

**Great Backyard Bird Count: February 12-15, 2016.** Join in! Kick up the numbers of counters in Bastrop County. Count birds in your backyard, local park, or wherever you spot a bird, and submit your observations online, one day or four days: <a href="mailto:birdcount.org">birdcount.org</a>

Meeting: Tuesday, February 16, 2016: "Bluebirds Across Texas, One Nestbox at a Time." Pauline Tom, President of Texas Bluebird Society, will present an expert Bluebird program and encourage us to attend the 2016 Bluebird Season Kickoff at the Bastrop Convention center on Saturday, March 12. TBS is an all-volunteer grassroots organization helping bluebirds and other native cavity-nesting birds increase nesting sites while sustaining and increasing their food supply. At the heart of TBS efforts is the construction, distribution, and sale of a "well-suited for Texas" bluebird nestbox known as the "Texas Nestbox." They have built over 13,000 nestboxes since 2002! (Tom lives in the Austin area and will sell you a bluebird nestbox for only \$17. Contact: ptom5678@gmail.com. Visit texasbluebirdsociety.org)