October 2018

Huntsville Audubon
A Chapter of the National Audubon Society
P. O. Box 6818
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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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Board’s Bird’s Eye View:
For those of us that have been waiting for a change of (drier/cooler) weather to progress the fall/winter migration of birds through/to our area your time has come! The Ruby-throated hummingbirds are slowly disappearing in numbers in our backyards for their annual trip south and rumor has it that the first arrivals of whooping cranes should be landing along the Gulf Coast later this month. Did you know there is a way that you can track bird migration across the US? The Cornell Lab of Ornithology has created a website called “Birdcast” using many years of research and development, weather surveillance and weather radar. They can now provide us in real time their predictions of bird migration: when they migrate, where they migrate and how far they will be flying. Check out their website at: birdcast.info

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OCTOBER MEETING

***Note: We will be at our new locations at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, Huntsville (directions below).

Thursday, October 18, 2018

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.

Evening Presentation:
Light Pollution; the effects on animals, birds and our ecosystems as well as how you can make a difference!
Our guest speaker will be Tonya Seitz.

Directions to St Stephens Episcopal Church:
From the corner of Sam Houston Ave and 11th street (in the downtown square), go south on Sam Houston Ave (State Hwy 75) approximately 2.3 miles. Once past Montgomery Rd (FM1374) and Old Houston road, the entrance to the church is on the left at 5019 Sam Houston Ave. It is just north of state Hwy 19 on Sam Houston Ave. Follow our Audubon signs from the parking lot to the Parish Hall entrance on the south side of Church building.

Huntsville Audubon Dues payable now:
Huntsville Audubon Chapter only
$20/YEAR, due in September
*Member of the local chapter
*All money stays with Local chapter for Projects
*Monthly Newsletter – The Raven

November Field Trip
Our November Field trip is planned for Saturday, November 3rd, 2018, at Huntsville State Park. We will be joining the Houston Ornithology group for their monthly field trip at the Park. We will meet at the Raven Lodge at 8AM in the park. Please wear appropriate outdoor clothing for birding “in the woods”. Sign up at the next meeting, or contact Tonya or Jack for more information. (The website/facebook page will be updated and a reminder email will be sent as the date approaches).

Save the Date
For the last several years our Huntsville Audubon Chapter has participated in the nationwide Christmas Bird count. We are proposing Saturday January 5th 2019 for this field trip/event in Walker County. More to come!

Jr Audubon/Education
Two bird feeders and hangers have been purchased for Junior Audubon’s Gibbs/pre-K project. Please contact Sharyn Pezant if you would like to participate in this Huntsville Audubon Community outreach project to educate and inspire this young generation about birdwatching!

The board is pleased to announce that Lynette Dobbins and Joy Lawson have stepped up to fill the roles of Facebook administrator and Hospitality in our group. Thank you both for helping our HAS to be a better organization! 😊
Volunteers are needed!
As noted above we still have several positions in our Huntsville Audubon Society Open. For our Society to grow as an organization we need members to step up and participate in the various opportunities available consistent with our mission statement. Please contact Jack or Tonya if you would like to:

- Fill one of the open roles above
- Support Gibbs Elementary School birdwatching activities
- Lead a birding field trip
- Suggestions/line up a guest speaker for our monthly meetings
- Participate in a project for improving bird watching at Huntsville State Park

No one can do everything, but everyone can do something!

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