

2025 TOS Director Election

- Ballot Enclosed
- Select one candidate for each position
- Mark your ballot
- Mail to TOS
- Instructions below
- Due **APRIL 21, 2025**



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April 3, 2025

Dear Texas Ornithological Society Member:

Directors of the TOS Board serve three-year terms and each year the terms of four of the twelve directors expire. Below is the 2025 ballot listing those expiring board positions and qualified candidates where available. Your vote will elect directors to these Board positions. The Board will elect officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) at its first meeting after the election. (Please note that the director of Region 6 has moved to the Region 5 position, and there is currently no candidate for director of Region 6.)

The election of board members by TOS members and the election of officers by the Board are held each year in the March/April time frame. This year election results will be announced by email on April 22, 2025, and the new directors and officers will be introduced at the spring banquet in Cedar Hill, Texas on April 26, 2025.

Attached to this letter, you will find the ballot and biographical information on the TOS members who are interested in representing you on the Board of Directors. Please take the time to read the material on the candidates, complete the ballot and mail it back to us. Your mailed ballot should be **postmarked by APRIL 16, 2025**, to assure that we receive it in time to be counted. Mail **ONLY** the ballot sheet to us in your envelope. **Please put your return address on your envelope** so we can verify your TOS membership.

If you prefer, you may vote online at

<https://texasbirds.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/texasbirds/survey.jsp?surveyId=1>

Thank you for taking the time to review this material and vote. Feel free to contact Christine Turnbull at 339-235-5338 or cbsturnbull@hotmail.com if you have any questions. Your vote is very important in this election.

Christine Turnbull, Chair

Byron Stone, Kelly Smith, Ron Weeks, Judy Kestner

TOS Nominating Committee

Candidate for Director At-Large 3: (Three-year term: May 2025-May 2028)

Janey Woodley



Janey is a native Houstonian and spent most of her life in Fort Bend County. In late 2015 she developed an interest in wildlife photography. Since birds are some of the easiest wildlife to see and photograph, this led to an interest in knowing what she was seeing and photographing. When she did her first CBC in 2016, she still didn't own a pair of binoculars! Janey continued to be a casual birder until 2019 when she joined TOS for the Winter Meeting in Galveston. During the meeting she went on her first Century Club field trip led by Ron Weeks to Fort Bend County. Over the course of the day, Ron and some of the other participants introduced her to The Texas Century Club and County Listing. She was hooked and this dramatically changed her birding! In 2021 she was fortunate to become a full-time traveler. This allowed her to bird 239 of the 254

counties in Texas. Her species count is over 100 in 64 of them. Janey is a Life Member of TOS and began leading field trip at the Spring 2023 meeting in Abilene. She has led two Weekender trips and has another planned for late fall of 2025.

Candidate for Director At-Large 4:

Romey Swanson



Romey Swanson is a lifelong naturalist and committed conservationist whose career centers on protecting Texas's wild lands and the diverse wildlife they support. He serves as executive director of the Devils River Conservancy, where he leads efforts to preserve one of North America's last truly wild rivers through collaboration with private landowners, scientists, and public agencies. Romey earned his master's degree in wildlife ecology from Texas State University, where - despite a thesis focused on reptiles and amphibians - he was sidetracked by an ornithology course that unexpectedly turned him into a birder. Today, he is both president-elect of the Texas Herpetological Society and a past president of the Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society, bringing over 15 years of field experience to his work. A devotee of wild country and wild creatures, Romey

pursues birds with the same zeal and wonder that Theodore Roosevelt brought to his ramblings - binoculars slung, field guide in pocket, ever eager for the next flash of feathers or stirring of wings.

Candidate for Region 3:

Bob White



Bob grew up in New Jersey, where he learned to use a field guide to identify the Ring-necked Pheasants that would visit his yard. While living in Colorado he did a lot of backpacking and climbing but didn't get serious about birding until moving to Texas in the 1990s. Bob honed his skills through Christmas Bird Counts and the Lunch with the Birds program at the Nature Discovery Center in Bellaire. Fifteen years as an area leader at the Freeport CBC and ten years conducting Breeding Bird Surveys have given him a modest grounding in Texas avifauna. A life member of TOS since 2016, Bob has led field trips at several meetings. Since moving to Jacksonville (Cherokee County) he has explored all of the Pineywoods Counties, getting to know many of the more active birders in the area. Bob has a century in most of them and a goal of completing them by next winter.

OFFICIAL 2025 BALLOT – TOS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Please note:

- Only current TOS members can vote
- Ballots must be postmarked by **APRIL 16, 2025**.
- For each annual election under TOS Bylaws, four of the twelve directors are elected for three-year terms. This year the terms for the following three director positions are expiring: At-Large Director 3, At-Large Director 4, Region 3. There is no candidate for Region 6 whose Director has transferred to Region 5.
- Officers are elected by the Board at the first board meeting after the election.
- Current board directors are marked * to indicate incumbent.

DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE BALLOT OR IT WILL BE REJECTED.

At-Large Directors

At-Large 3: (Three-year term: May 2025-May 2028)

Janey Woodley

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At-Large 4: (Three-year term: May 2025-May 2028)

Romey Swanson*

_____ (write in)

Regional Directors (Vote for one director. All members vote for all regions.)

Region 3 Pineywoods: (Three-year term: May 2025-May 2028)

Bob White

_____ (write in)

*Incumbent

VOTER INSTRUCTIONS: 2025 BALLOT – TOS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Separate this ballot sheet from the cover letter and bios and mark your choices. **DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THIS BALLOT.**
2. Place the ballot in your envelope. Stamp and address the envelope and print your return address on the envelope. **Your return address will be used to verify your membership.**
3. Mail your ballot to the address below, **postmarked by APRIL 16, 2025.**

Mail ballot to:

**TOS Election Committee, c/o Judy Kestner
4437 Clear Fork Dr.
Corpus Christi, TX 78410**

(Remember to include your return address on the envelope!)