

TLAS December 2013 Monthly Meeting  
UMHB Campus  
York Science building  
19 members present



**Audubon**  
CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Crystal Hammond (President) opened the meeting at 7pm and invited everyone to share the all-host refreshments and visit.

**Bird sightings** were shared.

**Treasurer's report** was given by Marilyn. As of Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> we had \$5,325.41. The account was changed to a money market account, with no service fees as long as we write no more than 6 checks a month.

Gil proposed we help fund an Eagle Scout with their leadership project of a swift chimney column tower to be installed at the Belton Lake Headquarters of the Corp of Engineers. After discussion the motion was made and seconded, with an unanimous vote to cover the cost of supplies at \$674. A plaque will give credit to the scout and TLAS.

Chrystal informed us that the website will open in January 2013 with information about the **National Audubon Convention** being held this coming summer, July 12 – 15, in Stevenson, Washington called "Taking Flight Together". With more details next month, we will consider sending a representative. Sabrina suggested we consider sending Gil.

Cathy explained the **lending library**. New books were added: "The Big Year", "Wesley the Owl", and "Red-tails in Love". Plus Eric donated some bird books for the group to enjoy.

CBC- Christmas Bird Count

Tom Robbins helped the CBC process, and the zones in our circle.

Leaders, meet times and places:

Group 1: Gil by boat and hiking with others

Group 2: Dave Cimprich 8am McDonald's at I-35 and 6<sup>th</sup> street in Belton and others

Group 3: Tom Robbins and Don 7:30am Park and Ride Belton and others

Group 4: Gather at Salado's Brookshire store at 7:30am with Dr. Randy and others dividing the zone

No fees this year, the info will be posted electronically only.

**Scott introduced the Presenter-Lianne Koczur**

Lianne shared information and her research on the American Oyster catchers on the Texas coast.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm with more refreshments and visiting.