

The Roadrunner



Newsletter of the El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society

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No General Meetings until September

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'We Shall Overcome'

The celebration of Juneteenth, the oldest known commemoration of the end of slavery in the United States, is 2 to 5 p.m. Friday, **June 19**, at El Paso Public Library Main Branch auditorium, 501 N. Oregon, Downtown, with works of art, poetry, music, dance, audience participation and light refreshments.

Admission is free. Information: 599-9891 or 328-4197.

Juneteenth is an official state holiday in Texas and a day for all Americans to celebrate freedom from the institution of slavery.

Juneteenth is historically a celebration that commemorates the "Emancipation Proclamation" Signed by President Lincoln in 1863 that ended slavery in the United States.

eBird

Want to make sure your birding observations count towards more than a sense of satisfaction? Welcome to the future of birding! After your birding expeditions, you can enter your bird sightings online at ebird.org. Your observations are then added to others in the eBird database that scientists and citizens use to understand more about bird distributions.



eBird was developed by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society, and it enables anyone to enter bird sightings from anywhere in North America and explore the results. eBird is a portal through which any birdwatcher can enter the birds they have observed into the eBird database.

Every time you notice a bird, you are holding a piece of a puzzle. By sharing your sighting with others through eBird, you'll make it possible to complete the picture we need to better understand and protect birds well into the future.

Birding at Hueco Tanks

More than 200 species of birds have been sighted at Hueco Tanks. Look for birds in the self-guided area or on the monthly birding tour.

- Call (512) 389-8911 to make a reservation to visit the self-guided area.
- Join our birding tour on the third Saturday of each month. Reservations are required; call (915) 849-6684.

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Water Matters Workshop El Agua Importa Chamizal National Memorial Theater June 13 (Saturday) from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Speakers from Water Captains will present information on water supply and purity issues in the El Paso region. The event includes a free lunch and an opportunity to visit El Paso Water Utilities' Desalination Plant, but you must reserve your space by June 10 by calling Kathy Denton at 915-532-7273 ext. 130.

Visit to desalination plant: June 12 (Friday) 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Workshop: Saturday, June 13
 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Oradores de Water Captains presentan temas de calidad y abastecimiento de agua en el área de El Paso. Incluye una comida gratis y una visita a la planta de desalinización de El Paso, pero tiene que hacer una reservación antes del 10 de junio con Kathy Denton al 915-532-7273 ext. 130.

Visita a la planta: el 12 de junio (viernes) de 12:00 a 1:00 p.m.

Taller: el 13 de junio (sábado) de 8:30 a.m. a 3:00 p.m.

Conservation Organizations

Chihuahuan Desert Education Coalition
www.chihuahuandesert.org

Second Chance Wildlife Rescue
 Josie Karam (915) 920-7867
[wildliferescueelpaso.org](http://www.wildliferescueelpaso.org)

Chihuahuan Desert Wildlife Rescue
<http://www.cdwr.org>

El Paso Zoo 521-1850
www.elpasozoo.org

Keystone Heritage Park 581-7920
www.keystoneheritagepark.org

Asombro Institute
 (Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park)
 (575) 524-3334 www.asombro.org

Friends of Rio Bosque 747-8663
www.riobosque.org

Southwest Environmental Center
 (575) 522-5552
www.wildmesquite.org

Franklin Mt. Wilderness Coalition
www.franklinmountains.org/

AT FEATHER LAKE

A storm on May 12 provided another one-day shot of water to a small area at the inlet to the Feather Lake basin. At least that area is looking green and supporting some new coyote-willow growth.

For most of the basin, the effects of prolonged drought are stark and obvious. One small bright spot: **Gambel's Quail** and **Greater Roadrunners** have become more common in recent years with the basin dry most of the time.

Our next workday at Feather Lake takes place **Sat., June 6** starting at **8 a.m.** Guess what? The removal of trash washed into the basin with storm water continues. Can we get the remaining mattresses out before summer rains arrive?

Feather Lake is located at 9500 North Loop at Bordeaux in El Paso, 0.3 miles west of Americas Ave.

Audubon at

Rio Bosque's nest-ing **White-tailed Kites** fledged 3 young in early May. The adults are now nesting again.

Rio Bosque Wetlands Park



The park's wetland cells are attracting a nice mix of water birds. For up-to-date information on birds and water conditions, check www.riobosque.org. Upcoming free walking tours:

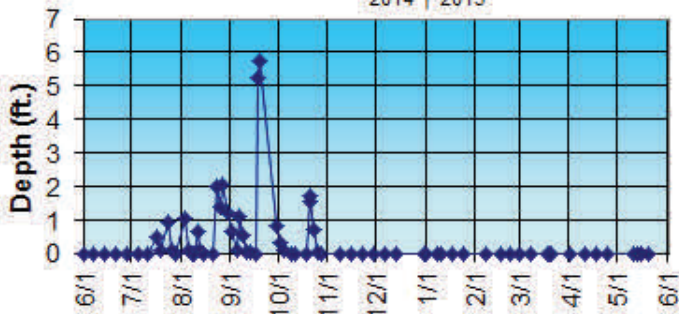
- **8 a.m., Sun., June 7 (Introductory tour)**
- **6:30 a.m., Sat., June 13 (Bird tour)**
- **7 a.m. Sat., July 11 (Bird tour)**
- **8 a.m. Sun., July 19 (Introductory tour)**

The meeting place is a bridge crossing the Riverside Canal. To get there from I-10, take Americas Ave. (Loop 375) to Pan American Drive, turn left onto Pan American and travel 1.5 miles.

Information: 747-8663.

Feather Lake Water Depth

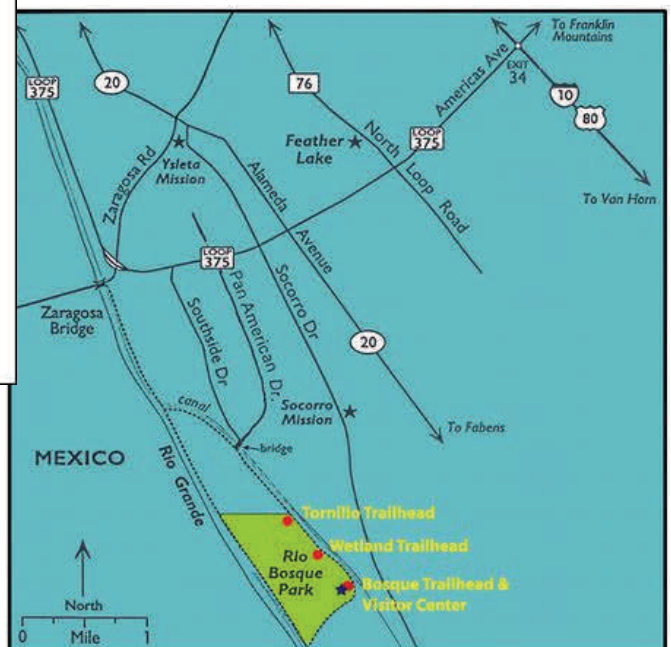
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The Audubon Website!

Updated information about upcoming field trips, a calendar of upcoming events, recent bird sightings.

<http://www.trans-pecos-audubon.org>



Field Trips

Saturday, June 6, 2015 Rattlesnake Springs

Rattlesnake Springs, part of Carlsbad Caverns National Park, is an Important Bird Area (IBA) and outstanding stopover site for land birds.



We'll be looking for the **Northern Cardinal**, **Summer Tanager**, **Bullock's Orioles**, **Orchard Orioles** and, of course, **Vermilion Flycatchers**.

We need to leave early because of the heat and it's a long drive, so we'll meet at 6:00 a.m. in front of Evergreen Cemetery, 12400 E. Montana, 1/4 mile east of Loop 375.

Bring lunch, water and binoculars. Open to the public. Contact Mark Perkins at 915-637-3521.

Saturday & Sunday June 27 & 28, 2015 Silver City & Gila National Forest NM area

This won't be a camping trip; we'll be staying in a hotel in the area. We'll be birding Lake Roberts, Gila Cliff Dwellings and the Cherry Creek Area in the Gila National Forest as well as the Silver City area.

Open to the public. For those interested, an itinerary will be available by calling Mark Perkins at 915-637-3521

The Electronic Roadrunner

The Roadrunner is now also available electronically as a PDF file. If you would like to receive our newsletter in this way via e-mail, just send a note to John Sproul at jsproul@utep.edu.

Saturday, July 11, 2015

Double Sunset Birding in El Paso's Upper Valley

We'll be looking for **Mississippi Kites**, **Acorn Woodpeckers**, **water birds** at Keystone Heritage Park and the **Violet-crowned Parrots** at dusk.

Meet at Keystone Heritage Park at 6:30 p.m. at 4200 Doniphan Drive. Open to the public.

Contact Mark Perkins at 915-637-3521.



Field Trips

Saturday, July 25 and 26, 2015 Ruidoso and Sacramento Mountains

Leave behind El Paso's heat and join us in New Mexico's Sacramento Mountains. Places we may go to bird include Upper Canyon, City Parks, Cedar Creek, Alto Lake, Ft. Stanton and the Glencoe Loop.



The cool mountain air makes this a great place to bird in the summer. Open to the public.

Call Mark Perkins for meeting place and itinerary at 915-637-3521.

We are planning a trip to Northern New Mexico over Labor Day Weekend, September 4-7, 2015. More information to follow.

Saturday, August 8, 2015 Reservoirs Down the Valley

We'll be travelling down I-10 east to visit the reservoirs of McNary, Ft. Hancock and Tornillo.

Possible sightings could be **Western and Clark's grebes, Eared Grebe, White Pelicans, gulls, egrets, sandpipers, cormorants, herons and ducks** of many species.

We will meet at 6:30 a.m. at the parking lot at Burlington Coat Factory at 1144 N. Yarbrough. Exit at Yarbrough; at the light turn left under I-10. Burlington is on the right.



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El Paso Zoo Web Cams

No matter where you are in the world, you can now take the El Paso Zoo with you. Have a virtual visit with the Zoo's meerkats and giraffes from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. through new live webcams at the El Paso Zoo! Wherever you go, you can now access the Zoo's animal cams on your computer, phone or tablet. You can watch live giraffe feedings, or just tune in to check on these two favorite Zoo animals.

This technology experience is coming alive because of Mayor Oscar and First Lady Lisa Leaser's COMMITMENT TO CARE FUND. Moreover, the new Zoo webcams align with the City of El Paso's strategic plan by creating this innovative recreational and educational program for all city residents.



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Send AUDUBON magazine and my membership card to address below.

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**National Audubon Society
Chapter Membership Data Center
PO Box 422250
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Local Chapter Code C1ZW100Z

Dates to Remember Call Mark Perkins for details 637-3521

June

Sat. 6: **Feather Lake**
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7 & 13 **Rio Bosque**
Mon. 8: **Board Meeting**
No General Meeting
27 & 28: **Silver City**

July

11 & 19: **Rio Bosque**
Sat. 11: **Double Sunset**
No Board Meeting
No General Meeting
22-25: **Ruidoso**

August

Sat. 8: **Down the Valley**
Mon. 17: **Board Meeting**
No General Meeting

September

4 - 7 : **Northern New Mexico**

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