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PROGRAM FOR APRIL:

Tom Wood with the Nature Center in Fort Worth will present the program for April. He will show films on hummingbirds and spring flowers. The meeting will be on April 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Garden Center.

FIELD TRIPS:

The following field trips have been scheduled for April and May. Trip leaders have not been shown as they will vary from trip to trip based on who is available for leading them. Do we have any volunteers?

April 19(Saturday) - Palo Duro Canyon State Park. Meet at entrance at 8:00 a.m.

April 27(Sunday) - Lake McClellan. Meet at the concessions building on north side at 8:30 a.m.

May 3(Saturday) - Memorial Park Cemetery at 8:00 a.m.

May 11(Sunday) - Big Day Count

May 17(Saturday) - Llano Cemetery at 8:00 a.m.

May 25(Sunday) - Buffalo Lake NWR. Meet at headquarters at 8:00 a.m.

FIRST SIGHTINGS:

March 16: Turkey Vulture - northeast Panhandle (Vera Deason, Estelle Duncan, Mayy Moyer, Rena Ross, Esther Waddill).

Eastern Phoebe(2) - in McBride Canyon, Potter Co. (Fern Cain)

March 23: Cinnamon Teal(1); Long-billed Curlew(16); Lesser Yellowlegs(1); Least Sandpiper(2); Long-billed Dowitcher (78); American Avocet(30); Barn Owl (1); Troc Swallow(2); Western Bluebird(5); Swamp Sparrow(1) - all at Buffalo Lake NWR (Ken Seyffert).

March 30: Rough-winged Swallows at Lake Tanglewood (Poggy Acord).

April 6: Eared Grebe(15); Black-crowned Night Heron(1); Swainson's Hawk(4); Black-necked Stilt(1); Barn Swallow(2); Yellow-headed Blackbird(2); Wilson's Phalarope(24); all at Buffalo Lake NWR (KS).

Swainson's Hawk; Osprey(1); Ash-throated Flycatcher(1); Chipping Sparrow - all at Lake Tanglewood (PA).

April 13: Snowy Plover(1); Vesper Sparrow(1); - at Buffalo Lake NWR (KDS,PA).

BIRD NOTES:

Glaucous Gull - a bird in second winter plumage was seen on a playa lake east of Amarillo in Carson Co. 3/14/80 by Rena Ross, Esther Waddill, Mary Moyer, Estelle Duncan, and Vera Deason. It was possibly the same bird seen at Buffalo Lake NWR earlier in the year.

Red-tailed Hawk: Peggy Acord, Fern Cain and Frank Smith observed one on a nest at Lake Meredith on 3/30.

Long-eared Owl: Ken Seyffert has found them frequently at Buffalo Lake NWR this spring - 2 on 3/9, 2 on 3/23, 6 on 4/6. On one occasion, after the owl had been flushed and had flown further down the ravine, he squeaked at back to him and the owl lit to within a

few yards of him and remained there until he walked directly up to it. Another one he spied ahead of him as he walked through Rod-poll Cove. The owl compressed its contour feathers until it appeared like a dead limb, and the observer passed within a few yards of it without flushing the owl. Of the six seen on 4/6, four of them were flushed from a dense stand of salt cedars. This species can often be found congregated in such habitat during migration.

Black-necked Stilt: Peggy Acord and Ken Seyffert saw seven of them at Buffalo Lake NWR on 4/13. Not too many years it was considered a memorable year when this species was seen on the Panhandle; now, we see them every year!

Shorebirds: If you want to learn your shorebirds and reacquaint yourself with old friends, now is the time to do it. Buffalo Lake will not be with us much longer, but right now the mud flats are extensive and conditions are ideal for shorebirding. Besides those listed above, other species to be seen there on 4/13 were Long-billed Dowitchers(350-400), Am Avocets(300), Greater Yellowlegs(25+), Baird's Sandpiper, Wilson's Phalarope, Least Sandpipers.

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Sherrie Little - 3127 Fleetwood, Amarillo  
Tom Patterson - 3228 Milam, Amarillo  
Hugh Russell - 2800 S. Hughes, Amarillo  
Carrie Vaughan, - 16 Fairway Rt 1, Canyon  
Mamie Walters - 700 S. Fairmont, Amarillo  
Quentin Wilson - 7026 Jamestown Ave, Tulsa.

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