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This month's issue is "for the birds", so check out these newcomers and more babies on p. 6

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Baby bluebirds leave home*
- *Turn turkey tail and run*
- *Lady bug, lady bug fly away home*
- *How confused were you?*



PEEK-A-BOO — OWLETS FROM SUSAN POHLEN

What Naturalist News is offering this month . . .

Learning more from:

- *Upcoming programs
- *AT hours opportunity with fall training class.



Being Involved — more activity as summer moves in.

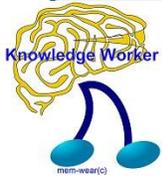


Project highlights — all seem to be under water right now!



Gleaning knowledge

- *Phenomenons
- *Summer Confusion
- *Picture stories




Field notes in focus — Susan Pohlen

Announcements



Naturalist News Contributors — photos, articles, calendar

Scott Kiester, Bob Ross, Abigail Miller, Dorothy Thetford, Susan Pohlen, Judi Elliott, Jan Hodson, Marilyn Blanton, Jan Deatherage



Last Word

words Words Words



Who are we?

nice to meet you



See you next month!



From Jan Deatherage

Meeting Program for June 18—Cathy Boyles

Wildlife Administrator, Operations Department, DFW Airport

Cathy is a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)-Qualified Airport Wildlife Biologist. She has been DFW Airport's Wildlife Administrator since 2006, coordinating with numerous airport departments and outside professionals to implement the airport's Wildlife Hazard Management Program. Her duties include ensuring compliance with FAA, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department rules and regulations as they pertain to wildlife hazard mitigation at DFW Airport; training Airfield Operations personnel in identifying, reporting and mitigating wildlife and wildlife attractants while ensuring compliance with federal and state regulations; developing the airport's Wildlife Stewardship (Awareness) Campaign; and promoting wildlife Strike awareness to minimize hazards to aircraft safety. She has B.S. degrees in Biology and Wildlife Management from the University of Wisconsin- Stevens Point, and a M.S. degree in Biology from The University of Texas at Arlington.



Protecting wildlife:

Sky, a border collie, gets ready to scare birds off the runway at the Southwest International Airport in Fort Myers, Fla. (Photo: Marc Beaudin, The News Press)



Meeting Program for July 16—Jessica Beckham

Conservation of North Texas Bumble Bees

Speaker Bio: Jessica Beckham is currently a Ph.D candidate in environmental science at the University of North Texas. Her research involves an interdisciplinary approach to studying the bumble bees of this great state. She is broadly interested in conserving these native pollinators and finding ways that humans and bumble bees may coexist in an increasingly urbanized world. Her current projects involve evaluating the presence and persistence of bumble bees across northeast Texas and studying the use of urban green spaces by bumble bees in Denton County.

Program Abstract: Bumble bees are important pollinators in both natural and agricultural systems. Unfortunately, they are declining worldwide; in Texas, five of our eight documented species have experienced range reductions in other parts of the United States. This program will include information on the natural history of bumble bees, identification of common species in north Texas, ongoing research at the University of North Texas, and ways that individuals can help to conserve these vital resources.



research.unt.edu/researcher/jessica-beckham



Opportunity to Earn Advanced Training (AT) Hours

In response to requests by the members of the Chapter, the Training Committee is offering Veterans an opportunity to earn AT by auditing the 2015 class speakers.

The Training Committee's primary responsibility is to our new pledges. With that in mind, we have come up with the following details to minimize disruption to the class or additional administrative work for the Training Committee.

- ◆ The speakers and their information will be about the same that they have presented each year.
- ◆ The number of spaces for each class is limited, so they will be offered on a first come-first served basis.
- ◆ You can sign up for as many as you want; the first ten registered and paid for each day will attend.
- ◆ There will be only ten spaces available per training day.
- ◆ It is offered only for the days we are at Global Spheres; not on field trips or when we meet at the Carroll Building.
- ◆ Each day will cost \$10 (Because October 13th is only available in the morning, it is \$5.00).
- ◆ You pay when you register, and it is non-refundable.
- ◆ Payment should be made in exact cash or by check.
- ◆ You can earn 2 ½ hours for the morning session and 2 ½ hours for the afternoon session.
- ◆ You can sign up before and after the June, July, August, and Sept. general meetings - or until space is filled. We will begin registration at 8:45 each of those mornings
- ◆ If you choose to only come for 1/2 day, it will still cost \$10 for the day. It is non-transferable, and we will not open up your spot for the second half of the day.
- ◆ There will be a sign in sheet for you each day, and we will give a copy of that to Rob Roy.