

The Brown Pelican



The Newsletter of the Coastal Bend Audubon Society

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September Speaker—Suzanne Contreras



Marine Radar and Bird Migration in Southern Texas

Suzanne Contreras, doctoral student at TAMU-Kingsville, presented information about new methods of researching bird movements and migrations using marine radar. With one radar instrument focusing on a horizontal plane and another focusing on a vertical plane, Contreras is developing techniques to use the radar to count and identify species of migratory birds. The ability to “view” bird migrations at night or during inclement weather will be very useful in monitoring migratory populations as they move through South Texas.

October Speaker—David and Liz Smith

Conservation Photography: What It Means (to Us)

Dave and Liz Smith began nature photography when Dave decided to compete in the Coastal Bend Wildlife Photography Contest in Spring 2005. Dave and Liz talked about photographic basics, equipment, and great spots to shoot in the Coastal Bend. Along with terrific photography, Liz and Dave answered questions from the audience and provided some hands on experience with their equipment.



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Liz Smith, left, and Dave Smith, right, interact with audience after their presentation on nature photography.

November 4 Speaker—John Lloyd Reilley

Habitat restoration and its benefits on birds and other wildlife

The Kika De La Garza Plant Materials Center and the South Texas Natives Project.
The Plant Materials Center in Kingsville provides technical assistance to restore Gulf Coast prairie and associated salt marshes, enhance waterbird habitat, revegetate areas disturbed by mining and oil field exploration, and improve range and pasture lands. South Texas Natives is an initiative to promote restoration and reclamation of habitats on private and public lands by developing and providing economically viable sources of native plants and seeds to both the private and public sector for the restoration of native plant communities in South Texas. John Lloyd Reilley is involved in assisting with a project at Coastal Bend Audubon Society’s North Bay Sanctuary, to revegetate the levees associated with the new Prairie Wetland Project. Come and learn about this and other projects and opportunities throughout south Texas.

CBAS Monthly Meetings

Tuesday, November 4 at 7 pm
(Election Day)

Speaker: John Lloyd Reilley, Kika De La Garza Plant Materials Center, TAMU-Kingsville
Topic: Benefits of Habitat Restoration

Tuesday, December 2 at 7 pm

Speaker: Louise Chambers, Purple Martin Conservation Association
Topic: Purple Martins: How to Attract Them to Your Yard

Location:
Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History
1900 N. Chaparral
Corpus Christi, Texas

Time: 7:00 p.m.

All members and the public are invited!



WHAT'S UP AROUND TEXAS

15th ANNUAL RIO GRANDE VALLEY BIRDING FESTIVAL

November 5-9, 2008 Harlingen

Celebrate the wonder that is South Texas. This festival will focus on field trips, a trade show and special presentations by internationally renowned birders and authors of wildlife biology. Field trips offer glimpses of parrots, Chachalaca, Great Kiskadee, Altamira Oriole and Green Jay among many other birds found in this region.

Contact: Harlingen Chamber of Commerce

311 East Tyler, Harlingen, TX 78550

(800) 531-7346, (956) 423-5440

Web site: www.rgvbirdfest.com

SOUTH TEXAS WILDLIFE AND BIRDING FESTIVAL

November 20-23, 2008 Kingsville

The festival will include workshops and seminars, birding tours, vendors and exhibitors.

Contact: Kingsville Convention and Visitors Bureau

1501 N. Highway 77, Kingsville, TX 78363

(800) 333-5032

Web site: www.kingsvilletexas.com

BIG DAY 2009

Make your plans now to attend the CBAS 2009

"Big Day"

When: Saturday, February 7, 2009

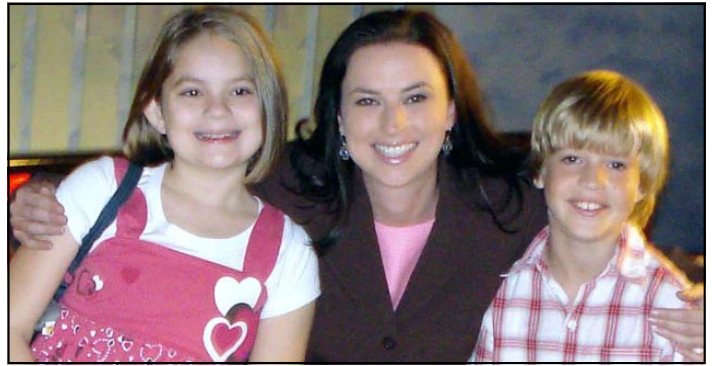
**Where: Portobello's Restaurant
430 S. Padre Island Drive**

*This is a team birdwatching contest with 2 goals:
have fun & raise funds.*

*For \$25, everyone gets a T-Shirt & Dinner plus a
great time birding.*

*Start organizing your team & look for more info in
future newsletters.*

*For more information and to volunteer, contact
CBAS Vice President, Mary Ellen Vega at
txvega@aol.com.*



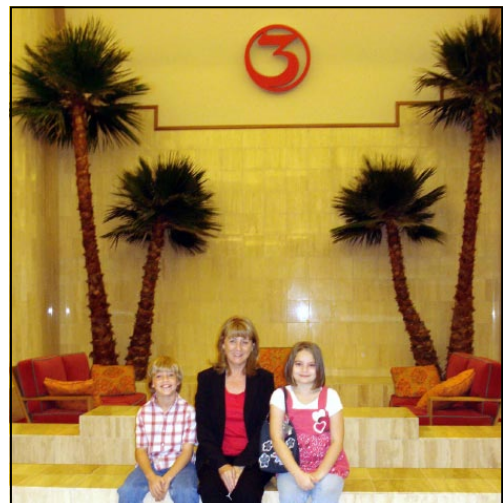
From left: Ashley Hooten, aged 9, KII TV News Anchor, Sabrina Hall, and Levi Stark, aged 10.

SOUTH TEXAS BIRDING ON CHANNEL 3

If you have not already seen the 3 minute television segment, **South Texas Birding**, on KII TV on Saturday mornings 7am – 8am then you need to set that dial. The segment usually airs between 7:15 – 7:25 am. Each week we discuss various bird topics to give the average viewer an insight into the wonderful birds we have in the Coastal Bend. We also feature invited guests to promote birds and conservation. Since the segment began in July we have had a host of distinguished guests and I would like to take this opportunity to say a special “Thank You” for your time and support to: Larry Jordan, David Newstead, Beau Hardegee, Scott Holt, Dane Ferrell, Tony Amos, Nan Dietert, Ashley Hooten, Levi Stark and Tony Baylis. Guests to look forward to in the weeks ahead, along with their topics are: Liz Smith, talking about Videography and Birds; Tonya Stinson, Whooping Cranes; Tom Langschied, Birding and Landowners; Bart Ballard, Redhead Ducks; Gene Blacklock, Brown Pelican conservation.

If you would like to participate in this segment please contact Linda Fuiman linda.fuiman@mail.utexas.edu.

Below: Former students of the recent kids' birding classes, Ashley Hooten and Levi Stark with instructor Linda Fuiman at the Channel 3 studios talked about the classes on South Texas Birding.



CBAS TREASURER'S REPORT

AUGUST 1 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

Beginning balance	\$14,315.40
Income.....	\$ 193.38
Expenses.....	538.98
	(355.60)
Ending balance	\$13,959.80
Less reserved fund	1,590.00
Less website development grant	500.00
Less sanctuary improvement donation	2,000.00
Operating fund	\$ 9869.80

REDUCE USE OF PLASTIC BAGS

CBAS is selling two styles of shopping bags in very sturdy canvas fabric with wide gussets. One is solid beige (13" x 15.5" x 7"), while the other features forest green straps and bottom with an outside pocket (dimensions 14" x 14.5" x 5.5"). Both are perfect for birding, toting stuff to the beach, or saving bags at the grocery store.

One bag: \$10; 2 bags: \$19; 3 bags: \$27, 4+ bags: \$8. Add \$5.00 for mailing. To order contact David Newstead at 885-6203 or davnewst@yahoo.com. Checks should be made payable to: Coastal Bend Audubon Society, P.O. Box 3604, CC TX 78463.

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

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_____ I would like to become a member of: **Coastal Bend Audubon (local W-13) ONLY**. No NAS membership and no Audubon Magazine subscription. Your chapter only membership includes all other Audubon membership benefits. Your chapter receives all of your dues. Introductory /1 year \$15. Make check to Coastal Bend Audubon Society.

_____ I would like to become a **CONTRIBUTING MEMBER**. Your Contributing Membership includes membership to the National Audubon Society, subscription to the Audubon Magazine, chapter membership, and other benefits. You may designate preferred level and category of support: _____ Tern/1 year \$ 50, _____ Osprey/1 year \$100, _____ Pelican/1 year \$500

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ **Date** _____

Please consider making a tax deductible contribution to the local chapter, the Coastal Bend Audubon Society. You may designate the category you would like your contribution applied to (**please circle one**): 1. General Fund - to be used as needed, 2. Education Program, 3. Sanctuary Maintenance, 4. Newsletter Fund.

To join or to contribute, please send this completed form and payment to:
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First Tuesday of the month, September through May, 7 p.m. at the CC Museum of Science and History



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The organization is supported by contributions from local memberships and from the National Audubon Society.

Your CHAPTER needs you! You can help steer the course of growth and change in our community by working together. Please contact us at 361-885-6203 about getting involved!

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