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Newsletter of Prairie and Timbers Audubon Society

December 2008/January 2009

From The President

My Last President's Column –

As of our February meeting my third two-year term as president will end. I do not plan to run again; so you'll be seeing someone else in this leadership role. I would like to stay involved; however, and plan to run as a board member and will offer to continue my education committee work and various other volunteer chapter activities.

I have been honored to serve as leader of this group. We've carried on the traditions of the early leaders and founders, and we've added a few beneficial new activities, like educational walks and classes and funding for habitat preservation. We've continued to offer great programs and bird walks and hold the respect of our community. I've had three really good terms; with all credit going to those who actually planned and executed each activity.

This newsletter contains a nomination form; please take time to fill it out with nominees for the open positions. Please consider nominating yourself as well; since you probably know your own qualifications better than anyone else. I also understand that Paula Brehm does not plan to run as Secretary again; so that creates another opportunity for someone new to step in.

You know, the job of president is pretty easy and has a certain status associated with it. I'd really encourage any of you to consider the nomination. The main thing a president does is just keep things scheduled and running. The key thing I have done is to preside over

meetings, both the monthly chapter meetings and the five board meetings each year. In advance of those meetings, I have made sure an agenda and other arrangements are in place. Other committee members typically have done most of the work, but the president needs to keep track of what's needed. If you can prepare an agenda, keep a meeting more or less on topic and on time, respond to emails and maintain a contact list of all the officers, etc., you can be the president. As I've said the work is really not hard, you just have to do a little organization. Please consider your capabilities and desires, and you, yes, **you** could be sitting in this place of honor in just a couple of months!

Gailon Brehm, President

Lynn Barber Presenting At February Meeting

Lynn Barber will be the guest speaker at the February meeting of PTAS. She will tell us all about her "ABA Big Year of Birding" in 2008". She started in Rockport in January and ended in Arizona in December. In between she traveled the continental U.S. and Canada (the "ABA area"). She tallied 723 different species in the year. At the same time she maintained her patent attorney practice in Fort Worth.

She is past President of the Fort Worth Audubon Society, President-Elect of the Texas Ornithological Society. In 2005, she broke the previous record for number of bird species seen in Texas in one year tallying 522 bird species. She is an avid photographer and maintains her own birding website at <http://lynnbarber.com/> where you can check out her photos.

Upcoming PTAS Programs

Prairie and Timbers Audubon Society meets the fourth Tuesday of the month, September through November, and January through May at the Heard Natural Science Museum in McKinney. At each meeting Prairie and Timbers Audubon Society features an informative and interesting program with exceptional speakers and slide shows to teach and thrill members and guests. The board diligently pursues a full array of interests to promote better understanding of the birding world and to have entertaining yet educational programs. Programs scheduled the rest of this year are:

January 27, 2009

Bird Identification Class – 7:00 p.m. – Sparrows

Monthly Meeting – 7:30 p.m. –

Main Program: Ron Baltzegar and Tal Roberts, “In Alaska”

Ron and Tal are two well know Texas birders. Ron is a member of PTAS and great field trip leader. Come join us as they take us to Alaska.

February 24, 2009

Bird Identification Class – 7:00 p.m. – Woodpeckers and Woodland Birds

Monthly Meeting – 7:30 p.m. –

Main Program: Lynn Barber, “A Year of Birding”

Check out article on Lynn on Page 2.

March 24, 2009

Bird Identification Class – 7:00 p.m. – Doves, Quail, Dickcissels, ground nesters

Monthly Meeting – 7:30 p.m

Main Program: TBD

April 28, 2009

Bird Identification Class – 7:00 p.m. – Warblers

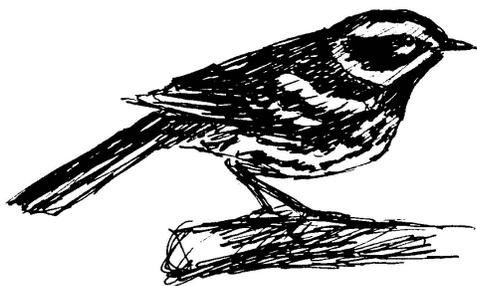
Monthly Meeting – 7:30 p.m.--

Main Program: Jan MacLaughlin, “Bats”

May 26, 2009

Monthly Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

A visit to the Blackland Prairie Raptor Center (tentative)



Upcoming PTAS Field Trips

Sat, Feb 14: 2nd Sat. at the Heard Museum, 9:00am

Leader: Gailon Brehm

Please register with the Heard in advance.

Sat, Feb 14: White Rock Lake Fish Hatchery, 8:00am

The usual parking lots are closed due to construction on the spillway.

Leader: Chris Runk

Length: ~3 hours

Car pool: None - Meet at the Sculling Center.

Sat, Feb 21: Ft Worth Nature Center, 8am

This is a joint trip with Ft Worth Audubon. Meet in the parking lot of the Hardwicke Center. Park fee is \$4, \$3 for 65+

Leader: David Powell

Length: ~3 hours

Car pool: *Depart* at 6:30 am. Please arrive at least 10 minutes before.

Sat, Mar 14: 2nd Sat. at the Heard Museum, 9:00am

Please register with the Heard in advance

Leader: Gailon Brehm

Sat, Mar 28 TBA

Sat, April 11: 2nd Sat. at the Heard Museum, 9:00am

Leader: Gailon Brehm

Please register with the Heard in advance.

Sat, April 25: Fort Hood

Field Trip Report: Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge

On December 6, 2008, ten PTAS members and guests enjoyed a perfect Texas winter day on our field trip to Hagerman NWR. The trip was led by Carolyn Oldham and Jerri Kerr. Brisk early temperatures warmed as the day went on, and there was almost no wind! We took a short hike to Dead Woman Pond, seeing much bird activity, including a Cooper's Hawk making a dive on sparrows in the grass and coming up empty handed. Birding-by-car was the rule of the day, with the vehicles acting as perfect bird-blinds; we also got out many times to scope/scan the lake.

We were treated to views of one juvenile Bald Eagle in flight, and two adults - one perched and one soaring overhead. Several pairs of Hooded Merganzers were observed, and many Bufflehead ducks - species with striking contrasts of black and white coloration. Thousands of the refuge's signature winter birds were present, Snow Geese, with a few Ross's and Canada's mixed in. The huge flock took to the air several times, moving from the fields to the lake and back. The sound generated by this large number of birds has to be heard to be believed!

Our total species count for the day was 77, with 10 species of sparrows, five species of woodpeckers, five species of raptors, and 11 species of ducks. Since Hagerman is a great place for winter sparrows, we were particularly pleased to see many Harris's and several Fox, White-throated and White-crowned. Another high-light was the beautiful sapphire-blue of male Eastern Bluebirds.

The bird of the day, however, was a Long-tailed Duck! Found in a quiet cove off the road to L-Pad, this bird created quite a bit of excitement for us. It was either a female or juvenile male, with both having similar winter plumages.

Jerri Kerr

Long-Tailed Duck

As reported in the field trip section, a Long-tailed Duck was found by PTAS members on a trip to Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge on Saturday, December 6, 2008.

This is a bird that nests in the high Arctic, where it is often the most abundant bird, with populations in the millions. Some of them winter along both coasts of North America. One or two birds are usually reported each year in Texas, but not every year, so finding one at Hagerman was a real treat for the observers.

An adult male Long-tailed Duck would be instantly identifiable, with a striking black/white plumage and very long central tail feathers. The females and juveniles have similar plumages in winter, and this is what we saw (shown in photo above).

A few interesting facts about this duck are:

- Is one of the deepest diving ducks, diving as deep as 200 feet to forage. While most diving



Long-Tailed Duck (Female)

ducks paddle with webbed feet, the Long-tailed uses its partially folded wings to propel itself underwater.

- Of all diving ducks, spends the most time under water relative to time on the surface. When foraging, stays submerged 3-4 times as much as it is on top of the water.

- Has the most complex molt of any species of waterfowl, with three different plumages during the year, achieved in a complex series of overlapping partial molts.

- The Long-tailed duck is gregarious, forming large flocks in winter and during migration.

So why was only one Long-tailed seen at Hagerman? Lucky for us, our bird was obviously independent and not afraid to travel alone!

Jerri Kerr



Long-Tailed Duck (Male)

Report on January's Second Saturday Walk

The second Saturday of every month, Gailon, our president, leads a bird walk at the Heard museum. This is an excellent way to learn birding in North Texas or just have a pleasant slow paced walk. For those who missed it here is Gailon's report for January:

Today I led the PTAS 2nd Saturday Bird walk at the Heard sanctuary. The weather was clear and windy with temperature around 40. There were 5 of us.

The cold wind did not slow us down at all; although it probably kept the birds down a little. Actually we found many birds back along the trails in the trees rather than out in the open and the species total was about as expected. The best birds were brown creeper, eastern towhee, and common yellowthroat. We were a little surprised not to see any other raptors or woodpeckers. The one Kestrel I saw was walking back to the car after everyone else left, unfortunately.

All who attended had a good time.

Gailon

Species Seen:

Canada Goose - <i>Branta canadensis</i>	2
Gadwall - <i>Anas strepera</i>	2
Mallard - <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	10
Blue-winged Teal - <i>Anas discors</i>	2
Northern Shoveler - <i>Anas clypeata</i>	15
Green-winged Teal - <i>Anas crecca</i>	4
Double-crested Cormorant - <i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>	8
Great Blue Heron - <i>Ardea herodias</i>	8
Turkey Vulture - <i>Cathartes aura</i>	1
Red-shouldered Hawk - <i>Buteo lineatus</i>	2
American Kestrel - <i>Falco sparverius</i>	1
Killdeer - <i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	1
Least Sandpiper - <i>Calidris minutilla</i>	5
Wilson's Snipe - <i>Gallinago delicata</i>	8
Ring-billed Gull - <i>Larus delawarensis</i>	1
White-winged Dove - <i>Zenaida asiatica</i>	15
Mourning Dove - <i>Zenaida macroura</i>	2
Red-bellied Woodpecker - <i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>	2
Downy Woodpecker - <i>Picoides pubescens</i>	1
Hairy Woodpecker - <i>Picoides villosus</i>	1
Eastern Phoebe - <i>Sayornis phoebe</i>	3
American Crow - <i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	2
Carolina Chickadee - <i>Poecile carolinensis</i>	5
Tufted Titmouse - <i>Baeolophus bicolor</i>	5

Brown Creeper - <i>Certhia americana</i>	3
Carolina Wren - <i>Thryothorus ludovicianus</i>	3
Winter Wren - <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - <i>Regulus calendula</i>	2
Eastern Bluebird - <i>Sialia sialis</i>	5
American Robin - <i>Turdus migratorius</i>	15
Northern Mockingbird - <i>Mimus polyglottos</i>	3
European Starling - <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	1
Yellow-rumped Warbler - <i>Dendroica coronata</i>	15
Common Yellowthroat - <i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	1
Eastern Towhee - <i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>	1
Fox Sparrow - <i>Passerella iliaca</i>	3
Song Sparrow - <i>Melospiza melodia</i>	6
Swamp Sparrow - <i>Melospiza georgiana</i>	2
White-throated Sparrow - <i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>	5
Harris's Sparrow - <i>Zonotrichia querula</i>	1
Dark-eyed Junco - <i>Junco hyemalis</i>	15
Northern Cardinal - <i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>	10
Red-winged Blackbird - <i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	30
American Goldfinch - <i>Carduelis tristis</i>	5

Nebraska Sandhill Crane Migration

Every year, up to 500,000 Sandhill Cranes migrate thru the Platt River region of central Nebraska, along with millions of waterfowl. Half a million cranes and millions of ducks and geese!! Can you imagine this? I can, because I've been there twice -- I've seen it with my own eyes and heard it with my own ears.

I highly recommend a visit to the Kearney area, which is close to many river viewing sites for this spectacle of wildlife. To make it easy for you, there is a Celebration event you can attend - sign up and go! Be prepared for it to be very cold and possibly snowing - but this will just add to your appreciation of the conditions these birds endure on their northbound spring migration.

The 39th Annual Rivers and Wildlife Celebration will be held March 20-22 at the Audubon Rowe Sanctuary. For more information, see <http://www.nebraska.audubon.org/RWC.htm>. I will also be happy to offer tips and suggestions learned from my visits there, including news that you can venture onto country roads and possibly see Northern Shrike, Sharp-tailed Grouse and Lesser Prairie-Chicken! Look for me at the PTAS chapter meetings.

Jerri Kerr

2008 Christmas Bird Count

The Heard Museum and PTAS conducted its annual Christmas Bird Count on December 26. 110 species were counted with a total of 19,988 birds counted. There were 31 participants .

Listed below are the species counted in order of abundance.

EUROPEAN STARLING	2665
DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT	2307
GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE	1665
AMERICAN ROBIN	1540
COMMON GRACKLE	1286
CEDAR WAXWING	1154
RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD	987
RING-BILLED GULL	659
AMERICAN CROW	641
ROCK PIGEON (ROCK DOVE)	433
YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER (MYRTLE)	381
NORTHERN CARDINAL	370
MOURNING DOVE	355
EASTERN MEADOWLARK	343
RING-NECKED DUCK	327
MALLARD	304
DARK-EYED JUNCO (SLATE-COLORED)	285
GADWALL	229
HARRIS'S SPARROW	211
EASTERN BLUEBIRD	197
WHITE-WINGED DOVE	181
AMERICAN GOLDFINCH	172
NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD	170
AMERICAN COOT	138
BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD	128
CAROLINA CHICKADEE	126
HORNED LARK	125
AMERICAN WIGEON	121
WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW	119
TURKEY VULTURE	103
HOUSE SPARROW	97
LAPLAND LONGSPUR	93
WHITE-THROATED SPARROW	92
BLUE JAY	86
CANADA GOOSE	70
KILLDEER	70
CAROLINA WREN	70
RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER	65
NORTHERN SHOVELER	61
RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET	60
NORTHERN FLICKER (Y-SH)	58
SONG SPARROW	51
DOWNY WOODPECKER	48
SAVANNAH SPARROW	48
GREAT BLUE HERON	45
HOUSE FINCH	45
AMERICAN KESTREL	44
PIED-BILLED GREBE	42
BLACK VULTURE	41
EURASIAN COLLARD DOVE	41

RED-TAILED HAWK	38
LESSER SCAUP	37
CHIPPING SPARROW	37
FOX SPARROW	33
TUFTED TITMOUSE	32
RUDDY DUCK	30
CANVASBACK	29
FIELD SPARROW	25
YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER	24
SNOW GOOSE	23
GREEN-WINGED TEAL	21
FORSTER'S TERN	21
AMERICAN PIPIT	19
EASTERN PHOEBE	17
BUFFLEHEAD	14
RED-SHOULDERED HAWK	14
BROWN CREEPER	11
WILSON'S SNIPE (COMMON)	10
LARK SPARROW	10
BELTED KINGFISHER	9
GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET	9
WINTER WREN	8
BLUE-WINGED TEAL	7
HERMIT THRUSH	7
BROWN THRASHER	7
RUSTY BLACKBIRD	7
GREAT EGRET	6
BONAPARTE'S GULL	5
HAIRY WOODPECKER	5
NORTHERN FLICKER	5
ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER	5
EASTERN TOWHEE	5
LINCOLN'S SPARROW	5
DOWITCHER SP.	5
SPOTTED SANDPIPER	4
PILEATED WOODPECKER	4
LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE	4
SPOTTED TOWHEE	4
HOODED MERGANSER	3
COOPER'S HAWK	3
GREAT HORNED OWL	3
WOOD DUCK	2
NORTHERN PINTAIL	2
EASTERN SCREECH-OWL	2
RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH	2
WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH	2
HOUSE WREN	2
SWAMP SPARROW	2
CAKCLING GOOSE	1
EARED GREBE	1
AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN	1
NORTHERN HARRIER	1
SHARP-SHINNED HAWK	1
GREATER YELLOWLEGS	1
AMERICAN WOODCOCK	1
BARRED OWL	1
BLUE-HEADED VIREO	1
VESPER SPARROW	1
PURPLE FINCH	1
SEMI-PALMATED SANDPIPER	1
SORA	1

Post-Flood Response by the Prothonotary Warbler (*Protonotaria citrea*) at Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge

In 2007 the PTAS board awarded Michele Diggs a grant of \$400 to partially cover the cost of travel expenses for her study of the Prothonotary Warbler in the Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge. Michele is a student at Southeastern Oklahoma State University and worked with Assistant Professor Dr. Doug Wood. Michele has now completed her study. She wrote the following summary of her work for us:

Prothonotary Warblers (*Protonotaria citrea*) are a Nearctic–Neotropical migrant that inhabit bottomland hardwood forest, riparian forest, and other wetland habitats. They are the only secondary-cavity nesting warbler in the eastern United States. Dr. Doug Wood began research on the nesting biology of the Prothonotary Warbler at Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge (TNWR) in 2003. The opportunity to study post-flood response of the Prothonotary Warbler was provided



Fledgling in Nest

with the 20-year flood in 2007 that inundated Wood's study site at TNWR. My research is an extension of previous research on Prothonotary Warbler site fidelity and reproductive success conducted at TNWR in south-central Oklahoma. I further investigated the breeding biology and site fidelity of the Prothonotary Warblers following the flood that occurred during spring and summer 2007.

Overall, I banded 179 (23 adults and 156 nestlings) Prothonotary Warblers. The conclusions that were drawn from my research were although banding and recapture events were lower than previous years, strong site fidelity was shown by the Prothonotary Warblers that did return. The increased number of boxes did not yield higher numbers of nesting attempts, but the extended research area proved beneficial. The new sites were productive and showed an extended range than what was previously known at TNWR. Nesting sites on the management unit were utilized by mostly second year females indicating the older females secured prime habitat at TNWR (i.e., less competitive females were pushed to other habitat, but were still equally successful).

The 20-year flood cycle in 2007 was devastating to the nesting success of the Prothonotary Warbler at TNWR. Even though no known nesting success resulted in 2007, Prothonotary Warblers showed high reproductive success in previous years with a mean fledging rate of 4.1 from 2003 to 2006. Prothonotary Warblers also had high reproductive success following the 2007 flood event, with an average of 4.2 young fledged per nest and a partial brood loss at fledging of only 0.08. This shows that TNWR is a source habitat and even following complete inundation of prime nesting habitat, Prothonotary Warblers will return and successfully fledge young.



Prothonotary Warbler at Nesting Site

Annual Heard Photo Contest.

The Heard is looking forward to another successful event with the Heard Nature Photographer's Club: the **Annual Heard Photo Contest**. The Heard Natural Science Museum will accept mail-in submissions on February 1-14. Photos may be submitted in-person on February 7th, 8th, and 14th. For more information on the submission process, categories, and other relevant information, visit the Heard website at www.heardmuseum.org



Big Bend Naturalist Adventure

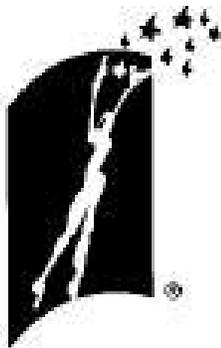
On April 1-5, Roger Sanderson, Director of Botanic Gardens and Wildlife Biologist, will lead the annual Heard Natural Science Museum Big Bend Trip: *A Texas Naturalist Adventure*. Hike through shady forested areas of majestic Ponderosa Pine. Enjoy excellent birding opportunities. View curiously beautiful rock formations. Take beautiful photographs. Perfect for any nature enthusiast, under Roger's guidance, you will see, learn about, and appreciate things most people would not normally notice on their own. For the most exciting nature experience you have ever had, reserve your spot by March 10th! Visit www.heardmuseum.org for complete itinerary and details.

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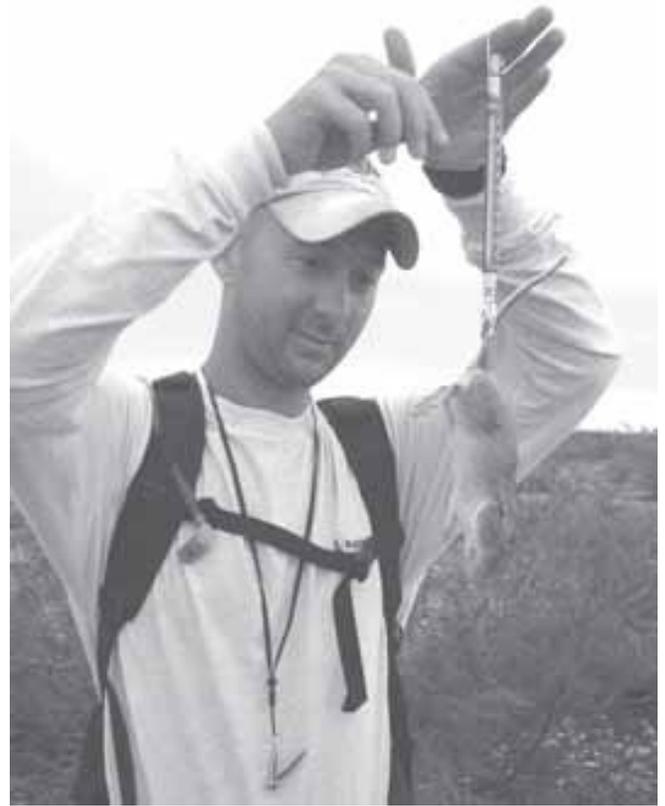
Grasslands Specialist Hired at the Heard

PTAS members interested in prairie restoration and grassland birds should try to meet the new Heard Museum wildlife sanctuary manager, Matt Bahm. Matt was hired to manage the native habitats in the Heard sanctuary, conduct research on the flora and fauna, and enhance the education programs. He has extensive expertise in wildlife ecology, mammal research, and grassland restoration. PTAS is lucky to get the opportunity to work with a new champion and resource for the birds of North Texas.

Matt comes from a small farming community, Kaw City, in Northern Oklahoma just west of the Tallgrass Prairie Preserve. So as he says he grew up watching the prairie disappear. His love of the outdoors, including camping and hiking, developed in the ancient grasslands. Now he is here to help preserve the few remnants of Blackland Prairie of North Texas. His strength is knowledge of grasslands, but he is enthused about improving the bottom land forest and wetland habitats that are also part of the sanctuary. With any luck we will see him on the second Saturday walks with Gailon observing the birds of the Heard.

After graduating from Oklahoma State in 2002, he worked at various jobs in California, Missouri, and Kentucky. Fascinated by small mammals like mice and rats that make so many of us scream, he enrolled in Sul Ross University and earned a Master's degree. As part of his studies, he did an inventory of mammals at the Amistad National Recreation Area. Comparing his results to an earlier inventory, he noted that changes in the mammal populations could be explained by the invasion of exotic grass species particularly buffelgrass (an exotic from Africa that was introduced in the US for livestock grazing and is now a threat to many native species in the Southwest). Realizing this connection led to a renewed interest in grasslands restoration to preserve the native populations of small mammals and grassland birds.

He applied to join a grassland restoration research project at South Dakota State University as a PhD student. There he helped implement a removal study at 6 native prairie sites in eastern South Dakota that had been invaded by smooth brome and Kentucky bluegrass.



Matt Bahm weighing a wood rat for his mammal survey at Amistad NRA

Treatments included herbicide combinations and fall burns. As part of his studies the populations of grassland birds were monitored and their responses to seed mixes and management actions noted. This work has resulted in several recommendations to South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department to help in their land management programs. Based on his research work on prairie grasslands, Matt is now completing his PhD thesis and is including a chapter on grassland birds.

Matt will be a great asset in helping preserve the north Texas bird habitat for our grassland, forest, and wetland birds. PTAS welcomes him to the community. Having just started in mid January, he is now focusing on understanding his new habitat. When he gets aboard PTAS expects to continue its previous grants and work with the Heard on prairie restoration that was going on under Chuck the former sanctuary manager. PTAS will be working with Matt to understand any changes in the restoration effort that he might recommend.

Merrick Darley

**Prairie and Timbers Audubon Society
Nomination Form for Board Member Positions
Terms: February 2009 – February 2011**

Please use this form to nominate members as possible candidates for the upcoming election at the February meeting. Every eligible member who is nominated for a position will be contacted to determine whether they wish to accept the nomination. Everyone who accepts a nomination will be placed on the ballot. You may nominate as many members for a position as you believe are suitable. You may nominate someone for more than one position. You should nominate yourself if you'd like your name included on the ballot. It is not necessary to submit a nomination for all positions. You may complete more than one Nomination Form, if necessary. Additional forms will be made available at the January and February Program Meetings and will be included in the newsletters. There are six positions to be filled at the February 2009 election for two-year terms: President, Vice President, Secretary, and three general board members.

For the Position of President:

I nominate: _____

I nominate: _____

I nominate: _____

The President shall direct and administer the affairs of the SOCIETY as its executive head and shall supervise all phases of its activities, subject to instructions by the Board. He or she shall also be an ex-officio member of all committees and shall preside at all meetings of members and of the board.

For the Position of Vice President:

I nominate: _____

I nominate: _____

I nominate: _____

The Vice-President shall assist the President to carry out his or her duties and, in the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall direct and administer the affairs of the SOCIETY and supervise all phases of its activities, subject to instruction by the Board, and shall preside at meetings of members and of the Board.

For the Position of Secretary:

I nominate: _____

I nominate: _____

I nominate: _____

The Secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings of the SOCIETY and of the Board of Directors. He or she shall send notice of all meetings and shall conduct all the correspondence of the SOCIETY except such correspondence as, by instructions of the Board or at the discretion of the President, shall be conducted by another officer of the SOCIETY. He or she shall preserve all correspondence of the SOCIETY.

For the Position of Board Member (3 open positions):

I nominate: _____

Officers attend up to five Board Meetings each year. Board meetings are 1 to 3 hours in length. Board members are also expected to chair a committee.

The nomination period is now under way and will close just prior to the election at the February 24, 2009 Chapter Meeting which will be held at 7:30 PM at the Heard Museum.

Please return your form to g-brehm@msn.com, Gailon Brehm, or any other board member or turn it in at the January or February Meeting. If you are unable to attend one of these meetings, your completed Nomination Form may be mailed to Gailon Brehm at his home address of 8024 Greensboro Drive, Plano, TX 75025. Your mailed form must be received on or before February 24 in order to be considered.

Elections will take place at the February 24th meeting. Your newly-elected officers will be announced prior to adjournment that day.

Your Board of Directors thanks you for your participation in this important process.

Submitted by: _____
Member Name (optional)

Date: _____

Note: If you would like to receive email notifications when the newsletters are available, or to update your email address, please contact Merrick Darley at hmdarley@prairieandtimbers.org.

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Membership Application

____ I would like to be a member of Prairie and Timbers Audubon Society (PTAS), knowing that my annual membership dues will be used to support local bird-related projects and habitats. Enclosed is my check for \$12 (includes all family members at a single address) made out to: **PTAS**. PTAS is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization; your membership fee and any donations made to PTAS are tax deductible.

____ I would also like to support the National Audubon Society, where my annual membership dues will be used nationally and globally. Enclosed is my check for the special new-member introductory price of \$20, made out to: **National Audubon Society**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

(E-mail addresses are used to notify members of updated website newsletters, upcoming field trips, and important local bird-related issues. E-mail addresses are NOT shared with, or forwarded to, any other source.)

How did you hear about Prairie and Timbers Audubon Society?

____ From a member of PTAS

____ From the PTAS website

____ Other (please specify) _____

Mail to: Prairie and Timbers Audubon Society
 c/o Mike Mizell, 800 Edgewood, Denton, TX 76201

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