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Member's Slide Show

Craig Braginton, Programs Chairperson

Monday, December 12, 1994, 7:30 PM, the Garden Center, 3105 Grant, Memorial Park, El Paso - Were you present at the December, 1993 general meeting? Do you remember the program? If so, then maybe you'll understand why we decided to do it again. For those of you who did not attend, don't miss this opportunity to get involved with your fellow members. How might you get involved, you ask? Bring 4 - 5 slides with you to the meeting, and I will put them in the carousel on the projector. When it is time to begin the program, the slide projector will be turned on. As a person's slides come up on the screen, that person will present them to the members. Show off if you like, it's your turn. If you have photographs you would like to share, we will find a way to display them, too. Just try to be at the meeting a little early to set up. Your willingness to participate will be greatly appreciated. If you need any more information, or want to give me an idea of what you are bringing, please contact me at 877-4138. Thank you, Craig Braginton.

Sierra Club Inner City Outings

Craig Braginton, Programs Chairperson

Monday, January 16, 1995, 7:30 PM, The Garden Center, 3105 Grant, Memorial Park, El Paso - We do, from time to time, invite persons from other organizations to come to our meetings as program speakers. It is important to stay abreast of local programs; programs that may be of interest to us or programs that may be completely new to us. One such program is Inner City Outings (ICO). ICO is a Sierra Club Outreach Program designed to give local youths (and adults), some with special needs, the opportunity to explore our local environment and its issues. And at the meeting to tell us about the program will be Mr. Richard Rheder. Mr. Rheder will bring a short slide presentation and possibly participants from the program to give their views. I also happen to know that this is an opportunity for anyone interested in sharing their knowledge and expertise to become involved with the program as a volunteer. I hope this short note has piqued your curiosity and we'll see you at the meeting.



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Awards, Elections on the Horizon

John Sproul

After a 3-year hiatus, we hope to resume presentation of our chapter's Meritorious Service and Conservation awards in 1995. We want your ideas on worthy recipients. The Meritorious Service Award goes to a chapter member who has made outstanding contributions to El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon and its programs. The Conservation Award goes to 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.

We plan to present these awards at our Annual Meeting in February. Also at that meeting, we will install officers for 1995-96. President-elect Craig Braginton will begin his 2-year term as president. He'll be installed along with a vice-president, secretary, treasurer and three directors, all to be elected for 1-year terms at our general meeting in January.

Please give your recommendations for potential award recipients, officers or directors to any member of the nominating/awards committee: Mary Lou Alcorn (584-8768), Betty Pagel (772-2686), John Sproul (545-5157) or Nancy Wilson (833-3907). The deadline for nominations is January 6.

New Officers to be Chosen

George Barnett

As John Sproul has said above, we will be electing new officers at our January General Meeting. This is your chance to be of service to our chapter. Listed below are the duties of the officers that are to be elected. These definitions are taken from *Constitution and By-Laws of the El Paso/Trans Pecos Audubon Society*:

Vice-President - The Vice-President shall help the President carry out his duties and shall preside at all meetings

in the absence of the President. He shall be designated by the President to head one of the standing committees.

Secretary - The Secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings of the Board and the Chapter and shall conduct all the correspondence of the Chapter.

Treasurer - The Treasurer shall have custody of the Chapter's funds. He shall maintain sound and timely accounting of all Chapter funds and shall disburse such funds as may be ordered by the Board. He shall report to the Board of Directors at its regular meeting or as requested. He shall prepare an annual report on the financial condition of the Chapter for distribution to the members at the Annual Meeting and shall forward a copy of this report to the National Society. The Treasurer shall also prepare a proposed budget for the Chapter's fiscal year.

As we head into the new year, there will also be a need for new committee chairpersons. Short definitions of those positions will be posted in the next ROADRUNNER.

Lots Happening at Feather Lake

John Sproul

Feather Lake News

It has been an active fall at Feather Lake Wildlife Sanctuary. Bird numbers have increased throughout the season, and our visitor program is in high gear. Why not see for yourself? Hours are every Sunday afternoon, 2 PM to dusk, and the 1st and 3rd Saturday mornings each month, 8 AM to Noon. Feather Lake is located at 9500 N. Loop, between Zaragosa Road and Americas Ave., in El Paso. Admission is free. The sanctuary will be closed on Christmas and New Year's weekends.

Some 18 members and friends enjoyed our potluck picnic at Feather Lake October 29. The weather was ideal, the birds numerous, the food excellent. Special thanks go to Dayle Edwards for providing the barbecue grill; Bob Johnson for securing hot dogs, hamburgers and rolls; Betty Pagel, Jane Fowler and Jo Nagel for setting up the dining area; and Sid Shepperd for his stellar work as chef.


Lots of other good things have happened at Feather Lake recently. Charles Simpson has done a tremendous job expanding the pad beneath our ramada and building a walkway around our "education shed." Sallie Homan has prepared some excellent bird-identification display panels. And 11 El Paso Community College students worked hard removing a mature saltcedar and numerous seedlings from around the shoreline October 22 and 29. All get our thanks for their much-appreciated contributions.

Thanks are also due the fine folks who harvested tumbleweeds, hauled dirt, mended fences, gathered trash and did innumerable other good deeds during our Feather Lake workdays in 1994: Craig Braginton, Betty Fisbeck, Jane Fowler, Claudia Gomez, Jo Nagel, Betty Pagel, Rafaela Schuller, Charles Simpson, John Sproul and Nancy Wilson. The next workday will be Saturday, January 21. Gates open at 8 AM; bring your gloves.

Finally, the draft master plan for Feather Lake, released in August, has generated much thoughtful commentary. On Monday, January 23, we'll hold a Sanctuary Committee meeting to discuss revisions to the plan. It begins at 7 PM at the Environmental Center, 800 South Piedras. If you're interested in Feather Lake, plan to attend.

El Paso Environmental Center

John Sproul


he El Paso Environmental Center, in which our group participates, is completing its 4th year of operation. Thanks are due the core group of volunteers who kept the Center running in 1994: Erika Episcopo, Jane Fowler, Jo Nagel, Betty Pagel, John Sproul and Vic Ward.

Thanks are also due El Paso Disposal, which recently helped the Center's recycling program in a big way. When the large roll-off container used to store newspapers was recalled on short notice, El Paso Disposal came through with a replacement container on equally short notice. We greatly appreciate El Paso Disposal's consistent support of the Center.

For recycling, the Center accepts newspaper, white office paper, computer paper, corrugated cardboard, aluminum cans, steel cans, styrofoam packing peanuts and styrofoam egg cartons. Effective December 1, it no longer accepts plastic soft-drink bottles or milk jugs. Unfortunately, the Center does not have enough volunteers to handle the volume of materials now being dropped off there. Something had to give, and it was plastic. You can still take plastic (and glass) to the recycling center at Biggs Field.

The Center welcomes new volunteers. If you are interested and can put in a few hours once or twice a month, please contact the Center at 532-9645. The Center is located at 800 South Piedras at Paisano and is open Wednesday through Saturday, 9 AM to 2 PM. It will be closed the week before Christmas (December 21-24).

Rio Grande Free Net

f you think archie is just a cartoon character or a gopher is just a pesky rodent, then you may want to go on to the next article. On the other hand, if you have ever had a desire to search libraries in other countries, talk to people about common interests, or have the world literally at your fingertips, then welcome to the Information Superhighway.

The Rio Grande Free Net is a non-profit service run by volunteers that gives you complete access to the Internet. It is housed at the El Paso Community College with support from Providence Memorial Hospital. The Rio Grande Free Net is the first free net in Texas and one of only twenty free nets in the country. Did I mention that it's free?


Start your trip on the Infobahn by setting your communications software to 8,N,1. Have your computer dial 775-5600; when the connection is made, tap the RETURN key a few times to "wake up" the system. At the prompt, enter the word visitor. You'll find that the folks at Rio Grande Free Net have set up an easy to use system that is menu driven. Go to the Administration area and register as a local user. Read all the READ ME files for more information about the Free Net and registering. Much of the Rio Grande Free Net is open to visitors, but registering gives

you full services, like email.

Once you are registered, drop a line to ac968 (your friendly editor), just to say "Hi!"

A.C.T. Meeting a Success

John Sproul

 On October 14-16, representatives from Audubon chapters throughout Texas met in El Paso for the Fall 1994 Meeting of the Audubon Council of Texas (ACT). The discussions during the weekend were wide ranging, from fundraising needs and strategies to endangered species to the next session of the Texas Legislature to recreational hunting in state parks to increasing chapter effectiveness and beyond. Special presentations featured U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Special Agent Doug McKenna discussing illegal predator-control activities in the western U.S. and Leon Metz introducing A.C.T. members to El Paso's rich history.

Our visitors were well cared for during their stay. Helen Barto, Betty Bowen, Craig Braginton, Carolyn Brown, Jane Fowler, Frances Gutiérrez, Jo Nagel, Betty Pagel, Peggy Riede, Charles and Helen Simpson, and Nancy Wilson all assisted with meals and arrangements during the weekend. Craig Braginton and John Kiseda helped lead field trips. Our regular programs did not suffer, as Gil Kellner and Roxanne Schroeder staffed Feather Lake and Scott Cutler and Bob Johnson gave slide presentations on local birds as part of the Celebration of Our Mountains event. Sincere thanks to one and all.

Special thanks are due Frances Gutiérrez for hosting the Friday-night dinner and board meeting, Betty Pagel for coordinating hospitality, Charles Simpson for running our ACT taxi service, Nancy Wilson for handling registrations, and Doug McKenna and Leon Metz for their outstanding presentations. It was a great weekend, and our guests left with good memories of El Paso.

Black Bears Captured in Val Verde County

Texas Parks and Wildlife Newsletter (October 14)



A black bear sow and her two cubs were captured in late September on a ranch in western Val Verde County after a week long cooperative effort by local ranchers, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and the USDA Animal Damage Control.

The black bears, listed as an endangered species in Texas, were killing livestock in Val Verde County. The bears probably came across the Rio Grande from Mexico. Two other confirmed sightings of different bears with cubs were reported during the same week within a 50-mile radius, says Sylvestre Sorola, TPWD biologist from Del Rio. The rancher who discovered the dead livestock called ADC specialist Randy Schaefer of Langtry to investigate the problem. A mountain lion initially was suspected, but on September 27, Schaefer came upon the bears on a freshly killed goat. Other dead livestock was found later in the day in the surrounding area. The next day, Schaefer spotted the bears at a fresh kill in the bottom of a small canyon. "The black bear is an opportunistic, omnivorous animal. It will eat the center of sotol and yucca plants, persimmon fruits, prickly pear tunas, ground squirrels and occasionally, smaller domestic livestock," Sorola said. "Conditions are very dry in the area and none of those vegetable foods are currently available. This sow apparently turned to killing domestic sheep and goats because it was easy and she had two cubs to feed."

The sow was captured in a foot snare overnight, but the cubs eluded capture for three days. On October 4, the cubs were located near a fresh goat kill, cornered in a canyon and captured several hours later. Sorola said the cubs were in excellent shape and had fared well without their mother. The bears had killed at least 14+ goats and one ewe. The bears - the sow was radio-collared and the cubs were ear-tagged - were released at Big Bend Ranch State Natural Area, he said. Their behavior will be monitored following their relocation.

Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology

Project FeederWatch

One of the special strengths of Project FeederWatch is its ability to track dynamic changes in bird numbers. Other volunteer-based bird counts, such as National Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Count, collect information over a very short period of time, providing a snapshot view of bird numbers and distribution. In contrast, FeederWatch data provide a virtual video, mapping changes in bird numbers week-by-week over the course of the winter.

The majority of Project FeederWatch participants live in northeastern states and provinces, but the project has observers in every U.S. State except Hawaii and every Canadian province, including the Yukon Territory. Together they have added 311,686 records to the ornithological database.

Still there's so much more to learn. And some regions of North America are greatly under represented in FeederWatch. If you feed birds in the Southwest, your observations would be especially valuable. Why not make your backyard an official Project FeederWatch research station this winter?

Join Project FeederWatch

Enroll by phone:
call 1-800-843-BIRD

You'll receive a complete participant's packet and a free, colorful bird poster. Makes a great Holiday gift!

Name: _____

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My \$14 check is enclosed
(payable to Project FeederWatch)

Charge \$14 to my

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Card No.: _____

Signature: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Send this form to:
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Cornell Lab of Ornithology
P.O. Box 11
Ithaca, NY 14851-0011

Project FeederWatch is financed by its participants. Corporate sponsors and grants provide additional support.

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Outdoor Guide Debuts

Rainbow in a Tree Publications, Inc. has announced that its newest publication, *Triping Out in the Land of the Sun*, a user friendly outdoor guide to the El Paso-Juarez-Las Cruces Southwest is now available in bookstores. The guide provides information and color photos about more than 80 outdoor sites in West Texas, Southern New Mexico and Chihuahua, Mexico. It is organized around the regions natural resources - water, national forests, mountains, and other natural areas. This 120 page guide written by Jodi Bizar measures 4 1/4" X 6 1/2" and retails for \$9.95.

Hotline Bird Collected - Again

Kathy Sandell
Mesilla Valley Audubon Society, Inc.

During the week of 10 October, 1994, the Glaucous-winged Gull at North Monticello Point on Elephant Butte Lake was collected by Bob Dickerman of the Museum of Southwest Biology at UNM in Albuquerque. Mr. Dickerman claims to have not been aware that the gull was there although it has been on the hotline off and on since February when it was first discovered and has been well photographed, written up and seen by many birders, including inclusion in the latest issue of Audubon Field Notes. Mr. Dickerman collected the gull because he was unable to identify it in the field although many birders were able to correctly ID it.

Even more disturbing is that Mr. Dickerman failed to follow the guidelines agreed upon in meetings held two years ago between NM Game and Fish and interested environmentalists and birders following the collection of the Yellow-green Vireo at Rattlesnake Springs. Meetings which Mr. Dickerman participated in.

These guidelines included:

1. No collecting in known regularly birded areas without first calling the Hotline at 505-662-2101.
2. No taking of birds first found by birders.
3. "...no birds appearing on the NM Rare Bird Alert shall be collected"
4. It is the responsibility of the collector to call the Hotline if they are going to be collecting in a known birding area.
5. "The sacrifice of vagrant birds solely for documenting occurrences is discouraged..."
6. No collecting in protected areas such as federal and state property, parks, refuges, etc.
7. "Permittees should carry out their operations in such a way as not to...abridge the legitimate rights of other wildlife users in NM" which includes bird watchers, and "...should avoid creating situations that may reflect badly upon them, their activities, or NMGF."
8. If a birder who finds a rare bird wanted it collected in order to confirm a difficult ID, he could so request after a sufficient time period for birders to view the bird. Sufficient time was not defined.

Guidelines #1, 3, 5, and 7 are direct quotes from *NMGF Conditions and Provisions for the Taking of Wildlife for Scientific and Educational Purposes* which every collector receives along with their permit as do bird banders and wildlife rehabilitators. NMGF defines "taking" as "sacrifice, capture, salvage, and possession of protected wildlife."

Mr. Dickerman clearly ignored the above agreements by failing to contact the Hotline prior to collecting in a known birding locale. He cannot claim to be unaware that North Monticello Point is a regularly birded area he was there at the request of a birder to collect the jaegers which were also on the Hotline. This is exactly the kind of incident which those of us who participated in the agreement meetings were trying to prevent. It appears our time and intent were wasted.

Letters protesting Mr. Dickerman's action should be directed to Bill Montoya, NMGF, P.O. Box 25112, Santa Fe, NM 87504 and to Richard Peck, President of UNM, Albuquerque, NM.

Texas Birds and Their Habitat Need You

Our Southwest Regional Office (SWRO) and the Audubon Council of Texas are preparing for the upcoming Texas Legislature, where we will advocate for a "conservation tax exemption" for landowners who manage their property for wildlife, and fight bills that ask taxpayers to compensate business and industry for not destroying habitat. If you can help, please send this form to the SWRO for more information.

Yes! Please sign me up!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Send information on getting involved.

Send to: SWRO, 2525 Wallingwood, suite #301,
Austin, TX 78746

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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.

Articles may be submitted to the editor:

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Christmas Bird Counts

Bob Johnson

Bob Johnson is the compiler for both counts. Reach him at 757-1876. This 95th annual count will be one of over 1700 conducted in North and Central America during this end of December.

Leaders are assigned for each sector of the count circle, as people volunteer to help they will be assigned to one of the leaders. A more detailed discussion of how counts are conducted will be held at the general meeting on December 12, 1994.

Novices and newcomers are welcomed and encouraged to come help. All participants are asked to pay a fee, which helps defray the cost of editing and publishing the results. The amount is \$5 of which the chapter will pay \$2.

If you live within the El Paso count circle and cannot get

out, call and volunteer to count birds in your yard. The Cedar Waxwing or Red-naped Sapsucker may be the only ones seen that day. We always have a few species that are not seen on count day, we report these others as being in area on count week.

Would you like to take part in other counts during the holidays? Here are some:

- Sun., Dec 18 - Las Cruces
- Sun., Dec 18 - Ft. Davis
- Wed., Dec 28 - Big Bend, Chicos Mtns.
- Thu., Dec 29 - Big Bend, Rio Grande Village
- Mon., Jan 2 - Caballo Dam

(Observations, continued from page 9.)

<u>VARIED THRUSH</u>	10/9	(FP)	Hor
<u>RUFUS-BACKED ROBIN</u>	10/16-10/?	(BZ-Mob)	D/O
<u>GRAY CATBIRD</u>	10/9	(DE)	HTK
	11/1	(JZ)	Can
<u>SPRAGUE'S PIPET</u>	10/9+	(DE/BN-Mob)	Sod
<u>SOL. VIREO (EASTERN)</u>	10/13	(BZ)	FBP

WARBLERS

<u>CHESTNUT-SIDED WBLR</u>	9/24	(DE/BN)	D/O
	10/16	(BZ)	D/O
<u>BLCK-THRTD GRAY WBLR</u>	10/9	(CW)	STA
	10/9	(JP)	Sun
Townsend's Wblr	9/24	(DE/BN)	D/O
	10/20	(BJ)	CCA
<u>BLACKPOLL WBLR</u>	10/13	(BZ)	FBP
<u>AMERICAN REDSTART</u>	9/18+	(JK-Mob)	D/O
	10/9	(CW)	STA

DICKCISSEL TO LONGSPUR

<u>DICKCISSEL</u>	9/18	(BJ)	FBP
<u>SAGE SPARROW</u>	10/22	(JK-ft)	FBP
<u>BAIRD'S SPARROW</u>	10/11	(JP)	Sod
	10/22	(DE/BN)	Sod
<u>GRASSHOPPER SPROW</u>	10/11	(JP)	Sod
	10/16	(BZ)	Sod
<u>WHITE-THROATED SPROW</u>	10/23	(SH)	HTK
	10/?	(RT)	EPC
<u>MCCOWN LONGSPUR</u>	9/29	(DE/BN)	Sod
	10/16	(BZ)	Sod
<u>LAPLAND LONGSPUR</u>	10/23	(JK)	Sod
<u>CHESTNUT-COLRD LNSPUR</u>	10/9	(DE/BN-Mob)	Sod
	10/27	(BZ)	FBP

On The Trail

Dec 94

Upper Valley

Meet at the Crossroads Pond (Doniphan at Country Club Rd.) at 7:30 AM on Saturday, December 10. Our trip starts there at the Pond for many for the many swimming birds who have begun there winter stay here in El Paso. From there we will travel through the Upper Valley area; an itinerary has not been set because of the many good places for birding this time of year. We will probably stop at a few places along the river and irrigation canals that have a history of attracting Belted Kingfishers, Black Phoebes, Wood Ducks and other birds that make this a great field trip. The trip should be completed by Noon, so you can finish your Christmas shopping. Contact Nancy Wilson (833-3907) if you think you will be participating in the trip.

Hueco Tanks and the Christmas Bird Count

The first bird count for the season will take place on Saturday, December 17 at the beautiful Hueco Tanks State Park. Bob Johnson has all the details on the Observations Page. If you have never been to Hueco Tanks or have never been on a Christmas Bird Count, then this is your chance to get in some great birding as well as add to the scientific data base about birds in North America.

The El Paso Christmas Bird Count

This is the second bird count for the season, and it centers on the City of El Paso. The details are on the Observations Page or contact Bob Johnson for more information. The count will be held on Saturday, December 31.

Bosque Del Apache

This is always the big trip of the year, and for good reason.

The sight of 40,000 Snow Geese taking flight can warm anybody's heart on a cold January morning. Meet at Transmountain Rd. and I-10 at 7:30 AM on Saturday, January 14 to begin the trip to the Bosque. This will be an overnight trip, so plan on returning on the afternoon of Sunday, January 15. The leader of the trip will be Nancy Wilson, who should be contacted for more details (833-3907). Hotels are available in Socorro, NM and there is an RV park just outside the refuge.

Celebrate Audubon

Join other Auduboners in Houston on Saturday, January 21 and Sunday, January 22, to celebrate Audubon. The Southwest Regional Office and the Audubon Foundation of Texas are putting together a great weekend of entertainment and education centered on the John James Audubon watercolor exhibit at the Houston Museum of Fine Arts. This will be a complete package including:

- ✓ Visit to the John James Audubon watercolor exhibit at the Houston Museum of Fine Arts
- ✓ Behind the scene visit to the Houston Zoo to learn about the Attwater Prairie Chicken captive breeding program.
- ✓ Guided tour of the Katy Prairie, home to thousands of wintering geese and ducks.
- ✓ Dinner at Houston Audubon's sanctuary.
- ✓ Audubon market: patches, T-shirts, books, checklists and other items from Audubon chapters for sale.
- ✓ Group rate at nice hotels.
- ✓ Package price: Audubon members \$30; Non Audubon members \$35.

For more information, contact Audubon's Southwest Regional Office, 2525 Wallingwood #301, Austin, TX 78746, (512) 327-1943.

Observations

September 16, 1994 - - November 15, 1994
 Uncommon, RARE, and CASUAL sightings

Due to space limitations only one or two sightings are listed, although in many cases more were reported.

(Observers: Craig Braginton, Karen Braginton, Tess Cardenas, Doug Emkalns, Ken Futrell, Richard Hermosillo, Sallie Homan, Hugh Jameson, Bob Johnson, Karen Kaplan, John Kiseda, Eve McCullough, Bruce Neville, Al Olivas, Jim Paton, Flora Pitard, Patricia Russell, John Sproul, Rae Thomas, Geri Tillett, Chad Wayne, Jimmy Zabreski, Barry Zimmer. yd-yard, ft-field trip, Mob-many observers)

Var.-Various dates.

Ant-Anthony area; Can-Canutillo area; CCA-Country club area; DMA-Doniphan Marsh D/O-Durlings/Owens area; EPC-El Paso County; FLk-Feather Lake; FtB-Fort Bliss; FBP-Fort Bliss Ponds; FkM-Franklin Mts; HoL-Holloman Lakes; Hor-Horizon City; HTK-Hueco Tanks; Mem-Memorial Park; MsP-Messilla Park; Mis-Mission Hills; Sod-Sod Farm; Sun-Sunland Park area; Vin-Vinton Area; EPZ-El Paso Zoo.

GREBES TO MERGANSERS

<u>HORNED GREBE</u>	10/9	(JK)	FBP
Western Grebe	Var.	(Mob)	FBP
<u>WHITE PELICAN</u>	9/17	(SH)	HoL
	10/9	(C&KB)	FBP
DBLE-CREST CORMORANT	10/9	(PR)	DMA
<u>LEAST BITTERN</u>	10/1	(JS)	FLk
<u>TRI-COLORED HERON</u>	9/16-9/20	(SH)	CCA
<u>WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE</u>	10/28	(AO)	FBP
	11/12	(TC)	Can
Snow Goose	10/9-11/13	(JS-Mob)	FLk
CANADA GOOSE	10/9-11/13	(JS-Mob)	FLk
WOOD DUCK	10/30	(JK)	Sun
<u>RD-BRSTD MERGANSER</u>	10/6	(SH)	FBP

BIRDS OF PREY

OSPREY	Var.	(JS)	FLk
	11/13	(RH)	Can
<u>NO. GOSHAWK</u>	9/18	(SH)	FBP
<u>HARRIS'S HAWK</u>	All	(Mob)	FBP
<u>BROAD-WINGED HAWK</u>	10/1	(JP)	D/O
Red-Tailed (<u>HARLAN'S</u>)	11/13	(RH)	Can
FERRUGINOUS Hawk	10/	(RT)	EPC
Golden Eagle	10/21	(RH)	FkM
MERLIN	10/13	(BZ)	Mem
<u>PEREGRINE FALCON</u>	10/10	(BZ)	Sod
	11/5	(SH)	STA

RAILS TO SAPSUCKERS

Sora	9/18	(PR)	Dmr
	9/18	(BJ)	FBP
BAIRD'S SANDPIPER	9/18	(BJ)	FBP
	10/9	(C&KB)	FBP

RD-NECKD PHALAROPE	9/18	(SH)	FBP
BONAPART'S GULL	10/24	(BJ)	FBP
	11/1	(CB)	Vin
Black Tern	9/24	(PR)	CCA
BARN OWL	10/8	(JS)	FLk
FLAMMULATED OWL	10/2	(SH/KF)	FkM
Broad-tailed hummer	10/5	(PR)	STA
<u>WHITE-EARED HUMMER</u>	10/12-10/20	(EM)	Mis
<u>ACORN WOODPECKER</u>	9/18	(KF)	FkM
	10/7	(DE/BN)	HTK
Rd-naped Sapsucker	10/2	(SH/KF)	FkM
	10/27	(BZ)	D/O
<u>WILLMSN SAPSUCKER</u>	10/2	(SH/KF)	FkM

FLYCATCHERS TO CROWS

HAMMOND'S FLYCTCHR	9/24	(DE/BN)	D/O
	10/27	(BZ)	FBP
VERMILLION FLYC.	10/23	(SH)	STA
<u>GREAT-CRESTD FLYC.</u>	10/1	10/1	Ant
<u>PURPLE MARTIN</u>	10/9	(C&KB)	FBP
CAVE SWALLOW	10/1	(JS)	FLk
<u>BLACK-BILLD MAGPIE</u>	9/18	(JK)	Sun
	10/17	(SH)	Sun
<u>STELLER'S JAY</u>	10/4	(HJ)	FkM
	10/27	(AO)	FtB
<u>PINYON JAY</u>	10/	(JT)	Mes
<u>GREEN JAY</u>	11/15	(KK)	Zoo
American Crow	10/30	(CB)	Can

NUTHATCHES TO VIREOS

Rd-breastd Nuthtch	10/1	(DE/BN)	CCA
WHITE-BREASTD NUTHTCH	10/1	(DE/BN)	CCA
BLACK-TAIL GNATCTCHR	10/2	(SH/KF)	FkM
<u>MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD</u>	11/5	(SH)	Sod
<u>SWAINSON' THRUSH</u>	10/22	(SH)	D/O

CALENDAR


December

- Sat., 3 - Feather Lake open, 8:00 AM to Noon.
- Sun., 4 - Feather Lake open, 2:00 PM to Dusk.
- Tue., 6 - Board Meeting
- Sat., 10 - Field Trip to Upper Valley, see page 8.
- Sun., 11 - Feather Lake open, 2:00 PM to Dusk.
- Mon., 12 - General Meeting, see page 1.
- Sat., 17 - Hueco Tanks Christmas Bird Count.
- Sat., 17 - Feather Lake open, 8:00 AM to Dusk.
- Sun., 18 - Feather Lake open, 2:00 PM to Dusk.
- Sat., 31 - El Paso Christmas Bird Count

January

- Sat., 7 - Feather Lake open 8:00 AM to Noon.
- Sun., 8 - Feather Lake open 2:00 PM to Dusk.
- Mon., 9 - Board Meeting at George Barnett's home, 600 Espina Dulce, 581-1829, 7:30 PM.
- Sat., 14 - Sun., 15 - Field Trip to Bosque Del Apache NWR, see page 8.
- Sun., 15 - Feather Lake open, 2:00 PM to Dusk.
- Mon., 16 - General Meeting, see page 1.
- Sat., 21 - Feather Lake open, 8:00 AM to Noon.
- Sat., 21 - Feather Lake workday.
- Sat., 21 - Sun., 22 - Celebrate Audubon, see page 8.
- Sun., 22 - Feather Lake open, 2:00 PM to Dusk.
- Mon., 23 - Sanctuary Committee Meeting.
- Sun., 29 - Feather Lake open, 2:00 PM to Dusk.



would like to wish all of the members and friends of the El Paso Trans/Pecos Audubon Society a very happy holiday season and prosperous New Year. Happy Birding in 1995! 

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