



MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER

Showcase Photos from Facebook Group:
[Friends of Hagerman NWR Nature Photography](#)



Whooping Cranes by Chris Balsamo



White-Faced Ibis by Pam Rendall-Bass

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Mission Statement

The Friends of Hagerman NWR Nature Photography Club promotes interest in Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge and encourages preservation of wildlife and habitats by supporting, assisting and educating nature photographers of all levels.

News

- **Workshop.** On 4/29/22, Nancy Miles-Miller taught a workshop on Beginning Lightroom to members and guests. Thank you to Nancy for sharing your expertise.
- **Sharing Raptor Photos.** The category for members and guests to share photos at the May photo club meeting is Raptors, which may include hawk, falcon, vulture, owl, eagle, Mississippi Kite, etc. Select three of your favorite photos of raptors. Your photos must have been taken on HNWR grounds or at the field trip to Blackland Prairie Raptor Center held on April 22. Before May 18, email your photos to FOHphotoclub@gmail.com. Maximum 2MB per photo. Your photos will be included in a slideshow shown at the May meeting. The photos may also be reproduced on other HNWR social media, such as Facebook, website, newsletters, etc.
- **Field Trips.** The field trips committee met recently to plan field trips both on-site at the refuge and off-site venues. We are also planning a Photo Scavenger Hunt. Check out the schedule below for tentative dates and venues. More details will be coming. The [Photo Club Events website page](#) will have details on field trips as they become available.
 - If you have suggestions for field trips, please email FOHphotoclub@gmail.com.
- **Newsletters and Field Trips Archives.** Check out the new website page. Newsletters and photos from field trips will be posted on the [Photo Club Newsletters Page](#) on the [Friends of Hagerman NWR website](#).

April 22 Field Trip to the Blackland Prairie Raptor Center in Lucas, TX. The Blackland Prairie Raptor Center hosted a special event for the photo club and guests. BPRC's raptor educational ambassadors were on display to photograph. Members and guests arrived early morning to capture the sunrise over Levon Lake and then photographed the raptors – American Kestrels, Black Vulture, Eastern Screech Owls, Mississippi Kite and a baby Great Horned Owl. Shown below are some of their photos. To see more beautiful photos, [click here](#).



By Ken Sheepers



By Jeff Gladden



Eastern Screech Owls by Lisa Hendricks Walsh



Black Vulture by Susan Supak



Great Horned Owl by Pam Rendall-Bass




Mississippi Kite by Jeffrey Rolinc




American Kestrel male by Chris Sanders



American Kestrel female by Chris Sanders

Event Schedule	Friends of Hagerman NWR Nature Photography Club
<p>May 20, Saturday 1:00-3:00 pm</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo club meeting. Location: Visitor Center in HNWR. Explore the Unknown – Night Photography with Carey Stinson. • Introductory Talk. Spencer Beard will give an introductory talk about how the photo club ties in with the USFWS mission. Spencer is the on-site Visitor Services Manager for HNWR and is an employee of the US Fish & Wildlife Service. • Photography Presentation. Learn the basics of Night Photography from Corporate, Portrait & Fine Art Photographer Carey Stinson. In this presentation you will learn all about shooting photography at night. The discussion will focus on equipment, camera setting, night photography tips and techniques to capture the night. • Sharing Raptor Photos. We will show photos taken by our members and guests. Click here to learn how to submit your photos.
<p>June 3, Saturday 9:00 am MORE DETAILS TO COME</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field Trip. Location: Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge in Tishomingo, OK. • Meet at Tishomingo NWR at 9:00 am to take photos while walking trails. • Meet for lunch afterwards at a nearby restaurant.
<p>June or Early July MORE DETAILS TO COME</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field Trip. Location: Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge. • Photo shoot of lotus flowers and dragonflies/damselflies at Meadow Pond. • Date will depend upon when the flowers are in bloom.
<p>July 15, Saturday 1:00-3:00 pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo club meeting. Location: Visitor Center in HNWR. • Topic: TBD. Speaker: Murali Hanabe. Murali's landscape photos won multiple awards in the 2022 Friends of Hagerman NWR Nature Photo Contest.
<p>August 1, Tuesday MORE DETAILS TO COME</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field Trip. Location: Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge. • Night photo shoot. Super moon will occur in the late evening.
<p>September 1 – 30</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit your photos for the FOH NWR Nature Photography Club Annual Nature Photo Contest.
<p>September 16, Saturday 1:00-3:00 pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo club meeting. Location: Visitor Center in HNWR. • Topic: Nature Videos with Richard Barnes. • Richard creates wondrous videos of nature in action, including videos shot at HNWR. Richard EH Barnes YouTube.
<p>October 7, Saturday 1:00-3:00 pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field Trip. Location: Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge. • Photo shoot of butterflies in the Butterfly Garden. • Laurie Sheppard will be there to identify butterflies.
<p>October 28, Saturday 7:00-11:00 am MORE DETAILS TO COME</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge. • Photo scavenger hunt. Use your creativity to capture photographs that match a list of categories that will be provided on event day. We will show the photos during the November meeting.
<p>November 18, Saturday 1:00-3:00 pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo club meeting. Location: Visitor Center in HNWR. • End-of-Year Meeting. • Photo contest winners announced and awards presented. • Photos from the October photo scavenger hunt will be shown.
<p>November 29, Wednesday 6:30 pm MORE DETAILS TO COME</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field Trip. Location: Vitruvian Park in Addison, TX. • Photo shoot of Vitruvian Lights in the park where more than 1.5 million colorful LED lights are wrapped around 555 trees.

Helpful Information		Friends of Hagerman NWR Nature Photography Club			
<p>2022 PHOTO CONTEST WINNER</p>  <p><i>(Photo credit: Pam Rendall-Bass)</i></p>		<p>Annual Photo Contest</p> <p>Every September, the FOH NWR Nature Photography Club sponsors a nature-themed photo contest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All photos entered in the contest must have been taken within Hagerman NWR boundaries within the past five years. • Entries will be accepted from September 1 – September 30, 2023. • Divisions: Beginner and Intermediate/Advanced. • Categories: Landscapes, Flora and Macro, Artistic, and Wildlife. <p>Details can be found at https://friendsofhagerman.com/Photo-Club-Contest. Entry instructions for 2023 contest will be updated soon.</p> <p>Come on out to Hagerman NWR and take some winning photographs!</p>			
<p>Bird Photo Opportunities</p> <p>For photographers interested in birds, HNWR has various scheduled events that may give you a great opportunity to locate and photograph birds. All are free and open for everyone to attend. Bring your camera!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Little Sit. First Saturdays beginning 30 minutes before sunrise. Dedicated birders conduct a bird count as multiple species fly to the water and surrounding land to feed. Leaders will provide tips for identification of the species. This is not a hike, it a “sit” and participants are advised to bring a chair. • Early Bird Walk. Second Saturdays at 8:00 am. Lead by Master Naturalist Jack Chiles. • Birding with Jack. Tuesdays. Experienced birders, including Master Naturalist Jack Chiles, traverse 35 miles of refuge roads and hiking trails, documenting every bird they encounter. Each week they provide a link to their Bird Census Results that lists species and quantity of birds seen at the refuge. 					
<p>Photo Club Facebook Group</p> <p>The Friends of Hagerman NWR Nature Photography Group on Facebook is aimed to support, assist and educate nature photographers of all levels. Post your photos taken on the Hagerman NWR refuge. You can also ask how to improve a photo, share a technique or tip, ask about camera equipment.</p>					
<p>Photo Club Member Directory</p> <p>Want to connect with photo club members to ask questions, share information, see camera equipment? You can share and see contact info in the photo club member directory on the Friends of Hagerman NWR website.</p>					
<p>Newsletters and Field Trips Archives</p> <p>Newsletters and photos from field trips will be posted on the Photo Club Newsletters Page on the Friends of Hagerman NWR website.</p>					
<p>Membership</p> <p>Interested in joining the Friends of Hagerman NWR and Photo Club or have a friend that is interested? Go to the website at https://friendsofhagerman.com/Membership to sign up for a membership.</p>					
<p>Workshops Committee</p> <p>The Photo Club Workshops Committee organizes workshops on photography and processing skills. Workshops will be held on days/times other than our regular photo club meetings. Committee members are: Sheryn Jones (sri65@outlook.com), Sherry Howard (sherryehoward2@gmail.com), and Larry Howard (larryhoward070@gmail.com).</p>					
<p>Field Trips Committee</p> <p>The Photo Club Field Trips Committee organizes field trips for photo shoots on HNWR grounds and at venues outside of the refuge. Committee members are: Linda Glass, Shawn Stone, Jeff Gladden, and Lisa Wilkins.</p>					
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