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PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER:

The monthly meeting of the TPAS will be at the Garden Center at 7:30 p. m., Nov. 17. This will be our last meeting until the Annual Dinnor in January as December will be taken up with Christmas Bird Counts. It will be a double-barreled affair. The first part will be a presentation "Pictorial Life of the Hummingbird" by James Rittenberry, and the second part "Fall" by Dr. George Waddill. Both will be color slide presentations.

BIRD NOTES:

- Oct. 14, near Amarillo, Randall Co. two Ospreys (PA,RR), and another one at the Palo Duro Club (EW). The first Brown Greeper of the season in Vega, Oldham Co. (RS).
- Oct. 15; near Umbarger in Deaf Smith Co. 60 American Avocets, 70 Long-billed Curlew; a Marbled Godwit, and large numbers of Barn and Tree Swallows (RR, RS, EM).
- Oct. 19: on the Frank Duncan Ranch in southwastern Hutchinson Co. TPAS field trip where PA, RS, and KS joined Frank and Estelle Duncan in a delightful afternoon in a lovely setting. The best birdss soon were 2 Red-bellied Woodpeckers, a White-breasted Nuthatch, 2 Red-breasted Nuthatches, a Swarp Sparrow, and where the best peoplewatcher was a raccoon in a cottenwood tree.
- Oct. 26: at Buffalo Lake NWR, Randall Co.

 2 Sharp-shinned and one Cooper's
 Hawk; the First Rough-legged Hawk of
 the season; the first Bald Eagle (an
 immature); a Barn Owl; the first Longbilled Marsh Wrons (4); a Sage Thrasher; the first Mountain Bluebirds (54);
 the first Tree Sparrows (2); in nearby
 Deaf Smith Co. 40 Long-billed Curlew all by KS.
- Nov. 2: at Ceta Glon, S. Ceta Canyon, Randall Co. - TPAS field trip attended by PA, MD. AM(and nophew Jeff),RS, KS. The best birds wore a Sharpshinned Hawk, Yellow-bollied Sapsucker, and Golden-crowned Kinglets (2).
- PA Peggy Acord RS Rosemary Scott MD - Mary Donelson KS - Kon Seyffert AM - Armon Mays EW - Esther Waddill

RR - Rona Ross

CHRISTMAS DIRD COUNTS:

The National Audubon Society's annual Christmas Bird Count keeps growing bigger and bigger. In last winter's count—the 80th—more people took part and covered more territory than ever before. Approximately 33,000 observors participated, organized into teams that covered 1.320 count areas in the United States, Canada, and Central and South America. They reported more than 109 million birds, species by species, including a number

of hugh blackbird roos;s.

The highest count this time was in the Atlantic area of the Canal Zone in the Republic of Panama, which sighted 320 different species. Freeport, Texas, tied with San Diego, California, for the highest count in the United States; each found 217 species. Complete results are in the count issue of American Biards.

The schedule for our own area counts are as follows:

- Dec. 20(Saturday): Buffalo Lake NWR meet at refuge headquarters at 8:00 a.m. Count leader is Larry Wynn.
- Dec. 21(Sunday): Amerillo meet at entrance to the Palo Duro Canyon SP at 8:00 a.m. &count leader is Peggy Acord.
- Dec. 28(Sunday): Lake Meredith(west) meet at Nat'l Parks headquarters
 in Fritch at 7:30 a.m. Count
 leader is Fern Cain.
- Jan. 1 (Thursday): Quitaque meet at SP headquarters at Lake Theo at 8:00 a.m. Count leader is Ken Seyffert.
- Jan. 4 (Sunday): Lake Meredith(east) meet at Nat'l Parks headquarters
 in Fritch at 7:30 a. m. Count
 leader is Ken Seyffert.

The date for the Arnett, Oklahoma count is yet to be set.

Breeding Bird Surveys;

Attached is a table giving the results of the annual Breeding Fird Surveys on nine representative species in the Texas Panhandle. These counts began in 1967 with the Channing count and are conducted during the first two weeks in June. The results of all counts each year are not available, but we believe the information presented here will give an interesting picture of the relative distribution of these typical species.

DISTRIBUTION OF DREEDING DIRDS IN THE TEXAS PANHANDLE 1967/80

| Turkey Vulture | | <u>67</u> | <u>68</u> | <u> 59</u> | <u>70</u> | . <u>71</u> . | 72 | <u>73</u> . | <u>74</u> | · <u>?</u> 5 | <u>76</u> | 77 | <u>78</u> | 72 | 80 |
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| Mourning Dove Rooker Channing Childress Miami Fantex Texline Waka | | 82 | 54 | 84 84 | 78 | 73 72 | 66 165 | 1 <i>5</i> 4 125 | | <i>5</i> 7 | 73 222 72 50 85 | 47 161 53 105 53 | 1 08 53 | 84 142 117 43 32 45 | 90 61 49 41 65 |
| Western Kingbird Tooker Channing Childress Miami Pantex Texline Waka | | 7 | 6 | 13 5 | 10 | 23 2 | 14 15 | 24 7 | 27 2 10 | 35 4 31 18 35 | 41 12 43 20 26 | 25 15 18 8 26 | 27 20 24 | 32 4 12 11 24 12 | 18 37 16 34 7 |
| Horned Lark Rooker Channing Childress Miami Fantex Texline Waka | | 96 | 60 | 72 0 | 49 3 | 49 14 | 51 0 | 38 4 | 38 3 289 | 32 0 86 451 171 | 38 0 121 473 99 | 30 97 667 122 | 166 43 146 | 325 | 111 1 <i>5</i> 8 |
| Mockingbird Booker Channing Childress Miami Pantex Texline Waka | | <i>5</i> 9 | 43 | 40 43 | 51 | 49 93 | <i>5</i> 7 132 | 38 137 | 51 93 12 | 42 142 28 14 5 | 47 141 28 7 9 | 33 ³ 103 17 3 5 | 77 23 | 79 24 2 2 | 1 28 17 5 |
| Western Meadowlark Fooker Channing Childress Miami Pantex Texline Waka | | 165 | 197 | 203 2 | 201 | 1 <i>5</i> 8 13 | 162 16 | 150 55 | 151 48 172 | 159 52 94 201 217 | 203 45 81 234 111 | 178 44 77 203 169 | 189 98 1 <i>5</i> 7 | 187 30 260 201 205 96 | 247 |
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