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Newsletter of Prairie and Timbers Audubon Society

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Local Birding and Environmental Activities

This newsletter aim is first and foremost to make you aware of our upcoming local activities that focus on birds and environmental activities. We are reaching out to North Texans who want to participate in local community activities involving nature. If you know all about us skip to page 2 to learn what we are planning for the new year. Keep reading this page to learn who we are.

Organized in 1980, Prairie and Timbers Audubon Society serves Collin and surrounding counties with a wide range of birding-oriented activities, programs and field trips. We also advocate and promote a healthy habitat for north Texas birds, wildlife and ourselves.

If you were mailed or notified of this newsletter you are in our database by one of the following means:

- 1) Joining PTAS (everyone welcome)
- 2) Requesting to be in our database
- 3) Joining National Audubon and living in a zip code assigned to PTAS as your local chapter.

PTAS members have a variety of interests that are centered around birds and nature. To better understand nature and the environment we have a featured speaker at each of our monthly meetings. On page 2 and 3 you can see that Carolyn, our program chair, has arranged three very knowledgeable speakers for the fall all talking about birds. She is working on an equally exciting set of spring programs.

Many of our members enjoy field trips and are focused on birding (identifying and monitoring bird populations). For many this is a way to relax and recoup in the natural environment. A simple way to start for the inexperienced birder is our 2nd Saturday bird walks at the Heard Museum. See details on page 6. For more intensive birding try one of our local day field trips. Organized and arranged by Linda Ergonis, our field trip chair, they represent a variety of locations. You can read about

them on pages 4-6. For the more avid birder, this year we are offering more out of town trips and trips of several days or weeks. If you want to spend real time birding check them out. On all our field trips, leaders are happy to have all levels of experience and to teach the skills of birding. Learners can also check out our bird identification classes on page 3.

The active members of PTAS participate in our birding activities because we enjoy being in and learning about nature. However, the very nature of our activities has benefits that help keep the world healthy if we take the time to report what we see. By monitoring birds and keeping the environment safe for them, we help provide a sustaining environment for ourselves and the rest of the world's flora and fauna as tracking the changes is a critical monitor of the health of our ecosystem. This is one of the reasons that we report via eBird to the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology and other researchers the results of our field trips and participate in the Christmas Bird Count and Backyard Bird Count.

Some of our members are focused on conservation activities. Besides being part of National and State Audubon efforts, we also work with a number of North Texas organizations. We have fun and Texas benefits. Organizations we supported last year:

Heard Museum: Prairie restoration and native gardens.

Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge: Prairie Restoration

Heard Bird Banders: Training, Supplies and shared members

Southeastern Oklahoma State University: Scholarships to defray the cost of field studies.

Blackland Prairie Raptor Center: Raptor program support and native garden support.

Lake Lewisville Environmental Learning Area:

Quail restoration

Connemara Meadow: Prairie restoration and education

Fall Programs Feature Exotic Locations

Carolyn our program chair has lined up a great set of fall programs for us featuring far off places, Gambell Alaska, Ethiopia, and Papua New Guinea. "Birding the Outposts: Gambell 2012" is presented by Tal Roberts as our main program in September. Gambell is located on the northwest cape of St. Lawrence Island in the Bering Sea, 202 miles southwest of Nome. It is 58 km (36 mi) from the Chukchi Peninsula in the Russian Far East. Bird watching at Gambell is remote arctic fun and varies from excellent to incredible, combining the possibility of Asiatic birds with a spectacular passage of seabirds. Tal Roberts is an avid local birder and member of the Dallas County Audubon who has travelled extensively to see that rare bird he needs for his North American bird list. He will share his experiences in pursuing his quarry in the far reaches of Alaska.

For our November meeting, Dr. Doug Wood of Southeast Oklahoma State University is returning. He is one of our most popular speakers as his scientist/birder mentality always translates to a fun and informative program. He has already presented an excellent talk on the birds of the Panama Canal Zone and another one on the birds of Ecuador. This fall he is back from some where completely different, Ethiopia. Ethiopia is an ecologically diverse country, ranging from the deserts along the eastern border to the tropical forests in the south to extensive mountains (Afromontane) in the northern and southwestern parts. Lake Tana in the north is the source of the Blue Nile. With such diverse terrain who knows what Dr. Wood has found in another one of his incredible journeys. I suspect his photos will bring to us what few of us will ever see in the wild.

Bruce Beehler will be presenting in October on his research in Papua New Guinea. Please read the separate article for details.

New Monthly Meeting Place

Starting on September 25th the PTAS meeting place will be in the Science Resource Center (SRC) at the Heard.

Directions: After passing through the gate continue straight passed the museum building to the end of the road. The large building is the SRC.

Program Schedule

Prairie and Timbers Audubon Society meets the fourth Tuesday of the month, September through November, and January through May at the Heard Natural Science Museum in McKinney. At each meeting Prairie and Timbers Audubon Society features an informative and interesting program with exceptional speakers and slide shows to teach and thrill members and guests. The board diligently pursues a full array of interests to promote better understanding of the birding world and to have entertaining yet educational programs. Meetings start at 7:00pm, there is a bird identification class for those who wish from 7:15 to 7:40. A short general business is held from 7:45 to 8:00. The main programs starts at 8:00.

Programs scheduled this fall are:

Tuesday, September 25 - 7:00 pm

Bird ID class: Waders – Egrets, Herons, etc.

Main Program: "Birding the Outposts: Gambell 2012" Tal Roberts of Dallas Audubon

Tuesday, October 23 - 7:00 pm

Bird ID class: Raptors – Hawks, Owls, Falcons, Kites

Main Program: "Climate Change and Birds" Bruce Beehler of Conservation International

Tuesday, November 27 - 7:00 pm

Bird ID class: Winter Sparrows

Main Program: "Ethiopia: Birds and Beasts" Dr. Doug Wood of Southeastern Oklahoma State University

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Fun and Games

Bruce Beehler to Talk About Giant Birding Thermometer For Climate Change

PTAS is very honored to have Dr. Bruce Beehler return in October to present on his research on "Climate Change and Birds." For the past several years Bruce has been conducting research in YUS conservation of Papua New Guinea. The field research involves a survey of birds along an elevational transect, which ranges from 200 meters to 3,700 meters (656 to 12,140 feet) above sea level. To quote Bruce, "The elevational transect can be likened to a giant 'earth thermometer.' As the earth heats or cools, the plants and animals along the transect shift up and down the elevational gradient, seeking the best conditions for their own environmental needs. Surprisingly, the plants can move almost as quickly as the wildlife, as birds and mammals consume fruits and deposit the seeds in distant locations as they forage about the forest."

Bruce's research is the ultimate in birding and bird banding. Named for its three main rivers – the Yopno, Uruwa and Som of the Huon Peninsula – the YUS Conservation Area covers 76,000 hectares of tropical forest from Papua New Guinea's northern coast to its interior mountains. The lush forest ecosystem teems with life and provides resources and services that sustain the indigenous 10,000 villagers living in the conservation area. The prevalent exotic birds have rarely been counted and banded. Bruce is out there birding all day every day for weeks on end. Further more, the work is very valuable for monitoring the impacts of climate changes on diversity and health of the ecosystem impacting an entire civilization.

All this while helping to protect now, and for the future, an ecosystem that is among the least touched by today's technological civilization. The villages of the region are based on hunting and subsistence agriculture. The YUS declaration was historic in that it marked the first time the more than 35 indigenous villages came together in joint action to protect their forest homeland and the wildlife and ecosystems so vital to their culture and sustenance. While the land remains under local ownership, villagers have formally committed to prohibiting all hunting and activities such as logging and mining within the conservation area.

Bruce is best known for having co-lead a widely published survey on biological diversity in 2005 in the Foja Mountains, Papua. While on this particular trip to the Foja Mountains, Bruce's team identified a pre-

viously not described species of honeyeater, Wattled Smoky Honeyeater (*Melipotes carolae*), which he later named after his wife. Amazingly, it was virtually the first bird they encountered upon entering the Foja Mountains. His team returned with the first ever photographs of two species of birds, the Berlepsch's Parotia (*Parotia berlepschi*) and the Golden-fronted Bowerbird (*Amblyornis flavifrons*), that previously were known only from a few specimens. Less than two years later, Beehler returned to the Foja Mountains, this time with the CBS *60 Minutes* crew to capture the first-ever video footage of the Fojas. CBS was able to film various species and courtship displays of the Golden-fronted Bowerbird, Black Sickbill, Berlepsch's Bird of Paradise, and the Wattled Smoky Honeyeater.

Dr. Bruce is the Senior Director of Biodiversity Assessment & Ecosystem Health Science and Knowledge Division of Conservation International. Bruce wrote his undergraduate honors thesis on birds at Williams College and earned his Master's and Ph.D. at Princeton, writing his dissertation on the ecology and behavior of four species of bird of paradise in New Guinea. He has been an authority on New Guinea birds for several decades, having authored or co-authored several major works on the avifauna of this island, including *Birds of Paradise* (1998), *The Birds of New Guinea* (1986) and the two-volume, *The Birds of Papua New Guinea* (1985).

LEARN BIRDS FROM THE EXPERTS

At the beginning of each monthly meeting, Prairie & Timbers Audubon Society is offering an outstanding opportunity to learn bird ID techniques. Birders of all levels of experience and knowledge will find it easy and enjoyable to sharpen bird identification skills in this informal class format, combining discussion, viewing of bird specimens and bird sound recordings. The birds to be discussed are those commonly seen in season within Collin County. Gailon Brehm and Rodney Thomas, experienced birders, will be teaching. The class focuses on structure -- size, shape, and overall appearance -- prior to observations of detailed plumage patterns and colors. We plan to emphasize bird sounds as well as our traditional usage of skins to teach structure and plumage color. All attendees are encouraged to bring their own favorite field guide as a reference. For the balance of 2012 we will teach the following: September – Waders – Egrets, Herons, etc, October – Raptors – Hawks, Owls, Falcons, Kites, and November -- Winter Sparrows.

A Diversity of Field Trips

Lead by Linda Ergonis, our field trip committee has put together a diverse selection of field trips ranging from local trips right at the Heard Museum to a Costa Rica trip lasting three weeks. Thanks to Linda's enthusiasm we have a dazzling selection to pick from. Already the Costa Rica trip announced last spring has sold out, although you can still be on the waitlist if you like.

The next most distant field trip is close to Corpus Christi as PTAS will go to the Hazel Bazemore Hawk Watch, Sept 28-30. HBHW has the largest number of raptors for all North American Hawk Watches. This is normally the peak weekend of birds migrating through. There will be "A Celebration of Flight!" program with speakers. Bill Clark, raptor specialist and author of the "Peterson Guide to Hawks" will do a small program Sat and Sun. You can get more information on line at www.ccbirding.com/thw.

We will meet in the lobby of the Comfort Inn, 3838 HWY 77, Robstown/Calallen area, at 8:00 am Fri., Sat. and Sun. mornings. The hawk watch is 1 mile from this hotel. You may join us any of these days. After a good morning at the hawk watch we will bird some of the other local spots. Corpus is the birdiest city in North America so we should find some great birds. It is recommended to bring a lawn chair, water and bug spray for hawk watching.

Another coastal trip is planned in the spring, April 13-19, to High Island, Texas to greet the early returning spring migrants. Linda has reserved a beach house at Crystal Beach which is a short distance from High Island. We will make excursions to all the great coastal birding spots, including the Big Thicket for Red Cockaded Woodpecker and Bachman's Sparrow. The beach house has 4 bedrooms with 2 queen beds each and 3 bathrooms. The bedrooms will be \$365.00 for the week. You will need to arrange room mates and split the bill accordingly. Make reservations with Linda at lindaergonis@yahoo.com by Dec 31.

On May 12, a Sunday, we will travel out of state to Red Slough, Oklahoma. We had a wonderful trip to Red Slough in fall of 2011 with David Arbour the refuge manager as our excellent guide. This time he will be showing us the spring flora and fauna. This had been discussed last fall and all of the participants voted to return. We should expect to see the specialty birds that nest there and many passerine migrants

moving northward. Red Slough is a 3 hour drive from Plano. There are hotels in Idabel, which is close if you want to avoid an early morning drive.

Local trips are planned. One is to Lake Benbrook in Southwest Fort Worth in October for sparrows, water birds, and raptors and hopefully some western species. The trip in November will be to Lake Louisville Environmental Learning Area LLELA. Featured will be their new project to re-introduce Bobwhite Quail in the North Texas corridor. The December trip will be to Lake Ray Roberts to find deep water ducks such as loons, goldeneyes and perhaps a stray scoter. In January we hope to find Smith Longspurs, but details have not been worked out yet. In February we will return to Jennifer Maxwell's property to hopefully get better views of the American Woodcocks and to find a Henslow's Sparrow. We will go early to bird the lakes at Greenville for ducks.

The prairie survey at the Heard Museum last March was such a success we decided to do it again. March is the end of winter residents and the beginning of migration so the best birds will be the ones we scare up in the fields. Hope you will join us again to take an active part in shooting the birds into the mist nets to be banded, then seeing and comparing species while in the hand.

2012 Field Trip Schedule

One of the most satisfying experiences of Audubon members is the successful field trip. The objective is to see many different bird species and develop a familiarity with each, learning about its behavior, field marks and physiology. To accomplish this, the pace is slow and relaxed. Anyone that can walk along a nature trail can participate. Field trips allow you to get away from modern life, participate in a green activity, enjoy and relax in the world of nature. This is actually quite therapeutic.

Field trips are open to all, members and nonmembers, beginners to world-class birders. We especially want to encourage and welcome first time birders to come on our local trips in the north Texas area. All trips have an experienced leader eager to help beginners see and enjoy new birds. These trips are an excellent way to get started learning the birds and the best locations and seasons to find them.

Field trips are typically scheduled on Saturdays, unless otherwise noted and last half a day. We schedule at least one field trip each month Sept through May. Send an email to Tom at

heathwtom@netscape.net to get on the email distribution list announcing field trips and updates.

For all other field trips RSVP to Linda Ergonis at lindaergonis@yahoo.com or Tom Heath at 972-867-8646 or heathwtom@netscape .net

The trip schedule is:

Sat, Sept 8 — 2nd Saturday at the Heard

Leader: Gailon Brehm, Rodney Thomas

Time: 7:30am for preliminary birding around the museum building. And/or arrive at 8am to begin birding the grounds. Note EARLY TIME.

Meeting Place: Heard Museum Reception area

Target: Monthly survey of the birds of the Heard

Fri, Sep 28-30 — Hazel Bazemore Hawk Watch, Corpus Cristi , TX, 8:00 am

Leader: Linda Ergonis

Time: 8:00 am — Three days of birding

Meeting Place: Comfort Inn Suites 3838 US HWY 77

Target: Migrating Hawks

See article for more details.

Sat, Oct 13 — 2nd Saturday at the Heard

Leader: Gailon Brehm, Rodney Thomas

Time: 7:30 am preliminary, 8:00 am main, 2 hours

Meeting Place: Heard Museum Reception area

Target: Monthly survey of the birds of the Heard

Sat, Oct 27 — Lake Benbrook

Leader: Simone Jenion

Time: 7:30 am Length TBD

Meeting Place: TBD

Target: Western species, sparrows, water birds and raptors; Lake Benbrook is known for rarities.

Sat, Nov 10 — 2nd Saturday at the Heard

Leader: Gailon Brehm, Rodney Thomas

Time: 7:30 am preliminary, 8:00 am main, 2 hours

Meeting Place: Heard Museum Reception area

Target: Monthly survey of the birds of the Heard

Sat, Nov 17 — Lake Louisville Environmental Learning Center (LLELA)

Leader: Ken Stiegman

Time: 6:30 Length 4 hours

Meeting Place: Gate to LLELA (Be prompt — There will be no one to let stragglers in)

Target: Bobwhite Quail restoration project and general birding

Sat, Dec 8 — 2nd Saturday at the Heard

Leader: Gailon Brehm, Rodney Thomas

Time: 7:30 am preliminary, 8:00 am main, 2 hours

Meeting Place: Heard Museum Reception area

Target: Monthly survey of the birds of the Heard

Sat, Dec 15 — Lake Ray Roberts, Isle du Bois Unit

Leader: Linda Ergonis, Kelly Lauderdale

Time: TBD am Length TBD

Meeting Place: TBD

Target: Deep water ducks, winter woodland birds.

Sat, Jan 12 — 2nd Saturday at the Heard

Leader: Gailon Brehm, Rodney Thomas

Time: 7:30 am preliminary, 8:00 am main, 2 hours

Meeting Place: Heard Museum Reception area

Target: Monthly survey of the birds of the Heard

Jan 19 – Feb 7 — Costa Rica

Our trip to Costa Rica is full. If you want to be on a standby list please email Linda Ergonis at lindaergonis@yahoo.com

Sat, Jan 19 — TBD

Leader: Gailon Brehm

Time: TBD

Meeting Place: TBD

Target: Smith's Longspurs

Sat, Feb 11 — 2nd Saturday at the Heard

Leader: Gailon Brehm, Rodney Thomas

Time: 7:30 am preliminary, 8:00 am main, 2 hours

Meeting Place: Heard Museum Reception area

Target: Monthly survey of the birds of the Heard

Sat, Feb 16 — Jennifer Maxwell's Property and Greenville Lakes

Leader: Jennifer Maxwell, Gailon Brehm, Rodney Thomas

Time: TBD

Meeting Place: TBD

Target: American Woodcock, Henslow's Sparrow and ducks

Sat, Mar 9 — 2nd Saturday at the Heard

Leader: Gailon Brehm, Rodney Thomas

Time: 7:30 am preliminary, 8:00 am main, 2 hours

Meeting Place: Heard Museum Reception area

Target: Monthly survey of the birds of the Heard

Sat, Mar 9 — Heard Museum Bird Banding Station

Leader: Banding Station Members

Time: 7:30 am

Meeting Place: Gate to Heard Museum

Target: We will do a prairie survey and banding of birds by setting up nets in the field and bird dogging the field, pushing the birds towards the nets. This will be group participation.

Sat, April 13 — 2nd Saturday at the Heard

Leader: Gailon Brehm, Rodney Thomas
Time: 7:30 am preliminary, 8:00 am main, 2 hours
Meeting Place: Heard Museum Reception area
Target: Monthly survey of the birds of the Heard

April 13-19 — High Island, Texas

Leader: Linda Ergonis

Time: All week

Meeting Place: Rental House Crystal Beach

Target: Meet the Migrants

A beach house is rented for the week. See article for details.

Sat, May 11 — 2nd Saturday at the Heard

Leader: Gailon Brehm, Rodney Thomas

Time: 7:30 am preliminary, 8:00 am main, 2 hours

Meeting Place: Heard Museum Reception area

Target: Monthly survey of the birds of the Heard

Sun, May 12 — Red Slough, Oklahoma

Leader: David Arbour

Time: 6:30 am

Meeting Place: Red Slough parking lot

Target: Passerine migrants

Note this is on a Sunday!

Second Saturday Bird Walks

Heard Museum 7:30 am – 10:00 am

These monthly field trips target beginners and intermediate birders who are looking for birding tips and guidance. However, they also provide an opportunity for birders of all levels to see the birds of the Heard Sanctuary throughout the season. Gailon Brehm and Rodney Thomas will co-lead these trips with occasional guest leaders. The route will traverse varied habitats including areas not open to the general public. Birding techniques will be explained on the go and all questions are welcome. Past trips have attracted a mix of people new to birding at the Heard and sometimes new to birding entirely mixed with “old-timers”. Typically 40 - 60 species of birds are tallied. All observations are logged into the Cornell eBird database for use by researchers worldwide. Attendees should dress appropriately for the weather with close-toed shoes and long pants and should bring binoculars and a favorite field guide.

These PTAS-guided bird walks are co-operatively sponsored by the Heard Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary on the second Saturday of each month, September - May. Sign- in for these walks will be at the Heard store at 7:30 am till 8:00 am, rain or shine! From 7:30 am till 8:00 am preliminary birding is done around the mu-

seum building. At 8:00 am we leave to bird around the grounds. The bird walk is free although the Heard Museum charges an admission fee for non members of the Museum. The Heard Museum website is www.heardmuseum.org.

PTAS volunteers also guide walks at the Connemara Meadow Preserve at the Allen/Plano border. The Connemara Meadow Preserve is 72 acres of north Texas prairie containing native grasses and wildflowers and is maintained by the Connemara Conservancy, non-profit land trust. All walks start at the parking lot off Alma and Bethany Roads in Allen. To find the walk schedule visit their website at www.connemaraconservancy.org

Painless Savings For Birds

If you received this newsletter by US mail please send us your email address and reduce our expenses about 55 cents per person. Help us reduce expenses and the birds win as we will have more money to grant to bird worthy projects. Last year we were able to grant an extra \$400 because of savings on mailing expenses.

We feel obliged to inform all our members of our activities. Many of our members are automatically members of PTAS because of their membership in National Audubon and are not aware of PTAS, their local chapter. Therefore, once a year we mail our quarterly newsletter via US postal service to members for whom we have no e-mail address. Otherwise the newsletter is posted on our website and we send an email with the link to our members.

We also send emails reminding you of our meetings and a few other activities. If you want to be reminded of field trips that is a separate email list to minimize e-mail to our members not interested in field trips. Send your email address to hmdarley@gmail.com to be included in the general list. Send your request to be included in the field trip notification list to Tom Heath at heathwtom@netscape.net

We average 1 to 2 emails a month so we will not overload your inbox. Your email address will only be used by us to keep you informed of the PTAS activities. It will not be sold or given to anyone.

If you do not have access to email send Merrick Darley a note at 3713 Wood Rail Dr., Plano, TX 75074 and he will get in touch with you about other options to stay informed.

Silent Auction During November's Meeting

For the past two years PTAS has held a book sale in November to help raise additional funds for the grants we give to local organizations. This year we will have a silent auction of items donated to PTAS by local individuals. The November 27th meeting falls between Thanksgiving and Christmas, so this will be a perfect time to buy a holiday gift and help give grants to local worthy causes at the same time.

Mrs. Eleanor Eakin was kind enough to donate her husband's collection of nine carved ducks. They were created and signed by the artist Jim Harkness of Stayner, Ontario, and each measures approximately nine inches in length.

"Since Jim Harkness began carving in 1975, his artwork has been characterized by strong graphic simplicity. Jim's white pine or basswood carvings are rough cut on a band saw then shaped by hand with files. The wood, the choicest of its kind, provides a pale canvas to which mostly transparent stains and oil enamels are applied, before it is washed and varnished – all by hand. Jim's signature style – composite of abstract line, lack of carving or painting detail, and vivid colors – has been inspired by the finest of late 19th and early 20th century decoy design."

His workshop has produced about 200,000 woodcarvings of nearly 800 species. His first pieces were of loons. In 1977 he began dating his work; work prior to that was undated.

The donated carved ducks are male and female Wood Ducks (sold separately and shown in the picture below), Green-winged Teal, Black-bellied Whistling Duck, Mallard, Red-breasted Merganser, Red-necked Grebe, Northern Shoveler and Ruddy Duck. All are signed by the carver and dated.

In addition, some of our members are also donating items they have created. Tom Heath is donating a photograph; Carolyn Oldham, a landscape architect, will provide a consultation; Karen White is donating a print; and Georgette Guernsey has made a lap quilt using the fabric of nature artist Michele Mara.

Mark your calendars for this upcoming event.

Bird Tracking for the Heard and Collin County

A feature has been added to the PTAS website (<http://prairieandtimbers.org/BirdTrax.htm>) which allows you to easily track the birds seen and reported to ebird at the Heard Museum and within Collin County using a new tool supplied by enthusiastic ebirders called BirdTrax.

Tom Heath our website administrator has included two displays one for birds sighted at the Heard and second for birds seen within Collin County. The data is limited to the most recent two weeks.

The data for the given area and time can be observed by clicking various items. By clicking the top menu you can view sightings of all birds or birds considered rarities. Or you can click checklists to see all checklists reported to ebird. On the sightings list clicking the species shows all reports of that species, clicking the location shows all species reported at that exact location. Clicking the checklist icon on the checklist display lists shows the individual checklist. Clicking the birder's name shows the checklists submitted by that individual.



Male and Female Wood Ducks Carved by Jim Harkness — Photo by Tom Heath

Note: If you would like to receive email notifications when the newsletters are available, or to update your email address, please contact Merrick Darley at hmdarley@gmail.com.

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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**

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(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

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