

# The Pine Warbler



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## Let's Meet in the Big Stone Lodge!

Starting with the September 17 meeting, PWWS meetings will be held in the Big Stone Lodge at the new Dennis Johnston County Park at 709 Riley Fuzzel Road. It is located very close to the Nature Center where we have been meeting, but on the Harris County side of Spring Creek.

The directions to get there are much the same as to the Nature Center. Aldine-Westfield turns into Riley Fuzzel Road just northeast of Spring so there are several ways to get there.

1. Take the Rayford/Sawdust exit and go East (right) on Rayford Rd. It dead ends at Riley Fuzzel, then turn South (right) and drive to the Dennis Johnston Park past Spring Creek and on the right. or, 2. take Spring-Cypress east to Aldine Westfield through Olde Town Spring, turn left and then on to Riley Fuzzel for a short distance and turn left; or, 3. Take Aldine Westfield north from Mercer Arboretum until it turns into Riley Fuzzel. Turn right and watch for the Dennis Johnston Park on the left.

Meeting time is the same with a social time at 6:30 p.m. And the meeting starting at 7 p.m.

*Thanks to former president Al Barr, we are able to make this marvelous move for our meetings. Al is now the Outreach Coordinator at the Jesse Jones Park taking the place of Margarita Padilla who will soon move to turkey with her husband, another former president, Mike Beathard. When at Jesse Jones, you can visit with another friend of PWWS, Teri McArthur who was formerly at the Nature Center.*

*We thank Dennis Johnston, the Park Administrator for Precinct 4, Harris County, for extending hospitality to PWWS. Without Dennis, we wouldn't be protecting hundreds of acres of land along Spring Creek. And now, we might not have this wonderful place to meet. Programs for Senior Citizens are held during the day so take a look at <http://www.hcp4.net/ccenters/events.htm> and click on the September Calendar for the Big Stone Lodge.*



## PWWS September 17 Program Photo Tour of Iceland with Paul Gregg



Paul Gregg's September 17 program is a great way to start the Fall lineup of programs. A talented photographer, traveler and writer, he and his wife, Carol, took a North America

Nature Photographer's Association trip to Iceland. He will share his photos which he believes will encourage many of us to add the locations to our bucket lists.

Paul will be teaching photography classes at both Kingwood Lone Star College and Atascocita LSC this fall including Digital Photography, Adobe Lightroom, Basic Wildlife and Travel Photography. For a catalog of Lone Star Continuing Education classes, and how to sign up, go to:

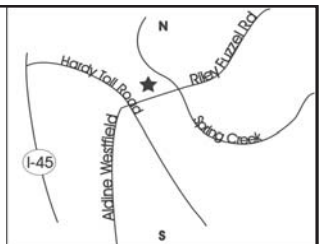
[http://lonestar.edu/departments/ce/CE\\_Schedule\\_Fall\\_2013.pdf](http://lonestar.edu/departments/ce/CE_Schedule_Fall_2013.pdf).

Meanwhile, let's cool off with a trip to Iceland on September 17.



**Date: September 17**  
**Time: Social 6:30 p.m.**  
**Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

**Big Stone Lodge**  
709 Riley Fuzzel Road



## Heart Happenings



Kemp's ridley nesting numbers were down for Texas (209 last year with 151 this year) and also in Mexico. Everyone is scratching their heads and looking for reasons for this disappointing decline. One good note is that nests on the Upper Texas Coast were about the same as last year.

Locations are:

Bolivar Peninsula 3  
Galveston Island 7  
Brazoria County, N. of Surfside 2  
Surfside Beach 1  
Quintana Beach 1  
Bryan Beach 0  
Brazoria County, N. of Sargent Beach 0  
Sargent Beach 0  
Matagorda Peninsula 3  
Matagorda Island 0  
San Jose Island 0  
Mustang Island 4  
Corpus Christi Bay 0  
North Padre Island, N. of PAIS 3  
Padre Island National Seashore (PAIS) 87  
South Padre Island 37  
Boca Chica Beach 3  
\*Total 151

Sea Turtle Restoration Project is making big news in Galveston, Texas! A long awaited office will soon be open with Associate Campaign Director Joanie Steinhaus in charge.

With an extensive background in teaching Joanie brings a wide variety of experience including 11 years as a Zoo Instructor and Mammal Keeper at the Houston Zoological Gardens. After that, she served as Natural Science Program Coordinator for the Lower Colorado River Authority establishing relationships with educational institutions, governmental agencies, business, industry, you and non-profit groups over a 64 county service area.

Joanie also developed curriculum for the Generation Zero Waste initiative and has authored numerous publications. The office location has not been finalized.

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### The Kemp's Ridley is the Official State Sea Turtle of Texas

The Green Team of the Fourth Grade of Oppe Elementary in Galveston led by their teacher, Katie Blaser and STRP's Carole Allen researched the Kemp's ridleys for several months. Next, they wrote a resolution which was introduced in the Texas House

of Representatives by Galveston Representative Craig Eiland. Several of the students and their parents went to Austin to testify about the Kemp's ridley and why it has earned the right to be the state sea turtle. Both the House and Senate passed the bill and on May 10, Governor Rick Perry signed the bill proclaiming the Kemp's ridley sea turtle as the Official Sea Turtle of the State of Texas!

### Program Notes:

Programs to plan on this fall at the Big Stone Lodge:

*October 15, 2013:* Kathy Adams-Clark and Gary Clark will give a program on Big Bend

*November 19, 2013:* Claire Moore will present a program on her birding in South America and Australia

*December 17, 2013:* Christmas Party

### Potluck Fun!



PWWS members brought delicious food to share at our annual potluck on Saturday evening, August 17. Thanks to Kathy and Mary Anne for making sure everything went smoothly. Thanks, too, to Al Barr and Steven Stones for managing the laptop and projector so we could see photos taken by Steven, John Jones and Dick Lee this past year. Al showed pictures of the Big Stone Lodge at the Dennis Johnston County Park where meetings will be held starting in September. The facility looks marvelous and PWWS wants to thank Mr. Johnston for allowing us to meet there. He is the Park Administrator of Precinct 4 and is responsible for saving hundreds of acres along Spring Creek to be enjoyed for generations to come.







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