

THE PRAIRIE HORNED LARK
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The annual Conservation Dinner Meeting of the Texas Panhandle Audubon Society will be held March 22, 1982 at 6:30 p.m. in the Garden Center. Bring a covered dish sufficient for 10 people and \$2.00 per person to defray costs. Please note that this meeting will be held the fourth Monday of the month instead of the regular third Monday.

Dr. Joseph Cepeda, TPAS member who is a geology professor at West Texas State University, will be our speaker. He will present the National Society's Energy Plan, a Technical Report, released to state and local Audubon leaders in April 1981. The conservation of natural resources and energy is the key message of the report.

The TPAS conservation award will be presented for distinguished contributions to conservation in our local area. Also, the recipient of our first scholarship award to Audubon West will be presented.

Guests are welcome. For information and/or reservations, call one of the following: Rena Ross 373-1450; Vera Deason 374-5072; Mary Donelson 372-8934.

BIRD NOTES:

Cinnamon Teal - the first one of the year at Lake McClellan, Gray Co. 2/28(KS).

Wood Duck - 6 at the Duncan Ranch, Hutchinson Co. 2/21(PA,KS).

Bald Eagle - an immature bird at the Palo Duro Club, Randall Co. 2/5(RR,EW,GW), and a mature bird regularly as late as 2/28 (EW,GW).

Prairie Falcon - one just south of the Washington St. turnoff to the Palo Duro Canyon SP, Randall Co., 2/14(KS).

Long-billed Curlew - 8 in Castro Co. 2/14 (WG,VG) - do curlews winter in that area regularly?

Herring Gull - a mature bird at the Palo Duro Club, Randall Co. 2/14-15 (RR,EW,GW).

Great Horned Owl - one on nest on the Duncan Ranch, Hutchinson Co. 2/21(PA,KS).

Fox Sparrow - 7 at Lake McClellan, Gray Co. 2/28(KS). This has been a banner winter for this species in our area.

PA - Peggy Acord KS - Ken Seyffert
VG - Virginia Gill EW - Esther Waddill
WG - Waymon Gill GW - George Waddill
RR - Rena Ross

BIRD WEEK: BIRDATHON; BALD EAGLE RALLY;
The first week in May is going to be proclaimed BIRD WEEK IN AMARILLO of some kind(?). We would like any of your ideas for an appropriate name - Bird Awareness Week? - Bird Recognition Week? - Know Your Birds Week? You are invited to give your ideas NOW. We have already been guaranteed a Proclamation.

We have great plans for a BIG EAGLE RALLY. Circle your calendars now for May 7, 7:30 at Amarillo College Ordway Hall. It has limited capacity, so plan to be there early to get YOUR seat. We have some really important people participating. More information will be in the April Newsletter, but get the date settled now.

Also, big plans are underway for a great BIRDATHON, May 9. We may have 9 teams of birders instead of our 5 of last year. We need managers for each team, so we are looking for volunteers to help. The birding teams will be announced in the next Newsletter.

The Birdathon is a real opportunity to do several things to help the Society. It is our BIG DAY COUNT, to try to count all the birds going through this area on that day. It can give other members of Audubon and the community the chance to have a part in it, even though they may not know birds. Also of importance is the chance to add to our scholarship fund in a substantial and fast way. Considerably faster than the aluminum drives.

So hopefully everyone will join in and have a really good time participating in the 2nd Annual Birdathon. We were high in the Region last year, so maybe we could top this year. The object is Birding. Make your plans to be a part NOW. We are still in the aluminum business, so bring your collection to the next meeting or drop it off at 2405 Crockett.

....Mary Moyer....

A WORLD TRAVELLER:

Larry Wym of the Buffalo Lake NWR informs us that a Pintail banded on the refuge February 27, 1971 was recovered on May 28, 1980 at the Velikaya River mouth, USSR, where it enters the Bering Sea in eastern Siberia.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Dr. Joseph Cepeda - Dept. of Geosciences, WTSU, Canyon, Texas.

Mrs. H. H. Elam - Givins Memorial Home - Amarillo, Texas.

Tony Ortiz - Amarillo, Texas.

We were pleased to have Rhea Copening of the Southwest Regional Office attend our Board Meeting on March 3.

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE - TEXAS PANHANDLE AUDUBON SOCIETY - 1982

- April 11 (Sunday) - Lake Mackenzie (Briscoe Co.) - 8:00 a.m.
- April 17 (Saturday) - Ceta Glen (Randall Co.) - 8:00 a.m.
- May 2 (Sunday) - Duncan Ranch (Hutchinson Co.) - 8:00 a.m.
- May 9 (Sunday) - Big Day Count (Potter/Randall Cos.) -
- May 23 (Sunday) - Wildflowers - Lake Meredith (Potter Co.)

- September 12 (Sunday) - Adobe Walls (Hutchinson Co.)
- September 25 (Saturday) - Buffalo Lake NWR (Randall Co.)
- October 10 (Sunday) - Caprock Canyons SP (Briscoe Co.)
- October 24 (Sunday) - Tom Green Ranch (Oldham Co.)
- November 7 (Sunday) - Lake McClellan (Gray Co.)
- November 21 (Sunday) - Muleshoe NWR (Bailey Co.)