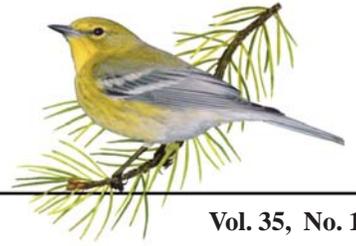


# The Pine Warbler



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## Heart Happenings



Although I would like to be replaced as VP for Publicity, I hope to continue as Chair of the HEART Committee which was adopted over 20 years ago and supported by Piney Woods ever since. Many thanks to treasurer Jim Lacey, President Kathy Coward and all the officers and members who support HEART and the Kemp's ridley sea turtles. Also thanks to Allison, our newsletter editor, for always making the column look good! Happy New Year to everyone! Carole A.

## Spring Creek CBC 2014 News by Claire Moore



The PWWS bird round up for this year is complete! From a quick, preliminary analysis, it looks like the number of species located is in line with past years and

maybe a little better than average, but the number of individuals seen seems to be down some. Weather cooperated in that the rain quit in time for the CBC on Saturday after up to three inches in the area on Thursday night and all day Friday. However, not a ray of sunshine was seen the entire day with cloud cover ruling the day. This might have contributed to the lower number of birds seen.

Special thanks goes out to all the section leaders and all the participants both in the field and at feeders. Al Barr led the "owling" group early and then led the group that started birding at Mercer and covered much of the south and east part of the count circle. Claire Moore and Damien Carrey co-led the section starting at Hooks airport and covering the west and southwest part of the circle. Gene Prejean led the Woodlands section with help from several

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## Start the New Year with John and Gloria Jones on January 20!



John Jones

## The Traveling Joneses Take us on a Tanzania Photo Safari!

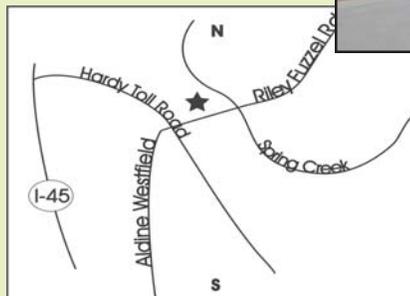
The national parks in northwest Tanzania have the largest concentrations of wildlife in the world. During the short dry season in February, the majority of the wildlife is in the area of the Ngorongoro Reserve and the southern part of the Serengeti. Many animals are giving birth; the grass is lush and the wildflowers are blooming.

This presentation will include images from the national parks of Tarangire, Lake Manyara, Serengeti and the Ngorongoro Crater, including many of the birds photographed there from tiny lovebirds to the majestic Gray Crowned-Cranes. Don't miss this great program on January 20!

**January 20th  
Social 6:30pm  
Program 7:00pm**



**Big Stone Lodge  
Dennis Johnston Park  
709 Riley Fuzzel Road**



people. Debbie Layer led the section covering Jones State Forest in the northwest part of the circle. A new addition this year was some volunteers who scouted the northeast part of the circle across the San Jacinto River. Thanks goes out to Kathleen and Alex Ybañez for this. They enjoyed exploring this new area for them and will plan to count this area again for the next Spring Creek CBC.

Several birds considered "rare" for this count specifically were seen. The obvious star is the immature Trumpeter Swan which was still present on Bear Branch Reservoir in The Woodlands' Lakeside Park. Another unusual bird for the area is a Hooded Merganser that was still spending its days at Eagle Lake in the Windrose subdivision. Those and several more will require the Audubon's "Rare Bird" sighting form to be filled in and submitted to the state coordinator.

Claire will be getting together all the numbers for the count and entering them into the Audubon's CBC web site over the coming days. Thanks again to all who helped out!

**Notes:**

Starting with this issue, we will be missing the wonderful plant column written by Diane Cabiness for so many months. We have been very fortunate that Diane has taken time out from her busy schedule to send an interesting column each month. Diane has provided us with a lot of great information and beautiful photographs also.

If you would like to send Diane a thank you message, her e-mail address is [dianecabinessplants@consolidated.net](mailto:dianecabinessplants@consolidated.net). We want her to know that PWWS says "thank you" will always welcome an article if she wants to send one or more.

**WANTED: NEW VICE-PRESIDENT FOR PUBLICITY!**

After an unknown number of years, Carole Allen is stepping aside from the Vice-President role. It's a fun job so give it some thought! Carole will continue writing HEART HAPPENINGS but a new officer with new ideas and new energy is needed!

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## Piney Woods Wildlife Society Membership Form

Last Name(s):		First Name of Members(s):	
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Annual Membership Fee \$15.00* Additional Contribution \$ _____ Total \$ _____ *Per Household - Includes <i>The Pine Warbler</i> newsletter via email New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> Rejoining <input type="checkbox"/>		Mail this form and check made payable to PWWS to:  Piney Woods Wildlife Society P.O. Box 189 Spring, TX 77383-0189	



*Playa Grande Refuge leatherback sea turtle nest area, photo by Carlos Hernandez*

