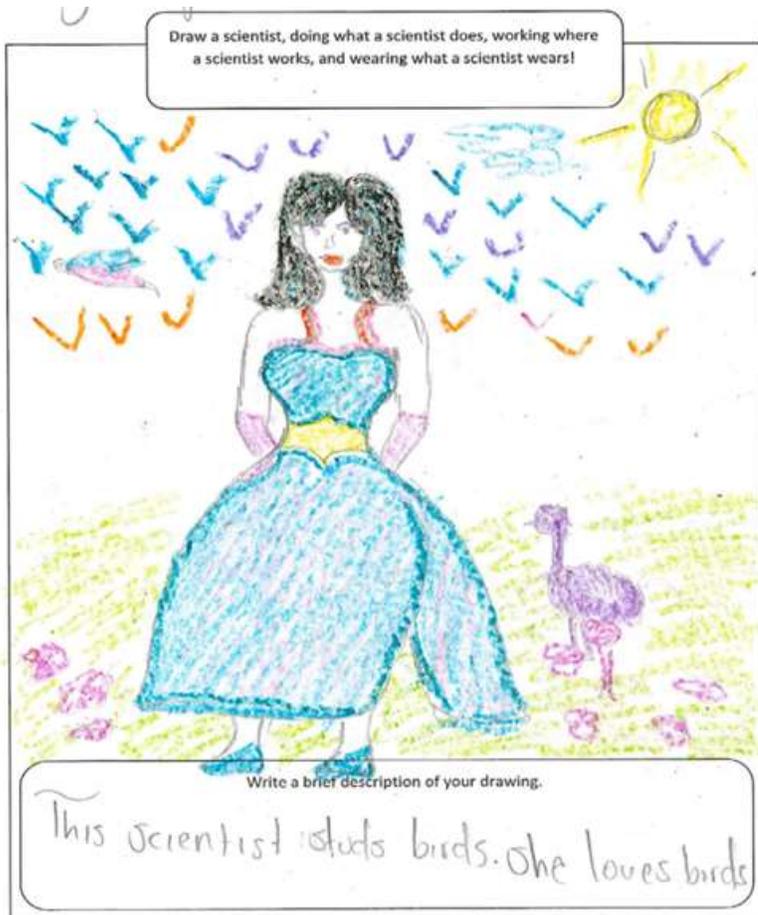


As you may know, Joe "Sewer Pond" Yelderman, went back to the Restoration Gateway orphanage/school in Uganda over spring break in March. He took binoculars to teach the orphans at Restoration Gateway (RG) about birds (and other things). Currently most Ugandans think of ALL birds simply as food and the group introduced them to some of the other benefits birds play in their lives while teaching them some science.

a few "quotes" from the children where they responded to some questions after their birding workshop. I left the spelling as it was originally as they are learning English as a language. And I included a couple of drawings from the children as well. I think they have begun to appreciate and understand birds in a way that goes beyond just food.

- I think there are **100,000** different types of birds at restoration gateway.
- I think birds are **wonderful** because **They bautiful colors, its just amazing to listening to birds sing in Uganda!**
- I think birds are **really amazing** because **some of them helps us not get sick of malaria because they eat up the mosquitos that bites us and infect us with malaria.**
- I think birds are **beautiful special** because **They can sing beautifully and live differently. they also help in polinating plants.**



Draw a scientist, doing what a scientist does, working where a scientist works, and wearing what a scientist wears!



Write a brief description of your drawing.

These are scientist trying to count different species of birds they can find in the forest

If you would like to learn more about this project, go to www.RestorationGateway.org



From Ann Gordon: This beautiful male Black and White Warbler (left) paid a visit to the back yard bird sanctuary recently. Also (below): I had my first spring migration in the last few days. This Swainson's Thrush was an anticipated visitor as the Grape Holly (Mahonia) was in fruit and ripe for eating. Both were seen in April, 2017.





From Ann Gordon,
a Little Blue Heron
on 4/7/2017.

From Dr. Spencer Moore, a White Ibis crabbing quite successfully in the shallows at High Island in April, 2017.





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Upcoming Events

5/4 @ 11:00 am; Theater in
Mayborn Museum "Cattle Drive
GPS: Geology Plus Springs – How
Geology Brought the Trail to
Texas" - Joe Yelderman, Ph-D,
Professor and Director of the
Institute of Ecological, Earth and
Environmental Sciences

5/6 Household Hazardous Waste
Day

5/16 CTAS meeting with
birdblind dedication @ 6:30 PM
@ Carleen Bright Arboretum.
Potluck and sharing of photos of
birds by members @ 7 PM.

Spring showers bring May flowers,
butterflies, bees and birds. Hope you
have had some of all of the above the
last few weeks. We should continue to
see Spring migrants for a few more
weeks-so continue to report what you
see.

Our May meeting is on the 16th and
will be our final meeting for the Spring.
This will be our traditional pot luck as
well as the photo slide show from some
of our members who have visited other
areas as well as local and taken some
great photos to share. Come enjoy the
pot luck and the photos with everyone
on the 16h.

We are also planning to have a short
ceremony before the meeting to
dedicate the bird blind and recognize
the people who have helped us with
this project as well as those who are
memorialized with the benches. Please
join us at 6:30 PM at the blind.
Officers will be elected for next year-if
you would like to serve as an officer or
as a committee member, please
contact Anna Dunbar, Carolyn Edwards
or Matt Perzan. We really need your
help and could use some new input to
arrange programs. Please consider
serving. *Janet*

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, May 16 in Whitehall Center at the Carleen Bright Arboretum. Bird Blind Dedication at 6:30 PM-program begins at 7:00 PM. The evening's program will feature great photos by our members. As you know, we are lucky to have some talented photographers amongst us! Also please bring a potluck dish to share. Be sure and plan to be there!

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Contact Anna at dunbaranna56@gmail.com to receive future newsletters via e-mail!

From Jim Edwards, Greater Roadrunner from Woodway, April, 2017. Below, from Bryan Stone, Baltimore Oriole, April 19, 2017, Bryan's backyard.





Baltimore Oriole by Jim Edwards, April, 2017.

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SIGHTINGS and NEWS

Nancy and Fred Gehlbach Our first Mississippi Kite soared overhead the morning of April 29-- wasn't calling but so beautiful to see that beautiful swallow like bird. I saw a gorgeous Black and White warbler on the 25th and have heard Red eyed vireos singing for about two weeks. The Vodopichs had a male painted bunting in their backyard on the ravine on the 26th for a long look. A female was at their feeder on the 27th.

Jim Edwards: Things are picking up as far as spring migration. This past week, we have seen Baltimore Orioles, Yellow warblers, indigo buntings, a couple of Empid flycatchers and I have heard a yellow-breasted chat and Swainson's thrush. These fronts have obviously dropped some of these migrants into our area. We also recently had a male painted bunting in our backyard. I continue to see both Eastern and Western Kingbirds off and on at Woodway Park. A trip to Cotton Belt Parkway yielded the indigo bunting the other day. Great crested flycatchers are heard frequently just about everywhere along with white-eyed vireos. We have nesting roadrunners in our neighborhood. Below is a Green Heron from Lake Waco in April, 2017.



UPCOMING:

5/4 @ 11:00 am; Theater in Mayborn Museum "Cattle Drive GPS: Geology Plus Springs – How Geology Brought the Trail to Texas"

Household Hazardous Waste Day is on Saturday, May 6 for residents of Hewitt, Lacy Lakeview, Lorena, Waco and Woodway. The event is from 7 AM until 1:30 PM at 501 Schroeder Drive in Waco. Call (254) 299-2612 to learn more. For residents of these cities only. No business waste.



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