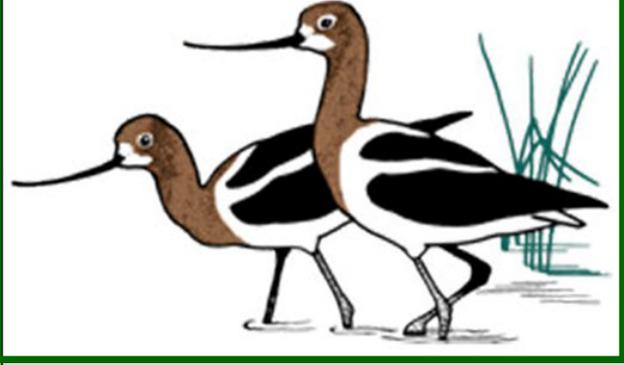


Tampa Audubon Society

is going to **TEXAS**

for the Hawk Migration and More!

JOIN US!



September 24—30, 2017

Fall Migration!

Our **South Texas tour with WINGS Inc.** will take place at the height of the fall migration, as North American breeding birds head for their wintering grounds from Mexico to southern South America. Shorebirds, warblers, thrushes, flycatchers, orioles, tanagers, and buntings should all be in good supply but a highlight will be the raptor migration. Hundreds of thousands, drawn



Hawks overhead, 2015, Doug DeNeve

from the entire continent east of the Rocky Mountains, funnel down along the coast at Corpus Christi. On Sept 27, 2016, the hawk watch at Corpus Christi recorded about 120,000 Broad-winged Hawks!

We can't promise that number on the days we'll be there but there will certainly be thousands and possibly tens of thousands of

raptors passing. In addition, Hazel Basemore park where the raptor watch takes place, is a fine area for landbird migrants.



A stunning Altamira Oriole peers out of the South Texas scrub. Photo: Chaiyan Kasorndorkbua, from wingsbirds.com

Southern Specialties too

South Texas is of course known for a series of birds that barely creep over the Mexican border to south-most Texas, and during our time in the Lower Rio Grande Valley we'll focus on these, including Plain Chachalaca, White-tipped Dove, Groove-billed Ani, Buff-bellied Hummingbird, Ringed and Green Kingfishers, Great Kiskadee, Couch's Kingbird, Olive Sparrow, and Altamira Oriole. Once again, the places we'll go are excellent for passerine migrants and we might in passing encounter more than 20 species of warblers.

Exactly where we go each day will depend



Can you see the Common Parakeet?

on local bird reports and our WINGS leader's discretion to find the best available.

Registration: mail to Mary Keith, 2106 E Annie St, Tampa, FL 33612 with deposit donation of \$100. Check made out to Tampa Audubon Society. Contact: mary.keith@tampaudubon.org

Name: _____ email: _____

Address: _____

City

ZIP

Single __ Double __ Rooming with: _____ Phone: _____

You will receive a receipt for the donation to TAS as confirmation, and instructions on how to pay trip costs directly to WINGS Birds once your name is sent to them.

We will spend the first day in Corpus Christi at the Hawk Migration site for this amazing event, then bird for passerines in the local park as well.

From there we'll go to the Lower Rio Grande Valley for the southern specialties, many of which are not found anywhere else in the US. We'll stay in McAllen, and head out each day to different locations, depending on where

birds have been sighted recently. After 3 days looking for the specialties, plus western woodpeckers, flycatchers and more we will bird back to Corpus Christi for another day watching hawks. (This is also our 'insurance plan', in case bad weather disrupts our first day of hawk watching.)



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Sept 24—arrive Corpus Christi, hotel by 6 pm
Sept 25—bird CC, travel to McAllen
Sept 26—McAllen and environs
Sept 27—McAllen and environs
Sept 28—Harlingen and environs
Sept 29—bird back to Corpus Christi
Sept 30—Depart CC on your schedule

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COST

7 people — \$1770
8 people — \$1639
9 people — \$1671*
10 people—\$1576*

\$400 single supplement.

10 persons MAX.

*With 9-10 people we will be *Green Jay, from wingsbirds.com* traveling in 2 vans for more space and ease of movement.

\$100 donation to TAS for registration. Upon receipt of this you will receive the WINGS registration form and payment instructions.

A \$350 per person deposit to WINGS will be due March 17, with final payment due June 18, 2017.

These prices are based on 2016 costs. There may be a slight increase in 2017. Check trip details on-line for cancellation policy, bird lists and more. Credit card payments to WINGS subject to additional processing fee.



PRICE INCLUDES:

- All hotels for all nights
- Transportation (vehicles, fuel, insurance)
- Meals from night of Sept 24 thru breakfast Sept 30.
- One alcoholic beverage per dinner
- All tips other than for bird guide
- All entrance fees
- All expenses of guide (WINGS leader)

Airfare to Texas NOT included.