

# The ROADRUNNER



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The El Paso/Trans Pecos Audubon Society meets on the third Monday of each month, September through May. The general meetings are held at the Garden Center, Memorial Park, 3105 Grant, El Paso, Texas. The public is cordially invited.

### SPECIAL TO EARTH DAY VISITORS

Thanks to all of the visitors who stopped by our displays at Cielo Vista Mall and UTEP; and also to the many who toured Feather Lake Wildlife Sanctuary. You can help us to continue our conservation and education work in the El Paso - Las Cruces area and across the country by becoming a member of the National Audubon Society. Here is a membership application to help you "Speak for Nature".

Your annual membership in the National Audubon Society includes a subscription to THE ROADRUNNER, the newsletter of the El Paso Trans/Pecos Audubon Society. If you would like to receive just THE ROADRUNNER, the new annual subscription rate is only \$5.00. Of course everyone is cordially welcome to join us at our general meetings and field trips. For more information about Audubon contact any of the officers listed below.

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My check for \$20 is enclosed.

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CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Send this application and your check to:**

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HOW TO CLEAN A BEACH

We have all seen reports of Texas beaches fouled by garbage washed up from the Gulf of Mexico. The characteristics of current, weather, and circulation patterns make the Gulf and particularly Gulf beaches subject to pollution from ocean-dumped garbage. This seemed to be one of those things that we as individuals were powerless to do anything about. Now there is something we can do.

Dede Armentrout, Regional Vice President of the National Audubon Society, is asking our support to make the Gulf of Mexico a "special area" under MARPOL, Annex V. Such a designation would prevent ocean dumping of any garbage except finely ground food particles in the Gulf of Mexico.

Take a minute to write to the two individuals listed below to express your interest to have the special designation for the Gulf of Mexico brought up at the upcoming convention of the International Maritime Organization.

Honorable James A. Baker, III  
Secretary of State  
Department of State  
2201 C Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20520-2001

Admiral J. William Kime  
Commandant of United States Coast Guard  
2100 Second Street  
(G-C/2208)  
Washington, D.C. 20593-0001

Copies of MS. Armentrout's letters to these gentlemen are available from your newsletter editor, George Barnett, 581-1829. Millions of Texans will appreciate your support.



SPEAKING OF GARBAGE

In the weeks preceeding Earth Day, the national media made much of the problems of solid waste, landfills filling up with plastics, various plastic gizmos fouling the environment and endangering wildlife, and so on.

So what do we have at our general meetings? Plastic and Styrofoam cups, of all things! Sure, they're convenient, but you know the story. In the future how about bringing your own non-disposable cup to the meetings. John Sproul has already started doing just that. It's a small thing, but it's all those people doing small things that add up to making a big difference.



Are nongame wildlife and endangered species important Texas resources? You bet! So help ensure their future: buy a TEXAS NONGAME STAMP or DECAL. You'll be contributing directly to the nongame and endangered species conservation efforts of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

	Qty.	Each	Total
1989 Nongame Stamp		\$5	
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Please make checks payable to:  
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P.O. Box 9655, El Paso, TX 79986

## ON THE TRAIL

## BREEDING BIRD SURVEY

On Sat. June 9th, John Sproul will again help us determine what birds are breeding on the East side of the Franklins. Come on out, you'll be amazed at the number of different birds and the type of nests they build. We will meet at two different times at the Wilderness Park Museum. To see and hear the early birds be there at 6:45 AM. For those who cannot be there that early, come to the same place at 7:45 AM. For info call John at (h545-5157 or b541-6126).

## WEST COTTONWOOD SPRINGS

Scott Cutler (584-2476) will show you some of the birds that are to be found on the West side of the Franklins, some are different than those found on the east side. We will be looking for the Black-chinned sparrow and Scott's Oriole, we should see the Black-throated sparrow and Ash-throated Flycatcher. The hike up to the springs is about 2 miles and medium steep over some loose rock. Bring water and a snack. Meet on TransMountain Road at the entrance to Tom Mays Park at 7:15 AM on Sun. the 24th of June.

## MOUNTAIN BIRDS

During the weekend of June 30/July 1 Anne Bowman will lead us around Cloudcroft, NM from her cabin in the pines. Bald-tailed Pigeons, Evening Grosbeaks, Stellar Jays, and Western Bluebirds are good possibilities. We might locate a Hairy Woodpecker and the American Dipper. Also planned is a tour of SUNSPOT. Meeting place is the K-Mart parking lot (9484 Dyer St.) at 7:30 AM on Sat the 30th, Pot Luck picnic Sat. evening. If you are thinking of going call Anne (591-2984) or Bob Johnson (751-0125h/757-1876b rcrdr).



Wood Thrush

## MESSY PEOPLE

Its that time again, time to pick up the trash others throw along the highway. Our 2 mile stretch of US 62/180 cannot clean itself, so we must help. Remember only 2/10ths of a mile per couple that's not very much. We will meet at the Flying Saucer Building, which is located at the entrance road to Hueco Tanks State Park, at its junction with US 62/180. This will take place at 7:30 AM on Sat. July 28th. Trash Busting over at 10 AM, then BIRDING in the park until noon. For those that would like bring a lunch and picnic with the leader, Bob Johnson, phone #'s left column.

## SLEEP SUNDAY

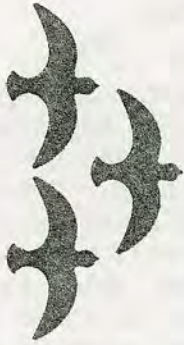
Guess what? A field trip and you do not have to get up before sunrise. On Sun. 5 Aug we will meet at the crossroads ponding area (Doniphan & Mesa) at 4:15 PM, that's in the afternoon, hooray. Its always good birding in the Country Club/Randel's Pool area, regardless what time of day it is. Mississippi Kites and Phainopepla are good bets. Any questions call Joyce Davis (h581-9470 or b5446772).

## GILA FOREST WEEKEND

A chance to see a different part of the Gila. The Burro Mountains and Red Rock are in the Lordsburg area. Good birds flitting amongst the tree branches and along the Gila river in the brush. Who knows, maybe a Zone-tailed Hawk soaring overhead with Turkey Vultures or a Hepatic Tanager in the tree tops. The New Mexico Fish and Game Dept. operates a Wildlife Management area in Red Rock where they have Desert Big Horn Sheep, maybe some of those could be seen. Motels in Lordsburg and camping up the Tyrone Rd. The Red Rock road is about 5 miles NE of Lordsburg. Leader undesignated for further details call Larry Jordan (833-369) 11/12 AUG

## LOOKING AT SEPTEMBER

Sat. 8th. Central El Paso Parks.  
Sat/Sun. 15/16. Fort Davis State Park.  
Sun. 30th. La Cueva, Organ Mts.



## AUDUBON BIRDATHON

What a weekend! We covered the El Paso area like never before on May 5-6 and found a remarkable 167 species of local birds. This total tops our previous high of 163 species found in 1985. (The two totals aren't strictly comparable since previous Birdathons have taken place on a single calendar day rather than over two days.)

In many ways the count was surprising. Shorebirds and warblers usually figure prominently in a good spring count. We did alright with shorebirds (15 species vs. a Birdathon high of 17 in 1989), but our warbler total was decidedly low (8 species vs. a high of 16 in 1974). We made up for it, though, with an all-time Birdathon high for ducks (16 species) and by equaling our all-time highs for sparrows (17 species) and blackbirds, meadowlarks and orioles (12 species).

Among the top finds for the weekend: an immature Little Blue Heron near the Rio Grande below Ft. Quitman, a late Common Merganser at Ft. Hancock Reservoir, an Osprey near Tornillo reservoir, a Snowy Plover at Madden Lake, a Semipalmated Sandpiper along the Rio Grande, a Common Nighthawk at the Ft. Bliss Sewage Ponds, a lingering vagrant Black-billed Magpie in El Paso's upper valley, and a male Hepatic Tanager at Hueco Tanks. The Little Blue Heron and the Black-billed Magpie were both firsts for Birdathon.

Not all the good birds were spotted by counters in the field. Folks watching their yards also contributed important finds, including a Cooper's Hawk in Anthony, a pair of Lazuli Buntings in El Paso's upper valley, a late Rufous-sided Towhee in Horizon City and a Hooded Oriole in Mountain Park.

It was a wonderful weekend of birding. And all for some wonderful causes. Each species found translated into money raised for our Feather Lake Wildlife Sanctuary, Chihuahuan Desert Wildlife Rescue, our scholarship and Audubon Adventures programs, our conservation work, and Audubon's Southwest Regional Office.

Once again, the success of Birdathon was due to the help of many people: our counters, our pledge recruiters, and many, many generous sponsors. Special

### HELP!

Did you read the article on Southwest Regional Vice-President Dede Armentrout in the latest AUDUBON magazine? It just scratches the surface on all that Audubon's Southwest Regional Office (SWRO) does for the environment. In 1987, National Audubon proposed eliminating its Southwest regional representative position. To avert this disaster, Audubon chapters in Texas committed to raising the funds (currently \$38,500 annually) needed to keep that position in place. Birdathon has been the main fundraising vehicle. We've worked hard at it, but each year have raised only about half the funds needed. In past years, the SWRO has made up the difference, either through other funding sources or reduced expenses. That can't continue indefinitely. The Audubon Council of Texas is looking at long-term solutions to this funding problem, but right now we need your help. If you did not make a Birdathon contribution, please consider a special donation to help keep the SWRO at full strength. Checks, payable to National Audubon Society, may be sent to Dede Armentrout, NAS, 2525 Wallingwood, Suite 1505, Austin, TX 78746. All contributions are tax-deductible. Thanks!

thanks are due Joyce Davis, Jane Fowler, Larry Jordan and Bob Johnson for their roles in helping prepare for the event. Extra special thanks go to Bettie Roberts for ably keeping the Birdathon books at a very trying time and Tom Baker for designing and creating the outstanding Grand Prize for our Birdathon drawing.

Speaking of the drawing, the lucky winners were: R. J. Armstrong (bird feeder), Helen Barto (34-quart cooler), Lena Leahey (terra-cotta rabbit), Jimmy Walker (framed Golden Eagle print) and Grand Prize-winner Anne Hussmann (stained glass window of Black-necked Stilts).

To everyone who supported our 1990 Birdathon, THANKS! Look for a final Birdathon report in the September newsletter. /John Sproul/

#### ENDANGERED SPECIES ACTIONS

There have been some important developments recently concerning two high-profile birds in our region, the Mexican Spotted Owl and the Golden-cheeked Warbler:

Mexican Spotted Owl. Last December, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) received a formal petition to add the Mexican Spotted Owl to the federal list of threatened and endangered species. On March 28, the USFWS announced that listing the owl may be warranted and began a status review. Under the Endangered Species Act, the USFWS now must determine by December 22, 1990 whether this southwestern subspecies of the Spotted Owl warrants listing. You can express your views or provide information on the owl by writing Mr. Michael Spear, Regional Director, USFWS, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, NM 87103.

Golden-cheeked Warbler. On May 4, the USFWS announced an emergency listing of the Golden-cheeked Warbler as an en-

dangered species, citing ongoing and imminent loss of its central Texas breeding habitat to both legal and illegal clearing. At the same time, the USFWS published a proposed rule to give the Golden-cheek permanent protection as an endangered species.

The Golden-cheeked Warbler nests only in central Texas in mature Ashe juniper-oak woodlands. It winters in Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Mexico and possibly Belize. A recent status survey found losses of 15-45% of Golden-cheek habitat in Texas over about a 10-year period. Losses have been particularly severe in Travis County, where some of the best habitat remains.

The emergency listing is in force for only 240 days, and the USFWS may take up to a year before finalizing the proposed permanent listing. After the 240 days have passed, there may be a period of up to 4 months during which the Golden-cheek is again without Endangered Species Act protection unless the permanent listing is expedited. The USFWS took a strong stand by giving the Golden-cheeked Warbler emergency protection. Please write Mike Spear at the above address to thank him and urge that he expedite the permanent listing.

#### SCOTT ABLE TIMBER SALE APPEAL

Last August, our organization joined with the Mesilla Valley Audubon Society and Elk Mountain Action in an appeal of the proposed Scott Able timber sale on Lincoln National Forest lands in the Sacramento Mountains. The appeal was based on the sale's potential impact on Spotted Owls and other wildlife. After delaying a decision on the appeal several times, the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) finally announced in early April it was withdrawing the sale.

Great news, right? Clearly, the USFS had recognized the merit of the appeal and decided to go back to the drawing

board and design a better sale. Not so. On April 27, the USPS simply re-proposed the same sale. The same basic shortcomings remain, so, barring new developments, it will probably again be appealed.

#### TEXTBOOK PROJECT HONORED

The joint project of the Audubon Council of Texas (ACT) and the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club to improve the environmental content of textbooks used in Texas schools has received national recognition! Renew America, a non-profit environmental education organization, began a National Environmental Achievement Awards program this year called "Searching for Success." The Audubon/Sierra Club textbook review project was one of the first award winners. Congratulations to all involved! The project can always use new volunteers to help review proposed textbooks. If you want more information or wish to volunteer, please contact chapter ACT delegate John Sproul (915/545-5157).

#### CHIHUAHUAN DESERT WILDLIFE RESCUE

Some of the key players in Chihuahuan Desert Wildlife Rescue's wildlife-rehabilitation network are the folks who help transport injured animals to veterinarians or rehabilitators for care. Joe Groff, Anne Hussmann, John White and Nancy Wilson all deserve accolades for their work in this regard. They do a great job covering east, northeast and west El Paso. CDWR needs someone in central El Paso, though, who can cover that part of town. If you can help, please contact Helen Bigelow (882-2910).

#### IN SYMPATHY

El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon extends its sympathy and good thoughts to Bettie Roberts following the recent loss of her husband Maurice.

#### RUMMAGE ALERT

Our annual rummage sale is now a mere 5 months away. Don't wait till the last minute! If you have unwanted saleable items you wish to get rid of, please consider giving them to Audubon. We can sell most items that are clean and in good repair or are repairable. If you're on the east side of town, please contact Bob Johnson (751-0125 or 757-1876); on the west side, Anne Hussmann (584-4081). We continue to need storage space for large items; please call Bob if you can help.

#### CAN FESTIVAL DRAWS NEAR

Also fast approaching is El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon's annual Aluminum Can Festival. The parades, the parties, the cultural events are all secondary, of course, to the presentation of the coveted "Mr./Ms. Recycling" award. It goes to the individual who, during the summer, contributes the most aluminum cans to our recycling efforts. Enter early! Enter often! Bring your empty cans to our summer field trips or call Bob Johnson (751-0125 or 757-1876) or Bart Runaker (544-6432) to arrange for a home pick-up. The award will be presented at our September general meeting.

#### BIRDING I-10

Open the April 1990 BIRDING magazine, and you'll see some familiar places. BIRDING begins its new series "Birding the Interstate Highways" with "Interstate 10 - El Paso to Junction, Texas." Authors Mark Lockwood, Barry Zimmer and Paul Lehman lead you to a variety of birding hot spots easily accessible off I-10. In the El Paso area, these include W. Cottonwood Spring, Crossroads Pond and nearby residential areas, Memorial Park, Tornillo Lakes, Tornillo Rest Stop, and Ft. Hancock Reservoir. Farther east, you'll learn about L. Balmorhea and sites near Sheffield and Junction. Check it out.

## OBSERVATIONS

March 14 - May 14, 1990  
 uncommon, rare & casual sightings

AP - Apache Spring  
 Can - Canutillo  
 CP - Crossroads Pond  
 DP - Doniphan Pond  
 DT - Downtown  
 FL - Feather Lake  
 FB - Fort Bliss ponds  
 FH - Ft. Hancock  
 FQ - Ft. Quitman  
 FM - Franklin Mtns.  
 GL - Gary Lane pond  
 HT - Hueco Tanks  
 ICR - Indian Cliffs Ranch  
 LA - Lombardy Ave.  
 ML - Madden Lake  
 MeP - Memorial Park  
 NPS - Newman Power Station  
 RC-T - Rio Grande, Tornillo  
 RG-CC - Rio Grande, Country Club  
 RP - Randel's Pool  
 SS - Socorro Sewage ponds  
 TR - Tornillo rest stop  
 WP - Wilderness Park Museum

Sightings by a field trip member are noted by a (+) after the leader's initials; sightings in an observer's yard or area are indicated by an (\*) after his or her initials. This list does not include all Birdathon sightings.

## LOONS - FALCONS

Double-crested cormorants - 4/7 NPS,  
 5/3-6 FH (JS,JD,JF,SS,SD,MC)  
Olivaceous cormorant - 5/5  
Great egret - 5/3, 5/5 (JS,MC,JF,SS)  
Cattle egret - 4/6 FL (JS); 5/6 ICR  
 (JS,SD); 4/22 FL (JD)  
Little blue heron - 5/5 FQ (LJ)  
Wood duck - 4/26 EPCC (BR); 5/5 GL (BJ) ✓  
Pintail duck - 5/3 SS (JS)  
Blue wing teal - 5/2 EPCC (BJ) ✓  
Cinnamon teal - 4/6 FL (JS,JF); 4/15 -  
 5/6 DP (JD)  
Ring neck duck - 5/6 FH (JD,SD)  
Lesser scaup - 5/5 FB (JS,JF,SS); 5/6  
 FH (JD,SD)  
Goldeneye - 3/30 MSL (A/MG)  
Bufflehead - 5/4 FB (JS,MC,JD); 3/30  
 MSL (A/MG)

Osprey - 5/5 RG-T (JS,JF,SS)  
Mississippi Kite - 5/6 (JD,P/MR)  
Common black hawk - 4/1 RR CC (M/JC)  
Harris hawk - 5/3 ML (JS,MC)  
Golden eagle - 5/5 FM (JG)  
Peregrine falcon - 4/3 DT (JS)  
Prairie falcon 5/5 HT (BJ)

## QUAIL - WOODPECKERS

Sora - 4/21, 5/3 FL (JS,MC)  
Snowy plover - 5/6 ML (JD,SD)  
Greater yellowlegs - 5/4 (JS,MC); 3/30  
 MSL (A/MG)  
Solitary sandpiper - 5/3 ML (JS,MC);  
 5/5 (JS,JF,SS)  
Long billed curlew - 4/16 FL (JS)  
Marbled godwit - 4/10 Can (JZ)  
Franklin's gull - 5/5 FL (JS,JF,SS)  
Forester's tern - 5/4-6 FB,FH,FL (JD,  
 MC, JS,JI)  
Black tern - 5/13 CP (BJ)  
Barn Owl - 5/4 FB (JS,MC,JD)  
Broad tailed hummingbird - 4/7 AS (BJ+)  
Belted kingfisher - 5/3, 5/6 HT, FL (JS,  
 MC)

## FLYCATCHER - VIREO

Olive sided flycatcher - 5/4 MP (JS,MC,  
 JD)  
Willow flycatcher - 5/5 FM (JG); 5/6  
 HT (JS)  
Vermillion flycatcher - 5/5 FQ (LJ,BJ)  
Cassin's kingbird - 5/3 ML (JS,MC)  
Scrub Jay - 5/4-5 MP,HT (JS,MC,JD,JF,SS)  
Bewick's wren - 4/15 FM (JS)  
Blue-gray gnatcatcher - 4/2 (\*A/MG)  
Western bluebird - 3/8 Can (JZ)  
Mountain bluebird - 3/8,4/16 Can (JZ);  
 3/30 MSL (A/MG)  
Townsend's solitaire - 3/18 MSL (A/MG);  
 5/5 FB (M/PR)  
Varied thrush - 5/10 Somerset (\*K/JC)  
Gray catbird - 5/12 MP (SS+)  
Brown thrasher - 3/23 (\*A/MG)  
Warbling vireo - 5/5 MP (JS,JF)

## WARBLERS - WEAVER FINCH

Orange crowned warbler - 5/5 MP (JS,JF,  
 SS)  
Nashville warbler - 5/6 HT (JS)  
Black throated gray warbler - 4/26 (\*BR)  
Yellow throated warbler - 4/6 FL (JS,JF)

## OBSERVATIONS (continued)

Worm eating warbler - 5/2 (\*A/MG)  
 Mac Gillivray's warbler - 5/12 MP (SS+)  
 Hepatic Tanager - 5/5 HT (JS,JF)  
 Black headed grosbeak - 5/6 HT(JS); 5/5  
 RP (JD)  
 Green tailed towhee 5/5 FM (JG)  
 Cassin's sparrow - 5/3-5 WP (JS,MC,JD,  
 JF, SS)  
 Savannah Sparrow - 5/5 FM (JG)  
 Eastern meadowlark - 5/5 WPM (JS,JF,SS,  
 JG); 5/6 HT (JS)  
 Yellow headed blackbird - 5/3 ICR (JS,  
 MC); 5/5 DP (JD); 4/7 FL  
 Bronzed cowbird - 5/6 TR (JD,SD)  
 Hooded oriole - 4/12 (\*PB)

OBSERVERS: Paul Bingham, Mike Chintis,  
 Ken & Jerry cooper, Joyce Davis, Sarah  
 Dodds, Jane Fowler, Al & Madeline Gavit,  
 Joe Guinn, Bob Johnson, Larry Jordan,  
 Mark/Peggy Reide, Susie Schneider,,John  
 Sproul, James Zabriskie.

Observations Editor: Joyce Davis, 200 N.  
 Mesa Hills Dr., 79912, 581-9470.

## FEATHER LAKE NEWS

If numbers are any indication, Earth Day  
 weekend (April 21-22) at Feather Lake was  
 a roaring success. We had tours sched-  
 uled every hour on the hour, and several  
 hundred people turned out to visit.  
 Nearly all took the 1-mile walk around  
 the basin, and our spiffy new restroom  
 was very popular and much appreciated.  
 We'll have to plan more guided tours for  
 the fall when our ducks are in residence.

Thanks to Anne Hussmann and Nancy Wilson,  
 11 volunteers were well-fed and enliven-  
 ed by a St. Patrick's Day lunch on sanc-  
 tuary work day, March 17. These ladies  
 even made the desert and beverage the  
 appropriate color for the occasion.  
 Thanks also to all you good people who  
 came out to work on March 17 and May 19.  
 As you know, we always have plenty of  
 jobs to go around.

June 23

July 21

August 25

These are the Feather Lake work days  
 scheduled during the summer. If you are  
 in town and have a few hours to spare,  
 come on down to the sanctuary. We'll  
 quit early before the heat gets too in-  
 tense. Wishing you happy days and good  
 birding wherever you are this summer.  
 //Jane Fowler, Sanctuary Chair//

## FEATHER LAKE THANK YOUS

It's time to say thank you again to all  
 Feather Lake volunteers both for the  
 chapter and for myself.

The following volunteers kept the sanc-  
 tuary open for visitors this past seas-  
 on: Ginny and Tom Baker, Mary Bradley,  
 Helen Barto, Jean Coyle, Joyce Davis,  
 Jane Fowler, Richard Hermsillo, Anne  
 Hussmann, Hugh Jameson, Bob Johnson,  
 Jo Nagel, Betty Pagel, Iola Pennington,  
 Susie Schneider, Lorraine and John  
 Snelling, and Nancy Wilson.

I hope the improvements at Feather Lake  
 and the success of Earth Day will make  
 all of you look forward to helping  
 again next season.  
 //Jeannette Cole//

## A BOOK FAIR IN YOUR FUTURE

While you are taking advantage of the  
 Labor Day sales in Cielo Vista Mall on  
 September 1, plan to pop into B DALTON  
 Bookseller and do some shopping. Our  
 chapter is having a Book Fair at the  
 store that day. Books make great gifts  
 for those you know having birthdays.  
 Or start your Christmas shopping early  
 (something you plan to do every year--  
 remember?). Chapter members will be at  
 the table in front of the store; we'll  
 have a small display set up as well.  
 Mark your calendar - September 1. If  
 you can donate some time to be "on  
 duty" at B DALTON, contact Jane Fowler  
 at 598-2448.



## AUDUBON'S POSTER CONTEST

Over one hundred posters were submitted for our poster contest commemorating Earth Day. The selection committee had a difficult time in choosing the following winners.

## Grades 4-6

- 1st place - Travis Magar, Ross Middle School  
 2nd place - Omar Ramos, Ross Middle School  
 3rd place - (tie)  
 Oscar Zarzoza, Roberts Elementary  
 Karina Aberto, Roberts Elementary  
 Michael Garcia, Ross Middle School

## Grades 7-8

- 1st place - Louis Martinez, Crocket Intermediate  
 David Acosta, Crocket Intermediate  
 2nd place - Mr. Calamusso's Science Class, Lincoln Junior High  
 3rd place - Gabriel Reyes, Magoffin Middle School

Congratulations to the winners and all of the other participants. Thank you for a job well done

## NEW SUBSCRIPTION RATE

The new annual subscription rate for the ROADRUNNER is now \$5.00. Hey, c'mon, it's cheap at twice the price.

## CANS TO CONGRESS

Getting tired of all those cans and bottles littering the streets, yards, even wilderness? The CANS TO CONGRESS is for you. This is a campaign sponsored by the National container recycling coalition to bring the deposit law issue to our Representatives and Senators in Congress.

It involves sending an aluminum or steel beverage can to Washington. A pile of those arriving is hard to ignore. The idea is to bring attention to HR 586/S 932 - The National Bottle Bill.

Contact Joyce Davis for the large pressure sensitive label designed to facilitate this movement. Joyce can be reached at 581-9470.

## GENERAL MEETINGS

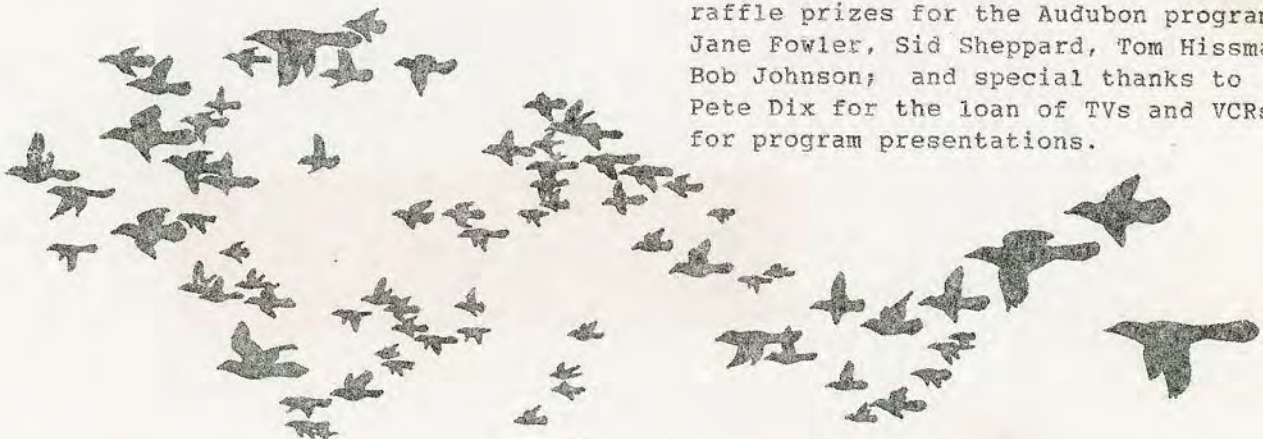
There will be no general meetings during the summer. The next general meeting will be September 17 when we will have a presentation from the International Society for Endangered Cats.

The October general meeting will be presented by Donna Howell, a woman of remarkable accomplishments, reputation and esteem. Her topic will be bats, perhaps one of the most misunderstood group of animals on earth.

More about both of these meetings in the next ROADRUNNER. You will be receiving it in early September.

## THANKS

Thanks to all the people who donated raffle prizes for the Audubon programs: Jane Fowler, Sid Sheppard, Tom Hissmann, Bob Johnson; and special thanks to Pete Dix for the loan of TVs and VCRs for program presentations.



# CALENDAR

## JUNE

- Sat., 9 - Field trip - Breeding Bird Survey. See page 3.  
Mon., 11 - Board meeting at Peggy Reide's home, 569 Bluff Canyon.  
Sat., 23 - Feather Lake work day. See page 8.  
Sat., 30 - Field trip - Cloudcroft, N.M. See page 3.

## JULY

- Mon., 9 - Board meeting at Betty Pagel's home, 6328 Osage.  
Sat., 21 - Feather Lake work day. See page 8.  
Sat., 28 - Field trip - Hueco Tanks. See page 3.

## AUGUST

- Sun., 5 - Field trip - Upper Valley. See page 3.  
Mon., 13 - Board meeting at Lorraine and John Snelling's home, 11689 Tony Tejada.  
Sat., 25 - Feather Lake work day. See page 8.

## September

- Sat., 1 - Book Fair at B DALTON. See page 8.

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