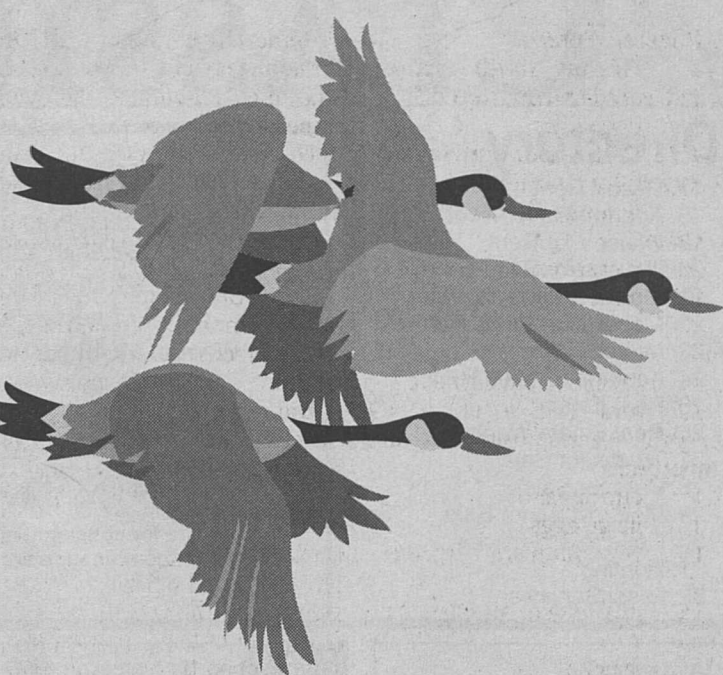


Texas Parks And Wildlife Dept. Gives Migratory Bird Report

South Zone Waterfowl
The first split of duck season ended at sunset Nov. 26, and most waterfowlers are calling the first 23 days of ducks season nothing short of fabulous.
Sure, there were slow hunts, but overall, reports from hunters across the region indicated some of the best shooting they could remember in a long while. An influx of teal along the coast filled bags during the first two weeks.
Bluewings cruised the decoys during the first 30 minutes and plenty of greenwings took over later in the hunt.
The Hunters Choice option, which allowed coastal hunters to take a pintail from day one, helped considerably in the five-duck limit.
Lots of diver ducks stayed on the coastal prairies during the

first two weeks, even a better than normal amount of canvasbacks were harvested.
Gadwalls readily decoyed as well in marsh ponds with wigeon grass and other submergible vegetation.
Though duck hunting was not as fast and furious during Thanksgiving week, great hunts were posted near Eagle Lake, Trinity Bay and Rockport. A few mallards are beginning to show in bags and more should show as the forecasted cold blast passes through Texas this week.
Goose hunting continues to suffer due to light winds and high skies. Several large concentrations of snows are being hunted between Eagle Lake and Egypt.
Outfitters report not as many young birds as forecasts predicted. Rice fields with standing

water have been the ticket to hold geese.
The second split of duck season runs Dec. 9-Jan. 27. Prospects for geese are fair to good.
High Plains Mallard Management Unit
Duck hunting has been fair on playas and stock tanks.
Mallards, wigeons, teal and wood ducks have been taken though most waterfowlers are goose hunting. Unseasonably mild temperatures haunted goose hunters for most of November.
Decoying action has been fair at best with the mild temps and light winds. Outfitters report geese have been staying on the roost late in the morning and not moving much during the day.
Still, there are large concentrations of Canadas and snows near Dumas and Spearman. The cold front forecasted to move through the region mid-week should help decoying action.
Crane hunting continues to be steady in corn and wheat fields.



Many outfitters have reported limits or near limits of cranes. Prospects are fair to good.
North Zone Waterfowl
The first split of duck season

ended at sunset Nov. 26 and hunting during the first 23 days was fair at best in areas of North Texas that had water; however, it continued poor for most of the region for

the second consecutive year.
Sloughs, ponds, creeks and river beds remained cracked, parched ground. And, where there is no water, there are no ducks. Lakes and reservoirs are holding the only water in the region, but access to boat ramps is tough due to low water levels. Hunters working Wright-Patman Lake scored mallards in secluded holes of water.
Toledo Bend was fair for divers and mallards. Caddo Lake was good for ringed-neck and scaup.
Closer to the coast along the IH-10 corridor, duck hunting was solid for the first two weeks of the season, then waned the week of Thanksgiving due to mild temperatures and the absence of another cold front to push new migrants to the coast.
Specklebellies were bonus birds in many rice field ponds. The second split of the North Zone duck season runs Dec. 9-Jan. 27.

Hints For Dealing With Mail-In Rebates

By Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott
Thrifty consumers know the benefits of clipping coupons and redeeming instant cash rebates at the checkout counter. Manufacturers and retailers often draw in shoppers by offering these immediate discounts at the time of purchase.
But many rebates are of the mail-in variety, which can cause some confusion.
The consumer is required to pay the full price of the item at the time of purchase, and then send proper documentation to the manufacturer or retailer in order to receive a full or partial reimbursement by mail.
Typically, consumers must provide copies of the rebate slip, the sales receipt, the service agreement or invoice, the UPC code, and the customer's name, address and telephone number.
The paperwork usually has to be postmarked no later than 30 days from the date of purchase. Consumers generally receive their rebates up to 12 weeks later.
The rebate check itself may have an expiration date and need to be cashed by a specific date.
Our office encourages consumers who are trying to claim mail-in rebates to keep good records of the purchase.
Follow the instructions on the rebate form carefully and submit all required documentation timely when filing for a rebate.
Keep a copy of what you send the manufacturer or retailer so that you have a record of the transaction in case problems arise.
The Federal Trade Commission advises that, by law, companies are required to send rebates within the time frame promised, or if no time is specified, within a "reasonable" time frame. "Reasonable" often is interpreted as within 30 days.
If you don't receive your rebate check as promised or within a reasonable time frame, contact the company first.
Look for an address to write to or a phone number to call. Most manufacturers and retailers will make a good faith effort to try and resolve disputes with their customers.
Many times, a lack of notice to a customer that a rebate check will be late is the result of poor customer service, rather than a violation of the law.
If you're dissatisfied with the way the matter is handled, however, or the rebate check never

arrives or is late, you may file a complaint with my office online at www.oag.state.tx.us or by phone at 1 (800) 252-8011.
You may also file a complaint with the Better Business Bureau and the Federal Trade Commission.
Consumers often ask about missing out on a rebate check. Patience is the key to mail-in rebates. Read the fine print of the rebate agreement and familiarize yourself with the expiration dates of the offer so that you can claim the promised discount.
POINTS TO REMEMBER
• Keep close track of the date of purchase, the expiration date of the rebate offer, and the expiration date on the rebate check.
• Submit required paperwork in a timely fashion.
• Keep copies of the transaction for your own records.
If your rebate never arrives or arrives late, file a complaint with the Attorney General's office online at www.oag.state.tx.us or by phone at 1 (800) 252-8011.
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Historic District In The Cards For Eagle Lake
Continued from front page
The meeting concluded with a period of time for questions.
The only questions brought up pertained to properties that are inside the proposed district but left off of the list of properties that are on the application.
Smith advised that some of the properties might be able to be added to the current application, but that it might be too late in the process for some of them.
He said that if the district were approved, it would be a fairly simple process to add a qualifying property later on.
If the application were approved, the addresses included in the National Register would be: 100-416 E. Main St., 101-108 W. Main St., 101-124 Commerce St., 101-201 N. McCarty Ave., 100-203 E. Post Office St.
Owners or partial owners of any private property in the area being submitted may object to the nomination, but must do so in writing with a notarized statement proving ownership and their

objection to the nomination.
If a majority of property owners object, the area will not be listed on the registry.
Each property owner effectively has a vote, but only one, regardless of the number of properties owned in the district.
The Texas Historical Commission must receive comments, or official objections before January 20, 2007. Comments should be sent to F. Lawrence Oaks, State Historical Preservation Officer, Texas Historical Commission, P.O. Box 12276, Austin, Texas, 78711.
According to Rhonda Bridges, an active member of the Friends of Main Street, this whole process got started about six years ago.
She said that Eagle Lake was designated as a Main Street City in 2000.
She advised that this designation got the city involved with the Texas Historical Commission and that a request was made at that point for the city to be considered

ate student, Stephanie McDougal, at the University of Texas has apparently used Eagle Lake for a project and finished the application process.
She said that McDougal came to Eagle Lake and collected information about the properties.

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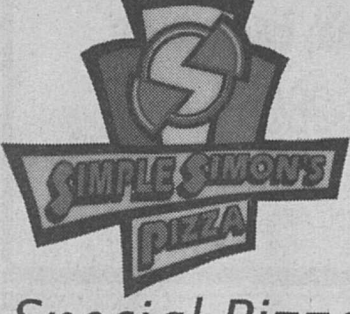
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