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# Rustlin's

Newsletter of Prairie and Timbers Audubon Society

## FROM THE PRESIDENT...

**FOUR GREAT YEARS--**As of this coming February I will have served two terms, four years, as president of Prairie and Timbers. It's been a fun period of time for me and, looking back, I believe our chapter has continued the tradition of great programs and meaningful activities established by previous chapter leaders. I'm proud of that. Recently our board has passed a resolution to provide an annual grant of \$2000 to the Heard Museum specifically to maintain and restore one of the sections of native prairie preserved there. Given my dedication to preservation of wildlife habitat, I'm particularly proud to have accomplished that objective and am very grateful to our members for donating to that and other causes. I hope to continue with Prairie and Timbers in an education role but will not run for another term as president. This creates an opportunity for new leadership. I know qualified candidates will step up. Please strongly consider running for president in the election to be held at the February meeting. I expect my successor to lead the chapter in exciting ways. I personally recommend an enlarged habitat conservation mission along with our continued educational activities.

**Gailon Brehm, President**

**Prairie & Timbers Audubon Society**  
c/o Heard Natural Science Museum  
One Nature Place - McKinney, Texas 75069

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## OCT / NOV / DEC ACTIVITIES

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**Tuesday October 24th**, is the next PTAS monthly meeting at the Heard Museum in McKinney. The Nature Conservancy's Role at Fort Hood. For directions to the Heard go to the PTAS Website <http://prairieandtimbers/map.htm>

PTAS Monthly meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday of the months September thru May with the exception of the December 26th Christmas Bird Count

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## PTAS BIRDING TRIPS

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**Saturday December 16th**, Caddo National Grasslands Audubon Christmas Bird Count  
Contact Doug Wood, [dwood@sosu.edu](mailto:dwood@sosu.edu), 580.745.2272

**Tuesday December 26th**, McKinney Christmas Bird Count  
Contact Dan Smith, [asmithfamily@attbi.com](mailto:asmithfamily@attbi.com), 972.516.2297

For a list of **Audubon Dallas bird walks** go to <http://www.audubondallas.org/>

For a list of **Fort Worth Audubon Society bird walks** go to <http://www.fwas.org/fieldtrips.asp>

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## NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY PROGRAM

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**Help Out a Friend**, Steps that people can take to help birds have a successful fall migration - Greg Butcher, director of Bird Conservation for National Audubon Society  
[http://www.commercialappeal.com/mca/outdoors/article/0,1426,MCA\\_470\\_4999999,00.html](http://www.commercialappeal.com/mca/outdoors/article/0,1426,MCA_470_4999999,00.html)

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## NON PTAS EVENTS

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Note: PTAS is not a sponsor of or any way connected with the following events. The information is provided as a service to our membership.

**Thur - Sun, Nov 30 - Dec 03** Second Red River Valley Birding and Nature Festival  
Festival Activities: Field Trips, Keynote Presentation, Nature Bazaar, Seminars, Special Activities, Workshops. For details go to <http://www.redriverbirding.com/>  
\*Volunteers are also needed. If you can help please call Friends of Hagerman, at the Hagerman Wildlife Refuge 903-786-2826.

**January 11-14, 2007, Fort Worth Audubon Society** hosts the winter meeting of the Texas Ornithological Society in Arlington at the Crowne Plaza Suites. Go to [http://www.texasbirds.org/\\_mgxroot/page\\_10729.html](http://www.texasbirds.org/_mgxroot/page_10729.html) for registration materials, hotel reservations, field trip & speaker details, and information on auction and raffle items. To register, please download and fill out the form from this site, and return to TOS Registration, D. D. Currie, 2703 Colleen Dr., Arlington, TX 76016 with your payment (checks only). Reservations for field trips will be made in the order received by Fort Worth Audubon. Registrations after December 28th will be an extra \$10, so don't delay sending in your registration. If you have questions, please call either D. D. Currie (817-451-4086; [ddbirder@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ddbirder@sbcglobal.net)) or Dale Roberts (817-577-2090; [DaleLRoberts@aol.com](mailto:DaleLRoberts@aol.com)).

**Audubon Dallas** is planning a two week guided trip to Malaysia in **late March, 2007**.

- Led by Kingfisher Tours.
- The trip is 12 days, 11 nights and covers all food and lodging.
- Cost is about \$1900 pp, double occupancy
- Recent air fares are about \$1000 from LAX to KUL

For questions, please contact Homer Klonis, 972-690-0274 or [h-klonis@ti.com](mailto:h-klonis@ti.com) if interested.

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## PTAS NEWSLETTER

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**Rustlin's, the PTAS newsletter, is available only electronic.** As a member of PTAS you can receive email notification that the newsletter is ready to be downloaded from the PTAS web site ([www.prairieandtimbers.org](http://www.prairieandtimbers.org)). To receive this notification, please provide your email address to Merrick Darley at: [hmdarley@prairieandtimbers.org](mailto:hmdarley@prairieandtimbers.org) Thank you in advance for your support as we work to lower our expenses to match our reduced annual funding. You are receiving these occasional PTAS updates because at some time in the past you gave us (or National Audubon Society) your e-mail address. We send approximately 1 or 2 e-mail reminders/updates per month about events, meetings/ speakers. We do not share our mailing list with anyone outside Audubon.

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**Tom Heath, PTAS Board member, Electronic Communications Chairperson**



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If you are not on our email distribution list, or if your email has changed recently, please contact Merrick Darley at [hmdarley@comcast.net](mailto:hmdarley@comcast.net).

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**BOARD MEETING DATES**  
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**Tuesday, November 28, 2006,** The meeting will begin at 7:00p.m. prior to our monthly meeting at the Heard Museum.

**Thursday, January 18, 2007,** The meeting will begin at 7:00p.m. at the Brehm's.

**February 27, 2007,** The election of officers will be held at the monthly meeting.

**Thursday, April 24, 2007,** The meeting will begin at 7:00p.m. prior to the monthly meeting.

**August Annual Planning Meeting**



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**PRAIRIE & TIMBERS AUDUBON SOCIETY**  
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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

\_\_\_ I would like to be a member of Prairie and Timbers Audubon Society (PTAS), knowing that my annual membership dues will be used to support local bird-related projects and habitats. **Enclosed is my check for \$12 (includes all family members at a single address) made out to: PTAS.** PTAS is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization; your membership fee and any donations made to PTAS are tax deductible.

\_\_\_ I would also like to support the National Audubon Society, where my annual membership dues will be used nationally and globally. **Enclosed is my check for the special new-member introductory price of \$20, made out to: National Audubon Society.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

(E-mail addresses are used to notify members of updated website newsletters, upcoming field trips, and important local bird-related issues. E-mail addresses are NOT shared with, or forwarded to, any other source.)

**How did you hear about Prairie and Timbers Audubon Society?**

- \_\_\_ From a member of PTAS  
 \_\_\_ From the PTAS website  
 \_\_\_ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:** Prairie and Timbers Audubon Society  
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