

TOS Spring Meeting 2019 – San Antonio, TX

Our spring meeting will be in San Antonio on May 2–5, 2019. We have partnered with Bexar Audubon and San Antonio Audubon, and they have put together many exciting field trips and interesting speakers. This location and timing should work well for seeing and hearing both resident breeding species, including Golden-cheeked Warblers and Black-capped Vireos, and migrating shorebirds, buntings, orioles and warblers. Your biggest challenge will likely be choosing between all the great field trips.

Field trips will provide opportunities to bird well-known locations such as Avenue A Brackenridge Park, Mitchell Lake Audubon Center, and Warbler Woods, as well as less well-known locations around San Antonio and nearby counties and properties that you can't visit without special arrangements. Some participants will get to witness one of the largest concentrations of mammals in the world at Bat Conservation International's Bracken Cave Preserve. The bats are spectacular as they come home from feeding, but don't worry, we'll still be watching the birds, especially the ones trying to catch a bat for breakfast! Our county listers can choose from two Century Club trips on Friday and Saturday. In all, the field trips will cover eleven counties and many different habitats! I believe you will be pleased with your options.

The counties that we'll be visiting are Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Gonzalez, Guadalupe, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Medina and Wilson. A checklist showing the species for these counties in May is available at <https://tinyurl.com/TOSSanAntonioChecklist>.

Our headquarters will be the Hilton Garden Inn San Antonio At The Rim. All of our activities will take place there. Field trips will leave from this location.

We have afternoon presentations scheduled in addition to the evening presentations. On Friday afternoon, you'll get to hear about interesting bird research being done in the area. Your presence will show your support for students and researchers doing important research on our birds. On Saturday afternoon, you will learn about restoration efforts along the San Antonio River. Please try to work it into your schedule to attend both days! The evening presentations cover a variety of interesting topics from climate to creating habitat for birds to migration. You definitely will want to attend all of these!

Some field trips involve a lot of driving to get to the location, so expect early departure times for those trips. Be prepared to carpool to minimize the number of vehicles and maximize the likelihood of spotting birds along the way. Bring walkie-talkies if you have them. Be prepared for hot weather and the challenges that poses in the form of mosquitos, chiggers, and poison ivy. Bring extra water, sunscreen, hat, and insect repellent.

Online registration will open in early March. Watch for an email from us letting you know exactly when it will open. I highly recommend you register early since field

trips are likely going to fill up. If you find that a field trip that you really want is full, go ahead and register for your second choice, but then email Judy Kestner and request to be put on the wait list for your first choice. Judy's email is tosmember@yahoo.com. The registration fee will increase on April 18, and registration will close on April 25. Don't wait!

I look forward to seeing you in San Antonio in May!

—Shelia Hargis

Hotel Information

Hilton Garden Inn San Antonio At The Rim



The Hilton Garden Inn San Antonio At The Rim will be headquarters for the Spring Meeting. All TOS events will be held at the hotel and field trips will depart from its parking areas. The hotel is located at 5730 Rim Pass, San Antonio, TX. Every room includes a microwave, Keurig coffee maker, and mini fridge. The property has a restaurant and lounge open from 5-10 PM and is within easy driving distance to a wide variety of dining options. Free shuttle service is available for shopping and eateries within a five-mile radius.

The hotel is holding a block of 50 rooms for TOS guests. The blended group rate for a three-night stay beginning Thursday, May 2 is \$119 per night. Call the Reservation Department at 800-774-1500 and identify yourself as being with Texas Ornithological Society to make your reservation. **These rooms will be held only until April 18, 2019.** Any cancellations must be made 48 hours prior to arrival date to avoid a one-night room charge.

Breakfast will be available at the Hilton for participants staying at the Hilton from 5:00 AM until 7:00 AM on Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings. Breakfast will include the following: scrambled eggs, meat option, oatmeal, yogurts, assorted juices, fresh fruit and salad, assorted breakfast breads, pastries, and freshly brewed coffee. *If you are staying at another location, you will be responsible for finding your own breakfast.*

Meeting Agenda

All meeting events will be held at The Hilton Garden Inn San Antonio At The Rim, 5730 Rim Pass, San Antonio, TX.

Thursday, May 2

- 3:30-5:30 PM Board Meeting
4:00-7:00 PM Registration Check-in/TOS merchandise sales/Silent Auction
6:30-7:00 PM Welcome/ Introductions/Announcements (Lots of useful information is given during this time, so please attend.)
7:00-8:00 PM Speaker: Jon Zeitler – *Phenology and Climate Change: Canaries and Canards*

Friday, May 3

- 5:00-7:00 AM Breakfast, includes eggs and meat (only for Hilton guests)
4:30-7:30 AM Box Lunch Pick-up and Field Trip Departures
4:45 AM-5:00 PM Field Trips
4:00-7:00 PM Registration Check-in
4:00-5:00 PM Speaker: Josef San Miguel – *Bird Conservation at the San Antonio Zoo*
5:00-5:45 PM Speakers: Dr Jennifer Smith, Amanda M. Lamberson, Laura M. Robichaux – *A multi-step approach to evaluate the potential effects of backyard bird feeding on birds in San Antonio, Texas*
6:30-7:00 PM Announcements/Field Trip Reports
7:00-8:00 PM Speaker: Rufus Stephens – *Taking Your Love of Birds to That Next Level!* (book sale/signing to follow presentation)

Saturday, May 4

- 5:00-7:00 AM Breakfast, includes eggs and meat (only for Hilton guests)
5:30-8:30 AM Box Lunch Pick-up and Field Trip Departures
5:45 AM-5:00 PM Field Trips
4:00-5:00 PM Speaker: Lee Marlowe – *Restoring Life to the San Antonio River*
5:00-6:00 PM Social Time (cash bar will be available)
6:00-7:00 PM Dinner/Banquet
6:45-7:00 PM TOS Annual Meeting
7:00-7:30 PM Announcements/Field Trip Reports
7:30-8:30 PM Keynote Speaker: Bruce M. Beehler – *North on the Wing: Travels with the Songbird Migration of Spring* (book sale/signing to follow presentation)

Sunday, May 5

- 5:00-7:00 AM Breakfast, includes eggs and meat (only for Hilton guests)
4:30-7:30 AM Box Lunch Pick-up and Field Trip Departures
4:45 AM-3:00PM Field Trips

Registration Information

Registration is online at the Texas Ornithological Society's website, www.texasbirds.org. Registration will open in early March. To receive an email with the exact date, be sure your email address is included in your TOS account information. Once registration opens, there will be directions on the website to assist you. If you do not have access to the internet, you may call Judy Kestner at 361-387-7329 or Frances Cerbins at 512-372-9039 for assistance with registration. If you don't get an answer, leave a message and Judy or Frances will call you back when they are available. The registration fee increases on April 18, and registration closes on April 25. (Refunds will be given if cancellation occurs before April 25 and no cost has been incurred by TOS. No refunds will be given if cancellation occurs on or after April 25. If you have to cancel your registration, contact Catherine Winans at catherinewinans@yahoo.com.)

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| Registration Fee: | \$75 TOS members \$110 Non-TOS members (includes a one-year membership) \$20 late fee after April 18 |
| Box lunches: | \$15 |
| Saturday Banquet: | \$35 |

Box Lunches Available Friday, Saturday, and Sunday Mornings

- Box lunch selections for each day:
- Smoked Turkey Sandwich/wheat bread, whole fruit, chips, cookie, bottled water
 - Ham Sandwich/wheat bread, whole fruit, chips, cookie, bottled water
 - Roast Beef Sandwich/white bread, whole fruit, chips, cookie, bottled water
 - Veggie Sandwich/wheat bread, whole fruit, chips, cookie, bottled water

Saturday Cash Bar

There will be a cash bar available in the banquet room beginning at 5:00 PM on Saturday night. The cash bar will include two choices of domestic beers, two choices of imported beers, house wine, soft drinks, and bottled waters. Guests will purchase their own drinks on an individual basis.

Saturday Banquet Menu

- The sit-down dinner entrée choices:
- Fresh Baked Beef *Lasagna served with Caesar salad, seasonal vegetables, and garlic bread, chef's choice dessert, iced tea, coffee, and water
 - Fresh Baked Vegetable *Lasagna served with Caesar salad, seasonal vegetables, and garlic bread, chef's choice dessert, iced tea, coffee, and water

*Gluten-free pasta option available

**If you have dietary restrictions and need more specific information, email Shelia at Shelia.hargis@gmail.com with your questions.

Speakers

Thursday Eve

Title: *Phenology and Climate Change: Canaries and Canards*

Presenter: Jon Zeitler, Science & Operations Officer, National Weather Service, New Braunfels

Description: Global climate change (warming) continues at the forefront of the news, with increasingly expensive natural disasters and political upheaval. The reality is less dramatic, but brings increasing confidence in future ecological and societal shifts for humans, animals, and plants. This presentation will cover the current understanding of climate change, show evidence of interest to TOS attendees in terms of phenological (plant and bird) impacts from changing climate, and practical suggestions for paths forward. Note: A Canard is an unfounded rumor or story; it is also French for a duck.



Jon W. Zeitler

Bio: Jon W. Zeitler serves as the Science and Operations Officer for the National Weather Service, Austin-San Antonio Forecast Office, in New Braunfels, Texas. He previously served in NWS positions at: Houston-Galveston, Texas, Rapid City, South Dakota, and College Station, Texas. Before joining the NWS, Jon was a climatologist at: The Southeast Regional Climate Center in Columbia, South Carolina; the Texas State Climatologist's Office at Texas A&M University; and the Agricultural Extension Service at Iowa State University. Jon holds a Bachelor of Science degree in meteorology from Iowa State University and a Master of Science degree in meteorology from Texas A&M University. His professional interests are weather safety and preparedness, severe storms, and flash flooding. He has authored research papers on these and other topics. Jon is a member of the National Weather Association, American Meteorological Society, and the Texas Floodplain Management Association; he has served on committees, boards, and as a journal editor and reviewer. He is a Certified Floodplain Manager.

Friday Afternoon

Presentation #1

Title: *Bird Conservation at the San Antonio Zoo*

Presenter: Josef San Miguel, Director of Aviculture, San Antonio Zoo

Description: The San Antonio Zoo has a long-standing conservation history and to date continues to support conservation efforts with all species through a variety of approaches, including fieldwork and captive husbandry of rare and threatened species. Much of their work is collaborative, involving partners from state and federal



agencies and the private sector.

The Aviculture Department at the San Antonio zoo continues to be a leader, consistently breeding many species of birds with over two hundred thirty species, eighty species of these listed as rare or Endangered. In this presentation Josef will touch on a few significant species, such as the Whooping Crane, Micronesian Kingfisher, and the Guam Rail.

Bio: I started my career in 1982 as a keeper in the aviculture department with a few years experience working for the private sector. My first assigned area was the Hixon Birdhouse where I trained for seven years and later transferred to the outdoor bird section to finish my training. April of 1998 I was promoted to Supervisor of Birds, and in 2001 promoted to Director of Aviculture.



Josef San Miguel

The San Antonio Zoo's Aviculture Department has a remarkable population of avian species; it has been awarded many accolades for being the first to breed a number of species and recognition for consistent reproduction of the Caribbean flamingo.

I am fortunate to work for the San Antonio Zoo and to be a member of the Association of Zoos & Aquariums--an exceptional organization dedicated to the conservation and preservation of all species.

Presentation #2

Title: *A multi-step approach to evaluate the potential effects of backyard bird feeding on birds in San Antonio, Texas*

Presenters: Dr. Jennifer Smith, Amanda M. Lamberson, Laura M. Robichaux of UTSA

Description: Supplementary feeding (i.e., the intentional feeding of wild birds) is a widespread activity throughout much of Europe and North America, with estimates suggesting that US\$4 billion is spent on birdseed and an additional US\$10 billion on related hardware in the United States alone, annually. While supplementary feeding can promote learning, social engagement, and psychological well-being through interactions with nature, the potential for supplementary feeding to affect the ecology of birds in towns and cities is of increasing concern. Previous studies have linked supplementary feeding to changes in bird behavior, breeding success, disease transmission, predator-prey dynamics, and community structure. Yet, most of these studies have been couched in non-urban settings (e.g., woodlands), partly due to the logistical constraints of conducting studies in urban areas, and partly because of the complexities of controlling for existing supplementary food in urban areas when using experimental approaches.

Here, we aim to evaluate the effects of supplementary feeding on birds in urban backyards in San Antonio, Texas, by taking a multi-step approach. First, we will conduct surveys of retailers of wild bird food in San Antonio to better understand when and where bird food is being sold, and what types of bird food are popular. Second, we will use the survey results to inform a broader study that will evaluate the effects of supplementary feeding on the abundance, diversity, and movements of birds in San Antonio. These efforts will integrate citizen scientists, surveys, and on-the-ground experimental field methods. By coupling these approaches, our objective is to better understand the effects of urbanization on birds living in urban landscapes. Ultimately, results from our study will inform feeding guidelines that promote the well-being of birds in our cities and towns.

Bio: I am an applied avian ecologist and my research



Dr. Jennifer Smith

aims to evaluate the effects of global change on the spatial ecology, demography, and behavior of birds and, on occasion, other taxa. My research often takes a mechanistic approach using various techniques, including field observations, experiments, and statistical and geospatial analyses. I am interested

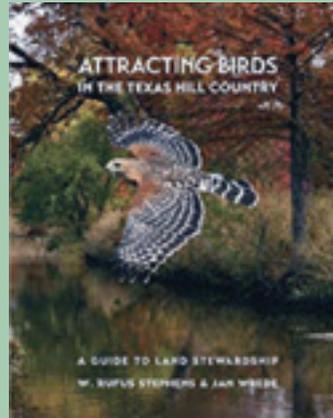
in both basic questions concerning life-history trade-offs and species distributions as well as applied questions pertaining to land-use and management scenarios. Overall, my objective is to conduct research that informs policy and promotes sustainable land uses that consider the conservation of wildlife and human well-being. I grew up in the UK where I completed my undergraduate at Cardiff University, Wales, and PhD at the University of Birmingham, UK in which I focused on the effects of backyard bird feeding on the behavior of woodland birds. More recently, my research has focused on a wide range of topics including the effects of land conversion on Crested Caracaras, the effects of wind energy development on Greater Prairie-Chickens, and the habitat selection of Red-cockaded Woodpeckers. I am currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Environmental Science and Ecology at The University of Texas at San Antonio.

Friday Eve

Title: *Taking Your Love of Birds to That Next Level!*

Presenter: Rufus Stephens, Bird Habitat Consultant

Description: You can think of it as a new way to enjoy birds and birding. When you see a bird, take note of the habitat it is using and the health of that habitat. Then learn about improving the condition of that habitat so you can do something positive for the bird. Migrant, resident, and breeding birds need healthy habitat to flourish. *Attracting Birds in the Texas Hill Country* authored by Rufus Stephens and Jan Wrede is a first of its kind book on improving bird habitat and is a huge resource packed with information.



Rufus Stephens

Rufus will review select habitats and talk about what birds need to live there and how you can improve their habitat on your own property.

Copies of Rufus and Jan's book will be available for purchase at the presentation for \$40, cash or check only.

Bio: Rufus Stephens is a Certified Wildlife Biologist and coauthor with Jan Wrede of the recently published book *Attracting Birds in the Texas Hill Country: A Guide to Land Stewardship* by TAMU Press. He has worked as a wildlife biologist for 30 years, 23 years with TPWD, from which he retired in 2017. He is one of the founders of the Texas Master Naturalist program and in recognition

for this accomplishment was a co-recipient of the Wildlife Management Institute's award for Innovation. Rufus is currently a wildlife consultant assisting landowners and communities with the development of wildlife management plans with special emphasis on the management of birds.

Saturday Afternoon

Title: *Restoring Life to the San Antonio River*

Presenter: Lee Marlowe, San Antonio River Authority (SARA)



Description: The urban environment has historically been built without consideration for ecosystems that support birds, pollinators, and other wildlife. Fortunately, development practices are

now being implemented that reverse the negative impacts of traditional development techniques by integrating ecosystems into the built environment. Native plant restoration is a key element that results in habitat for birds and pollinators as well as water quality improvements among other benefits. A variety of projects along the San Antonio River serve to demonstrate that it is possible to transform uninviting, degraded sites into attractive spaces where people enjoy spending time and nature is allowed to thrive. The findings of a recent study of the birds benefiting from river habitat restoration just south of downtown San Antonio will be highlighted.

Bio: Lee Marlowe is a restoration ecologist with over 19 years of professional experience working in the field of



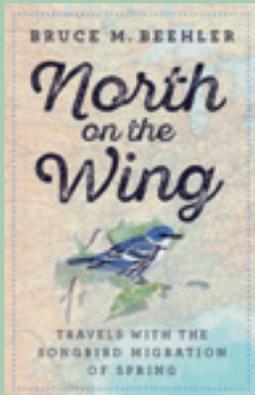
Lee Marlowe

ecological restoration and natural resource management including sustainable landscape practices and applications for improved ecological functions. Her expertise includes the use of native plants to provide wildlife habitat, water quality benefits, bank/site stabilization, and aesthetic beauty in landscapes of all sizes. She currently serves as the Sustainable Landscape Ecologist for the San Antonio River Authority and is the project manager for the Mission Reach Avian Study.

Saturday Night Keynote

Title: *North on the Wing: Travels with the Songbird Migration of Spring.*

Presenter: Dr. Bruce M. Beehler, Research Associate, Division of Birds, Smithsonian Institution



Description: In this illustrated lecture, naturalist and ornithologist, Bruce Beehler, will recount his hundred-day-long 2015 field trip following the spring migration of songbirds from the coast of southeastern Texas up the Mississippi and thence into the boreal forests of northern Ontario—breeding ground of many of the beautiful and vocal North American wood-warblers. Along the way, Beehler visited various

migratory bird field projects as well as scores of local, state, and national parks and refuges critical for the preservation of the migration phenomenon. He also spent time in an array of eclectic and beautiful rural communities from southern Louisiana and Mississippi through the Heartland and to the northern limit of roads in Ontario, land of the Cree and Ojibwe First Nations peoples. Beehler’s informal goal was to spend time with all thirty-seven eastern wood-warblers on their prime breeding habitat. In pursuing this objective, he saw a lot of deeply rural North America. His presentation touches on wildlife, nature conservation, migration research, American history, and rural culture.

Beehler will be signing his popular book, *North on the Wing* (Smithsonian: 2018), after the lecture. The book will be available for purchase for \$25.00 cash or check.



Bruce Beehler

Bio: Bruce Beehler, PhD, is a naturalist, ornithologist, and conservationist—currently a Research Associate in the Division of Birds at the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution. He conducts research and writing about nature and natural history.

Beehler has spent much of his scientific career studying and working to conserve birds and their forest habitats. After conducting doctoral fieldwork in Papua New Guinea, Beehler worked for ten years at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History, followed by stints at the Wildlife Conservation Society, U.S. Department of State, Counterpart International, Conservation International, and the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation.

Beehler is an elective Fellow of the American Ornithologists Union and has served on the boards of the American Bird Conservancy, RARE, and the Livingston-Ripley Waterfowl Conservancy. Currently, Beehler serves on the Scientific Advisory Board of the Rainforest Trust and is a Research Associate of the American Bird Conservancy.

Beehler has published thirteen books and authored more than a hundred technical and popular articles about birds and nature. In 2007, he was featured in a *60-Minutes* piece highlighting an expedition he led to the Foja Mountains in the interior of western New Guinea in which scores of new species of plants and animals were discovered. In 2016 Beehler received the Bicentennial Medal from Williams College for his conservation work in the Pacific. In 2017 Beehler received the Scientific Achievement Award from the National Museum of Natural History.

Today, Beehler carries out natural history studies and writing focused on wildlife and natural places in North America.

Beehler blog: <https://birdsandnaturenorthamerica.blogspot.com>
Beehler website: brucembeeher.wixsite.com/brucembeeher

Field Trips

NOTE: Participants must meet their field trip group at the Hilton Garden Inn. Due to logistical complications, it is not possible to meet the group at any other location. Please plan accordingly.

| Number | Field Trip & Description | County | Difficulty | Departure/Return Times | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| 1 | <p>Avenue A Brackenridge Park/San Antonio Botanical Garden—Avenue A intersects the south side of Mulberry Avenue in Brackenridge Park and is bordered by Brackenridge Park Golf Course and the wooded banks of the San Antonio River. The 1.5-mile walk on paved streets takes us down Avenue A, across the river and back on River Road. Afterward, we'll drive a short distance to the San Antonio Botanical Garden, a 38-acre scenic area with trails, a pond and a wide variety of flower gardens and native plants. Possible sightings at these locations include Wood Duck, Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, Barred Owl, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Cattle Egret, Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, Green Heron, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Great Crested Flycatcher, Red-eyed Vireo, Yellow Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, Canada Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, Northern Waterthrush, Common Yellowthroat, American Redstart, and Baltimore Oriole. The Botanical Garden charges a \$5 admission fee.</p> | Bexar | Easy | 7:30am–2:00pm | X | X | X |
| 2 | <p>Acequia Park/Mission Reach—This park is nestled between Mission San Jose and Mission San Juan Capistrano along the San Antonio River. Hike and bike trails cross through this park connecting the Missions and passing the historic Espada Acequia. The San Antonio River Authority has done extensive habitat restoration along the river and conducted bird surveys along the Mission Reach. Habitats include river, fields, restored river banks, and woods. Possible sightings include herons, egrets, both species of night-heron, Spotted Sandpiper, Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, White-eyed Vireo, and spring migrants.</p> | Bexar | Easy | 7:00am–2:00pm | X | X | X |
| 3 | <p>Crescent Bend Nature Park/Warbler Woods—The woodland habitat of Crescent Bend consisting of mostly pecans and hackberry trees covers more than half of the 180-acre park. The remainder of the park is open savanna bordered by Cibolo Creek. Level, crushed gravel trails lead through a variety of habitats. The park attracts a wide variety of migrants in the spring. Potential sightings include Common & Lesser Nighthawks, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Little Blue Heron, Barred Owl, Golden-fronted, Downy, and Ladder-backed Woodpeckers, Olive-sided and Yellow-bellied Flycatchers, Summer Tanager, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, and Indigo Bunting. Twenty-six species of warblers have been reported at the park including Golden-winged Warbler, Mourning Warbler, American Redstart, Magnolia Warbler, Bay-breasted Warbler, and Blackburnian Warbler.</p> <p>Warbler Woods is a privately-owned wildlife sanctuary in the NW corner of Guadalupe County. Trip will cover both wooded areas and open fields with a variety of bird blinds and water features. The sanctuary serves as a migrant trap in the spring with possible sightings including Great Horned Owl, Alder and Willow Flycatcher, Brown-crested Flycatcher, Hutton's Vireo, Blue-headed Vireo, Gray Catbird, and Lark Sparrow. Potential warblers include MacGillivray's Warbler, Mourning Warbler, Northern Parula, Magnolia Warbler, and Canada Warbler.</p> | Bexar/Guadalupe | Easy to Moderate | 5:45am–Mid-afternoon | X | X | |
| 4 | <p>Honey Creek State Natural Area—This area is operated by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, State Parks Division. The area covers about 2,760 acres and is bisected by about 2 miles of Honey Creek, a near pristine spring-fed permanent flowing creek. Due to the fragile and near pristine nature of the area, access is limited to research activities or special guided tours. Over 160 bird species have been recorded in the area and species vary by season. In May we expect to see various flycatchers (such as Vermilion and Ash-throated), thrushes (such as Hermit and Robin), Cedar Waxwing, some sparrows, Dickcissel, Indigo and Painted Buntings, two stars of the area—Golden-cheeked Warbler and Zone-tailed Hawk—and others.</p> <p>Most of the day will be birding by vehicle with short walks along the road, but in some areas we will leave the roadway for short walks. Due to the property being maintained in an undeveloped state, there are very few trails and some portions of short walks during the day will be on unmarked trails in uncut grasses with uneven surfaces. Anyone not wishing to venture into an unmarked trail spot will be able to stay near the vehicle (birds are likely anywhere). Wear sturdy walking shoes, a hat, and if you wish, snake guards. There are no restroom facilities on the property. Park entry fee has been waived for this field trip.</p> | Comal | Easy to Moderate | 5:30am–1:00pm | X | X | X |

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| 5 | <p>Medina River Natural Area/Mays Family Scout Ranch—The Medina River Natural Area is located on Hwy 16 in southern San Antonio about 4.5 miles south of Loop 410. The park offers several miles of well-kept trails through riparian habitat and south Texas scrub habitats. In early May, the park is an excellent location to find migrant songbirds. Some south Texas specialties like Least Grebe, Great Kiskadee, and Green Kingfisher have been seen in recent years. A Prothonotary Warbler was found nesting here recently. Indigo Bunting, Summer Tanager, and Northern Parula should be easy to find. In the scrub habitat, we expect birds such as Painted Bunting, Verdin, and Lark Sparrow. Expect a 2-3 mile walk along well-kept trails with moderate difficulty due to elevation changes.</p> <p>The Mays Family Scout Ranch is just a short distance away and on the south side of the Medina River, which forms one of its boundaries. This 135-acre property is about half South Texas Brush Country habitat and half recovering farmland that is managed for doves and which attracts a variety of grassland birds. The trails are easy to moderate, and there are some beautiful overlooks of the Medina River. There is also a nice pavilion to enjoy a picnic lunch with multiple restrooms and ample parking.</p> | Bexar | Easy to Moderate | 7:15am–3:00pm | X | X |
| 6 | <p>James Kiehl River Bend Park/Joshua Springs Park and Preserve—James Kiehl River Bend Park is a serene 25-acre recovering ranch land natural area with grassland, woodland, and riparian habitats, including 1,634 feet of Guadalupe River frontage. Walk along the 1.5 miles of multi-use trails: The Pecan Loop, The Prairie Loop, and the River Loop, which leads down to the lower terrace and along the river’s edge where awesome bald cypress trees shade the path. Golden-fronted and Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Painted and Indigo Bunting, Blue Grosbeak, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Black-chinned Hummingbird, and Belted Kingfisher are possible. No potable water is available but portajohns are present.</p> <p>Joshua Springs Park and Preserve is 365 acres of recovering ranchland. A native garden has been installed in the front area with the remainder being rolling grasslands and juniper breaks and a small pond and stream. Golden-fronted and Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Painted and Indigo Bunting, Blue Grosbeak, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Black-chinned Hummingbird, and Ash-throated Flycatcher are expected. No potable water is available but conventional restrooms are available.</p> | Kendall | Easy to Moderate | 7:30am–2:00pm | X | X |
| 7 | <p>Castroville Regional Park—The walk around the Castroville Regional Park includes sewer ponds, some open fields, the Medina River with its many cypress trees and an overlook, and some wooded hillsides. The Northern Parulas have nested here and sometimes we have Green or Belted Kingfishers. The common species here include Golden-fronted and Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Black-crested Titmouse, Bullock’s Oriole, Red-shouldered Hawk, Western and Couch’s Kingbirds, Barn Swallow, Purple Martin, and Scissor-tailed Flycatcher. A lovely hummingbird garden will probably give us some Black-chinned Hummingbirds and butterflies. Audubon’s Oriole has been seen here but are quite rare. We will have lunch at Bill Miller’s where their chocolate brownies and pies are a hit as well as the local BBQ, fried chicken, and good salads. No box lunches allowed in the restaurant. If we get through in time, we may do an extension to the Hondo Nature Park or the Landmark Inn before returning to the hotel.</p> | Medina | Easy to Moderate | 7::00am–2:00pm | X | X |
| 8 | <p>Friedrich Wilderness Park/McGimsy Scout Ranch—Friedrich Wilderness Park’s steep hills and deep canyons covered with “cedar” breaks and oak mottes are perfect habitat for our target species: the Golden-cheeked Warbler (GCWA) - a federally listed endangered species which breeds in the park each spring. While it is possible to spot the GCWA on the flatter trails near the entrance, we anticipate hiking to the higher elevations of the park. Be prepared for strenuous hiking and uneven terrain; hiking boots and plenty of water are recommended as well as trekking poles if you like to use them. In addition to the GCWA, we routinely see Black-and-white Warbler, Painted Bunting, Summer Tanager, Black-crested Titmouse, Hutton’s Vireo, assorted migrating warblers, and occasionally migrating orioles.</p> <p>After Friedrich Park, and as time allows, we will stop at the McGimsey Scout Park, a beautiful combination of woods and fields in the north-central part of the city of San Antonio. Relatively under-birded, our observations will add to the property’s bird list being generated as part of the Bird Study Merit Badge. Easy trails and wide roads wind through deciduous woods, cactus clumps, brushy thickets, and along rocky creek beds. Extensive grassy fields offer the possibility for sparrows and other grass-loving migrants. Warblers, vireos, thrushes, wrens, and woodpeckers are all to be expected in this large island gem of habitat.</p> | Bexar | Easy to Difficult | 6:30am–3:00pm | X | |
| 9 | <p>Albert & Bessie Kronkosky State Natural Area (ABK)—Albert and Bessie Kronkosky began buying property in this area in 1946. By 1973, they were hunting, taking photos, and entertaining guests on their 3,814-acre ranch. The couple willed their beloved land to the state of Texas to protect it from development. Texas Parks & Wildlife Department accepted the donation of the ranch in March 2011. It is not yet open to the public, so this field trip is an excellent opportunity to get a preview of its natural riches: nesting Golden-cheeked Warblers and other Hill Country species, such as Ash-throated Flycatcher, Hutton’s Vireo, Woodhouse’s Scrub-Jay, Yellow-throated Warbler, and Rufous-crowned Sparrow. The bird walk goes through typical Hill Country juniper/oak woodlands and consists of a 3-mile round trip hike over hilly, rocky terrain using old ranch roads to Bessie’s Pond. There are also possible stream/creek crossings. Participants will need to sign a one-day liability waiver for ABK SNA before the hike.</p> | Kendall/Bandera | Moderate to Difficult | 7:00am–11:30am | X | |

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| 10 | <p>Mitchell Lake Audubon Center (MLAC)—Mitchell Lake is a critical wetland habitat with a natural lake and man-made wetlands. There are 7 miles of trails, accessible by both foot and driving. More than 340 species have been recorded throughout the year, and during early May MLAC is home to hundreds of breeding individuals singing their hearts out for a mate. Expected birds include Painted Buntings, Yellow-billed Cuckoos, Black-necked Stilts, Verdin, and a variety of shorebirds passing through. We'll walk the education trail around Bird Pond and then we'll carpool back to the polders for a different type of wetland experience. The walk is easy, with a slight uphill area, but we expect to do between 2-3 miles of walking, possibly more. Depending on recent rains, the paths can be quite muddy, so wearing appropriate shoes is important. We'll end around 1 pm or whenever the birds start to thin out. Mitchell Lake closes at 2pm and charges a \$5 entrance fee per person. Mitchell Lake can be heavy with mosquitos depending on how much rain we've received.</p> | Bexar | Easy to Moderate | 7:00am–1:00pm | X | | X |
| 11 | <p>Bat Conservation International's Bracken Cave Preserve is home to Bracken Cave, the summer home of more than 15 million Mexican free-tailed bats (<i>Tadarida brasiliensis</i>), making it the world's largest bat colony and one of the largest concentrations of mammals on earth. The emergence of these millions of bats, as they spiral out of the cave at dusk for their nightly insect hunt, is an unforgettable sight. But as amazing as it is, the morning return is even more amazing. Bats raining out of the sky after a night of foraging makes a morning return at Bracken a rare and beautiful sight. Owls, hawks and falcons enjoy a bat breakfast. We will join our guide at the gate of the property to be escorted to the parking area approximately 2 miles away. We will view the bats returning until about 7:00-7:30 am and then bird the area until 11am. Painted Bunting and Golden-cheeked Warbler nest here, and spring migrants of all kinds are found on the 1500-acre property. The hike is moderate-to-rough with a lot of rocky terrain and brush on the Golden-cheeked Warbler transects. Other paths are more open and mowed and not as rocky. Guides will be available for both route levels as you prefer. <i>Note: You will need to make your own arrangements for breakfast due to the early departure time.</i> \$5 entry fee; cash and checks made out to Bat Conservation International accepted. Liability release form required.</p> | Comal | Moderate to Difficult | 4:45am–1:00pm | X | | X |
| 12 | <p>Cibolo Nature Center & Farm (CNC&F)/Kreutzberg Canyon Natural Area—The 100-acre Cibolo Nature Center (CNC), open since Earth Day 1990, offers a multitude of educational and recreational opportunities to the community. The field trip group will explore the restored prairie, adjacent woodland, the Wrede Marsh, and the riparian area along Cibolo Creek along fairly level, even paths. Kreutzberg Canyon Natural Area consists of 117 scenic acres along the Guadalupe River containing six habitats. Paths are natural surface and unimproved and can be rugged and strenuous, so hiking boots are recommended. The North and South Woodland Loops are wide, open routes following utility easements through diverse oak tree species, old-growth juniper, and massive cedar elms. The River Loop leads to shady picnic spots and pleasing views of the Guadalupe. There are three wildlife observation blinds. Golden-fronted and Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Painted and Indigo Bunting, Blue Grosbeak, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Black-chinned Hummingbird, Golden-cheeked and migrant warblers, and Scissor-tailed Flycatcher are possible. No potable water is available but conventional and ADA accessible latrines are provided.</p> | Kendall | Easy to Moderate | 7:30am–3:00pm | X | | X |
| 13 | <p>Kerr Wildlife Management Area—The Kerr Wildlife Management Area is owned and operated by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. This 6,493-acre property was selected as a land base for the Edwards Plateau ecological area to develop and manage wildlife habitats and populations of indigenous wildlife species. The Area's primary mission is to function as a wildlife management, research, and demonstration site to conduct wildlife related studies and provide resultant information to resource managers, landowners, and other interested groups or individuals. Ongoing habitat restoration and management at Kerr provide nesting for two of Texas' most threatened birds: the Black-capped Vireo and Golden-cheeked Warbler. These two birds will be spotted along with the following potential species: Northern Bobwhite, Greater Roadrunner, Zone-tailed Hawk, Vermilion Flycatcher, Bell's Vireo, Yellow-throated Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Common Raven, Canyon Wren, Rufous-crowned Sparrow, Yellow-breasted Chat, Scott's Oriole, Summer Tanager, Blue Grosbeak, and Painted Bunting. This trip will include a combination of driving and walking off-trail on uneven ground.</p> | Kerr | Easy to Moderate | 5:45am–3:00pm | | X | X |
| 14 | <p>Bexar County Highlights—This trip will visit some of the more productive and reliable Bexar County hotspots during migration periods. Crescent Bend Nature Park: Crescent Bend is an old housing development in NE Bexar County that was flooded in the 1990's. FEMA bought the land and transferred it to the City of Schertz for use as a park. The surrounding area is largely farmland, so the park represents an island of trees, attractive to migrants. About 25-30 species of warblers are recorded during most Spring migration periods, as well as other migrant passerines.</p> <p>Robert Tobin Park/Salado Creek Greenway: Salado Creek flooded in the same floods that flooded Crescent Bend. The Salado Creek floodplain has been designated as parkland to prevent future development, and represents a continuous linear riparian area accessible by paved trails.</p> <p>Avenue A/Brackenridge Park: Avenue A is a short, dead end road situated between a golf course and the San Antonio River. It has long been a standard Bexar County migrant trap. We will not have a designated lunch stop, so be prepared to eat in the car on the run. Expect to walk about 4-5 miles total; all trails are level and paved or crushed granite. For photographers or persons of reduced mobility, there are 2 blinds at Crescent Bend which frequently offer great observations of birds.</p> | Bexar | Easy | 6:45am–3:00pm | | X | |

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| 15 | <p>Birding at the San Antonio Zoo!—This is the field trip for birders who don't want to get up early! The San Antonio Zoo is not only famous for their extensive bird collection, but it is also a haven for local and migratory species that want a safe place to rest (and the occasional free meal). The first zoo to successfully breed flamingos, and a producer of numerous Whooping Crane young, the SA Zoo is a great place to see many species you have rarely, if ever, seen in any other zoo. Bring your binoculars and your camera – you will want good views and excellent photos of the many toucans, barbets, mynas, robin-chats, screamers, turacos, storks and seriemas, as well as dozens and dozens more. We can hand feed a flock of lorikeets, and maybe even a Kookaburra! If time allows, we can check out the colony of wild egrets, herons, and night-herons, and the many Great Crested Flycatchers and other woodland birds migrating through or nesting along the San Antonio River and in the woods of neighboring Brackenridge Park. A \$5 entrance fee will be payable as we enter the Zoo through the Education Center.</p> | Bexar | Easy | 8:30am–2:30pm | | X | |
| 16 | <p>Haggard Ranch—The Haggard Ranch is a privately owned 250-acre property located in southwest Bexar county. The habitats vary from marsh and ponds to south Texas brush. Pauraque have been seen in the last few years. Painted Bunting, Verdin, Osprey, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Red-shouldered Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Great Blue Heron, Snowy, Great and Cattle Egret are common sightings. You may take a 3-4 mile hike around the property that is moderate/difficult walking, or if you want an easy trip, sit on the porch overlooking the large lake and walk around the yard. If it has rained, waterproof boots will be needed. There will be a \$5 fee per person.</p> | Bexar | Easy to Moderate | 7:15am–1:00pm | | X | |
| 17 | <p>A Taste of the Texas Hill Country—Explore two properties on the southern end of the Texas Hill Country, where the Balcones Escarpment separates the Hill Country from the flat south Texas Region. The trip will start out at the Frank Madla Natural Area, exploring the rich Juniper/Oak habitat. After lunch the trip moves to the private Maverick Ranch-Fromme Farm where the owners will greet the group and facilitate exploration of their ranch. Maverick Ranch-Fromme Farm is a National Register of Historic Places District, part of the Southernmost Edwards Plateau Important Bird Area, and maintained by its owners as a preserve and refuge for native Texas wildlife. The family has owned the Maverick Ranch for over 100 years and the Fromme Farm for nearly 65 years. There are pristine springs, seeps, a creek, recharge features, drainages and wetlands. Potential sightings at these locations include Golden-cheeked Warbler, Golden-fronted and Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Common Raven, Greater Roadrunner, Bewick's Wren, Black-capped Vireo, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Hutton's Vireo, Black-and-white Warbler, Black-chinned Hummingbird, Rufous-crowned Sparrow, Summer Tanager, Painted Bunting, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, and spring migrants. Everyone must sign a liability waiver before we start.</p> | Bexar | Moderate | 7:30am–3:00pm | | X | |
| 18 | <p>Land Heritage Institute/Mitchell Lake Audubon Center—This trip includes two great birding sites on the south side of San Antonio. The 1200-acre Land Heritage Institute (LHI) site is a wonderful place to kick off the morning birding in the typical South Texas scrubland with many heritage live oaks and old cypress trees, especially along the Medina River that forms its northern border. The easy walk will be mostly flat with an optional short but more difficult trail down to the Medina River. Expected birds are those typical of South Texas in May including Crested Caracara, Common Ground-Dove, and Scissor-tailed Flycatcher. Less often seen are Olive Sparrow, Greater Roadrunner, and Green Kingfisher. The 143 species seen at LHI also include a variety of migrants. Mixed flocks can be comprised of Black-and-white, Nashville, Orange-crowned, Yellow-throated, Black-throated Green, and, on more than one occasion, Golden-cheeked Warbler. Both Wild Turkey and Northern Bobwhite are heard often. A \$5 per person donation to support LHI is suggested.</p> <p>After a lunch break we will head over to Mitchell Lake Audubon Center, where we should arrive right in the midst of shorebird migration! Driving alongside the basins and the lake itself, we will get out and scan with spotting scopes to sort through what is likely to be multitudes of Black-necked Stilt, American Avocet, Wilson's Phalarope, Long-billed Dowitcher, Stilt, Spotted, Solitary, Least, Western, and Baird's Sandpipers, White-faced Ibis, and American White Pelican. Less common species such as Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Hudsonian Godwit, Glossy Ibis, Groove-billed Ani, Common Pauraque, and Olive Sparrow are possible but not guaranteed. Other areas of the property should have Verdin, Long-billed Thrasher, Dickcissel, Pyrrhuloxia, and nesting Green Heron, Least Grebe, and Black-bellied Whistling-Duck. \$5 entrance fee at MLAC.</p> | Bexar | Easy to Moderate | 7:15am–3:00pm | | X | |
| 19 | <p>Junction Hotspots—Situated in the Texas Hill Country at the fork of the North and South Llano Rivers, Junction is rich in bird life. We will explore various hotspots throughout the area in search of resident and migratory birds. Habitats will be varied including wetlands, riparian areas, Oak-Juniper uplands, and fields. You can expect a large variety of birds on this trip. Potential sightings include lingering ducks and migrating shorebirds, Bell's Vireo, Black-throated Sparrow, Canyon Wren, Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay, Vermilion Flycatcher, Rufous-crowned Sparrow, Black-capped Vireo, Cassin's Sparrow, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Varied Bunting, Canyon Towhee, 3 kingfisher species, Scott's Oriole, and spring migrants. This trip will not focus on Golden-cheeked Warbler, but participants can stay and view them on their own in South Llano State Park. Note: Cell Service is almost non-existent in Junction.</p> | Kimble | Easy to Moderate | 6:30am–4:00pm | | X | |

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| 20 | <p>Medina River Natural Area—The Medina River Natural Area is located on Hwy 16 in southern San Antonio about 4.5 miles south of Loop 410. The park offers several miles of well kept trails through riparian habitat and south Texas scrub habitats. In early May, the park is an excellent location to find migrant song birds. Some south Texas specialties like Least Greenlet, Great Kiskadee, and Green-winged Teal have been seen here in recent years. Prothonotary Warbler was found nesting here recently. Indigo Bunting, Summer Tanager, and Northern Parula should be easy to find. In the scrub habitat, we expect to find birds such as Painted Bunting, Verdin, and Lark Sparrow. Expect a 2-3 mile walk along well kept trails with moderate difficulty due to elevation changes.</p> | Bexar | Easy to Moderate | 7:15am-12:00pm | | | X |
| 21 | <p>Friedrich Wilderness Park/Crownridge Canyon Park—Friedrich Wilderness Park's steep hills and deep canyons covered with "cedar" breaks and oak mottes are perfect habitat for our target species: the Golden-cheeked Warbler (GCWA) - a federally listed endangered species which breeds in the park each spring. While it is possible to spot the GCWA on the flatter trails near the entrance, we anticipate hiking to the higher elevations of the park. Please be prepared for strenuous hiking and uneven terrain; hiking boots and plenty of water are recommended as well as trekking poles if you like to use them. In addition to the Golden-cheeked Warbler, we routinely see Black-and-white Warbler, Painted Bunting, Summer Tanager, Black-crested Titmouse, Hutton's Vireo, assorted migrating warblers, and occasionally migrating orioles. We will take a break for lunch, then continue to nearby Crownridge Canyon Park for an additional Hill Country hike in Golden-cheeked Warbler territory.</p> | Bexar | Moderate to Difficult | 6:30am-3:00pm | | | X |
| 22 | <p>Government Canyon State Natural Area—This beautiful State Natural Area of 12,000 acres is made up primarily of Edwards Plateau habitat with grassland and open woodland components. There are 40 miles of trails, of which we will follow the Joe Johnston Route trail to the Zizelmann House built in the 1880's and used for a time as a Pony Express Station. The trail follows Government Canyon Creek, which is used by Common Ravens and Canyon Wrens, and passes by 110,000,000 year old dinosaur footprints. Upon return from Joe Johnston Trail between 11:30 and 1:00 we can cover other trails depending on group interest. The Front Country aspect of the park is typically very good for transiting migrants and returning summer residents. Proximity of this area to the parking lot frees people up to leave whenever they choose. An entry fee is required; State Park passes are honored.</p> | Bexar | Moderate to Difficult | 7:00am-3:00pm | | | X |
| 23 | <p>Southwest Bexar County River Properties—We have special permission to access two sites that we visit for the Bexar County Christmas Bird Count. Southwest High School has a unique and amazing riparian woodland that grants us special access for bird walks. We will spend the morning exploring this woodland along the San Antonio River and adding to the bird list for the school. Kingfishers, Greater Kiskadee, lingering ducks, and spring migrants are possible. We will later travel to the Alamo River Campground that allows us access to their riverfront woodlands on the San Antonio River. There may be a small fee for accessing the campground (no more than \$5).</p> | Bexar | Easy | 7:00am-3:00pm | | | X |
| 24 | <p>Palmetto State Park—This park is named for the dwarf palmetto (<i>Sabal minor</i>), which grows abundantly in the park. The San Marcos River runs through the park, and the spring-fed 4-acre Oxbow Lake and the many bogs surrounded by dense vegetation give the park a jungle-like atmosphere. We will be on the lookout for eastern birds like Pileated and Red-bellied Woodpecker, Red-eyed Vireo, Tufted Titmouse, Acadian Flycatcher, and Ruby-throated Hummingbird, with a few of the more western species mixed in. We will also be on the lookout for nesting Northern Parula and Prothonotary Warbler, as well as northbound migrants. The trip will involve walking 2+ miles on relatively flat trails in two different parts of the park. We expect to take about 3 hours to enjoy the birding. Palmetto State park charges a \$3 entrance fee per adult (persons over 12); Texas Park Passes accepted.</p> | Gonzalez | Easy to Moderate | 5:30am-12:00pm | | | X |
| 25 | <p>YMCA-Roberts Ranch, Comfort—Five lucky field trip participants will get to explore the Roberts Ranch - 1700 acres of recovering ranchland, old fields, riparian area, and hills donated to the YMCA in the late 1990s by the late Bob Roberts of Comfort. The birding areas are only accessible by 4W-Drive vehicle (driven by leader). Golden-fronted and Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Painted and Indigo Bunting, Blue Grosbeak, Black-chinned Hummingbird, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Golden-cheeked Warbler, and Greater Roadrunner are expected. Black-capped Vireo was present historically, and we will search for it. Restrooms are available.</p> | Kerr | Moderate | 7:30am-3:00pm | | | X |
| 26 | <p>Warbler Woods—Warbler Woods is a privately-owned wildlife sanctuary in the NW corner of Guadalupe County. Trip will cover both wooded areas and open fields with a variety of bird blinds and water features. The sanctuary serves as a migrant trap in the spring with possible sightings including Great Horned Owl, Alder and Willow Flycatcher, Brown-crested Flycatcher, Hutton's Vireo, Blue-headed Vireo, Gray Catbird, and Lark Sparrow. Potential warblers include MacGillivray's Warbler, Mourning Warbler, Northern Parula, Magnolia Warbler, and Canada Warbler.</p> | Guadalupe | Easy | 7:00am-12:00pm | | | X |
| 27 | <p>Comal County Century Club—Century Club trips are fast paced outings trying to maximize the number of species within the county. Not much time for lingering looks so prepare to move briskly from spot to spot. Extensive driving to/from sites and roadside birding. We will look for typical Edwards Plateau breeding birds, gulls and terns, shorebirds, and migrants at such places as Landa Park in New Braunfels, Canyon Lake (including the dam and Overlook Park), and Guadalupe River.</p> | Comal | Easy | 7:15am-5:00pm | X | | |

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| 28 | <p>Wilson County Century Club—Century Club trips are fast paced outings trying to maximize the number of species within the county. Not much time for lingering looks so prepare to move briskly from spot to spot. Extensive driving to/from sites and roadside birding. The tour will feature as wide a variety of habitats as available with an emphasis on maximizing the day's species list. Possible species include Mottled Duck, Northern Bobwhite, Wild Turkey, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Ruby Hummingbird, Black-chinned Hummingbird, herons and egrets, flycatchers, sparrows, Bullock's Oriole, migrating warblers, and Pyrrhuloxia.</p> | Wilson | Easy | 5:45am–5:00pm | X | | |
| 29 | <p>Atascosa County Century Club—Century Club trips are fast paced outings trying to maximize the number of species within the county. Not much time for lingering looks so prepare to move briskly from spot to spot. Extensive driving to/from sites and roadside birding. The tour will feature as wide a variety of habitats as available with an emphasis on maximizing the day's species list. Possible species include Fulvous Whistling-Duck, Least Grebe, shorebirds, herons and egrets, Roseate Spoonbill, Harris's Hwk, Swainson's Hawk, flycatchers, Green Jay, sparrows, Bullock's Oriole, Audubon's Oriole, Pyrrhuloxia, Blue Grosbeak, and Painted Bunting.</p> | Atascosa | Easy | 5:30am–5:00pm | X | | |
| 30 | <p>Kendall County Century Club—Century Club trips are fast paced outings trying to maximize the number of species within the county. Not much time for lingering looks so prepare to move briskly from spot to spot. Extensive driving to/from sites and roadside birding. Starting on River Road in Boerne, we will then survey Cibolo Nature Center & Farm area, Boerne Lake, Joshua Springs, and Kiehl County Parks looking for a wide variety of spring residents and visitors, including Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Golden-fronted and Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Vermilion Flycatcher, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, White-eyed Vireo, Summer Tanager, Painted Bunting, Lesser Goldfinch, Yellow-throated Vireo, Yellow-throated Warbler, and migrating warblers.</p> | Kendall | Easy | 6:30am–mid-afternoon | X | | |