



**April 2010**

**President's Perspective**

Spring migration is now in full swing. The hummingbirds are back as are the white-eyed vireo, red-eyed vireo, and hooded warbler that I depend on to show up in my neighborhood every spring. I'm looking forward to the other migrants as they make their way north to their breeding grounds. I was also delighted to hear the chimney swifts in the air over Huntsville State Park and our neighborhood this week. I hope all of you will consider joining our field trip to High Island later this month. It's always a great trip, even when it rains on us like last year! See you at the meeting!

Brenda

**Huntsville Audubon**

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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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**Our Website:** <http://www.huntsvilleaudubon.org/>

**Programs and Events**

**April Meeting:** Our April meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 15, 2010**, with supper at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting and program to begin at 7:00 p.m. Our menu will be our yearly round of King Ranch Chicken casseroles, provided by Brenda, Glenn, and Joan. As always, additional side dishes, salads and desserts are welcomed!

**Program:** Our April program will be ***Invasive Species and Forest Management***, given by **Ryan Witt** of Raven Environmental. Ryan has a BS in Forestry from Texas A&M University. He was with the Texas Forest Service for eight years before joining Raven Environmental, where he has worked for two years. He holds the position of Forest Operations Manager. He deals with everything "forest," including tree planting, prescribed burns, vegetation management, and timber harvesting. Some of the most troublesome species he deals with are **Chinese tallow trees, Japanese climbing fern, yaupon (yes, even our native yaupon holly can be an invasive species in the forest), and (gasp!) feral hogs!!** All invasive species aren't necessarily plants!

**Update:** As of Saturday, April 10, 2010, Roy Kveton was in Room 4419 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Bryan. The doctors were running tests, and he had been started on a different antibiotic. We will hopefully have an update at the meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

**April Field Trip:** Our April field trip is our annual outing to **High Island and Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge**. We are planning to leave at 6:00 a.m. on **Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**, from the parking lot in front of Shipley Donuts. Jon and Brenda are planning to go down on Thursday evening and camp for several nights. They will meet up with the group going down on Saturday at the bleachers in **Boy Scout Woods around 9:30**. The drive from Huntsville takes about three hours. We hope to see some **spring migrants**, and we will also visit the rookery at Smith Oaks where there should be lots of **baby spoonbills and egrets!**

**Nominating Committee Report:** The nominating committee this year is composed of **Joan Prouty, Pauline Blackard, and Terry Brackeen**. These ladies have done a stellar job of getting a slate of officers together for our 2010-11 Chapter year. We will take nominations from the floor at our meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> and then vote on the officers for next year. The list of officers presented by the nominating committee is as follows:

**President:** Anne-Marie Prouty  
**Vice-President:** Ron Boddicker  
**Treasurer:** Terry Brackeen  
**Secretary:** Deanna Boddicker  
**Membership:** Carol Reed  
**Programs:** Joe Smith  
**Field Trips:** Paul Culp, Jr.  
**Conservation:** Terry Brackeen  
**Newsletter/Website:** Brenda Muncrief  
**Publicity/Scrapbook:** Sharon Pezant  
**Hospitality:** Joy Tinsley & committee  
**Education/Jr. Audubon:** Tom Stafford & committee

**Green Tip for April:** “Besides putting the small pot on the small burner, I also put a cover on pot to boil water.

According to Energy Star if you, “Use the right sized pot on stove burners. A 6” pot on an 8” burner wastes over 40 percent of the burner’s heat. Also, cover pots and pans to keep heat in.”

Boiling water with the lid on also takes 20% less time than an uncovered pot.”

(<http://www.365waystogogreen.com>)

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Checking Account Balance: \$ 677.89

Memorial Fund Balance: \$ 3,205.60

**Scrapbooks:** Joy Tinsley has our scrapbooks caught up to date, and they will be on the tables at our meetings. Please take a few minutes to look over our history and **give Joy a big THANKS** for all her hard work as our publicity and scrapbook chair for the last few years. She has done an awesome job!

**LOOKING FORWARD:** We will have our annual picnic on **May 20<sup>th</sup>** (our regular meeting date) at Eastham-Thomason Park. We will start about 5:00 to 5:30, have our usual fare of hot dogs and burgers, and rousing games of croquet and horseshoes!! See you there!

There will be a handout at the April meeting regarding possible programs for next year. We want to know what programs interest you the most. We will collect these at the picnic, or you can mail them back to the Chapter address at the top of this newsletter. It will help us a great deal as we begin the search for next year’s programs if we have an idea of where your interests lie. Thank you in advance!!

**Upcoming Area Events:**

**Migration Celebration** -- April 16-18, 2010

<http://migrationcelebration.org/>

San Bernard NWR, Brazoria County, TX

**Balcones Songbird Festival** -- April 23-26, 2010

<http://www.friendsofbalcones.org/>

This logo is always in our newsletter and on our website. We are in the process of applying for a grant again this year which will come from Earth Share funds. Please visit their site to learn more about this amazing organization.



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