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**2025 TOS BOARD OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATES**

**Candidate for Director At-Large 3: (Three-year term: May 2025-May 2028)**

**Janey Woodley**

Janey is a native Houstonian and spent most of her life in Fort Bend County. In late 2015 she developed an interest in wildlife photography. Since birds are some of the easiest wildlife to see and photograph, this led to an interest in knowing what she was seeing and photographing. When she did her first CBC in 2016, she still didn’t own a pair of binoculars! Janey continued to be a casual birder until 2019 when she joined TOS for the Winter Meeting in Galveston. During the meeting she went on her first Century Club field trip led by Ron Weeks to Fort Bend County. Over the course of the day, Ron and some of the other participants introduced her to The Texas Century Club and County Listing. She was hooked and this dramatically changed her birding! In 2021 she was fortunate to become a full-time traveler. This allowed her to bird 239 of the 254 counties in Texas. Her species count is over 100 in 64 of them. Janey is a Life Member of TOS and began leading field trip a the Spring 2023 meeting in Abilene. She has led two Weekender trips and has another planned for late fall of 2025.

**Candidate for Director At-Large 4:**

**Romey Swanson (incumbent)**

Romey Swanson is a lifelong naturalist and committed conservationist whose career centers on protecting Texas’s wild lands and the diverse wildlife they support. He serves as executive director of the Devils River Conservancy, where he leads efforts to preserve one of North America’s last truly wild rivers through collaboration with private landowners, scientists, and public agencies. Romey earned his master’s degree in wildlife ecology from Texas State University, where - despite a thesis focused on reptiles and amphibians - he was sidetracked by an ornithology course that unexpectedly turned him into a birder. Today, he is both president-elect of the Texas Herpetological Society and a past president of the Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society, bringing over 15 years of field experience to his work. A devotee of wild country and wild creatures, Romey pursues birds with the same zeal and wonder that Theodore Roosevelt brought to his ramblings - binoculars slung, field guide in pocket, ever eager for the next flash of feathers or stirring of wings.

**Candidate for Region 3:**

**Bob White**

Bob grew up in New Jersey, where he learned to use a field guide to identify the Ring-necked Pheasants that would visit his family’s yard. While living in Colorado he did a lot of backpacking and climbing but didn’t get serious about birding until moving to Texas in the 1990s. Bob honed his skills through Christmas Bird Counts and the Lunch with the Birds program at the Nature Discovery Center in Bellaire. Fifteen years as an area leader at the Freeport CBC and ten years conducting Breeding Bird Surveys have given him a modest grounding in Texas avifauna. A life member of TOS since 2016, Bob has led field trips at several meetings. Since moving to Jacksonville (Cherokee County) he has explored all of the Pineywoods Counties, getting to know many of the more active birders in the area. Bob has a century in most of them and a goal of completing them by next winter.