



INDIAN TRAIL MARKER

June/July 2016

News, events & calendar of the Indian Trail Chapter, Texas Master Naturalists...Serving Ellis and Navarro Counties

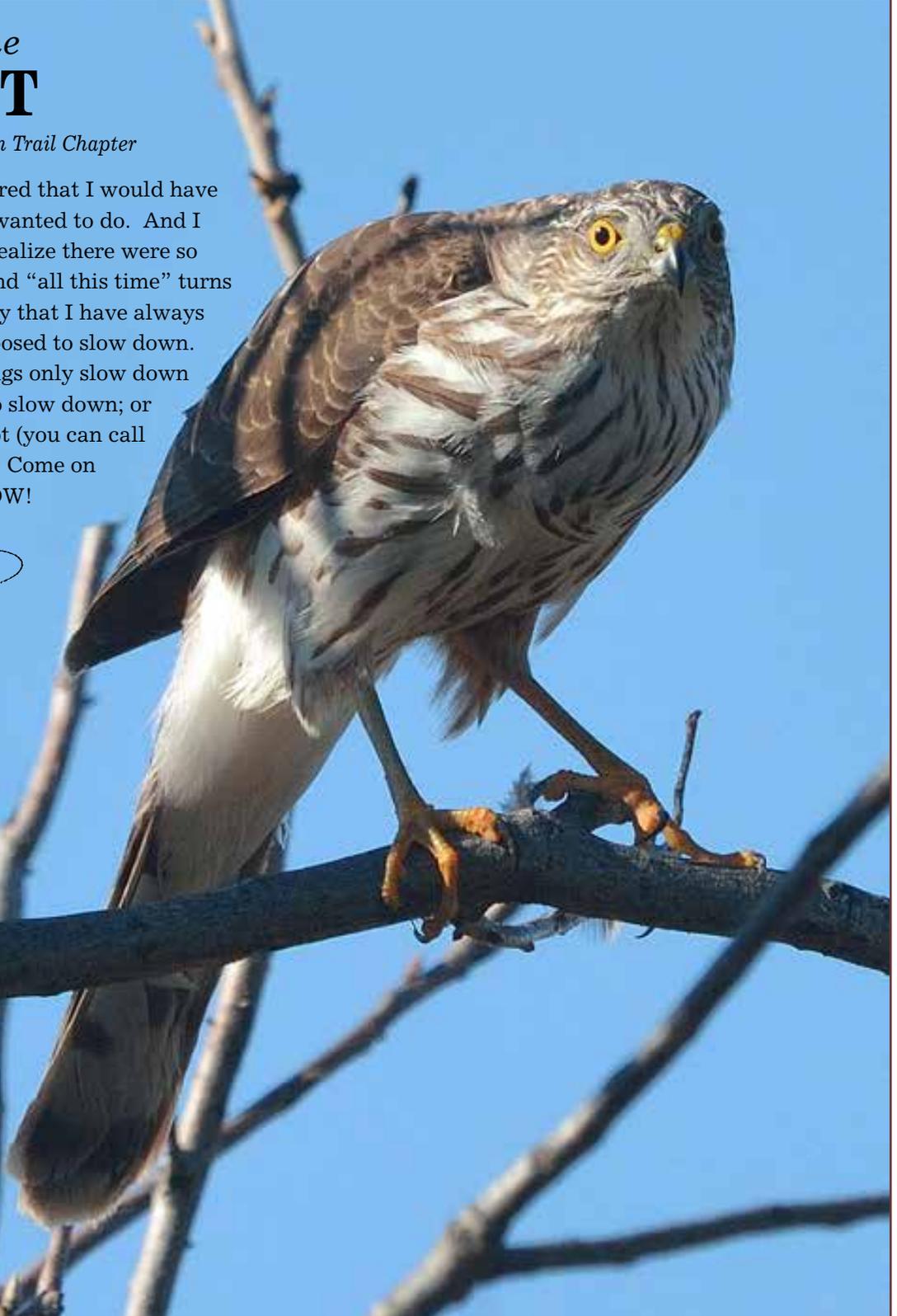
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From the Desk of the **PRESIDENT**

Charlie Grindstaff, President, Indian Trail Chapter

I always thought when I retired that I would have “all this time” to do anything I wanted to do. And I guess that is true. I just didn't realize there were so many things I wanted to do -- and “all this time” turns out to be the same 24 hours a day that I have always had. I thought things were supposed to slow down. HA! That joke was on me. Things only slow down if you make a conscious effort to slow down; or in my case, when the summer hot (you can call it heat but I know it is hot) hits. Come on summer ... I'm ready for you NOW!

Charlie



Meeting 4th Monday (*usually*) of each month at 6 p.m., program at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Waxahachie

NOTEWORTHY

DON HAPP extends his deepest gratitude to all those who offered him comfort and support during



the time of his wife Donna's passing. In coordination with the city of Waxahachie, ITMN will be planting a native tree at Bullard Heights Neighborhood Park in her memory.



BLUEBONNET WALK

Over 100 people attended the wildflower walks, held in conjunction with the Ennis



Bluebonnet Festival, at Kachina Prairie on April 16, which in just one day was double the number who attended last year. Way to go, Master Naturalist volunteers for all your hard work!



POSSIBLE NEW SUBSPECIES OF HAWK DISCOVERED!

On May 11th, I got a call from a friend who owns a sand pit nearby and he told me that he



thought had found some baby Bald Eagles whose nest had been blown down in the previous night's storm. When we got to where he had left them in a basket, a dozer, clearing a path, had inadvertently pushed tree, nest and basket into a slough. We could see the basket floating but, no birds were in it. I shook a branch and heard a squeak and when I looked down, there were two of them. When I stepped down

into the slough to grab the second one, I found the third one.

I got them to Rogers Wildlife Rehab to find out that they were in fact, Red-shouldered Hawks. I had been a little suspicious of their being Eagles when my friend said he found four of them (One had died in the fall).

Considering their ordeal, I may suggest a new subspecies, Very Lucky Red-shouldered Hawks.

Jim West



CLOSE BUT NO CIGAR

A couple of weeks ago, I was informed by Audubon that a photo of mine was one of 100 finalists in the Audubon 2016 Bird Photo



Contest with a photo of a male Northern Cardinal in a thicket.

I have since found that I didn't win but, I was pleased to be in such good company.

Jim West
continued

NOTEWORTHY

CONGRATULATIONS

to Paul Grindstaff, Charlie Grindstaff, Aaron Gritzmaker, and Debbie Pierce for completing the Citizen Park Ranger Academy course where they learned about park interpretation, trail building, trail maintenance, wildland firefighting, and search and rescue procedures.



Calendar

Events, Projects, Meetings & Volunteer Opportunities

JUNE

- 2 Plant Family Study Group (6:30 pm)
- 2 iNaturalist with Sam Kieschnick, Rio Brazos Chapter Meeting (6pm)
- 2 Native Plant Society of Texas-North Central Chapter Meeting (6:30pm)
- 4 **BRIT work day (9am)**
- 4 **BRIT First Saturday Event (9am-12pm)**
- 4 **Beginning & Advanced Bird Walks, John Bunker Sands Wetlands Center (7am)**
- 4 **Texas Heritage Festival, Heard Museum (10am-3pm)**
- 8 **Invertebrates of Texas, North Texas Chapter Meeting (6:30-8:30pm)**
- 11 **Waxahachie Farmer's Market "Kids Day"**
- 11 **Native Snakes, Ft. Worth Nature Center (1pm; 2pm)**
- 14 **Flag Day**
- 18 **Mockingbird Nature Park Wildflower Walk (9am)**
- 18 **Heard Museum Third Saturday Nature Talk**
- 18 **Bunker's Pond Trail Walk (10am), John Bunker Sands Wetlands Center**
- 18 **Build an Owl Box, Ft. Worth Nature Center (1:30-3:30pm)**
- 20 **Native Plant Society of Texas-Dallas Chapter Meeting (7pm)**
- 25 **Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center 4th Saturday Work Day**
- 25 **Backyard Bee Sanctuaries, Ft. Worth**

- Nature Center (1-3pm)
- 25 **Stars on the Prairie, Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area (8:45pm)**
- 27 **Indian Trail Chapter Meeting (6pm); Program (7pm)**
- 30 **Project WET Education Workshop, John Bunker Sands Wetlands Center (9am-3pm)**

JULY

- 2 **BRIT work day (9am)**
- 2 **Beginning & Advanced Bird Walks, John Bunker Sands Wetlands Center (7am)**
- 4 **Independence Day**
- 7 **Plant Family Study Group (6:30 pm)**
- 8 **Project AQUATIC WILD Workshop, John Bunker Sands Wetlands Center (9am-3pm)**
- 16 **Mockingbird Nature Park Wildflower Walk (9am)**
- 16 **Bunker's Pond Trail Walk (10am), John Bunker Sands Wetlands Center**
- 18 **Indian Trail Chapter Board Meeting, Ryan's in Waxahachie (6pm)**
- 19 **Father's Day**
- 23 **Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center 4th Saturday Work Day**
- 27 **Indian Trail Chapter Meeting (6pm); Program (7pm)**
- 29 **Stars on the Prairie, Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area (8:45pm)**

ENNIS BLUEBONNET FESTIVAL



★ AWARDS ★

We're so proud of our chapter and their achievements in volunteer service. In April 2016, the following individuals were recognized.:



2016 Recertification –
Eileen Berger



500 Hour Pin –
Deborah Rayfield

In May 2016, the following individuals were recognized.:



Kathy Rushing-New Certification

Anne Marie Gross – 2016 Recertification



Butterfly Gardens Update

By Anne Marie Gross

National Pollinator Week (June 21-26, 2016) has been designated



by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to encourage education and protection of our nation's pollinator species (in particular butterflies, bees, birds, bats) and their habitats.

Continuing our efforts to promote the important role of pollinators, the Indian Trail Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist program maintains two Butterfly Gardens – one at Cerf Park at the Ennis Library and the other at Mockingbird Nature Park in Midlothian. The butterfly gardens at both butterfly gardens

are full of blooms as we head into the summer months, attracting many desirable pollinators.



Chris Cook declared this a “whoppingly successful first year” of return blooms at the Cerf Park



Butterfly Garden. Two chrysalises were spotted on the fence rails near the passion vines.

At Mockingbird Nature Park's Butterfly Garden, Carolyn Gritzmaker planted new Lanceleaf Coreopsis and Brazos Penstemon (donated by Indian Trail Chapter member Carolyn Ross) and reported seeing Pipevine Swallowtail laying eggs on the pipevine, a Red Admiral on



coneflower, a Southern Yellow Jacket queen on the rue, and American Bumble Bees, who favored the sage.

If you're in need of a quiet nature break, be sure to visit one or both parks. Or join our Texas Master volunteers on a guided walk at Mockingbird Nature Park on Saturday June 18, 2016 and Saturday July 16, 2016.

*Cerf photos by
Chris Cook
MNP photos by
Carolyn
Gritzmaker*





Black-chinned Hummingbird

JUNE 20-26

National Pollinators Week



Hummingbird Sphinx Moth



Leaf Footed Bugs



Blister Beetle



Viceroy



Bee Fly

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Debbie Pierce

Member Since: 2012

Katie Christman: What inspired/encouraged you to join ITMN?

Debbie Pierce: Well, my husband got a flyer in his email and he showed it to me. It sounded interesting so I applied, went through the training and became a member. We've always been out in nature; travelling, hiking.

KC: What are some of the places/areas you volunteer at/with?

DP: I volunteer at Dogwood Canyon Audubon every Thursday, BRIT every month, I work on VMS, the plant study group. It's hard to think of everything because there is a lot. I also deliver Meals on Wheels on Fridays.

KC: What is the most rewarding thing about volunteering? What do you love the most about it?

DP: I really enjoy the people. I'm always learning new things and love being in nature. Nature is so peaceful and calming. And I love looking at the owl (the owl at Dogwood Canyon). It's rewarding to give of myself to others and nature. Whatever you give, you get back. Nature is important to me and you see God everywhere you look.

KC: What are you doing when you're not busy volunteering?

DP: I really enjoy travelling (going to Yellowstone in May), working in my garden, making cards, reading, having lunch with my grand-daughter, hiking, cross-stitching and needlepoint.



KC: Ok, random question. If you could have lunch with anyone, dead or alive, who would it be and why?

DP: Sean Connery! He's the best looking man in the world, has a wonderful voice and is so loyal. By loyal I mean he has been married to the same woman for years & years. If not him, then it would have to be my grand-daughter.

Nature

by Henry David Thoreau

O Nature! I do not aspire
To be the highest in thy choir,
To be a meteor in thy sky,
Or comet that may range on
high;
Only a zephyr that may blow

Among the reeds by the
river low;
Give me thy most privy place
Where to run my airy race.

In some withdrawn, unpublic
mead
Let me sigh upon a reed,
Or in the woods, with leafy din,
Whisper the still evening in:
Some still work give me to do,
Only - be it near to you!

For I'd rather be thy child
And pupil, in the forest wild,
Than be the king of men
elsewhere,
And most sovereign slave
of care;
To have one moment of thy
dawn,
Than share the city's year
forlorn.



The *Definitive* Dickcissel

Text and photos by Jim West

Usually, the very first sign of Spring in my neighborhood is when the pastures resonate with the songs of these little birds, the Dickcissel (*Spiza americana*). And, sing they do, before daylight until a little after dark. It's probably a

good thing that they prefer open prairies to urban environments.

Normally, I hear them out in the pastures for a couple of days before I finally spot one. I guess once the females begin to arrive, those hormones kick in, they get a little braver and show themselves atop fence posts, trees and scrub.

About the size of a Sparrow, the males have

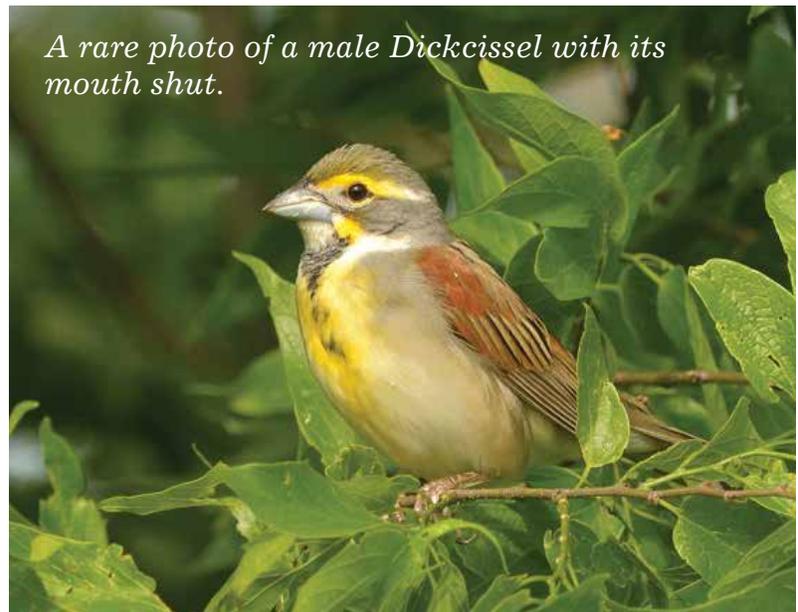
a bright yellow bib that makes them stand out. Supposedly, they got their name from the sound of their call which, to me, sounds more like CHEE-chee-chee than *Dick Cissel*. Personally, I think that they were discovered by some guy named Richard Cissel who knew an opportunity when he heard one.

They are about the easiest bird to get a decent photograph of that I know, at least when they first get here. That may be because when they arrive, they're all amped up for breeding and think they're bulletproof. Once they settle into family life, you can still hear them but will seldom see one in close proximity anymore.

So far this year, I have seen more of them than I ever have, either because I haven't noticed before or something's changed. Flocks of hundreds of them all over the area and that, to me, is a good sight. And sound.



A rare photo of a male Dickcissel with its mouth shut.



Camping Adventures in Texas State Parks



Lake Ray Roberts State Park, Rob McCorkle, © Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

By Eileen Berger

I have always loved a challenge. After I became a Master Naturalist in 2010, I reawakened an interest in being out in nature in a state park. My father and mother had carted us three kids many weekends to Mother Neff State Park near McGregor. We did not camp out, but visited to explore the boulders and enjoy a picnic.

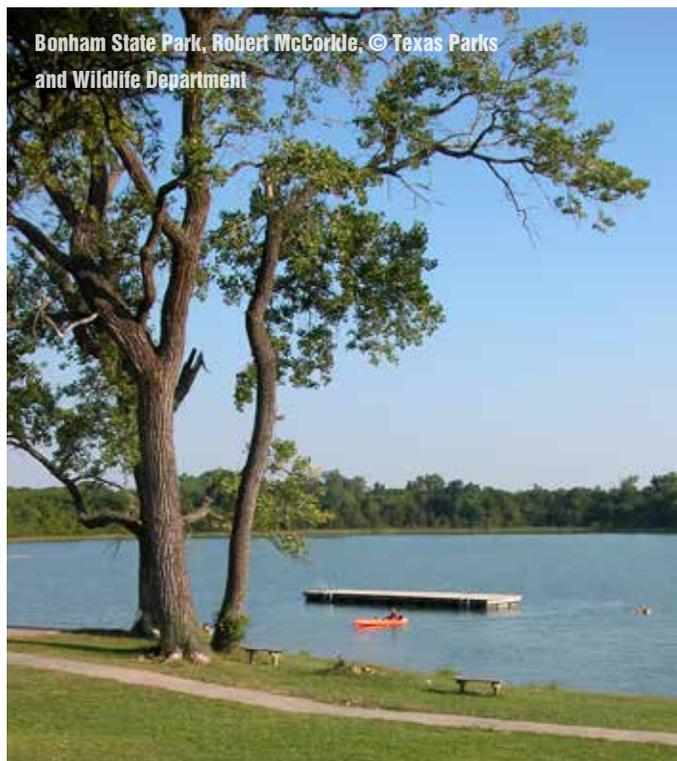
Many years later when I was married with children of my own, my husband and I decided to take our kids camping at Lake Somerville one summer. We borrowed his brother's pop-up camper and towed it behind our Chevelle Malibu. It rained the entire time we were there, and although the kids had a great time, he and I came to an unspoken agreement that from now on, our version of camping was Holiday Inn.

It wasn't until the death of my husband and subsequent remarriage to a man with two kids that my love for camping returned. We enjoyed several successful camping trips to numerous state parks and Big Bend National Park. We camped out in three tents; one for each of the kids and one for us. I learned to organize all the

equipment in tubs and store it in one part of the garage so that it was not too much trouble to pack for the trip. I also learned to book the campsites on line and choose the dates that we wished to stay. We always chose a campsite with water and electricity, even though we were tent camping. Having those utilities was a must for washing dishes and having a light in the tent.

Today, I camp alone since I have become a single woman again. People always ask me if I am afraid to camp by myself. Since I love a challenge, I can honestly reply that whether I am afraid or not, I am pushing myself past my comfort zone when I camp out. I have never been afraid of other humans while camping, but animals, well, that's another story.

I started out two summers ago by "shopping"
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Bonham State Park, Robert McCorkle, © Texas Parks and Wildlife Department



Caprock Canyons State Park, Robert McCorkle, © Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

parks in Texas to find the ones that have screened shelters available. That was not as daunting an idea as camping on the ground in a tent. I picked Tyler State Park, booked two nights and gathered my supplies, just like I had years ago. I took my grandson's cot that he used at Scout Camp, along with an air mattress, sheets, towels, toiletries, clothes, and of course food, sticks to start the charcoal fire and matches. I also took one small frying pan, cooking utensils, and an electric kettle for coffee. I planned to snack for lunches, but cook eggs and bacon for breakfast and have steak one night and chicken the other. This was in July, of course the hottest part of the summer. I also brought my small fan to stir up the breeze in the shelter.

Things were going great, and I had hiked, watched birds, and identified many wildflowers growing in the park. I started my cooking fire in the barbecue pit at

the campsite, cooked my steak and potato, enjoyed the meal, and went for a swim in the lake. After my shower, I walked back to the shelter and read a book until I got sleepy. About midnight, I was awakened by the rattling of the screen door of the shelter, a door which was closed by a simple latch. As I sat up and stared out the door, I saw two eyes and the tell-tale mask of a huge raccoon. He wanted the leftovers of my supper which I had stored in the ice chest inside the shelter. I was not afraid of him, but I said a silent prayer that the latch would hold. He would not have hurt me even if he had gotten in. All he wanted was my steak!

That night I learned a valuable lesson; store your food both dry and wet, inside your locked vehicle. Since then I have camped in many different areas of our great state, but those adventures will have to wait for another article.

Texas State Parks Mobile App

Go from every day to getaway this spring with the new Texas State Parks Official Guide mobile app. The app makes it easy for park enthusiasts to find their perfect park based on location, facilities, activities and amenities offered at any of the 95 state parks. It also keeps users up-to-date on full or partial park closures caused by weather or other events. Visitors can also create a custom list of their favorite parks, which is a fun way to keep track of the parks they frequent or hope to visit in the future.



Words & Pictures

Curtis Krueger, photographer/artist

Some of the earliest memories I have are of my father and me drawing at the dining room table. I was told our television broke down when I was in kindergarten and my parents, although they could afford to repair it decided not to. I place much of my current fascination with the art-world with their encouragement and direct participation. The lack of television as entertainment is another.

I studied art at Eastern Michigan University, earning a BFA, along with two teaching certificates. It was in school where I took a darkroom class and got the incurable photo bug.

For the last 25 years I've showcased my photos at art festivals and galleries across America. For more information about my work, I invite you to visit my website www.curtiskrueger.com

Words & Pictures features artists, photographers, and writers who are passionate about preserving our natural resources. To recommend an artist for future issues, please email the Trail Marker editor, annetgross@gmail.com.



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NATURAL

Notes

Painted Bunting

By Katie Christman

One of the birds I most look forward to returning from their wintering grounds are the stunning Painted Buntings (*Passerina ciris*). Members of the Cardinal family, this striking bird can be a challenge to see. Preferring dense cover, grassy habitats and edge habitat, Painting Buntings are seed-eating birds. While some observers have had the pleasure of viewing these secretive birds at their feeders, many are left to scouring the countryside to find a male singing from the top of tall tree. Female Painted Buntings are even harder to spot, as their bright green color blends so well with their habitats.

The French name for the Painted Bunting, nonpareil, means “without equal,” an adequate word to represent this unique bird. This bird’s plumage has drawn those to catch the Painted Bunting to be sold in the pet trade in places like Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean. Unfortunately the illegal pet trade and habitat loss are some of the main threats for this bird.

When looking for this bird patience is definitely a virtue! Learning their beautiful sweet song will help you pinpoint their whereabouts.



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©Jim West

PROFILE:

Common Names: Painted Bunting

Scientific Name: *Passerina ciris*

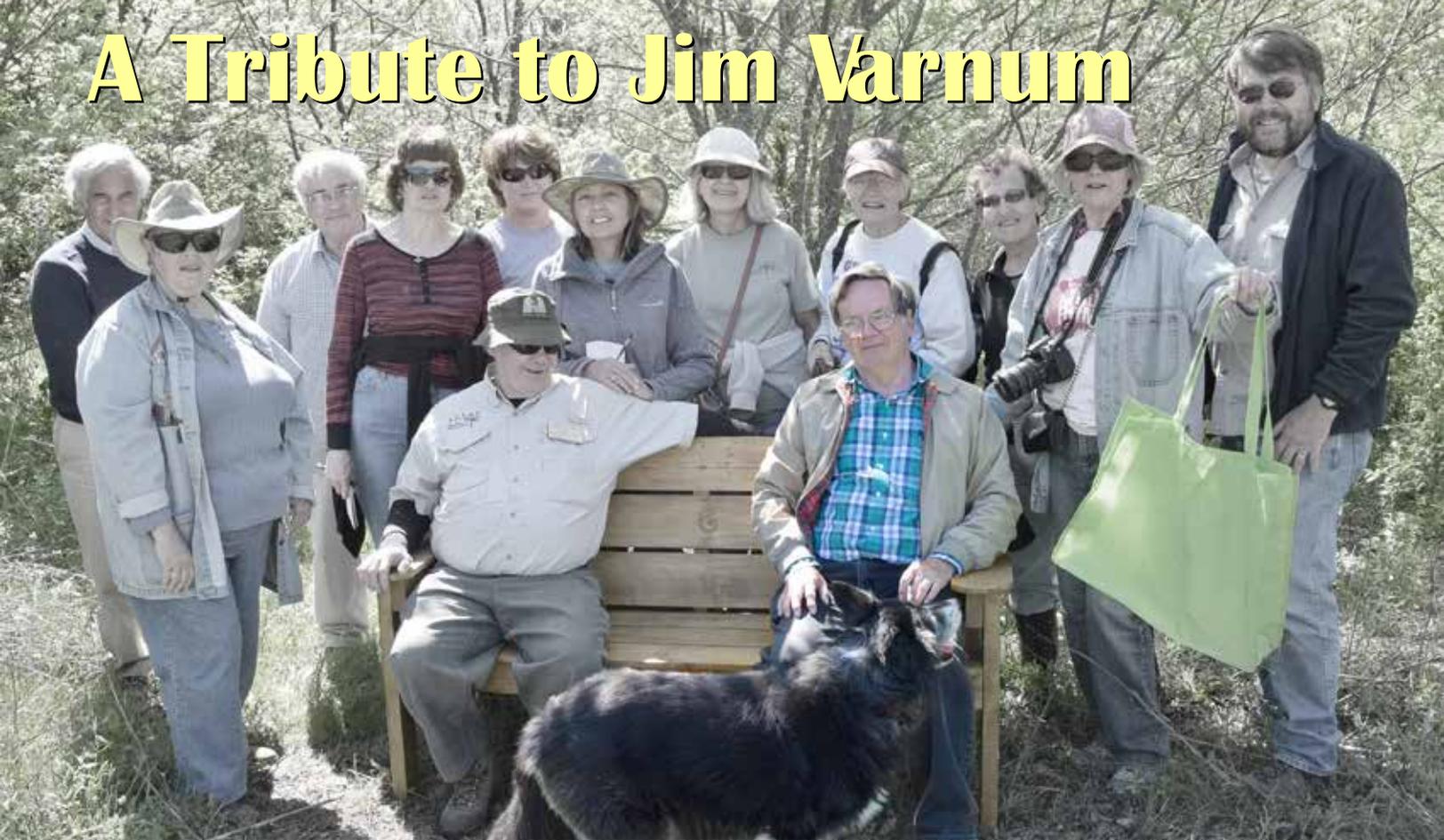
Order: Passeriformes

Family: *Cardinalidae*

Key Identification Characteristics:

- Length 5.5”, Wingspan 8.75”
- Finch-like beak
- Adult male has characteristic red rump and underparts
- Adult female and juvenile uniformly green to buffy olive ... if it looks like a green finch, it's a Painted Bunting!

A Tribute to Jim Varnum



By Charlie Grindstaff

Jim Varnum was born in Camden, New Jersey on May 4, 1942 and died in Farmers Branch, Texas on April 25, 2016. He was a member of the North Texas Chapter's first class and was instrumental in assisting many of the Texas Master Naturalist chapters in the greater north Texas area.

At one time Jim Varnum was a civil engineer, but that was long before I met him on Sept. 23, 2010, when he taught "Plants" to our inaugural training class. He began by quoting Ellen Parr, "The cure for boredom is curiosity, and there is no cure for curiosity." Then he proceeded to cover everything from moss, mushrooms, slime, monocots, dicots, annuals, biennials, perennials, native plants, naturalized plants, trees, and grasses to prairie restoration. I was overwhelmed! After I had taken ten pages of notes, he said, "Go slow, and learn one plant a day--at

the end of a year you will know 365 plants." I thought I could do that. No, I couldn't.

Jim was an incredible supporter of all things "nature" and especially of the Texas Master Naturalist program. During our first year, he took the Indian Trail Chapter as his personal project to make sure we learned about events that would be good for our members, and he answered our many questions about "how do we do....." and "what is the best way to...." When he learned that we had adopted Mockingbird Nature Park as a project; he was eager to help us with it. Jim spent hours walking the property with us and produced the first Mockingbird Nature Park plant list. He was always willing, no, he was eager to come walk wherever there were wildflowers blooming, whether it was Kachina Prairie or Lake Bardwell.

Jim led walks all around the Metroplex, and I walked with him

as often as I could. I was always interested in the tiny flowers, and he used to tell me to concentrate on the larger, showier flowers, those were the ones people would be asking about. But he always told me the names of those tiny flowers; I think he liked them too. If it weren't for his encouragement I would never have been brave enough to lead a wildflower walk.

For me, the most wonderful thing about Jim Varnum was not his 10,000 hours of volunteer service, nor his dedication in producing "Jim's This and That" to share all the nature related events going on in the area. No, it was his total joy in sharing his encyclopedic knowledge, his resources and his incredible network of friends.

I heard someone describe him as a "self-taught botanist, life-long naturalist with a penchant for teaching." Yup, that was my friend. Rest in peace, Jim. You will be missed.

New iNaturalist Guides for Mockingbird Nature Park

Many of us have been using iNaturalist as a valuable reporting tool to record our wildlife observations, but the iNaturalist website and app can also be used as a handy observation tool to help us learn and teach.

In addition to the our chapter's four projects on iNaturalist, ITMN volunteer Carolyn Gritzmaker has recently created easy to use guides tablet to help identify birds, plants, and insects while visiting Mockingbird Nature Park. Each guide lists the species that have been observed in MNP and can be accessed from either the iNaturalist web page or from the iNaturalist phone app.

This is a terrific resource for us to use whether visiting the park on our own or when participating in one of our wildflower walks. The guide not only makes identifying a species a snap, but also reporting your observation. Once you've selected a species that you identified, click on the "Add" button in the top right corner. You can then add your own photo, add to the MNP and Fauna & Flora projects, and click "Save."

(Note that when you are accessing the new guides in a web browser, you'll see options in the upper right side to Sort or view in Grid or Card mode. Those options were not available in the Android phone app.)

To view the guides in the iNaturalist app:

- 1) Open the app and sign-in to your iNaturalist account
- 2) From the slide-out side menu, select Guides
- 5) The app will default to "All" Guides. You can either select the "Nearby" guides tab or simply begin typing "Mockingbird" in the search bar. The three lists will be displayed from which you can choose Birds, Insects, or Plants.

To view the guides from the iNaturalist website in web browser:

- 1) For direct access, enter the links below and bookmark them to your browser.
- 2) If you don't have these links saved, go to and sign-in to your iNaturalist account
- 3) From the top menu bar, select Guides
- 4) In the search bar, type in "Mockingbird." The three lists will be displayed from which you can choose Birds, Insects, or Plants.



Here are direct-access links to the guides and projects:

Guides:

Plants of Mockingbird Nature Park:
<http://www.inaturalist.org/guides/2957>

Insects of Mockingbird Nature Park:
<http://www.inaturalist.org/guides/2941>

Birds of Mockingbird Nature Park:
<http://www.inaturalist.org/guides/2939>

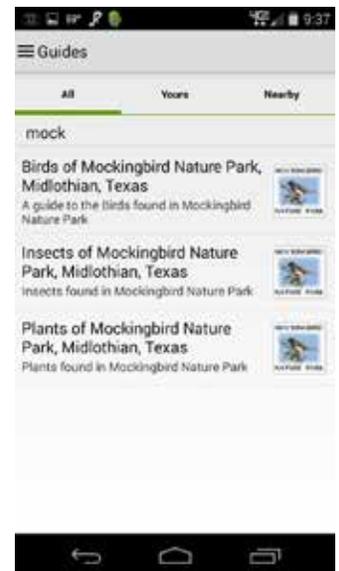
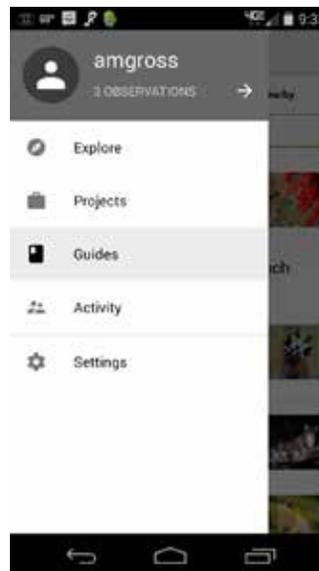
Projects:

Mockingbird Nature Park:
<http://www.inaturalist.org/projects/mockingbird-nature-park>

Bullard Heights Neighborhood Park:
<http://www.inaturalist.org/projects/bullard-heights-neighborhood-park>

Kachina Prairie:
<http://www.inaturalist.org/projects/kachina-prairie>

Flora & Fauna of Ellis and Navarro Counties:
<http://www.inaturalist.org/projects/flora-and-fauna-of-ellis-and-navarro-counties-texas>



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The mission of this newsletter is to inform, educate and entertain Texas Master Naturalists and their circle of friends.

MOCKINGBIRD NATURE PARK

WILDFLOWER WALK



Members of the Indian Trail Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist Program will be leading a Wildflower Walk on **Saturday,**

June 18 2016

At Mockingbird Nature Park

1361 Onward Road (off Mockingbird Lane), Midlothian TX

Our walk starts at 9:00 am at the Butterfly Garden. Please join us on this ½ mile stroll along the trails as we identify the wildflowers. Everyone is invited to attend, and there is no charge. Bring drinking water and wear close-toed shoes. Insect repellent is a good idea, also.

Walk will be canceled in the event of rain.



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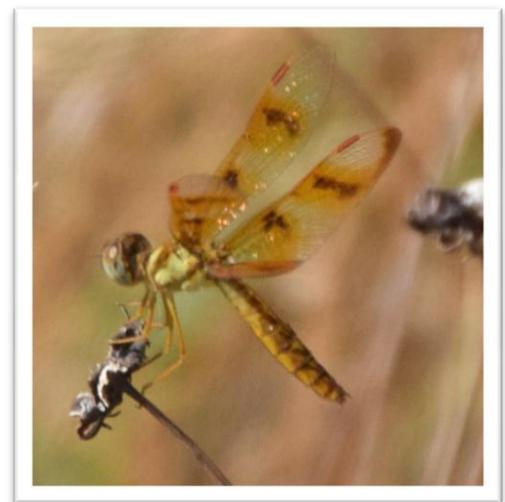
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Monday – June 27, 2016

"Bird-watching Using Today's Technology"

Indian Trail Chapter, Texas Master Naturalist

6:00 PM – Business Meeting

7:00 PM – Program

Location: First United Methodist Church
505 Marvin Ave., Waxahachie, TX
Family Life Center – Gathering Room

Turn on your phone and explore the wonderful world of birds! Advanced technology has introduced us to a variety of apps and resources to support our bird watching habits. Explore with us as we examine the technology (both cellular and not) within the birding community. Speakers include Katie Christman and Sharon Lane.

Katie Christman is an education specialist with Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center located in Cedar Hill TX. Katie earned her B.A in Environmental Studies, Native American Studies and Biology at SUNY Potsdam, Potsdam NY and her M.S. in Environmental Education at Antioch University New England in Keene NH. A certified Master Birder and recent member of the Indian Trail Chapter of the Master Naturalist program, Katie can often be found outside, watching birds, looking for snakes, hiking or camping.

Sharon Lane is a native Texan and a retired web/computer trainer and designer, Sharon currently lives on a ranch in Navarro County. The ranch's main goal is habitat restoration for quail, native grassland birds and other native flora and fauna. A Master Naturalist and Master Birder, her passions are birding and photography.

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