

## SUMMER BIRDS

Each year, as native river-valley habitats continue to develop at Rio Bosque Wetlands Park, we also see changes in the park's wildlife populations. Some of the best examples involve nesting birds. The park supports a fascinating mix of breeding species and is well worth a summer visit.

Duck, Common Gallinule

Many of the park's nesting bird species were already present before the launch of the wetland project at Rio Bosque in 1997. Sandhill Crane

Red-winged Blackbird

100 years after a bend of the Rio Grande was cut off when the river was channelized, the wetland project brought the area back to the Rio Bosque landscape. And since then, many water-associated birds, including American Cooton, Green-winged Teal, and Cinnamon teal, Mexican



These two young Western Screech-Owls in a Goodding willow at Rio Bosque are not long out of the nest. (Photo: Peter Holder, June 6, 2019)

### Friends of the Rio Bosque Membership Application

Name:

- Life Member..... \$1,000
- Wetlands Society..... \$500-\$999

*Friends of the Rio Bosque* and mail to: Friends of the Rio Bosque, CERMUTEP, 500 W. University Ave., El Paso, TX 79968-0684.



#### Next Meetings

- Wed., July 24
- Wed., Aug 28
- Wed., Sep 25

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
206 Kelly Hall  
UTEP

Info: 915-747-8663

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