

***** November, 1984 *****

Meeting: Monday, Nov. 19, 1984 - 7:30 pm at the Amarillo Garden Center. If you have trouble identifying sparrows come and let Kenneth Seyffert and Peggy Acord help you learn to sort them out.

Board Meeting 7:00 pm just before the Nov. 19 meeting at the Garden Center. Will all board members please attend.

Your editor apologizes for having mixed up the field trip, scheduled in the Oct. newsletter. Since the Hidden Fally Ranch trip which was rained out seemed to interest many of you it has been rescheduled for 2:00 pm Sat. Nov. 17th. The turn off to the Ranch is about 18 miles east of 27-87 on County Road 285 and about two miles off the highway. Watch for the big Red and White microwave tower.

Christmas Count dates.

Palo Duro Canyon - Sat. Dec. 15 - 800 at gate - Peggy Acord compiler.
Lake Meredith West - Sat. Dec. 22, 1984 meet at Lake Meredith Recreation Area Headquarters in Fritch. Fern Cain compiler.

Quitaque - Wed. Dec. 19, 1984 meet at Entrance to Caprock Canyons State Park at 8:00 am. Kenneth Seyffert compiler.

Lake Meredith East - Sat. Dec. 29th meet at 8:00 am at Headquarters in Fritch. Kenneth Seyffert compiler.

Buffalo Lake - Tues. Jan. 1, 1985 - 8:00 am at Entrance - Kenneth Seyffert compiler.

Bird Records

Common Loon - one Lake Meredith 10/19 (FC) early date.
White Pelican - six at BLNWR - 10/11 (KS)
Double Crested Cormorant - another species unusually common this fall. Elysian Fields, six 10/1 (KS); Buffalo Lake NWR, six 10/11, two on 10/15 (KS) at Lake Meredith - one on 11/2 (KS).
Greater White fronted Goose - 95 on a playa between Umbarger and Buffalo Lake NWR 10/2 (KS) an unsusally large number to see at one time in this area.
Wood Duck - three males and a female Currie Ranch 10/3 (KS)
Common Merganser - 1 - F at EF - 10/1 (KS) early date.
Osprey - EF - late Sept (TJ) 2 Currie Ranch 10/3 (KS) 1-BLNWR-10/11 1-LAMR 10/19 (FC)
Bald Eagle - 1 - 1 MM near Spearman, 9/26 (FS) very early.
Broad-Winged Hawk - 1 at 1-LMM 9/30, 1-LMM 10/20 all at BLNWR (KS)
Virginia Rail Calling - Currie Ranch 10/3 (KS)
Marbled Godeirt - 1-EF (KS) 10/9
Pictorial Sandpiper - 1 - Tradewinds Playa 10/30 (KS) late.
Black Hooded Parakeet - 1 reported at 5223 Floyd St. 10/13 confirmed (RR). This is a South American species that is widely reported in this country as an escapee. It has even formed small colonies in some areas.
Brown Swallow - large numbers have been reported throughout the area this fall and on later than usual dates. Between 8-9am 10/15, a continuous stream of swallows was observed coming in to BLNWR on the winds of the season's first brisk cold front. An estimated 2,000 birds assembled before dispersing later in the morning. (KS) 150+ were seen again at the lake on 10/20 (KS).
American Crow - a large movement of crows took place across the area between 10/9 and 10/20 all moving to the southwest. Flocks of 50-100 birds each were observed on 10/9 and later. On 10/11 an estimated 500+ moved thru BLNWR.
Winter Wren - 1 BLNWR - 10/11 (KS) - 10/28 (KS-PA)
White Breasted Nuthatch - L. Meredith 11/2 (KS)
Tennessee Warbler - 1 Amarillo - 9/28 (RR)

Townsend's Warbler - this continues to be a Townsend's warbler year:
An imm. bird was seen at BL 10/2 and a male & female on the Currie Ranch
10/3 (KS)

Black throated green - male & female BLNWR - 10/11 (KS)

Le Conte's Sparrow - the sixth reported sighting of this sparrow in our
area since 1936. One at BL 10/2 (KS) - This little jewel was flushed from
the grass grown roadside near the old concessionaire's building and it
perched, fully exposed and at length in a dead sunflower plant about 10
yards from the observer. One of those real lucky occurrences as most of
the little sparrows that fly up from underfoot keep flying and are never
seen again.

White winged crossbill - an imm. at BL 10/28 (PA-KS) - This was a
"probable" sighting not a "positive". It was seen very briefly, white
wing-bars conspicuous and it flew directly over the observers calling
briefly. If identified correctly, the third sighting for Texas, second
for the Panhandle (KS-PA).

PA-Peggy Acord
FC-Fern Cain
TJ-Tom Johnson

RR - Rena Ross
KS - Kenneth Seffert
FS - Frank Smith

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