



Monthly Meeting August 6, 2018
Bayland Community Center
6400 Bissonnet St, Houston, TX

6:30 pm Learning Corner: Group Social

7:00 pm [Ornithology Group](#) (OG) Business Meeting

7:30 pm [Program](#): An Update of Birding Apps for Your Smart Phone by Kendra Kocab

[Field Trips: Katy Prairie Conservancy, August 12, 8 pm, led by Bob Honig](#)

[Upcoming Texas Birding Events \(link to web page\)](#)

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An Update on Birding Apps for Your Smart Phone

By Kendra Kocab

Kendra Kocab, staff naturalist at Kleb Woods Nature Preserve, will present *An Update on Birding Apps for Your Smart Phone*. A lot has changed in the five years since Kendra gave her talk about using your iPhone as a birding tool. Some apps were discontinued, while others have been improved. In particular, the eBird website and corresponding app have gone through a few upgrades, adding user profiles and making it easier than ever to keep bird lists in the field. Learn how you can use our ever-advancing technologies to improve your birding experience.

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Field Trips:

Are you ready for another fun-filled year of early morning outings, great leaders, and of course...BIRDS? OG is hosting 14 exciting trips, including two local fundraisers (\$10) and two fun-packed weekends, so there will be something enticing for all our members to eagerly participate. Now is the time to add these dates to your calendars and cell phones. Separate flyers will be sent for all upcoming trips, and will include overviews, target bird lists, directions, arrival and carpool locations, wavier forms, etc. Most day trips will be on Saturdays (except for Aug 12). Below is a list of events. Look for locations and times in newsletters.

2018 – 2019 OG Field Trips

Katy Prairie Conservancy, August 12, 5-8pm led by Bob Honig. (Local Fundraiser).

Let's start the year with a big Thank You to Bob Honig who is passionately dedicated to preserving Katy Prairie. He is a dedicated member, and an insightful speaker at our Ornithology Group meetings. Let us show our appreciation and support for KPC with a donation of \$10 to support their excellent efforts.

Other Field Trips

Sep 8 – SAT: Time and location TBA: Shorebirds with Ron Weeks.

Sep 22 – SAT: Outdoor Nature Club Little Thicket Nature Sanctuary (LTNS) with Nina Rach. Location: FM 945, SW of Coldspring, San Jacinto County. Time TBA.

Oct 13 – SAT: Brazoria or Quintana with Mark Scheuerman.

Oct 20 – SAT: Bear Creek Park/Addicks Reservoir with Drew Dickert.

Nov 3 – SAT: Huntsville State Park, in search of the Hairy Woodpecker. Trip leader TBA.

Dec 8 – SAT: Birding Laas Farm with John Berner, Brookshire, Waller County.

Enjoy the rest of December and be sure to participate in your favorite CBCs.

Jan 2019 – WEEKENDER PLUS trip is planned to see the Rosy Finches in Albuquerque, NM (Brown-capped, Black, Gray-crowned), or Dallas for winter waterfowl. Stay tuned for more info!

Feb 9 – SAT: Birding Lone Star College with Michael Cooper, Kingwood, Montgomery County. Join Michael at his favorite birding hotspot.

Feb 23 – SAT: W.G. Jones State Park (Montgomery County) with Mark Scheuerman to look for the Red Cockaded Woodpecker.

March 8-9 – SAT & SUN: King Ranch WEEKENDER led by Tom Langschied.

Day 1: See Tom's Favorite Places off the beaten path in Kleberg County.

Day 2: Half-day at Encino Division (not normally open to the public) in Brooks County. Trip cost is \$135 and includes Saturday lunch and beverage (save \$40 off regular King Ranch rates).

March 23 – SAT: Leader and location TBA

April 11-14 – SAT: Galveston FeatherFest.

April 27 – SAT: American Bird Conservancy Fundraiser with Kristen Vale. Beach Babies, Wilson Plovers, and hopefully Snowy Plovers; watch Least Tern courtship. Kristen will share with us how her program helps coastal beach nesting species prosper. Donation of \$10.

May 4 – SAT: Leader and location TBD

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