

TEXAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY CONVENTION

Reservations are coming in for the T.O.S. convention at Ceta Canyon November 25-27. Meals, lodging, and bedding (except pillows) are all included in the \$12.00 registration fee, or individual meals will be \$1.50 each. Let Peggy Acord have your reservation immediately.

Registration begins at 2:30 Friday afternoon, followed by the Friday evening talk on the geology of Palo Duro Canyon, field trips Saturday to the Canyon and to Buffalo Lake, and the Saturday night banquet, featuring A. S. Jackson's talk on the Mississippi Kite. The convention will adjourn after lunch on Sunday.

LADIES, would you like to furnish a loaf cake of any kind or some "Scrabble" to be served at the Friday evening after-dinner social hour? Again, let Peggy know. Your "goodies" could be picked up early and frozen or stored until November 25.

CHECK LIST OF AREA BIRDS

A copy of the new Field Check-List for Potter-Randall Counties is attached to this newsletter, and additional copies may be obtained for 10¢ each, plus a five-cent stamp or stamped envelope, from the recorder, Mrs. I. D. Acord, 1911 Cherry, or the president, Leo A. Galloway, 2213 Bonham. The committee responsible for this up-to-date revision of the check list: Mrs. Acord, chairman; Thelma Fox, Kenneth Seyffert, and Leo Galloway.

CONSTITUTION

Copies of the newly revised TPAS Constitution are now available and may be obtained at the November meeting or requested from the secretary, Mrs. George Waddill, 2222 Harrison, Amarillo, Texas 79109.

BIRD NOTES

On October 30 Kenneth Seyffert and Leo Galloway recorded Avocet, two Golden Eagles, and a Cattle Egret at Buffalo Lake. This was the second sighting in the Panhandle area of the Cattle Egret; the first was September 21. Peggy Acord had Western Bluebird, Common Grackle, and Black-throated Green Warbler on the 30th. According to Mrs. Mayfield, secretary at Buffalo Lake Refuge, the first geese, about 300 Canada's, appeared Monday, Oct. 31. Winter birds are arriving earlier than usual.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Program chairman Jim Jokerst has arranged for a representative from the Panhandle National Grasslands to present an illustrated talk at the November 21 meeting, 7:30 in the Garden Center. An important business meeting will also be held, making final plans for the T.O.S. convention and choosing a date for the annual Christmas Count.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From TPAS member Robert L. Darnell, Route 2, Box 134-A, Monte Vista, Colorado: "I have enjoyed the Prairie Horned Lark. You seem to have a very active organization this year. If any of the group ever get to Monte Vista, stop in. I live at refuge headquarters $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles south of Monte Vista on State Highway 15.

OCTOBER FIELD TRIP

Our thanks once again to Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Banks and Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Gruhlkey (Mrs. Banks' parents) for a wonderful Sunday afternoon October 23, when 27 members and friends descended on Adrian, Texas, and nearby ranches for hiking, birding, and arrowhead hunting. Such birds as Mountain Chickadee, Scrub Jay, Townsend's Solitaire, and Mountain Bluebird in that area seemed to indicate an eastward movement of western birds following the Canadian River.

BIRD NOTES

Carol Jokerst saw an adult Bald Eagle on October 13, and Jim reported an immature bird of the same species on the 16th.

Peggy Acord had Golden Plover on the 15th and Mountain Plover on the 20th, at the Tradewinds Airport pond. Kenneth Seyffert listed Evening Grosbeak and Townsend's Warbler at Memorial Park Cemetery. On the 16th the Leo Galloways saw McCown's Longspurs at Tradewinds pond. Pigmy Nuthatches, first seen by Peggy Acord in Memorial Park on the 18th, were still around on October 23, according to Kenneth Seyffert.

Saturday, the 22nd, was the late date for the Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, sighted at Buffalo Lake by Leo Galloway, who also added the Fox Sparrow at the Lake. The next day Leo added the Mountain Chickadee in town and he and Kenneth Seyffert sighted another Townsend's Warbler.