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Greetings everyone!

It has been a fairly quiet last month or so but that is about to change. Spring has begun to arrive and once again Gil has his trained Golden Cheeks at his water feature. If you have been sitting at home and haven't had a chance to get out and bird it's starting to become more interesting out there.

I have decided to try and make an effort to explore Fort Hood during migration this year. We had the Chief Game Warden come and speak at one of our meetings a while ago but I finally had a chance to go and get a range access pass myself. As a reminder this is the process to gain access to this massive two hundred thousand acre property.

1. Bring your License and Proof of insurance to the office by the Main gate of Fort Hood to gain access to the base
2. Head to the Sportsman's Center and fill out an application for a range pass. You can buy one for access for 12 dollars, or buy fishing and hunting passes for a bit more.
3. Go explore! You have to sign in to each training area, using an online system they will explain at the sportsman center. It is important that you check out of your areas before midnight each day. I look forward to exploring Fort Hood this year and I hope some of the rest of you will join me!

Nic Webster



TLAS Members at Bird Banding Station

UPCOMING EVENTS



PRESENTATIONS

10 Apr – Birding in Southwest India, India is colorful, chaotic, and diverse with amazing wildlife. Rich (a former TLAS member and president!) will provide a brief introduction to the ecology and biodiversity of India focusing on the Western Ghats of southwestern India. Characteristic birds and other wildlife from the Western Ghats will be highlighted.

08 May - Picture Show and Tell, Everyone bring pictures to share! Please bring your pictures in digital format, either on a jump drive, or a CD/DVD. This has become a favorite event, and contributors are asked to limit themselves to no more than 10 images, unless otherwise coordinated in advance.



FIELD TRIPS

21 Apr: Messer Ranch! Note the date!!! Opted for later date to maximize number of migrant species we are likely to see. We will be meeting at 08:00 at the Belton Park and Ride, and convoy from there. Anyone wishing to drive to ranch directly should remember that the gate is secured and to leave the narrow paved road open so I can reach the gate. To get there directly, take the Simmons Road/Stillhouse Hollow Park exit at the top of Nolanville Hill on Hwy 190, turn north to reach Nolan Bluff Road, which leads directly to the gate.

12 May: Fort Hood East Range

Snack and Drink Sign-up

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SNACK</u>	<u>SNACK</u>	<u>DRINKS & ICE</u>	<u>PAPER GOODS</u>
10 Apr	SOMEONE/ANYONE BRING SOMETHING			



Cinnamon & Blue-winged Teal





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As each issue goes to press, you will receive an email with a PDF of the new issue attached. The PDF is also available at our website: www.twinlakesaudubon.org

Meetings

7:00 p.m., second Tuesday of the month in Room 117, York Science Center, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton (No meetings March, June, July or August).

