Welcome! I hope everyone has enjoyed our brief hiatus over the summer months. The Prairie and Timbers Audubon Society (PTAS) board and committees have been hard at work planning our 2021-2022 activities. I believe you will enjoy the speakers and trips that we have planned for the year, and I invite everyone to attend. While this newsletter contains the details of these activities as they stand today, you can check our website (www.prairieandtimbers.org) or our Facebook account (www.facebook.com/PTAudubon) for up-to-date information. If you are on our mailing list, you will receive a monthly reminder for our meetings and other information.

Unfortunately, the resurgence of COVID-19 will impact some of our events. Prairie and Timbers Audubon will continue utilizing Zoom online meetings to minimize the risk to members. You will need to be on our Zoom invitation email list to get the link to join our meetings. If you received these invites over the past year, you will continue to receive them this fall. If you have not, send an email to ptazoom@gmail.com and we will add you to the list. Our general meetings will be held on the 4th Tuesday each month from September through May, skipping December. The meetings open at 6:45pm for members to login and chat, and our official activities begin at 7:00pm.

We are planning both local field trips and Heard Museum 2nd Saturday birdwalks for the fall, but we will not sponsor car pooling this year. If you have friends and family that are comfortable sharing rides to our events, that is left up to you. We do encourage you to be vaccinated and to maintain prudent safety measures as we collectively make our way through the surge of the COVID-19 Delta variant.

I look forward to another great year. If you have any questions or comments on this year's activities, please contact either myself or any of the PTAS board members listed at the end of this newsletter.

Mike Cameron
President, PTAS
PTAS Meeting Schedule

- 6:45 Meetup - Check in and chat (Zoom for now)
- 7:00 Bird Identification Class*
- 7:25 General Meeting
- 7:45 Presentation
- 8:30 Adjourn

*EXCEPTION: Presentation at 7:00 pm Sept 28

September 28, 2021  
**Bird ID:** Hummingbirds – Local species plus a few prominent western types (after presentation)  
**Program:** BirdCast: Perspectives on Migration Monitoring in the Era of Big Data (starts at 7:00 pm)  
**Presenter:** Dr. Andrew Farnsworth, Senior Research Associate, Cornell Lab of Ornithology

October 26, 2021  
**Bird ID:** Raptors – Hawks, Owls, Falcons, Kites  
**Program:** Texas Breeding Survey  
**Presenter:** Brent Ortego, Texas Parks and Wildlife (retired)

November 23, 2021  
**Bird ID:** Corvids & cuckoos – Blue Jays, Fish & Am Crow, Ravens, Roadrunner, Black & Yellow-billed Cuckoo  
**Program:** Trip to New Zealand  
**Presenters:** Galion Brehm, Linda Ergonis, Carolyn Oldham

January 25, 2022  
**Bird ID:** Mystery bird quiz/discussion – (maybe chickadees vs nuthatch vs gnatcatches)  
**Program:** Mitigating and Monitoring Bird-Building Collisions  
**Presenter:** Dr. Tania Homayoun - Texas Parks and Wildlife, Texas Nature Trackers Biologist

February 22, 2022  
**Bird ID:** Shorebirds – Plovers, Sandpipers, Phalaropes, etc  
**Program:** Sea Turtle, Inc.  
**Presenter:** Hannah Catherman, Director of Education, Sea Turtle, Inc.

March 22, 2022  
**Bird ID:** Buntings and Grosbeaks: Cardinals, Rose-breasted & Blue Grosbeaks, Indigo & Painted Buntings, finches  
**Program:** Austin’s Amazing Purple Martins  
**Presenter:** Shelia Hargis, Ex. President of Travis Audubon and Texas Ornithological Society

April 26, 2022  
**Bird ID:** Warblers  
**Program:** Birding the Devil’s River Corridor  
**Presenter:** Romney Swanson, Director of Conservation Strategy at Audubon Texas

May: TBD  
Program: TBD  
Presenter: TBD

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Learn the Heard Birds

Each month, prior to the formal meeting, we provide instructions in identifying birds commonly seen at the Heard Sanctuary and surrounding area. This year all sessions will be in lecture format on Zoom until in-person meetings resume. Emphasis is first placed on observing shape and structure and light/dark coloration pattern, the bird’s “jizz”. Then we highlight plumage, color, and bird sounds. This season, we again have one a session, called “mystery birds”, that emphasizes techniques to identify birds with less than perfect views. Rodney Thomas and Galion Brehm will co-teach with lots of photos and behind the scenes help from Mike Cameron.

To whet the appetite, here are a few identification tips for two species of winter sparrows, shown below. Both species shown have white throat patches, but –

- **White-throated Sparrow (WTSP)** – white spotted wing bars
- **Swamp Sparrow (SWSP)** – no wing bars
- **Bold, white central crown stripe – WTSP**
- **Faint, buffy central crown stripe – SWSP**
- **Gray nape – SWSP**
- **Nape speckled like back – WTSP**

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Presentation Highlights

Our program committee of Candy Anandagoda, Kristen Carlson, Denise Dengler, Jerri Kerr and Carolyn Oldham have worked hard to put together an outstanding set of diverse programs for our new year.

Maybe you have always envied the experienced birder’s ability to predict when migratory birds are coming to town. Now there is a new tool in town, BirdCast and our first speaker, Dr. Andrew Farnsworth will tell us all about it in a presentation “BirdCast: Perspectives on Migration Monitoring in the Era of Big Data, study of nocturnal bird migration”. **To accommodate his schedule the presentation will be at 7:00 pm, rather than after the bird identification session and the business meeting so do not be late.**

BirdCast is a collaborative project that leverages expertise of computer scientists and ornithologists to harness the power of big data to study movements of birds. Dr. Farnsworth will be speaking, in particular, about monitoring nocturnal bird migration with data collected by the
US weather surveillance radar network to forecast where, when, and how many birds will migrate and to observe these movements in near real-time at a continental scale. He will discuss the scale of nocturnal migration, challenges of monitoring these movements under the cover of darkness and at scales relevant to their biology, and ways we use radar to remotely sense migration movement patterns over time and space. He will also highlight applications of radar and the data collected to develop models to forecast bird migration as well as to predict bird-aircraft collisions, to study impacts of light pollution on nocturnally migrating birds, to investigate phenological changes in migration systems over decades at continental scales, to estimate bird mortality and recruitment, and even to study other animal movements in the atmosphere. You can learn more about BirdCast at https://birdcast.info/.

Dr. Andrew Farnsworth began birding at age 5 in Rye, NY. He quickly developed a fascination for bird migration and has been fortunate to turn his passion into a career. Andrew is a research associate in the Information Science and Technology program at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the project leader for BirdCast and BirdVox.

His primary research focus is the study of nocturnal bird migration using remote sensing techniques. These techniques including the use of microphones and autonomous recording systems, weather surveillance radars, and thermal and closed circuit video cameras.

Our October program will be on the Texas Breeding Survey presented by Brent Ortego. The Breeding Bird Survey coordinated by the U.S. Geological Survey for the United States will be described and population trends for birds breeding in Texas will be discussed. Detailed trends for 16 species will be displayed with maps and line graphs. Over 500 birders in Texas have contributed to this survey since its beginning in 1967 and the top 20 participants will be identified.

Our speaker, Brent Ortego, is a retired biologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. He primarily worked with Nongame and Endangered Species during his 34 years of service. He is better known in the birding community as the Texas editor for the National Audubon Christmas Bird Count and Coordinator for the Breeding Bird Survey. Brent is also the Compiler for the Matagorda County, Guadalupe River Delta and Kenedy County Christmas Bird Counts and is a past president of the Texas Ornithological Society.

Collisions with buildings and glass are one of the top human-related causes of death to native birds in the United States. Dr. Tania Homayoun’s presentation in January will introduce the biological and design factors associated with bird-building collisions and why they matter to bird conservation; techniques for mitigating collisions; and strategies for monitoring collisions in built landscapes.

Dr. Tania Homayoun is a Texas Nature Tracker Biologist with Texas Parks and Wildlife. Through Texas Nature Trackers, she engages naturalists of all interests and ability levels in collecting community science and crowd-sourced data on Texas’ unique flora and fauna with a particular focus on species of greatest conservation need. Previously, Tania worked for Audubon Texas, with the Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center and later the Conservation Science Team as its Urban Conservation Program Manager where she worked to develop and deliver conservation plans, educational programs/trainings, and activities supporting biodiversity and sustainable communities.

Tania holds a BS in Ecology/Evolution/Conservation Biology and a BA in Anthropology from the University of Texas at Austin and a PhD in Conservation Biology from the University of Minnesota, where she studied the impacts of urbanization on land bird communities. She is an avid birder and always has room for one more native plant in her patio garden.

Our guest speaker in February, Hannah Catherman, Director of Education, will spend time describing the herculean efforts of the organization during the catastrophic deep-freeze that Texas experienced in February 2021. Citizens and Sea Turtle volunteers combed the beaches and seawalls of Padre Island and found nearly 5,000 “cold-stunned” sea turtles to hopefully be saved.

In 1977, Sea Turtle, Inc. was founded by a woman named Ila Fox Loetscher, better known as “The Turtle Lady of South Padre Island”. Loetscher began caring for sea turtles in 1965 in Rancho Nuevo, Mexico where she spent two weeks volunteering. Working with the Kemp’s ridley, she fell in love with sea turtles and began caring for sea turtles from her home in South Padre Island. She began to draw many curious visitors and by 1977, Loetscher formed Sea Turtle, Inc. after years of sharing her love with guests.

Their mission is to rescue, rehabilitate, and release injured sea turtles, educate the public, and assist with conservation efforts for all marine turtle species.

Hannah joined Sea Turtle, Inc. as the Director of Education in 2021. She has always had a passion for educating people on the importance of conservation and what they can do to help the environment. After graduating from Coastal Carolina University in 2015 with her M.S. in Coastal Marine and Wetland Studies, she began her professional career as an environmental educator. Since then, she
has had the opportunity to work in various settings, from outdoor ecological education centers to aquariums. She is excited to share her passion for sea turtle education with the community and introduce future generations to the importance of conservation.

In March we will explore the special connection between Purple Martins and humans that goes back hundreds of years. Purple Martins thrill people in a variety of ways throughout their life cycle. This presentation will cover that life cycle, dispel some of the myths surrounding martins, touch on some of the recent research findings, and highlight some of the ways that birders and non-birders alike can connect with this spectacular bird. A special invite will also be extended to visit the stunning migration roost in Austin.

Shelia Hargis has been birding for nearly 25 years and is totally obsessed with birds! She spends most of her free time birding or thinking about birds. Shelia gives presentations on a variety of bird topics, surveys birds for the City of Austin and the North American Breeding Bird Survey as well as private landowners, and regularly leads birding field trips. She is Past President of both Travis Audubon and Texas Ornithological Society.

Our April program will take us birding down the Devil’s River Corridor with trip guide, Romy Swanson. He is an experienced Project Manager with a demonstrated history of working in the fields of land and wildlife conservation. He is skilled in Wildlife Management, ArcGIS, Environmental Policy and Law, Conservation Issues, Data Collection and Endangered Species. Romy has a BS in Wildlife Biology and a Master of Science in Wildlife Ecology from Texas State University - San Marcos. This year, Romy has spent a lot of time in the field working on a "Reptile and Amphibian Big Year for Texas". Not bird-related, but fascinating!

Field Trip Schedule

Due to continuing concerns regarding COVID-19, PTAS field trip planning is very limited at this time. Stay tuned Chuck is working on more where we can safely bird.

Tom Heath maintains a field trip email list to inform members of field trip plans and changes. Send your name and email address to Tom if you want to be on the list. (heathwtom@netscape.net).

Here are two we expect to conduct:

**Sunday, October 17, 2021  Red Slough Birding**
Red Slough is an approximately 3-hour drive NE from Plano. There are places to stay in Idabel for those who prefer to drive up on Saturday. The tour usually lasts 4-5 hours - sometimes people have stayed longer to walk additional areas afterwards. Additional information will be provided following RSVP. Attendance has not normally been limited, but due to the COVID variant, we aren’t certain we will be able to handle as many participants as we have in the past. For that reason, we need you to RSVP.
**RSVP** to Chuck Carlson, carchuck@gmail.com.

**Time:** 7:30 AM
**Leader:** David Arbour
**Target Birds:** Fall migrants, winter residents, shore birds, etc.

**Meeting Place:** North Parking Lot off of Red Slough Road (formerly Mudline). From that parking lot we enter through a locked gate, so RSVP and arrive by 7:30 to avoid being locked out.

**November 13-14, 2021 – Midland County birding**
This weekend adventure will consist of visiting several eBird hot spots in and near Midland, Texas. It’s possible you have driven close by a gem of a birding spot - the Jenna Welch Nature Center - and never known it was there! We will visit a salt flat, a nature center, a golf course pond, a prairie dog town, and a fabulous playa wildlife sanctuary just yards from busy Interstate-20.

**Itinerary:**
**Sat, 11/13 a.m.:** Drive to Midland (5.5 hours)  
**p.m.:** Visit Johnson Draw for roadside birding; walk the Sibley Nature Center trails; bird a pond on Hogan Park Golf Course

**Sun, 11/14 a.m.:** View a prairie dog town; walk the 1.3-mile loop trail around the Jenna Welch Nature Center, stopping at bird blinds and a viewing tower  
**p.m.:** Drive home

**Trip Leader:** Jerri Kerr

**Meeting Place/Time:** Participants can meet to caravan to Midland or leave earlier and join the group there.

**Target Birds:** Winter species and waterfowl. Hoped for: Sandhill Cranes, Burrowing Owl.

**Misc:** We will park and bird along county roads. We will be walking on gravel trails at Sibley, and on dirt and boardwalk trails at Jenna Welch. Further details will be provided to those who are interested in attending.

**RSVP:** To Jerri Kerr  jerri.kerr@verizon.net

For a third field trip, Charley Amos has been contacted about a field trip to Village Creek Drying Beds. which has few narrow trails and there will be many birds, chiefly waterfowl, to see. We hope to do this trip on Nov. 20 since there will be many waterfowl and winter birds on site.

**Second-Saturday Bird Walks at the Heard Wildlife Sanctuary Suspended**

Given the resurgence of COVID-19 cases, we are uncertain when we will re-start our PTAS-led monthly bird walks at the Heard Sanctuary. When a decision is made, that information will be posted on our website and Facebook page.
Great birding In Arizona
by Jerri Kerr, PTAS Member

Southeastern Arizona is one of my favorite birding destinations. I have been there over two dozen times, and always look forward to returning. I have enjoyed one- and two-week vacations where I leisurely visited many sites, and I’ve also been known to jump in my car to “chase” a rare bird that comes into Arizona. In fact, I think my car could probably find its own way to Madera Canyon.

A great place to stay is the town of Green Valley, which is south of Tucson, on Interstate-19. I recommend the Best Western hotel because it has a large on-site restaurant and bar. Since it takes close to one and a half days to drive there, an easy, relaxing way to spend your afternoon upon arrival is at the lovely Desert Meadows Park right in town. This small botanical park is maintained by the Green Valley Gardeners club and is decorated with whimsical and clever pieces of metal, ceramic and wood artwork. As you walk the grounds, you will see a wide variety of cactus and native plantings, plus a community vegetable garden and hummingbird feeder area. There are benches where you can sit and watch birds come and go. I’ve seen Gambel’s Quail and Costa’s Hummingbird here. Access to the park is free.

I highly recommend a 3/4-day visit to the awesome Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum in Tucson, then spend an hour or two driving the roads of the adjacent Saguaro National Park. Take your binoculars because you will see wild birds as you walk the mostly outdoor museum complex. Later you can hope for a gorgeous Gilded Flicker among the giant saguaro cactus in the park. The museum has a restaurant for lunches.

You absolutely must budget a day for birder-famous Madera Canyon, southeast of Green Valley. Drive the long entrance road slowly, watching for Phainopepla and other species. Spend a couple of hours relaxing on the benches offered at the Santa Rita Lodge feeding station and be prepared to see 15-20 species. You can count on close fly-bys from many hummingbirds, and you might see the flock of 20+ turkeys that make a hilarious, ungraceful take-over entrance. You should see Arizona and Acorn woodpeckers and adorable Bridled Titmouse. The Lodge has a small gift shop with snacks/drinks for sale. There are no restaurants in the canyon and the restrooms are maintained by the Forest Service. There is a daily fee for Madera; look for the self-pay kiosks in some of the parking lots.

If you’re really lucky, you might see a Coati-mundi coming to the feeders or a Ring-tailed Cat crossing the road. Take a lunch and enjoy a picnic in one of the shaded day-use areas. You’ll have to put your sandwich down several times to look at birds, and one of them might be an Elegant Trogan. There is a steep hiking trail at the top-end of the canyon, and several others located at mid- and lower levels, including an easy and short paved trail through the woods that starts at the Proctor trailhead parking lot. You should see birds as you drive the canyon road and on any of the trails, but the spectacle of species is definitely at Santa Rita Lodge. Nearby Kubo B&B also has public-viewing feeders. You can park at both places.

If you have a third full day, plan to drive 22 miles south to Tumacacori National Historic Park. Here there are restored Spanish Mission buildings that date back to the 1750’s, as well as a beautiful 1930’s museum building. And in the many trees and shrubs on the property – birds galore!, including Vermillion Flycatcher. Be sure to walk back to the fruit orchard, where I (and many others) saw a pair of rare Black-capped Gnatcatchers this past April. You can walk a short segment of the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail through lovely tall woods to the narrow Santa Cruz River; more birds are in this riparian area. The de Anza Trail runs 1,200 miles from Nogales, AZ, to San Francisco, CA.

From here, drive back north a few miles to the shops and restaurants in Tubac and have a good lunch. Afterwards, do yourself a favor and stop in at the Tumacacori Mesquite Sawmill, a place that sells products made from Arizona Mesquite trees. They also sell tree trunks, slabs and burls, and a walk through their large outdoor displays is simply fascinating. I wanted to bring home a way-cool multi-rooted trunk for my garden! but I settled for a more reasonable cutting board since, between it and the tree trunk, the board would actually fit in the car.

Head next to the Canoa Historic Ranch, just south of Green Valley. This was a working ranch dating back to 1840, that was brought into the National Park system in 2014; partly because the de Anza Trail crosses here and for historical preservation of the ranch buildings. Hike the trail a short distance and look for desert bird species like Sage Thrasher. Access to the trail is free, as is a path around a large pond, a cienega marsh, and a pollinator garden. There are several places to sit and watch for birds and enjoy the lovely distant mountain views. If you time it right, you could join a guided bird or dragonfly walk, or tour the Canoa Ranch headquarters; there are small fees for these events.

If you have more days, you could move east and spend time in the Patagonia, Sonoita and Sierra Vista areas, or at the many birding spots in the Huachuca
and Chiricahua Mountain ranges. I think you are probably seeing now why I have returned to this area over and over; there are enough great places to fill many birding trips.

**Kym Hughes Featured in Video**

PTAS member and former board member, Kym Hughes, is featured in a video explaining Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program’s re-certification for Oak Point and Arbor Hills Nature Preserves in the City of Plano. See [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ovyIQXZqU&amp;channel=CityofPlanoTexas](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ovyIQXZqU&amp;channel=CityofPlanoTexas). Kym serves as the Natural Resources District Supervisor for Plano Parks and Recreation. Oak Point and Arbor Hills were first certified in 2015 and 2012, respectively.

This honor reflects excellence in wildlife planning and management. To reach certification, properties must show a high degree of environmental quality in several areas:

- Environmental Planning
- Wildlife and Habitat Management
- Outreach and Education
- Water and Resource Management

Plano’s two preserves cover nearly 1,000 acres, bringing people closer to local wildlife. Visitors enjoy the concrete and soft surface trails, fact-filled signage, guided nature walks and more. PTAS often birds Oak Point Park.

**PTAS Supports Bird Banding**

PTAS supports many North Texas avian groups but of particular interest to many of our members is the bird banding groups. We support banding groups at the Heard Museum and the Lake Lewisville Environmental Learning Center.

Bird banding is the attachment of a small, individually numbered metal or plastic tag to the leg or wing of a wild bird to enable individual identification to keep track of the movements of the bird. It is common to take measurements and examine conditions of feather molt, subcutaneous fat, age indications and sex during capture for ringing. The subsequent recapture or recovery of the bird can provide information on migration, longevity, mortality, population, territoriality, feeding behavior, and other aspects that are studied by ornithologists. Bird banding contributes vital knowledge of habitat use and monitors the flow of migrant songbirds during spring and fall migration each year.

More than 28,000 birds have been banded at the Heard since the station’s establishment in 1978 and has provided information to evaluate habitat breeding quality. The station shares data with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Bird Banding Laboratory (BBL)

After a year-long hiatus due to COVID-19, the Heard Banding group started up in the Spring, but found they needed to purchase more mist nets to capture the birds. Older nets deteriorate in the sun and begin to get large holes in them, which can dangerously entangle birds. Deer run through nets and storms topple trees on them. Upon request PTAS provided $858 in an off cycle grant to purchase five new nets for the group in April of this year.

The LLELA Bird Banding Station is operated by the University of North Texas Institute of Applied Science. It was established in 2006 and is managed by the LLELA Director, to monitor the flow of spring and fall migrants moving through LLELA on the Central Flyway and to document species diversity and abundance from year to year. UNT staff, faculty, students and community volunteers all contribute to the operation of the LLELA Bird Banding Station. The bird banding group at LLELA was without equipment when Ken Steigman departed as they had been using his. PTAS gave them a grant of $1480 to buy a basic set of tools for applying the bands, measuring the birds, and five nets.

**PTAS IS Participating in**

Please consider giving to PTAS during North Texas Giving Day now at our site: www.northtexasgivingday.org/PrairieAndTimbersAudubonSociety

The credit card charge is not run until Sept 23rd which is the official day of giving.

All donations will be used to support the North Texas avian community and are appreciated.

**PTAS Zoom Meetings**

Currently our monthly general meetings are via Zoom video conferencing. Meetings are open to the general public. If you are not on the invitation list and want to participate, provide your email to Merrick Darley at ptaszoom@gmail.com. Non PTAS members please provide your postal address for verification screening.

This year our online Zoom meetings open at 6:45pm for a chat session and the first activity/presentation will begin at 7:00 pm.
Prairie and Timbers Audubon Society’s Support for North Texas

Each year Prairie and Timbers Audubon Society contributes to projects across North Texas that support birds, the environment, and nature-related education. Thanks to our Supporting Members and partners, we sponsored grants totaling $16,799 in the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Not only does this effort support our birds in north Texas, by working with local non-profits PTAS gets access to their facilities, expertise and help.

- $2000 - Heard Museum — Boardwalk Construction and Repair
- $4065 - Friends of Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area —
  - Female Painted Bunting Study
  - Bird Banding Tools and Nets
- $2000 - Connemara Meadow — Trail and prairie maintenance, native grass seeding, and Bobwhite Quail re-introduction.
- $2000 - Friends of Hagerman —Capital Support for Outdoor Educational Pavilion
- $2500 - Rogers Wildlife Center— Restoration of a dam between their lake and wetland
- $1000 - Whooping Crane Center of Texas—Capital support for construction.
- $2000 - Blackland Prairie Raptor Center
  - Sponsorship of Educational Birds Missi and Hunter
  - Educational materials for outreach and onsite
  - Medical Supplies for rehabilitation
  - Blood Chemistry Analyzer
- $857.95 - Heard Bird Banding Misting Nets

Support the Partners of Prairie and Timers

PTAS works with a number of organizations that support strong community-based charitable efforts. Our focus is on the health of the North Texas environment essential for avian diversity and human well-being. We would like to acknowledge the following organizations and encourage you to support them.

- **PTAS Supporting Members:** Our own members supporting North Texas birding, environmental efforts, education, and scholarships.
- **The Heard Museum** for providing the facilities we use for our meetings and the sanctuary for birding.
- **Audubon Texas and National Audubon** for supporting PTAS via its baseline funding and supporting collaborative grants. Please consider joining National Audubon and support the Avian Community at a National level.
- **Audubon Foundation of Texas (AFT)** for funding PTAS’s collaborative grants, Texas Bird Squares and providing funds to PTAS. AFT’s mission is to support Texas Audubon organizations

- **EarthShare of Texas** for supporting environmental organizations statewide. AFT is a member of EarthShare and receives a majority of its funding from EarthShare.
- **Texas Instruments** for matching PTAS TI volunteers’ time and TI employees with matching funds
- **Kroger** for providing funds to PTAS through its Community Awards program. Consider signing up PTAS as your designated charity.
- **Tom Thumb** for providing funds to PTAS through its Good Neighbor program. Consider signing up PTAS as your designated charity.
- **Central Market (HEB)** for supporting Earthshare through its tear-pad campaign in April.
- **Reliant Energy** for supporting Earthshare through its EcoShare program. Consider signing a Reliant’s EcoShare plan to supply your energy needs.
- **Amazon** for providing funds to PTAS through its AmazonSmile program. Consider signing up PTAS as your designated charity.

Earth Share of Texas represents the Audubon Foundation of Texas and the National Audubon Society in payroll deduction plans for charitable giving. For Information, E-mail estx@earthshare-texas.org or call 1-800-GREENTX
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- Check our website at prairieandtimbers.org
- Check our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/PTAudubon
- Subscribe to General Email List (notification of our meetings and general announcements once a month)
- Subscribe to Field Trip List (Notification of our field trips including last minute changes once or twice a month plus emails of changes)

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