



TWIN LAKES AUDUBON SOCIETY

<http://www.twinlakesaudubon.org>

September 2011



Greetings everyone!

First of all, I hope everyone had a nice summer and is ready for another fun year of birding and good company with the Twin Lakes Audubon Society. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday the 13th of September; 7:00 PM; in **Room 118**, York Science Center, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor; our first field trip will be 17 September to the Lake Belton Shoreline.

Secondly, I would like to take the time to introduce myself, my name is Crystal Hammond and I will be the Chapter President for the next two years. To give you a little background about myself, I was born and raised in Enola Pennsylvania; served in the Army both as an Enlisted Soldier for 7 years and most recently as a 1LT for 4 years as an Engineer. My hobbies include playing softball, birding, nature, photography, bass fishing, and cheering for the Pittsburgh Steelers. I have a Bachelors Degree in Health and Physical Education and I will be attending Graduate school in the Spring at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor to pursue a Masters Degree in Exercise and Sports Science.

During my 2 years as your Chapter President, my goal is to see the organization continue to grow in membership. I would also like to start up a Facebook page to coincide with our current website in the hopes of reaching out to others. I have a strong desire to have the Chapter reach out to the local communities and raise their awareness in both birds and the importance of wildlife conservation. My first order of business will be to find a Vice President. I need to hear from YOU, the chapter membership, with ideas and hopefully suitable candidate(s) for the position of chapter Vice President. My email address is chammond_74@yahoo.com; please feel free to email me if you are interested. We will also be addressing this issue at our first meeting. Our current slate of officers and board members are: Crystal Hammond (President), VACANT (Vice President), Cathy Shoop (Secretary), Sabrina Nicholson (Treasurer), Carol Ann Wadley (Membership), Liz Cowan (Board Member), Randy Pinkston (Board Member), Carol Ann Wadley (Board Member).

So, bring some snacks, your annual dues, and friends and I will see you on the 13th of September. Sincerely,

Crystal R. Hammond

PRESENTATIONS AND FIELD TRIPS

Unless otherwise noted, the contact for programs and field trips is Gil Eckrich; Cell: 254-534-0061, Email gil.eckrich@att.net .

Presentations

13 September: Dr. Tom Dove will give a presentation on “The Birds of Hawaii”. This is a must-see presentation that will feature exciting photos Tom took while in Hawaii and which the Hawaii Audubon has used to illustrate their book on birds of Hawaii.

11 October: Open

8 November: Open

13 December: Preparation for Christmas Bird Count (CBC)

10 January 2012: Open

14 February 2012: Susan and Schaezler will make a presentation on “Warbler Woods”. Take a look at their website <http://warblerwoods.org/>. Our April Field Trip will be to that great birding spot.

March: **NO MEETING**

10 April: TBA

8 May: Show and Tell – Bring your photos on flash drive, CD, or DVD to share with members.

Field Trips

17 September: Local field trip to the exposed shoreline of Lake Belton to see migrating shorebirds and waders, along with songbirds that also have begun their fall migration.

15 October: TBA

12 November: TBA

17 December: **Christmas Bird Count**

14 January 2012: TBA, perhaps field trip to Fort Hood’s West Range for sparrows, pipits, horned larks, and owls

18 February 2012: Llano Eagle Nest and Inks Lake Fish Hatchery

March: TBA, perhaps a trip to Pineywoods to see Red-cockaded Woodpecker and other local specialties.

April: Field trip to Warbler Woods, Schertz, Texas

May 2012: TBA

Snack and Drink Sign-up

13 Sep: Snacks Drinks & Ice
EVERYONE BRING SOMETHING

BIRDS SEEN/BIRDS HEARD

For up-to-date reports of bird sightings, go to the TLAS website!

<http://twinlakesaudubon.org/>

Fort Hood Game Warden Hoover found some great birds on 29 August on Fort Hood's West Range:
Long-billed Curlew 2, and White-faced Ibis 4

Gil Eckrich spotted the following birds on Fort Hood East Range, south of Lake Belton:
Northern Waterthrush 1, Yellow Warbler 5, White-eyed Vireo 1, Gadwall 1, Blue-winged Teal 17,
Dickcissel 1, Snowy Egret 1, Yellow-crowned Night-Heron 2, Osprey 1, and Eastern Kingbird 3.





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Meetings
 7:00 p.m., second Tuesday of the month in Room 118, York
 Science Center, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton (No
 meetings March, June, July or August).

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