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Newsletter of the El Paso/Trans Pecos Audubon Society

Chapter Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting, February 19, 6:30 PM - Our chapter's Annual Meeting will be held this year at Carlos and Mickey's Restaurant, 1310 Magruder (at the corner of Brookhollow and Magruder). The dinner itself will cost \$12.00 and there will be a cash bar. As we do each year, we will be presenting our Meritorious Service Award and Conservation Award. See page three for the details on the award recipients. It is important that you call Betty Pagel to reserve a dinner. Betty can be reached at 772-2686

Our speaker for the evening will be Richard Worthington who will be speaking about the rain forest and specifically about the extraordinary diversity of life to be found there. This is a "don't miss" meeting and we'll see you there!

Birds aren't the Only Things to Watch

March General Meeting

General Meeting, Monday, March 18, 7:30 PM - El Paso is surrounded by desert that holds much beauty and many surprises, and the Franklin Mountains are always beckoning. Just in time for those spring hikes into the desert and mountains is Karen Kaplan's slide program on venomous animals of El Paso. The presentation will include identification of venomous and nonvenomous arthropods and reptiles of the area, snake bite prevention and first aid.

Karen is a rehabilitator with the Chihuahuan Desert Wildlife Rescue as well as a Zoo Education Specialist at the El Paso Zoo, where she has been employed for over ten years. She brings a great deal of knowledge to the meeting. Whether you will be birding, camping, hunting or hiking into the desert, this program should not be missed. And it will be presented by a person for whom this is more than just a hobby. The meeting will be held at the Garden Center, 3501 Grant in Memorial Park. See you there!

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Audubon Activist

Support Clinton's Veto of Interior Appropriations Bill

From Audubon's FAXNET Alert of January 4, 1996

Audubon Activist

As the budget debate reaches a crescendo, a critical element is being missed by the media, which is focusing solely on the hardships to

federal workers during the government shutdown. What is being missed is the fact that the funding bills that President Clinton has vetoed all include back door dismantling of our environmental laws, as well as drastic cuts in environmental programs. The greatest number of threats to the laws that Auduboners care most about, habitat protection laws, occur in the Interior appropriations bill.

Action Needed: Please send the following letter by regular or e-mail to the President, while he is considering reaching a deal on the Interior appropriations bill. Also turn this letter into a letter to the editor for your newspaper. (Call the Audubon Actionline for updates on this and other critical issues. We'll keep you posted on the Interior vote and give you late breaking news. Actionline: 1-800-659-2622.)

President William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Clinton,

I am writing to thank you for vetoing the recent Interior Appropriations bill (H.R. 1977) and urge you to stand firm on removing ALL legislative riders from that bill.

These riders would roll back our nation's hard-won environmental protections in a sneak attack on environmental law. I urge you to maintain your firm stand and to continue to lead public discussion to educate

America about what is going on. These riders would:

- Prohibit the Endangered Species Act from protecting some 400 plants and animals facing possible extinction and cripple Interior's Biological Services program;
- Force the likely extinction of the Mt. Graham red squirrel and open clearcutting of nearly 4.5 million

acres of ancient forest in the Pacific Northwest that is home to severely endangered marbled murrelets;

- Escalate logging in the Tongass National Forest to benefit primarily one major logging company at the expense of some of the rarest temperate rainforest in the world;
- Eviscerate your administration's plan to develop a region-wide strategy for the protection of salmon, trout and other species of the Northwest Columbia River watershed.

Please don't sell off our wildlife and open space to the highest bidder!

Sincerely,

Birds of the Arctic Refuge Count on You

Audubon Activist

Each fall and winter, birders throughout the country count on the return of millions of birds to overwintering habitats. Habitat loss is one of the main threats to bird survival throughout the world. Millions of birds migrate from the nesting and staging habitats of the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge each fall to areas throughout the United States. Currently, the Arctic Refuge and its birds and wildlife are threatened by an attack led by the oil industry.

By a narrow 51-48 vote this fall, the Senate kept a provision in the budget that would open up the coastal plain of the Arctic Refuge to oil leasing and development. President Clinton has already promised to veto a budget bill that includes oil drilling in the Arctic Refuge. However, the Congress must vote on a renegotiated budget before it goes back to the president again.

The battle to protect the Arctic Refuge and its winged inhabitants will be decided soon. Your help is needed to halt this sneak attack. 1) Please thank President Clinton for promising to veto the budget and urge him to veto any future bills that open the Arctic Refuge to oil drilling. 2) Urge your Senators and Representatives

to oppose drilling of the Arctic Refuge in upcoming drafts of the budget. 3) Please sign Arctic Refuge postcards in conjunction with the Christmas Bird Count. Don't let Congress put a lump of coal in the environment's stocking this year!

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Another Active Winter at Feather Lake

By John Sproul

Feather Lake News

Historically, the water level in El Paso's natural wetlands fluctuated in response to flood flows in the Rio Grande.

Although the causes are much different, Feather Lake fluctuates, too. During fall and winter, when no irrigation flows feed the lake, the water level drops. In some years, Feather Lake goes almost dry. This winter, the water is low but not gone, and habitat conditions have been great for herons, egrets, puddle ducks, shorebirds and gulls. Wood Ducks have been present all winter, and early December brought a Eurasian Wigeon to the lake for only the 2nd time ever.

Feather Lake Wildlife Sanctuary, located at 9500 N. Loop in El Paso's lower valley, is open to the public every Sunday, 2 PM to dusk, and the 1st and 3rd Saturdays each month, 8 AM to Noon. Admission is free. Audubon volunteers staff the sanctuary during visitor hours, and this duty is one of the easiest and most enjoyable ways to help our chapter. Want to volunteer? Please call Craig Braginton (877-4138).

Another way you can help at Feather Lake is to take part in one of our workdays. The next one is Sunday, March 17. We'll start at 2 PM, work a few hours, then enjoy the birds at the end of the day. Last year, there were already 1000 White-faced Ibis roosting at Feather Lake by mid-March. Will there be similar numbers in 1996?

Chapter Award Winners Named

By John Sproul

Once again, we are excited to be honoring two highly deserving chapter-award recipients at our Annual Meeting on Feb. 19 (see p. 1). Please join us for this very special occasion.

Our **Meritorious Service Award**, honoring a chapter member who has made outstanding contributions to El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon and its programs, goes this year to BETTY PAGEL. Betty is one of our most consistent and dedicated volunteers. At our Feather Lake Wildlife Sanctuary, she rarely misses a workday, something very few can claim. At the El Paso Environmental Center, she has been a steady, invaluable volunteer since it opened in 1991. Betty has also served 2 stints as our Hospitality Chair and helps with many other activities important to the success of our group such as rummage sales, Birdathons and staffing Feather Lake during visitor hours. Congratulations, Betty!

Our **Conservation Award recipient** will be JAVIER HERNANDEZ, Plant Superintendent at El Paso's Fred Herve Water Reclamation Plant. This award recognizes an individual, organization or other entity outside the chapter who has done exceptional work on behalf of the environment and the Audubon Cause in Trans-Pecos Texas. The three holding ponds at the Herve Plant (a.k.a. the Fort Bliss sewage ponds) are excellent wildlife habitat and one of our best birding sites. Last year, after one of the ponds had gone dry for a prolonged period while the other two held plenty of water, we approached Mr. Hernandez about managing the water in the ponds to ensure all three held some water for wildlife. He was quick to do so, and this award shows our great appreciation for his action.

Donation

The El Paso/Trans Pecos Audubon Society gratefully acknowledges a donation from Joyce Davis for work at Feather Lake. The donation was made in memory of Tom Brasfield.

Notes from Audubon

Audubon Flocking to the Rio Grande Valley

From the Southwest Region Office

Both the National Audubon Society's Board of Directors and the Audubon Council of Texas will be meeting at McAllen, Texas' Doubletree Inn this March 1996. Audubon's Board of Directors will meet from Thursday, March 7th through Sunday, March 10th. The Audubon Council of Texas will meet Friday and Saturday March 8th and 9th. This is an excellent opportunity to meet our board members, and engage in discussions about the implementation of Audubon's exciting new strategic plan.

Both groups will enjoy area field trips and all meetings are open to everyone. The Audubon Council will be focusing on the Rio Grande Wildlife Corridor and other priority issues. There will be a small registration fee to attend the Council meeting to cover meeting costs.

More detailed information, including agendas, map, list of area hotels, and the registration costs will be available in early February. For more information on the meetings, please contact the Southwest Regional Office at 512-327-1943 or 71634.20@compuserve.com.

Midland Bird Lady

Dede Armentrout, Southwest Region Office Vice President

Midland, Texas's "bird lady", Midge Erskine and her husband Woody, who have conducted wildlife rehabilitation, school field trips, and native vegetation xeriscaping for over thirty years have suffered another setback in their fight to stop a city order to cut down all vegetation over 18" in height. A federal court in Midland has sided with the city in its asserted right to require citizens to clear "weedy lots." Midland's weedy lot ordinance is a real anachronism in these times of water conservation because it expressly forbids "any naturally-occurring plants." Ironic, too, that Midland is a hotbed of private property rights, yet no property rights leader has hastened to the Erskines' side to throw political support their way during many

months of hearings and media coverage. That may be the best example of this movement being more about anti-regulation than pro-private property rights.

Birding Competition

Corey Griffith, Cedar Hill State Park Ranger

Cedar Hill State Park proudly presents its first annual Grand Slam of Birding on May 4, 1996 from 30 minutes before sunrise until one hour past dark. This exciting event focuses on the neotropical migration. Birding is the second largest family hobby in the United States. Skilled birders from around the State shall engage in friendly competition to see which group can identify the widest variety of birds. You may sign up in expert or novice categories. Bottom line...which group can identify the greatest diversity of species and the greatest number of birds in one day. This event will provide valuable information as to which neotropical birds reside, and migrate through Cedar Hill State Park. Grand prize is exclusive bragging rights for an entire year!! (Plus other great prizes.) Come out and compete in this worthy event. Expect to see a wide variety of birds! Reservations are required at 214/291-3900, FAX: 214/291-5729.

Rummaging for Rummage

By George Barnett

Has the weather inspired you to start your Spring Cleaning early? Are you wondering what to do with the stuff left over from your last garage sale? Once again, your chapter comes to the rescue. The Board of Directors has started planning the annual Rummage Sale to be held in the fall of 1996, although a specific date has not been set yet. There will be more information in future newsletters. In the meantime, start rummaging to help our chapter.

Birdathon is Coming!

By George Barnett

It's never too early to start thinking about Birdathon. This is the largest fundraising event for our chapter and the funds raised go to support several chapter and

environmental activities in our area. In addition, a portion of the money raised helps to support the Southwest Region Office (SWRO) of the National Audubon Society. For the past several years the El Paso/Trans Pecos Audubon Society has ranked at or near the top among all the chapters in the country for amount of money raised. We can do it again this year. Start thinking BIRDATHON!

National Audubon Society Screen Saver

By George Barnett

Here is another reason why birds and computers go together. The NAS presents a screen saver for IBM compatible computers. (Sorry, Mac users. Maybe they'll come to their senses soon and come out with a Mac version.) This screen saver features dozens of images of wild birds in their natural habitat. There are animated habitat scenes with flying wild birds. Even bird calls. All of this on a screen saver!

The National Audubon Society Screen Saver costs \$24.95. Of that amount, \$5.00 comes back to the chapter. So, not only is this a fantastic piece of software, but you can help the chapter, too. Contact John Kiseda at 833-6212 for more information, and to place your order.

If you don't have a computer yet, this is as good a reason as any to get one. And you can find out what a screen saver really is all about.

EP/TPAS on the WWW at RGFN

By George Barnett

(Translation: The El Paso/Trans Pecos Audubon Society is on the World Wide Web at the Rio Grande Free Net)

You want to go on the next field trip, but you can't find your newsletter? (Say it ain't so!) You want to participate in the next work day at Feather Lake, but forgot the date? Take heart, fellow

member. The complete calendar of events, including the dates and descriptions of the field trips, monthly meetings, Feather Lake schedule and more is now available to you (and everyone) on the Internet. Your Chapter now has a Home Page on the World Wide Web that includes the Calendar and a Fact Sheet about the El Paso/Trans Pecos Audubon Society.

If you are registered with the Rio Grande Free Net, choose "Teleport" from the Main Menu. From there, choose "Gateway to the World Wide Web". Once you are there, go to the Index and scroll down to "Local Organizations". There you will find our Chapter's Home Page. If you are using a different service provider, point your browser (everyone has a browser, don't they?) to <http://rgfn.epcc.edu/users/ac968/eptpas.html>.

The Home Page (that's what it's called, but we don't know why) also has a link to birding locations in El Paso as well as to another site at UTEP with much more information about the city. This is a great way to get information for your out-of-town friends who may be coming to the city to visit. Check it out!

Keeping Posted About Audubon

If you have access to the Internet through an alternative online service and you don't want to subscribe to CompuServe, you can access much of the same information on Audubon's two Internet mailing lists, Audubon-News and Audubon-L. (In computer-speak, these are called listservs and function as large e-mail distribution lists. When you post a message to the listserv, everyone who subscribes to that list gets it. Any response to your posting is also distributed to the entire list of subscribers. This way you can follow the thread of one or more conversations posted on the listserv. There are thousands of listservs on the Internet.)

Audubon-L is an interactive listserv for discussions with fellow Audubon members on birds and conservation topics. Like the message board on CompuServe,

Audubon-L enables subscribers to participate in electronic conversations about wildlife, habitat and conservation. Audubon-News is a READ ONLY listserv for subscribers who are interested in news, but don't have the time or inclination to participate in other dialogue. The same late-breaking news posted by National Audubon Society staff on the Audubon CompuServe Forum is cross-posted to Audubon-News, including Action Alerts, news releases and issue updates. You cannot post a reply to Audubon-News.

To subscribe to Audubon-L, send an e-mail message as follows:

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From: your e-mail address (this should be entered automatically by your mail system)

Subject: (leave this blank, or type Unknown. The subject line is ignored by the majordomo)

In the body of the message, type "Subscribe audubon-l" (that's a lower-case L, and leave out the quotation marks).

To subscribe to Audubon-News, the procedure is the same, except that in the body of the message you type "Subscribe audubon-news". That's all there is to it. See you on the Internet!

Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology

House Finch Disease

Since early 1994, bird watchers throughout much of the East have been noticing House Finches with red, swollen, crusty eyes. These birds have a respiratory disease caused by *Mycoplasma gallisepticum*, a bacterium that usually infects poultry. The disease poses no known risk to humans, but it can be fatal to the finches. Sometimes the birds eyes swell so much that they can't see, so they have a hard time finding food. They may starve or die from cold weather.

The disease was concentrated along the East Coast, but last winter it spread as far south as Georgia, and as far west as Iowa and Missouri. So far, house finches are the only species known to be affected. The seriousness of the disease is so far undetermined.

Many individual birds will certainly die, but the species as a whole is not likely to be affected. There are many unanswered questions about this disease such as the extent of the disease, how it is transmitted, if other species will become infected, and whether infected birds can recover. Bird watchers can help answer these questions, because the Cornell Lab of Ornithology is conducting a House Finch Disease Survey. Data collected at backyard feeders and sent to Cornell will go into a database that Lab biologists can analyze. Although the disease has not been reported in our area, Texas is included in the Survey.

If you see infected birds in your yard, do not become alarmed. The disease is not a threat to humans, and it's safe to continue feeding birds. But you can take some steps to keep the disease from spreading: Clean your bird feeders regularly - several times during the feeding season. Prevent overcrowding by adding extra feeders to your yard. Report sick birds to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Also consider participating in the Cornell survey. All you have to do is watch your backyard feeders as you usually do and record whether they show any disease symptoms. Then, once a month, send your data forms to Cornell so your observations can be added to the database.

Participants in the Lab's FeederWatch can receive survey kits for free. Other participants are asked to send a \$7.00 fee, which helps to cover the costs of printing and mailing data forms, as well as a newsletter. For more information, or to sign up, write: House Finch Survey, P.O. Box 11, Ithaca, NY 14850; or call 1-800-843-BIRD (2473) (sign-ups only).

Scoping Meeting Draws Large Crowd

From Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's January 16, 1996 This Week

The first field regulations scoping meeting was held in San Antonio last week and we were very surprised by the turnout. More than 240 people attended to share their opinions and ideas about our regulations process. The three hour meeting resulted in an excellent exchange of information but it

was a little more confrontational than we expected. A large contingent of animal rights activists attended, and their views were not appreciated by the larger group of hunters and anglers who were present. We did learn some valuable lessons on how to better structure and manage future scoping meetings.

The San Antonio meeting was one of seven such meetings designed to gather information from the public on our regulations and the "sunset" process. The meetings are being hosted by local chapters of Sportsmen Conservationists of Texas and will also be held in Austin, Wichita Falls, Amarillo, Beaumont, Tyler and Harlingen. In addition to these seven meetings, there will be an additional 13 public hearings scheduled throughout the state to present the 1996-1997 regulations proposal for public comment. (This is down substantially from last year's 41 meetings.) A facilitated constituent group meeting has also been scheduled for March 7. After getting input from our constituents and the public, staff will develop a sunset review strategy to present to the Commission. Those regulations that promise to be controversial will be addressed first and will be finalized by August of 1996. Over the next 12 months the remaining regulations packages will be reviewed and brought to the Commission by August of 1997.

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Chihuahuan Desert Wildlife Rescue

If you find an injured or orphaned wild animal in the El Paso/Las Cruces area call the Chihuahuan Desert Wildlife Rescue Chief Dispatcher, Helen Bigelow, at 882-2910 for assistance.

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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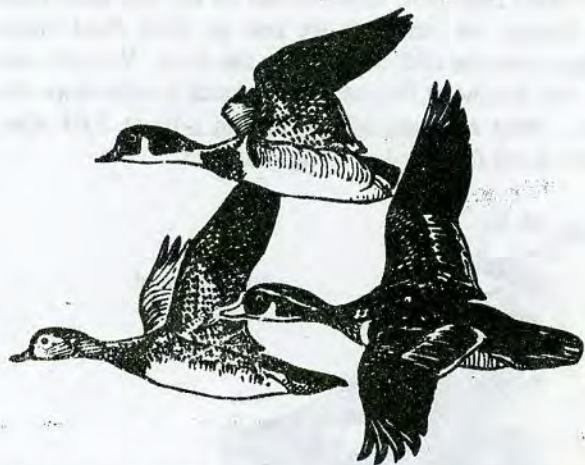
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On The Trail

Mc NARY RESERVOIR

This Place is always good for Gulls, Ducks, Egrets, Cormorants and Grebes, and Harris' Hawk is a good possibility nearby. We have seen Peregrine Falcons in the past and this winter the area has had Common Loons and a Eurasian Wigeon. Meet at Feather Lake, time - 7:18 AM on Saturday February 24. Bring a lunch.

THE SOD FARM

The Sod Farm, located out by the Santa Teresa Airport, usually has some good birds. We will end our trip at Owens/Durlings. However we start the trip at the Crossroads Ponding area, the usual meeting place for our westside trips, meeting at 7:11 AM on Sunday March 10. No lunch needed.

LAKE STINKY

On Saturday March 23d, we will meet in the Parking Lot of the closed WALMART, located at 9825 Dyer St. This area, located just outside of Holloman Air Base, is usually good for some wading birds and many ducks. In the past we have seen an owl roost and once a Tundra Swan. You'll need a lunch on this one, The time to meet will be at 6:59 AM. Do not worry about driving over in the dark as sunrise that day will be about 6:10 AM. Better have some food with you.

CABALLO DAM STATE PARK

We will head back up the river on Sun. March 31, the Lake behind the dam is full of water birds most of the year, they do differ somewhat from winter to summer, but every year some rareties appear. This past winter a Glaucous Gull and a Black-legged Kittiwake were seen quite often from Nov. thru Jan and on the way back from The Bosque on Jan. 14th we saw an adult Bald Eagle sitting up on the cliff overlooking the river. We will also bird the Bosque at Percha Dam, located a mile down the river. Meet at Trans Mt. Road and I-10 at 7:03 AM. Lunch is not furnished so bring your own.



1st winter

Black-legged
Kittiwake

HUECO TANKS STATE PARK

Most of the winter birds will probably be gone but some spring migrants should be around. We will meet at the Flying Saucer Building (US 62/180 & FM 2775) at 7:22 AM on the 13th of April. If you want to stay for lunch - bring it.

PLAN AHEAD

?? May 4/5 BIRDATHON
May 25 -27 Southeastern Arizona.
Jul 4 - 7 Sallie Homan's Cabin at Willow Creek in the Gila, near Glenwood.

Upcoming activities at Hueco Tanks State Park, sponsored by **FRIENDS OF HUECO TANKS**.

Sat. 17 Feb. Cleanup 9AM - 2PM.
Sun. 18 Feb. Bird ID Tour - 8:30AM.
Fri. 23 Feb. Rock Rodeo - All day.
Sun. 17 Mar. Bird ID Tour - 8:10AM.
Wed. 20 Mar. FOHT Meeting - 6:30PM.
Sun. 28 Apr. Volunteer Fair - All Day.
Every Sat. & Sun. Rock Art Tours - 10AM & 2PM.

For additional information or any questions you may have about ON THE TRAIL page call Bob "WILDBIRDER" Johnson 757-1876.



OBSERVATIONS Continued from page 9.

GROSBEAK to GOLDFINCHS

ROSE-BRSTD GROSBEAK	12/11 (JZ-yd)	Can
WHITE-THRTD SPARROW	12/8 (MG-yd)	Hor
GOLDN-CRWND SPARROW	11/26 (PH)	HTK
	12/16 (LJ)	HTK
DK-EYE(SLATE-CLR)JUNCO	12/1 (JF-yd)	Kil
McCOWN'S LONGSPUR	11/16 (BZ)	Sod
RUSTY BLACKBIRD	11/25 (JPk)	HTK
	12/15 (BZ)	FBP
COMMON GRACKLE	12/5 (RG)	MdL
PINE SISKIN	12/10 (LJ)	Rdl
Lesser Goldfinch	12/10 (LJ)	Rdl
AMERICAN GOLDFINCH	11/27 (LJ)	MdL
	12/28 (JZ-yd)	Can

Observations

November 16, 1995 to January 15, 1996

Uncommon, RARE, and CASUAL sightings

Due to space limitations only one or two sightings are listed, although in some cases more were reported. We are continuing to have a number of very rare sightings (full entry **bold** and underlined). Some of the listings may not be considered RARE, but because of the season or habitat (date and/or location **bold** and underlined) they are unusual. No birds from the El Paso Christmas Bird Count (December 30) are included, see separate report. The listing of birds here is determined using the checklist "Birds of El Paso County, Texas and Adjacent Areas" 7th Edition, October 1987. If you are unsure of a sighting, don't hesitate - report it, to Bob "WILDBIRDER" Johnson 757-1876 (recorder).

(Observers: Flora Bittick, Betty Fisbeck, Jane Fowler, Madaline Gavit, Roxanne Gunter, Richard Hermosillo, Petra Hookey, Hugh Jameson, Bob Johnson, Larry Jordan, John Kiseda, Greg Lasley, Gail Nickel, Al Olivas, Jackie Parker(JPk), Jim Paton, Flora Pitard, John Sproul, Patricia Russell, James Zebriskie, Barry Zimmer. All-Entire Period; Mob-Many Observers; Var.-Various dates; ft-Field Trip Leader; yd-at yard feeder.)

Locations: Can-Canutillo, Chp-Chapperal NM, Cor-Coronado, DMA-Doniphan Marsh, D/O-Durlings/Owens, FBP-Fort Bliss Ponds, FHc-Fort Hancock, FLk-Feather Lake, Frn-Frontera, Hor-Horizon, Kil-Killkenny, Lin-Linda, Lom-Lombardy, McG-McGreggor Range, McN-McNary, Mdl-Meadowlark, Mem-Memorial Park, MPk-Mountain Park, NEP-Northeast El Paso, Rdl-Randels Pool, Sod-Sod Farm, STA-Santa Teresa Area, Sun-Sunland Park, Tor-Tornillo, Zoo- El Paso Zoo.

LOONS to GOLDENEYES

<u>COMMON LOON</u>	12/12 (BZ)	Tor
<u>HORNED GREBE</u>	12/12 (BZ)	Tor
Western Grebe	12/12 (BZ)	McN
CLARK'S GREBE	12/12 (BZ)	McN
<u>BROWN PELICAN</u>	12/16 (BF)	FBP
GREAT EGRET	All (Mob)	FLk
<u>GTR.WHITE-FRONTD GOOSE</u>	12/12 (BZ)	McN
Snow Goose	1/13 (JS)	FLk
ROSS'S GOOSE	11/19 (FP)	Hor
(13)	12/12 (BZ)	McN
CANADA GOOSE	All (Mob)	FLk
WOOD DUCK	Var. (JS)	FLk
<u>BLUE-WINGED TEAL</u>	11/25&1/13 (JS)	FLk
<u>EURASIAN WIGEON</u>	12/2 (JS)	FLk
	12/12 (BZ)	Tor
<u>BARROW'S GOLDENEYE</u>	(1st Area Record)	
	12/20 (GL)	Tor

HAWKS to GULLS

HARRIS' HAWK	12/19 (BJ)	Chp
Golden Eagle	(2) 11/17 (BJ)	NEE
	12/31 (GN-yd)	Cor
<u>MERLIN</u>	12/23 (JK)	Frn
<u>PEREGRINE FALCON</u>	12/12 (AO)	McG
Sora	1/14 (JZ)	DMA
<u>SANDHILL CRANE</u>	(12) 12/16 (BF)	FBP
BLACK-NECKED STILT	11/26 (RH-ft)	DMA
<u>AMERICAN AVOCET</u>	Var. (Mob)	FLk
<u>LESSER YELLOWLEGS</u>	11/28 (LJ)	DMr
	1/15 (JZ)	DMr
BONAPART'S GULL (6)	12/10 (BJ)	FBP
	12/15 (BZ)	FBP
Ring-billed Gull	(62) 12/10 (BJ)	FBP

ANI to WOODPECKERS

<u>GROOVE-BILLED ANI</u>	12/7 (BZ)	FBP
Monk Parakeet	Var. (MG)	Hor
LONG-EARED OWL	11/16 (BZ)	D/O
ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD	Var. (FB-yd)	Cor
RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD	12/21 (BJ-yd)	NEP
<u>LEWIS' WOODPECKER</u>	11/16 (BZ)	Lom
(4th Area Record)	11/26 (JP)	Frn
<u>ACORN WOODPECKER</u>	12/25 JP	LIN
RED-NAPED SAPSUCKER	11/16 (BZ)	Lom
	12/21 (HJ)	MPk
	1/14 (JZ)	Frn
<u>DOWNY WOODPECKER</u>	(2d Area Record)	
	11/26 (RH-ft)	Mdl

PEWEE to WARBLERS

<u>GREATER PEWEE</u>	(2d Area Record)	
	12/5 (BJ)	Mdl
<u>EASTERN PHOEBE</u>	11/16 (BZ)	D/O
	12/16 (LJ)	HTk
BARN SWALLOW	11/25 (JS)	FLk
<u>GREEN JAY</u>	Var. (JK)	Zoo
Red-breasted Nuthatch	11/16 (BZ)	Mem
	12/26 (JF-yd)	Kil
BROWN CREEPER	12/15 (BZ)	FBP
<u>SPRAGUE'S PIPET</u>	12/12 (AO)	McG
<u>SOLITARY VIREO</u>	11/16 (BZ)	Mem
	1/1 (JK)	Frn
Orange-crowned Warbler	12/6 (RH)	Mdl
	Var. (PR-yd)	STA

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CALENDAR

February

- Sat., 3** - Feather Lake open, 8:00 AM to Noon.
Sun., 4 - Feather Lake open, 2:00 PM to Dusk.
Sun., 11 - Feather Lake open, 2:00 PM to Dusk.
Mon., 12 - Board Meeting.
Sat., 17 - Feather Lake open, 8:00 AM to Noon.
Sun., 18 - Feather Lake open, 2:00 PM to Dusk.
Mon., 19 - Annual Meeting, see page 1.
Sat., 24 - Field trip to McNary Reservoir, see page 8.
Sun., 25 - Feather Lake open, 2:00 PM to Dusk.

March

- Sat., 2** - Feather Lake open, 8:00 AM to Noon.
Sun., 3 - Feather Lake open, 2:00 PM to Dusk.
Sun., 10 - Field trip to the sod farm, see page 8.
Sun., 10 - Feather Lake open, 2:00 PM to Dusk.
Mon., 11 - Board Meeting.
Sat., 16 - Feather Lake open, 8:00 AM to Noon.
Sun., 17 - Feather Lake workday, see page 3.
Sun., 17 - Feather Lake open, 2:00 PM to Dusk.
Mon., 18 - General Meeting, see page 1.
Sat., 23 - Field trip to "Lake Stinky", see page 8.
Sun., 24 - Feather Lake open, 2:00 PM to Dusk.
Sun., 31 - Field trip to Caballo Dam State Park, see page 8.
Sun., 31 - Feather Lake open, 2:00 PM to Dusk.

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