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The summer has flown by and it's time to get back into the swing of things for fall.

Board Meeting - Monday, Sept. 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Moyer.

Sept. Meeting - Monday Sept. 17th at 7:30 p.m. at the Amarillo Garden Center. Dr. Joseph Cepeda will give us a program on the geology of the Palo Duro Canyon. This should be a refresher for us old timers and an introduction into the mysteries to our newer members.

FIELD TRIPS SCHEDULE:

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| Sept. 22 (Saturday) | Palo Duro Canyon - Geology field trip by Joe Cepeda - meet at park entrance 8:30 a.m. |
| Oct. 7 (Sunday) | McBride Canyon, Lake Meredith - meet at canyon entrance at 8:30 a.m. |
| Oct. 20 (Sunday) | Lake McClellan, Gray County - meet at concession's building at 8:30 a.m. |
| Nov. 3 (Saturday) | Hidden Falls, Armstrong Co. meet at entrance at 2:00 p.m. |
| Nov. 18 (Sunday) | Buffalo Lake NWR - meet at entrance at 2:00 p.m. |

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The fall semester at Amarillo College has started and hosts for the science museum have been assigned. The museum is open from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday during regular school schedule. We hope many of the members will take time to visit.

Kenneth Seyffert has been instrumental in correcting the labeling on several specimens of birds at the Panhandle Plains Museum.

"What is man without the beasts?" If all the beasts were gone, men would die from great loneliness of spirit, for whatever happens to the beasts also happens to man. All things are connected - Hold in your mind the memory of the land as it is when you take it. And with all your strength, all your might, and with all your heart, preserve it for your children.

So said Sealth, Chief of the Squamish Kitsap, Peninsula, Washington Terr. 1855.

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BIRD NOTES: June-August

Double-crested Cormorant, Yellow Warbler: in western Lipscomb County on the late date of 6/6 (KS).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron: an adult and juvenile at Buffalo Lake NWR, Randall County, 8/5 (KS).

Canada Goose: a mallard-size bird on the Bookout farm near Hartley, Hartley County, to at least 7/2 (JB, CC, KS). Photos taken and sent to the Texas Photo-Record File at Texas A&M (JB).

Peregrine Falcon: one circling around the upper floors of the Texas American Bank building in downtown Amarillo, Potter County, 8/5 (RR,EA). Only one other August record on file.

Common Moorhen: adults with juveniles in cattail marsh downriver from Sanford Dam, Lake Meredith, Hutchinson County, 7/6 (KS). This species has apparently taken up residence at this location. Not many years ago it was considered a rare event to see one anywhere in the Panhandle.

Western Sandpiper, Stilt Sandpiper: in southwestern Ochiltree County on the late date of 6/7 (KS).

Red Knot: one at Buffalo Lake NWR, Randall County, 7/8 (KS), and three near Kingsmill, Gray County, 8/26 (KS). All the birds were in winter plumage and one was tagged with what looked like a US Fish & Wildlife Service band on the right leg.

Red-necked Phalarope: two on the Hollywood Road Waste Water Treatment lake, Randall County, 8/17 (PA).

Rufous, Broad-tailed, and Black-chinned Hummingbirds: all reported in the Ross's yard in Amarillo, Randall County, week of 8/5-11 (RR, EA).

Olive-sided Flycatcher (1), Western Wood Pewee (3), Willow Flycatcher (1), Swainson's Thrush (1), and MacGillivray's Warbler (1); all in the Thompson Grove Picnic Area near Texline, Dallam County, on the late date of 6/9 (KS).

Olive-sided Flycatcher: first returning migrant reported in Amarillo, Randall County, 8/7 (RR, EA).

Empidon Flycatcher: first returning migrants reported at Jim's Lake near Borger, Hutchinson County, 7/21 (FC,FS), and in west Amarillo, Potter County, 7/21 (PA).

Canyon Wren: an out of pocket bird seen and heard singing inside the 84 Lumber Company building in west Amarillo, Potter County, 7/20 (PA).

Louisiana Waterthrush: the find of the summer - one reported at Jim's Lake near Borger, Hutchinson County, 7/21 (FC) - the only summer sighting on record.

Following a cool front Sept. 2nd many fall migrants are coming through.

Rena Ross' yard has been full of robins, orioles, olive sided flycatchers, western wood pence and both ast throated and go crested flycatchers.

Peggy Acord has had a considerable movement of chipping sparrow and yellow and Wilson's Warbler on Sept. 2.