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Greetings everyone!

And aren't we fortunate to have had one of our fine young members step forward and agree to be our vice-president understanding that he will be our leader in another year. Congratulations to Nic Webster! We are all just delighted with his decision.

The May meeting (which is on the 10th this year) is always a highlight because the rank and file are encouraged to bring their best stories and pictures to "show and tell" the rest of us. Everyone should have at least one story or sighting to relate, and perhaps more.

Our field trip to Rockport was enjoyed by about ten of our TLAS members, and has been a real pleasure for me to think back on. It was my third time on "The Skimmer", and I believe the first was ten years ago when Sue and I first made a serious move into Birding. Each time is a new experience, and has its own highlights. For me, this was the first time to see the juvenile birds in their quite different plumage, and yet almost adult size. Also, I had never been directly overflown as several of us were at the "Big Oak Park" after our boat trip.

Our goals for next year should be to continue to have fun at our meetings, and continue to have stimulating field trips. In addition, however, we should be in a position to move forward on our Service Project that we are hoping can be done in co-operation with the Miller Springs Alliance. When this comes on line, and that will hopefully be in the fall, we are hopeful that everyone can make a commitment of some sort to the success of this effort.

It has been my privilege to be at the front of the room this year, and hopefully I can last another. Thanks very much.

Sandy Lowry, Pres



Bird Photos (Mississippi Kite, Red-eyed Vireo & Ash-throated Flycatcher) by Nic Webster

UPCOMING EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted, the contact for programs and field trips is Gil Eckrich; Cell: 254-534-0061, Email is: gil.eckrich@att.net



PRESENTATIONS

10 May - Picture Show and Tell, Everyone bring pictures to share!



FIELD TRIPS

14 May – East Range of Fort Hood. We could not do the trip to see the Lake Waco eagle nest due to flooding and park closures – perhaps next year. Meet at 07:30. Coming from intersection of I-35 and HWY 190, turn right onto Loop 121 and drive north. Go 2.4 miles and turn left onto Sparta Rd at the third traffic light. Continue driving west, going through a stop sign at 5.4 miles. At a distance of 7.4 miles you will drive over a cattle guard - you are now on Fort Hood (Sparta road is now called North Nolan Road). Continue driving on the same road and past a sign to Belton Lake Outdoor Recreation Area (BLORA) at 7.5 miles. After 12.9 total miles you will come upon an intersection with a tank trail/improved dirt road. Turn right and *immediately* turn right again onto a large concrete pad where we will meet at 07:30. This is the same location we met at for recent field trips to FH. Be sure to wear long pants, sturdy shoes, and have insect repellent handy.

Snack and Drink Sign-up

10 May	EVERYONE BRING SOMETHING
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Three TLAS members, Kathy Cantu, Liz Cowan, and Gil Eckrich, participated in this year's Great Texas Birding Classic BIG Sit at Mother Neff State Park. This birdy park is so close to us, but so underbirded.

Photo by Jamie Harman, TPWD





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Meetings

7:00 p.m., second Tuesday of the month in Room 117, York Science Center, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton (No meetings March, June, July or August).

