



THE PRAIRIE HORNED LARK
 Newsletter of the Texas Panhandle Audubon Society
 406 West Grand, Borger, TX 790087

No meeting in December. Christmas Bird Counts as follows:

Palo Duro Canyon, December 19, 8:00 a.m., meet at entrance
Buffalo Lake, December 24, 8:00 a.m., meet at entrance
Lake Meredith, December 26, 7:30 a.m., meet at National Park Service Hdqtrs.
 in Fritch. This is Lake Meredith West
Caprock Canyon, January 1, 8:00 a.m., meet at entrance.

We will have election of officers at the January Meeting. If you have any suggestions, contact Joe Cepeda, nomination chairman, or Don Myers, President.

From the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department: Publication Availability Notice.

"ANALYSIS OF BANDING AND MARKING NESTLING ANHINGAS, OLIVACEOUS CORMORANTS, ROSEATE SPOONBILLS, IBISES, BITTERNS, HERONS AND EGRETS IN TEXAS (1923-1983" by Ray C. Telfair II and Danny A. Swepston. Single copies available at no cost from Nongame and Endangered Species Program, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744. Request Booklet 7100-152 (7/87).

Bird Sightings, October 1 - December 8, 1987 (Texas Panhandle):

Western Grebe - one on the Palo Duro Club lake near Canyon, Randall Co. October 25, George and Esther Waddil

Peregrine Falcon - one at Buffalo Lake NWR October 10 (Peggy Acord and Rosemary Scott).

Whooping Crane - a first year bird on a playa near Amarillo, Randall Co. November to end of period. Banding shows it to be a bird hatched in the Wood Buffalo Park in northern Canada. Somehow it got separated from the parent birds that are said to be already in Aransas.

Sanderling - one on the sewage ponds near Amarillo, Randall Co. October 3, (KS)

Red-bellied Woodpecker - one in Palo Duro Canyon SP November 4. (KS)

Red-naped Sapsucker - male birds at Buffalo Lake NWR October 4 and 7, and one in the Palo Duro Canyon SP November 4 and 11. (KS)

Barn Swallow - one at Buffalo Lake November 6 (KS) - a very late bird and the first reported November sighting.

Carolina Wren - two singing birds at Lake Tanglewood, Randall Co. October 14. (KS)

Wood Thrush - one in her back yard in SW Amarillo November 10. (Rosemary Scott) - a rare sighting at any time and most certainly so this late in the year.

Gray Catbird - one in her back yard in SW Amarillo November 12 to the end of period (Rosemary Scott) and one in the Palo Duro Canyon SP November 24. (KS)

Palm Warbler - one of the yellow eastern race at Buffalo NWR October 28 (KS)

Black-headed Grosbeak - ten at Lake Tanglewood, Randall Co. November 7. Tom Johnson. Very noteworthy as our previous reported late date was October 3.

Brewer's Sparrow - two in the Palo Duro Canyon SP November 24 - this species is rarely reported in the Panhandle. (KS)

Fox Sparrow - one in the Palo Duro Canyon SP November 24, and two at Buffalo Lake NWR November 28. (KS)

Red Crossbill - a male in west Amarillo November 21 and 23. (Peggy Acord)

Evening Grosbeak - scattered sightings at various locations beginning with one at Buffalo Lake NWR on the early date of October 18 (KS)

Rusty Blackbird - twelve at Buffalo Lake NWR December 5 (KS)

Lesser Golden Plover - one at Buffalo Lake NWR December 5 (KS). The latest date on record and the only December sighting.

(Bird sighting reports courtesy of Kenneth Seyffert - Thanks)