February 2019

Board’s Bird’s Eye View:
In our last meeting, there was discussion on what to do if you find a baby animal or bird that may be injured or orphaned. Soon after that my wife and I came across a beautiful but frightened Cedar Waxwing hopping in our street. With the recent freezing temperatures, we wondered how this bird was surviving if it was not able to fly! Referring to guidelines shared with us during a presentation a few years ago by Gina Moore with Friends of Texas Wildlife, we started our “rescue”. After getting in contact with Gina and one of her volunteers at the Magnolia FTW shelter, we were able to carefully pick up the bird and place it in a shoebox with holes and a soft cloth in it. We placed one end of the box on a heating pad set on LOW to help warm the bird. We delivered the bird later that morning to Magnolia that is experienced in “giving wildlife a second chance”. See below for more info on Friends of Texas Wildlife. -Jack

FEBRUARY MEETING
Please join us for our monthly meeting at St. Stephens Episcopal Church, 5019 Sam Houston Ave., Huntsville
Thursday, February 21, 2019 6:00 pm – Snacks and chat 6:30 pm – Guest Presentation Business meeting to follow presentation

VISITORS WELCOME
Please bring a snack to share. Bottled water will be provided.

PRESENTATION: Allow Me to Get Technical by David Sarkozi. Don’t be scared! Using eBird and getting the most out of it and the BirdEye app isn’t a technical nightmare. Learn what eBird has for you and how to get more out of birding by using it. David is retired, lives on the upper Texas Coast and has been birding for more than 20 years. He has led tours and field trips in Texas, the US and other countries for more than 15 years. In the past, he has been a member and Chairman of the Houston Outdoor Nature Club as well as served one term as president of the Texas Ornithological Society and on their board for 16 years. For more information on him and his birding trips, visit kozibirding.com.

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Our Mission
To increase our community’s awareness of the natural world and the need for its preservation, through education and the active enjoyment of birds and other wildlife.

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Field Trip
Our next outside adventure for birding will be on Saturday, March 2, at the Winters Bayou Sanctuary located in San Jacinto County 11 miles NW of the town of Cleveland. It is a 165 acre sanctuary adjacent to the Sam Houston National Forest that was donated to the Houston Audubon Society in the 90’s with the stipulation that it be managed as a wildlife sanctuary. We will meet at 7AM at Starbucks on 11th street if you want to carpool. You can also meet us at the trail head with the directions below:

From US 59 N in Cleveland, TX, take FM 2025 (Cold Spring Rd.) north for 5.3 miles to FM 945. Turn left on FM 945 at the Valero gas station, and drive 5.2 miles to Moody Rd. Turn left on Moody Rd. and travel 0.9 miles to the sanctuary entrance. Parking and the trailhead are located at the intersection of Moody Rd. and S. Moody Ln.

Treasury Report
HAS account balance: $2109.56
Birdseed: $59.27
Donations designated for Jr Audubon /Education /Memorial: $26.82

Our Mission
Books on Birding/Nature:
This month’s book suggestion for your consideration is:
Rain: A Natural and Cultural History by Cynthia Barret. A Natural History weaves together planetary science, geology, early earth history, meteorology, human history, cultural studies, travel stories, and even poetry into an entertaining and fascinating account of rain and our relationship to it. (goodreads.com) It is available at Amazon, Barnes and Noble or our Huntsville Public Library.

Junior Audubon:

“HOOT-TWEET-CHIRP”

Birds love to sing and young audiences and folks of all ages will love learning about birds and singing songs about birds. This interactive program features “LIVE MYSTERY BIRDS” and lots of music. Audiences will leave humming a new tune!

Huntsville Audubon is sponsoring an educational free program featuring LIVE MYSTERY BIRDS in partnership with the Children’s Department at Huntsville Public Library. The program will be presented by guest speaker, Mary Anne Weber, the Education Director of Houston Audubon and the manager of the Sims Bayou Urban Nature Center. This program is geared for elementary grades and younger audiences. The program will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Huntsville Public Library located at 1219 13th Street. This is a great opportunity to introduce children to birds. For more information, contact Sharyn at (936) 662-5925 or at slpezant@sbcglobal.net.

Volunteers are needed to help set-up tables and chairs for the Junior Audubon program to be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at the Huntsville Public Library. Should you be available to help please arrive at the community center in the library at 2:00 p.m. We should be finished by approximately 3:45 p.m. with putting the tables and chairs back in storage. Thanks for your willingness to support this program. A big note of appreciate to Ann Staples for funding this event. Programs like this spark interest in birds and the environment with the children and help produce future birders. Thank you Ann!

Bird of the Month: Cedar Waxwing
Cedar Waxwing - With thin, lisping cries, flocks of Cedar Waxwings descend on berry-laden trees and hedges, to flutter among the branches as they feast. These birds are sociable at all seasons, and it is rare to see just one waxwing. Occasionally a line of waxwings perched on a branch will pass a berry back and forth, from bill to bill, until one of them swallows it. This species has a more southerly range than the Bohemian Waxwing, and is a familiar visitor to most parts of this continent south of the Arctic. (NAS)

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