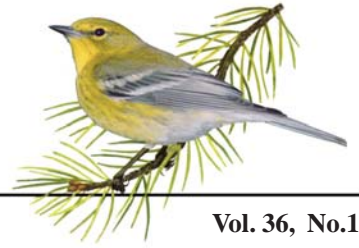


The Pine Warbler



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January Presentation The Variety of the Birds One Can See in Southeastern Arizona Presented by Brad and Noma McCurda



Noma and Brad McCurda will treat us to spectacular hummingbird photos they have seen throughout Southeastern Arizona during the months of March and April over the past 10 years. They have visited a broad spectrum of locations in Southeastern Arizona to provide a good variety of bird photos.

The McCurdas started birding in 1998 and through a combination of international work and some adventuresome birding trips, they have chased birds on 7 continents in over 30 countries. Brad tells us they have over 2000 life birds and still have more to enter into their records from Brazil, Costa Rica and Mexico.

Brad has been doing serious photography since 1962 and has used photos in training classes for university students and professionals in the petroleum industry. As a geologist he did a lot of paleontological studies between 1962 and 1978 published 2 monographs and 40 peer reviewed articles using his photography as part of these publications. He also completed around 900 research dives on coral reefs around the world in the 70's. He did a lot of underwater photography which he used this in lectures and professional publications. Brad made a great observation that "I have truly seen the world through a camera lens."



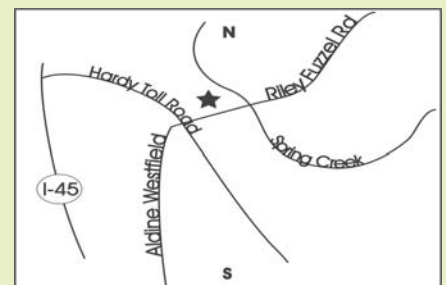
Big Stone Lodge - Dennis Johnston Park 709 Riley Fuzzel Road

PWWS meetings are held at the Big Stone Lodge at the new Dennis Johnston County Park at 709 Riley Fuzzel Road.

**January 16th
Social 6:30pm**

The directions to get there are much the same as to the Nature Center. Aldine-Westfield turns into Riley Fuzzel Road just northeast of Spring so there are several ways to get there.

1. Take the Rayford/Sawdust exit and go East (right) on Rayford Rd. It dead ends at Riley Fuzzel, then turn South (right) and drive to the Dennis Johnston Park past Spring Creek and on the right. or, 2. take Spring-Cypress east to Aldine Westfield through Olde Town Spring, turn left and then on to Riley Fuzzel for a short distance and turn left; or, 3. Take Aldine Westfield north from Mercer Arboretum until it turns into Riley Fuzzel. Turn right and watch for the Dennis Johnston Park on the left.





Green Turtle, (*Chelonia mydas*)
Photo Credit: Andy Bruckner, NOAA

Heart Happenings



The sea turtles of the Gulf are not attracting much attention at this time; however, some of them have started showing up “cold stunned” on the East Coast most of them Kemp’s ridleys. Here is a detailed report from National Marine Fisheries Service on this event through December 10 including where the turtles have been taken to get them ready for release.:

New England Aquarium: 99 Kemp’s, 9 green
National Marine Life Center: 6 Kemp’s
Riverhead Foundation: 1 Kemp’s, 3 green,
1 loggerhead
National Aquarium: 8

Transports:

4 Kemp’s transported to FL Aquarium on 11/27/15
5 green transported to National Aquarium 12/2/15
6 Kemp’s transported to National Marine Life Center 12/8/15

Planned Transports:

6 Kemp’s, 4 green to Georgia Sea Turtle Center
18 Kemp’s to National Marine Life Center



Upcoming Piney Woods Wildlife Society Field Trips provided by Claire Moore

From now through April on the first Saturday of those months, join Al Barr at Jesse Jones Park & Nature Center for a bird walk beginning at 7:45 a.m. Take an early morning glimpse at the park’s bird life. Confirm the date and time by checking the Jones Park website <<http://www.hcp4.net/community/parks/jones>>’s program guide. The park is located at 20634 Kenswick Drive, Humble, Texas 77338. Check the Jones Park contact web <<http://www.hcp4.net/community/parks/jones>> page for further information.

PWWS will be going together as a group on a Whooping Crane boat tour on the Wharf Cat on the morning of February 20, 2016, leaving out of Rockport / Fulton. Because of the early arrival requirements, many attendees will be getting a hotel room locally for the night before. Information on local hotels is available at the Rockport Fulton web site <<http://rockport-fulton.org>> . Kathy checked with the Wharf Cat folks and wrote: I checked with the Wharf Cat; reservations don’t need to be made . When we get there that morning if we have 20 or more people they will need to give their money to one person (me) and then I will pay the group rate. If we have less than 20 then each person can pay. It would be good to have cash for the tickets.

Other Local Bird Club’s and Nature Center’s Field Trips.

In addition to Piney Woods Wildlife Society, there are other local bird clubs and Nature Centers in the Houston area that offer field trips that you can join as well. A few examples are:

- “Second Saturday in Kingwood’s East End Park” with LHANC (Lake Houston Area Nature Club) at 7:30 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month from September through May. No need to RSVP. Just meet the LHANC group t the parking lot of Kingwood’s East End ParkC (located at the intersection of Kingwood Drive and Sweetstem Drive). Everyone is invited - you don’t have to be a member of this (free) group of birders. To see some information about the park, go to their web site at <http://www.eastendpark.com> and click on “Wildlife” or try the Kingwood Park site and scroll down to “East End Park”.

- Kleb Woods Nature Preserve (<http://www.pct3.com/kleb.html>) is a woody property near Tomball opened in the 1990’s. There is an impressive list of birds <http://www.pct3.com/docs/kleb_birds.pdf> that they have seen on the property over the last many years of bird walks. You can join them at any of their walks which generally happen each Wednesday (currently scheduled for 8:30 a.m.) plus on the first Saturday of each month at 8 a.m. The Nature Center says that the bird walks at Kleb go through the summer as well, but please go to the “event calendar” on Kleb Woods web site <<http://www.pct3.com/parks/kleb-park/>> or call the Nature Center at (281) 357-5324 to double check their calendar for the most up to date times and days.

- Sheldon Lake State Park’s “Bird Walk & Talk” at 8:00 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month from September through May. No need to RSVP. Just meet the group at the Environmental Learning Center located at 15315 Beaumont Highway (Business 90). For more information about Sheldon Lake State Park, visit their web site at http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/sheldon_lake/.

- The Ornithology Group of the Outdoor Nature Club in Houston offers field trips most months in September through May usually on the third Saturday. See more information at their web site at <http://www.ornithologygroup.org> <<http://www.ornithologygroup.org>> and click on “Upcoming Fieldtrips”.



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