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## **SOUTH, SOUTHEAST TEXAS WILDLIFE CONFERENCES SET**

AUSTIN--Texas Parks and Wildlife Department personnel and professionals from several other agencies and industries will speak on a variety of topics related to wildlife and habitat management in South Texas and Southeast Texas during wildlife conferences in August and September.

The second Southeast Texas Wildlife Conference is scheduled for Aug. 27-28 at the Hilton Inn in Beaumont. The sixth South Texas Wildlife Conference will be Sept. 9-11 at Texas A&I University in Kingsville.

### **Southeast Texas Wildlife Conference**

Rep. Mark Stiles of Beaumont is scheduled to be the keynote speaker during a luncheon at the conference.

Topics to be discussed at the Aug. 28 conference, set for 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., include the National Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program by Bob Jessen, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Office of Migratory Bird Management; Ducks Unlimited M.A.R.S.H. Projects in Wetland Habitats by Thomas E. Moorman, DU regional biologist; feral hogs in East Texas by Nathan Garner, TPWD biologist; and avian botulism waterfowl loss in Southeast Texas by Jim Sutherlin, manager of the J.D. Murphree Wildlife Management Area.

Other topics scheduled are white-tailed deer management in East Texas by James Kroll of Stephen F. Austin University; public hunting opportunities in Southeast Texas by Ed Holder, outdoors writer from Port Arthur; squirrels in East Texas by Gary Spencer, TPWD biologist; private lands enhancement for wildlife by Kirby Brown, TPWD private lands and public hunts program director; and an update on the Salt Bayou Project by Bob Bass, project manager, with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Scot Williamson, TPWD big game program director, will discuss new deer harvest regulations and Landowner Assisted Management Permit System; Tom Janousek, an entomologist with Jefferson County, will talk about marsh fires and mosquitoes; and Phil Durocher, TPWD inland fisheries chief, will give insight into fishery management in East Texas.

The final portion of the program will be two panel discussions, the first being "Industry and Wildlife Habitat: restoration plan and efforts benefiting wildlife habitat by major industry." Panel members include John Bernard with Gulf States Utilities, Mel Swoboda with Du Pont, John Mohr with Chemical Waste Management, Marty Briggs with Texaco Chemical and S.A. Webb with the City of Beaumont's utilities department.

The second panel discussion, "Hardwood Bottomlands in East Texas," will include members such as Jim Neal with TPWD, Micheal Best with Temple Inland, Ken Addy with Louisiana Pacific Corporation, Ron Haugen with the U.S. Forest Service and Roger Lord with the Texas Forest Service.

The conference begins at 3 p.m. with registration and a reception at 6 p.m. on Aug. 27. Cost of the conference is \$20, which includes the luncheon. For reservations call the Hilton Inn at (409) 842-3600. For more information, call TPWD's Jim Sutherlin at (409) 736-2551. The registration fee may be paid upon arrival.

### **South Texas Wildlife Conference**

The Kingsville conference, set for Ballroom A in the Student Union Building at Texas A&I, will focus on diversification and commercialization of wildlife resources in South Texas. The keynote speaker on Sept. 10 is scheduled to be Wayne La Pierre, executive director of the National Rifle Association. Dr. Jerry Parsons is set to speak at lunch on Sept. 11.

The conference session will begin Sept. 10 with discussion on quail management and related activities by Dr. Fred Guthery with Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute, who will speak on generating more quail seasons like 1992-93; Enrique Guerra, a rancher in Linn, on habitat management; David Schuster, manager of the Herradura Ranch in Cotulla, on his ranch's style of managing quail; Ronnie Howard with the San Tomas Camp and Paul Montgomery with Riverview Farms in Hamilton on supplementing quail hunting with other activities; and Walter Schiel, a professional dog trainer and handler.

The afternoon session will involve management programs and activities. Speakers include Dr. Thomas C. Tacha with the Kleberg Institute and TPWD's Garry Waggerman on the impact of food to breeding whitewings; Bart Ballard with the Kleberg Institute and Tacha on sorghum management for waterfowl; Mike McMurray with the Texas Department of Agriculture on ecosystem management with livestock; Randy Simpson with Southwest Texas State University on deer breeding programs and their myths and realities; TPWD's Ernie Davis on the Texas Big Game Awards Program; and David Langford with the Texas Wildlife Association on conservation education for children.

On Sept. 11, speakers will discuss the pros and cons of supplementation. Speakers are Dr. Eric Hellgren with the Kleberg Institute on mineral supplementation; Dr. Tim Fulbright with Texas A&M University-Kingsville on the myths of food plots; Dr. Gary Schwarz, a rancher in Starr County, on a landowner's perspective of food plots; Dr. Gary McBryde, Texas A&M-Kingsville, on the economics of food plots versus supplemental feeding; Steve Nelle, USDA Soil Conservation Service, on annuals and perennials in food plots; and Jerry Turrentine, USDA Soil Conservation Service, on low cost seeding options with food plots.

Registration begins at 4 p.m. on Sept. 9 in the lobby of the Econo Lodge Motel and will continue at 7 a.m. on Sept. 10 at Texas A&I. Pre-registration is \$30 and registration at the door will cost \$35. Rooms are available at the Econo Lodge, HoJo Motel, Best Western-Kingsville and Motel 6. For more information, contact TPWD's Don Frels at (512) 729-2315.

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## **TPWD, CORPS OF ENGINEERS PROPOSE PARK TRADE**

AUSTIN--An in-depth study by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has determined that two park properties are good candidates for a proposed management swap.

The study had been looking at nine different state parks. After careful review, the proposed sites for a swap have been narrowed down to Lake Lewisville State Park, north of Dallas, and the Corps park at O.C. Fisher Reservoir in San Angelo.

"This would mean more efficient management for all concerned, said Ron Holliday, TPWD public lands division director. "It would also provide a state park in San Angelo, an area not currently served by any nearby state parks, and it would reduce the potential for public confusion at both sites."

Parks at both sites are on federal land administered by the Corps, so what's involved is a transfer of management leases. TPWD would give up its current lease with the Corps for Lake Lewisville and would assume a new lease for O.C. Fisher.

Such a trade would be necessary since TPWD has no additional funds budgeted to take on an additional park the size of O.C. Fisher, which includes 7,677 acres of land. Lake Lewisville State Park consists of 721 acres.

The entire lake shore at O.C. Fisher is park land, with numerous boat ramps and an extensive day use and overnight camping facility on the south side. Since both the Corps and the local sheriff's department currently provide security at O.C. Fisher, a TPWD takeover there would mean a single uniform on the lake, therefore creating less potential for public confusion.

Likewise, at Lake Lewisville there are now 13 Corps park sites, nine city or county sites and one state park. A Corps takeover of the state park there would mean a more consistent fee structure and less potential public confusion.

The two agencies are discussing terms of the possible trade. Because some of the Corps terms may need approval in Washington, D.C., it is difficult to say exactly when a final decision will be reached.

"We are determined that the communities involved be kept as informed as possible," Holliday said. "We will get word to them as soon as a decision is reached."

If the trade becomes reality, he said, TPWD staff at Lake Lewisville would be offered positions elsewhere, possibly at one of the new park units set to open soon at nearby Lake Ray Roberts.

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## **EXPO CONTESTS TO DRAW PRO, AMATEUR CALLERS**

AUSTIN--Texas Wildlife Expo '93 will have dozens of events for the young and old, hunters and anglers, men and women. Those with a competitive spirit may win cash prizes, merchandise or trophies by participating in turkey, deer and duck calling contests.

The Expo, scheduled for Oct. 1-3, will transform the grounds of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's headquarters in Austin into a colorful fairgrounds with hundreds of exhibitor booths, live wildlife events, fishing demonstrations, shooting and much more.

The Texas State and Austin Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, along with Mossy Oak Camo, will sponsor the Lone Star Classic Turkey Calling Championship and the Texas State Turkey Calling Championship on Oct. 2, both sanctioned events and open to the public.

World champion turkey caller Mark Drury of Columbia, Mo., is expected to return to the Expo to defend his Lone Star Classic title in the open division. The Open Division winner is guaranteed \$1,000 cash, the same amount paid to the winner of the world championship. The winner qualifies for the NWTF Champions in February. The Open Friction Division will pay \$500 to the winner.

Purses will be split for second through fifth places in each division. Entry fee is \$50 for the Open Division and \$25 for the Open Friction Division.

The Texas State Turkey Calling Championship will have three divisions: Texas State Championship (Open), Texas State Friction Championship and Amateur. Winner of the Open and Friction divisions will each receive a Mossberg shotgun. Winner of the Open qualifies for the NWTF Champions. Prizes and trophies will be awarded to the top three places. In the Amateur Division, prizes and trophies will be awarded to the top three places.

Entry fees are \$10 for the Amateur Division, \$25 for Open or Friction or \$25 for both.

Entries will be limited, so mail entries to Lone Star Classic Turkey Calling Contest, Box 3792, Austin, Texas 78764, or call (512) 328-0741 in the Austin area or (214) 320-0988 in the Dallas area.

The Annual World Championship Deer Calling Contest, sponsored by Bushlan Camo, also is scheduled for Oct. 2. There will be two divisions: adult and youth (16 and under). Entry fee is \$10. Trophies and prizes will be awarded to each winner.

Scoring during the first part of the contest will be based on the contestant's response to a required, written questionnaire, hypothetical calling situations and set-up knowledge. The technique portion of the contest includes demonstrating a required deer grunt, one other deer vocalization of choice and finishing with freestyle calling and rattling techniques.

The contest is open to anyone but is limited in number to first-come, first-serve. To enter or for more information, contact Bushlan Camo, 313 Mill Run, Kerrville, Texas 78028, or call (210) 895-2577

Another contest scheduled for Oct. 2 is the 1st Annual Texas Ducks Unlimited Duck Calling Contest. The contest, sponsored by Sure Shot Game Calls, Rattler's Brand Camo, Brown Distributing-Austin and McBride's Guns, is expected to draw contestants from across the state and will be judged by former world champions.

The contest will have two divisions: Open, which is open to anyone, and Greenwing, open to youths 17 and under. Cash, prizes and trophies will be awarded. There is no entry fee.

For more information, call (214) 991-6444 or (512) 476-0300.

The initial two-day event, Texas Wildlife Expo '92, drew more than 7,000 people, including thousands of children. This year's event has been expanded to three days and includes fishing. Best of all, it's free to the public.

Jerry Jones, owner of the Super Bowl Champion Dallas Cowboys, will be the keynote speaker at the celebrity banquet Oct. 1. The banquet, which will have limited seating, will follow a celebrity sporting clays shoot featuring Doug English, Lee Roy Jordan, Bill Rogers and Ted Nugent. Winners of the Expo poster, essay and poetry contest, the Texas Big Game Awards and the Share A Lunker program will be honored.

The Expo will run from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Oct. 2 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Oct. 3. There is no admission fee on Oct. 2 and 3. Banquet tickets are \$75 and \$50. Proceeds from the Expo will benefit the Parks and Wildlife Foundation of Texas Inc.'s Scholarship Fund.

About 300 exhibitors representing all facets of the hunting and fishing industry and conservation groups, as well as several TPWD programs, will have booths set up at the event. Entertainer Gary Morris will perform a one hour concert on Oct. 2.

Dozens of other events will be ongoing throughout the expo, including demonstrations, adult and youth shooting, casting clinics and demonstrations, youth fishing derby, seminars and others.

The Expo is designed to create public awareness to the importance of hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation; focus public attention on the contributions hunters, fishermen and other outdoor users have made to preserve the abundant wildlife and natural resources of Texas; inform new generations of Texans about the history of hunting, fishing and the outdoors; and underscore the critical role of hunting, fishing and the outdoors in wildlife management and conservation.

Parking will be east of I-35 on Woodward Dr. A free shuttle will take visitors to and from the Expo.

For more information, contact Bob Hauser at Texas Wildlife Expo '93, TPWD, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744, or call 1-800-792-1112, ext. 4472, or (512) 389-4472.

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## **FALL PASSPORT EVENTS SCHEDULED**

AUSTIN--Fall brings more than just a change in seasons and colors. It also brings a new group of activities for holders of the Texas Conservation Passport to try. This fall, a couple of new events include electrofishing seminars and midnight horseback rides.

On Sept. 21, holders of the passport can observe Texas Parks and Wildlife Department personnel collecting fish with electrofishing gear and the data taking process at Eisenhower State Park Lake. The activity is scheduled for 8-9 p.m. and reservations are required. For more information, call (903) 465-1956.



Bonham State Park Lake will be the site of another electrofishing survey from 8-9 p.m. on Sept. 29. Reservations are required. For more information, call (903) 583-5022.

S&K Horse Stables has scheduled a moonlight horseback ride at Pedernales Falls State Park in Blanco County from 8:30-9:30 p.m. each Friday during September for passport holders. Participants will be able to stargaze from a high ridge in a remote area of the park. There is an additional fee and reservations are required.

Each Saturday in September at Pedernales Falls, passport holders can take a guided cross-country trip through remote areas of the park and view 4,800 acres from a high ridge. Mounts and picnics are provided. There is an additional fee and reservations are required.

While at Pedernales Falls for the ride and picnic, participants can ask to be included in a session to view the art of horseshoeing following the morning ride. For information or reservations on any of the Pedernales Falls riding activities, call S&K Horse Stables at (512) 479-9443 on Monday through Friday or (210) 868-0314 on weekends and holidays.

Other events scheduled for Texas Conservation Passport holders during September include:

- \* Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley SP, flora and fauna trail walk, 10 a.m. to noon, Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, (210) 585-1107

- \* Caddo Lake WMA northeast of Marshall, boating tour, 1-3 p.m., Sept. 25, reservations required, (903) 679-4006.

- \* Candy Cain Abshier WMA at Smith Point in Chambers County, participate in the 1993 Smith Point Hawk Watch and count up to 20 species of raptors as they migrate to Central and South America, 7-11 a.m., Sept. 25, reservations required, (409) 736-2551 or 2540.

- \* Colorado Bend SP above Lake Buchanan, spotlight deer census, 6-10 p.m., Sept. 11 and 25, additional fee, reservations required, (915) 628-3240.

- \* Davis Mountains SP northwest of Fort Davis, bird banding observation, 8-11 a.m., every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, (915) 426-3337

- \* Devil's Sinkhole SNA in Edwards County, observation of Devil's Sinkhole and Mexican free-tailed bat flight, 6 p.m., Sept. 25, reservations required, (210) 563-2342.



\* Elephant Mountain WMA south of Alpine, overnight horseback or equestrian drawn wagon tour with wildlife viewing stops, no mounts or food provided, 10 a.m. on Sept. 4 to noon on Sept. 5, reservations required, (915) 364-2228.

\* Fairfield Lake SP near Fairfield, the role of amphibians and reptiles in the ecosystem of East Texas with a demonstration, discussion and slide presentation, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Sept. 18; and at Richland Creek Wildlife Management Area, field demonstration of survey methods, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sept. 19, (903) 389-2216.

\* GCCA-CPL Marine Development Center in Corpus Christi, birding walk and hatchery tour and slide program, 9-11 a.m., Sept. 11, reservations required, (512) 939-7784.

\* Guadalupe River SP north of San Antonio, cook and jar jelly from prickly pear cactus fruit, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Sept. 25, additional fee, reservations required, (210) 438-2656.

\* Hill Country SNA and Running R Ranch near Bandera, interpretive horseback riding tour with mount and lunch provided, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Sept. 12, additional fee, reservations required, (210) 796-3984 for reservations or (210) 796-4413 for information.

\* J.D. Murphree WMA near Port Arthur, public hunting alligator weigh-in, 9 a.m. to noon, Sept. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27 and 28, (409) 736-2551

\* Jasper State Fish Hatchery, Martin Dies SP and Sam Rayburn Dam, develop bird identification skills and compile seasonal checklist (participants will car pool to the three locations), 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sept. 18, reservations required, (409) 384-9965 or 2221

\* Kickapoo Cavern SNA near Uvalde, primitive tour of Kickapoo Cavern, 4-6 p.m., Sept. 4, 9 and 23, reservations required. Also, bat flight and interpretation at Green Cave, 6:30-9 p.m., Sept. 2, 4, 9, 16, 17, 18, 23 and 30, reservations required. Call (210) 563-2342 for information.

\* Lake Brownwood SP near Brownwood, bird netting and banding, 7-10 a.m., Sept. 18, (915) 784-5223.

\* Las Palomas WMA, importance of wildlife management areas nature walk, 3-5 p.m., Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, (210) 585-1107 Also, birding tour of lower Rio Grande (participants will car pool to several locations), 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sept. 15, (210) 383-8982.

\* Martin Dies Jr. SP between Woodville and Jasper, wildlife calling workshop, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Sept. 11, (409) 384-5231

\* Matagorda Island SP off Port O'Connor, marine life tour and biological sampling, 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sept. 4 and 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sept. 26. Also, beachcombing and shelling, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sept. 12., and historical tour, 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sept. 18. Additional fee for each. Call (512) 983-2215.

\* Moore Plantation WMA south of Hemphill, trail between the lakes guided nature walk, 8-11 a.m., Sept. 25, (409) 384-5231

\* Old Tunnel WMA near Fredericksburg, bat emergence tour, one hour before sunset until flight is over, every Thursday and Saturday, (210) 868-7304.

\* Pedernales Falls SP in Blanco County, Twin Falls nature trail walk, 9-10:30 a.m., Sept. 4, 11, 18 and 25; and bird watchers walk, 7:30-11 a.m., Sept. 5, 12, 19 and 26, donation requested, reservations required. Call (210) 868-7304 for information on both.

A Texas Conservation Passport is required to attend these events for each person 17 years old and older. The \$25 passport also provides a waiver of park entry fees, discounts for camping and is a way for everyone to contribute directly to the preservation and enjoyment of Texas' natural and cultural resources.

Other benefits of the passport include entry to some currently undeveloped park lands, discounts on some department items such as the Texas Parks and Wildlife magazine and news of special outdoor programs.

The Texas Conservation Passport is sold at all state parks, TPWD regional law enforcement offices and through two vendors, Whole Earth Provision Company in Austin, Dallas and Houston and REI (Recreation Equipment Inc.) in Austin.

For more information about a tour, call the telephone number given above for the specific tour. For more information about the Texas Conservation Passport, call your local state park or department headquarters in Austin at 1-800-792-1112 or (512) 389-4800.

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## **HUNTER'S CLEARINGHOUSE DIRECTORY TO BE UPDATED**

AUSTIN--Landowners who would like to be mentioned in the 1994 Hunter's Clearinghouse Directory need to complete a listing form soon.

The free directory, which is produced by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, provides interested hunters and photographers a list, by region and county of more than 200 available leases. To be accepted in the book, listing information needs to be received by the end of November.

In the directory, the state is broken down into seven regions - Central, East, Gulf Coast, Panhandle, Rolling Plains, South and West. The register is further broken down in each region by county, followed by landowner or ranch's name, address, telephone number, game available, acreage, lodging, what type of hunt or lease is available, amenities and other pertinent information.

For information on how to list land in the directory, write to Hunter's Clearinghouse Directory, TPWD, Ron McLean, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744, or call 1-800-792-1112, ext. 4566, or (512) 389-4566.

For a copy of the 1993 directory, contact Literature Distribution, TPWD, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744, or call 1-800-792-1112, ext. 4792, or (512) 389-4792.

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## **HOLIDAY SWIMMERS SHOULD TAKE PRECAUTIONS**

AUSTIN--Drowning typically is the leading cause of water and boating fatalities in Texas and during the upcoming Labor Day weekend many water enthusiasts will engage in that last hurrah of the summer

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department urges those heading for the water Labor Day to use extra precautions and common sense while enjoying any of the many water related activities.

There are some precautions to take around water that can protect you, said Dexter Harris, TPWD boating law administrator. "One, don't go into the water alone. Swim with companions, friends and relatives. Two, make sure to wear a life jacket if you can't swim, even when only wading. Finally, don't go near the swimming pool unless there is a lifeguard on duty.

Harris also suggests avoiding alcohol while participating in water activities. "Alcohol is a major factor in drowning. Many victims have significant levels of alcohol in their blood. Water does not help sober up a person, only time will do that. Alcohol reduces coordination; senses are distorted; and eyesight is blurred."

Boaters are reminded that every recreational water vessel must carry at least one U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device for each person on board. Texas requires those under 13 years old to wear a life jacket while a motorized craft is underway. Boaters also should carry a fire extinguisher, be able to display running lights after sunset and before sunrise and carry a bell or horn on board.

For more information on boating safety and education, call the department at 1-800-253-4536 or (512) 389-4999.

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## **SEVEN ENTRIES PLACE IN ACI CONTEST**

AUSTIN--The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department placed seven entries, including two firsts, in the Association for Conservation Information 1992 awards recently. That ties the most awards ever won by the department at the national competition.

The department's employee video newsletter, "Open Line," placed first in the Internal Communications category. In the same category, "Tracks & Trails" placed second and the "New Employee Orientation" video produced by Joe Delgado placed third.

The other first place was in the Special Efforts category for "Out of the Blue," a video about Neotropical birds produced by Richard Roberts.

Three other entries received third place awards. The "Texas Parks & Wildlife" television series placed third in the Television Series category; a magazine article, 'Blueticks in the Night, written by Jim Cox placed third in the Wildlife Article category; and a four-color publication produced by the department's graphics shop for the Texas Bighorn Society finished third.

'I'm very pleased that once again we have done so well in this national competition, said Bill Rutledge, conservation communications director "It certainly showcases the quality of programs and material produced by the department's staff."

ACI is an organization comprised of conservation communicators from across the U.S. and Canada.

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### TPWD NOTEBOOK

AUSTIN--Texans will be able to shoot teal during a nine-day September season (Sept. 11-19) for the second consecutive year and some questions have been raised about when nontoxic shot may be needed or possessed by a hunter.

Capt. Jim Robertson, TPWD game warden, said nontoxic shot, which includes steel shot, is required only for hunting migratory waterfowl. If a hunter possesses lead shot while hunting teal, other ducks, geese, and coots, he is in violation of the law. However, both lead and steel shot may be used to hunt doves.

When a hunter plans to hunt teal and doves in the same area, the best solution is to possess and hunt only with nontoxic shot. The hunter also could decide which game bird he wanted to hunt. The hunter may hunt doves with lead shot as long as he does not shoot waterfowl.

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AUSTIN--Cinda Davis, health specialist for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Law Enforcement Training Academy, won three medals during the Fifth World Police and Fire Games, Aug. 1-7 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

In the biathlon, an event which combines running and shooting, Davis won gold female individual and team medals. She also won a silver medal in the female 10K cross-country run.

More than 6,000 competitors from 34 countries competed in this year's games. Davis attended the event at her own expense.

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AUSTIN--Annie Faye Bosarge of Winnsboro has a new state record with the certification of her redear sunfish caught June 13 in Lake Winnsboro.

Bosarge's catch weighed 1 pound, 10 ounces and was 13 inches long. The previous state record in the public waters category weighed .69-pound. That fish was caught April 9 by David Owens of Cleburne in Cleburne State Park Lake.

The largest redear sunfish on record in Texas, the private waters category record, weighed 3.25 pounds. The fish, which measured 14.25 inches long, was caught April 23, 1978, by Vernon Roberts of Seguin in Guadalupe County:

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**TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE TELEVISION SHOW  
SEPTEMBER 1993 SCHEDULE**

*(All times p.m. unless otherwise noted)*

<u>CITY/STATION</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>
AMARILLO KACV-TV, CH 2	Sunday	5:00
AUSTIN KLRU-TOO CABLE CHANNEL 31	Tuesday Thursday	9:30 2:00
COLLEGE STATION KAMU-TV, CH 15	Saturday	6:30
CORPUS CHRISTI KEDT-TV, CH 16	Thursday Friday	7:30 10:30
DALLAS/FT. WORTH KERA-TV, CH 13	Monday, Tuesday Wednesday, Friday	6:30
EL PASO KCOS-TV, CH 13	Sunday	3:00

HARLINGEN KMBH-TV, CH 60	Saturday	6:30
HOUSTON KUHT-TV, CH 8	Saturday	4:30
KILLEEN KNCT-TV, CH 46	Tuesday Thursday	3:00 1:30
WACO KCTF-TV, CH 34	Thursday	11:30
LUBBOCK KTXI-TV, CH 5	Thursday	1:00
ODESSA KOCV-TV, CH 36	Saturday	7:30



Paul Hope, Fishing Report No.599  
Aug. 11, 1993

AUSTIN: Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Aug. 11:

#### CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water clear, 92 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass are good to 6 pounds on worms and jigs; crappie are slow; catfish are fair to 4 pounds on stinkbait and live perch.

BELTON: Water clear, 89 degrees, 2 inches low; black bass are good to 6 pounds, 2 ounces on spinners, Ringworms and PopRs; striper are slow; hybrid striper and white bass are good on any kind of topwater or jigging spoon; most hybrids are undersized; catfish are slow.

BROWNWOOD: Water clear, 80 degrees, 5 foot low; black bass are fair to 5 pounds, 7 ounces on live perch; striper are good to 4 1/2 pounds on spoons, Rattle Traps and spinning baits; crappie are fairly good to 12 fish per string on minnows and jigs; white bass are schooling, fish are caught on jigs at night and spoons during the day; catfish are slow, few trotliners out.

BUCHANAN: Water clear, 87 degrees, 6 feet low; black bass are slow due to falling water level; striper are fair from midlake to the dam with fish to 10 pounds caught on live bait and trolling jigs; crappie are slow; white bass are fair around Garrett Island early morning and late, watch for schools on top; catfish are fair to 10 pounds on upper end of lake with cut bait and stinkbait.

CANYON: Water clear, 82 degrees, 1 inch low; black bass are fair to 2 pounds in the river and in Turkey Cove on minnows and worms; striper are slow to 5 pounds on live minnows; crappie are good at Crane's Mill early and some fish caught in the river also, all on minnows; white bass are fair on slabs and spoons; yellow catfish are fair in the 3-5 pound range on live bait; channel catfish are good in the 5 pound range on worms and shrimp.

COLORADO BEND: Water murky, 4 feet low; black bass and all fishing slow due to lack of fishermen.

FAYETTE: Water clear, 94 degrees, 6 inches above normal level; black bass are good early and late in deep water in the 4-5 pound range, some keepers in the 22-23 inch range were caught on Rattle Traps, L'il Georges, Slab Minnows and Carolina Rigged worms; crappie are fairly good at night on minnows; catfish are fairly good at night on nightcrawlers, water dogs and cut bait.

GIBBONS CREEK: Water clear, 90 degrees, 6 inches low; black bass are fair in smaller sizes, a few keepers to 9 pounds, 9 ounces were caught on black lizards; crappie are fairly good in 14 feet of water on minnows; catfish are fairly good to 3 pounds on rod and reel baited with chicken livers; catfish are good to 45 pounds on jug lines. The public boat ramp will be closed on Tuesday, Aug. 17, for routine maintenance on the dam. Fishermen should call Monday Aug. 16 (409/873-2424) to see if the service ramp is open.

LBJ: Water clear, 86 degrees, lake full; black bass are fair through 4 1/4 pounds on spinners; striper are fair behind Inks Dam on live shad; crappie are fair on docks with structure on minnows in 10-15

feet of water; white bass are good in main lake around dam, watch for large schools on top; catfish are good to 8 pounds on stinkbait in baited holes.

LIMESTONE: Water murky, 90 degrees, lake level dropping; black bass are slow, some hitting early and late on topwater and spinners; crappie are slow around trees; white bass are schooling early and late and are caught on Rattle Traps; catfish are very slow.

NAVARRO MILLS: Water clear, 86 degrees, 18 inches low; black bass are slow; striper are slow; crappie are slow, some caught in the deep water near the dam on live minnows; white bass are fair drifting with L'il Georges; catfish are slow.

SOMERVILLE: Water fairly clear, 80 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow, some caught around deep water dropoffs on jig and pig combinations and worms; striper are slow and hard to find on live minnows and trolling Hellbenders with a Tony Accetta Spoon trailer; crappie are fair in deep water around brush on minnows; white bass are scattered but are fairly easy to catch in schools on slabs and spoons; catfish are fair to 3 pounds on stinkbait.

SQUAW CREEK: Water clear, 96 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 3 pounds in shallow to 15 feet of water on plastic worms or Power Worms; crappie are fair in 40-45 feet of water on minnows; white bass are slow; catfish are slow.

STILLHOUSE: Water clear, 88 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 5 pounds early and late on topwaters; striper are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are good to 1 1/2 pounds on Sassy Shad and Jiggin' Spoons; catfish are slow.

TRAVIS: Water clear, 86 degrees, 6 1/2 feet low; black bass are fair to 4 pounds on chrome Jerkin' Sams, salt and pepper Ringworms and brown Jiggin' Pigs; Guadalupe bass are fair to 16 inches on same baits; striper are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are good to 70 fish per boat per morning on Crippled Herring Spoons and Tiny Traps; catfish are fair to 7 pounds on small perch.

WACO: Water off color, 87 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass are fair to 5 pounds on worms; striper are slow; crappie are fair on minnows in 15 to 20 feet water; white bass are fair on topwaters early and in 20 feet of water during the day; catfish are slow.

WHITNEY: Water clear, 85 degrees, 2 1/2 feet low; black bass are fair to 4 1/2 pounds on spinners; striper are slow to 12 pounds on shad in 25 to 30 feet of water; crappie are fair to good to 1 3/4 pounds on minnows; white bass are good to 1 pound on slabs and jigs; channel catfish are fair to 3 pounds in creeks.

#### NORTHEAST

ATHENS: Water clear, 90 degrees, 8 inches low; black bass are good to 9.26 pounds on topwaters, bass are still schooling off and off, a 7.23 pound fish also caught along with a couple of 5 pounders and a 6 pounder; crappie are slow; white bass are slow mainly due to lack of fishermen; catfish are slow to 5 pounds on worms.

BOB SANDLIN: Water clear, 12 inches low; black bass are fair to 8 pounds at night on black Berkley Power Worms in deep water off deep points, small fish caught during

the day; striper are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 21 pounds on trotlines with live bait.

BRIDGEPORT: Water clear, 2 feet low; black bass are slow; striper are slow; crappie are good with near limits on minnows in 12-14 feet in the brush and around rocky points; white bass are good to 12 inches on a wide variety of baits; catfish are slow.

CEDAR CREEK: Water clear, 90 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass are fair to 8 pounds on Carolina rigged worms in deep water; crappie are fair under the bridges and around brush; white bass are excellent on shiny baits; catfish are good to 35 pounds on trotlines baited with shad.

CYPRESS SPRINGS: Water clear, 90 degrees, normal level; lack bass are good to 8 pounds on black worms in 3 feet of water early and late; crappie are good with limits on minnows in 25 feet of water; catfish are good to 12 pounds on nightcrawlers.

FORK: Water clear, normal level; black bass are fairly good to 8 1/4 pounds on black metal flake worms off the points in deep water early and late; crappie are good under bridges and in the sloughs with a lot of foliage; catfish are slow.

GRAPEVINE: Water clear, 85 degrees, 1 1/2 feet low; black bass are good to 6 pounds on buzz baits along secondary points in 7-10 feet of water, early and late; striper are slow; crappie are fair on minnows around the tire reefs at night; white bass are good to 2 pounds on PopRs early and late along the dam; catfish are good to 12 pounds on cut shad and shrimp drifting the flats near the dam in 15 to 20 feet of water.

JOE POOL: Water clear, 89 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 7 pounds on pumpkin seed worms; crappie are fair to 1 1/2 pounds on minnows; white bass are slow; catfish are good to 7 pounds on shad gizzards.

LAKE O THE PINES: Water clear, 87 degrees, 3 inches low; black bass are fair to 5 pounds on chartreuse buzz baits, dark worms and deep diving cranks; crappie are fair along the creek channels in 15 to 25 feet of water on minnows, most fish are small in size; white bass are slow; catfish are fairly good to 3 1/2 pounds along the main river channels and points on nightcrawlers; yellow catfish are fair to 25 pounds on live bait; bream are fair around the boat houses and along the main creek channels, most fish are caught on worms and crickets.

MONTICELLO: Water clear, 93 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 9 1/2 pounds on flying lures; crappie are fair to 10 fish per string on minnows in 20 feet of water; catfish are good to 35 pounds on a large minnow baited trotline.

MURVAUL: Water fairly clear, 89 degrees, 8 inches low; black bass are fair to 8 pounds, 2 ounces on worms and Slug-Gos, buzz baits, a number of small bass caught; crappie are fair in number but not many limits caught; catfish are fair to 4 pounds drifting nightcrawlers and live perch; bream are good on crickets and worms.

PALESTINE: Water clear, 1 foot low; black bass are good to 6 1/2 pounds on worms; striper are slow; crappie are fair to 2 pounds on minnows in deep water; white bass are schooling, a few limits caught on spoons and cranks; catfish are

good to 25 pounds on trotlines baited with blood bait and cut bait.

PURTIS CREEK: Water clear, 12 inches low; black bass are good to 9 pounds a variety of baits; crappie are fair on minnows; catfish are good to 12 pounds on a variety of baits late in the afternoon.

RAY ROBERTS: Water clear, 83 degrees, 10 feet low; black bass are good to 10 pounds on Ring Rascals in 12-15 feet of water; crappie are good in the brush piles in the main lake channels; white bass are slow; catfish are good to 50 pounds on trotlines with live bait in 18 feet of water.

RICHLAND-CHAMBERS: Water clear, 87 degrees, 18 inches low; black bass are fair to in the 2-3 pound range to 7 pounds each on Carolina rigs and cranks; crappie are fair to 1 1/2 pounds on minnows in the tree tops; white bass are good in 18-25 feet of water on slabs; catfish are good on trotlines in 15 to 20 feet of water on shad and shrimp.

TAWAKONI: Water clear, 81 degrees, 14 inches low; black bass are fair to 6 pounds on buzz baits; striper are good through 18 pounds trolling; crappie are good to 1 1/2 pounds on minnows; white bass are good to 2 1/2 pounds on Tailspinners; catfish are excellent to 16 pounds on bloodbait and worms.

TEXOMA: Water clear, 84 degrees, normal level; black bass are good in number; striper are fairly good early and late on live bait or topwaters; crappie are fair on minnows in deep water; white bass are good on the surface on topwater baits; catfish are good in 30 feet of water on the tabletop with a wide variety of baits.

WRIGHT PATMAN: Water slightly stained, 87 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass are slow to 5 1/2 pounds on worms, jig and pig combinations, cranks spinners and buzz baits; crappie are slow; white bass are fair; catfish are fair to 30 pounds on trotlines and drifting sunfish and catalpa worms; sunfish are fair on crickets and worms.

#### SOUTHEAST

CONROE: Water clear, 92 degrees, normal level; black bass are spotty with a stringer weighing 22.9 pounds on worms and cranks; white bass are good on the north end and slow on the south end, white bass are schooling early and late and are caught on Rattle Traps; catfish are good in number but small in size.

HOUSTON COUNTY: Water clear, 76 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 9 pounds, 5 ounces on gray metal flake worms with blue tail in 12 feet of water; crappie are fair to 15 fish per string at the islands on minnows; white bass are slow; catfish are slow; bream are good on minnows.

LIVINGSTON:

RAYBURN: Water clear, 80-91 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass are slow; striper are slow; crappie are slow; catfish are good to 4 pounds on live bait, bloodbait.

TOLEDO BEND: Water clear, 87 degrees, 2 1/2 feet low; black bass are slow to 6 1/2 pounds, some caught on topwaters and worms in 14 to 22 feet of water; striper are slow, some schooling in the main lake near the power plant; crappie are slow, a few caught on shiners; white bass slow; catfish are good to 36 pounds, good

numbers of 5 to 15 pound fish in 15 to 30 feet of water; trotlines have to be run every 2 hours or catfish will die. Some showers falling in the area.

#### SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water clear, 78 degrees, 6 feet low; black bass are good to 8 pounds on buzz baits early, later in the day slabs are good on the humps and deep points, worms are good in deep water; striper are fairly good in the 17-20 pound range on live perch; white bass are good schooling around dam and marinas at night on wide variety of baits; catfish are good in 15 to 25 feet of water in 5-6 pound range on cheese baits.

BRAUNIG: Water murky, 85 degrees, normal level; black bass are good in number but mostly undersized; hybrid striper are good in number in the 2 1/2 pound range on chicken livers; channel catfish are excellent to 2 1/2 pounds on chicken livers; yellow catfish are fair; redfish are good to 13 pounds on spoons, trolling and on tilapia; no redfish caught on crawfish.

CALAVERAS: Water murky, 95 degrees, normal level; bass are slow; striper are slow to 4 pounds, 14 ounces on chicken livers and artificials; crappie are slow; catfish are good to 3 pounds on liver, perch and shrimp; redfish are good to 19 pounds on artificials and live perch; corvina are fair to 14 pounds on live perch and tilapia.

CHOKO: Water clear, 85 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow, fish are suspended in deep water but are moving into shallow water early and are caught on shallow running cranks, topwaters and spinners fished slowly and early; midmorning, fish are in 10-20 feet of water and caught on deep diving cranks, fishing will stay slow until a cold front comes through or some rain falls; striper are slow; crappie are slow in 15 to 35 feet of water under 99 bridge on minnows; white bass are fair trolling cranks in the dam area; catfish are fair in 10-20 feet of water and are caught on cheese baits, most fish are under 14 inches in length, larger fish are suspended over deep water on old road beds and tank dams, fish best early around trees where birds have been roosting.

COLETO CREEK: Water clear, 80 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass are fair to 5 pounds on spinners and worms; crappie are fair in numbers on minnows; catfish are good to 20 pounds on live perch.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Water clear on north end, dirty on south end, normal level; black bass are slow due to heat and lack of fishermen, some caught at the willows on topwaters; striper are fair under lights from state park pier and Sunrise Beach pier; crappie are good in the old wall area and around the Alice Pump station and along the river bank structure in 14 to 30 feet of water; white bass are good under birds around from Carmel Hills south to Barbon area on slabs and spoons; catfish were good during full moon in deeper water on Rio Grande perch and live perch on trotlines and jug lines.

FALCON: Water clear, 85 degrees, 8 1/2 feet low; black bass are fairly good to 9 pounds on cranks, Power Worms, Bass Assassins; striper are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are good to 3 pounds

on rod and reel with frozen shrimp.

MEDINA: Water clear, 86 degrees, 4 1/2 feet low; black bass are fair to 8 pounds on topwaters early and Power Worms later in the day; striper are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 4 pounds on nightcrawlers and shrimp.

TEXANA: Water murky in main lake, clear in the creeks and rivers, 88 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 3 pounds on cranks; crappie are fair on minnows; catfish are slow.

#### WEST

ARROWHEAD: Water murky, 88 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow; crappie are fair in number on minnows; white bass are fairly good in 3-4 feet of water on slabs and spoons; catfish are fairly good to 6 pounds early and late on minnows and worms.

GRANBURY: Water clear, 87 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair in number to 4 pounds on Chatterboxes; striper are fair to 12 pounds on live shad; crappie are good in 22 feet of water in baited holes; white bass are fair with some limits on silver spoons; catfish are picking up to 2 1/2 pounds on Mr. Whiskers.

GRENBELT: Water clear, 79 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass are good to 7 3/4 pounds on ponds on dark worms; crappie are good on minnows in the shallows; white bass are good all over the lake on minnows and jigs; catfish are good to 7 pounds on shrimp, liver, worms and minnows; walleye are slow.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water murky, 81 degrees, lake level low; black bass are slow; striper are slow; crappie are good on minnows in 4 feet of water; white bass are good on spoons; catfish are slow.

MEREDITH: Water clear, 81 degrees, 80 feet; black bass are fair to 6 pounds on minnows; crappie are slow; white bass are good to 12 pounds on slabs and minnows at night; catfish are good to 3 pounds on liver, minnows and worms; walleye are fair to 7.12 pounds on minnows.

O.H. IVIE: Main lake clear, upper end murky, 81 degrees, 1 1/4 feet low; largemouth bass are good on plastic worms or live minnows fished slowly in 25 to 40 feet of water, some keepers caught early in shallow water and later on topwaters and cranks; small mouth bass are good on points in 25 to 35 feet of water on jigs and slabs; crappie are fair to good on minnows in 25 to 35 feet of water, night fishing best; white bass are fair in feeding schools in main body; channel catfish are good to excellent with limits in baited holes in 10 to 20 feet of water; yellow catfish are slow.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear, 88 degrees, 5 feet low; black bass are fair to 5 1/2 pounds on Power Worms, some schooling bass are caught on Slug-Gos, Fish Sticks and PopRs; striper are good to 8 pounds on Pencil Poppers, Zara Spooks and Striper Strikes in Caddo Creek, Bone Bend and Hog Bend; crappie are fair to 14 inches on minnows under docks; white bass are fair in the keeper range, some schooling activity with fish caught on weighted corks with white streamer flies and small minnows; catfish are fair to 4 1/2 pounds on shrimp baited trotlines.

PROCTOR: Water clear, 94 degrees, normal level; black bass are

fairly good to 5.13 pounds on artificials; striper are slow; crappie are good on minnows; yellow catfish are good to 12 pounds on live bait.  
 SPENCE: Water clear, 82 degrees, 27 feet low; black bass are good to 2 1/2 pounds on chartreuse jigs; striper are good to 15 1/2 pounds on chartreuse shad and jigs; catfish are good to 27 pounds on liver perch on trotline baited with live perch.

#### COASTAL

NORTH SABINE LAKE: Good numbers of redfish in the usual places and along side the road; good numbers of drum in the same area, primarily south of Stewt's Island; specks range from the mouth of the Neches to the mouth of the Sabine River; flounder caught in the same area as the redfish; live bait shrimp available off and on.

SOUTH SABINE LAKE: Water in good shape; fairly good numbers of small trout caught at the reef on mud minnows; few fishermen out; live bait shrimp not available.

GALVESTON: Beach front has cleared; good numbers speckled trout and Spanish mackerel caught in the surf; scattered catches of trout, redfish and flounder caught in the bays; easy limits of snapper and king mackerel and a few ling caught offshore; increasing numbers of dolphin caught; tarpon still rolling at the end of the jetties and San Luis Pass; live bait shrimp getting harder to find but some are available in the \$10-\$12 per quart range.

FREEPORT: Bay fishermen are catching good numbers of flounder in back bays and in the surf; trout have been good in the same area on live shrimp; offshore fishermen are catching good numbers of large dolphin and kingfish; live bait shrimp are available at \$8 per quart.

PORT OCONNOR: Water is in good shape; good numbers of trout and redfish caught along the south shoreline in the back bay and in Green's Bayou; trout caught in Pringle Lake; good numbers of trout caught in the surf; good numbers of snapper and kingfish offshore; live bait shrimp available at \$8.50 per quart.

MATAGORDA: Good numbers of trout caught in East Bay along the south shoreline and deep reefs with black and white Swimming Jacks and live bait; good numbers of redfish in new river channel caught on live mullet; flounder are fair in number in both bays; wade fishing is slow due to low tides; some big reds caught under drawbridge with live mullet; offshore has been good for kings and snapper on wells 30-40 miles offshore; live bait shrimp available at \$10 per quart.

PALACIOS: Good numbers of redfish and trout caught from Cotton Bayou to Port O'Connor Jetties with strawberry metal flake white tailed Swimming Jacks; good numbers of fish caught in the surf with trout to 4 pounds; trout and redfish caught in Keller's Bay; good numbers of trout coming from the wells on live shrimp; water conditions are good in the bays, some off color water in the back bays; live bait shrimp available at \$10 per quart; live bait crab available.

ROCKPORT: Water is in fair shape; good numbers of fish caught; Aransas Bay is in good shape; good numbers of redfish and trout caught in front of Fence Lake all

the way to Paul's Mott; good numbers of trout caught off Traylor Island and some trout off Water Street in Downtown Rockport; live bait shrimp available at \$5 per pint and \$10 per quart.

PORT ARANSAS: Good numbers redfish caught in most all the bays in the edges of the flat in 18-24 inches of water on finger mullet; a few trout caught, most are small; live bait shrimp available but not plentiful.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Back bay fishermen are catching specks at Indian Point near the Causeway; small specks and small redfish caught in the back bays; live bait shrimp available at 15 cents each.

PORT MANSFIELD: Exceptionally calm weather this week; redfish have been good with schools quite easy to locate in the calm mornings; trout fishing has been good but not as good as redfish; limits available for both fish; west side showing good signs but most fish are caught on the east side; offshore fishing is producing good numbers of snapper, king and ling; live bait shrimp available at \$12 per quart.

SOUTH PADRE: Limits of trout caught on the channel in the Three Islands area; a few flounder are showing up; redfish have been slow; some drum caught on the Gas Well Flats; Holly Beach area has been giving up some nice strings of trout; kingfish have been good offshore; blackfin, bonito, marlin and yellowfin have been caught offshore; specks are good from the pier; live bait shrimp available at \$10 per quart.

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