

## **Wimberley Birding Society Meeting February 18, 2019**

President Evans called the meeting to order at 10:00. She welcomed guests and new members. Approximately 40 people were in attendance. She reminded members to participate in the "Great Backyard Bird Count" and asked for any sightings that members would like to share. Some birds mentioned were: great horned owl, flocks of robins, caracara, American kestrel, painted buntings, yellow-rumped warbler, eastern and spotted towhee, red-breasted nuthatch, brown creeper, yellow-throated warbler.

President Evans introduced guest speaker, Rebekah Rylander. Rebekah is currently pursuing a PhD at Texas State University focusing on family flocking dynamics of the Black-crested Titmouse, a project that stemmed from her Master's work with the same species. In her limited spare time, Rebekah enjoys running a banding station, monitoring local populations of Golden-cheeked Warblers, and assisting undergraduates with independent research projects that target bird conservation. The topic of her briefing: "A family affair! - The social structure and reproductive strategies of the black-crested titmouse".

### Business reports:

November Minutes posted on wimbirds.org were approved.

Sandy Wallace presented the financial report: beginning balance \$6888.53; ending balance \$6381.40

Patsy Glenn Refuge Report: Bob Currie solicited volunteers to clean and maintain the butterfly garden at the PGR and announced work day for April 6 (April 12, rain date).

David Glenn informed membership of the new sign at the PGR explaining the rainwater collection system. The sign was a joint effort by the Meadows Foundation and the WBS. David also announced the upcoming WBS Birding Classic on April 15 and passed out a sign up sheet.

President Evans solicited volunteers/nominations for upcoming vacancies in the Executive Committee: Program Chairman and Secretary

Linda Gawkoski reported on the trip to Hagerman Wildlife Refuge in north Texas. 10 participated in a tour of the 12,000 acre refuge. Sighting count was 54.

The following upcoming trips were described:

- King Ranch: March 12-13, Linda Gawkoski
- John Knox Ranch, March 27, Susan Evans
- Warbler Woods, April 11, Sandy Wallace
- S.W. Montana and Yellowstone and Grand Tetons, May 28-June 7, Linda Gawkoski and Karen Duncan
- Minnesota and North Dakota, June 23- July 1, Alice LeDuc

President Evans reminded members of the upcoming salad supper/picnic on May 21 at the Blue Hole pavilion the day after the next WBS meeting.

Members were invited to join for lunch at Milagros.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Gawkoski  
Secretary, WBS