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## Hello fellow birders!

It's the beginning of a new Club year and my first attempt at a note for the newsletter. I don't profess to be an eloquent writer so don't set your expectations too high!! I hope everyone had a good summer and had an opportunity to do some birding. I would like to take a little time at the beginning of our first meeting to hear about some of the exciting things everyone did and saw.

Also, I believe that we will need to take care of the business of electing individuals for some of the empty positions in our club. Please be thinking of someone you would like to nominate (or volunteer yourself) for the positions of Vice President, and Secretary.

It looks like we will have another opportunity to do a lake clean-up on Ft. Hood. The last one was such a great success. The Audubon Society is all about community projects and I'm glad we have a good one. There's no reason we can't have more than one, so if you hear of a need, please share it at our meeting!

I am looking forward to the next nine months with great speakers and awesome field trips. Let's keep our fingers crossed that the weather will be more cooperative than last year!!

Happy Birding!

*Elaine*



TLAS & Friends Birders and Guides at Sachatamia Lodge, Ecuador

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### PRESENTATIONS

**10 Sep – TLAS & Friends in Ecuador**, Come see what TLAS travelers saw in beautiful Ecuador – birds (LOTS), great scenery, and birders in action (even an impromptu ‘wedding’ 😊 )

**09 Oct – Banding Birds on a Mountain Top.** Kelly Bryan, who for many years lived in the Davis Mountains and banded hummingbirds there will give a fantastic presentation!

**12 Nov – Research Highlights of 2019 on Fort Hood** – Scott Summers will present an overview of the exciting research being done on Fort Hood

**10 Dec – Christmas Bird Count!** – Discussion of this year’s Christmas Bird Count; review of the official circle, composition of individual teams in the quadrants

**14 Jan - Alaskan Adventure, including the Pribilofs** – Rich Kostecke will give a dazzling presentation on birds and other scenery from Alaska, including the rarely visited St Paul Island

**11 Feb – TBA**

**March – NO MEETING**

**14 Apr – TBA**

**12 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 their images to no more than 10



### FIELD TRIPS

**14 Sep: Union Grove Wildlife Management Area** We will start later than usual, at 08:30, to give the dove hunters time to clear out. We will keep an eye on birds there and at other birding sites in the days leading up to the field trip. If some place looks best for birding in that timeframe, we **WILL** change location, letting everyone know by email/call of the change.



**12 Oct: TBD**

**16 Nov: TBD**

**14 Dec: Christmas Bird Count**

**18 Jan (with 25 Jan backup date): West Range Fort Hood** – For the last two years weather and other issues precluded this always popular field trip; so, this year we will have a backup date!

**15 Feb: Cummings Ranch in Eastern Bell County** – This will be first time for TLAS to visit this private ranch, along the Little River in Eastern Bell County, and promises to be very interesting

**25 Apr: Messer Ranch** – Always a birding treat!

**09 May: South Llano River State Park** – will be first time for TLAS to bird there, and based on sightings there in recent years should be a great birding adventure

## **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>10 Sep</b>	<b>EVERYONE BRING SOMETHING</b>			

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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](http://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).

