Chaetura Canyon
Annual Report
2009

Travis Audubon Society’s
Chaetura Canyon Management Committee

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Statement of Purpose

The main purpose of Chaetura Canyon is to preserve, in perpetuity, a small piece of natural habitat within a rapidly urbanizing area of Central Texas while providing a safe place for native species of birds to forage, raise their young and rest during migration.

Cover photo: Texas Alligator Lizard (*Gerrhonotus infernalis*)
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Committee Description: The Chaetura Canyon Management Committee (CCMC) is a unique entity mandated by the Special Warranty Deed signed on December 28, 2006 that transferred ownership of the Chaetura Canyon Sanctuary from Paul and Georgean Kyle to Travis Audubon.

This committee consists of three (3) members appointed by the Kyles and two (2) members appointed by the TAS Board of Directors. Each committee member serves for two years. Current members are Georgean Kyle, Paul Kyle, Ann Connell, Anne Donovan and John Kelly. Anne Donovan and John Kelly are the appointees of TAS. The two-year terms of all members expire on March 31st, 2011.

The purpose of the CCMC is to establish principles, rules and operational methods to be followed in administering the Restrictions, Covenants, and Conditions set forth in the deed and to conduct or supervise the maintenance operations of the Sanctuary.

Two of the seven directives that are primary to the committee are:

“Chaetura Canyon shall be maintained and managed in such a way as to provide optimum habitat, food and protection for native avian species with particular emphasis on the preservation and conservation of Golden-cheeked Warblers (*Dendroica chrysoparia*) and Chimney Swifts (*Chaetura pelagica*) in perpetuity.

Chaetura Canyon will be managed as a preserve – not a park. Any public access will be considered to be a disturbance to the native fauna and therefore strictly controlled. Workshops, events, tours and visitation will be allowed, but shall be considered on a case by case basis by the Management Committee.”

Summary: 2009 was the second full year of activities at Chaetura Canyon since the property was donated to Travis Audubon by the Kyles in December of 2006. There were events each month from March thru November. These included workshops, classes, educational presentations, and two successful fundraisers. Visitors numbered more than 100 including preschoolers and their parents, summer camp students from the Austin Nature Center, the TOWN Austin members and board members of the Texas Hill Country Alliance.

The legal responsibility of the Chaetura Canyon Management Committee is as stated above. However, since the CCMC first became active it has had a major role in fund-raising for the Sanctuary. The financial goals of the CCMC are to keep Chaetura Canyon a “revenue-neutral” facility for TAS, and we have been fortunate to receive remarkable support from TAS members, the general public and some very special individuals and foundations.
Maintenance and Projects Completed

Residence:

Kitchen*: Cabinets refinished, new drawers built and installed
Wood floor sanded and re-finished

Bathroom*: Sheetrock repaired, re-textured and repainted
Ventilation fan installed

“Library”*: Wood ceiling and trim installed
All wood work refinished

Living / Dining Room*:
Insulated “Bird viewing” window installed in south wall
All woodwork re-finished

Upstairs*:
Sheetrock repaired and repainted
Hardwood flooring installed in bedroom and storage area**
Closets installed in bedroom

Plumbing: 35 year-old water main repaired / replaced
Energy-efficient water heater installed
Leaking Sink faucet replaced

Deck & Exterior:
New lighting installed for events
Re-stained south side and deck railing
Re-stained upstairs east wall

Trails and Grounds:

Brush piles below garden and north of residence removed
New trail and habitat restoration begun north of residence
New fence and entry gate installed on Hunters Pass

Plants:

120 one-gallon plants were recovered and /or propagated
24 one-gallon plants from the previous year were planted on the Sanctuary
several dozen were sold as fundraising for the Sanctuary
five dozen plants were donated to Blair Woods pond restoration project

* all repairs performed and paid for by Stewards at a cost of $ 3090.31
** materials donated by John Donovan (son of Anne and John Donovan)
1. Welcome and Dinner: Update on new lot acquisition

2. 2008 Annual Report: requested under the new TAS “Program Team”


4. TAS General Fundraising Dinner: Proposal from Nancy

5. Events for 2009: to be discussed

6. Five Year Plan: suggested by Ann Connell

7. Committee Members for 2009 thru 2011

8. Next Meeting

9. Adjourn and Dessert
Chaetura Canyon Management Committee
January 23, 2009

Members present: Anne Donovan, Ann Connell, Paul Kyle and Georgean Kyle.
John Kelly was unable to attend due to illness.

Anne Donovan and Ann Connell arrived at 6:30.

**Item 1** - Paul gave an update on the possibility of a new lot acquisition by TAS at north property boundary in canyon. Copies of the 2008 Annual Report were reviewed. Dinner began at 7:00.

Meeting officially began at 7:35.

**Item 2** - 2008 Annual Report: This is a document requested by the newly formed TAS “Program Team”. Members were asked to review the document after the meeting and submit any comments via email.

**Item 3** – Budget:
Mandatory expenditures:
The two peripheral lots of Chaetura Canyon are now tax exempt as a result of a Quit Claim Deed signed by the Kyles. This action results in a decrease of the property taxes by ~ $2000.00
The Apache Shores POA fees listed are estimated from the previous year’s fees.

Maintenance: Scheduled Land, Habitat, etc.
Fire Ant Control product used on site is Award. Invasive plant control product used is Round Up. Remedy is a product recommended by the Hays County Master Naturalist (info from Ann) that may be utilized this year.

Maintenance: Residence
Cost of Olympic stain has been rolled over from the budget of the previous year. Stain was not purchased in 2008 due to supplier discontinuing specific color historically use on site. Arrangements for special order were made.

Fundraising:
Correction requested by Anne on gifts from Peterson Charitable Lead Trust. Grant amount should reflect two donations in the amount of $2000.00 each resulting in a total of $4000.00 instead of the posted $2000.00.

**Item 4** - Fundraising Dinner
Nancy Manning, TAS Executive Director, has proposed a fundraising dinner to be hosted at Chaetura Canyon for prospective donors to the TAS General Fund. The TAS President and Executive Director would invite and solicit six prospective donors. The Kyles would provide the venue of Chaetura Canyon, a walking tour, dinner and Paul’s presentation on Chimney Swifts. Compensation for the Kyles has been proposed by Nancy Manning. Anne
Donovan commented that the healthy and strong financial status of TAS is important in keeping Chaetura Canyon solvent. All members present agreed and there was consensus to cooperate on the fundraiser as a one time trial.

**Item 5 - Events for 2009**

The Gray Jolink memorial swift tower workshops will be held in Feb. and March. Chris Masey and Trent Miller have volunteered to help with construction. Projection for completion of the tower is scheduled for April 1.

Chulupas and Chimney Swifts event will be held in May instead of April this year.

A tour for TOS annual meeting members will be held on April 25. The tour will follow a field trip to West Cave preserve and will include a light lunch. A fee of $10.00 will be charged each participant.

The 2008 Fall Nest box Workshop did not fill, possibly as a result of the registration fee raised over previous years. The Kyles offered to wave their instructors fee for the upcoming October workshop to reduce the cost to prospective participants.

TOWN-Austin women’s group has requested a tour of Chaetura Canyon. This is a women’s outdoor outreach group associated with and sponsored by TP&W. The group requested a Saturday or Sunday for their tour. The Kyles suggested an early morning tour with a light lunch to follow, limited to 12 participants with a $10.00 fee. Anne D. and Ann C. approved the event as complying with the mission of the sanctuary. This event is now scheduled for Sunday, April 26th.

Anne D. suggested a tour for new TAS board members, possibly a yearly invitation to have the board out for a tour and dinner. Ann C. added that the CCMC could extend an invitation to board members listing yearly events and specifically invite each member to attend events they choose. The Kyles reported that a tour for board members had been done in the past. The board had visited Blair Woods, Baker Sanctuary and ended with a tour of Chaetura Canyon and had dinner on the deck. This tour invitation has been extended each year by the Kyles but to date has not been repeated. There was consensus that an annual tour for TAS board members should be pursued.

**Item 6 - Five Year Plan**

Ann Connell suggested that the committee look ahead into the future toward things that should be completed over time, then back up and schedule work in a timely fashion. This would require a broad vision of what needs to be accomplished and how the Kyles envision their continued participation in the hands on work involved in managing the sanctuary. She suggested training of others to begin sharing responsibilities currently shouldered exclusively by the Kyles. The obvious recruits would include younger members of TAS. Paul reported that Chris Masey is already stepping into such a position and that Julia Heskett has taken over the yearly maintenance tasks for the Hornsby Bend Chimney Swift towers.

Projects to consider in the near future include:
1. Fencing along Little Beaver Hill.
2. High-fence around the field area.
3. Discussions with DWA on the future ownership of the property adjacent to C. Canyon.
4. Provide better access to the residence by constructing a handicapped ramp. (The primary barrier to this project is that the window unit air-conditioner that services
the residence blocks access).
5. Install an on-demand water heating system to reduce water usage and lower electrical expenses.
6. Replace the wooden decking with Trex. This recycled decking product would eliminate maintenance investments and although expensive, would not require future replacement. The existing deck is beginning to deteriorate and will require replacement in the near future.

Most of these tasks can be accomplished thru volunteer time by the Kyles with assistance from other TAS volunteers. It is also possible that the TAS Executive Director may be able to procure grant funds to pay for material costs.

**Item 7 - Committee Members**
All terms for the Chaetura Canyon Management Committee expire on April 1. Paul and Georgean have selected themselves to another term and have requested that Ann Connell consider returning as the third member appointed by the Kyles. Anne Donovan expressed interest in continuing to participate if the TAS board approves her appointment. John Kelly has also expressed willingness to remain on the committee. Paul will contact Terri Siegenthaler, Sanctuary Committee Chairman, on the process necessary to fill the upcoming term.

**Item 8 - Next Meeting**
A date for a meeting following April 1 will be chosen to discuss the Five Year Plan.

**Item 9 - Adjourn**
Meeting adjourned at 9:46 followed by dessert, including chocolate Chimney Swifts.

Respectfully Submitted,

Georgean Z. Kyle
CCMC Secretary
Chaetura Canyon Calendar of Events
2009

January: CCMC Annual Meeting

February: Preparation for Chimney Swift Tower Workshop
Chimney Swift Tower tour for Canadian Conservationists

March: Chimney Swift Tower Workshop

April: TOWN Austin tour and luncheon

May: Chalupas and Chimney Swifts
President and Directors’ fundraising dinner
“Second Saturday Swift Watch”

June: “Second Saturday Swift Watch”

July: “Second Saturday Swift Watch”
Austin Nature Center Science Camp

August: “Second Saturday Swift Watch” -- also national “A Swift Night Out”

September: “Second Saturday Swift Watch” -- also national “A Swift Night Out”
“Dinner with the Swifts” – fall fundraiser

October: Nest Box Workshop
Dinner for Hill Country Alliance
Dinner with TAS President and Executive Director

November: TAS Sanctuary Committee Meeting
Sanctuary Closed

December: Sanctuary Closed except for Christmas Bird Count
January-February 2009

The primary remembrance for 2008 was the prolonged drought. However, Chaetura Canyon did fair better than many surrounding areas with a total of 19.95” as of December 1st. Comparing that total to the 45.49” in 2007 and 29.51” in 2006 (for the same time period) is cause for concern.

In late October, the 153rd avian species was added to the ongoing property list when a Downy Woodpecker spent a few days on the Sanctuary. This brings the woodpecker species count to six including Ladder-Backed, Golden-fronted, Red-bellied, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker and Northern Flicker.

Although not a new species, we were graced with the presence of a young Grey Fox who spent an inordinate amount of time around the residence. He showed up on the deck just outside the kitchen to partake of some pecans we had set out for the local Western-scrub Jays.

In mid November our neighbor Ron Wood helped process the pile of cedar branches that had been accumulating from our habitat management since the first of the year. There is now a nice pile of mulch to use on the trails of the Sanctuary.

Throughout 2009 we will be hosting many of the events that have been popular and successful over the past two years: Chimney Swift Tower Workshop, Habitat Steward’s Workshop and Lunch, Chalupas and Chimney Swifts Mexican Food Buffet, Second Saturday Swift Watch (May thru August), and the ever popular Dinner with the Swifts in the fall. Check the TAS website and calendar for dates and specifics.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge a very generous donation to Chaetura Canyon in memory of Bettie Janda. Bettie, her husband Laddie and all of their children were long-time supporters of conservation efforts at Chaetura Canyon even before Travis Audubon took over ownership of the Sanctuary.

March April 2009

Winter always brings a delightful array of visitors, and this year is no exception. Fluttering Ruby-crowned Kinglets glean insects from branches mere feet from where we stand, while Golden-crowned Kinglets are more secretive. Their high pitched vocalization is all that betrays their presence. American Robins claim the berry (sparsely) laden Juniper trees and a Spotted Towhee returns to the traditional brush area favored by the larger sparrows. Nearby revina berries and Seteria seeds provide easy dinning. Chipping Sparrows, our “heralds of winter”, are joined by increasing numbers of American Goldfinches. Black-backed Lesser Goldfinch males are electric in contrast to the subdued colors of their cousins. A single green-backed Lesser male slipped into the mix in late January. Pine Siskins made an eruptive appearance this year. Their last visit had been in 2005 when only seven individuals were sighted at any one time. This year, 20 or more travel together. “Chippers”, goldfinches and Pine Siskins congregate together at the feeders. They quarrel over the best dining area but all cooperate for
safety. Any one warning “chip” will cause an explosion of wings as they all rise together and depart as a single noisy biomass of forty to fifty birds. More often than not, the instigator of the excitement is another winter visitor….a Sharp-shinned Hawk appearing with outstretched empty talons. The White-winged Doves are not as adept at avoiding the Sharpie as we continue to discover new piles of their feathers on the property.

The avian list for Chaetura Canyon has increased by four species since our last posting. On December 21st, just after daybreak, an unusual vocalization caught our attention. Our first impression of the sound was that of a fox. But the sound traveled through the canyon much too fast to be caused by a mammal. Squinting east into the sunrise, we saw a very large black bird with wedge shaped tail circling and croaking: Common Raven!!! For several days, we heard calls of both the raven and an American Crow. On January 4th a bird feeding on a peanut butter mix feeder caught our attention. With only a brief glance, it appeared to be a very large, very yellow kinglet. Of course that wasn’t possible and fortunately the bird reappeared long enough to get a photo…all be it a very poor picture. Male Pine Warbler!!! During the process of updating our species list, we were dismayed to discover that we had failed to include two species that had been spotted years earlier: Franklin’s Gull and American Crow. With the addition of two new species to the Sanctuary list in 2008 (Downy Woodpecker, Common Raven) and the Pine Warbler in January this year, we have now recorded 157 bird species in the 37 years we have lived on the property.

The next event at Chaetura Canyon will be the Education Committee’s Chimney Swift Tower Workshop on March 15th. This will be a free workshop to build the memorial tower for Gray Jolink. When completed, it will be installed at Mayfield Park. For more information, please contact Anne Donovan at 472-3030 or email her at (ajdonovan@att.net).

And speaking of things to come: the first Chimney Swifts of the season are normally sighted in Texas in mid-March. You can join in the nation-wide monitoring effort by reporting your first Chimney Swift sighting at www.ChimneySwifts.org

We invite you to celebrate the return of the Chimney Swifts to the Canyon by joining us for the second annual “Chalupas and Chimney Swifts” the first Saturday in May. This will be followed the next weekend by the first of our Second Saturday Swift Watch events that will occur monthly throughout the summer. We hope to see you at one or more of these enjoyable events!

**May - June 2008**

The 30+ wintering American Goldfinches abruptly departed on March 5, much to the delight of the local Carolina Chickadees. They were no longer forced to wait their turn to "grab and go" at the sunflower seed feeder.

On St. Patrick’s Day evening as we relaxed by the wildlife water feature, three first of season species joined our celebration. A Black-chinned Hummingbird sipped at the Coral Honeysuckle, a sphinx moth (species unknown) patrolled the flowering dewberries, and a Mexican Free-tailed Bat snatched flying snacks overhead.

The first Chimney Swifts arrived on March 24. Three circled above the residence in late...
evening; two entered the North Observation tower attached to the house. All three nesting species of wrens (Bewick’s, Carolina and Canyon) constructed nests and became unnaturally quiet by the end of the month. The seasonal transition had begun.

On March 21, a full house of 14 would be Chimney Swift Tower builders met on the front deck. In attendance were the future tower-building crews for Mary Searight Park in south Austin and the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve on RR 620. We viewed a brief video chronicling a nesting season for the birds, had drinks and snacks, and then began construction. Power drills whirred as participants fabricated the three nesting chamber boxes, affixed the metal legs, then installed corner trim and the tower bottom on the lowest chamber.

The workshop was the beginning of the construction of the Kiosk Tower to be built in memory of Gray Jolink at Mayfield Park. The following Friday afternoon we were joined by Chris Masey, Amy Masey, Catie Masey, Trent Miller, Marc Opperman and Steve “Grog” Burns to begin installation of the tower. The forms were set for the foundation and the tower base was put in place. At sunrise Saturday morning, the concrete slab was poured and allowed to cure over night.

Early Sunday morning the work crew re-convened to build the tower and surrounding kiosk. With all of the great help, the construction was completed before 10:00. We were then joined by Kathy, Willa and Tatum Jolink who helped with the painting. Deborah Bennett also stopped in to lend a hand. Since nobody really likes to stand around and watch paint dry, we took a group photo and said our farewells to the enthusiastic helpers and broke for lunch.

Everyone associated with Mayfield Park seems thrilled with the project and the end result. It is an excellent location both for Chimney Swifts and for educational value. Thanks to everyone who donated their time and treasure to make this tribute to Gray happen. Kathy Jolink said “Gray would have loved it!”

July-August 2008

We have a Sunday morning tradition at the Canyon of sharing breakfast beside the water feature constructed for the wildlife. If no rain has fallen during the week, the pool is refilled as we eat. Since most weeks of this years spring/summer have experienced absolutely no rainfall, we have opted to refill using a sprinkler moved to various locations around the pool itself. Plantings that provide nectar and seed for the birds as well as butterfly larval plants are surviving only because of this supplemental watering.

As the droplets begin to fall, we speculate on which species will be the first to arrive for a "shower bath": Northern Cardinal or Carolina Wren. These two species can not resist any opportunity to play in the “rain”. Black-chinned Hummingbirds occasionally dart through the mist and Red Darner Dragonflies hover at the periphery. Remarkably, of the average of 22 species of birds recorded each day, very few are drawn to the sprinkler. Some species are consummate dust bathers that seem to distain any moisture that is not contained within their food (whether seed or insect).

We have marveled at the productivity of our avian neighbors in spite of the continuing drought. It has seemed to be a banner year especially for Northern Cardinals, all three species of our
local wrens (Carolina, Bewick’s and Canyon) and Lesser Goldfinches. A normal number of other local nesters have also been noted. We like to think that the diversity and plethora of fledglings speaks well for the protected habitat available in Chaetura Canyon.

The Chimney Swifts’ productivity is always a bit of a question since we will not know their success in all of the 16 towers until the season has ended, the swifts have migrated and the detritus in the towers can be evaluated. However, the two observation towers attached to the residence were both successful: five eggs laid, four hatched and four fledged in each. At the end of July there was a growing roost of more than 100 swifts in the North Tower with a good mix of ragged, molting adults and juveniles with their pristine plumage.

All of the Second Saturday Swift Watches were full-house events this year – most filling up a month ahead of time. The July evening was special with the attendance of a number of families. We hosted five youngsters under the age of five. Cold, seedless watermelon was the favorite snack with all ages of attendees.

Coming up on September 11th and 12th is our annual fund-raising “Dinner with the Swifts”. This event sells out quickly, so let us know as soon as possible if you would like to attend.

**August - September 2009**

The vegetation suffered severely over the summer months at Chaetura Canyon, just as it did all over Central Texas. Perhaps the most distressing effect was the desiccation of the oaks. Several large Red Oaks (*Quercus buckleyi*) as well as many young Live Oaks (*Quercus sinuata* var. *breviloba*) succumbed to the ongoing drought. By the first of August, only 13.64 inches of rain had been recorded for the year. No further precipitation fell until September 4th when the high-pressure system that remained parked over the state finally shifted. Over the next two weeks 6.12 inches of rain fell on the parched Canyon. The welcome precipitation combined with the cooler temperatures reduced the stress on flora and fauna alike. Subsequent rain showers throughout the month gave rise to new leaves on understory plants such as deciduous yaupon (*Ilex decidua*) that had completely defoliated weeks before. Many forbs including zexmenia (*Zexmenia hispida*) and wild petunia (*ruellia humilis*) flowered for the first time of the year, much to the delight of the Lesser Goldfinches who were seen flitting expectantly from plant to plant in search of seeds yet to come.

The usually reliable Chimney Swift roost disbanded on August 27. Only the parents and their offspring from the South Observation tower attached to the residence remained to grace the evening skies. The paucity of swifts could have been a disappointment to this year’s participants of Dinner with the Swifts, but everyone seemed so delighted with the sound of rain falling on the covered deck that both nights were resounding successes in spite of the absence of the guests of honor. Our heart felt thanks to everyone who attended this event and to those who contributed to the annual fundraiser even though they could not join us in person.

Rain was still falling on Sunday morning after the final Dinner with the Swifts, so we took our breakfast at the banquet table on the deck. We were joined by an unexpected guest. A very damp female House Finch flew in under the cover and perched on the back of a chair across the table facing us. She remained throughout our breakfast busily preening and drying her feathers. At one time she flew out into the rain to one of the bird feeders to get some breakfast of her own, but quickly returned to the same chair.
The last scheduled event for the year at Chaetura Canyon was the Education Committee’s Nestbox Workshop. Like most of the activities at the Sanctuary, it was a “full house”. The primary beneficiaries of the workshop will be the avian cavity nesters who discover new housing for the next breeding season.

November - December 2009

Chaetura Canyon is entering its third year since becoming a Sanctuary of the Travis Audubon Society. Visitors to the site frequently inquire about the origin of the eight-acre area located within a residential subdivision, our relationship to it and how the transfer of the property occurred.

The saga began 38 years ago in the fall of 1972 when we signed a contract to purchase three lots. The required deposit was $75.00, half of which was borrowed from friends. We immediately began hand constructing our dream home on the steep and rugged site.

Over the ensuing years, as adjacent lots became available, new contracts were executed and payments made one lot at a time. By 1999, twenty-seven lots had been purchased and the property values had risen substantially. We reluctantly decided to draw the line and began to personally fence the perimeter of the property.

Our concern about what would become of the property upon our demise prompted us to search for conservation organizations. The Nature Conservancy and Natural Areas Preservation Association deemed the eight-acre site too small to add to their holdings. Following a conservation suggestion, an amended plat was filed with the Travis County Appraisal District to remove the interior lot lines. This action along with very specific restrictive covenants makes it literally impossible for further development to occur. But there still remained a desire to protect the land in its natural state in perpetuity as well as the flora and fauna that depend upon it.

When we first arrived in central Texas from Houston, we determined to let nature take its course with no intervention on our part. A Weed Feed class taught by Scooter Cheatham and Lynn Marshall opened our eyes to the benefits of diversity and usefulness of native plants, so we began to manage the junipers and encourage plant diversity on the property.

As we wandered the deer trails identifying plant species we occasionally encountered an injured wild animal. A course at the Austin Nature Center taught by Jane Lyons immersed us in wildlife rehabilitation and led to a nineteen year stint specializing in the care and study of avian insectivores. Warblers, wrens, nightjars, swallows and Chimney Swifts filled incubators and flight cages specially constructed onto the house. Ultimately 3141 individuals representing 121 species received care. Bird banding under the auspices of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was also conducted during that time frame with the support and assistance of Greg Lasley and Don Connell. 5899 birds of 92 species were fitted with individually numbered rings. In all, a total of more than 150 avian species have been recorded to date.

Because of this total immersion with birds it seemed logical to approach TAS about accepting another sanctuary. Bob Warneke, president at the time, and board members Brian Hale and John Kelly toured the property. The society was agreeable to the conveyance of the property to
the organization upon our demise, so our wills were rewritten with that intent. Workshops and
tours for TAS members began to be held on site.

In April of 2006 a committee was organized within TAS to formulate a contract to transfer the
property to TAS before our demise. Again, Bob Warneke and John Kelly came forward to
facilitate the committee. Jeff Mundy, Anne Donovan, Ann and Don Connell and Pat Dillon
added their expertise over the next seven months to formulate a proposal to the TAS board for
the transfer as well as create restrictive covenants to insure the proposed vision for the property
into the future. Burgess Jackson and Dan Laney worked out the legal details and the transfer
was signed with TAS president Shelia Hargis on December 28. Initial donations dedicated to
the new Sanctuary were generously offered from Craig Damuth following persistent lobbying
by Bob Warneke, from Ann and Don Connell and from the Peterson Charitable Lead Trust.
These generous supporters covered the entire costs of acquisition of the Sanctuary.

Subsequent financial support and enthusiastic acceptance of this Sanctuary has been amazing
and personally gratifying. The widespread support has made Chaetura Canyon a self-
supporting entity within TAS. Our very sincere appreciation is extended to everyone who has
visited and supported this site over the past three years. We are not yet retired from our “real
jobs” at Rootin’ Ridge Toymakers, so our six-day-a-week work schedule limits the amount of
time we are available to host visitors. And because Chaetura Canyon is designated and
maintained as a “preserve and not a park”, visitation is limited to create as little disturbance to
the indigenous wildlife as possible. Still, there is at least one event nearly every month ranging
from workshops to Second Saturday Swift Watches to fundraising dinners. We hope any TAS
member who has not yet visited will be able to venture into the Hills in the coming months and
years. After all: this is your Sanctuary!!

Georgean and Paul Kyle, Sanctuary Stewards
Avian Species Recorded at Chaetura Canyon
as of December 31, 2009

American White Pelican
Double-crested Cormorant
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Green Heron
Cattle Egret
Black-crowned Night Heron

Wood Duck
Black Vulture

Turkey Vulture
Osprey
Mississippi Kite
Bald Eagle
Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Coopers Hawk
Red-shouldered Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Crested Caracara
American Kestrel
Wild Turkey
Northern Bobwhite
Sandhill Crane
Killdeer
Upland Sandpiper
Franklin’s Gull
Rock Dove

White-winged Dove
Mourning Dove
Common Ground Dove

Inca Dove
Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Greater Roadrunner

Eastern Screech-Owl
Great Horned Owl
Burrowing Owl
Common Nighthawk
Common Poorwill

Chick-will’s-widow
Whip-poor-will

Chimney Swift
Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Black-chinned Hummingbird
Rufous Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher

Golden-fronted Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Ladder-backed Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Olive-sided Flycatcher

Eastern Wood-Pewee

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
Trail’s Flycatcher
Least Flycatcher

Eastern Phoebe
Ash-throated Flycatcher

Great Crested Flycatcher
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

Purple Martin
Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Cliff Swallow
Barn Swallow

Blue Jay
Western Scrub-Jay
American Crow

Common Raven

Carolina Chickadee
Black-crowned Chickadee

Black-crested Titmouse
Red-breasted Nuthatch

Canyon Wren
Carolina Wren

Bewick’s Wren
House Wren
Winter Wren
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Veery

Gray-cheeked Thrush
Swainson’s Thrush
Hermit Thrush
American Robin

Gray Catbird

Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher
Cedar Waxwing
Loggerhead Shrike

European Starling
White-eyed Vireo

Bell’s Vireo
Black-capped Vireo
Blue-headed Vireo
Philadelphia Vireo
Tennessee Warbler

Orange-crowned Warbler
Nashville Warbler

Yellow Warbler

Chesnut-sided Warbler
Magnolia Warbler

Myrtle Warbler
Audubon’s Warbler
Black-throated Green Warbler

Golden-cheeked Warbler
Blackburnian Warbler

Yellow-throated Warbler
Pine Warbler

Bay-breasted Warbler
Black-and-white Warbler
American Redstart
Ovenbird
Kentucky Warbler
Mourning Warbler

Common Yellowthroat
Wilson’s warbler

Canada Warbler
Yellow-breasted Chat

Summer Tanager
Northern Cardinal

Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Black-headed Grosbeak
Lazuli Bunting
Indigo Bunting

Painted Bunting
Dickcissel
Spotted Towhee
Canyon Towhee

Rufous-crowned Sparrow
Chipping Sparrow
Clay-colored Sparrow
Field Sparrow
Lark Sparrow

Grasshopper Sparrow
LeConte’s Sparrow
Fox Sparrow

Song Sparrow
Lincoln’s Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco

Oregon Junco
Red-winged Blackbird
Meadowlark (species)
Brewers Blackbird

Great-tailed Grackle

Common Grackle
Bronzed Cowbird
Brown-headed Cowbird

Orchard Oriole
Baltimore Oriole

Scott’s Oriole
Purple Finch

House Finch
Pine Siskin

Lesser Goldfinch
American Goldfinch

House Sparrow
Texas Outdoor Women's’ Network (TOWN) – Austin
Field Trip
Chaetura Canyon
April 26, 2009
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Hosts: Georgean and Paul Kyle

1. Jacque Austin
2. Janet Fitzsimon-Barr
3. Jenn Trivette
4. Janet Coderre
5. Lisa Sands
6. Joan Balash
7. Judy Wilkins
8. Marcia McClellan
9. Sandy Ostiguy
10. Dawn Goodall
11. Adela Rojas

Funds Raised

Donations ($10.00 @) $110.00 Credit Account # 8013-02
Cash Box Donations $82.00 Credit Account # 8013-01

Gross: $192.00

Food and refreshments 47.63

Net: $144.37
1. Log Stack
2. Restoration of old brush pile: Evergreen Sumac / Eupatorium Cedar Sage / Yaupon
3. Bat House
4. Juniper with Scub-Jay nest / Elbow bush understory
5. Bumelia understory – habitat for newly-fledged birds
6. Plateau Milkweed Vine - endemic
7. Native grasses / cedar management in stages / Blackfoot Daisies
8. Chimney Swift Towers / Antelope Horns Milkweed
9. Nest boxes in field and elsewhere
10. Coral Honeysuckle
11. Masonry Chimney Swift Towers / log pile
12. Mountain Laurel
13. Wren habitat / solitary bee nest
14. Red Oak saplings / Juniper management / White-tailed Deer exclusion
15. Juniper Management / Texas Persimmon / Pyracantha
   Flame-leaf Sumac / Zexmania
16. Pearl Milkweed Vine / Cedar Sage / Texas Asters
17. Natural cavities
18. Fallen Red Oak / new growth: Ilex / Escarpment Cherry / Agarita / Mexican Buckeye / Grapevine / Beetle habitat
19. Fruiting Mulberry / Amaranth / Parent Escarpment Cherry
   Juniper re-growth / hill-side restoration / White-tailed Deer exclusion
20. “New” Brush Pile / Lindheimer’s Muhly / Rice Grass
   Juniper Management
21. Cedar Elm snag with nest cavity / Rusty Blackhaw / Hedeoma
22. Red Buckeye / Twisted-leaf Yucca / small caves and burrows
23. Northern Cardinal nest / Juniper and Green Briar
24. Turkey Vulture Cave / Silk Tassel – male and female / Texas Ash
25. Fractured limestone ledges
26. Mustang Grape vine / compacted brush pile
27. Mature Juniper / Red Oak saplings / Juniper re-growth / Wafer Ash / Mimosa
28. Non-native Honeysuckle Bush
29. Mature Juniper / Turk’s Cap / Virginia Creeper / Pigeon Berry
30. The “Kiva” / Golden Groundsel / Tropical Sage / 7 - leaf Virginia Creeper
31. Water feature: Pavonia / Goldenrod / Rough-leaf Dogwood
   Texas Aster / Inland Sea Oats / Dewberry / Marsh Fleabane Anisacanthus / Button Bush / Cardinal Flower / Pickerel Weed / Texas Star Hibiscus / Bog Iris
32. Small water features / drip / feeders (bird and butterfly) / Carolina Buckthorn / Cardinal Berry / Clematis
Where?    Travis Audubon’s Chaetura Canyon Bird Sanctuary
When?   May 2nd, 6:00 PM ‘til 10:00 PM (Rain Date: May 3rd)
What?  - Observe Chimney Swifts impressive aerial displays
        - Wander the self-guided upper-canyon nature trail
        - Enjoy a Mexican Food Buffet with ice cold beer and soft drinks
        - Marvel at a screening of “The Secret Home Life of Chimney Swifts”
              Starring Twig, Timber and Puddin’
Who?    The first 25 Travis Audubon Members (or “Wanta-bes”) to sign up
How Much? $35 for TAS members / $50 for non-members
How Come?   - Simply to enjoy the company of Chimney Swifts and fellow conservationists
              - Proceeds to benefit projects at Travis Audubon’s Chaetura Canyon Sanctuary

Please contact Sanctuary Stewards Georgean and Paul Kyle
to make your reservations ASAP:

dwa@austin.rr.com or 512-266-3861

BE THERE, OR BE SQUARE!
Appetizers
Chips and...
Classic Tomato and Chili Salsa
Oak-roasted Tomatillo Green Salsa
Anne Donovan’s Guacamole Especial
Raspberry-chipotle-cheese stuffed Cherry Tomatoes
Layered Taco Spread / Mexican Flag Mini-Kabobs / Tortilla Roll ups

Entrees
Georgean’s Hand-made Tamales with Cremini Mushrooms, Oak-roasted Corn, Bell Peppers, and Monterey Jack Cheese
Georgean’s Hand-made Empanadas stuffed with “Chorizo”, Raisins, Green Olives and Cheese
Make-your-own Chalupas and Burritos

Sides
Refried Pinto / Myacoba Beans, Whole Black Beans
Oak-Roasted Marigold Mint Corn Salad
Jicama-Kiwi-Orange Salad
Soft Flour Tortillas and Crispy Fried Corn Tortillas

Dessert
Hand-made Chocolate, Craisin, Pecan Tamales
Hand-made Pralines with Native Texas Pecans
### Chalupas and Chimney Swifts 2009
#### Guest List and Summary

**Hosts - Georgean and Paul Kyle**

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Total Reservations: $850.00

Donation from Jeff Mundy: $30.00

Total Income: $890.00

Food and drink costs: ($339.33)

Net: $550.67
Travis Audubon Society’s
Second Saturday Swift Watch
At Chaetura Canyon
May 9, 2009
7:00 – 9:00 PM

Hosts: Georgean and Paul Kyle

1. Anne Donovan          TAS, DWA, CCMC
2. John Donovan           TAS, DWA
3. Joseph Scott Sturgeon  TAS
4. David Newstead        Coastal Bend Audubon President
5. Sonia Najera          Costal Bend Audubon, Nature Conservancy
6. Steve Burns           BCP Volunteer, Mayfield Tower Construction crew
7. Erica Burns
8.5 Greta Burns          14 months old – youngest trail walker to date
9. Marc Opperman         BCP Volunteer, Mayfield Tower Construction crew
10. Ron Wood              Chaetura Canyon property partner

Donations:                110.00
Snacks and Ice:           (12.96)
Net:                      97.04

* TAS: Travis Audubon Society
      DWA: Driftwood Wildlife Association
      CCMC: Chaetura Canyon Management Committee
Travis Audubon Society’s  
Second Saturday Swift Watch  
At Chaetura Canyon  
June 13, 2009  
7:00 – 9:00 PM  

Hosts: Georgean and Paul Kyle  

1. Nancy Manning  
   TAS Executive Director  
2. Joan Foster  
   TAS Member  
3. Laura Southwick  
   TAS Member  
4. Wallace Stapp  
   TAS Member  
5. Laura Johnson  
   Renewing TAS Member (signed up tonight)  
6. Rosemary Wetherold  
   Renewing TAS Member (signed up tonight)  
7. Pat Powers  
   New TAS Member (signed up this week)  
8. Caroline Powers  
   New TAS Member (signed up this week)  
9. Leslie Morris  
   TAS Member  
10. Bill Wilson-Reiner  
    TAS Member  
    TAS Member  
12. Robert Skiles  
    TAS Member / Chaetura Canyon partner  

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Travis Audubon Society’s
Second Saturday Swift Watch
At Chaetura Canyon
July 11, 2009
7:00 – 9:00 PM

Hosts: Georgean and Paul Kyle
Presentation by Nancy Manning, TAS Executive Director

1. Mike Ciaverelli
2. Carrie Ciaverelli
   Sophie Ciaverelli (age 4)
3. Stephanie Lifton
   Avery Lifton (age 3)
4. Jennifer Failla
5. Joshua Hoffman
   Noam Failla Hoffman (age 4)
6. Laura Leggett TAS Member
7. Judith Bailey TAS Member
8. Nancy Radding TAS Member
9. Anne Donovan TAS Member
10. John Donovan TAS Member
    Hudson Donovan (age 4)

Donations: $ 140.00
Refreshments: $ 38.75
Net: $ 101.25
Travis Audubon Society’s
Second Saturday Swift Watch
At Chaetura Canyon
August 8, 2009
7:00 – 9:00 PM

Hosts: Georgean and Paul Kyle

1. Walter Stewart         TAS Member
2. Mary Stewart           TAS Member
3. Erica Weisman          TAS Member
4. Laura Legett           TAS Member
5. Sarah Legett           TAS Member
6. Kelley Atkinson        TAS Member
7. Shelia Hargis          TAS Board
8. Laurie Foss            TAS Member
9. Michelle Cutrer        TAS Member
10. Richard Whittington   TAS Member
11. Shirley LaVergne      TAS Member
12. David LaVergne        TAS Member
13. Ron Wood              TAS Member

Donations:                $ 140.00
Austin Nature & Science Center
Ornithology Field Biology Camp
At Travis Audubon’s
Chaetura Canyon Bird Sanctuary
July 11, 2008
10:00 am ‘till 1:00 pm

TAS Hosts:
Anne Donovan
Georgean Kyle
Paul Kyle

ANSC Counselors:
Colin Ross
Maya Heiland

Campers
Berk Sutherland
Elizabeth Conlon
Justin Ayala
Noah Stevens-Stein
Carlianne Hagye
Olivia Thtailkill
Victor Gonzalez
Ian Wagley-Cummings
Ellie Audet
Amethyst Alston
Kalik Clark
Join us for
Dinner with the Swifts
at
Chaetura Canyon

The Travis Audubon Chaetura Canyon Bird Sanctuary is unique. It is the only place in the world where Chimney Swifts are so carefully protected and so closely observed in such an intimate setting. As their numbers dwindle elsewhere, Chimney Swifts thrive at Chaetura Canyon due to innovative conservation practices resulting from over 20 years of observation and research by Georgean and Paul Kyle. To insure conservation for future generations of swifts and birders alike, Paul and Georgean donated their beautiful property and home to the Travis Audubon Society in 2006 to be protected in perpetuity. You can help maintain this wonderful new TAS resource by attending one of two unforgettable evenings this Fall:

**Dates:** Friday, September 11th or Saturday September 12th  
**Time:** 6:00 PM  
**Place:** The Kyle’s Residence at Chaetura Canyon

Each evening will begin with an optional stroll that wanders past numerous Chimney Swift Towers, through a haven of native plants, carefully restored wildlife habitat including an amazing grove of sapling Spanish Oaks and several small ponds teaming with dragonflies, chorusing Leopard Frogs and other aquatic critters along the easily walkable upper trails.

Enjoy drinks on the covered deck, overlooking the canyon followed by a seated dinner hand-prepared by Georgean. At dusk, Chimney Swifts cavort and circle above the deck before going to roost. At the conclusion of the impressive aerial show the Kyles will host a brief video presentation showing rarely seen nesting activities from Chaetura Canyon.

Each exclusive event is limited to 10 participants per evening, so don’t wait too long! To secure your reservations, please fill out the attached reservation form and return **ASAP** to:

**Georgean and Paul Kyle**  
1206 West 38th Street, Suite 1105 / Austin, Texas 78705  
Questions? Call: (512) 266-3861 or email dwu@austin.rr.com

*Admission is $100 per person with all proceeds going into the TAS Chaetura Canyon fund.  
The fund is used for maintenance and ongoing conservation and education projects at Chaetura Canyon.  
Travis Audubon Society is a tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization*
A ppetizers

Artichoke and Parmesan Spread
Cheese and Nut Plate with Fresh Strawberries

B everages

Wine selection courtesy of Travis Audubon
Shiner Bock
Corona Extra
Chaetura Canyon Stout
(brewed on-site)
“Dark as a Chimney Swift - Smooth as a Cloud”

S oft D rinks

Complimentary copy of “Chimney Swifts”
courtesy of
Shannon Davies,
Texas A & M University Press
**Main Course**

Parmesan Cheese and Herb Crepe Cakes
stuffed with
Ricotta, Gruyère and Spinach from the Canyon Garden
topped with
Sautéed Mushrooms, Garlic, Fresh Herbs and Cream Sauce

Sautéed Asparagus
with Oak-roasted Red Bell Peppers

Baby Greens with Fresh Fruit and Raspberry Vinaigrette
Fresh Baked Bread with Georgean’s Herb Butter

**Dessert**

Home-made French Cheesecake
with
Raspberry Sauce and Chocolate ChimneySifts
accompanied by
Sonoma Raspberry Sparkler

Audubon Premium Shade-grown Coffee (hi and low octane)
Dinner with the Chimney Swifts at Chaetura Canyon 2009

Donations

1. Ann and Bill Edwards          $ 250.00
2. James Winn                          $ 100.00
3. C. Patrick Oles                     $ 200.00
4. Nancy and Tony Podio          $ 200.00
5. Barbara Anderson                $   50.00

Total Donations                                        $ 800.00

September 11, 2009
Friday

1. Valarie Bristol                      VIP Guest
2. Craig Damuth                       $ 100.00
3. Barry Lyon                           $ 100.00
4. Jared Ravens                        $ 100.00
5. Heather Patterson                 $ 100.00
6. Carol Bennett                       $ 100.00
7. Jo Wilson                             $ 100.00
8. Pat Yingst                             $ 100.00
9. Nancy Webber                     $ 100.00
10. Jan Summer                         $ 100.00
11. Kay Little                             $ 100.00

Friday Reservations                                  $1000.00

September 12, 2009
Saturday

1. Anne Donovan                      $ 100.00
2. John Donovan                       $ 100.00
3. Stephanie Barko                    $ 100.00
4. Jane Tillman                         $ 100.00
5. Mark Lyon                            $ 100.00
6. Ann Connell                          $ 100.00
7. Don Connell                          $ 100.00

Saturday Reservations                               $ 700.00

Total Funds Raised        $ 2500.00

In Kind Donation from Shannon Davies of Texas A&M University Press
18 hard cover copies of “Chimney Swifts:  $ 612.00

Food and drink costs:                          $ 419.12

Net:                                         $ 2080.88
Chaetura Canyon Nest Box Workshop
October 11, 2009
Instructors: Paul and Georgean Kyle

1. Pat Powers                                  TAS                            Builder
2. Caroline Powers                          TAS                            Builder
3. Cathy Sosa                                  Non Member              Parent
4. Rubin Sosa                                  Non Member              Parent
5. Macey Sosa (daughter)               Non Member              Builder
6. Tori Sosa (daughter)                   Non Member              Builder
7. Jocelyn Taijeron                              TAS                            Builder
8. Bruce Atwell                                 TAS                            Parent
9. Erik Atwell (son)                         TAS                            Builder
10. Sarah Svec                                  TAS                            Builder
11. Matt Hall                                     Non Member              Parent
12. Andrew Hall (son)                       Non Member              Co-Builder
13. Sean Hall (son)                            Non Member              Co-Builder
14. Pete Hendrick                                ?                               Builder
15. Taylor Landin                                 ?                               Builder

Expenses

Instructors’ fees waived by Paul and Georgean                      $  0.00
Refreshments                                                         $ 22.03
Nest Box kits (10 @ $15.00 discount from $18.00)              $150.00
Trail Guides                                                         $ 23.70

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Total                                                                  $195.73
Miscellaneous Events

February 22

The Stewards hosted a tour of the Sanctuary for Judy Kennedy and Robbie Preston of Ontario, Canada. Judy and Robbie have been actively involved with Chimney Swift conservation efforts in Canada. They have headed up the construction of several towers, and have plans to build many more. After a walk of the trails and inspection of the 16 towers, we viewed a video of Chimney Swift nesting activity. After lunch we headed out to Pedernales Falls State Park to show them the Kiosk Towers and demonstrated the necessary annual maintenance.

May 8

President Valarie Bristol and Executive Director Nancy Manning invited several potential donors to a dinner hosted by the Stewards. The event was funded by Craig Damuth and TAS board member Bill Edwards.

After a meet and greet, everyone toured the upper trails of the Sanctuary. Following dinner, Valarie and Nancy gave a presentation about the progress and future plans of TAS conservation efforts. As the Chimney Swifts began to circle and go to roost in the South Tower on the residence, the guests moved to the deck to enjoy the spectacle. After all the swifts were roosting, Paul gave a presentation about the swifts. Dessert was served, and the evening came to an end.

The event resulted in donations of $40,000 from the Malcolm Damuth Foundation for property acquisition at Chaetura Canyon and $15,000 from the Shield - Ayers Foundation for infrastructure at the Blair Woods Sanctuary.

October 9

Craig Damuth sponsored a dinner to acquaint two board members of the Hill Country Alliance with Chaetura Canyon. Christy Muse (HCA Executive Director) and David Baker (HCA Board Member and Wimberley Valley Watershed Association Executive Director) were accompanied by Marty Muse and Ellen Evans. CCMC member Ann Connell was also in attendance. Common concerns were discussed, and new friendships formed.

October 30

President Valarie Bristol and Executive Director Nancy Manning met with the Stewards over dinner to discuss financial matters. Topics included upcoming efforts to raise matching funds for the Malcolm Damuth Foundation grant and bookkeeping methods for Chaetura Canyon funds.
Climate Summary for 2009

High and Low Temperature and Monthly Rainfall Totals for 2009

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Drought conditions continued thru the first eight months of the year. Above normal temperatures were recorded for most days during the months of June and July. Beginning in mid-June and continuing until September 3, 68 days reached an afternoon high or 100 degrees or higher. Rainfall was scarce until the El Nino effect brought favorable conditions for weather systems beginning in September. By mid-October, the seep spring in the canyon was recharging, and the ephemeral creek was running.
Chaetura Canyon Fund
Financial Statement 01-09-2010

Income 01-01-2009 – 12-31-2009

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Total funds available for Chaetura Canyon 12/31/2010 $10,919.00
In kind donations from Stewards $3,090.31

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Residential Expenses paid by Stewards:

Utilities
- Phone: $649.16
- Electrical: $1,037.39
- Trash pickup: $201.16
- Water (less reimbursement): $472.62

Insurance (liability and residential) $1,982.88

Total Residential Expenses paid by Stewards: $4,343.21

Total Expense Offset not paid by TAS: $31,481.52

Funds Generated: $11,466.00

Total Income and Expense Offset: $42,947.52
Chimney Swifts over the Stewards residence at Chaetura Canyon Sanctuary

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