

TAMAULIPAN BIOTIC PROVINCE SAFARI (*Lower Rio Grande Valley*)

your unique opportunity to . . .

Travel & Learn with entertaining educator, birder, naturalist, author Gene Blacklock!

CLASS Monday, November 19, 6:15-9:15 pm, Botanical Gardens Education Station.

TRIP November 27-December 1, including travel days.
Meet at La Quinta – Harlingen at 1 pm, November 27.

COST \$495 members; \$530 non-members (includes individual Botanical Gardens membership).
(Housing, meals, transportation are NOT included. Individuals are responsible for transportation to headquarters hotels, and safari stops.)



Safari Reservations: 852-2100, or email kathie@stxbot.org

Safari Headquarters Hotel: LaQuinta Harlingen, 1002 S Expressway 83, Harlingen, TX 78550. Phone: (956) 428-6888. Participants must make their own hotel reservations, preferably several months in advance, so that everyone can stay in the same hotel. Explore the unique habitats and birding sites of the Rio Grande Valley with author and noted South Texas naturalist Gene Blacklock, gleaned expertise and insights from his years of birding experience in this region.

Sites of interest: Lagoon Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge; Port Isabel and boat ride; South Most Audubon Sanctuary, Old Fort Brown, Brownsville, Estero Llano Grande State Park; Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge, and San Yanacio.

Birds of Interest: Hook-billed Kite (+/-), Zone-tailed and Gray Hawks, Aplomado Falcon, Ringed Kingfisher, Chachalaca, Green Parakeet, Clay-colored Thrush, Altamira Oriole, Blue Bunting (+/-) and White-collared Seedeater.

For more information: Gene Blacklock, 361-558-1829 or blacklockg@gmail.com

Gene Blacklock is an acclaimed birder, naturalist, author and educator. For curriculum questions, call him at 361.558.1829.

IF PREPAID REGISTRATION REQUIRED, CALL OR COME BY THE BOTANICAL GARDENS: 361-852-2100

Bring to Birding Classes: 'NORTH AMERICAN FIELD GUIDE' (*available in Nature's Boutique*); BINOCULARS.

BIRDS OF SOUTH TEXAS, NATURAL HISTORY & IDENTIFICATION

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Feb. 13, 15, 16

Studying Waterfowl, Shorebirds and Finches (Identification, Basic Plumage), with Gene Blacklock.

Feb. 13: Class, 9-11:30 a.m. Field Trip 1:30-5 p.m.

Feb. 15: Field Trip, 7:45-11:30 a.m. Class, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Feb. 16: Field Trip, 7:45-11:30 a.m. Class, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Visiting: Hazel Bazemore Park, Polliwog Pond, Blucher Park, Tule Lake, Indian Point, Sunset Lake Park.

\$95 members, \$110 others. Prepaid Registration required by Feb. 9.

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORLD OF BIRDS, IDENTIFICATION, MORE Saturday, Feb. 24

Class, 8:45-11:30 a.m., Education Station; Field Trip, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Botanical Gardens & Nature Center trails. Basic introduction designed for beginning birders with little or no experience in birding. Study some of the 450+ known bird species in South Texas.

\$45 members, \$60 others. Prepaid Registration required by Wednesday, Feb. 21.

EXCITING WORLD OF HAWKS AND THEIR IDENTIFICATION Friday & Saturday, March 30 & 31

Class: Friday, 6:15- 8:30 pm, Education Station. Field Trip: Saturday, 9:45 a.m.-noon, Hazel Bazemore Park. **\$45 members, \$60 others. Prepaid Registration required by Tuesday, March 27.**

