



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.

SHOWCASE FACEBOOK [FRIENDS OF HAGERMAN NWR NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP](#)



Crow chasing a Crested Caracara by Mike Petrick



Roadrunner in a tree by Mike Petrick

Mike Petrick found some interesting bird behavior.

NEWS

February 17th Field Trip. Photography of Lotus stalks in Meadow Pond at HNWR. The stalks form abstract shapes in winter. Trip was postponed due to cold weather and the stalks had already started to stand upright and recede into the pond. The weather was chilly but the photographers ventured out to take some great photos. [Click for more photos.](#)



Jeff Gladden

March 16th Photo Club Meeting. Larry Petterborg will give a presentation about abstract photography and how it may help one become a better photographer. We are fortunate to have Larry as our speaker. He has been involved in numerous photo clubs for over 40 years. [Click for details.](#)

Annual Photo Contest. The Friends of HNWR sponsors a nature-themed photo contest in September for adults and youths. We have updated the rules/instructions and added categories for more opportunities to submit a winning photograph. [Click for details and Photo Contest Tips.](#) Come on out to Hagerman NWR to take some winning photos! We'd love to see more photographs entered in the "Artistic" category. You may learn some abstract techniques at the March 16th photo club meeting that will fit perfectly into the Artistic category. Try your skill at a Monochrome (e.g., black and white) photo.

Correction...The February newsletter had an incorrect date for the trip to Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge. The correct date is Wednesday, June 5th. Details and registration will be coming out later this month in an email to photo club members.

PHOTO CLUB MEMBERS' PHOTOS FROM FACEBOOK
FRIENDS OF HAGERMAN NWR NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP



CLICK ON PHOTO TO OPEN VIDEO WITH SOUND
Ross' Geese and Snow Geese by Richard Barnes



Mexican Plum by Brenda Kay Edwards



Eastern Bluebird by Mayve Strong



Greater Roadrunner by Marilyn Simmons



Sunset by Pam Rendall-Bass



Titmouse by Jeffrey Rolinc



Yellow-rumped Warbler by Laurie Sheppard



Barred Owl by Donnie Simmons

EVENT SCHEDULE

FRIENDS OF HAGERMAN NWR NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB EVENTS WEBSITE

<p>March 16, 2024, Saturday 1:00 pm Click for details.</p>	<p>PHOTO CLUB MEETING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: Visitor Center at Hagerman NWR. • Larry Petterborg will give a presentation about Abstract Photography. Larry will discuss abstract art in general to lead into an exploration of abstract photography. Learn what abstract photography is and how it may help one become a better photographer.
<p>April 20, 2024, Saturday Click for details.</p>	<p>PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: Hagerman NWR. • Event Leader: Pam Rendall-Bass. • You will be provided with a Photo Scavenger Hunt list that will have categories. On April 20th, go out on Hagerman NWR grounds and take photographs that match categories on the Photo Scavenger Hunt list.
<p>May 18, 2024, Saturday 1:00 pm Click for details.</p>	<p>PHOTO CLUB MEETING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: Visitor Center at Hagerman NWR. • Ken Scheepers will give a presentation about his South Africa trip. Ken recently returned from an 8-week, 6,451-mile trip across South Africa, where he was fortunate to have photographed 172 bird species. Ken is one of our Hagerman photo club members!
<p>June 5, 2024, Wednesday</p> <p>Details and registration will be emailed to photo club members later this month.</p>	<p>FIELD TRIP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge in Oklahoma. • Event Leaders: Lisa Wilkins, Shawn Stone, Sheryn Jones. • The Friends of the Wichitas will be leading a tour bus on the Wichita MWR to take us to areas on the refuge for photography opportunities. • Event is limited to FOHNWR Nature Photography Club members only.
<p>July 20, 2024, Saturday 1:00 pm Details TBD.</p>	<p>PHOTO CLUB MEETING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: Visitor Center at Hagerman NWR. • Tabletop Workshop.
<p>September 7, 2024 Sunrise Click for details.</p> <p>Details and registration will be emailed to photo club members closer to the date.</p>	<p>FIELD TRIP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: Blackland Prairie Raptor Center (BPRC) in Lucas, TX. • BPRC's raptor ambassadors will be on display for you to photograph. • 100% of fees for this event will go directly to BPRC to continue their conservation and rehabilitation of birds of prey. • Event is limited to FOHNWR Nature Photography Club members only.
<p>September 21, 2024, Saturday 1:00 pm Details TBD.</p>	<p>PHOTO CLUB MEETING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: Visitor Center at Hagerman NWR. • Topic TBD.
<p>September 1-30, 2024 Click for details.</p>	<p>FOHNWR ANNUAL NATURE PHOTO CONTEST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photos may be submitted in September 2024. • The Friends of HNWR sponsors a nature-themed photo contest in September for adults and youths. Two divisions, seven categories, and awards in each category plus Best of Show.
<p>November 9, 2024, Saturday 10:00 am Details TBD.</p>	<p>WINNERS OF PHOTO CONTEST ANNOUNCED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After the FOH Second Saturday program, photo contest winners announced, slideshow of winning photos, and awards presented.
<p>November 16, 2024, Saturday 1:00 pm Details TBD.</p>	<p>PHOTO CLUB MEETING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: Visitor Center at Hagerman NWR. • Slideshow of winning photographs from the photo contest. • Topic: TBD.

HELPFUL INFO

FRIENDS OF HAGERMAN NWR NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB WEBSITE

2023 Photo Contest Best of Show



Jeffrey Rolinc

FOHNWR ANNUAL NATURE PHOTO CONTEST

Every September, the Friends of Hagerman NWR sponsors a nature-themed photo contest. [Click for details and Photo Contest Tips.](#)

- Entries will be accepted from September 1 – September 30, 2024.
- Contest is open to photographers of all ages and skill levels.
- Youths aged under 18 are encouraged to enter.
- All photos entered in the contest must have been taken within Hagerman NWR boundaries within the past five years.
- Divisions: Beginner and Intermediate/Advanced.
- Categories: Artistic, Birds, Flora, Macro, Monochrome, Landscape, and Wildlife.

NEWSLETTERS AND FIELD TRIPS ARCHIVES

Newsletters and photos from field trips will be posted on the [Photo Club Newsletters](#) website page.

PHOTO CLUB FACEBOOK GROUP

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 may also ask how to improve a photo, share a technique or tip, ask about camera equipment.

PHOTO CLUB MEMBER DIRECTORY

Want to connect with photo club members to ask questions, share information, see camera equipment? You may share and see contact info in the photo club member directory on the [Friends of Hagerman NWR website.](#)

BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY OPPORTUNITIES

For photographers interested in birds, Hagerman NWR 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!

- [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.

MEMBERSHIP

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.

PHOTO CLUB COMMITTEE

The photo club committee works on planning events, including the annual photo contest. Committee members are Jeff Gladden, Linda Glass, Larry Howard, Sherry Howard, Sheryn Jones, Nancy Miller, Pam Rendall-Bass, Jeffrey Rolinc, Shawn Stone, and Lisa Wilkins. Please reach out to any of us with your suggestions.

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