



**April/May 2011**

**President's Perspective**

Spring migration is here and I would like to remind everyone to make sure their bird baths, trickling water fountains, feeders, etc are all full for these little guys as they make the exhausting trip back north, many coming all the way across the gulf. They are hungry, thirsty and tired and need our support. Keep an eye out. We've had black-and-white warblers, blackburnian warblers, indigo and painted buntings and rose-breasted grosbeaks in our back yard here within the city limits this time of year!

See you at the meeting.  
*Anne-Marie Prouty*

**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:** Huntsville Audubon will hold its monthly meeting on **Thursday, April 21, 2011**, at 6:30pm. Our meeting location is Fire Station No. 2 on Sam Houston Avenue. For our meeting, we will have a sandwich bar for building your own delicious creation! If you can provide a **side dish, salad or dessert**, they are always welcomed additions!

**April Program:** **Matthew Rowe**, a professor in the Biological Sciences Department at SHSU, will be talking to us **about endangered species**. Dr. Rowe received his PhD from University of California at Davis and is a Behavior Ecologist and Conservation Biologist as well as an ardent ornithologist.

**May 19** is the date for the **Annual Audubon Picnic at Eastham-Thomason Park**. We will start at 6:00 pm with games, fellowship, and food. The menu is hot dogs and burgers supplied by the chapter. Salads and desserts are always a welcomed addition to our all-American picnic fare!

**WE'RE ON FACEBOOK!**

Look for Huntsville Audubon online at <http://www.huntsvilleaudubon.org> AND on Facebook, at **Huntsville (Texas) Audubon Society**. **If you have a Facebook page, please be sure to join our group**. It is another way to keep up with everything that is going on in our Chapter!

**FIELD TRIP CORNER:**

**On April 23<sup>rd</sup>**, we will visit **Nature's Cathedral**, a large protected wooded lakeside preserve that includes—in addition to beautiful overlooks of Lake Livingston—a large collection of outdoor statuary, a riverboat, and a marble pyramid. Livingston. Meet at 9:00am at Walker Co Annex Parking Lot.

**On April 30<sup>th</sup>** we will take our annual trek to **High Island** to enjoy the wonder of spring migration! More info will be available at the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. PAUL CULP

**HUNTSVILLE'S BEST BIRDING SPOTS!**

Stressed? Just want a pleasurable break? For whatever reason, you feel like its time to go savor the beauty and the delightful behavior of birds. You don't have time for a birding trip so where do you go locally to see an abundance of birds and/or a variety of species? The Audubon Board feels it is time to develop a list of Huntsville's best birding spots for all to enjoy, but we need your help.

Suggested parameters for the list include that it is a public place in Huntsville or within approximately an hours' drive. It should include the specific or general types of birds, the best season(s), the location/directions and whether primarily walking or driving is the best means of observing the birds.

So, what are your top two, three or more birding spots? Don't worry, I don't believe there are enough of us to spoil the solitude and specialness of your best spots. Plus, it is fun to share! Please contact me with the above information by phone (936-594-9838), email (boddicker4@aol.com) or I would be happy to meet with you at your convenience

**Upcoming Events:**

- **Nature's Cathedral**, April 23, 2011
- **High Island trip** April 30, 2011
- **Chapter Picnic**, May 19, 2011

**Balcones Canyonlands Songbird Festival**  
4/29 – 5/2/2011

**Earth Share Texas** Please visit their website to learn more about their wonderful organization and how they raise the money to help fund Texas Chapters' projects.



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<http://www.earthshare-texas.org/>

Huntsville Audubon is pleased to announce that H-E-B has selected EarthShare of Texas to be the beneficiary of its in-store coupon promotion for April, in recognition of Earth Day. This means that customers can tear off and add check-out coupons worth \$1, \$3, or \$5 to their total bill to support environmental work in the Central Texas, Houston, Gulf Coast, Rio Grande Valley and Border, plus North Texas Central Markets.

H-E-B has supported many EarthShare of Texas organizations with corporate grants or in-kind contributions. The April tear-pad promotion enables H-E-B customers to support the environmental program work of more than three dozen EarthShare of Texas organizations. The Huntsville Audubon Chapter will benefit, because the contributions will be divided among EarthShare of Texas organizations with program work in Texas.

Look for the EarthShare of Texas display and tear-off coupons at the check-out stands in more than 200 H-E-B and Central Market stores in most areas of Texas in late March through April. And help support Earth Share of Texas and the Texas environment! See the [EarthShare Texas](http://www.earthshare-texas.org/) site for more information!



The Walker County Master Gardeners gave a very educational program on harvesting rainwater at our March meeting!



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