



Bird Calls

Newsletter of the Bastrop County Audubon Society

Meeting & Program for May 16, 2017, 7:00 p.m.: Margie Crisp & Bill Montgomery present "Eagles and Cedar: A Hill Country Tale," based on their book *The Nueces River: Rio Escondido*, published in April by A&M University Press.

Researching about the Nueces River, Crisp was intrigued by the descriptions of the dramatic landscape changes in the Edwards Plateau and Balcones Escarpment. Using historical accounts from the last three centuries, she discovered a fascinating story of how changes in land use, landowner's attitudes, and invasive species have impacted the river and its plants and wildlife over the last two centuries.

Both are well-known artists and naturalists, and both have served as presidents of BCAS. Crisp's first "river book" *River of Contrasts: The Texas Colorado (2012)*, for which she did both writing and artwork, won the Ron Tyler Award for Best Illustrated book on Texas History and Culture by the Texas State Historical Association and the Carr P. Collins Award for Best Book of Non-fiction by the Texas Institute of Letters.

In Praise: "The Nueces can now be explored through the pen and the lens of Margie Crisp and William Montgomery's beautifully chronicled treatise of this meandering and magical Texas river. Through vivid prose and paintings, they record their travels as they explore the length of the river on foot, in kayaks, and fishing boat, ultimately weaving a portrait of today's Nueces": Carter Smith, TPWD.

Where: First National Bank meeting room, Hasler Blvd. @ H. 71. Doors open at 6:30. The public is invited. And dine with the Margie and Bill at Cedar's Mediterranean in Bastrop beforehand, 5:00 p.m. RSVP: Sandy Simon: ssimon1221@yahoo.com if attending dinner.

