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PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER

The program for the October meeting will be a "Scotch Haggis" to be served to us by two recent travelers to England and Scotland, Mary Donelson and Rena Ross. A haggis is a pudding of mixed ingredients (cooked in an animal's stomach!) and ours will include BIRDS, CONSERVATION, ARCHEOLOGY, and the HISTORY OF ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, AND WALES, all illustrated with slides and exhibits. Don't miss an exciting evening! Be at the Garden Center at 7:30 P. M. on October 20.

AN EVEN 100:

Attached is a list of birds recorded in the Texas Panhandle on the annual Breeding Bird Surveys sponsored by the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service. The oldest of the counts goes back to 1967 and many of them have been made regularly since then. The count names are Booker, Channing (the oldest of the counts), Childress, Clarendon (discontinued), Miami, Pantex, Texline, and Waka, and the 25-mile long routes run through the counties of Dallas, Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hartley, Roberts, Oldham, Carson, Armstrong, Donley and Childress.

Who will venture a guess as to what species will be No. 101? My candidates are: Ruddy Duck, Wilson's Phalarope, Black-necked Stilt, Hairy Woodpecker, Eastern Phoebe, Warbling Vireo, Common Yellowthroat, Yellow-headed Blackbird, or Indigo Bunting. Who is your candidate?

BIRD NOTES:

- Sept. 9 - at Ceta Glen in Randall Co. (KS): a Black Phoebe, the tenth reported sighting in the Texas Panhandle and the first since 1972; a Red-eyed Vireo; a White-throated Sparrow, extremely early and the earliest on record.
- Sept. 10 - at Miami, Roberts Co. (OB): a female Black & White Warbler; the first reported Swainson's Thrush.
- Sept. 11 - at Buffalo Lake NWR (KS): a Great Crested Flycatcher; a Wood Thrush; a Red-eyed Vireo; a Pine Warbler; two Ovenbirds.
- Sept. 12 - at Lake McClellan, Gray Co. (KDS): a Louisiana

Heron - the first reported sighting of this species in the Texas Panhandle. This species has appeared in other parts of the state this summer where it has never been seen before, the cause of which is attributed to Hurricane Allen (or is it a Himmicane?); two Virginia Rails; 6-8 Soras; two Hairy Woodpeckers.

- Sept. 13 - at Miami (OB): a Brewer's Sparrow; a Bell's Vireo.
- Sept. 14 - at Buffalo Lake NWR (KS) two Cassin's Kingbirds; a male Black & White Warbler; 50+ Wilson's Warblers - this species has been extremely common this fall.
- near Umbarger, Randall Co. (KS): nine Cattle Egrets.
 - at Miami (OB): the first reported Cedar Waxwings of the season.
- Sept. 18/19 - at 2405 Crockett, Amarillo (MM,KS) - a male Townsend's Warbler that had flown into a car and injured itself.
- at Miami: a White-breasted Nuthatch (seen by OB's daughter, Inez).
- Sept. 21 - at Buffalo Lake NWR (KS): a Broadwinged Hawk; a Willet; three Cassin's Kingbirds; a grey-headed Junco (early); the first reported White-crowned Sparrow:
- Sept. 22 - at 2805 Travis, Amarillo (RR); a Baird's Sparrow.
- Sept. 23 - at 3805 Travis, Amarillo (RR); a Yellow-throated Vireo.
- Sept. 25/26 - at Miami (OB): a Pine Warbler.
- Sept. 27 - at 2805 Travis, Amarillo (RR): a Rufous Hummingbird.
- at 2405 Crockett, Amarillo (MM): a Broad-winged Hawk; the first reported Dark-eyed Junco of the season.
- Sept. 28 - at Miami (OB): a Broad-tailed and a Ruby-throated Hummingbird.
- at Lake Tanglewood, Randall Co. (PA): two Ospreys.
 - at Buffalo Lake NWR (PA,KS): a Band-tailed Pigeon - the 6th reported sighting in the Texas Panhandle and the 1st since 1975; a Catbird; 7 Solitary Vireos (there have been an unusually high number reported this fall); a Black & White Warbler.

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Oct. 1 - at 2805 Travis, Amarillo (RR): a female rose-breasted Gosbeak.

Oct. 4 - at 2206 Lipscomb, Amarillo (KS): a Red-breasted Nuthatch - the first of the season.

Oct. 5 - in Amarillo (KS) - the first Townsends Solitaire of the season (early).

PA = Peggy Acord
 OB = Orilla Bryant
 MM = Mary Moyer
 RR = Rena Ross
 KS = Ken Sayffert

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE:

Sunday, Oct. 19 - the Frank Duncan Ranch in Hutchinson Co. Meet in White Deer at the Junction of U. S. 60 & 294 at 1:30 p.m. and we will drive to the ranch together; or, if you know the way, we will meet you there at 2:00 p. m.

Sunday, Nov. 2 - Ceta Glen, Randall Co. Meet at entrance at 2:00 p. m.

CARING FOR INJURED BIRDS:

From time-to-time we get calls from people requesting our help in caring for an injured bird. An injured or sick bird is extremely difficult to care for without the proper facilities, time, and special knowledge and skill. We are generally at a loss as to what to advise people. If you know of anyone who is interested and prepared to take on the task of caring for such birds, please let us know so that we may refer the callers to the proper place.

BIRDS RECORDED ON THE BREEDING BIRD SURVEYS IN THE TEXAS PANHANDLE (1967-1980)

1. Eared Grebe
2. Pied-billed Grebe
3. Great Blue Heron
4. Green Heron
5. Black-crowned Night Heron
6. Yellow-crowned Night Heron
7. White-faced Ibis
8. Mallard
9. Gadwall
10. Common Pintail
11. Green-winged Teal
12. Blue-winged Teal
13. Cinnamon Teal
14. Am Wigeon
15. Northern Shoveler

16. Redhead
17. Turkey Vulture
18. Mississippi Kite
19. Red-tailed Hawk
20. Swainson's Hawk
21. Ferruginous Hawk
22. Golden Eagle
23. Marsh Hawk
24. Prairie Falcon
25. Am. Kestrel
26. Bobwhite
27. Scaled Quail
28. Ring-necked Pheasant
29. Turkey
30. Am. Coot
31. Am. Avocet
32. Killdeer
33. Mountain Plover
34. Long-billed Curlew
35. Rock Dove
36. Mourning Dove
37. Yellow-billed Cuckoo
38. Roadrunner
39. Great Horned Owl
40. Burrowing Owl
41. Com. Nighthawk
42. Chimney Swift
43. Belted Kingfisher
44. Yellow-shafted Flicker
- Red-shafted Flicker
45. Red-bellied Woodpecker
46. Golden-fronted Woodpecker
47. Red-Headed Woodpecker
48. Downy Woodpecker
49. Ladder-backed Woodpecker
50. Eastern Kingbird
51. Western Kingbird
52. Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
53. Great Crested Flycatcher
54. Ash-throated Flycatcher
55. Say's Phoebe
56. Horned Lark
57. Rough-winged Swallow
58. Barn Swallow
59. Cliff Swallow
60. Blue Jay
61. White-necked Raven
62. Com. Crow
63. Carolina Chickadee
64. Black-crested Titmouse
65. House Wren
66. Bewick's Wren
67. Rock Wren
68. Mockingbird
69. Brown Thrasher
70. Curve-billed Thrasher
71. Am. Robin
72. Eastern Bluebird
73. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
74. Loggerhead Shrike
75. Starling
76. Bell's Vireo
77. House Sparrow
78. Eastern Meadowlark
79. Western Meadowlark
80. Red-winged Blackbird

81. Orchard Oriole
82. Baltimore Oriole
Bullock's Oriole
83. Great-tailed Grackle
84. Common Grackle
85. Brown-headed Cowbird
86. Cardinal
87. Blue Grosbeak
88. Lazuli Bunting
89. Painted Bunting
90. Dickcissel
91. House Finch
92. Lesser Goldfinch
93. Lark Bunting
94. Grasshopper Sparrow
95. Vesper Sparrow
96. Lark Sparrow
97. Rufous-crowned Sparrow
98. Cassin's Sparrow
99. Black-throated Sparrow
100. Field Sparrow