

Rio Grande
Delta
Audubon



Rio Grande
Valley
Texas

September 2004



Family Nature Festival had 359 attendees registered by Dotie and Peggy (above) Rio Grande Delta Audubon members. Participants came from the upper valley, Brownsville, and Matamoros.



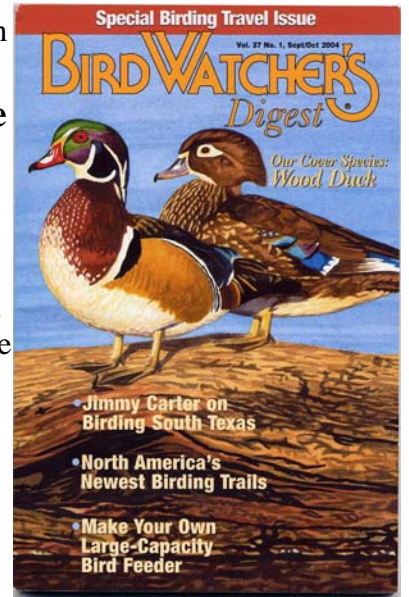
Color is the Topic
Coloring the butterfly (paper) rings.

The registration team, participants, and on the second page you can see an instructor from the **Rio Grande Valley Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists** having fun too. It was a learning experience for both the general public and volunteers.

The **Gladys Porter Zoo** booth set up a display of different reptiles and even a very slippery Lesser Rio Grande Siren. The curious had an opportunity to pet the Speckled Racer snake while some tried to hold onto the RG Lesser Siren!

All the booths were very educational. The presentation with the "Enviroscape" demonstrated how water becomes polluted and then runs off into streams and rivers. At the nature Bingo booth the participants learned about birds, insects, and wildlife while playing. They won such prizes as educational books on in-

Bird Watcher's Digest has an article on "**The Remarkable Rio Grande Valley**" by **Jimmy Carter** in their Sept/Oct Issue. You can get a short version of the article at www.birdwatchersdigest.com. Or, order your own copy of the Sept. Oct. Issue at Special Birder's Travel Issue Bird Watcher's Digest 149 Acme St. Marietta, Ohio 45750 Phone 800/879-2473



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Rio Grande Delta Audubon's chapter status was elevated to "Provisional". Terry Austin, Texas Audubon's executive advised via E-Mail August 4, 2004. One more step toward full chapter status.

Also, our web site is now active on the National and Texas Audubon web sites.

Meetings

Meetings are all at the Historic Brownsville Museum, 641 E. Madison, Brownsville, Texas. A map with the location is on our web site www.riograndedeltaaudubon.com. To help your scheduling and planning, all meetings are on the first Monday of each month unless a holiday makes a change necessary like September.

September 13, 2004 6:00PM

Water Treatment & Desalination

The Brownsville Public Utilities Board's Genoveva G. Gomez, Director of Water and Waste Water Engineering Operations will talk about water conservation and our environment in relationship to desalination. She is the new Director of Engineering Operations at the new desal plant.

October 4, 2004, 6:00PM

Bahia Grande Eco-system Plans and Progress

will be discussed by Mary Jane Shands of Jason Projects University of Brownsville.

November 1, 2004, 6:00PM

Rio Grande River Water Authority

Carlos Rubenstein will discuss the process and plans to get the most out of our water resources and keep it safe.

Call Jorge Garcia-with Program ideas 956-541-8800

Volunteer Needs at Sabal Palm Audubon Sanctuary

Butterfly Garden cleaning and trimming in October. Cecilia Farrell, Coordinator, Date TBA.

Nephitis Spraying to remove an invasive vine at Sabal

See more on next page.

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will gladly send you a National Audubon Membership Application upon request.

**Annual Dues time is here in October. Amounts
and payment methods are above. Thank you.**



“Bat Cave” Presentation by Donna Berry.

Sects, birds, and mammals.

The presentations at the “Bat Cave” helped dispel the
myths about bats by educating the public of the positive
affects bats have on the environment.

One comment heard from different families attending
was “We are really enjoying this,, you should have
events like this more often.

Jimmy Paz

Palm in need of removal.

A Photography Club is forming at Sabal
Palm. A date will be announced for our first
informal meeting inviting all area
photographers to come and share.

Trail limb cleaners are always needed. Have a
walk carrying a lopper while enjoying the facility.

Those interest in any of the above contact the
Sabal Palm Center office at 541-8034.

Workshop on Trees

Joe Krause, Dorothy, Mike, and Jimmy are
contacting the schools near Sabal Palm Center
and then spreading out to work for a teacher load
of 21 to 22.

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