



ERICH NEUPERT – BLACKLAND PRAIRIE RAPTOR CENTER

Erich Neupert, Executive Director at the Blackland Prairie Raptor Center since 2006, has been interested in birds since he was eight years old. He studied birds with his grandmother, an experienced birder with the Cornell Lab of Ornithology in Ithaca, New York. Over the years, Neupert has counted, studied, rescued and educated students on birds, ranging from ornithology classes to hands on demonstrations with people of all ages across North Texas and beyond.

In 1998, upon moving to Texas, Erich began as volunteer raptor rehabilitator. Since then he has held various Education, Salvage and Rehabilitation permits with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and has worked on all the local species from Screech Owls to Bald and Golden Eagles.

As Executive Director and the permitted rehabilitator for Blackland Prairie Raptor Center, he is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the center from rehabilitation and education to fundraising and expanding the presence of BPRC to the public. The center receives an average of more than 600 patient each year and is equipped to handle more than 1,000 per year in the future making it one of the largest raptor rehabilitation centers in the country. In addition, with a dedicated group of more than 60 volunteers, BPRC presents more than 200 outreach and on-site raptor programs each year throughout Texas and Oklahoma.

He joined the Texas Master Naturalist Blackland Prairie chapter in 2005 and especially enjoys presenting to fellow Master Naturalists.

