

President's Message



Romey Swanson TOS President.

Dear TOS Friends,
Summer invites reflection, and after another memorable Spring Meeting, I'm filled with gratitude for this community and all we accomplish together.

Our Spring Meeting in Cedar Hill brought together birders, conservationists, and partners in a region that exemplifies how communities can lead in bird-friendly stewardship. Cedar Hill's Bird City Texas designation set the

stage for an inspiring program and warm hospitality.

We opened the meeting with a dynamic presentation from Sam Kieschnick, who showcased the natural wonders of the Cedar Hill region and delighted the audience with an introduction to American Sign Language for bird groups — an unforgettable moment that brought new meaning to birding connections.

A thought-provoking panel followed, featuring Chloe Crumley (Audubon Texas), Katie Christman (City of Cedar Hill), and Anita Gilson (Audubon Conservation Ranching). Their conversation explored creative approaches to bird conservation and community engagement.

Our banquet keynote, delivered by Lisa Gonzalez (Executive Director of Audubon Texas), offered thoughtful insights on advancing bird conservation through partnerships, equity, and innovative solutions—a fitting capstone to a weekend that celebrated both birds and the people working to protect them.

A sincere thank you goes to every volunteer who helped make the meeting a success, from field trip leaders to registration and event support. Your contributions are the heartbeat of our gatherings.

We also celebrated excellence in our community through three special awards:

- Edgar B. Kincaid, Jr. Award — Anthony Hewetson, recognizing his significant contributions to our shared understanding of Texas birds, with particular appreciation for his work in the Texas Panhandle.
- Charles M. McNeese Award — Byron "Doc" Stone, honoring his many years of leadership and service within TOS.
- Dennis Shepler Texas Birding Ambassador Award — Carolyn Ohl, in recognition of her tender care for birds and generous support of birding access at her Christmas Mountains Oasis in far West Texas.

Organizationally, we continue to welcome new energy while honoring dedicated service. The TOS board

supported the reelection of Pam Pipes (Vice President), Lorrie Mathers (Treasurer), and Lynn Thompson (Secretary). We warmly welcome Janey Woodley and Bob White to the Board of Directors. At the same time, we thank Clay Taylor and, in particular, Christine Turnbull for their numerous contributions—Christine's leadership in organizing TOS meetings has had a lasting impact.

Several committees are also evolving with new leadership: Crystal Ledezma and Janey Woodley now co-chair the Trips Committee. At the same time, Crystal Ledezma and Bob White will lead the Annual Meetings Committee. Kendra Kocab and Ron Huebner continue to guide our Communications and Engagement Committee, and Kelly Smith now chairs the Awards Committee, while working with Byron Stone to help shape future TOS leadership and honors. I encourage all members to share nominations with Kelly for both awards and Board service.

Save the Date!

- TOS Winter Meeting — January 18 – 19, 2026 | Alpine, TX
- TOS Spring Meeting — April 30 – May 3, 2026 | Del Rio, TX (in conjunction with the Birding the Border Festival)

Please make plans to join us for these exciting upcoming events!

Let me close with a moment that captured the wonder that drives our work. This spring, while birding in Cedar Hill, I encountered a Golden-cheeked Warbler likely representing one of the northeasternmost individuals documented within its breeding range. Just a week later, I stood on a ranch near the Devils River, watching another Golden-cheeked Warbler at the southwestern extreme of the species' range.

Between these two points lies the entirety of this species' origin story: fledging, migration, courtship, and nesting. Encounters like this remind us that the birds we cherish connect landscapes, histories, and futures. In this work, as birders, scientists, and advocates, we serve these wild others because their presence brings immeasurable richness to our lives.

If you're inspired to get more involved, read on in this newsletter for upcoming opportunities—and keep an eye on our official TOS communications channels (eBlast, website, social media) for more ways to engage. I hope to see many of you in the field soon!

With curiosity and joy,

—Romey Swanson

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TOS Spring Birding Weekend Wrap-up

The TOS spring meeting was this past weekend. Had a really good time. Thanks to everyone who put it on and to all the participants for showing up. It sounds like everyone had a great time at the meeting, some of my highlights were:

- 151 species over the 3 days.
- Pin presentation! President Romey Swanson gave me my TCC 75 pin (over 75 counties with 100 species). 100 here I come! Greg you're safe for now - LOL.
- Kentucky Warbler at Cedar Mountain Nature Preserve (thanks to Dana Sudborough and Byron Stone, and to Karen Carpenter for giving me the inside scoop), Dallas County: 303.

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S229786881>

Day 1: led Somervell/Hood Texas Century Club (TCC) trip double dipper. Nothing super rare or crazy but had incredible looks at breeding plumaged Eared Grebe at Wheeler Branch Park, good looks at Hill Country specialties including Golden-cheeked Warbler, Black-capped Vireo (heard only), Rufous-crowned Sparrow, and Ash-throated Flycatcher on CR 2011 in southwest Somervell County, and a Bald Eagle nest in Hood County. Stopped by Johnson County and did some birding on the way back and ended with 120 for the day. Ended up with 99 for me in Somervell County which is frustrating but will be rectified soon I'm sure.

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S229208931>

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Day 2: Led Denton County TCC. Fairly casual with not too much driving; mainly birded Lake Park (75 species by 10 am) and Lake Lewisville Environmental Learning Area and got all the participants over 100 species in the county – had 104 for the day. Huge highlight was the Veery (a first eBird county record) at LLELA with Olive-sided Flycatcher here, along with Sanderling, Grasshopper Sparrow, and the continuing Pine Warbler at Lake Park (breeding location for them).

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S229589228>

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S229699237>

Day 3: Led Rockwall County TCC. Things started with a bang at the Lake Ray Hubbard—Robertson Park SE/ Bayview Marina (Rockwall Co.) (CURRENTLY CLOSED) hotspot. Note that only the Bayview Marina is closed. There are several roads that go through there, Sapphire Bay Marina is open and there is a pond with a bunch of weeds and grass around it on the peninsula fully in Rockwall County that is birdable. Anyway, had incredible looks at two Grasshopper Sparrows and a lingering LeConte's Sparrow here, as well as two flyover Caspian Terns and brief looks at an uncooperative Bobolink. Also had another eagle nest and good numbers of migrants at Pettinger Nature Park. We tallied 90 or so species for the day and got several folks over 100.

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S229993421>

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<https://ebird.org/checklist/S230143234>

Day 4 Post Trip for work out to Wichita Falls: Not part of the TOS trip but worth mentioning. Thanks to a tip from Scotty Lofland I checked out the Archer Co. Huff Rd. hotspot on my way to a job in Wichita Falls on Monday. On the way in on Fuller Rd. I immediately had a first eBird county record of a singing Black-capped Vireo, along with a Hairy Woodpecker, flyover Pine Siskin, and three male Lazuli Buntings perched in a snag. Huff Rd. itself was also a blast with lots of good birds. I ended up with over 50 species here including Northern Waterthrush, Summer Tanager, and a hybrid Bullock's x Baltimore Oriole, as well as pure Bullock's Oriole, and birded the lake and got some good county birds as well. Went from 36 to 92 species for Archer.

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S230428763>

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S230456970>

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S230482890>

Good birding everyone, this is the time of year to do it.

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TOS Awards Given at the recent meeting

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Bai Abdullah - grant recipient



Byron Stone receiving the McNeese award



Christine Turnbull, past-president



Lisa Gonzalez, keynote speaker



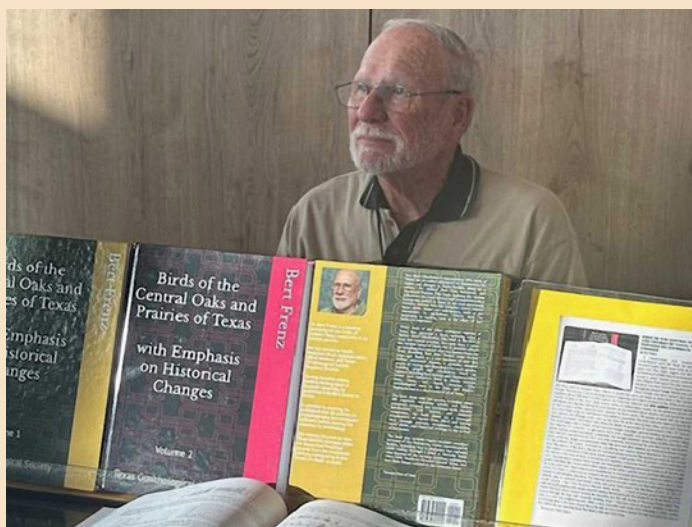
Burgundy Beef Ranch sign



Burgundy Beef Ranch transport



Sara Bettencourt, merchandise sales



Bert Frenz sold and autographed his books

Regional Reports

Region 1—Panhandle

—Kelly Smith

Region 2—North Central Texas

Well, it's been a whirlwind of activity here in Region 2. The Spring Meeting was held in our region at Cedar Hill and we had a great time. The trip leaders stepped up big time and delivered some really great numbers, especially considering the amount of rain we had just prior to the event...and I do mean JUST PRIOR to the event, like in "hours."

We had quite a few new local leaders who all basically hit it out of the ballpark, and we had more outreach for this meeting than we've had in a long time. Several Audubon Societies, Texas Parks & Wildlife, multiple conservation ranches, and Cedar Hill City leaders all pitched in to make the meeting memorable, and those contacts will pay off in the future as well. We had some firsts, like trying to do 2 counties for Century Club in a single day, finding a few county rarities and firsts that had even the local leaders jumping up and down in excitement, and we presented some new awards to very deserving people.

So where do we go from here? Plans are being made as you read this to start regularly scheduled "Birds & Brews" events in Region 2. We will be reaching out to as many birding, nature, and conservation organizations as possible, hoping to make new friends and introduce every birder in the Region to TOS while supporting each other's missions while having fun. So keep your eyes out for future Birds & Brews announcements.



Our first night's speaker, Sam Kieschnick, in a bird friendly library



Our intrepid Treasurer, Lorrie Mathers

—Ron Huebner

Region 3—East Texas Timberlands (Pineywoods)

This spring saw a mix of weather extremes that led to burn bans one week and flooding the next. Consistent southerly winds meant no significant fallout events, though on a personal note, I did have seven migrating warblers in my pecan tree one morning. A Tyler Audubon Society field trip to Martin Creek Lake State Park turned up a surprise Great Kiskadee, a first Rusk County record. There was an unconfirmed report of a Roseate Spoonbill in Cherokee County in April.

Spring migration is winding down and the breeding birds have settled into their respective habitats. There have been numerous reports of Bachman's Sparrows, Red-cockaded Woodpeckers, Prairie Warblers and Chuck-will's-widows. Laura Wilson discovered a location in eastern Anderson County where she observed no fewer than ten Prairie Warblers. Now it's time to go looking for our other breeding wood warblers: Black-and-white, Kentucky, Swainson's, Hooded, Yellow-throated, Pine and Prothonotary Warblers, Northern Parula, Louisiana Waterthrush and Common Yellowthroat.

In other news, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has added a new Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in Anderson County. Called the Trinity River WMA, it will comprise 6,900 acres along the eastern edge of the county. No word on how long it will take before it opens to the public.

—Bob White

Region 4—Trans-Pecos

—Pamela Pipes

Region 5—Edwards Plateau Report

—Christine Turnbull

Region 6—Coastal Prairie

—Crystal Ledezma

Region 7—Rio Grande Brushlands

—Samantha Wolfe

Region 8—Central Prairie

—Kendra Kocab

INTO THE FUTURE WITH TOS

In March of 2024, the directors of TOS convened in Bastrop at a weekend retreat facilitated by Social Impact Consulting, LLC to map out a strategy to guide the organization into the future.

The seeds of this project sprouted in 2022 during Byron Stone's second tenure as president, with the creation of a "due diligence" group whose goal initially was to better define our mission. The late Gailon Brehm was instrumental in defining the criteria to use, and little by little the process moved forward. It was agreed that it would be worthwhile hiring an objective professional organizational consultant to

help us solidify the plan. TOS had reached a plateau, and there was so much more we could do.

The final proposal is outlined below.

We have already seen developments within the administration of TOS such as the creation of specific working groups and a better definition of their duties. Some goals have been reached, such as the membership numbers. Other strategies listed below are on a wish list and others will need tweaking. There is still much work to do, and the board welcomes your ideas to help us realize our potential.

TEXAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY STRATEGIC PLAN

Vision

"We envision a future in which:

- Texas leads the nation in its passion for and love of birds and its commitment to habitat conservation, education, and protection.*
- Texas culture promotes the value of, and ease of access to, the enjoyment of birds for all.*
- Growth in the number and diversity of Texans committed to birds and the environment ensures a healthy future for Texas' 660 resident, seasonal, and migrant species of birds."*

Mission

The Texas Ornithological Society is a nonprofit organization founded in 1953, with the sole purpose of promoting the enjoyment, understanding, and conservation of Texas' bird populations through birding events, education, research, and habitat restoration.

Strategic Areas for Goal Setting

Membership

Aspiration: A growing, diverse and engaged statewide membership that will support TOS's visibility and impact.

Goal: Grow membership to 990 by Dec. 31, 2025

Strategies:

- Focus on membership retention
- Understand the value of TOS membership to constituents
- Develop and implement recruitment strategies
- Create greater visibility making TOS a household name across the state
- Attract diverse groups of birders
- Develop leadership and mentoring opportunities

Governance

Aspiration: TOS will have a governing board that understands its responsibilities and performs them effectively. Annual evaluations will indicate proficiencies in areas such as leadership transitions, meeting productivity, committee engagement and others.

Goal: Recruit and retain board members, and strengthen board performance

Strategies:

- Maintain a "pipeline" of prospective board members
- Provide orientation for new board members
- Match board members with a mentor
- Strengthen board performance through annual evaluations, understanding and use of our bylaws, possible satellite groups throughout the state, transparency in board processes

Conservation and Stewardship of Sanctuaries

Aspiration: A statewide array of well managed sanctuaries.

Goal: Develop written management plans for each sanctuary and a means of evaluating the implementation of those plans.

Strategies:

- Ensure each existing sanctuary has a funded development plan to improve habitat.
- Establish new sanctuaries outside the Gulf coast

Leadership, Visibility, Identity

Aspiration: TOS will be widely known as the premier resource for birding and bird conservation in Texas.

Goal: Collect relevant information and data to inform our membership, partners, and the public through strategic advertising and visibility campaigns

Strategies:

- Target retail outlets for distribution of materials and surveys
- Incorporate existing resources into TOS programs
- Understand expectations of future/potential TOS members
- Create a communications plan to target a wider audience – statewide and/or national
- Increase engagement through a brand awareness campaign
- Be the centralized “Go To” landing page for people searching for birding information in Texas
- Survey non-members for actionable themes

Program Impacts

Aspiration: Engaging, effective, high-quality programs as demonstrated by rigorous evaluation. Impacts shared widely through annual reports.

Goal 1: Create a professional grant-making policy
Strategies:

- Establish written procedures for evaluating and approving grant requests.
- Identify and attract donors

Goal 2: Annual meeting attendance expands to cover 25% of active members by 2026.

Strategies:

- Survey meeting attendees to garner suggestions for future such events.

Goal 3: Ensure programs are impactful and relevant by involving a wider group of members.

Strategies:

- Poll members to measure interest in current and past programs, publications, trips



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2025 TOS ELECTION RESULTS

The election of board members by TOS members and the election of officers by the Board are held annually in the March/April time frame. Directors of the TOS Board serve three-year terms and each year the terms of four of the twelve directors expire.

At the first board meeting after the election, the directors elect officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) for the upcoming year.

The TOS Nominating Committee this year was made up of Chair Christine Turnbull, Byron Stone, Kelly Smith, Ron Weeks and Judy Kestner, and after looking at several potential candidates they made their choice:



Director At-large 3 Janey Woodley

Director At-large 4 Romey Swanson (incumbent)



Region 3 Director Bob White

Crystal Ledezma moved from being Region 6 Director to Region 5 Director, as that is where she lives. This left the Region 6 position vacant, and the Board may appoint a director there during the upcoming year.

In an effort to modernize and streamline our voting process, the Board held a special session and elected to try online voting this year. Two options were assessed, and the choice was made to use an application already in place on our secure, cloud-based membership storage platform, NeonCRM. Paper ballots were also mailed to those members without an email address on file, and there was a link on our website to print a paper ballot as well.

Ballots were counted and the above slate was handily elected with 152 members voting online, and 5 who mailed

in a paper ballot. There are just a few bugs to work out in the wording of the online ballot, but we consider it to have been a successful launch.

The committee thanks all who took the time to vote.



Anthony Hewetson

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MORE INFO!

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*To be placed on our list of potential travelers, email drbirdie@aol.com.

Texas Birding Festivals in 2025

Date Festival Location

Feb 20 – 23
 March 7 – 9
 Apr 9 – 12
 Apr 24 – 27
 Apr 23 – 27
 Apr 25 – 27
 May 1 – 4
 May 1 – 4
 Aug 14 – 17
 Sep 13 & 20
 Sep 18 – 21
 Nov 5 – 9

Date Birding Festival Location

Whooping Crane Festival Port Aransas, TX
 Matagorda Bay Birdfest Palacios, TX
 Spring Chirp Weslaco, TX
 FeatherFest Galveston, TX
 The Birdiest Festival in America Corpus Christi, TX
 Balcones Canyonlands Songbird Festival near Marble Falls, TX
 Birding the Border Del Rio, TX
 Texas Mid-Coast Birding Festival Port Lavaca, TX
 Davis Mnts Hummingbird Celebration Fort Davis, TX
 Xtreme Hummingbird Xtravaganza Lake Jackson, TX
 HummerBird Celebration Rockport/Fulton, TX
 Rio Grande Valley Birding Festival Harlingen, TX



HOOKS WOODS SANCTUARY COORDINATOR



TOS is in need of someone who can oversee our Hooks Woods Sanctuary in High Island.

This would involve organizing occasional work days, monitoring the condition of trails and structures, and staying in touch with the TOS board on a regular basis.

You may review the enhancement project for this property for more details.

If you would like to discuss this opportunity to give back to our wonderful organization, please contact info@texasbirds.org for more information.

Here is the link to the Hooks Woods enhancement project: https://drive.google.com/file/d/12UXWPORHdER1x4_B92WhnDnjQEX26lr/view



LOST RING AT SABINE WOODS

On April 26 a visitor to our Sabine Woods Sanctuary lost a sterling silver ring that held much sentimental value. If it has been found, or if it turns up in the future, please let the owner know:

Elena Glassberg, 704-650-0242 or ebg9166@gmail.com.



If you're having trouble viewing this email, you can [see it online](#).

AgriLife seminars: <https://wildlife.tamu.edu/birding/virtual/>



Birding with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is soaring to new heights in 2025 with TWO special offers.

First, you can unlock a special discount for their 2025 Virtual Birding Seminars. Don't miss this chance to expand your birding knowledge!

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2025 Virtual Birding Seminars

Spring 2025: March 4th – Bird Behavior

Summer 2025: August 11th – 15th – Waterfowl Week

Fall 2025: November 19th – 20th – Backyard Bird Paradise

Your participation makes a difference! Funds raised from Virtual Birding Seminars directly support **Rio Diablo Birding Camp scholarships**, helping young birders experience this incredible learning opportunity.

LEARN MORE HERE

Second, for 2-weeks only they are offering the opportunity to get access to their VAULT of over 20 hours of Virtual Birding Seminars.

If you missed a class, or want a refresher, this is your chance.

THANK YOU, TOS!

The Texas Ornithological Society is proud to support many birding and environmental conservation incentives. This aligns with our mission to become a household name and the go-to resource for Texas birders.

We provide grants to qualified scientific projects within our state that help in understanding these mysterious, intriguing creatures we all love. Perhaps you have attended a TOS meeting and heard from some of the grant recipients about their studies. It is uplifting and inspiring to know we had a part in the ongoing examination of birds, their behavior, and their impact on the world.

In 2025 our organization sponsored 22 youth teams in the Texas Parks and Wildlife's Great Texas Birding Classic, allowing students to gain skills and rub elbows

with experienced birders, while performing a bit of citizen science.

Another group we contribute to is the A&M AgriLife's Rio Diablo Birding Camp. Students travel to various locations in the Lone Star State, learning about different species of birds in diverse habitats, and receiving instruction from adult birders.

These activities serve as a vehicle to prepare the next generation of TOS members who will carry on our goals for years to come.

TOS recently received three lovely thank-you notes that we want to share, so that you can see a tangible result of our support for the TOS leaders of the future. Read on!

Dear Texas Ornithological Society,

Thank you so much for supporting the Rio Diablo Birding Camp! This birding camp was an amazing trip. One of the highlights of the trip was seeing owls at night, as well as watching bats fly out of a cave while hawks hunted the bats. Without you, this camp may not have happened! Thanks for everything!

-Kaia

Dear Texas Ornithological Society,

Thank you so much for supporting Rio Diablo Birding Camp! I have had a blast seeing dozens of lifers and meeting other birders. I loved swimming at Devil's River and jumping off the rocks into the water, and I also really liked hiking up a mountain, but my favorite part was when I got to see three Rivoli's Hummingbirds – a female, an immature male, and a truly magnificent adult male. The Rivoli's Hummer has been on my "target birds" list for so long, and to finally see such a beautiful bird was amazing.

Thank you for making this trip possible.

-Jaci



Dear TOS Board,

This is a very belated thank-you for your sponsorship of the Lincoln Center Sparrows again this year. Although I only had two girls this year, they both had a tremendous time and want to do it again next year!

One of the girls' younger brother has informed me that he wants to join us next year!

Thank you for making it possible for the kids to do this event. Lord willing, we will do it again next year!

Sincerely,

Linda Hale



MEMBERSHIP AND DONATIONS

Summer 2025 newsletter

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Sabine Woods

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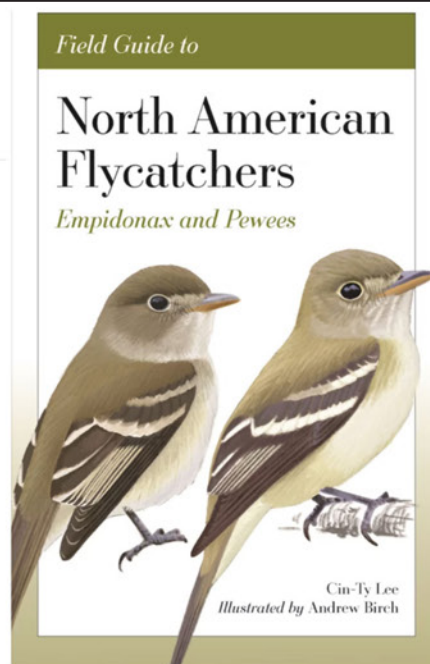
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Cin-Ty Lee and Andrew Birch

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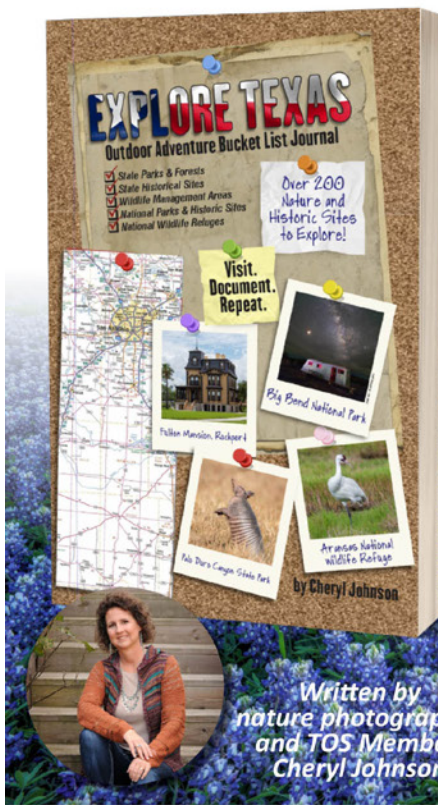



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