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Greetings everyone!

Summer is a lull in both our club's activity and birding in our area. Gil gets great shots of Golden-cheeked Warblers in his backyard, but the rest of us are looking at House Finches and White Winged Doves and wishing for fall migration. To escape the doldrums, we recently had a very successful trip to the Davis Mountains, spearheaded by Gil. A large contingent from TLAS participated and I personally saw 26 new species for Texas and 24 life species. It was probably the most productive birding trip I have ever taken. It also afforded my family an opportunity to see a part of Texas we had never seen before and was a trip we will not forget.

The lull is over, fall migration has begun, and our club is about to meet again. This year will be my first as president. I hope that during my tenure I'll be able to facilitate the club's growth and educate people about birds as well as protect birds for future generations of Bell county residents.

We have great speakers and field trips planned and are looking forward to a year filled with learning, discovery and service. Anyone who has ideas for conservation projects, owl box locations or ways to improve your club please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to a successful year.

Thank you,
Nic Webster
TLAS President



Photos by Elaine Horton

UPCOMING EVENTS



PRESENTATIONS

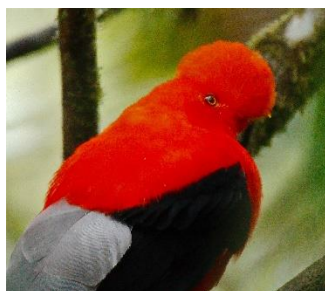
12 Sep – African Wildlife and the challenges of living with them. Jordan Price, who has lived and worked on the African Continent for over 5 years, will talk about his experiences and wildlife there, specifically living in a tent in Zambia’s Liwonde National Park for two years.

Photo by Frank Weitzer



10 Oct Sep – Texas Big Year! David Sarkozi will talk about his quest to break the record for most birds seen in Texas in ONE year.

14 Nov – Birds of NW Ecuador Gil Eckrich will try to dazzle TLAS with images from one of the very best birding areas on the planet!



12 Dec – Preparation for CBC – Discussion of TXBU Christmas Bird Count circle, including quadrants, likely birds to be seen, which species need documentation, etc

09 Jan – TBA

13 Feb – Wildlife Rehabilitation – Federally and state certified Wildlife rehabilitator Pam Diekert (shown releasing 8 Chimney Swifts) will give a most valuable presentation on a topic that interests birders



10 Apr – TBA

15 May - Picture Show and Tell, Everyone bring pictures to share! Please bring your pictures in digital format, either on a jump drive, or a CD/DVD. This has become a favorite event, and contributors are asked to limit themselves to no more than 10 images, unless otherwise coordinated in advance.





FIELD TRIPS

16 Sep: Belton-Temple Area. We will meet at the Belton Park & Ride, off I-35, at 07:30, consolidate vehicles, and look for birds at nearby hotspots, depending on recent observations. Potential areas include parks on either local lake, Slough Pond, and Witter Lane. TLAS members are encouraged to go look for birds in the days prior to the field trip, and make timely recommendations – on the spot!

14 Oct: Lake Rogers & Surrounding Area.

18 Nov: SE Bell County & Granger Lake Area

16 Dec: Christmas Bird Count!

20 Jan: West Range Fort Hood – Afternoon into evening field trip, culminating (hopefully) in seeing owls

17 Feb: TBD – Please consider a 3 day, 2 night, field trip to Lower Rio Grande Valley; feed-back desired. Otherwise, Hornsby Bend, Austin.

14 Apr: TBD

12 May: TBD

Snack and Drink Sign-up

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SNACK</u>	<u>SNACK</u>	<u>DRINKS & ICE</u>	<u>PAPER GOODS</u>
12 Sep	EVERYONE BRING SOMETHING			





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As each issue goes to press, you will receive an email with a PDF of the new issue attached. The PDF is also available at our website: www.twinlakesaudubon.org

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).

