

# *BirdCalls*

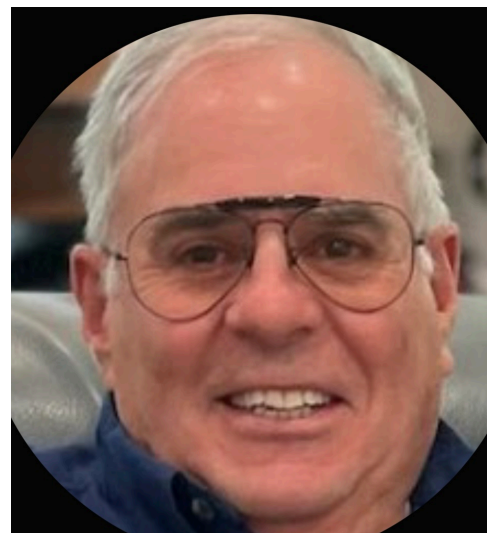


*Bastrop County Audubon Society BCAS*  
**Mission; To promote the conservation, restoration, and enjoyment of natural resources and habitats for birds and other wildlife.**

**Meeting: November 5, 2024 at 6:30 (social) and meeting at 7:00 at Bastrop Library**

## **President's Perch**

The Fall Migration is quickly winding down. Many of us saw some species earlier than we were used to and Cornell's Laboratory of Ornithology Bird Cast showed millions of birds flying through Bastrop County on many nights this year. It is believed that many migrating birds from the eastern flyway were sent our way by the large storms that hit the eastern states this year. All our observations are entered into large multi decade databases, combined with weather data, and studied extensively by researchers to uncover trends effecting our rich natural resources. The data provided by you, our citizen scientist, is critical for these long-term studies to



be relevant for conservation activities and policy makers. The longest running bird census in the country is the Christmas Bird Count. We have two in Bastrop County and we need more of you to participate.

Birds are fascinating creatures; they are fun to watch and identify. With every passing day more of our winter residents are arriving.

Most birdwatchers reacquaint themselves with the birds of the season with a review of the species to be expected. Our November general meeting will allow you to refamiliarize yourself with our more common winter birds. We invite you to see The Winter Birds of Bastrop County presented by several of our field trip guides. The program promises to be educational, fun, and entertaining.



We have been asked to revive our birdwatching class that was last offered pre-covid. There have been requests to offer a day class as well as a night class. It took some creative planning, but we succeeded in figuring out how to do it. We hope it will work for those of you with a desire to learn and understand the fascinating world of birds in more depth. Welcome to Birdwatching 101 for Adults, a four session class diving into the details of birdwatching. Both classes will be held at the Bastrop Public Library. The evening class will be offered as our general meetings in December, January, February, and March. The daytime class will be offered on four consecutive Fridays starting on January 23rd and ending on February 14th. More details and registration information will be provided in the coming weeks.

May the sights and sounds of birds bring you joy every day,

Luke Thompson

## Events

Events/Outings

**Friday, Nov 1** - Audubon Texas Chapter Roundup, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, 9am-3pm, No cost, register at [tx.audubon.org](http://tx.audubon.org)

**Tuesday, Nov 5 - Monthly Meeting, Winter Birds of Bastrop County, Bastrop Public Library, Social 6:30pm, Program 7:00pm**



*Most field guide books have sections in them that cover confusing fall and winter birds. The reason is that many bird look very different following the breeding season. We will present many of our more common winter birds and discuss the key identification features. Several board members will act as your birdwatching guide a we discus and attempt to identify what we see. Some wil be easy and some will challenge all of us. **Join in for a fun and lively audience participation program.***

**Wednesday, Nov 6** - Bird Blind Ribbon Cutting, Bob Bryant Park, 10am

**Friday, Nov 8** - Bird City Bastrop Little Hike, Colorado River Refuge, Cliffhanger Trail, 139 Riverside Drive (end of Lovers Lane) 8:30-10am



**Thursday, Nov 21** - Bastrop Audubon Board Meeting, Bastrop Public Library, 6-7pm, All are welcome

**Saturday, Nov 23** - Bird City Bastrop Little Sit, Fairview Cemetery Gazebo, [1307 SH 95](#), 8:30-10am

**Tuesday, Dec 3** - Monthly Meeting, Session I, Birdwatching 101 for Adults, Bastrop Public Library, Social 6:30pm, Program 7:00pm

Conservation Minute:

November is a great month to plant a native tree!

Experts have long pointed to trees as one of the most scalable and affordable nature-based solutions to battling climate change. Trees pull carbon from the air, clean our water, and reduce dangerously high temperatures, reduce air pollution, improve soil quality and are a food for birds and wildlife.



