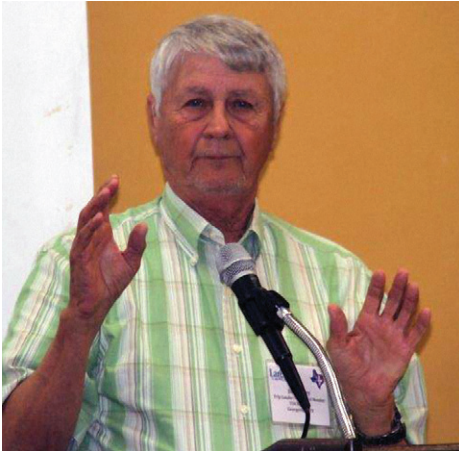




## President's Message



*Jim Hailey, TOS President.*

This year is winding down and a new one is fixing to begin as I write this message. In this report I want to discuss what happened in 2014 and what is planned for 2015. To begin with 2014 was a very successful year for TOS. The year kicked off with a great meeting in Georgetown in January with over

250 members in attendance and some great field trips. This was followed by another great meeting in Lake Jackson in April that was also well attended. And our meetings for 2015 are just as exciting as we head to El Paso in January and Winnie at the end of April. Registration materials for the January meeting are included in this newsletter and the dates for the Winnie meeting are April 30 to May 2. I expect both to be well attended. The El Paso meeting is the first one held there in over 20 years and the Winnie meeting will provide an opportunity for TOS members to visit our three sanctuaries in the area—Hooks, Crawford and Sabine Woods.

This has also been a year of very successful Weekenders, the first led by Byron Stone in the Hill Country in April featuring Hill Country specialties and another in Corpus Christi led by Mel Cooksey and Larry Jordan that focused on shorebirds. In 2015 we have an equally aggressive Weekender program. The first program, organized by D.D. Currie and Dell Little will be to East Texas in late February. Thanks to D.D.'s efforts, TOS members will have an opportunity to do some birding in an area not recently provided to our members. And we are currently working on a Weekender for the Central Texas Coast that will feature field trips to the newly acquired Powder Horn Ranch. Past President Brent Ortego will lead this program. And one to the Kingsville and the King Ranch is under consideration. So keep a watch on the website and check your TOS email for notices about these events. Speaking of our website, I am happy to report that our webmaster, James Giroux, is now working diligently on a new format and I expect to see it up and running in the near future.

Below are some of the actions of note taken by your Board in the past year. The weekend of November 20-22, Martha McLeod, a recognized science teacher and a member of the National Hall of Fame for science teachers,

presented a workshop on "Birding 101-How to get a youth birding program started at your school". This is a large meeting of science teachers attending the Conference of the Advancement of Science Technology in Dallas. The Board provided the funding to send Martha to this important event. Another decision by the Board was to offer, in addition to the Apple Birdseye App, one that can be used with Android devices. Check it out.

Further Board actions in the past year was the resolution of a problem of encroachment on some of the Magic Ridge property. Thanks to the work of D.D. Currie, Sandi Wheeler and David Sarkozi who acted as a committee, this problem was amicably resolved. D.D. was able to elicit the pro bono support of Michael Seary, a real estate attorney, who provided the framework for its resolution. A big thank you to all those who saw this situation through.

And finally, the Board approved accepting an offer by Thomas Moore Feed of Navasota to become the first Official Sponsor of the Texas Ornithological Society. Moore Feed is the packager for HEB Grocery Company's Hill Country Fare bird seed. They will include our TOS logo and website address on every package they provide HEB as well as on their own brand. In addition, they have provide TOS financial support and offered to give 1 ton (yes ton) of bird seed per month to TOS to distribute to whom we designate. The only stipulation here is that the seed is picked up at their location. So when you visit your HEB check out the bird seed section. Jack Eitniew, our publications editor, was instrumental in acquiring this sponsor.

So the coming year promises to be an exciting one for TOS members. See you in El Paso.

—Jim Hailey, President TOS

## Attention TOS Members!!!

The full color newsletter of the Texas Ornithological Society (TOSNEWS) is now electronic unless arrangements are made to obtain a black & white hardcopy. To obtain the newsletter members are sent an email with the password allowing them to view the newsletter on the TOS webpage.

**TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER THE MEMBERSHIP OFFICE MUST HAVE A WORKING E-MAIL ADDRESS!**

**For hardcopy delivery or to provide your e-mail address contact Judy Kestner at  
TOSMEMBER@yahoo.com**

## Members Promote TOS at Birding Festivals..

(Photos by Sandi wheeler)

### Rio Grande Valley Birding Festival...



*Left to right, Carol Jones, Don Schaezler, Jim Hailey, Debbie Valdez, Karen Moulder, Byron Stone, David Sarkozi.*



*Susan Schaezler, Don Schaezler and Karen Moulder*

### HummerBird Festival



*Georgina and Ron and Teresa Hilstromb.*



*Jane Crone, Bill Linderman and Mark Lockwood. Mark autographed the new TOS Handbook of Texas Birds.*



*Georgina Schwartz*



*Susan Foster is on the far right in along with Jane, Bron and Mark.*



## Dedication of a New Davis Mountains Bird Blind

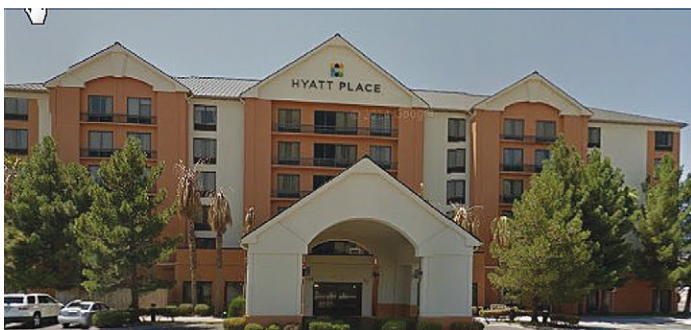
FORT DAVIS—The public was invited to a 3 p.m. ribbon-cutting for a newly constructed bird blind at Davis Mountains State Park on Friday, Nov. 14 dedicated to the Francell family, which has played a major role in Texas land conservation efforts. The \$36,000 solar-powered, white adobe structure that mimics the historic Indian Lodge's Southwest style of architecture replaced an older bird blind in the Montezuma Quail Viewing area. The bird blind is expected to be popular with birders who visit the state park to see the wide variety of bird species, including the Montezuma quail typically found in the region. "We are pleased to dedicate the new bird blind to the Francell Family, in recognition of our gratitude and appreciation for their continuing efforts to conserve the wild places of Texas," says Texas State Parks Director Brent Leisure. "Here, Davis Mountains State Park visitors will be able to observe the many bird species that make the park their home, or their rest stop." Davis Mountains State Park is a designated Globally Important Bird Area (GIBA), recognized for the number of documented resident and transient bird species. Birders, who for decades had become accustomed to seeing the original bird blind consisting of four posts and a bench, can now observe some of the park's documented 365 species from comfortable stools protected from the elements. The new bird blind features large, slanted windows cooled by sun-powered ceiling fans in the screened-in viewing area. Solar power also keeps water trickling through a stone water feature beneath almost a dozen bird feeders.

Davis Mountains State Park and Indian Lodge are located four miles north of Fort Davis on Highway 118 North. For more information, contact the state park office at (432) 426-3337.

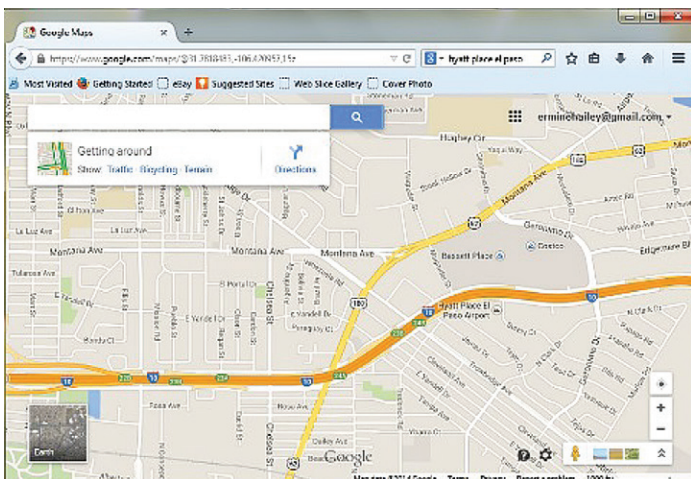
# TOS WINTER MEETING IN EL PASO

## JANUARY 15-19

Welcome to El Paso! Yes El Paso is part of Texas (albeit by just a hair) but one that has not had a TOS meeting held there for over 20 years. This meeting offers our membership an opportunity to experience the Trans Pecos Region and some of neighboring New Mexico hot spots. Our partner in this meeting is the Trans Pecos Audubon Society who graciously agreed to take on this challenge. In El Paso we can expect to find some of the of the following species—phainopepla, western scrub jay, white-throated swift, mountain chickadee, black-chinned sparrow, Gambel's quail, Brewer's sparrow, crissal thrasher and many other Trans Pecos specialties. I, for one, have passed through this area on many occasions but have never really birded the local or nearby hot spots. I am looking forward to have a chance to do so with the added benefit of local guides. Besides the regular field trips there will be special Century Club trips for those interested to El Paso, Hudspeth and Culberson Counties. Because of space limitations at the Hyatt our banquet seating will be limited to a maximum of 100, so if you want to attend this function you need to get your registration in early. Box lunches will be available to order (see registration form).



**Hyatt Place**  
**6300 Gateway Blvd. East**  
**888-492-8847**  
**CODE G-TXOS**



The Hyatt Place located just off I-10 is our headquarters hotel for this event. All functions and field trips departures will be from this location. We have arranged for a special rate of \$89 (plus tax) and that includes a breakfast from 5:30 to 6:30 each morning in an adjacent private room.

### Meeting Schedule

#### Thursday, January 15

Registration 4:00-7:00 in Hyatt lobby  
Board Meeting 4:00-6:00  
Evening Program 7:00-9:00, Jim Patton

#### Friday, January 16

Breakfast 5:30-6:30 Hyatt  
Field Trip Departures 6:00-7:00  
All field trip departures will be from across the street in the BBVA Bank parking lot  
Afternoon sessions 3:30-5:30  
Evening Program 7:00-9:00, Kelly Bryan

#### Saturday, January 17

Breakfast 5:30-7:30 Breakfast  
Field Trip Departures 6:00-7:00  
Cash Bar Social 6:00-7:00  
Silent Auction closes at 7:00  
Banquet 7-10:00, Michael Hilchey and Raymond VanBuskirk

#### Sunday, January 18

Breakfast 5:30-6:30  
Field Trip Departures 6:00-7:00  
No evening programs or events

#### Monday, January 19

Breakfast 7:00-9:00  
Travel day, have a safe trip home

### PHOTOS AND OTHER SILENT AUCTION ITEMS WANTED

A silent auction will be offered at the meeting. If you have any photographs that you are proud of please donate them. Please include the following information with your submission. On the back of the photo (preferably 8 X 10) please put a tag with your name, place taken and date if you know it. Send your prints to: Silent Auction, Scott Cutler, 112 Colina Alta Drive, El Paso TX 79912



Michael and Raymond will be our featured speakers at the banquet. As teenagers they were co-leaders of the Sandia Rosy Finch Banding Project in the Albuquerque area. Their work was featured in National Audubon Magazine a few years ago. Since then they have joined Lee Hopwood to form Brant Tour and their objective was to create a company that would not only provide excellent tours to the world's most special natural places, but that those places and the people that live there would benefit from us as much as we benefit from them. BRANT stands for birding, research and nature tours. Michael and Raymond are both natives of New Mexico, however, Michael now lives in Washington. Both continue to be involved in conservation and research.

| FIELD TRIPS  |
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| FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY  |
| <p><b>1. Franklin Mountains State Park and Northeast El Paso Hawk Alley.</b>—There is a \$5 per car fee at the State Park. There are bird blinds for viewing with water and feed. Good area for Black-throated Sparrow, Canyon Towhee, Scaled Quail and Gambel's Quail, among others. Easy, short distance walking. Northeast El Paso Hawk Alley birding will involve driving the highways looking for raptors on power poles. This area is famous for raptors and the best place to see a Golden Eagle. Mostly driving and stopping to view birds. <i>Depart at 6:45 a.m.</i></p>   |
| <p><b>2. Mesilla Valley Bosque and Organ Mountains, Las Cruces, NM.</b>—There is a \$5 per car fee in each location. Mesilla Valley Bosque is an easy walk along the river. Raptors, waterfowl, Pyrrhuloxia, and American Pipit, among others, have been seen. Organ Mountains area would be an easy to moderate hike of up to 3 miles. Rock Wren, Canyon Towhee, Western Scrub Jay and Curve-billed Thrasher, among others, have been seen. <i>Depart at 6:30 a.m.</i></p>  |
| <p><b>3. Reservoirs in the Lower Valley.</b>—There are three reservoirs, McNary, Ft. Hancock and Tornillo. This is about a 90 mile one way trip. Walking will be easy on flat surfaces. Great places to see wintering waterfowl and shorebirds. Both Clark's and Western Grebes, Mexican Mallards, Greater Roadrunners, American White Pelicans, Long-billed Dowitchers and multitudes of ducks and waders have been seen. In the fields, there is a good chance for Sandhill Cranes and Snow Geese. <i>Depart at 6:00 a.m.</i></p>  |
| <p><b>4. El Paso's Upper Valley and Sod Farms.</b>—This will include Keystone Heritage Park with wintering waterfowl, Wood Ducks and Common Gallinules. There is a fee of \$3 per person. Easy walking. In the Upper Valley area Acorn Woodpeckers have been seen as well as Violet-crowned Parrots. The Sod Farms can offer sparrows, quail, raptors and waders. The Sod Farms will be mostly driving and stopping to view birds with some easy walking. <i>Depart at 6:45 a.m.</i></p>   |
| <p><b>5. Rio Bosque Wetlands Park and Ascarate Lake.</b>—Rio Bosque is the largest park in El Paso and is the best place to see a Crissal Thrasher. Pyrruloxia, Harris's Hawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk and Burrowing Owls may also be seen. Easy walking on level surfaces. Ascarate Lake will offer waterfowl and a good place to see Mergansers. Easy walking on level surfaces. There is a fee of \$3 per car. <i>Depart at 6:30 a.m.</i></p>  |
| <p><b>6. Around Town.</b>—Birding Memorial Park, which is a large City Park with large trees, and Arroyo Park, which is a natural desert Park, and the Coronado Country Club Area and any other hot spots that might come up. Easy walk, no fees. <i>Depart at 7:00 a.m.</i></p>   |
| <p><b>7. New Mexico State Parks.</b>—Parks we may visit are Percha Dam, Leasburg Dam, Elephant Butte and possibly Animas Creek, which is not a State Park. There is a \$5 fee per car which is good for all the Parks. Percha Dam is one of the best birding areas in New Mexico. We'll be looking for waterfowl, raptors and wintering passerines. Easy walking. <i>Depart at 6:00 a.m.</i></p>   |
| SATURDAY AND SUNDAY  |
| <p><b>8. Hueco Tanks and Otero Mesa.</b>—At Hueco Tanks, the combination of trees, water and sheltering rocks act as a powerful magnet drawing birds to the site. This is sacred grounds of Native Americans and is a historical site. Scaled Quail, Great Horned Owl, White-throated Swift, Ladder-backed Woodpecker and Loggerhead Shrike, among others, have been seen. Easy walking. There is a \$7 per person entry fee. The Otero Mesa area will be a drive through a large native grassland area looking for Lark Buntings and other wintering grassland sparrows. Also a good area for raptors. <i>Depart at 6:45 a.m.</i></p> |

| SATURDAY AND SUNDAY (continued)  |
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| <p><b>9. Rattlesnake Springs and Guadalupe National Park.</b>—This is approximately a 2 hour drive each way, so we will depart at 6:00 a.m. Rattlesnake Springs is considered the mecca of birding in New Mexico. Last winter a Streak-backed Oriole was seen. Stellar's Jay, Western Bluebird, Wild Turkeys and Mountain Chickadees have been seen. Time permitting, we will hike up McKittrick Canyon, which is a moderate hike of 2 miles. Good area for wintering birds. It's one of the most beautiful canyons in Texas. <i>Depart at 6:00 a.m.</i></p>   |
| <p><b>10. El Paso County Century Club Trip.</b>—a trip to various locations in the El Paso area to get as many species as possible for El Paso County. Locations may include Memorial Park, southern Franklin Mountains, Chaffee Road Pond, Rio Bosque Park, Ascarate Park and Tornillo Reservoir. The specific itinerary may vary depending on local scouting reports. El Paso is not a terribly large county, but it has a variety of different habitats that are widely scattered and will require quite a bit of driving. One hundred species for the day is possible, 90+ is likely. This trip is for hard-core county birders wanting to see as many species as possible in a given county. Depart field trip rendezvous at 0630, return late afternoon. Bring lunch, water, sun screen and dress appropriately for the weather forecast. Be prepared to carpool. Bring walkie-talkies if you have them. Trip size limited to 18 participants. <i>Departs 6:15</i></p> |
| <p><b>11. Hudspeth County Century Club Trip.</b>—a trip to various locations in Hudspeth County, starting with the two reservoirs (McNary and Ft McKavitt), then moving on to various roadside birding areas to get as many species as possible for Hudspeth County. The trip may include a brief stop in Sierra Blanca but facilities will be limited and widely scattered. Ninety species for the day is possible, 80+ is likely. This trip is for hard-core county birders wanting to see as many species as possible in a given county. Depart field trip rendezvous at 0615, return late afternoon. Bring lunch, water, sun screen and dress appropriately for the weather forecast. Be prepared to carpool. Bring walkie-talkies if you have them. Trip size limited to 18 participants on Saturday, 15 on Sunday. <i>Departs 6:15</i></p>   |
| <p><b>12. Young Birders Field Trip.</b>—The location and time of departure for these two trips will be determined by those who attend. Trips is limited to members under the age of 30. A meeting place and designated trip leader will be announced at the Friday evening program.</p>  |
| SUNDAY   |
| <p><b>13. Culberson County Century Club Trip.</b>—a trip to several locations in Culberson County to get as many species as possible for the county. Because there is very little surface water in Culberson County, this trip is not likely to net more than 75 species for the day. Still, this trip is for hard-core county birders wanting to see as many species as possible in Culberson County in one day in the winter. Departing the field trip rendezvous at 0600, the trip will head first to Van Horn, and bird various locations there, then proceed with roadside birding along the highway to Guadalupe Mtns National Park for the afternoon. From there, the field trip leader will depart in late afternoon to head home. Bring lunch, water, sun screen and dress for the weather forecast. Carpool if you can. Bring walkie-talkies if you have them. Trip size limited to 15 participants. <i>Departs 5:30</i></p>                                       |
| <p><b>14. Holloman Lakes and Dog Canyon, New Mexico.</b>—We will drive North on US 54 about 1-1/2 hours to Alamogordo, NM. Then we'll take US 70 to the Holloman Lakes, which is an IBA. We will be looking for shorebirds, waterfowl, gulls and raptors. We will then visit to Dog Canyon, where there is a \$5 per car fee (it is also known as Oliver Lee State Park). We will take a short, moderate hike up Dog Canyon looking for winter passerines and desert specialties. <i>Depart at 6:30 a.m.</i></p>   |
| <p>Note: Everyone should bring a box lunch, water, sunblock, and insect repellent for all of these trips. Attendees will be back at the Hotel in time for evening events.</p>  |

# REGISTRATION

(Please complete a separate registration form for each individual)

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| _____ T.O.S. Member...                         | \$50.00 | \$ _____. |
| _____ Non-Member (Includes \$25.00 membership) | \$75.00 | \$ _____. |
| _____ Late Fee (after 1 January 2015)          | \$10.00 | \$ _____. |

### BOX LUNCHES

Choose one of the following:

- Selection 1. Turkey with Swiss cheese on a pretzel roll
- Selection 2. Ham and provolone cheese on ciabatta bun
- Selection 3. Hummus with pretzel chips

Comes with one bag of Miss Vicki's Kettle Chips, one cookie and one soft drink.  
We can stage them in the overflow breakfast room for the participants to pick up.

|                          | Selection # | # lunches |           |           |
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| Friday 16 January 2015   | _____       | _____     | @ \$15.00 | \$ _____. |
| Saturday 17 January 2015 | _____       | _____     | @ \$15.00 | \$ _____. |

### SATURDAY BANQUET ..... MEXICAN COMBINATION PLATTER

One chile relleno, one red cheese enchilada, two beef flautas, refried beans,  
spanish rice, tostadas, salsa, sour cream and guacamole.

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|       | _____ @ \$35.00 | \$ _____. |
| TOTAL |                 | \$ _____. |

**Mail Registration (and Check payable to "Trans Pecos Audubon Society")**  
to: Eddie Chew, 380 Flemish Circle, El Paso, Texas 79912-7119

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name (for Name Tag)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address (Street)** \_\_\_\_\_

**City and State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone Number** (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

(Clearly print e-mail address as it will be the principle means we will use to contact you)

### Field Trips Preferences

(Some trips have additional entry fees. Any fees are states in trip description)



Stellar's Jay

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|----------------------|--------------|
| Friday, 16 January   | Field Trip # |
| First Choice         | _____        |
| Second Choice        | _____        |
| Third Choice         | _____        |
| Saturday, 17 January | Field Trip # |
| First Choice         | _____        |
| Second Choice        | _____        |
| Third Choice         | _____        |
| Sunday, 18 January   | Field Trip # |
| First Choice         | _____        |
| Second Choice        | _____        |
| Third Choice         | _____        |



Gambel's Quail

Please indicate if you prefer to participate in your field trips with a spouse, roommate or car mate.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Six Degrees of Separation

I grew up and went to school in Grand Prairie, Texas. I graduated from Grand Prairie High School in 1976 (go Gophers!) and ultimately graduated from the University of Texas in Arlington in 1982. I've lived in Arlington since 1984 and have lived in the same house in Arlington since 1994. It would stand to reason that since I have lived and worked in the area my entire life, I would occasionally see some people I know.

Fast forward to September 6, 2014.....Dell and I went to an ACE Hardware store down the road from our house in Arlington. It's an ACE Hardware store we have been to many times. As we were leaving, we happened to walk out with a man. He kept looking at me, so I asked: "do I know you?". He said: "you look familiar." So I proceeded to ask...."did you work at LTV Aerospace, or Vought Aircraft, or Lockheed Martin....???" He looked puzzled and answered "no, but you do look familiar". Then I asked....."what about birdwatching... are you a bird watcher"? He said..."Ah, my wife is a bird watcher; she goes birding with the Fort Worth Audubon Society and goes to their meetings." I said: "That's probably where we have crossed paths.....it's gotta be either airplanes or birds."

Last weekend, we were at Richland Creek Wildlife Management Area birding and ran into Tad Finnell and Susan Heath. We had only "met" via TEXBIRDS, yet we knew each other already through birding.

Dell and I took a trip to southeast Arizona in August of 2012. We had been there a few days and were at a hummingbird

viewing spot in Miller Canyon at the Beatty's Guest Ranch. There was a young family there with a mother, father and two boys. We were talking to them when I noticed the father was wearing a T-shirt with something about "Windthorst" on it. I asked: "Is your shirt about Windthorst, Texas? We've been there many times." He seemed shocked that we knew about Windthorst, Texas. Then all of a sudden, it hits me..... this is Scotty Lofland who I had only communicated with via TEXBIRDS and email regarding great birds from the Wichita Falls area. We finally meet, not in Texas as one would expect, but in a far flung place in Arizona. Later that same day at dusk, Scotty and his family, and Dell and I shared a memorable moment viewing an Elf Owl entering and leaving a nest located in a fence post near the entrance to Beatty Ranch.

In 2010, Dell and I, along with Greg Cook and Buck Buchanan took a fantastic trip to Alaska. We birded around Anchorage, Seward, Homer, then flew to Nome. One day, we drove the road to Council (one of the three roads in Nome) we were coming from Council back to Nome. There was a tour group stopped on the road looking at a Peregrine Falcon nest. Although we had already seen the nest, we stopped to talk to the group. There, 3500+ miles from Texas, we run into Lucie Bruce and Nick Cooney, birding friends who hail from north central Texas.

*D.D.Currie*



### Of Interest to All Birding Teachers

Martha McLeod, science teacher at Fulton Learning Center, member of the National Teaching Hall of Fame and T.O.S. member, conducted a T.O.S.-sponsored workshop at the CAST (Conference of the Advancement of Science Teaching) meeting in Dallas on November 22, 2014. Mrs. McLeod has introduced her students to the love of birding and bird identification via weekly classes and frequent Saturday birding trips with the help of two local birders.

This workshop program, "Birding 101 – How to Get a Youth Birding Program Started at Your School" covered creating a basic birding program for students at an upper elementary level. Selection of field guides and binoculars is a good starting point. She also covered locating regional birding contacts and a list of local birding sites. Ideas presented included how to create a simple bird garden with the students. Attendees were shown how to participate in annual data collecting birding activities including The Great Texas Birding Classic at the Roughwing Division level.

Martha plans to repeat a similar workshop at the 2015 Spring T.O.S. meeting in Winnie. It should be of interest for science teachers, teachers of home schoolers or for all birders interested in developing a birding program of this type for upper elementary level students.

*Bron Rorex*

## It's T.O.S. Election time!!

At the 2015 Winnie meeting, the Executive Board of the Texas Ornithological Society will begin a new two-year term. A proposed ballot is submitted below. If any member of the society would like to nominate alternative candidates, please send the appropriate petition within 30 days of the receipt of this request.

To nominate a member of T.O.S. for a particular position you are required to provide signatures of ten or more members of the Society. On receipt of the petition the nominee's name may be placed on the official ballot.

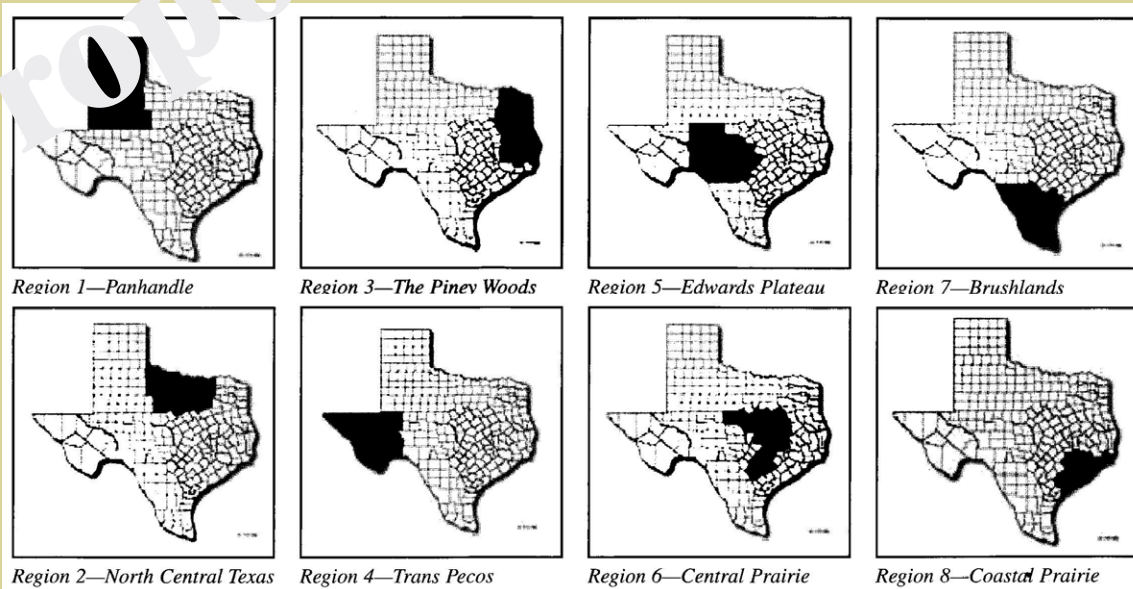
(\*For regional positions consult the maps below and nominate only for the position in your region)

### PROPOSED BALLOT:

- President-elect—Bryon Stone  
\_\_\_\_\_—Alternate Nominee
- Vice President—, Open  
\_\_\_\_\_—Alternate Nominee
- Treasurer, Sandi Wheeler  
\_\_\_\_\_—Alternate Nominee
- Secretary—David Sarkozi  
\_\_\_\_\_—Alternate Nominee

- Region 1\*, Anthony Hewetson  
\_\_\_\_\_ , Alternate Nominee
- Region 2\*, Gailon Brehm  
\_\_\_\_\_ , Alternate Nominee
- Region 3\*, D.D. Currie  
\_\_\_\_\_ , Alternate Nominee
- Region 4\*, Open  
\_\_\_\_\_ , Alternate Nominee
- Region 5\*, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ , Alternate Nominee
- Region 6\*, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ , Alternate Nominee
- Region 7\*, Bron Rorex  
\_\_\_\_\_ , Alternate Nominee
- Region 8\*, Chuck Davis  
\_\_\_\_\_ , Alternate Nominee

The final ballot will be mailed to members 45 days from the mailing of this newsletter. Please email your Director nominations to [shelia.hargis@gmail.com](mailto:shelia.hargis@gmail.com) and Officer nominations to [bron@rorexusa.com](mailto:bron@rorexusa.com).



## Nominating Committees

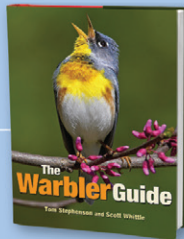
Elections will be held next spring for your new slate of officers and regional directors. I am appealing to the membership to take time and consider who you would like to see in these positions. If you have a suggested nominee for any position PLEASE take the time to offer it to the appropriate chairman of the committee. I have appointed Bron Rorex (current director of region 7) to chair the nominations for officers. Those offices are—President, President Elect, V- President, Secretary, and Treasurer. You can contact her at [bron@rorexusa.com](mailto:bron@rorexusa.com). It will be the responsibility of each committee to contact and confirm that your nominee will be willing to accept the nomination. For directors of all 8 regions please do the same and contact Shelia Hargis (currently V-President). Her email is [shelia.hargis@gmail.com](mailto:shelia.hargis@gmail.com). This not how elections in the past several years have been conducted but they conform to our Constitution & Bylaws. Once the nominating committees have confirmed the nominees, a paper ballot will be provided in the Spring Newsletter with instructions. Remember you can only vote for the director in which region you reside but you can cast a vote for all officers. Seriously, this is your organization, so please step forward and give careful consideration as to who you would like to see in each of these positions. You can review the duties and responsibilities of each position by logging on to our website [www.texasbirds.org](http://www.texasbirds.org) and choosing Constitution & Bylaws from the list. Now I am aware that many members do not take the time to nominate or vote in this process, but it is very important that they take the time to do so. The directions TOS will take in the future will depend on who you have chosen to lead.





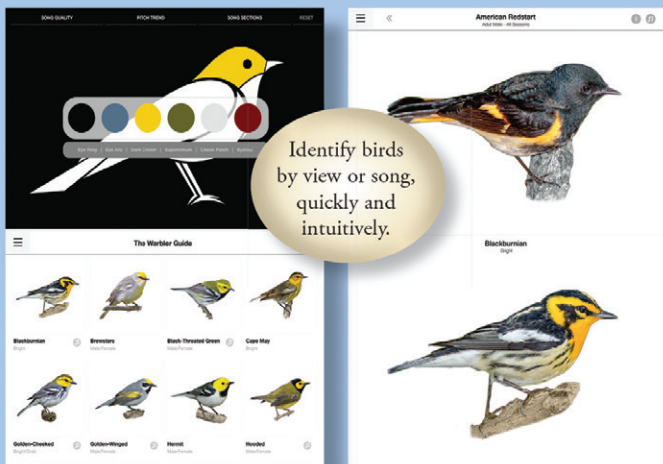
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### The Warbler Guide App

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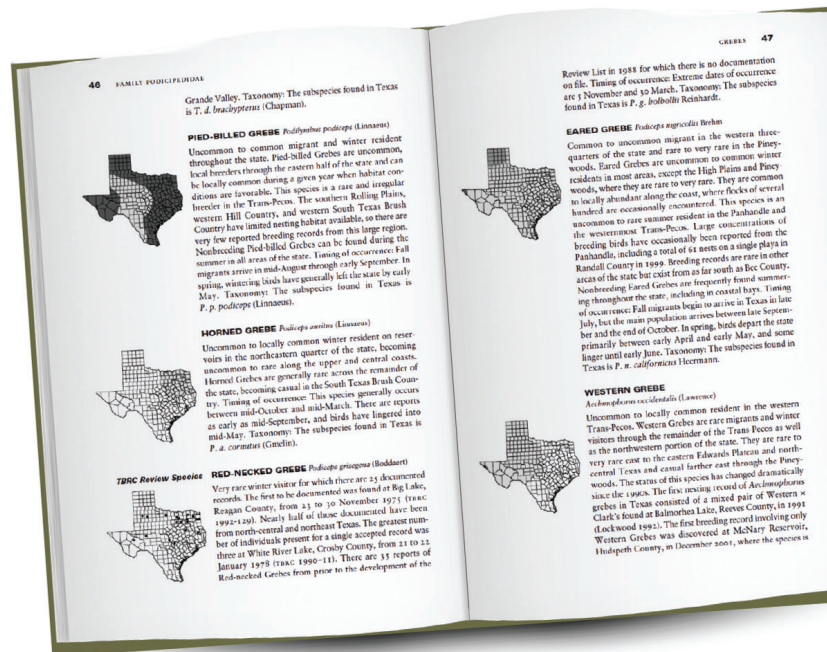
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