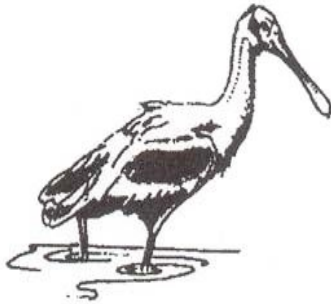




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August 5th Ornithology Group Monthly Meeting

Bayland Community Center
6400 Bissonnet, Houston



LEARNING CORNER - 6:30 P.M.

**Pam Smolen
Chimney Swifts**

**AUGUST CHIMNEY SWIFT
FIELD TRIP
Date: TBD**

GENERAL MEETING - 7:00 P.M.

**EVENING PROGRAM - 7:30 P.M.
Glenn Olsen**

**OG BOARD MEMBER POSITIONS THAT ARE VACANT
INCLUDE SECRETARY AND VICE-CHAIR**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO KEEP THE
ORNITHOLOGY CLUB THRIVING**



**DON'T MISS THE FALL
MIGRATION OF HAWKS
ALONG THE GULF COAST**

**Smith Point
Hawk Watch
Begins August 1st**

Learning to identify hawks in flight?
Watch for flight pattern, wing shape, body
shape, size and color pattern.

**Enhance your viewing pleasure and identification skills
by
attending the
Gulf Coast Bird Observatory**

**Raptor ID Workshop
with Tony Leukering**

**September 27 - 29, 2013
Friday 6:00pm to Sunday 12:00pm**

**\$175 fee includes two evening lectures, three field sessions at the
tower and two lunches**

<http://www.gcbo.org/html/RaptorIDWorkshopFlyerforweb.pdf>

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Davis Mountains Hummingbird Festival 2013

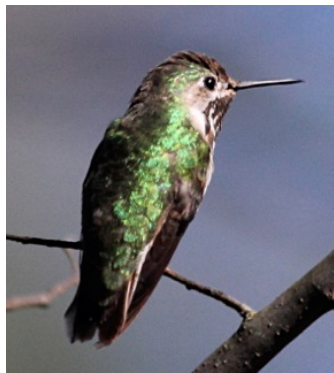
Friday August 9th - Sunday August 11th

Fort Davis, Texas at its elevation of 5,050 feet is known as the
Hummingbird Capital of Texas.

For these three days our town highlights these magnificent creatures that
call our little corner of the world home.

Click this link to the web page and schedule

<http://www.fortdavis.com/HummingbirdFest2013.html>



2014 Federal Duck Stamps On Sale Now

The art work for this years stamp was chosen last October. Robert Steiner's painting of a Common goldeneye beat 191 other artists' works in the Fish and Wildlife Service's annual Duck Stamp Contest — the only art competition mandated by the federal government.

Purchase a Duck Stamp and receive free admission to any National Wildlife Refuge. Ninety-eight cents out of every dollar generated by the sale of Federal Duck Stamps goes directly to purchase or lease wetland habitat for protection in our National Wildlife Refuge system.

The Federal Duck Stamp has been called one of the most successful conservation programs ever initiated and is a highly effective way to conserve America's natural resources.

Bird Beach to Bend



Black-bellied Plover, Galveston East Beach, 8/9/12

**HARLAN EVANS
REMINDS US
IN FINE PHOTO'S**



Prothonotary Warbler, Brazos Bend SP, 8/23/12



Canada Warbler, Brazos Bend SP, 8/23/12

AUGUST

**IS WORTH
GETTING
OUT**



Nashville Warbler, Brazos Bend SP 9/28/11

Outdoor Nature Club Ornithology Group Treasurer's Report

	June 1, 2011 -May 31, 2012	June 1, 2012 -May 31, 2013
Beginning Bank Balance	\$10,843	\$9,233
Income		
Membership Dues	\$2,126	\$1,768
Field Trips		\$210
Sale of Bird Checklists	\$150	\$261
Contributions	\$134	\$153
Facilities Deposit	\$100	\$100
Book Sale	\$354	\$162
Total	\$2,864	\$2,645
Expenses		
Spoonbill Newsletter	\$2,450	\$1,102
Speakers Honorarium and Travel	\$892	\$1,232
Donations	\$1000	
Facilities Deposit	\$100	\$100
Library book purchases	\$31	
Miscellaneous Expenses		\$25
Total	\$4,472	\$2,459
Net Increase (Decrease)	-\$1,608	\$195
Ending Bank Balance	\$9,235	\$9,428



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About the Ornithology Group

The Ornithology Group (OG) is a division of the Outdoor Nature Club (ONC), a non-profit organization dedicated to greater knowledge about the environment and wildlife of the Upper Texas Coast. The OG is a club of individuals interested in all aspects of birding, including bird identification, listing bird sightings, competing in birding events, and preserving bird habitat. Some members study bird behavior, biology, distribution and migration, while others just enjoy watching birds. The organization is designed to accommodate these diverse birding interests. Monthly meetings and field trips provide an opportunity to interact with and learn from experts in local and international birding.

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