u>9/6</u>	JP	FHc
<u>Sanderling</u>	<u>5/23</u>	<u>LJ</u>	<u>FHc</u>
	<u>9/6</u>	<u>JP</u>	<u>McN</u>
Pectoral Sandpiper	<u>5/23</u>	LJ	FHc
	<u>8/25</u>	PR	FBP
	<u>9/14</u>	BZ	FBP

PHALAROPES to HUMMINGBIRDS

<u>Red-necked Phalarope</u>	<u>8/25</u>	BZ	FBP
	<u>9/14</u>	BZ	FBP
<u>Caspian Tern</u>	<u>8/28</u>	<u>JS</u>	<u>FLk</u>
Common Tern	<u>5/23</u>	LJ	FHc
Black Tern	7/18	BJ	FBP
	7/21	RH	FBP

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Yellow-billed Cuckoo	8/13	SH-yd	Lov
Barn Owl	6/5	JS	RBq
Western Screech Owl	8/26	JZ-yd	Can
Calliope Hummingbird	7/24	DK-yd	MtP
	7/26	MB	PtS
	7/27	PR-yd	STA
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	5/29	PR-yd	STA

KINGFISHER to FLYCATCHERS

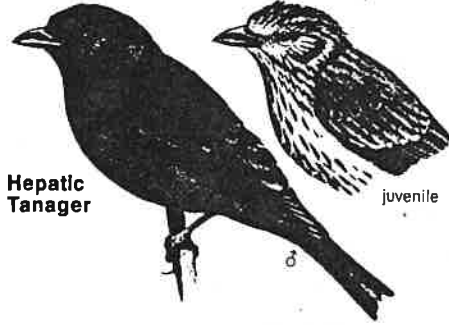
Belted Kingfisher	7/10	JS	FLk
<u>Williamson's Sapsucker</u>	9/11	BF-ft	Mem
Olive-sided Flycatcher	8/25	PR	FBP
Willow Flycatcher	8/14	JS	FLk
Gray Flycatcher	8/27	PR-yd	STA
	9/7	SS	AyP
Cordilleran Flycatcher	6/4	PR-yd	STA
	9/11	BF-ft	Mem
Eastern Kingbird	9/12	RR	FBP

GNATCATCHERS thru VIREOS

<u>Blue-gray Gnatcatcher</u>	8/25	BZ	FBP
	8/26	JZ-yd	Can
	9/7	SS	AyP
<u>Rufus-backed Robin</u>	7/15	MLA	CCA
Brown Thrasher	5/18	BJ	FBP
Bell's Vireo	5/16	BJ-ft	HTk

WARBLERS

Virginia's Warbler	8/27	PR-yd	STA
	9/7	SS	AyP
Lucy's Warbler	8/14	JK-yd	KJy
<u>Magnolia Warbler</u>	9/14	BZ	FBP
Townsend's Warbler	8/27	PR-yd	STA
	9/14	BZ	FBP
<u>Black and White Warbler</u>	9/12	RR	FBP
<u>American Redstart</u>	9/14	BZ	Mem
Northern Waterthrush	5/16	BJ-ft	HTk
	8/25	PR	FBP
<u>Hooded Warbler</u>	5/16	BZ	FBP
<u>Red-faced Warbler</u>	5/20	MLA-yd	Emy



Hepatic Tanager

juvenile

TANAGERS and GROSBEAKS

Summer Tanager	5/24	SH-yd	Lov
Western Tanager	5/16	BJ-ft	HTk
<u>Hepatic Tanager</u>	7/31	MLA-yd	Emy
	9/14	BZ	FBP
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	5/19	FP-yd	Hor
Black-headed Grosbeak	5/16	BJ-ft	HTk
	5/21	JF-yd	Klk
	6/2	PR-yd	STA
	9/7	SS	AyP

BUNTINGS thru COWBIRD

Lazuli Bunting	5/16	BJ-ft	HTk
	8/29	BJ-ft	FBP
Indigo Bunting	5/16	BJ-ft	HTk
Painted Bunting	8/11	SH-yd	Lov
	8/14	HJ	FBP
	9/14	BZ	FBP
Clay-colored Sparrow	8/26	JZ-yd	Can
Brewer's Sparrow	5/29	JS	FLk
Bronzed Cowbird	5/17	PR-yd	STA

On 8/27 PR had a Female Bullock's Oriole feeding 2 young Bronzed Cowbirds.

WEB SITE UPDATED

Thanks to the wizardry of Bill Howe, our chapter's Home Page on the World Wide Web is now updated and sports a bright new look.

Check it out at:

<http://www.whc.net/cdwr/tpashome.htm>

There is information on our chapter on upcoming events, on Feather Lake, on local birding, and links to other web sites of interest, especially ornithological interest, in Texas and New Mexico. There are many other possible improvements; e-mail us your ideas through the web site. Thanks, Bill!

Dates to Remember

See page 6 for details

October

Mon. Oct. 11 - Board Meeting
Sat. Oct. 16 - Picnic at Feather Lake
Mon. Oct. 18 - General Meeting

November

Sat. Nov. 6 - Beginner ID Tour
Mon. Nov. 8 - Board Meeting
Sun. Nov. 14 - McNary Reservoir
Mon. Nov. 15 - General Meeting
Sat. Nov. 20 - Workday Feather Lake

December

Sun. Dec. 5 - Beginner ID Tour
Mon. Dec. 6 - Board Meeting
Mon. Dec. 13 - General Meeting

Friends of Hueco Tanks (see p.6)

Rock Art Tours

Every Sat & Sun 9:00am & 11:00am

Birding Activities at Hueco Tanks

Bird Identification Tours & Slide Show Presentations

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