

## PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY:

Monday night, February 21, the Texas Panhandle Audubon Society will have a program it has eagerly awaited. Mr. Wes Phillips of the National Park Service in Freitch will present his slides and talk on the "Flora and Fauna of The Everglades". At one time Mr. Phillips was stationed in the Everglades and he has a most informative presentation.

Reports will also be made by some interesting new committees. The meeting is scheduled for the Garden Center at 7:30 in the evening.

## OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

At the annual dinner in January, the following officers were elected and committee chairmen were appointed:

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Director and Chairman - Ken Seyffert  
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Director and Chairman, Publicity Committee: Lowell Lindsay  
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Director and Chairman - Audit Committee: Byron Denson  
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Chairman - Membership Committee: Rena Ross  
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Alaska Wilderness Campaign Committee: Orwin Rush  
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## BIRD NOTES:

Pyrrhuloxia - a male appeared in the yard of the George Ross' at 2805 S. Travis on Jan. 23. The bird was seen again on the 24th and 25th by a number of birders. This is the first confirmed sighting of this species in the Panhandle.

Northern Shrike - an immature bird at the first water crossing the Palo Duro Canyon State Park was seen on Jan. 30 by Ken Seyffert. The bird was observed as it chased a male cardinal for five minutes or longer. It was unsuccessful in catching its intended prey; in fact, it was never seen to even strike the bird. It always drew back at the last moment as though it was uncertain that it should carry its attack home. Prior to the shrike's launching its initial attack, all the birds in the area became silent. Another male cardinal perched in an exposed position a few yards in front of the observer became perfectly still and did not ruffle a feather until the other cardinal was attacked, at which time it dove quickly into the brush as did other small birds in the area.

EAGLES - eleven were seen at Buffalo Lake NWR on Jan. 16 by Ken Seyffert, 8 immature and 1 adult Bald Eagles, and 2 immature Golden Eagles. Most of the birds were sitting on the ice or perched in the trees and several were feeding on dead ducks. On Feb. 6 Maurine and Joed Forbus saw 15 Bald Eagles in Bugby Canyon.

Merlin - Maurine Forbus observed one in her back yard in Borger on Feb. 5. The bird was perched for some time as it fed on a dead animal.

Horned Grebe - one seen in Harbor Bay by Fern Cain on Jan. 29.

## SOME STATISTICS GLEANED FROM OUR STAR BIRDER:

Rena Ross finally took some time off from birding to tote up the numbers she has so far seen. On her World List she has 1458 species; for North America 618; for Mexico 514; for Texas 455. Last year was her most productive when she observed 464 different species. As a matter of comparison, and to show how far she has yet to go before she has seen them all, there are about 8600 species of birds in the world (those who have issued World Lists disagree on the total), 804 on the ABA list for North America, and about 530 for Texas. It is interesting to point out that of the 530 species to be seen in Texas, 355 have been observed in Potter/Randall Counties. This is not bad for the treeless high plains which the uneducated layman considers devoid of birdlife, or of hardly anything else.

SCHEDULE OF FIELD TRIPS TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE TEXAS ANHANDLE AUDUBON SOCIETY - 1977

- March 20(Sunday) - South Brushy Draw in the Palo Duro Canyon State Park. Meet at the Goodnight Trading Post at 9:00 a.m. Bring lunch, water, binocular and/or camera, and wear boots or hiking shoes. Group leader - Bill Holliday; phone 355-4382 for details.
- April 24(Sunday) - Llano Cemetery in Amarillo: A bird walk for beginner birders. Meet at 8:00 a.m. and bring field guide and binocular. Group leader - Peggy Acord; phone 352-6372 for details.
- May 1(Sunday) - Memorial Park Cemetery in Amarillo: A bird walk for beginning birders. Meet at 8:00 a.m. and bring field guide and binocular. Group leader - Ken Seyffert; phone 373-9580 for details.
- May 14 & 15(Saturday & Sunday) - Backpacking trip from Lake Tanglewood to the Palo Duro Canyon State Park; this is a 14 mile hike entailing an overnight stop. Contact Lowell Lindsay group leader, at least 10 days ahead of time if you intend to participate. Phone 622-1515.
- May 22(Sunday) - Lake Marvin. Meet at turnoff to the lake north of Canadian at 8:00 a.m. (junction of U.S. 83 and FM 2266). Bring your lunch. Group leader - Peggy Acord; phone 352-6372 for details.
- June 25 & 26(Saturday & Sunday) - Backpacking trip into the Pecos Wilderness. Meet at the Cowles Camp Ground at 7:00 a.m. Call Bill Holliday, group leader, at 355-4382 at least 7 days ahead of time if you intend to participate.
- July 17(Sunday) - Lake McCollan. Meet at the concessions building on the north side at 6:00 a.m. There will be a birdwalk followed by a picnic breakfast. Group leader - Ken Seyffert; phone 373-9580 for details.
- August 14(Sunday) - Birdwalk at Lake Tanglewood at 6:00 p.m. Contact the group leader, Peggy Acord, for details at 352-6372.
- Sept. 18(Sunday) - Tom Green Ranch. Meet at the Vega offramp on I40 at 2:00 p.m. Contact Peggy Acord, group leader, for details at 352-6372.
- Oct. 1 & 1(Saturday & Sunday) - Vermejo Park in northeastern New Mexico. Contact Bill Holliday at 355-4382 for details.
- Nov. 13(Sunday) - Caprock Canyons State Park(north of Quitaque). Meet at Haynes Scout Camp east of Silverton at 2:30 p.m. This will be a short hike into the colorful South Prong. Group leader - Ken Seyffert; phone 372-9580.
- Dec. 17 thru Jan. 1 Christmas Bird Counts. If you intended to participate in any of the counts, let Ken Seyffert know at 373-9580.
- April 16 & 17(Saturday & Sunday) - Introductory rock climbing and hiking near Capulin Monument, New Mexico. Group Leader - Lehman Holder. Call him at Borger 274-3072 prior to April 9. These are tentative dates.
- July 2-4(Saturday, Sunday & Monday) - Introductory canoe trip - a one night camping on a river (to be announced) in central Texas. Group leader - Lowell Lindsay - phone 622-1515 prior to June 22.
- October 14 & 15(Friday & Saturday) - Basic rock climbing and back packing in the Wichita Mountains in southwestern Oklahoma. Group leader - Lehman Holder - call him at 274-3072 in Borger prior to Oct. 4. These are tentative dates.