PURPLE MARTIN MIGRATION

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center

Everyone looks forward to the arrival of the Purple Martins each year. Most of us think their arrival means spring is just around the corner. But, at this time of the year, no one really thinks about them anymore. Most people don't know that they're very busy getting ready to migrate south.

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Preparations for migration begin in July and August when the birds form large flocks and roost (a place where birds or bats regularly settle or congregate to rest at night). There can be thousands of birds in a roost. They call this gathering "staging." Some of the better-known roosts in the Houston area are Gordon Park in Stafford and around Willowbrook Mall. They spend their days eating flying insects to build up body fat for their long flight ahead.

So where do they go? In the spring of 2009, geolocators were attached to 20 birds from two Texas colonies. It was discovered that the birds wintered deep in the Amazon rainforest and traveled an amazing 250 to 300 miles per day! They can fly between 17 and 27 miles per hour unless a predator is chasing them when their speed can reach 40 miles per hour. They spend several months in South America in large roosts where they undergo their annual molt. Although their annual molt begins before migration, they don't molt their flight or tail feathers until they reach South America. Molting is very beneficial because it replaces damaged feathers and helps get rid of parasites.

Purple martins will spend several months in South America before heading back to North America. The scouts typically show up in our area in mid-January through early February. The term "scout" is used to describe the first martin(s) observed. They will go to the same nesting site from the previous year. The scouts can be either an older male or female but are usually males. Arrival of the remainder of the birds depends on their age and sex. Older male birds arrive after the scouts followed by the older females followed by the younger ones. The younger ones, or subadults, may not appear until 4 to 12 weeks after

the first ones arrive. They fledged the previous year so their first priority is to find a nesting site.

News for the Residents of Legends Ranch

According to the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Texas martins nest almost exclusively in bird housing provided by humans. Once they have occupied a martin house, they will continue to use it year after year as long as you clean it out in the fall and keep the starlings and sparrows from moving in.

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Pct. 3 Constable Office	281-364-4211
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Crime Stoppers	
Poison Control	
Texas DPS	713-681-1761
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Hemp Doctors USA

Sarah Elizabeth Scott



CBD – The Trending Oil has gone Mainstream

CBD has quickly joined fitness, sports, and diet as part of a healthy lifestyle for wellness.CBD the trending oil's broad range of benefits, success stories and stamp of approval from the medical industry have turned its image from marginal to mainstream. The CBD market is growing bigger by the day and CBD is

showing up everywhere!CBD short for Cannabidiol, is derived from the cannabis plant and is the most well-known cannabinoid, second to THC. However, legal hemp derived CBD products do not cause the euphoric high associated with marijuana because they are required to have less than .3 percent THC. As a matter of fact, CBD is the non-intoxicating alternative to marijuana with

most of the same health benefits. Most notably, it is said to have anti-inflammatory, anti-anxiety, anti-seizure, anti-oxidant, anti-bacterial and immunosuppressive properties, making it a viable natural plant-based product for many human and pet medical and wellness issues.

Hemp-derived CBD gets people and pets healthy, not high.

Full spectrum (Whole Plant) Hemp-derived CBD gets people and their pets healthy, not high. In addition to the 100 plus cannabinoids in full spectrum products, the Hemp plants resin glands produce important and necessary healing terpenes, which give it its distinct smell and flavor, and also influence the plants cannabinoids and how they work in your brain and body. The good news is these full-spectrum hemp-derived products can be used as oral tinctures for fast absorption, in capsule form for neat, accurate and easy dosage and in salves for topical application.

Dosage - start low and go slow - there is no one-size-fits-all approach

Regarding dosage, always consult with a healthcare professional who has knowledge and experience working with CBD, as well as, the human endocannabinoid system, anatomy, physiology and (Continued on Page 5)



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human health applications.

One important thing to know is that hemp-derived CBD responses vary from person to person, age to age and animal to animal, some may need a dose four times a day, once a day or every other day -- always start with a low dose and increase slowly until you identify the level that provides relief for you or your pet. Additionally, dosage levels vary greatly in children, adults, the elderly, from male to female and most definitely vary greatly among pets. Remember if you buy anywhere USA currently no government agency protects you. The CBD market right now is in the wild, wild west stage so know the five W's when you purchase: who grew it, where was it grown, when was it grown, and finally why and what am I using CBD for.

All in all, there is no one-size-fits-all approach, so always seek a CBD knowledgeable and experienced and health care professional.

Mother nature puts her medicine in the plants.

CBD oil is being used for any number of ailments, including lessening everyday aches and pains, easing anxiety and depression, and reducing the severity of symptoms associated with osteopenia, osteoporosis, diabetes, epilepsy, insomnia, fibromyalgia, rosacea, eczema, psoriasis, Parkinson's and Alzheimer's disease, from acting as an anti-convulsant, anti-inflammatory, and anti-oxidant agent

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to easing neuropathic pain and aiding in reducing symptoms of Crohn's disease. In a study from The European Journal of Pain, using an animal model, CBD applied on the skin was shown to lower chronic pain and inflammation due to arthritis. At this point in time, while many of CBD's claims are considered anecdotal, it doesn't mean they aren't true. The consensus is that CBD is potentially better for our bodies than taking chemically designed pills or rubbing chemically designed lotions on the body.

"Mother Nature is at the heart of all our products! Cellular health is the backbone of fitness and bringing trusted CBD products to people and their pets has been a journey of the heart and soul for me! My daily mission is to create a healthier world for people, pets and the planet. Sarah Scott ~ Founder

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INGREDIENTS:

- 1 (fresh) store bought pizza dough
- 1/3 cup marinara sauce (plus more for dipping)
- 1 tablespoon fresh oregano, minced
- 1 garlic clove, minced

1/2-2/3 cup shredded mozzarella 24-30 thinly sliced pepperoni 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan

1/2 cup yellow cornmeal (medium grind)

DIRECTIONS:

- 1. Preheat oven to 400°F.
- 2. Place dough onto a lightly floured surface and roll out to about 1/8 inch thick. (try to get the dough to 9"x12" (or larger if needed))
- 3. Spread marinara sauce sparingly over dough and top with oregano and garlic.
- 4. Sprinkle mozzarella evenly over sauce and finish by topping the dough with the pepperoni. (I like to slightly overlap the pepperoni over one another)
- 5. Starting at one end, carefully roll dough into a large, tight log and place onto a cutting board, seam side down.
- 6. Refrigerate for 30 minutes.
- 7. Remove from refrigerator and cut 1"-1 1/2" pinwheels from the log.
- 8. Dredge one cut side of each pinwheel in the cornmeal until well coated and place (cornmeal side down) onto a baking sheet lined with parchment or using a little bit of cooking spray.
- 9. Sprinkle top of each wheel with a small amount of Parmesan and bake for 16-20 minutes or until golden brown. (in the last 5-7 minutes check the bottoms to make sure they're not burning)
- 10. Allow to cool for 5 minutes and serve with extra marinara sauce for dipping.







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