



# THE CHIRP

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## Greetings everyone!

We had the misfortune of having to cancel this year's January field trip to Fort Hood's West Range; however, the weather conditions that morning clearly justified that difficult decision. The good news is (appears to be) that while this weekend's weather has been less than ideal, conditions for our Saturday, 16 February field trip to Berry Springs look to be ideal! We were last at this park in November 2016 and thoroughly enjoyed the birding that morning.

January has had a few cooperative Vermillion Flycatchers along Witter and some weather extremes. I have been enjoying the occasional cruise in south Bell County, inspecting each perched hawk in hopes of finding an interesting one. So far, they are all Red tails. But there is always a possibility of more interesting Harlans or Kriders to get you excited. I would encourage anyone interested in hawks to take the time to look at each one. The diversity within the red-tail species is amazing, and how numerous they are.

Our speaker this month is Dr. David Cimprich, Fort Hood's lead biologist for the Black-capped Vireo, and he will discuss the recent delisting of the species. This is a MUST presentation, considering David's immense wealth of knowledge and his ability to communicate. He will also talk about this year's banding demonstration on Fort Hood.

## See you at the meeting!



*Photo by Dan Kelch*



*Photo by Elaine Horton*

Photos from Nov 2016 Field Trip

**UPCOMING**

**EVENTS**



## PRESENTATIONS

**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



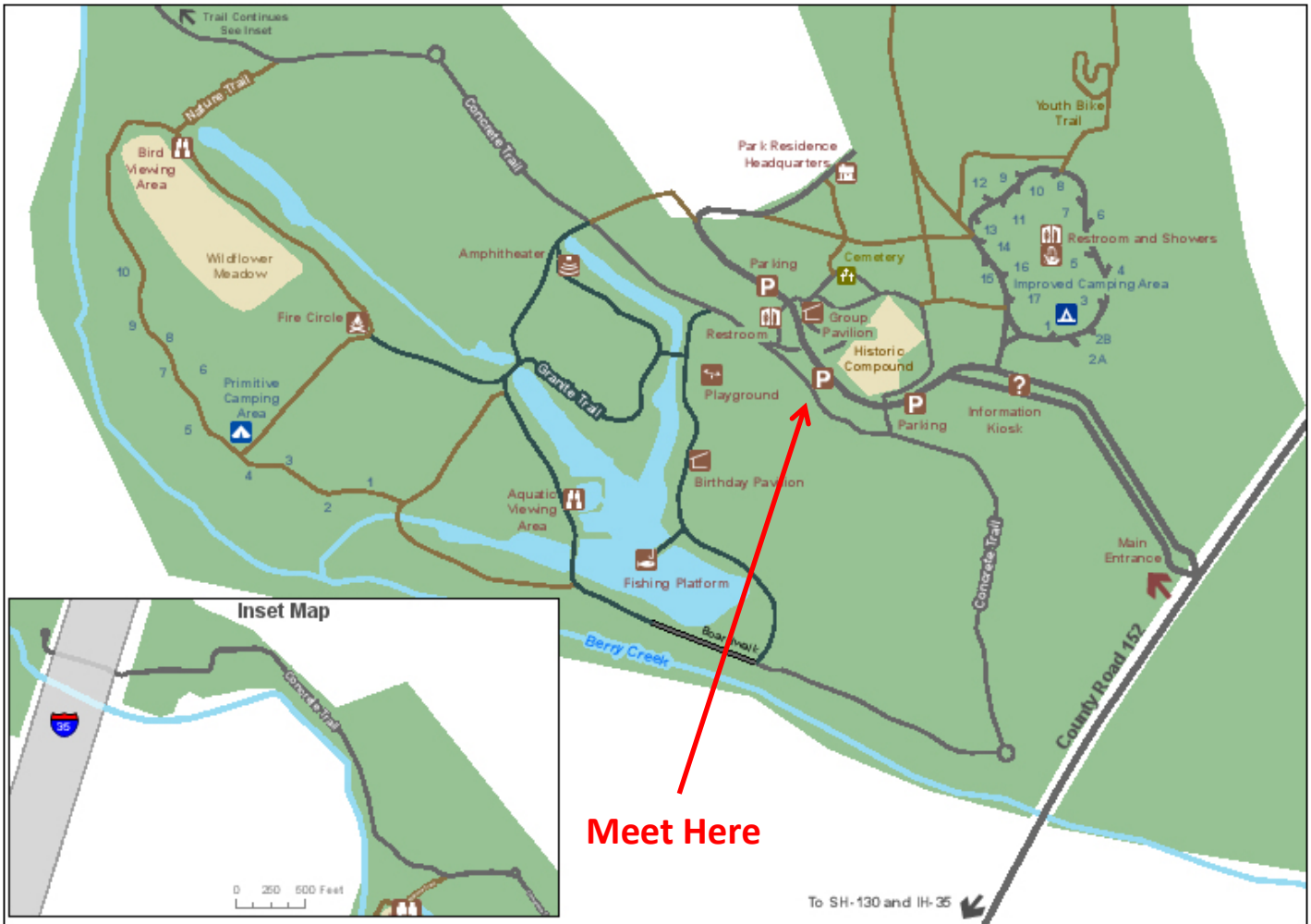
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# FIELD TRIPS

16 Feb: Berry Springs – Berry Springs Park, Georgetown. See park website for directions and layout. We'll meet at 8am. <http://parks.wilco.org/Home/Parks/BerrySpringsParkandPreserve/tabid/2466/>



**Berry Springs Park and Preserve**  
Williamson County, TX



0 100 200 300 400 500 Feet

This map is a schematic intended only for casual purposes; do not rely on the accuracy of any details without independently confirming them.

MAP DATE: 7/3/2012  
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**19 Mar: Fort Hood East Range** – Bird banding and participation (this will be very similar to last year’s acclaimed event)

**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!

**25 Jun: Fort Hood West Range** – Part 2 of bird banding event

## **Snack and Drink Sign-up**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b>SNACK</b>	<b>SNACK</b>	<b>DRINKS &amp; ICE</b>	<b>PAPER GOODS</b>
<b>12 February</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).

