

* * * * * DECEMBER IS CHRISTMAS COUNT MONTH * * * * *

Since December is the month for the Christmas Counts all over the United States it is very important that every member help as they can. We are urging everyone planning to help with any count, to contact the Leader of that count ahead of time, to enable the leader to make the most of each person's time and energy.

*Bring your lunch and wear comfortable shoes and layers of clothing.

The Count Schedules are:

SUNDAY - December 16 (Notice this change from last month) - Amarillo Count - (Palo Duro Canyon/Lake Tanglewood) - meet at entrance to Palo Duro Canyon State Park at 8:00 A.M. - Count Leader, Peggy Acord, 352-6372

SUNDAY - December 23 - Lake Meredith (West) - Meet at National Parks Hdqts. in Fritch at 7:30 A.M. - Count Leader, Fern Cain (Call Mary Moyer, 353-2684)

WEDNESDAY - December 26 - Buffalo Lake Nat'l Wildlife Refuge - meet at Refuge Hdqts. at 8:00 A.M. - Count Leader, Larry Wynn (Call Ken Seyffert, 373-9580)

FRIDAY - December 28 - Arnett, Okla. - Meet at the Circle C Restaurant in Arnett at 7:00 A.M. - Count Leader - Ken Seyffert, 373-9580

SUNDAY, December 30 - Lake Meredith (East) - Meet at National Parks Hdqts. in Fritch at 7:00 A.M. - Count Leader Ken Seyffert

TUESDAY, January 1 - Quitaque - Meet at entrance to Caprock Canyons State Park (Lake Theo) - 8:00 A.M. - Count Leader - Ken Seyffert

LETTER TO THE MEMBERSHIP:

Dear Friends,

We all join the National Audubon Society for many reasons -

*Some to support a conservation society, and choose Audubon for information. Audubon is a wise choice as we feel it is the leading conservation organization with a sound business approach to these problems.

*Some because they like the magazine and like to have it in their office waiting rooms.

*Some because they paint and like the art work for suggestions.

*Some because an interested friend sends them a subscription for the magazine.

*Some because they are concerned about the problems of the environment, and find this a forum to work through.

*Some because they like birds, and this is a good way to learn more in the field.

Whatever your reason is, we appreciate your interest and concern voiced through membership. Locally, we classify our membership into Active Participating Members or Inactive Non-Participating Members. We are always hopeful that the first group will attract the second group.

However, we do feel there are several ways every member can be helpful with the total program of the local organization.

1. Help with our Scholarship Fund by collecting aluminum to sell.

2. Help with field trips if you are a knowledgeable birder, or want to learn about them.

3. As a stockholder, attend our Annual Meeting, January 21.

4. Be a Committee of One not to spread litter and discourage others who do it.

5. Learn about and talk about Conservation problems and needs.

6. Visit our meetings sometime, just to see what is going on.

A letter from Dr. Armentrout encourages us to get the 22 new members we need.

Also, and importantly, hope you all have a great Christmas Season.

- - Mary Moyer, President

COMING UP - January 21 - ANNUAL MEETING.

Plan now to come for dinner and evening, a good time to bring guests.

NEW MEMBERS - call and welcome them -

Mrs. A. B. Clark, 3804 West Lawn

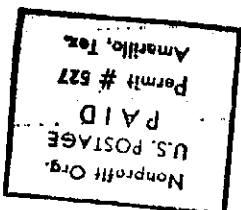
Mrs. Edna Coy, 2019 Milam

Mrs. Leta J. Troutt, 2414 Lloyd

BIRD NOTES -

- November 16 - PD Canyon SP - An Ash-throated Flycatcher (extremely late as as this species gone by the end of Sept), 8 Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers (an unusually high number) by RR, RS, EW
- November 17 - Buffalo Lake - A Western Grebe, 3 White Pelicans (a late sighting), 2 Bonaparte's Gulls, 2 Say's Phoebes (late), a Western Bluebird by KS and NE
- November 20 - Hope Road by RR & EW - Invasion of Lark Buntings - hundreds of them everywhere, flock of Longspurs, especially Chestnut-collared Longspur.
- November 25 - PD Canyon SP - A very late Lessor Goldfinch, a Sage Thrasher, 2 singing Say's Phoebes, by KS
- November 25 - Sanford Dam Lake Meredith - Immature Whistling Swan by Barbara & John Ribble from Austin, attending IOS, Lubbock
- November 27 - Duniven Lake - A Horned Grebe by RR
- November 29 - 2800 Blk Travis - 100 Cedar Waxwings, then 50, then 25 - large flocks, Hope Road in fields & roads - still hundreds of Lark Buntings by Rena & Esther
- December 2 - PD Canyon SP - a Black-throated Gray Warbler (a very late sighting) by KS, PA. & Leo Galloway, St. Joseph, Mo.

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