

# Naturalist News Helpers



NN Editor, class  
2005



Dorothy Thetford, class 2001



Suzanne Sweeney, class  
2014



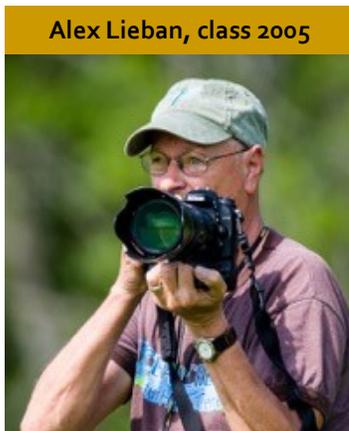
Judi Elliott, class 2009



Larry Legg, class 2015



Rob Ross, class 2013



Alex Lieban, class 2005



Jeanne Erickson, transfer member

## MISSING



Brenda Maston,  
class 2015



Don Fikes, class 2013



Peg La Point, class 2008-  
from a distance member



Jonathan Reynolds, class 2014

## Program for January 21, 2016 Meeting

**Speaker: George Diggs, professor of Biology, Austin College — Health Implications of the Modern World: What Biology Has to do With It**

The presentation will examine how many aspects of the modern world are shockingly different from those that existed when our species evolved. Just as a lion would suffer from living in a small cage, not being able to exercise, and eating a diet of soy burgers and biscuits, modern humans suffer a number of consequences from being exposed to inappropriate food, pollution, unnatural light regimes, lack of exercise, and constant stress. The broader context of this phenomenon and how to minimize the harmful effects of this evolutionary mismatch will be discussed.

*Jeanne Erickson shared this notice*

**FIRST WEDNESDAY BIRDERS of the LBJ NATIONAL GRASSLANDS PRESENTS**  
**DORIS MAGER OF S.O.A.R., SAVE OUR AMERICAN RAPTORS**



**D**oris Mager has been coming to the North TX area each winter for many years and this year is her last. She'll be retiring. If you have missed her in previous years here is your last chance. She puts on her program along with a Great Horned Owl named ET and an Eastern Screech Owl. She has had ET for thirty something years and their relationship is something to see. For this

trip, she will be at the Flower Mound Wild Birds Unlimited, Ray Roberts Lake State Park and with us at the Thomsen Foundation.

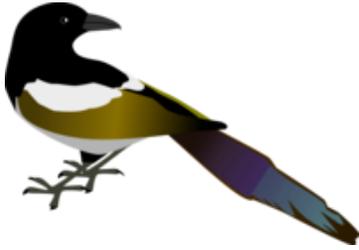
On **Wednesday February 3**, we will lead a caravan from the U. S. Forest Service office in Decatur on US Hwy 287, north of 380 at **9am to caravan** from there. Susan Tartaglino will lead the caravanning group out to Thomsen Nature Center, on the north edge of the LBJ Grasslands. We will bird from 10-12. Bring a sack lunch and drinks as we will eat lunch at the center while we await our afternoon program.

**Doris Mager will give her program at 1pm.**

If you have missed the story about Doris she is a delightful lady who at 90 years old still travels the US giving her birds of prey program. She tells her audience how she got involved with raptor rehab and the 80 American Bald Eagles she has had in her care. She has lived in an eagle's nest in Florida for a week to bring attention to the plight of the eagle when it was so endangered. Later in her 60's she bicycled from the Pacific coast to the Atlantic coast to bring awareness, and she wasn't even a biker. You will have an opportunity to have ET perch on your arm after the program for a fee and photograph her.

If you can only make it to the afternoon program, the Thomsen's address is 1859 Parker Dairy Rd., Forestburg, TX. Goggle has put a red peg at the wrong spot so watch for signs as you make the various turns on FS 2650 off FM 730. The very last turn is a right turn instead of left where they have the red peg. **The basic directions from Denton are:** take Hwy 380 west towards Decatur. Go north on FM 730 about 12+ miles; take a left onto FM 2650; at the T take a left and follow it through its bends up to Wise Rd. Take a left onto Wise Rd then a right onto Parker Dairy Rd. Entrance will be on your right at the service gate not the main gate. There will be signs at these turns.

If you have questions, email Kathy Saucier at [gksaucier@verizon.net](mailto:gksaucier@verizon.net) up to February 1<sup>st</sup> after which you will have to call her on her cell, 972-841-4686.



## Need a reference?

*From Suzanne Sweeney*

### **Free or mostly free ornithological resources**

Adapted from Warner, Adrienne. "A bird in the hand." *College & Research Libraries News*, v. 76, no. 11 (December 2015): 592-595

#### **Research and Books:**

Biodiversity Heritage Library – Smithsonian <http://www.biodiversitylibrary.org>

Ornithology Exchange –membership encouraged, but not required - <http://ornithologyexchange.org/>

SORA, the Searchable Ornithological Research Archive - <https://sora.unm.edu/>

#### **Government and nonprofit publications and datasets**

BirdLife International – while somewhat difficult to navigate has much international information; country profiles are under Science tab and then “Data Zone” - <http://www.birdlife.org>

eBird <http://www.ebird.org>

Global Raptor Information Network (GRIN) - <http://www.globalraptors.org/grin/indexAlt.asp>

National Audubon Society – <http://www.audubon.org/birds>

Partners in Flight – Species Assessment Database and Population Estimates Database are two features – <http://www.partnersinflight.org/>

US Fish and Wildlife Service Migratory Bird Program – <http://www.fws.gov/birds/index.php>

#### **Blogs, email lists, and wikis**

American Birding Association (ABA) <http://birding.aba.org/maillinglists.php>

Dan Tallman’s Ornithology Course

Undergraduate level lecture notes in blog format, like a home study course – <http://ornithologycourse.blogspot.com/>

Fatbirder – has list of bird-related podcasts under “Sight, Sound & Equipment” tab – <http://fatbirder.com>

#### **Multimedia**

All About Birds – from The Cornell Lab of Ornithology – <http://allaboutbirds.org>

Louis Agassiz Fuertes Illustration Collection – <http://cidc.library.cornell.edu/Fuertes2000/fuertes.asp>

Macaulay Library – largest archive of wildlife sounds and videos and has records of more than 75% of the world’s birds –<http://macaulaylibrary.org>

Xeno-canto – database of bird sounds maintained by the Netherland’s Zeno Canto Foundation – <http://www.xeno-canto.org/>

John James Audubon’s Birds of America - complete set - <http://digital.library.pitt.edu/a/audubon/>

## Climate Conference Reached Accord

*From Bob Ross*

A global climate conference, held in Paris, France last month, was attended by 195 nations. The countries reached a landmark accord that commits almost all countries to the initial goal of lowering planet-warming greenhouse gas emissions.

The past history of such pacts ~~were meetings where developed~~ economies, such as the United States, would take the ~~lead to lower greenhouse gas emissions while~~ exempting underdeveloped economies, ~~such as China and India. This latest accord includes many underdeveloped countries, such as China and India. Many news agencies were reporting that the governments of some countries, such as China, were getting an ear full from their citizenry to stop the ever increasing problem of smog and polluting the air they were breathing. United Nation's Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon stated, "For the first time, we have a truly universal agreement on climate change, one of the most crucial problems on earth."~~

According to most scientists this deal will not, on its own, solve global warming. At best, according to many in the scientific community, the agreement will cut emissions by about half the amount necessary to prevent an increase in atmospheric temperatures of 2 degrees Celsius, or 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit. Such an increase in our temperature is the point where it is believed we would be locked into a future of devastating consequences, including rising sea levels, severe droughts and flooding, widespread food and water shortages, and more destructive storms.

The European Union commissioner for energy and climate action, Miguel Arias Canete, said, "Today, we celebrate. Tomorrow, we have to act. This is what the world expects of us."

The Paris Conference could represent that moment in time at which the rise in planet-warming carbon emissions, which started during the Industrial Revolution, began to level out and eventually decline.

### The Secret Lives of Cats— from Peg La Point

<http://blog.nature.org/science/2015/11/03/tracking-secret-lives-cats-domestic-wildlife-birds-cat-tracker-citizen-science/?src=e.nature&lu=3496811&loc=b7>