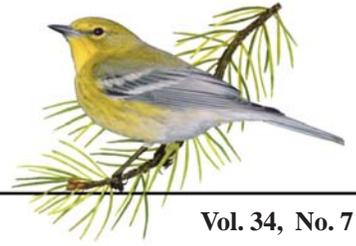


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Notes:

Mike Drummond Memorial Scholarship

The first annual Mike Drummond Memorial Scholarship has been awarded to Caleb Williams. This \$350 scholarship is the first of three annual scholarships to deserving college-bound college senior high school students from money donated to PWWS in honor the memory of Mike Drummond, long time PWWS board member and active bird watcher. We were contacted in mid-September by Dallas Christian College letting us know that Caleb has enrolled there for the fall term. PWWS will be sending his scholarship award to the college to pay toward his fall tuition. Congratulations to Caleb and thanks again to the PWWS members who donated money in Mike's memory. His wife, Jean, approved of the use of the donations and helped choose Caleb as the recipient.

Thanks to Al for a great September program!

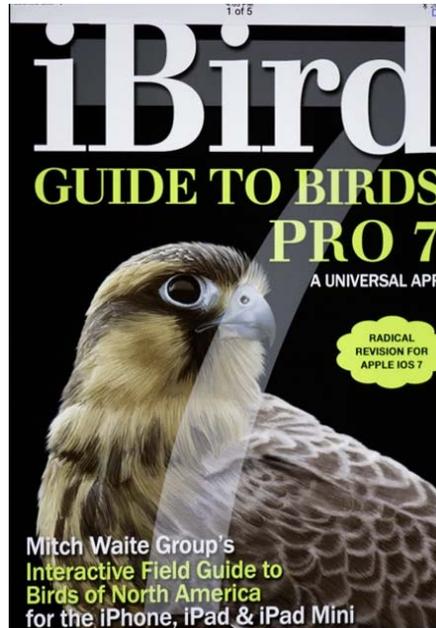
Al's presentation about dragonflies and damselflies was super interesting. He gave lots of tips and advice on photographing them. If you like to hunt them down in swamps, bayous, ditches and ponds, give him a call for directions! Put Naturefest on your calendar now!

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Breaking News!

Claire Moore has volunteered to take over as coordinator and bird count compiler, duties Al Barr has performed for many years. He will be
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First Fall Meeting is October 21st Social 6:30pm, Program 7:00pm

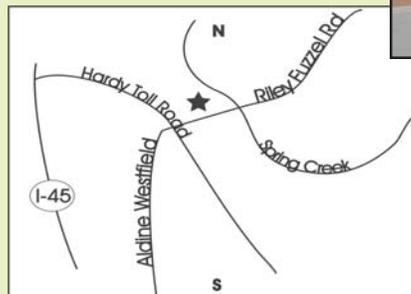


Our program on October 21 will be Using Your Iphone as a Birding Tool!

Naturalist Kendra Kocab of the Kleb Woods Nature Preserve will show us how to use our Iphones in a fascinating way so be sure to bring yours to the meeting. Or borrow one. Or just enjoy the program with

bird photos. Kendra hopes to complete her goal of 1,000 bird species this year with many of them at Kleb Woods, a beautiful sanctuary for birds and wildlife in northwest Harris County. Don't forget your Iphone for this fascinating meeting.

Big Stone Lodge Dennis Johnston Park 709 Riley Fuzzel Road



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helping out as always but Claire will be learning the ropes. As always, finding leaders for each area is tricky so if you can help lead, count birds or watch feeders, let her know at cdmoore3i@gmail.com. Everyone is invited to end the day at Ell Palenque Mexican Restaurant at 1485 Spring Cypress Road near Splashtown to go over results and share stories and sightings. We welcome Claire and thank A!

Matt Makes a Move!

Many of you know Matt Abernathy who was a board member and employee at Jones Park and will be interested in knowing where he is. Matt recently accepted a position with the Houston Parks and Recreation Natural Resources Management Division. A big part of his job will be conducting baseline surveys on habitat type, plants and animals. Matt said "I am hoping that some folks from PWWS might be interested in assisting me with some of these surveys through the fall and winter. If so, send an e-mail to matthew.abernathy@houston.tx.gov."

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Heart Happenings

At last the Sea Turtle Action Center is opening in Galveston. It is located in the old Sears Building on Broadway which has been refurbished by the Galveston Historical Foundation. An Open House was held on September 13 although the office is not quite finished. Terry and Deborah Wilson represented PWWS and Terry took photographs. There are no set hours yet but future volunteers will soon be present a few days a week. The Associate Director of the Gulf Office of Turtle Island Restoration Network (which includes HEART) is Joanie Steinhaus.

The office is on the south side of the GHF Building at 2228 Broadway and the phone number is 409-795-8426.

It's Bird Count Time Again!

by Claire Moore

Audubon Christmas Bird Counts (CBCs) happen each year between December 14 and January 5. The Spring Creek CBC for this year sponsored by PWWS is scheduled for Saturday, December 20th. As always, it will cover a 15 mile diameter circle centered at I45 and Rayford / Sawdust Road. Several teams of bird watchers will go out that day to count all the birds that they can find.

We are also seeking "feeder watchers" who live in the count circle and are available on the 20th to watch their bird feeders and send in information on the birds that they see at their feeders. Any amount of time watching your feeders would be helpful to the CBC.



Photo by Terry Wilson



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