



Wimberley Birding Society

Promoting the watching, protecting and enjoying of birds in and around Wimberley, Texas and other locations.

WBS General meeting

Feb 23, 2026

50 participants

Interesting bird sights reported from various members: Eastern Bluebird (nesting), small flock of Quail, Red-shouldered Hawk @ PGR, Common Poorwill, Purple Martin, Pyrrhuloxia @ Reimer's Ranch, Cedar Waxwing, American Goldfinch, Chipping Sparrow

Guest speaker: Patsy Inglet Birding with a Purpose: Using our Birding Skills to Help Birds

Roughly 30% of people, when asked, will say they are birders. But what makes a birder? If you like birds and want them to be around, you are a birder. Why bird? The songs they sing are beautiful, they are the symbol of freedom, they are mysterious and marvelous, they are easily visible and accessible, they appeal to our collective instincts, and you can bird by yourself, with others socially or even competitively. Birds are good for your health: they get you outside, they expand our perception and enjoyment, and they contribute to conservation. It is an adventure that can last a lifetime! As Birders, you can help save birds, help to build new birders, and help to preserve and protect birds. Birds are Bio-indicators: which mean they can provide insight to the health of our environment but birds are in trouble. Since 1970, 1.9 BILLION bird are gone and their populations are steadily declining. Here are 7 things that you can do to help birds: 1) keep cat inside! They are natural predators, 2) Birds die from window impacts because they don't know what glass is – use decals, window dots or striping to break up the reflection of trees, 3) Plant natives plants, 4) create “Homegrown National Parks” by creating native habitat in your backyards. When your neighbors do the same, we now have a “park” vs a little isolated island for birds, 5) DO NOT use pesticides or herbicides, 6) Say NO to plastics! and if you drink coffee, 7) drink Shade-grown coffee. Check out some opportunities such as Climate Watch. Use Merlin, eBird, iNaturalist and DBird.org; participate in Project FeederWatch as Citizen Scientist. Remember Lights Out during migration (Mar 1 – Jun 15) and (Aug 15 – Nov 11).

Business Meeting:

Treasury report: not reported today

Our WBS website no longer exists but you can now find us on Wimberley Parks and Recreation website (from the top menu bar, select “More” and you'll see us in the menu list.

Don Locke provided a Patsy Glenn Refuge (PGR) report: many HCMN trainees are participating in Project FeederWatch. The Bird Viewing Station will be getting a new sign like the other 6 Hays County stations. A work day will be scheduled "soon" and we'll need volunteers to help. Some of the wooden benches need to be retired and will be replaced with stone benches. The Bird View Station will need to be painted. Jerry Lunow is investigation/researching new plants for the wetlands. Wimberley Outdoor Educators will be teaching 3rd graders in May.

Jesse Huth trips:

1. First Tuesday of March
2. Feb 9-14 Santa Margarita Ranch (private)
3. Feb 19-27 – Hawaii
4. Mar : Port A, Rio Grande Valley and Junction
5. Apr – High Island for migration

Visit www.huthavian.com for all trips, bird surveys and more details

Next Regular meeting is TBD