



ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS, AND OPPORTUNITIES—cont'd

Resource

The holiday rush has started. Year end is coming at us like a speeding train. January means resource inventory. So, In preparation: Please return any items you have checked out before the end of the year. If you have any donations please bring them in so they can be added to the inventory. If you need a tax receipt please send an email with the Item(s) listed and your name and address.

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Junior Master Naturalist

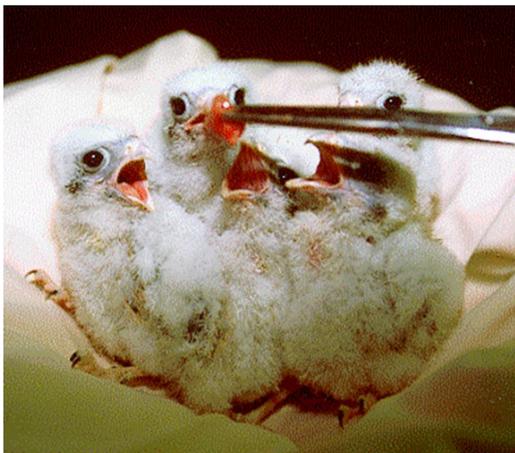
The last JMN meeting for 2013 is Thursday, November 21, 1:00 p.m. in room 625 after the general meeting. Join us for a brown bag lunch. There is a refrigerator and microwave in the volunteer break room on the 6th floor; or you can step across the street to the Smiling Moose.

Jan Hodson

SILENT AUCTION RESULTS—from Marian Kester

The Silent Auction earned \$5,280 at the annual state Master Naturalist Conference. As you know, the Elm Fork Chapter was in charge of it this year and Michelle Haggerty said this is the most that had ever been earned by the auction and sent the chapter a big thank you. The chapter will get 20% of the proceeds, \$1056, for our participation. A big thank you goes to all members who donated items for the auction. One of the major reasons for the auction’s success was the participation of so many of our members. THANKS!

Thanks also goes to all the members who worked the auction. It took everyone’s help.



Wildlife Rehabilitators



Been thinking about becoming a wildlife rehabilitator? Many **Elm Fork Chapter** members have been, and continue to be, rehabilitators. Check out the article at:

http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_br_w7000_0694.pdf

<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/wild/rehab/>

Project update

From Joanne and Ron Fellows

Ron Fellows Recommends A Mobile App And Has Started An Approved Project P-130711:

Project Noah is a free mobile application that can be used to explore and document local wildlife. "Noah" is an acronym for "networked organisms and habitats".



Project NOAH is also on the web.



<http://www.projectnoah.org>

What is Project NOAH?

Project Noah is a fun way to explore and document wildlife. The technology platform and community we've built also provide a powerful way for research groups to collect important ecological data. The purpose of the project is to mobilize and inspire a new generation of nature lovers. It began as an experiment to see if we could build an app for people to share their nature encounters and has evolved into a powerful global movement for both amateurs and experts. The name "Noah" is an acronym that stands for networked organisms and habitats.

Want to know more?

<http://www.projectnoah.org/faq>

Check out the Project NOAH Approved Project Description:

<http://txmn.org/elmfork/projects/approved-project-list/>

P-130711:

Backed by National Geographic, Project Noah is mobilizing a new generation of nature explorers and helping people from around the world appreciate their local wildlife. Our community is harnessing the power and popularity of new mobile technologies to collect important ecological data and help preserve global biodiversity.

How to start participating:

1. Set up and manage your free Project Noah account. <http://www.projectnoah.org>
2. Questions? Read Project Noah FAQ page, <http://www.projectnoah.org/faq>
3. Send the account identification (Username) to Project Manager Ron Fellows, so he can “follow” you to track your participation in Project Noah. This will aide him in reporting the participation of our chapter members to the board

Service hours will be awarded for the following:

1. Time to collect (hike, photograph, and identify) Texas specific data.
2. Travel to collection locations only within Elm Fork Chapter counties, Denton, Cooke and Wise.
3. Time to enter Texas specific data into the Project Noah database.
4. Participation in special focus events by entering Texas specific data into missions collecting global environmental samples. Here are some of the current missions.



“Eye feast” of fall colors greets Cheryl Kesterson just outside her back door.

Mexican marigolds

Sumac



Take a walk on the wild side—Clear Creek Natural Heritage Center

Pictorial interpretation from Alex Lieban



Joanne Fellows

Striped Skunk; *Mephitis mephitis*

Striped Skunks are crepuscular, foraging late evening and at dawn. They do not hibernate but instead goes into a dormant or semi-active state. In Texas, they seem more active in winter than in the heat of summer.

Their diet is quite varied; insects, crayfish, snails, earthworms, frogs, bird eggs, and plants. In fall their diet is more plant material, or in human areas accessible garbage or pet food. They are a primary predator of the honeybee. Their thick fur protects them from stings. The skunk scratches at the front of the beehive and eats the guard bees that come out to investigate.

Several female individuals will often occupy a winter den in a good location. Males den by themselves.

I found this one busily foraging on the side of a hill. A better encounter than the one that ran into the garage the day the moving van was coming to take our stuff to storage.



Photos from Joanne Fellows

