



Texas Bluebird Society

## 2004 Bluebird Symposium

*plus field trips in the Texas Hill Country River Region*

**Saturday, August 21, 2004 — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Concan, Texas**

House Pasture Cattle Company Restaurant, Uvalde County Road #348

*For Everyone Interested in Birds ... and bats*



Friday Aug. 20 - **Social Time & Pre-registration** – 4 to 7 p.m.

**Saturday, August 21, 9:00 - 5:00**

**Featured speaker, June Osborne**

Also, Talks on Bluebirds, Other Cavity-nesting Birds, and Bats;

Open Discussion; Fajita Lunch; Silent Auction; Book Signing, Social Hour

### **Nine Optional Field Trips** (*space is limited on most trips*)

Friday, Aug. 20 - 12:30 to 4 p.m. – **'Nature by Kayak on Frio River'**- ..... \$25.00 each  
Guides Lee Haile & Bain Walker - Participants Must Sign Kayak Rental Waiver, wear the provided life jacket & secure shoes; Must be in fair shape & in good health. Participants will meet at House Pasture Parking Lot at 12:30 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 20 - 7:30 p.m. to Dark – **'Sunset Bat Flight Tour'** ..... \$8.00 each  
Saturday Aug. 21 - 7:30 p.m. to Dark ..... \$8.00 each  
Guide Bain Walker – Lifetime Experience! Watch 10 Million Bats Fly out of Frio Cave at Sunset, while Hawks catch them. Participants will meet at Bat Tour Gate on FM 2690 at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 21 / Sunday Aug 22 – 7 to 9 a.m.- **'Bluebird Nestbox Trail Tour'** ..... Free Tour  
Sunday, Aug. 22 – 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. .... Free Tour  
(Established Bluebird Trail since 1985.) Participants will meet at Bluebird Hill Home.

Saturday, Aug. 21 – 7 to 9 a.m. – **'Birding By Chair with June Osborne'** ..... \$4.00 each  
Sunday, Aug. 22 – 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. .... \$8.00 each  
Participants meet at Rio Frio Lodging Home/Office.

Sunday, Aug. 22 – 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. – **'Lost Maples Nature Walk with Mitch Heindel'** ..... \$8.00 each  
Learn about the birds, butterflies, dragonflies, damselflies, lizards & other critters in Lost Maples State Natural Area. Participants will meet Guide Mitch Heindel (who led Audubon tours for 14 years) at Lost Maples Park Office at 7:30 a.m.

Sunday, Aug. 22 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. – **'Big Tree Tour'** ..... \$8.00 each  
Guides Lee Haile & Bain Walker. See Five National & State Champion Trees, Plus The Biggest Tree in Texas!  
Participants will meet at Garner State Park Office Parking Area at 8 a.m.

**Fees:** \*TBS Member - \$10 \* Non-Member - \$15

**Register by August 14<sup>th</sup> for \$3.00 Early Bird Discount!**

**Noon Buffet** - Chicken & Beef Fajitas, Rice, Salad - \$12 — We recommend the Buffet; No other restaurants nearby  
Neal's Café is another suggestion for evening meals before the Bat Tour (Local restaurants close at 9 p.m.)

*For Questions, to Volunteer or to Make a Donation for the Silent Auction,  
Call Coordinator, LeAnn Sharp at 830-966-2320 or email [LeAnn@texasbluebirdsociety.org](mailto:LeAnn@texasbluebirdsociety.org)*

**For Area Lodging and a detailed map, see the *Texas Hill Country River Region* brochure or visit [www.thcrr.com](http://www.thcrr.com)  
Make Reservations in Advance!**

**For Additional Birding Sites and Local Nature Photos visit [www.utopianature.com](http://www.utopianature.com)**

**Texas Bluebird Society  
2004 Bluebird Symposium Registration  
Concan, TX**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ & Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fees**

		# of People		Cost Each	Totals
Member, Early Bird Registration by August 14	(\$7.00)	-----	@	\$7.00	-----
Non-Member, Early Bird Registration by August 14	(\$12.00)	-----	@	\$12.00	-----
Member, Registration	(\$10.00)	-----	@	\$10.00	-----
Non-Member, Registration	(\$15.00)	-----	@	\$15.00	-----
Saturday Noon Meal (chicken & beef fajitas)	(\$12.00)	-----	@	\$12.00	-----

In case selected field trip(s) are already filled; please indicate 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> selection for Sat. & Sun.

**Field Trip Choices**

**Friday, Aug.20:**

Nature by Kayak	12:30 to 4 p.m.	(\$25.00)	-----	@	\$25.00	-----
Sunset Bat Flight Tour	7:30 p.m. to Dark	(\$8.00)	-----	@	\$8.00	-----

**Saturday, Aug. 21:**

			<u>1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> choice</u>			
Bluebird Nestbox Trail Tour	7 to 9 a.m. (no charge)		----	-----	@	Free
Birding by Chair	7 to 9 a.m.	(\$4.00)	----	-----	@	\$4.00
Sunset Bat Flight Tour	7:30 p.m. to Dark	(\$8.00)	----	-----	@	\$8.00

**Sunday, Aug. 22:**

Bluebird Nestbox Trail Tour	7:30 to 10:30 a.m. (no charge)		-----	-----	@	Free
Birding by Chair	7:30 to 10:30 a.m.	(\$8.00)	-----	-----	@	\$8.00
Lost Maples Nature Walk	7:30 to 11:30 a.m.	(\$8.00)	-----	-----	@	\$8.00
Big Tree Tour	8:00 to 11:00 a.m.	(\$8.00)	-----	-----	@	\$8.00

**Total Enclosed:**

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**Make check payable to Texas Bluebird Society & mail to  
Texas Bluebird Society PO Box 40868 Austin TX 78704**

TBS reserves the right to cancel field trips because of weather or lack of participation; you would receive a full refund.

For Questions or to Cancel a Field Trip Contact  
LeAnn Sharp 830-966-2320 or LeAnn@texasbluebirdsociety.org

## Welcome and Packet Pickup

Stop by to pick up your Bluebird Symposium 2004 packet, **Friday, August 20 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm** at the Bluebird Symposium headquarters, the Back Meeting Room at the House Pasture Cattle Company Restaurant in Concan, Texas. Packets contain name badges, field trip info, maps, local shopping & restaurant info, swimming & tubing info, & area brochures.

**If you cannot pick up your packet on Friday, report to your first event and pick your packet up Saturday, August 21 from 9:00am to 9:45am** at the Bluebird Symposium.

## What to Bring

Be sure to bring this info sheet, camera, binoculars, sunscreen, hat, bug spray and drinking water for field trips. Bring your swimsuit and river shoes so you can enjoy our cool crystal clear rivers. August mornings are normally in the 70's, and afternoons can reach into the 90's or 100's. If you'll be bringing a silent auction item, please notify LeAnn Sharp *phone 830-966-2320; email, LeAnn@texasbluebirdsociety.org*

## Volunteers Needed

If you are willing to take an assignment during the event (i.e., working the registration desk, checking in participants at a field trip, furnishing snacks), please get in touch with LeAnn Sharp.

## Directions

**Via San Antonio:** Take U.S. Hwy 90 West to Sabinal. Turn right on Hwy 187. In approximately two miles the road forks, bear left onto Highway 127 to Concan. Travel approximately 20 miles. Just before Hwy 127 intersects Hwy 83, turn right onto County Road 348 (River Road). House Pasture Cattle Company is located 3.2 miles on the right.

**Via Uvalde:** Take Hwy 83 North approximately 20 miles. Turn right onto Hwy 127 immediately turn left on County Road 348 (River Road). House Pasture Cattle Company is located 3.2 miles on the right.

**Via Junction/Leahey:** Take Hwy 83 South, approximately 17 miles south of Leahey. Turn left onto Hwy 127, and immediately turn left onto County Road 348 (River Road). House Pasture Cattle Company is located 3.2 miles on the right.

