

PROGRAM FOR MAY:

The final meeting of the season, prior to reconvening in September, will be held at the Garden Center at 7:30 p.m., Monday, May 19. The program will be a 25-minute film on "The Audubon Society's Camps and Workshops".

ATTENTION TO NON-MEMBERS:

Due to the greatly increased cost of the Newsletter production and postage, the Board has decided that we can no longer send complimentary copies to so many people. Beginning with the September issue, we will need to charge a small fee of \$2.00 a year for all non-members. This does not include other Audubon chapters with whom we exchange newsletters. We appreciate the interest shown by our non-members in the Newsletter and regret this need to be compensated. If you wish to continue receiving the Newsletter, please send your subscription money to Mary Moyer, Treasurer, at 2405 Crockett, Amarillo, TX 79109.

CONSERVATION AWARD:

At the annual Conservation dinner in April, the Conservation Committee of the Texas Panhandle Audubon Society was happy to confer the 1986 Conservation Award to Mr. F. L. Eicke of Hereford for his outstanding practices in soil and water conservation. Mr. Eicke has been most innovative in his work on terracing and elimination of much irrigation. We all extend our congratulations to Mr. Eicke. Members are invited to begin thinking about a nominee for 1987 and are asked to submit names of candidates to Tommy Rosson, Conservation Chairman.

ALUMINUM:

Since this is the last meeting until fall, we urge everyone to bring their accumulated aluminum to the next meeting so that we can clear out the sacks we have on hand. We do make a little money for the Scholarship Fund from this project, so maybe you can ask your friends and neighbors to save their aluminum for you during the summer.

RULING ON BUFFALO LAKE REVERSED:

On March 4 the Texas Water Commission reversed its decision of January 8, 1986, denying the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's application for a permit for Stewart Dike at the Buffalo Lake NWR. In a rehearing the Commission found that Stewart Dike was not detrimental to the public welfare and granted the Service a permit amendment for a five-year term. This is good news as the Texas Panhandle Audubon Society is in support of the Service's plans to keep Buffalo Lake as a viable wildlife refuge.

"GREAT AMARILLO BIRD CHASE":

The first "Great Amarillo Bird Chase" was held April 19 on a raw, windy, and rainy morning. The adverse weather held down, no doubt, the total count, but despite this 67 species were tallied in a four-hour period. The winning team of Seyffert, Scott, Smith and Hilton came up with 50 species. This was followed by Myers, Gomez, and C. & D. Chapman with 43, and Cain, Reynolds, Moyer and Williamson with 40. Elliott and Empie did not turn in their total. The bird-of-the-day was the Black-necked Stilt found first by the Myers party.

BIRD NOTES: FIRST SIGHTINGS OF THE YEAR:

- 4/4 - Black-crowned Night-Heron - Palo Duro Club (EW).
- 4/10 - Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - Buffalo Lake NWR (KS).
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - " " " "
Grasshopper Sparrow - " " " "
- 4/11 - Black-chinned Hummingbird - Amarillo (PR).
- 4/12 - Osprey - Palo Duro Club (EW).
Olive-sided Flycatcher - Palo Duro Club (EW - early by 13 days).
Northern Rough-winged Swallow - Ceta Glen (TPAS).
Orange-crowned Warbler - " " "
- 4/13 - Franklin's Gull - Elysian Fields (KS).
- 4/15 - Snowy Plover - Elysian Fields (DM).
- 4/16 - White-faced Ibis - Randall Co. (AG).
- 4/19 - Black-necked Stilt - Randall Co. (DM,AG,JK,CC,DC).
Western Kingbird - Randall Co. (RS,PS,MH,KS).
- 4/20 - Marbled Godwit - Randall Co. (DM).
Stilt Sandpiper - Randall Co. (KS).
- 4/22 - Upland Sandpiper - Buffalo Lake NWR (KS).
Eastern Kingbird - " " " "
- 4/24 - Mississippi Kite - Palo Duro Canyon SP (KS).
- 4/26 - Bank Swallow - Elysian Fields (KS).
- 4/27 - Semi-palmated Sandpiper - Randall Co. (DM).
Chuck-will's-widow - Buffalo Lake NWR (FC,RS,KS).
MacGillivray's Warbler - " " " "
Green-tailed Towhee - " " " "
- 4/28 - Summer Tanager - Borger (FC).
Solitary Sandpiper - Randall Co. (DM).

- 4/30 - Indigo Bunting - Buffalo Lake NWR (KS).
 5/3 - Spotted Sandpiper - Randall Co. (KS).
 Chimney Swift - Amarillo (KS).
 Yellow Warbler - " " "
 5/4 - Blue Grosbeak - Buffalo Lake NWR (KS).
 Clay-colored Sparrow - " " " "
 Orchard Oriole - " " " "
 5/6 - Painted Bunting - McBride Canyon (DM,FC).
 Common Yellowthroat - Buffalo Lake NWR (KS).
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak - " " " "
 Black-headed Grosbeak - " " " "
 Lazuli Bunting - " " " "
 Western Tanager - Borger (DW).
 5/7 - Black-bellied Plover - Randall Co. (DM).
 Forster's Tern - " " "
 5/9 - Snowy Egret - Randall Co. (PA).

Observers: Peggy Acord; Fern Cain; Chip Chapman; Dale Chapman; Alice Gomez; Marvin Hilton; Johnny King; Don Myers; Pena Ross; Rosemary Scott; Ken Seyffert; Paige Smith; Texas Panhandle Audubon Society; Esther Waddill; Doris Williamson.

ANNUAL "BIG DAY" COUNT:

Total: 134 species Participants: Peggy Acord; James Beck; Fern Cain; Nancy Elliott; Marguerite Empie; Tom Johnson; Tom Patterson; Lea & Lacy Reynolds; Rosemary Scott; Ken Seyffert; Frank Smith; Paige Smith; Winnie Wester. -

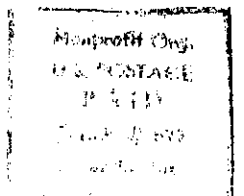
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| 1. Eared Grebe | 46. Forster's Tern | 91. Hermit Thrush |
| 2. Double-crested Cormorant | 47. Black Tern | 92. American Robin |
| 3. Great Blue Heron | 48. Rock Dove | 93. Northern Mockingbird |
| 4. Great Egret | 49. Mourning Dove | 94. Curve-billed Thrasher |
| 5. Black-crowned Night-Heron | 50. Yellow-billed Cuckoo | 95. Water Pipit |
| 6. White-faced Ibis | 51. Greater Roadrunner | 96. Cedar Waxwing |
| 7. Green-winged Teal | 52. Great Horned Owl | 97. Loggerhead Shrike |
| 8. Mallard | 53. Burrowing Owl | 98. European Starling |
| 9. Northern Pintail | 54. Common Nighthawk | 99. Orange-crowned Warbler |
| 10. Blue-winged Teal | 55. Chimney Swift | 100. Nashville Warbler |
| 11. Cinnamon Teal | 56. Black-chinned Hummingbird | 101. Yellow Warbler |
| 12. Northern Shoveler | 57. Belted Kingfisher | 102. Yellow-rumped Warbler |
| 13. Gadwall | 58. Red-headed Woodpecker | 103. Blackpoll Warbler |
| 14. American Wigeon | 59. Golden-fronted Woodpecker | 104. MacGillivray's Warbler |
| 15. Redhead | 60. Ladder-backed Woodpecker | 105. Northern Cardinal |
| 16. Lesser Scaup | 61. Downy Woodpecker | 106. Rose-breasted Grosbeak |
| 17. Puddy Duck | 62. Northern Flicker | 107. Black-headed Grosbeak |
| 18. Turkey Vulture | 63. Olive-sided Flycatcher | 108. Blue Grosbeak |
| 19. Mississippi Kite | 64. Empidonax sp. | 109. Indigo Bunting |
| 20. Swainson's Hawk | 65. Eastern Phoebe | 110. Painted Bunting |
| 21. Red-tailed Hawk | 66. Say's Phoebe | 111. Brown Towhee |
| 22. American Kestrel | 67. Ash-throated Flycatcher | 112. Cassin's Sparrow |
| 23. Ring-necked Pheasant | 68. Great-Crested Flycatcher | 113. Rufous-crowned Sparrow |
| 24. Wild Turkey | 69. Western Kingbird | 114. Chipping Sparrow |
| 25. Northern Bobwhite | 70. Eastern Kingbird | 115. Clay-colored Sparrow |
| 26. Scaled Quail | 71. Scissor-tailed Flycatcher | 116. Brewer's Sparrow |
| 27. Common Moorhen | 72. Horned Lark | 117. Vesper Sparrow |
| 28. American Coot | 73. Tree Swallow | 118. Lark Sparrow |
| 29. Black-bellied Plover | 74. Northern Rough-winged Swallow | 119. Lark Bunting |
| 30. Killdeer | 75. Cliff Swallow | 120. Savannah Sparrow |
| 31. Black-necked Stilt | 76. Barn Swallow | 121. Grasshopper Sparrow |
| 32. American Avocet | 77. Blue Jay | 122. Lincoln's Sparrow |
| 33. Greater Yellowlegs | 78. Scrub Jay | 123. White-crowned Sparrow |
| 34. Lesser Yellowlegs | 79. American Crow | 124. Red-winged Blackbird |
| 35. Spotted Sandpiper | 80. Chihuahuan Raven | 125. Western Meadowlark |
| 36. Whimbrel | 81. Carolina Chickadee | 126. Yellow-headed Blackbird |
| 37. Semi-palmated Sandpiper | 82. Black-crested Titmouse | 127. Great-tailed Grackle |
| 38. Western Sandpiper | 83. Bushtit | 128. Brown-headed Cowbird |
| 39. Least Sandpiper | 84. Rock Wren | 129. Orchard Oriole |
| 40. Baird's Sandpiper | 85. Bewick's Wren | 130. Northern Oriole |
| 41. Stilt Sandpiper | 86. House Wren | 131. House Finch |
| 42. Long-billed Dowitcher | 87. Ruby-crowned Kinglet | 132. Pine Siskin |
| 43. Wilson's Phalarope | 88. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher | 133. American Goldfinch |
| 44. Franklin's Gull | 89. Eastern Bluebird | 134. House Sparrow |
| 45. Ring-billed Gull | 90. Swainson's Thrush | |

FIRST REPORTED SIGHTINGS OF OUT-OF-RANGE SPECIES IN THE TEXAS PANHANDLE IN THE LAST 50 YEARS
(1936-1985) - SECOND PART:

51. Black Swift - Peggy Acord - 17 September 1959 - Amarillo.
52. White-throated Swift - Joe Browder - 21 May 1953 - Amarillo.
53. Green Kingfisher - B. W. VanNoy - September 1966 - Camp Don Harrington, Randall County.
54. Lewis' Woodpecker - Carol & Jim Jokerst - 12 May 1967 - Jokerst Ranch, Randall County.
55. Acorn Woodpecker - Peggy Acord, Kathryn Whipple - 9 May 1965 - Memorial Park Cemetery, Amarillo, Potter County.
56. Williamson's Sapsucker - Peggy Acord, Walter J. Breckenridge, Maxinne Foreman - 12 February 1955 - Palo Duro Canyon SP, Randall County.
57. Black Phoebe - Joe & Betty Bailey - 4 September 1954 - Randall County.
58. Violet-green Swallow - Peggy Acord, Joe Bailey, Floyd Studer - 26 February 1956 - South Ceta Canyon, Randall County.
59. Stellar's Jay - Peggy Acord - 23 November 1952 - Ellwood Park, Amarillo, Potter County.
60. Clark's Nutcracker - Peggy Acord, Joe & Betty Bailey - 19 November 1955 - Llano Cemetery, Amarillo, Randall County.
61. Black-billed Magpie - Barbara Lund - 30 April 1970 - Coldwater Ranch, Potter County.
62. Mountain Chickadee - Leo Galloway - 22 October 1966 - Amarillo, Potter County.
63. Pygmy Nuthatch - J. D. Thompson, Jr. - 27 February 1954 - Amarillo.
64. Cactus Wren - Leo Galloway - 21 July 1967 - Amarillo, Potter County.
65. Sedge Wren - Arthur Hawkins - 11 March 1945 - Palo Duro Club, Randall County.
66. Bendire's Thrasher - J. C. Creagers, Bess Smith - 14 April 1955 - Palo Duro Canyon SP, Randall County.
67. Varied Thrush - Thelma Fox - 3 February 1964 - Amarillo, Randall County.
68. Bohemian Waxwing - Mr. Smith (fide J. O. Stevenson) - 26 December 1936 - Elkins Ranch, Randall County.
69. Phainopepla - Carolyn Stallwitz - February 1972 - near Dumas, Moore County.
70. Northern Shrike - Carroll Littlefield - 22 December 1961 - near Friona, Parmer County.
71. White-eyed Vireo - Rena Ross - 19 September 1964 - Amarillo, Randall County.
72. Gray Vireo - Peggy Acord - 17 August 1952 - Palo Duro Canyon SP, Randall County.
73. Golden-winged Warbler - Leo Galloway - 12 May 1966 - Buffalo Lake NWR, Randall County.
74. Cape May Warbler - Anna Hibbets, Laura Saunders, Darthula Walker - 16 October 1936 - Canyon, Randall County.
75. Yellow-throated Warbler - Peggy Acord - 8 April 1956 - Amarillo.
76. Grace's Warbler - Doyle Foreman - spring 1955 - Canyon, Randall County.
77. Pine Warbler - Peggy Acord, Vera Deason, Thelma Fox - 5 December 1963 - Amarillo, Randall County.
78. Prairie Warbler - Joe & Betty Bailey, Maxinne Foreman - 3 May 1955 - Canyon, Randall County.
79. Palm Warbler - Joe Bailey - 6 May 1956 - Canyon, Randall County.
80. Cerulean Warbler - Marie Mayfield - 16 May 1970 - Buffalo Lake NWR, Randall County.
81. Prothonotary Warbler - Peggy Acord, Thelma Fox, Rena Ross, Esther Waddill - 5 May 1967 - Llano Cemetery, Amarillo, Randall County.
82. Worm-eating Warbler - Rena Ross - 1 May 1966 - Amarillo, Randall County.

83. Connecticut Warbler - Kenneth Seyffert - 22 May 1983 - Buffalo Lake NWR, Randall County.
84. Mourning Warbler - American Birds (observer's name not given) - 30 April 1974 - Buffalo Lake NWR, Randall County.
85. Canada Warbler - Carroll Littlefield - 24 August 1962 - Friona, Parmer County.
86. Red-faced Warbler - Rosemary Scott - 28 April 1980 - Vega, Oldham County.
87. Pyrrhuloxia - T. V. Reeves - spring, 1936 - near Canyon, Randall County.
88. Black-chinned Sparrow - Rena Ross - 26 April 1974 - Amarillo, Randall County.
89. Sage Sparrow - Kenneth Seyffert - 23 February 1964 - Buffalo Lake NWR, Randall County.
90. LeConte's Sparrow - J. O. Stenenson - 3 May 1936 - Harrall Ranch, Armstrong County.
91. Golden-crowned Sparrow - Joe & Betty Bailey - 17 January 1954 - Llano Cemetery, Amarillo, Randall County.
92. White-winged Junco - John Weske - 19 December 1968 - Haynes Scout Camp near Quitaque, Briscoe County.
93. Smith's Longspur - Elaine Adams, Rena Ross - 14 March 1966 - Randall County.
94. Snow Bunting - Mark Lockwood - 29 December 1983 - Dallam County.
95. Bobolink - Joe & Betty Bailey - 15 August 1954 - near Canyon, Randall County.
96. Scott's Oriole - Kenneth Seyffert - 23 September 1978 - Buffalo Lake NWR, Randall County.
97. Pine Grosbeak - Peggy Acord - 10 October 1953 - Amarillo.
98. Cassin's Finch - Peggy Acord - 24 January 1969 - Amarillo.
99. White-winged Crossbill - Rena Ross - 12 March 1981 - Amarillo, Randall County.
100. Common Redpoll - Kenneth Seyffert - 25 November 1965 - Buffalo Lake NWR, Randall County.

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