



Female Black-chinned hummingbird by Bryan Stone, South Llano River SP,
April 2018

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Painted Bunting
(above) and
Lazuli Bunting
by Melanie Illich,
McLennan
County, April,
2018





Yellow-breasted Chat by Bryan Stone, South Llano River SP, and Golden-cheeked Warbler, Meridian SP, by Spencer Moore, both in April, 2018





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Upcoming Events

**5/15 - CTAS meeting in
Whitehall Center at the
Carleen Bright Arboretum.
Meeting starts at 7 PM with
meet and greet at 6:30 PM**

**5/19 –B.O.P.A. Waste Day for
residents of Hewitt, Lacy
Lakeview, Waco and
Woodway. This day is for
batteries and bulbs, used oil,
paint and antifreeze ONLY. Call
299-2612 to learn more.**

**5/19 – Woodway Roadrunner
Festival**

**5/19 – Mayborn Museum
Community Day; Visitors can
explore without an admission
fee.**

President's Message

What birds have you been seeing in your area? The blue jays and finches have been busy nesting along with the chickadees in our trees. Cranes and pelicans have been spotted going North as well as hawks going back to their summer areas. A Roadrunner just visited on our patio as I'm typing this- he ran through, jumped on the gate and continued on its way.

Our program last month was wonderful- if you missed it- you might get a chance to hear David next Fall. He enjoyed our group and asked to come back again. His birding year was a great trip around the state visiting 240 of the 254 counties. We will look forward to another visit

Our program this month will be from the **Wildlife Rehab Center in Lorena**. They are moving birds to new cages and we can help with birdseed and water bowls. Anna will send out a complete list in the newsletter.

The Woodway Roadrunner Festival is May 19. They have a full slate of activities planned. We will not be participating this year-but visit if you can.

Hope to see you on the 15th,

Janet

Top photo of Black-throated Green Warbler in Ann's muddle in Harris Creek by Ann Gordon, April, 2018. Bottom photo of Bewick's Wren by Gil Eckrich at Gil's property in Belton, April 25, 2018.



Our next meeting is on Tuesday, May 15 in Whitehall Center at the Carleen Bright Arboretum. We have meet and greet at 6:30 pm. Come visit with fellow birders. This month our speaker will be from the Wildlife Rehab Center in Lorena. It is a nonprofit, federally licensed wildlife rehabilitation center for injured and orphaned animals in the central Texas area. They are moving birds to new cages and we can help with birdseed and water bowls.

Be sure and plan to be there!

NOTICE!! We want to encourage EVERYONE to receive our expanded Newsletter via e-mail and save a tree! By receiving the newsletter electronically you will also see more photos and more information. Contact Anna at dunbaranna56@gmail.com to receive future newsletters via e-mail!



Female Black-and-White Warbler at Gil Eckrich's property near Belton, April, 2018

SIGHTINGS

David Sarkozi at Oakwood Cemetery, Lake Waco Wetlands, Reynolds Creek, Lake Willow at Waco WWTP, and Wedgewood Drive in China Springs from ebird 4/18/2018 (He saw 93 species total in McLennan County on 4/18):
Partial List - Turkey Vulture, Inca Dove, Chimney Swift, Black-chinned Hummingbird, Crested Caracara, Red-bellied, Downy and Hairy woodpeckers, Least Baird's and Spotted Sandpipers, Black-necked Stilt, Greater Yellowlegs, Gadwall, Blue-winged Teal, Sora Broad-winged Hawk

Fred and Nancy Gehlbach: So far we heard one whippoorwill about two weeks ago and one chuck wills widow the night of the 26th —both in the ravine. Lots of Nashville Warblers around. Young chickadees out and flying, begging for food from their parents. Hearing Great Crested flycatchers regularly and Both Red Eyed and Blue headed Vireos as well as white eyed Vireos. Saw about 20 Upland Sandpipers on the grassy areas of M&M Mars from Central Texas Parkway—heard one “wolf-whistle”.

Mike Hernandez reported on ebird (at Edinburgh Dr., McLennan County): 17 species including a Chuck-will's widow, Indigo Bunting, and Orange-crowned Warbler.

Freda Gilbert and Janet Wallace: Saw groups of Sandhill Cranes migrating. Freda saw about 100 in 2 groups!

To Help Hummingbirds, grow Native Plants: Growing plants that are indigenous to our area is a great way to both attract and help the hummingbirds you love. Native plants provide shelter and food, including a healthy environment for insects, part of the hummingbird diet important during breeding season.

Friendly reminder:

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Scissor-tailed Flycatcher by Melanie Illich, April, 2018.



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