

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

On behalf of the new officers, we are highly honored for being chosen to serve you. We wish to thank the outgoing officers for the work and effort expended over the past year.

In looking over the membership list, there are a number of people I haven't met, but I am looking forward to getting acquainted at future meetings.

Our problem of immediate concern is to increase attendance and membership. This is an activity to which every person can contribute. We urge all of you to bring guests who are interested in the aims of the Audubon Society. -- Leo A. Galloway

NEW BOARD MEMBER

Charles E. Wright of Canyon has been appointed to the Board of Directors.

NEWS SOLICITED

The monthly meetings of the TPAS will be announced in The Prairie Horned Lark. If you have any Society, bird, or conservation news, please call the president, Leo Galloway, or the recorder, Mrs. I. D. Acord.

HISTORY

At the January meeting Mrs. Grady Fox presented a selection of Mr. J. B. Coe's colored slides from Africa. Game refuges and many native animals were featured. We will not be surprised at an announcement of a safari by several TPAS members!

CHAMPION BIRDER - 1964

Mrs. George Ross recorded 388 US birds. Mrs. Fox recorded a higher number, but her list included European birds.

ATTWATER PRAIRIE CHICKEN

Anyone wishing to contribute to the preservation of the Attwater Prairie Chicken may send a donation to the Texas Prairie Chicken Committee, P. O. Box 52341, Houston.

ALIBATES FLINT QUARRIES

Legislation has been re-introduced in Congress to create a National Park Area which would include the Alibates Flint Quarries in Potter County, Texas. We can help by expressing ourselves to our senators and representatives. We urge you to have your out-of-state friends write their congressmen, asking support of this measure.

FEBRUARY MEETING

The Texas Panhandle Audubon Society will meet at 7:30 Monday, February 15, at the Garden Center. Program chairman Jim Jokerst has promised us an interesting program. Guests are always welcome.

"GONE WITH THE WILDERNESS"

Sunday, Feb. 7, Karl H. Maslowski presented what was probably the outstanding program of the Screen Tour series. Mr. Maslowski was the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Armon T. Mays.

FIELD TRIPS SCHEDULED

Sunday, March 7, Mrs. I. D. Acord (Peggy) will lead a waterfowl field trip to Buffalo Lake. Meet in Umbarger in front of the Bait Shop immediately south of the railroad tracks at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 13, Leo Galloway will lead a trip to the cemeteries to observe local birds and to look for early migrants. Meet at 8:00 a. m. at the north gate of Llano Cemetery.

JOIN US AND BRING ANYONE INTERESTED IN BIRDS.

BIRD NOTES

Birding in late January and early Feb. has been slow. Mrs. Acord reported a group had seen a Hooded Merganser at Buffalo Lake. February 2 Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Acord saw Lapland Longspurs near Amarillo.

Interesting feeding station reports include an overwintering Catbird and a female Bullock's Oriole at the Acords'. A flock of Redwings relishes the sunflower seeds daily at the Galloways'.

Have you noticed the absence of winter birds? No Grosbeaks, Crossbills, or Nuthatches have been reported in Amarillo this winter. Ladder-backed Woodpeckers have not been visiting feeding stations. Only several small flocks of Cedar Waxwings have been noted, and there have been no reports of rarities such as the Varied Thrush of last winter.

CALENDAR

Feb. 15 - Monthly Society meeting.
Mar. 7 - Field trip to Buffalo Lake.
Mar. 13 - Field trip - cemeteries.
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Apr. 11 - Audubon Screen Tour, "Delta of the Orinoco," Robert C. Hermes.