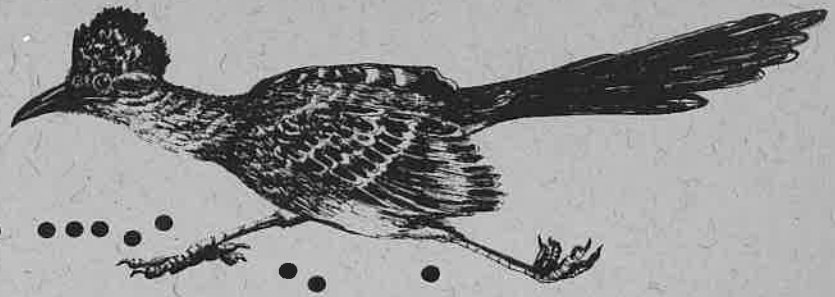


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NOTE: As there will be no December newsletter, all upcoming events through mid-January are listed below.

OPEN HOUSE AT FEATHER LAKE: Saturday, November 19, 8:30 a.m.

Another meet-the-public affair with the added attraction of good waterfowl concentrations at the lake. The lake is located just of the intersection of North Loop Drive and Avenue of the Americas on North Loop Drive.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING, Monday, November 21, 7:30 p.m., El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant

Speaker as yet unconfirmed.

AUDUBON FILM SERIES: Monday, December 12, 7:30 p.m.

Norm Wakeman will present a film entitled "Pacific Shores." In it he will lead us on a wilderness tour up the pacific coast from Baja to Puget Sound. As always, it will be shown in the Union Theater on the UTEP campus. Admission is \$1.00 for adults, \$.50 for students. UTEP students with S.A. card admitted free. Tickets are available at the door on the day of the show.

PLANNING PARTY FOR CHRISTMAS COUNTS: Wednesday, December 14, 7:00 p.m.

This will take the place of our regular monthly meeting. We will plan both the El Paso count and the Hueco Tanks count at this one session. The party will be in the Fiesta Room at the Hillmark Apartments (5000 Alabama). Park on Louisiana near Beaumont Hospital. Notify Joe Guinn (566-8438) in advance if you plan to attend. If you are interested in participating in one or more of the counts, but can't make the planning party; call the editor (751-0552) before the 14th.

LAS CRUCES CHRISTMAS COUNT: Saturday, December 17

We are trying to get a cooperative effort going with the newly formed Audubon group in Las Cruces. They need our help for their count and we need theirs. If you are interested contact the editor at 751-0552.

El Paso Christmas Count: Sunday, December 18

Dawn to dusk birding with the count-up party at Bleicher's afterward. The address is 2809 Hector. Call Bob in advance if you plan to attend (phone 591-7261).

HUECO TANKS CHRISTMAS COUNT: Sunday, January 2

Count up party afterwards at the Barnharts (2200 Febrero). Call Berttye or Bertha in advance if you plan to attend (phone 592-3651).

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING: Monday, January 16, 7:30 p.m., El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant

Dede Armentrout, our Audubon regional representative, will give us a program on the work being carried out by the National Audubon Society. Dede will also tell us about future aims and goals set forth. The last time she was here Dede gave us a very interesting program. Let's give her a big turn-out.

NOTE: IN REGARD TO LAST YEAR'S (1976) EL PASO CHRISTMAS COUNT

It is unfortunate that the comment "poor details-species doubtful" appeared after the Olivaceous Cormorant (American Birds-Vol. 31 No. 4) without first consulting Ruby Allen (compiler), or Lucretia Chew (party leader).

Photographs have been located which were not mentioned because they failed to meet certain photographic standards. However, they seem to present such convincing scientific evidence (verifying the identification) that prints are being sent to leading ornithologists. The results of this and other research, will appear in the next newsletter.

Ruby Allen, Compiler.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

I have been severely disappointed with the sparse turn-out for almost all of our fall activities. In fact, sparse is a rather polite term. Non-existent would be more descriptive. Over 300 people are getting our newsletter each month. Why then do we get only fifteen people at some meetings, and a handful on most field trips?

We have tried to maintain a full schedule of interesting and diverse programs and field trips. If attendance doesn't start picking up however, people will rightfully be reluctant to waste their valuable time in giving programs and leading field trips. On top of that we could lose our charter. Think about it. It's up to you.

NOTE: Your editor has received updated news on development plans for the Chiricahua Mountains in Arizona. I now have specific information on who to write and what to say. This issue is of urgent concern. The canyon (Cave Creek Canyon) and the mountains receive their heaviest use from birders and other nature-oriented people. Yet the only input is coming from an influential minority of ranchers and hunters. Our interests will not be considered unless we write letters immediately. Contact the editor (phone 751-0552) for details.

EDITOR'S NOTE: I would like to give special thanks to Gee Chaffinch, Barry Zimmer, and Mary Zimmer who were invaluable in getting this newsletter, as well as last month's newsletter out. I would also like to wish everyone a happy holiday season.

Adios until January,

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