

# The Pine Warbler



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## Program Notes:

**Carole Allen**  
presented with  
**Herman Rudenberg Award**



The Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club has selected Carole Allen as the winner of the Chapter's 2012 Herman Rudenberg Award. The Hermann Rudenberg Award is given to a Sierra Club member or other person who has worked diligently for the protection of Texas coastal resources. The award is named for it's first recipient, Hermann Rudenberg of Galveston, who died in 1994. He was a longtime coastal activist for the Sierra Club at the local, state and national level.

In thanking the Sierra Club, Carole said, "I was fortunate to meet Mr. Rudenberg years ago as we both worked for the protection of the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtles. He encouraged me never to give up and offered his help. I remember him as an inspiring gentleman."

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## PWWS April Program

April 16

**Beyond the Beaches: Costa Rica's Inland Treasures**  
*Presented by Jean Drummond*



*Green Honeycreeper*



*Two-Toed Sloth*



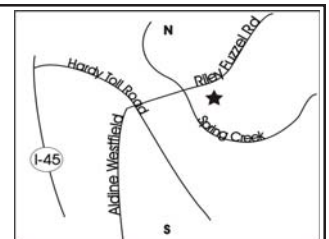
*Chestnut Mandibled Toucan*

Many people have strolled the lovely beaches of Costa Rica and shopped in the capital city of San Jose. But most people have not awakened at 5:30 a.m. to a tree full of monkeys roaring behind their cabin, toured mangroves with frigate birds at 6 AM, and ended their day eye-to-eye with a wild pygmy owl. This was just one day of Jean Drummond's recent photo/birding adventure led by Gary and Kathy Clark! So grab a quick snack and a cup of coffee, and explore the nature- and bird-filled heart of the northwest Guanacaste Province of Costa Rica with Jean as she shares some of the essence of this gorgeous part of Costa Rica through her excellent photography. You'll be looking for your hiking boots to head south with Carlos Hernandez or the Clarks!

Jean has been a long-time member and former officer of the Piney Woods Wildlife Society and is currently the President of The Woodlands Camera Club.

**Date: April 16**  
**Time: Social 6:30 p.m.**  
**Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

**Spring Creek Greenway  
Nature Center**  
1300 Riley Fuzzel Road



*Directions 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 Center. 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 right; or, 3. Take Aldine Westfield north from Mercer Arboretum until it turns into Riley Fuzzel. Turn right, go under the freeway and over the bridge. Watch for a sign on the right (lighted at night) and a concrete driveway. The building is not visible from the road but club members can count on security as the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department is also housed there.*





Photo credit: Steven Stones

## Adventures of the Rolling Stones

On a recent trip to Anahuac, Steven and Jane Stones spotted a rare sight of a mother alligator with young'ns.

Photo credit: Paul Gregg



## March Program With Paul Gregg

Thank you, Paul, for a great program about wonderful places to see in Texas, Utah and other sites. We all need to get out our hiking boots to see some of the parks you described. We also learned about the increasing numbers of bald eagles in our area.

## Thanks to the Bakers and Chefs!

We have been having wonderful cakes, cookies, dips, chips and other marvelous snacks before our meetings. Thanks to everyone who has brought goodies! We all appreciate it. And thanks to Carole Barr, Carol Lowrey and other coffee makers and dishwashers!



## Heart Happenings

If you haven't spoken up to support the Kemp's ridley sea turtle to become the official sea turtle of the state of Texas, there is still time. Students from Oppe Elementary in Galveston who wrote HCR-31 appeared before the Culture, Recreation and Tourism Committee in Austin on March 20. As a result, the resolution passed the committee and will now go to the House of Representatives for a vote before going on to the Senate. To send an e-mail to your representative, type in FirstName.LastName@House.State.Tx.Us; for example, if you live in the 77068 zip code and have Patricia Harless as your representative, it would be Patricia.Harless@House.State.Tx.US.

While you're at it, ask her, or your representative to support HB 1473 which would put a deposit on plastic bottles and get a lot of them off our streets and highways. The deposit would be returned to the shopper or anyone with the ambition to pick them up and return them to a store. It is NOT a tax as the deposit would be refunded 100%.

## East Texas Nature Garden Dangers for Fido and Fluffy By Diane Cabiness, Texas Master Naturalist

*"Everything is good in its season."  
- Italian proverb*

Gardens can present many poisoning problems for our furry companions. Here is a list of the major dangers that may lurk in your garden.

When designing and planting your Garden of Eden, it's a good idea to keep in mind that many popular outdoor plants including sago palm and azalea is toxic to cats and dogs. Let's not forget about mushrooms which could cause liver failure, while oleander and kalanchoe all affect the heart. Check the ASPCA website for a complete list of plants that we need to be cautious about if you have a leaf chewing furry companion.

Rodent, snail and slug baits are often used to keep pests away. If these baits are eaten, they will be very hazardous to your pets. They are highly toxic and, without immediate veterinary attention, can be fatal. Rat baits typically can cause blood clotting disorders, brain swelling or kidney failure, depending on which type is used, while slug and snail baits can lead to severe tremoring or seizing.

Blood meal is used as an organic fertilizer and contains 12% nitrogen. Blood meal is flash-frozen animal blood that has been dried and ground. Unfortunately, many pets find this product very tasty and may even try to locate it where used. If a large amount is eaten, it can cause vomiting, diarrhea and severe







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