

THE PRAIRIE HORNED LARK

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2206 S. Lipscomb, Amarillo 79109

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November Meeting - November 19, 7:30 P.M., Amarillo Garden Center

We are delighted to report that Jack Hughes, Professor of Anthropology at West Texas will be with us to "Bring Us Up To Date on Panhandle Pre-history." Jack is a Doctor now, but he has been appearing before our Society since our beginnings and his earliest days at WT. He has proved that Anthropology and Archaeology are worthy courses, and is perhaps the most knowledgeable archaeologist in this area. He may have some suggestions for activity of the Audubon Society. In addition, Mary Donelson will report on her very recent visit to the Tellico Dam, which you probably read about in a recent paper here. See you all at 7:30 Monday night. Rosemary Scott will be the hostess.

*** Board Meeting 7:00 in library before regular meeting Nov. 19.

REAL NEWS - Remember to bring your sacks of Aluminum to the meeting.

Remember - Ghost Ranch June 23-30, 1980

Remember - that New Member - We need 18 more.

Remember - Festival of Trees - Dec. 8-9. We have tickets to sell.

Remember - Annual Meeting, Jan. 21, 1980. Plan now to attend & invite interested people and non-participating Members.

A cry of HELP from Fern Cain - "Coming out of Bugbee Canyon, Lake Meredith, 10/28/79, I saw a barn swallow in the middle of the dirt road. I stopped the car and got out and he didn't fly until I was within 4 feet of him. After he flew, I noticed a very small lizard in the roadbed in the very same area from which the barn swallow flew. The lizard's eye was bleeding, and he was unable to scurry to the roadside. Question: was the barn swallow tired from his migration journey and resting in the middle of the road? And - would a barn swallow eat a lizard?"

Fern would be delighted to hear from any expert on this matter at 406 W. Grand, Borger, Texas 79007.

BIRD NOTES - Kenneth Seyffert *

White Pelican - by Oct. 28 the 75 seen at Buffalo Lake on Oct. 7 by PA and KS had dwindled to 30 and by Nov. 3 only 1 was still lingering.

Peregrine Falcon - the young bird previously seen at BL on Sept. 30 and Oct. 7 by PA and KS was still there on Oct. 14. It was not a shy bird and permitted one to approach quite closely.

Prairie Falcon - 1 at BL on Oct. 14 by KS

Wood Duck - 2 males and 1 female at BL on Oct. 14 by KS

Barn Owl - 2 have been hanging out at BL. They were seen Oct. 7 by PA & KS and they were seen again on October 14 & Nov. 3 by KS

Carolina Chickadee - 1 seen in his backyard in town by KS on Oct. 22

Virginia Rail - 1 at BL on Oct. 28 by KS

Say's Phoebe - a late bird at BL Oct. 28 and Nov. 3 by KS

Sandhill Crane - 400 on the ground at BL on Nov. 3 by KS; 2 large flocks flew over town Oct. 30 - MKM

Sora rail - 1 at BL on Nov. 3 by KS

Clay-colored Sparrow - late ones at BL on Nov. by KS

McCown's Longspur - 1 large flock in the Umbarger area on Nov. 3 by KS

Nov. 11 - at BL - 13 Hooded Mergansers, 7 Red-breasted Mergansers, 1 Horned grebe, 1 Common Loon

AND - the neat little Juncos are back in my back yard - 2 Oregon & 1 Slate Colored Nov. 11 by MKM. Aren't you glad they are here?

* * * You people who see birds around, call Kenneth on the weekends. They might be great records.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT SCHEDULE

Dec. 15 - Palo Duro Canyon

Dec. 23 - West Lake Meredith

Dec. 26 - Buffalo Lake

Dec. 28 - Arnet

Dec. 30 - East Lake Meredith

Jan. 1 - Quitique

Get these on your calendar, as we need all the help we can get. Inactive members are urged to get involved in the Christmas count.

INFORMATION ON GOLDEN EAGLES NEEDED.

A letter was recently received from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept. requesting information on the nesting of Golden Eagles. The letter follows-

"The Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. has recently begun a survey of golden eagles nesting in Texas. We are interested primarily in learning the location and history of active nests and the number of young being fledged. Migration or movement of these locally nesting eagles, prey selection and information on inactive nests would also be of value. All field checking of information received will be done to insure that the eagles will not be disturbed during the critical nest building and incubation period so as not to cause abandonment of the nest. If any of your members have any information on this subject they may contact me at the address below. Thank you for your assistance." David W. Rideout, Wildlife Biologist, 401 Ave. F, SW, Childress, Tx., 79201. Phone AC 817-937-8574.

Let's help him, if we have any information.