



October 2011

President's Perspective

What a great start to the year! Our September program was terrific with Rick Bello's presentation on his birding trip to Costa Rica with photographs of the beautiful birds, wildlife and people he met while he was there and over 35 members attended the meeting! Then our birding trip to Huntsville State Park (complete with Mimosas!) was enjoyed by more than 10 members. Finally, our sales receipts for Fair on the Square were the most they'd ever been...over \$625! So stick around...it just gets better from here! CAROL REED

Huntsville Audubon

A Chapter of the National Audubon Society
P. O. Box 6818
Huntsville, Texas 77340

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.

Officers

President	Carol Reed	295-3958
Email:	carolreed@sbcglobal.net	
Vice-President	Ron Boddicker	594-9838
Secretary	Deanna Boddicker	594-9838
Treasurer & Membership	Carol Reed	295-3958

Committee Chairs

Programs	Anne Prouty	295-3958
Field Trips	JoAnne McElmurray	
Conservation	Joe Smith	
Newsletter	Brenda Muncrief	435-9937
Publicity & Scrapbook	Sharyn Pezant	294-9408
Hospitality	Joy Tinsley	293-1918
Edu/Jr. Audubon	Tom Stafford	295-1403
Web Master	Brenda Muncrief	435-9937

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

Programs and Events

October Meeting: Our meeting will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2011, at Fire Station #2. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. with a light supper, followed by our meeting and program at 7:00. The main course for our meal will be **LASAGNA**, provided by the Chapter, with board members filling in some essentials. As always, side dishes and desserts are appreciated. **We almost ran out of food in September** thanks to the great attendance, so let's be prepared. Thanks so much for all you do!!

October Program: Our speaker at the meeting will be **Gina Moore**, who is a **wildlife rehabilitator** in our area. Gina will be discussing the basics of wildlife rehabilitation, how to safely get an animal to a wildlife rehabilitator, and how to support your local wildlife rehabilitators. Gina has promised to bring a furry friend with her as well! The following is a list of much needed supplies for the animals she cares for, including many birds. If you can donate any of these items, please bring them with you to the meeting. Bird seed, peanut butter, dry cat food, dry dog food, paper towels, newspapers, old flannel sheets, old towels, any cages or pet carriers.

October Field Trip: Our field trip this month will be a **birding trip to Huntsville Town Parks**, including Eastham Thomason, Kate Barr Ross, SHSU Museum Duck Pond and others, if time allows. In case you're wondering why we're starting off the field trip year with a number of

local birding trips, there is a method to our madness! Every year after the Christmas Bird Count, I hear several members say they wish they would have had more opportunities to polish their birding skills before the big day, so here you have it. Also, fall migration is still underway (have you heard the cranes and geese flying over at night?) so there is still time to spot some migrants. We will meet at the parking lot for Eastham Thomason Park on 7th Avenue at **7:30 am on Saturday, October 22**. Wear your walking shoes, and bring binoculars and your field guide. There will be a couple of extra pairs of binoculars available for the field trip in case anyone needs them. For more information, call Carol at 295-3958.

Birding Brochure Update: The Huntsville area birding brochure is on the way to becoming reality. A number of Huntsville Audubon's most active, talented birders have made excellent site suggestions, an overall format has been determined, visuals have been selected, and now the next task is to write descriptions of the sites and their locations. Space limitations of the brochure may not allow for inclusion of every suggested site but as many as possible will be included.

Hopefully the brochure will become a work in progress. Users will be encouraged to give feedback and make suggestions so future editions of the brochure will be even more reflective of the Huntsville area's absolutely best birding sites. (Ron Boddicker, VP)

Special events coming up:

Thursday, October 20.

Dr. Michael Reed from Tufts University will be giving a talk entitled "Persistence and extinction rates in small populations: Birds, Fish and Elvis" to the SHSU Biology Department on Thursday, October 20th. Dr. Reed is a well-known and experienced ornithologist whose research focuses on species at risk to human-caused threats. The public is always welcome to the department's seminar series presentations, but wanted to extend a special invitation to Huntsville Audubon. It will be held at 4:00 pm in the Lee Drain Building (LDB) Room 214. Coffee and cookies will be served at 3:30.

http://www.shsu.edu/~bio_www/fall2011seminar.html

Friday, October 21.

Dr. Reed will be joining members from SHSU on a birding trip to Huntsville State Park, and other birding spots on Friday morning. Huntsville Audubon members are especially invited. If interested, please contact Anne Prouty at [936-581-4761](tel:936-581-4761).

Fair on the Square Report: Beautiful weather at this year's Fair on the Square brought out lots of visitors and helped to boost the sales at our Huntsville Audubon booth to the most we've ever had: \$626! Funds raised by the sale of calendars, bluebird houses and T-shirts help with newsletter expenses, web site maintenance, computer and power point equipment, food and supplies for meetings and special events, donations to other charitable conservation organizations and other miscellaneous expenses throughout the year.

Many members helped out at the booth, including JoAnn McElmurray, Tom Stafford, Brenda and Jon Muncrief, Terry Brackeen (so nice to have her back), Joy Tinsley, Ron and Deanna Boddicker, Anne Prouty, Joan Prouty, Kathleen Meadows, Glenn Coker, Terry Tibideaux, Dan Jones, Pauline Blackard, Diane Neudorf, and Carol Reed. Also, special thanks to Alice and Art Hughes for lending us their canopy for another year.

A big **THANKS** to JoAnne McElmurray for volunteering to fill the position of Field Trip Chair for this year!



"One environment. One simple way to care for it."

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



Huntsville Audubon
P.O. Box 6818
Huntsville, TX 77342-6818