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Dallas Sierra Club  
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# Dallas Sierra Club News - November 2013

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## General Meeting Program - November 12, 7:00 pm - Refreshments at 6:30

Learn about Beginner Birding in the D/FW Area and about our Club's 2013 Goals and Accomplishments



**Beginner**

### **Birding in the D/FW Area**

Robin Sowton will talk about what you need to get started birding in the D/FW area (type of guides and binoculars), how to approach bird identification, some common beginner challenges, local field trips and birding groups that you can join, keeping life lists, using Ebird, and how your notes can help

research with climate research and other subjects. She'll also talk about why Texas is one of the best places for birding.



Sierra Club 2013

#### **Goals and Accomplishments**

David Griggs will tell how Sierra Club members work together to set goals, and will talk about some of this year's accomplishments.

**Everyone is welcome.** You don't have to be a Sierra Club member. Just show up. We'd love to meet you.

Our General Meeting starts at 7:00 pm but come at 6:30 for snacks, information and fellowship. Our meeting takes place at REI, 4515 Lyndon B Johnson Freeway, Dallas, TX 75244. Click over to our [General Meeting page](#) of our website for more information and a map.

#### **Sierra Club Annual Holiday Party - Sunday, December 15**



Our annual Holiday Party will be held at El Fenix Restaurant at 255 Casa Linda Plaza. We'll party on Sunday, December 15 from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm. [Here is a Google map.](#)



Club members and guests will share the holiday spirit, some great Mexican food, and the company of others at this annual event. Join us for some camaraderie, door prizes, silent auction, and perhaps some surprise speakers, you never know. We'll celebrate some of our outstanding volunteers and have plenty of time to mingle. There's bound to be talk about issues of the day -- air, water, veganism, fracking, coal, nuclear, whatever strikes your green fancy. The entire menu will be available so you can order whatever you want to eat or drink, including liquid spirits. We'll provide a free round of margaritas. Support the Club by getting a 2014 Sierra Club Calendar or Planner!. Invite your family and friends. So come on out for a great party, low price, no clean up, and lots of like minded people. What could be better? See you there, and bring your appetite. Happy Holidays!!

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### Tell NPR to Stop Pro-Fracking Ads

You have all seen or heard the pro-fracking ThinkAboutIt.org commercials that have been running recently, including on National Public Radio. Now you have a voice to counter these ads.

NPR's pro-fracking ads are disgraceful because those commercial messages are clearly not in the best interest of society. When a trusted news source broadcasts a message, even as a commercial, it is difficult for the public to differentiate between unbiased news and slanted commercialism. A campaign is underway to change what we hear on NPR by recording a short message telling NPR to drop the fracking-sponsored messages that are misleading millions of its loyal listeners every day. The best messages will then be compiled into a radio ad, which will be run on NPR stations across the nation.

If you would like to join this campaign, call (617) 863-NPR0 to record your own 90 second message. Make sure to include your name, the name of your local NPR station and the phrase "NPR Don't Even Think About it" in your recording.

For more details, see <http://npr-dont-even-thinkaboutit.org/voice.php>

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### Outings Highlights

Please take a few hours out of your busy holiday schedule to help clean up one of our favorite parks. Our White Rock Lake cleanup weekends need your help.

#### **Nov 9 (Sat) White Rock Lake Cleanup**

Walk and talk while helping to pick up trash and recyclables at the Sierra Club's adopted section of White Rock Lake Park. Meet at 8:15 AM at the Love of the Lake office on the Northeast corner of Garland Rd. and Buckner Blvd. Look for a crowd of people drinking free juice and coffee. Gloves, trash bags, etc. provided. Our area includes one of the wonderful prairie restoration areas, so there are always birds and wildflowers to enjoy. The lake and your karma will thank you. Brunch afterwards. Leader: Carol Nash [Send Email](#) 214-824-0244

#### **Dec 14 (Sat) White Rock Lake Cleanup**

Walk and talk while helping to pick up trash and recyclables at the Sierra Club's adopted section of White Rock Lake Park. Meet at 8:15 AM at the Love of the Lake office on the Northeast corner of Garland Rd. and Buckner Blvd. Look for a crowd of people drinking free juice and coffee. Gloves, trash bags, etc. provided. Our area includes one of the wonderful prairie restoration areas, so there are always birds and wildflowers to enjoy. The lake and your karma will thank you. Brunch afterwards. Leader: Carol Nash [Send Email](#) 214-824-0244

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### Calendar

Here is our calendar for the next two months. For complete listings, visit us at [www.dallassierraclub.org](http://www.dallassierraclub.org).



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### **Nov 12 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club Executive Committee Meeting**

The Executive Committee (or Excom) is the elected governing body of the Dallas Sierra Club and meets at REI, 4515 LBJ Freeway, Farmers Branch, TX 75244 (north side of LBJ between Midway and Welch) at 5:30 pm. Contact the [Dallas Group Chair](#) for more information.



### **Nov 12 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting**

Robin Sowton will talk about what you need to get started birding in the D/FW area, and David Griggs will talk about our Club's 2013 goals and accomplishments. Everyone is invited to the Dallas Sierra Club's General Meeting. Full details are on our [home page](#) now.



### **Nov 20 (Wed) Outings Committee Meeting**

Meet upstairs at REI (north side of LBJ between Midway and Welch), at 6:30 PM. Bring your ideas for the Dallas Sierra Club Outings program. We will be planning local outings and bus trips. All outings leaders, future outings leaders, and interested Sierrans are welcome. Ask Mark to be placed on the email list for an agenda. Contact: Mark Stein [Send Email](#) 214-526-3733



### **Dec 4 (Wed) Dallas Sierra Club Executive Committee Meeting**

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### **Dec 10 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting**

**Solar Power for Homeowners** Learn about adding a solar energy power system to your home. Plano Solar Advocates will demystify getting a PV system installed on a homeowner's roof. Chris Guldi will share the results of leasing a solar power system for her house. Everyone is invited to the Dallas Sierra Club's General Meeting. Full details will be on our [home page](#) about a month before the meeting.



### **Dec 14 (Sat) White Rock Lake Cleanup**

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### **Dec 14 (Sat) Birding Trip to Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge**

What is a NARD? Come find out! Fall and winter are great times of the year to see birds migrating through areas providing stopover habitat. With the recent rains, the ponds and wetlands at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge should be full, providing essential stopover habitat for not only waterfowl and wetland birds, but various raptors and songbirds alike. Things you might see include: large flocks of snow geese and several other species of waterfowl and wetland birds along with a smattering of raptors. Some of the waterfowl seen on our last trip included NARDS-North American Ruddy Ducks, American Wigeon, Common Shovellers, Gadwall, and Northern Pintail ducks. Sign-up

required, cost and other details to follow. Transportation from the Dallas area provided. Limited to 9 people, so sign up early to save a spot! Leaving early morning. Leaders: Sue Greer [Send Email](#) 972-247-0446 and Bill Greer [Send Email](#)



### **Dec 15 (Sun) Sierra Club Holiday Party**

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