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## Greetings everyone!

It's a new year another opportunity to start our lists again in earnest. Listing games are often a fun pursuit and motivate you to get out there and bird. Last year I made an attempt at seeing as many birds on the main Scott and White campus as I could. I ended up not putting the effort into it that I should; but, did have 60 species as of December 31st last year. It provided me with some respite from work on my way to and from various buildings and my car. That effort, although sub-maximal, did turn up some exciting birding including a few life birds during a fallout in the midst of spring migration.

Yard lists, county, state, country and patch listing makes the common birds exciting and can focus your birding. I encourage everyone to set up their own game to keep your birding focus this year.

Thank you, *Nic Webster*



Eastern Bluebirds



Ruby-crowned Kinglet

CBC Photos by Dan Kelch



Brewer's Blackbird



Loggerhead Shrike

## UPCOMING EVENTS



## PRESENTATIONS

**08 Jan – Partners in Flight** Jackelyn Ferrer Perez (Jacky), will give a presentation on Partners in Flight <https://www.partnersinflight.org/>, touching on PIFs involvement in avian conservation, how the committee has evolved over the years and their current mission

**12 Feb – Delisting of the Black-capped Vireo** – Dr. David Cimprich, who has been studying the Black-capped Vireo on Fort Hood for many years, will discuss the recent delisting of the species

**09 Apr – Birds of Texas** - Barry Noret, one of the founders of this amazing Facebook group (44,333 members!) will give a presentation on the founding of this amazing group, its current status and projects, and its future.

**14 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.

Photo by Elaine Horton – nicely showing size difference between Lesser and American Goldfinches



Photo of Pine Warbler by Gil Eckrich

Photo of Redhead by Gil Eckrich

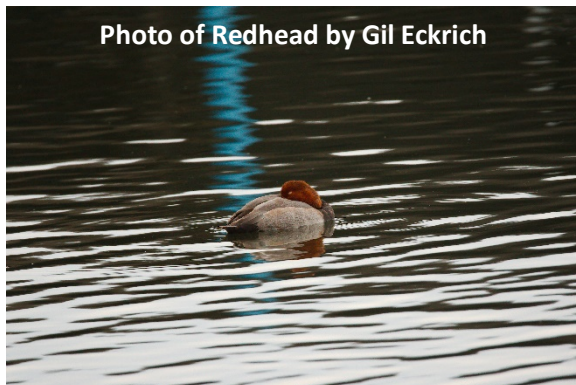


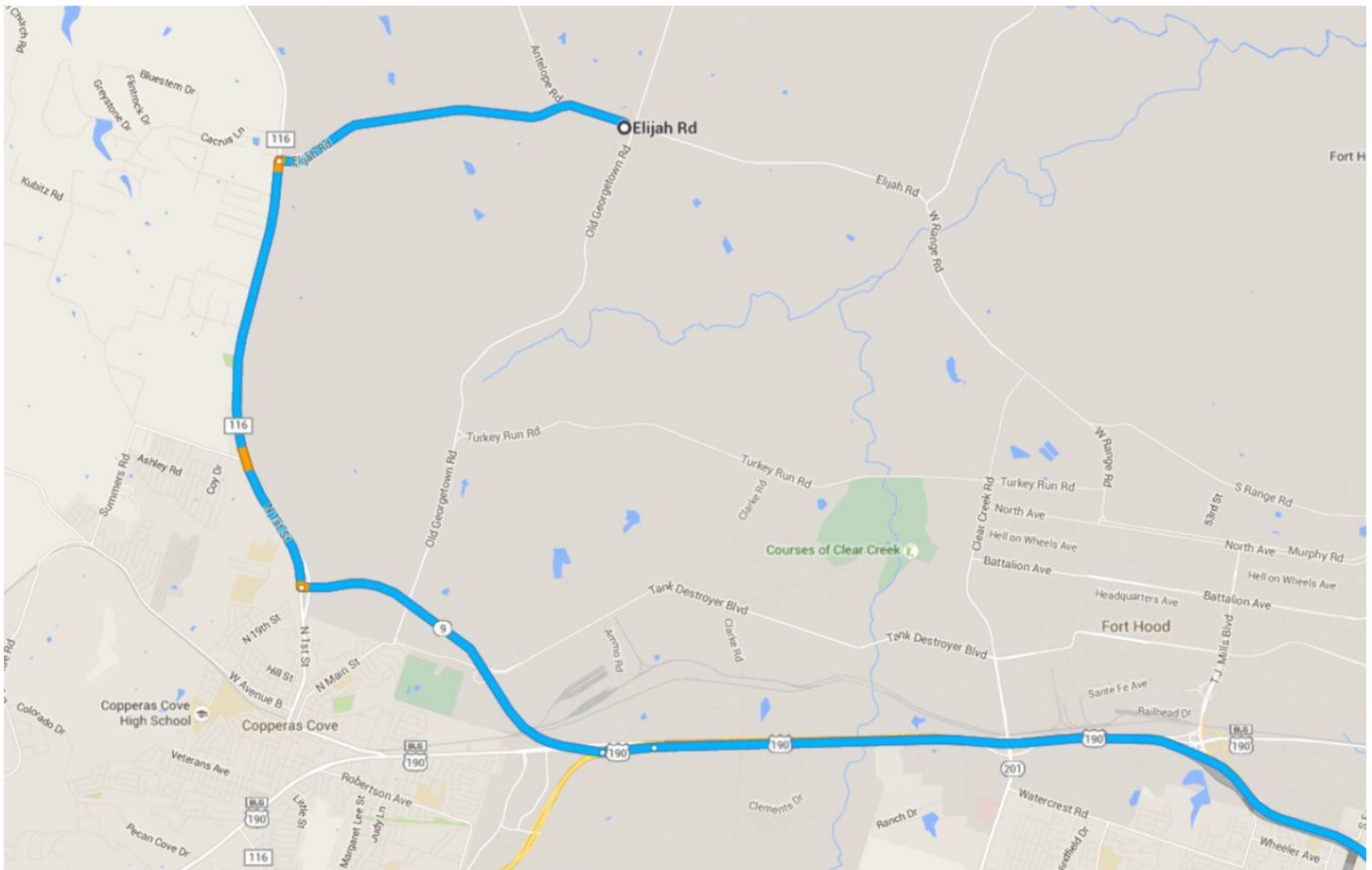
Photo of Field Sparrow by Gil Eckrich





## FIELD TRIPS

**19 Jan: West Range Fort Hood** – Meet at 08:30 at the intersection of Elijah and Old Georgetown. You will be required to sign a release form prior to the field trip actually beginning.



**16 Feb: Berry Springs** – It’s been some time since TLAS did a field trip to this birdy location.

**13 Apr: Miller Springs Park.**

**11 May: Warbler Woods!** Probably best time of year to visit this amazing bird sanctuary! If lucky, we will see MacGillivray’s and Golden-winged Warblers, among many other species. Note that this field trip is BEFORE our 14 May meeting; but, this is the premiere weekend to be there!

## Snack and Drink Sign-up

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SNACK</u>	<u>SNACK</u>	<u>DRINKS &amp; ICE</u>	<u>PAPER GOODS</u>
<b>8 January</b>	<b>EVERYONE BRING SOMETHING</b>			



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### 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).

