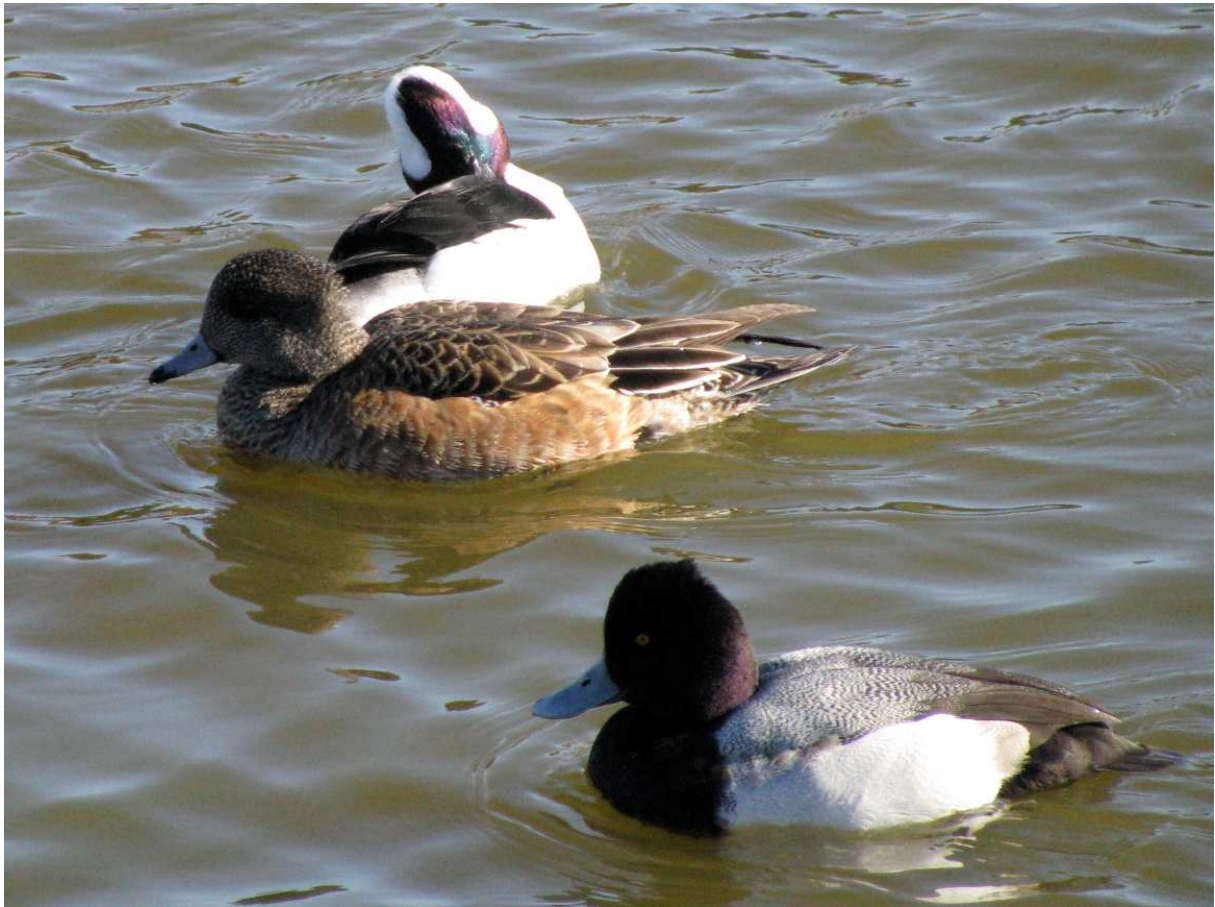


THIS WEEK ON THE LLANO ESTACADO

January 11-15, 2010



Take a field trip to the Wadley Barron Duck Pond on A Street this winter! Take along a small sack of cracked corn, or even old crusty bread. The ducks come close to the observers. In this photograph, a Bufflehead, a Wigeon, and a Lesser Scaup (from top to bottom) came within 20 feet of teacher Leslie Harman of Midland Montessori. Have your students try to figure out how many species are at the pond, and use the sign at the southwest corner of the lake to identify the ducks, as well as a bird book. A number of the ducks are Domesticated varieties, but up to a dozen species of wild ducks will often be present. Have your students draw and color them, or record their behaviors. In this photo the bufflehead is preening, arranging its feathers. The ducks will chase each other, some will dive, some will only tip over in the water and feed in shallow water, others eat grass.