



# PARKSIDE AT MAYFIELD RANCH

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## INFORMATION FOR NEW RESIDENTS

First and foremost- welcome to the neighborhood! Moving into a new community is both exciting and stressful. As your professional community association management company, we are here to help. There are many useful tips on living in Parkside at Mayfield Ranch as well as links and number that you will need to set up your utilities below. If you have any questions that are not answered below, please contact the Southwest Management Services office and we will be happy to assist you.

### *How do I obtain a pool key?*

Please login to the community website with your user name and password and complete the online request form -Pool Use Agreement. Here you will agree to the terms and conditions of using the amenities, purchase, and submit your request to the management office. All requests will be filled within 48 and the card will be mailed to your home address on file with us.

### *How do I obtain a mailbox key?*

Please take a copy of your closing papers or lease to the local post office box and they will issue a mailbox key.

### *How do I reserve the amenity center for a private event?*

We make reservations easy for you! Please log in to the community website with your user name and password provided, and click on Activities-Reservation-Request a Reservation. There you can view dates available and submit your request. You will receive a response and further instructions from our office.

### *Who maintains the ponds at Parkside at Mayfield Ranch?*

The Parkside MUD maintains the ponds.

## ROUND ROCK NEW NEIGHBORS

Round Rock New Neighbors is a non-profit social club for women with over 180 members from Round Rock and surrounding communities. Since 1978, RRNN has been active in providing women the opportunities to come together and meet new friends and neighbors. The name may fool you, but you do not have to be new to the area to join the fun. We have new members who have lived in Round Rock for many years. All women are welcome!

You are cordially invited to attend one of our monthly luncheons and coffees. To find out more about these events and who to contact, please visit our website at [www.rrnewneighbors.org](http://www.rrnewneighbors.org)



# PARKSIDE

## CONTACT INFORMATION

### ON THE WEB:

**Parkside at Mayfield Ranch Official web site:**

[www.southwestmanagement.net/parksideatmayfieldranch/home.asp](http://www.southwestmanagement.net/parksideatmayfieldranch/home.asp)

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Wastewater (Parkside MUD) ..... 512-930-3640

### OTHER NUMBERS

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2 tsp. cinnamon  
1 tsp. ginger  
1/2 tsp. nutmeg 1/2 tsp. salt  
1 C finely chopped nuts  
Powdered sugar

### Filling:

1 C powdered sugar  
2 - 3 oz. pkg. cream  
cheese  
4 T margarine  
1/2 tsp. vanilla.

Beat until smooth. Spread  
over cake. Roll and chill.

Beat eggs on high speed for 5 min.; gradually beat in sugar. Stir in pumpkin and lemon juice. Stir together flour, baking powder, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, and salt. Fold in pumpkin. Spread in greased and floured 15x10x1" pan. Top with nuts. Bake at 375° for 15 min. Turn out on towel sprinkled with powdered sugar. Starting at narrow end, roll towel and cake together. Cool. Unroll.



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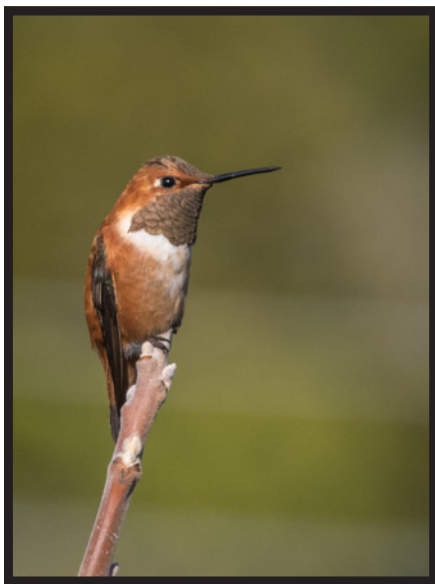
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## NATURE WATCH

### OVERWINTERING TEXAN

by Jim and Lynne Weber

Late August into September typically marks migration season for hummingbirds, when most individuals move from their northern breeding grounds to their southern wintering grounds. Several factors affect this seasonal movement including amount of daylight, the angle of the sun relative to the bird's location, availability (or lack of) food resources, and local weather patterns. Mature birds often start their migration earlier than juveniles, and males typically migrate a few days before females. But the longest migration of any hummingbird species belongs to the Rufous Hummingbird (*Selasphorus rufus*), a species that can typically travel from as far away as Alaska to spend the winter in Mexico.



*Rufous Hummingbird*

They are the feistiest hummingbird with a gift for fast, darting flight and exceptional maneuverability, tirelessly chasing away other hummingbirds wherever they feed. Males court females with elaborate flight displays, including J-shaped dives and nearly horizontal figure 8s.

In recent years, the Rufous has become the most common overwintering hummingbird in the southeastern United States, particularly along the Gulf Coast. For the last several years we have kept a small hummingbird feeder on our back porch filled throughout the fall and winter, and have been regularly rewarded with an overwintering Rufous. This species seems particularly able to handle the colder temperatures, perhaps because they go into 'torpor' overnight, a reduced physiological state where their body temperature and metabolic rate are reduced.

While it has been proven that this species has an excellent memory for location, which may explain why they find our feeder year after year, it remains a mystery to scientists as to why these birds don't complete their traditional fall migration to the Pacific coast of Mexico. While providing a nectar feeder does not delay a

hummingbird's migration, scientists are investigating the theory that established shifts in climate and flower-blooming times are affecting their typical patterns. Not only do these shifts appear to affect where these birds overwinter, but they also affect the timing of the clockwise circuit they make each year as they move northward up the Pacific coast in late winter and early spring, and travel southward along the chain of the Rocky Mountains in late summer. There is still much to learn about these migration patterns, and why these hummingbirds show up in places we don't expect them to stay in winter.

Regardless of reason, we feel fortunate to have our yard brightened during the colder months with this colorful visitor. Why not keep a hummingbird feeder filled in your yard this season, and you just might find you have an overwintering Texan, too!

Send your nature-related questions to [naturewatch@austin.rr.com](mailto:naturewatch@austin.rr.com) and we'll do our best to answer them. If you enjoy reading these articles, check out our books, *Nature Watch Austin* and *Nature Watch Big Bend* (both published by Texas A&M University Press), and our blog at [naturewatchaustin.blogspot.com](http://naturewatchaustin.blogspot.com).

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## CARPET BEETLES

Carpet beetles adults can be found outdoors on crape myrtles or other plants where the adults eat pollen and nectar. The adults may also be found in rodent or bird nests. When these adults move into homes, they may lay eggs which can lead to problems. These beetles can be pests in warehouses, homes, museums and other locations.

Carpet beetle adults are small, round to oval shaped and often brightly colored. Larvae are small, tan, and ringed with bands of long hairs.

Carpet beetle larvae feed on high protein foods, usually animal based, but they can also feed on plant material. They can be found in a variety of locations throughout the home. In the pantry, you may find them in items such as powdered milk, dried meats (jerky), or pet food. Other areas of the home they can be attracted to items made from wool, fur or feathers, areas where dead insects accumulate (i.e. light fixtures), leather book bindings, hair, silk or dried plant products. If the larvae are seen feeding on synthetic fibers, it is because the material is stained with body oils or food.

A program utilizing sanitation, exclusion and insecticides should be able to get a carpet beetle problem under control.

- Clean accumulations of hair, dead insects, and bird, rodent or wasp nests
- Regularly clean rugs, carpets, upholstery, etc.
  - o make sure to get along edges, under cushions, and under furniture where debris may collect
- Inspect animal based items (taxidermied animals, leather, wool, silk, etc.) once a year to avoid infestations
- Keep pantry items/ dry goods in sealed, air-tight containers
- Infested items (if possible, depending on the items) can be heated or cooled to kill many beetles
  - o freeze 2 weeks at temperatures below 18°F
  - o heat for at least 30 minutes to temperatures above 120°F
- Insecticides should be used as spot treatments- make sure carpet beetles are listed on the label as well as the area/ item you are treating
  - o make sure the product will not stain

If you find a few adult carpet beetles in your home, squish them on vacuum them up. A few adults usually do not warrant a full treatment, but you should watch for a developing infestation.

*For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at [www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com](http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com)*

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If you are ready for this amazing experience, please give me a call, I'd love to talk with you more about it. I am one of the Houston area STS Local Coordinators, I've worked with foreign exchange students for seven years and have also hosted 13 students on my own. I can tell you anything you need to know about hosting. Please contact Vicki Odom at 832-455-7881 or via email at [vicki.stsfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:vicki.stsfoundation@gmail.com).

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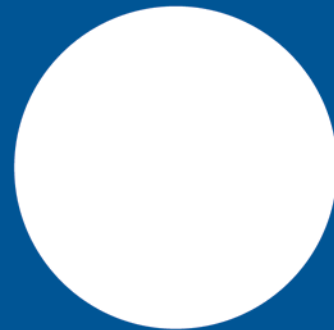
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