Greetings Friends,

I will keep this letter short and sweet. As a reminder, we will not have a March meeting because UMHB will be on spring break and we will not have access to the room where we normally meet. However, our normally scheduled meetings will continue in April. There will be a March field trip (or there was one by the time you read this). On 3 March, we will visit Alcoa’s Rockdale site in Milam County. Again, normally scheduled field trips will continue in April. For info on future meetings and field trips, please check the TLAS website <http://twinlakesaudubon.org/>.

Two final reminders. First, spring migration will soon be upon us. Early migrants such as Blue-winged (and maybe Cinnamon Teal), Ash-throated Flycatchers, White-eyed Vireos, Cave and other swallows, Purple Martin, and Black-and-white and Golden-cheeked Warblers should be arriving in March. If you see any of these (or other birds of interest), please let Gil know of your sightings so that he can post them on the website and in future newsletters. Second, our annual member business meeting, as well as show-and-tell, will occur during the May meeting. Please show up to vote on your new slate of officers and other issues. See you in April!

Cheers,

Rich Kostelec

PRESENTATIONS AND FIELD TRIPS

Talks and Events (see http://www.twinlakesaudubon.org for maps of meeting and trip sites)

13 March 2007: No meeting
9 April 2007: T. Wayne Schwertner, TPWD, Status and Distribution of White-winged Dove
8 May 2007: Membership slide show and annual business meeting

Field Trips
03 March 2007: Alcoa Reclaimed Mine to see NESTING BALD EAGLES. From Hwy 77 North, cross over Hwy 79 and stay on 77 another 3-4 miles. Turn right on Hwy 487 (across from Viola company). Travel <1 mile to 2116 and turn left. You will pass the Rockdale Country Club on your right and take the next right to the Alcoa Lake Training Center, first parking lot on your right. Alcoa will provide snacks and on-site transportation. This is one field trip for which advance notification of participation is essential geckrich@hotmail.com.
14 April 2007: TPD
28 April: Spring bird count, date TBD
12 May 2007: TBD
30 June 2007: Fort Hood 4th of July Butterfly Count
7 July 2007: Stillhouse Hollow 4th of July Butterfly Count
Snack and Drink Sign-up

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Other Issues:
At the February meeting of the Board, it was decided to look into the acquisition of a laptop computer for the chapter. We will apply for funds from Earth Share of Texas as we did for the LCD projector. We hope to use this computer for electronic data keeping for the chapter, website maintenance, and whatever else you can think of, in addition to audio-visual presentations. Please contact Rich Kostecke or Gil Eckrich with comments/suggestions as to this acquisition.

For those who are interested in the results of the 2007 Great Backyard Bird Count, please check out this link http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc/ to see the results and some great pics of birds.