



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.

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NEWS



April 20th Photo Club Event

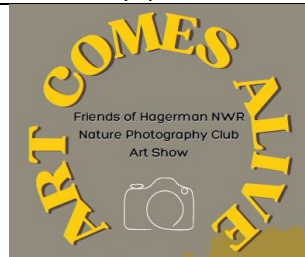
You will be provided with a Photo Scavenger Hunt list that will have categories. On April 20th, go out on Hagerman NWR grounds and take photographs that match categories on the Photo Scavenger Hunt list. Use your creativity! Explore the refuge and have fun! We will present a slideshow of photo club members' photos during an upcoming photo club meeting. [Click for details.](#)

May 18th Photo Club meeting

Ken Scheepers, a photo club member, will give a presentation about his South Africa Trip. Ken's recently took an 8-week, 6,451-mile trip across South Africa, where he photographed 172 bird species. Ken will present a slide show of the photographs, beginning with an overview and context of where he traveled to, the gear he used, and answer any questions the members may have during the presentation. [Click for details.](#)



ART COMES ALIVE



Announcing the inaugural art show of members of the FOHNWR Nature Photography Club. Vantage Point Art Gallery in Gainesville, Texas, is hosting an art show of our photo club members' artwork. Photo club members will show their artwork from August 16 through August 24. Artwork will be available for sale. Opening night of the art show is on Friday, August 16th from 6 pm – 8 pm at the art gallery. [Click for details.](#) An email will be sent to photo club members asking if they want to show/sell their artwork in the art show.

June 5th Photo Club Field Trip

Join us for a special guided tour of Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge in Oklahoma. Friends of the Wichitas will be leading a 30-person tour bus to take our photo club members to areas on their refuge for photography opportunities. There are still available seats on the tour. [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. We have a new "Monochrome" category and "Birds" category.

PHOTO CLUB MEMBERS' PHOTOS



Turkey Vulture by Wayne Milczarek



Mississippi Kite by Bob Brown



Great Blue Heron by Glenn Johnson



Great Blue Heron by Glenn Johnson



Eagle by Glenn Johnson



Meadow Pond Trail by Jeffrey Rolinc



Burrowing Owl by Laurie Lawler

Carol Ann Sowel and Laurie Lawler sighted a Burrowing Owl on the refuge on 3/26/24.

There are only two other reports, one in 1965 and one in 2007, of this species being seen in Grayson County.

EVENT SCHEDULE	
<u>FRIENDS OF HAGERMAN NWR NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB EVENTS WEBSITE</u>	
April 20, 2024, Saturday Click for details.	PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT <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.
May 18, 2024, Saturday 1:00 pm Click for details.	PHOTO CLUB MEETING <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!
June 5, 2024, Wednesday Click for details.	FIELD TRIP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge in Oklahoma. • Event Leaders: Lisa Wilkins. • 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.
July 20, 2024, Saturday 1:00 pm Details TBD.	PHOTO CLUB MEETING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: Visitor Center at Hagerman NWR. • Tabletop Workshop.
August 16, 2024, Friday 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Click for details.	PHOTO CLUB ART SHOW OPENING NIGHT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: Vantage Point Art Gallery, 107 California Street, Gainesville TX. • Event Leader: Jeffrey Rolinc. • The Vantage Point Art Gallery is hosting an art show of our photo club members' artwork. A selection of photo club members will show their artwork from August 16 through August 24 at the art gallery. Opening night of the art show is on Friday, August 16th from 6 pm – 8 pm at the art gallery. Complimentary refreshments. Everyone is welcome to attend.
September 7, 2024 Sunrise Click for details. Details and registration will be emailed to photo club members closer to the date.	FIELD TRIP <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.
September 21, 2024, Saturday 1:00 pm Details TBD.	PHOTO CLUB MEETING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: Visitor Center at Hagerman NWR. • Topic TBD.
September 1-30, 2024 Click for details.	FOHNWR ANNUAL NATURE PHOTO CONTEST <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.
November 9, 2024, Saturday 10:00 am Details TBD.	WINNERS OF PHOTO CONTEST ANNOUNCED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After the FOH Second Saturday program, photo contest winners announced, slideshow of winning photos, and awards presented.
November 16, 2024, Saturday 1:00 pm Details TBD.	PHOTO CLUB MEETING <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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