



THE ROADRUNNER

October, 2015

Photo is by Ann Gordon at her puddle in September, 2015; Nashville Warbler (left) and Wilson's warbler (right).

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Beautiful
male (left)
and female
(below)
Baltimore
Oriole by
Ann Gordon,
September,
2015.





Yellow-billed Cuckoo (above) and Yellow Warbler (below) at Ann Gordon's puddle in September, 2015.





Western Kingbird by Bryan Stone, above, and female Painted Bunting by Ann Gordon, below, in September, 2015.





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President's Message

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Greetings from Budapest,

Bill and I are in Hungary visiting family and enjoying the beautiful scenery. We are watching the birds in the chestnut and walnut trees as well as on rooftops around us, We have seen tits(chickadees), Hooded Crow, Jackdaw, Magpies, Jay, House Sparrow, Nuthatch, and terns and gulls along the river. I enjoy traveling and seeing the different birds and the names that are given to birds that are similar to birds we have.

This month we will be involved with the Children's Garden Fair at the Arboretum on October 18, from 2-5. Please help if you can-bring your toilet paper and paper towel rolls for us to use to make binoculars,

Ellis Barber, an aspiring Eagle Scout, is going to build a bird blind for us down by the Meditation Bench in front of Whitehall Center. He hopes to begin sometime in October and be finished in early November. It will be a great place to sit and observe,

Our speaker for this month is Joe Yelderman-you will enjoy his program.

See you on the 20th - Janet

From Bryan Stone, September, 2015:
Belted Kingfisher, Lake Waco Wetlands



From Ann Gordon: Nashville Warbler at her
puddle in Harris Creek, September, 2015.



Upcoming Events

10/10 – Ladies' Day Out @
Cabela's in Central TX
Marketplace; Ann Gordon and
Anna Dunbar to present about
birding

10/17 – Fall Fossil Festival at the
Waco Mammoth National
Monument; 10 AM until 4 PM

10/18 – Children's Garden Fair at
Woodway Arboretum; 2-5 PM

10/20 – CTAS meeting @ 6:30 PM
@ Carleen Bright Arboretum
(program starts at 7 PM).
Program by Joe Yelderman, aka
sewer pond Joe.

10/29 – Composting mini-class at
Home Depot on W. Waco Drive @
7:30 PM; free

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, October 20 at the Carleen Bright Arboretum at 6:30 PM-program begins at 7:00 PM. The evening's program will be Joe Yelderman (aka Sewer Pond Joe) with "Black vs Turkey Vultures, Which Common Birds are the Most Common and Getting Your BA (Birding Analytics) degree; some questionable local birding ideas!" Who can resist a title like that? All who are interested are invited to attend. Please be sure and plan to be there!

Friendly reminder:
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NOTICE!! We want to encourage EVERYONE to receive our expanded Newsletter via e-mail and save a tree (as well as the cost of printing and postage)!! 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!

The Christmas Bird Count period will start Dec. 14 and go to Jan. 5. The tentative plan is to do the Crawford count on Saturday, December 19, the weekend before Christmas. Come hear more about the Christmas Bird Count during the CTAS November 17 meeting. You will not want to miss this opportunity to participate in citizen science and learn a lot about our wintering birds in McLennan County.

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SIGHTINGS

Ann Gordon: This has been a good fall migration season. The activity really picked up in September. Seen so far as of 9/22/15: Baltimore Oriole M & F, Indigo Bunting F, Nashville WA, Wilson's WA, more White-eyed vireos than I usually see or hear, Yellow-breasted Chat, Black and White WA, Tennessee WA, Yellow WA, Summer Tanager F, Black-throated Green WA earlier. Other birds of note were Eastern Phoebe that is coming around the yard more, Yellow-billed Cuckoo coming to water, and the Belted Kingfisher at the Waco Wetlands.

Jim Edwards: We had several days of visits by Baltimore Orioles to our backyard (preferring grape jelly). This afternoon, Friday Sept. 25, we had a beautiful male common yellowthroat come to the Turks Cap. It hung around for about 30 minutes. We continue to see 1-2 ruby-throats daily.

We have also had 4-5 Inca Doves come to our birdbath this week. We haven't seen them since winter. It is surprising what you may see. Nothing much new in Woodway Park.

EG White-Swift: The live barn owl webcam in Italy, TX, is up and running again. Watched the eggs laid and hatched last year - it was amazing to watch - learned a lot about nesting activity and calls. Well, the owls must have done well as Cornell has provided them a much better home. Male and female are currently roosting the box. You can watch them and pick up their habits 24/7 at this website:

http://cams.allaboutbirds.org/channel/42/Barn_Owls/

Woodway Children's Garden Fair October 18, 2015 2:00-5:00

This event is sponsored by McLennan County Master Gardeners in conjunction with the Carleen Bright Arboretum every year. CTAS will have booth.

From Texas Audubon: I am pleased to announce that our next Texas Audubon Chapter Assembly will be April 1-3, 2016 at McKinney Roughs in partnership with Travis Audubon and the Bastrop County Audubon Society. Save the date and look for more details soon. Sign up by clicking the link below, filling out the form, and choosing "Chapter Members" under "Chapter News."

Here is the URL for the signup form:
<http://eepurl.com/-JcJL>

Nancy and Fred Gehlbach: Not much going on in the ravine although we still have an occasional Great Crested Flycatcher at the water and dogwood berries, Blue Gray Gnatcatchers still calling on our morning walk and this morning there were several Eastern Phoebes calling. We have not seen or heard any White eyed Vireos for five days so they may be gone. Hummingbirds seem to have abandoned us.