



TAPC JUNE 2021 MEETING  
WEB VERSION

# THE WILD AROUND US

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YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO FAR FOR A PHOTO ADVENTURE

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# Objectives

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- Convince you that you don't have to travel far to get some great wildlife and nature photos or enjoy a nice hike or view marshes and lakes and more.
- Tell you about sites within 30 minutes of your house
- Provide information about the sites
  - Where to go (map link at each site's title page  )
  - What you'll find
  - When to go
  - Hints
- Encourage you to get into the wild around you

We don't have time to cover each one in detail at this meeting but email or call me if any questions – [info@BillWebbPhoto.com](mailto:info@BillWebbPhoto.com) ; 817-235-2671

# What is “The Wild?”

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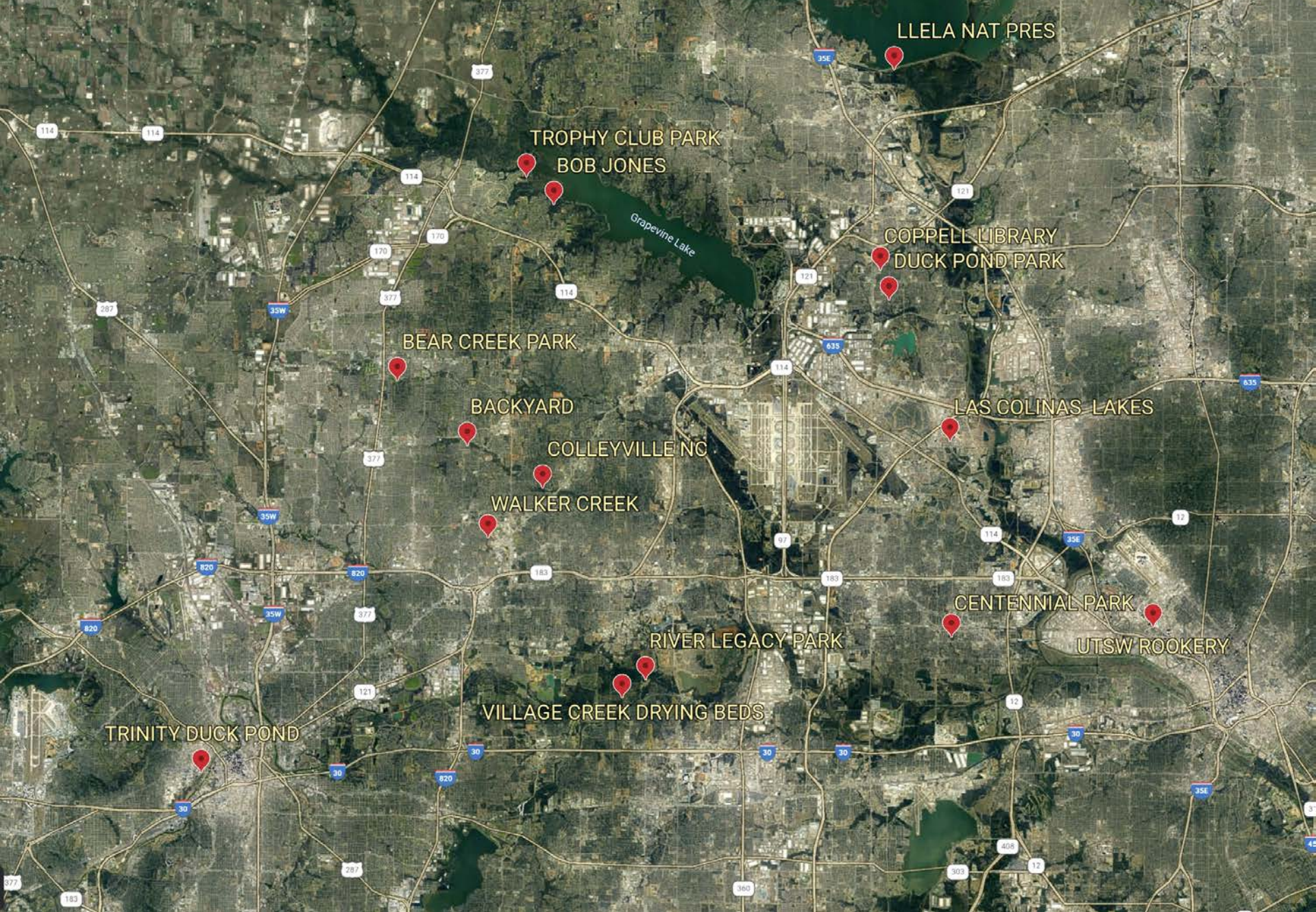
Any place where we can find some wildlife and scenic beauty.

# Where is “The Wild?”

Closer than you may think.

Here are some close-in spots for nature photography

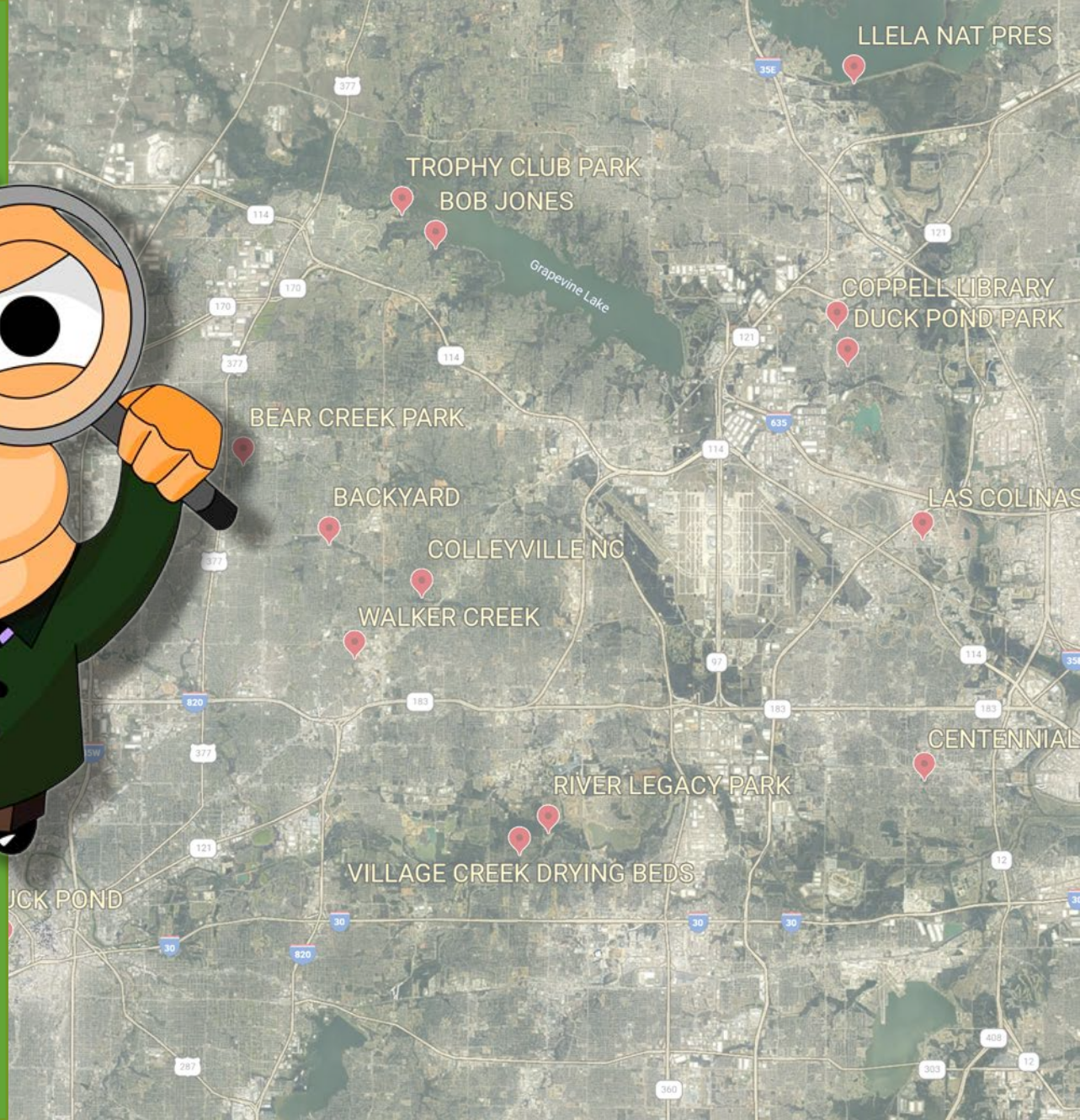




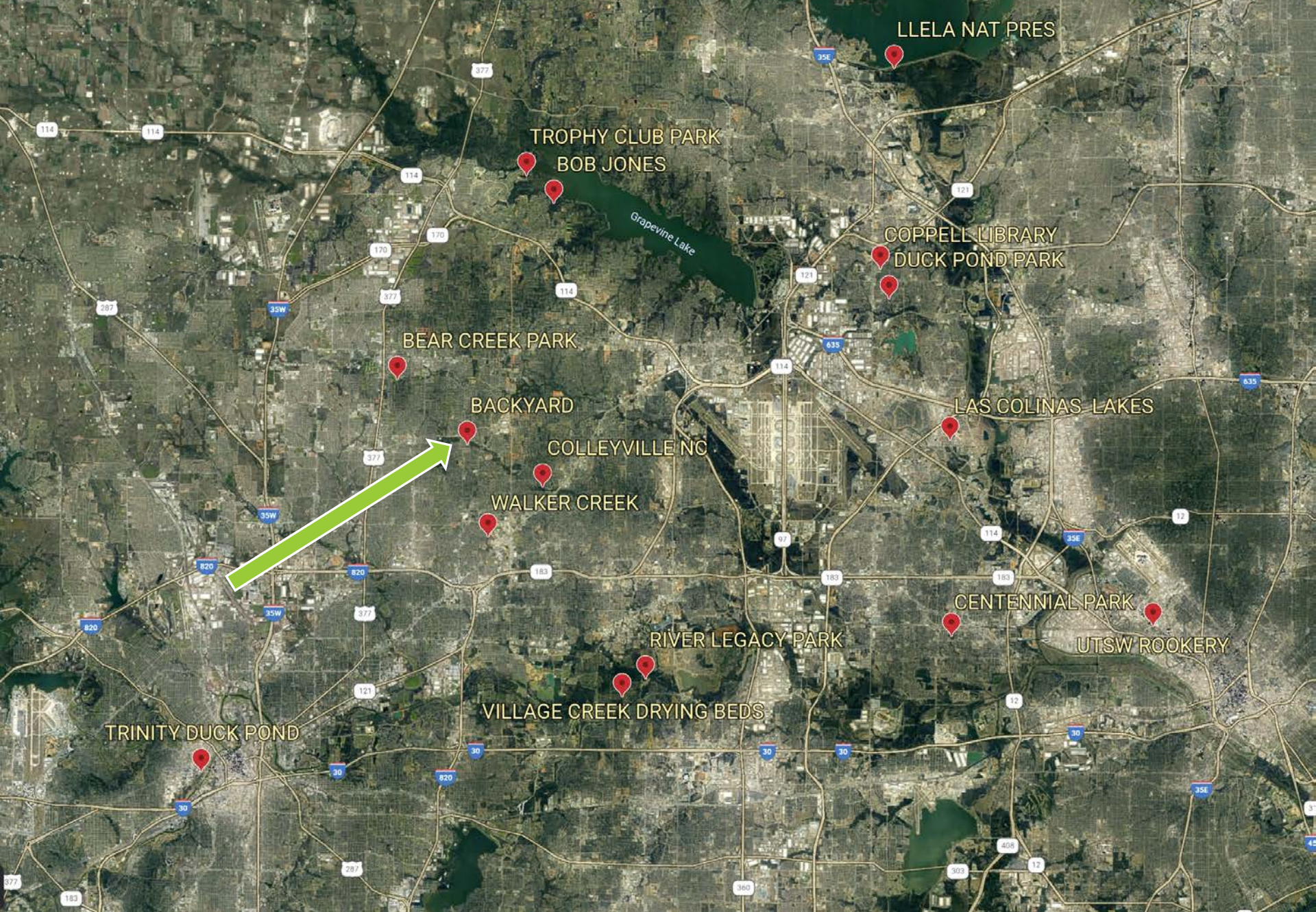
15 Locations - 30 minutes



LET'S  
TAKE  
A  
LOOK







Your Backyard



# Your Backyard

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The closest “Wild” around you.

Parking is easy

No fees

Subjects any time of year

There's probably more going on  
back there than you realize

- These subjects were in my backyard
- Photos taken through windows



Ruby-throated Hummingbird

My Backyard





Green Anole



Bluebird



Pine Siskin



Yellow-rumped Warbler

My Backyard



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Squirrel

Sharp-shinned  
Hawk

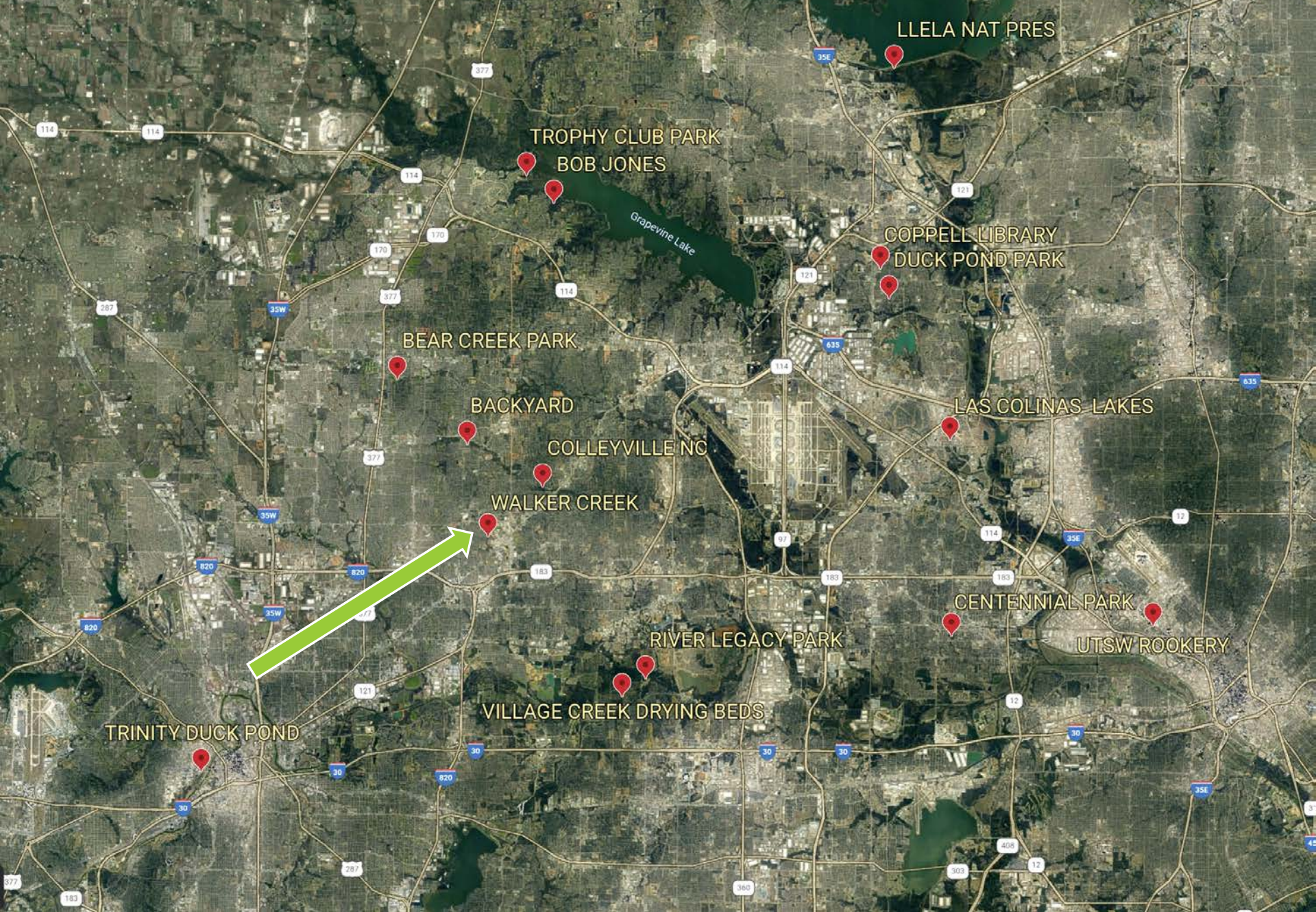


Young Possum



My Backyard





# Walker's Creek Park



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# Walker's Creek Park

Scissor-tailed  
Flycatcher

Red-winged Blackbird

Rabbits

Hérons, Egrets

Dragonflies along the  
shoreline

Red-winged Blackbird

Right in the middle of N. Richland Hills in Hometown

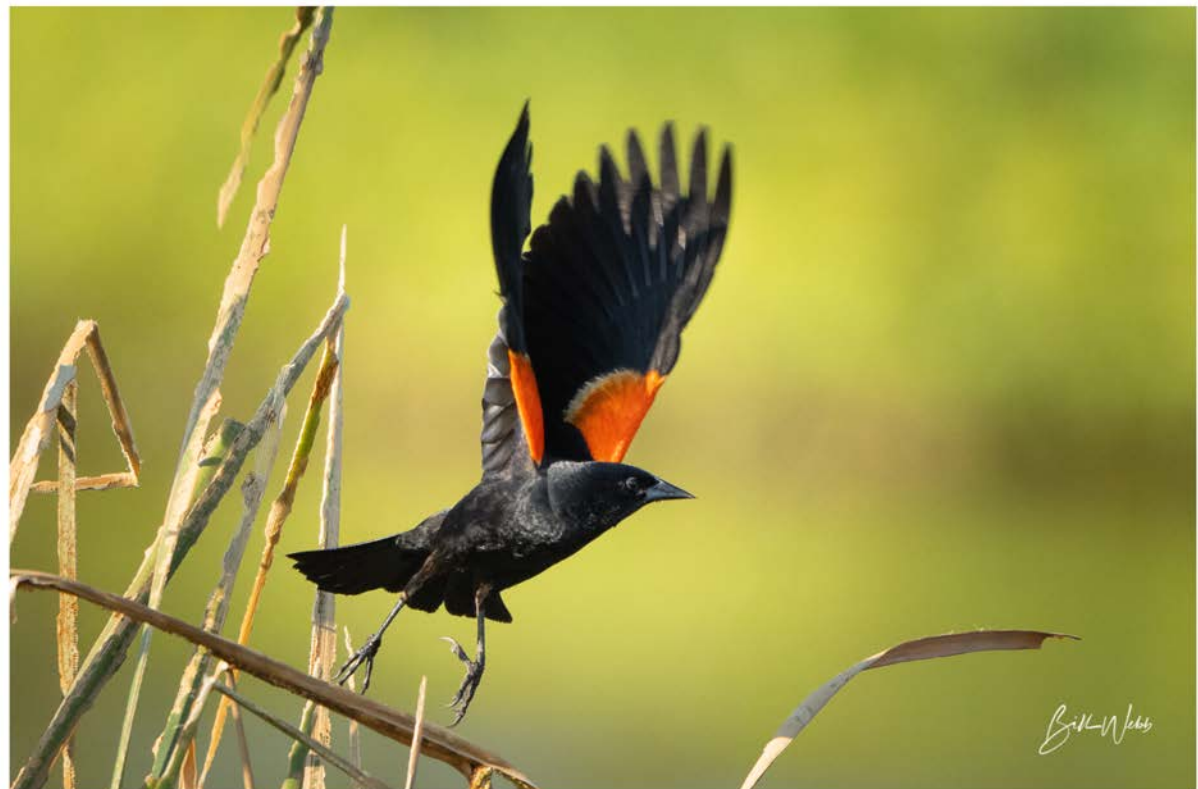
Park along Bridge Street at Madrid Street

Early morning - dawn to + 2 hours seems best; 5:30-6:00-ish in the evening

Scissor-tailed flycatcher was the prime target in 2020

Mid-June is best for Scissortails

Paved trails around the area.





Walker's Creek Park – Scissortailed Flycatcher



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Walker's Creek Park – Halloween Pennant





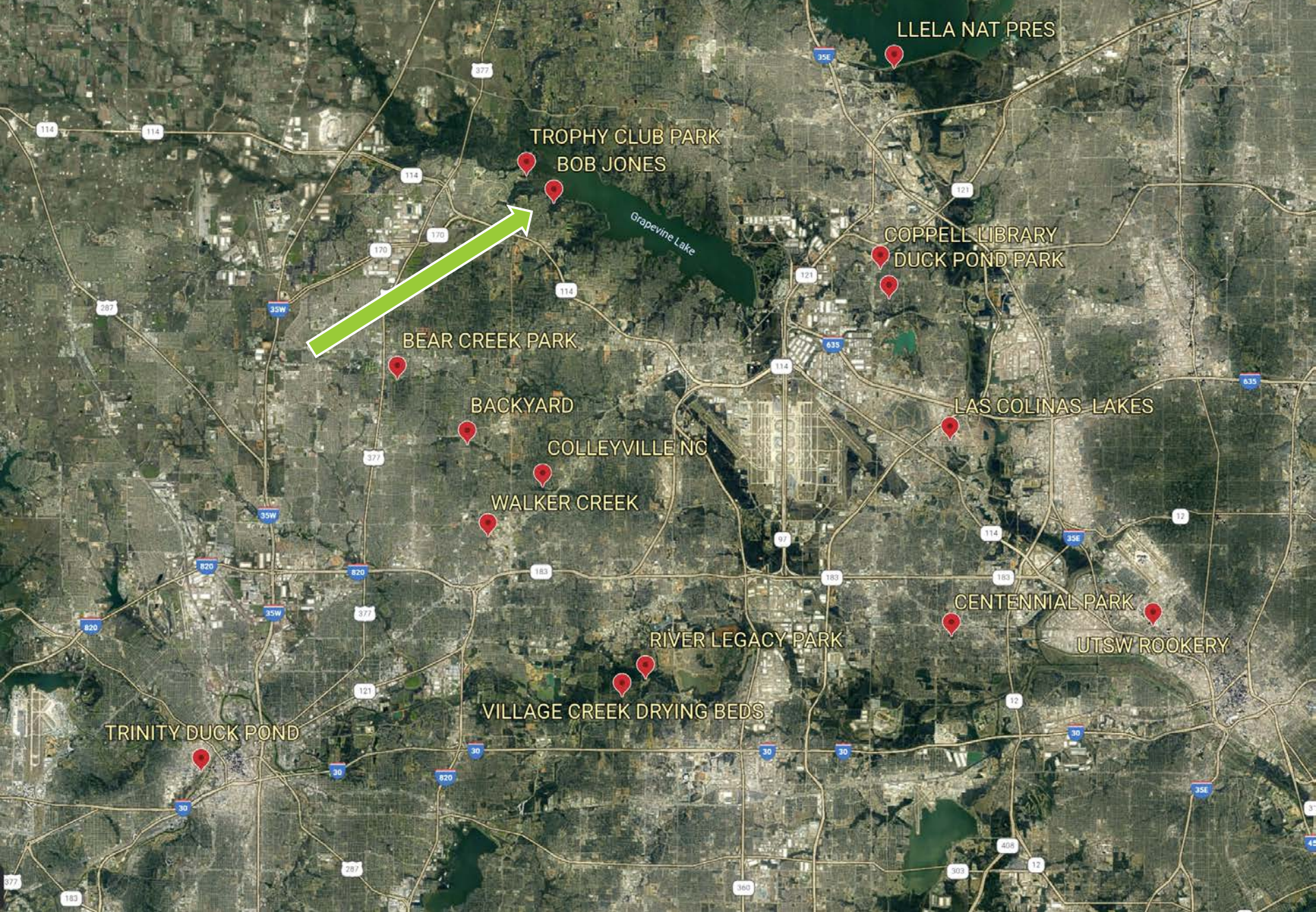
Walker's Creek Park – Yellow-crowned Night Heron



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Walker's Creek Park – Scissortailed Flycatcher





Bob Jones Nature Center



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# Bob Jones Nature Center

Deer

Turkey

Songbirds

Rabbits

Butterflies

Squirrels (of course)

Hiking Trails

White-tailed Deer

N. White Chapel – turn right (east) on Bob Jones Road

Free entry. Parking at the visitor center.

Best time for most things is early morning – dawn for deer in fields behind the visitors' center

Any time of year

Bluebirds and Painted Buntings and more songbirds.

Mark Lenz is our Bob Jones expert.





Yellow-billed Cuckoo



Tom Turkey



There are many different types of songbirds at Bob Jones.

Here is a Painted Bunting captured by Mark Lenz.

Painted Bunting  
(Mark Lenz photo)

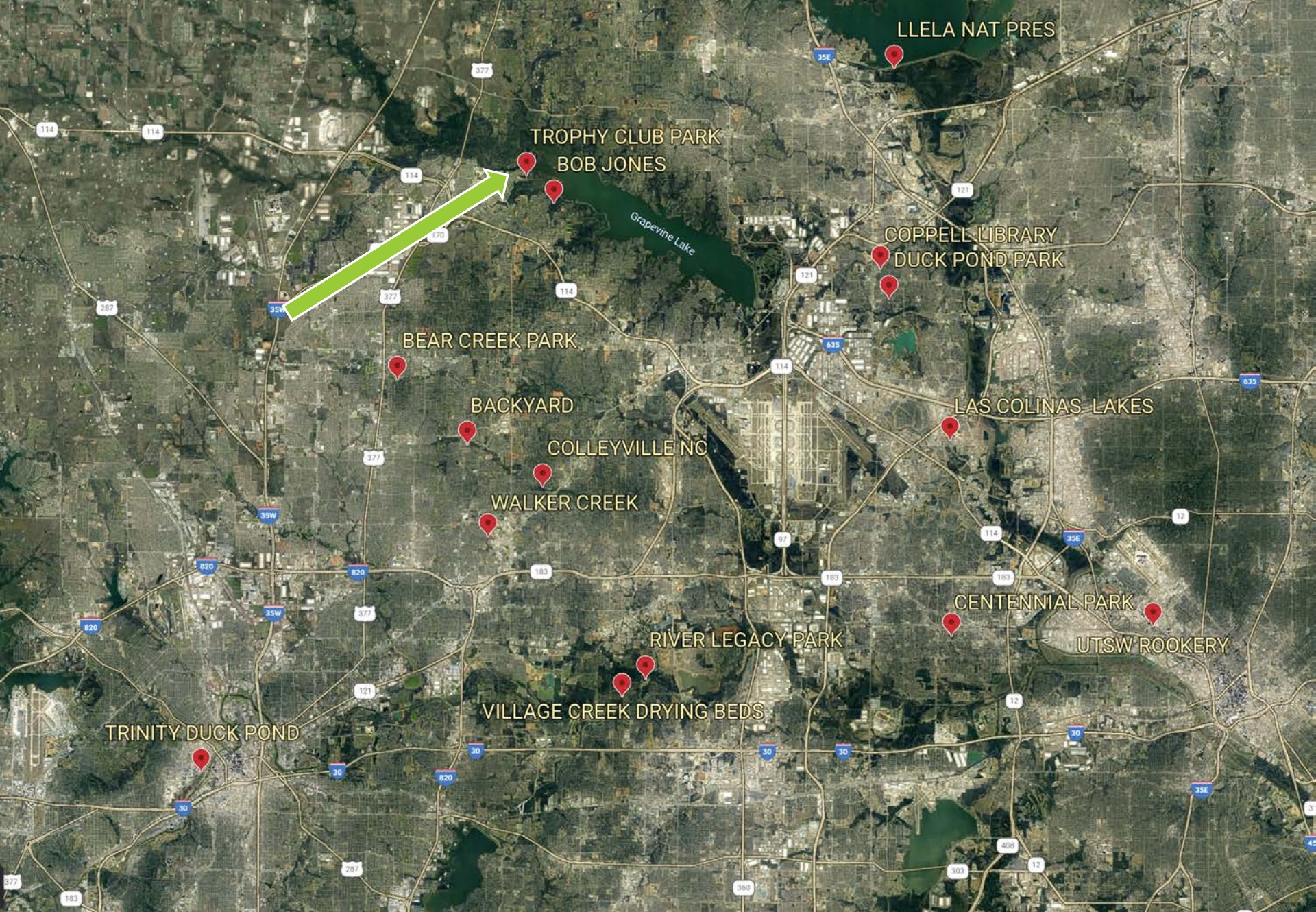






Bob Jones Nature Center – White-tailed Deer (Mark Lenz)





Trophy Club Park



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# Trophy Club Park

THE location for:  
Painted Bunting  
Indigo Bunting

Views of Grapevine  
Lake

I haven't seen many  
squirrels here.

Painted Bunting

In Trophy Club (duh!)

Park just to the left of the entrance before the pay station/gate. Walk in for free.

Early to mid-morning is best for the Buntings  
and for parking.

Early Summertime is best





This is an easy place to visit and almost all photos can be taken from paved roadway.

\$2.00 entry fee lets you drive through the gate and to other parking areas.

Watch for the Painted and Indigo Buntings to fly across the road as you walk along.

Stop, listen, watch.

There will shore birds flying in areas near the lake.

Indigo Bunting







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# Rookery at UTSW Medical Center

Nesting Habitat

Migratory Shore  
Birds

Great Egrets

Cattle Egrets

Anhinga

...more

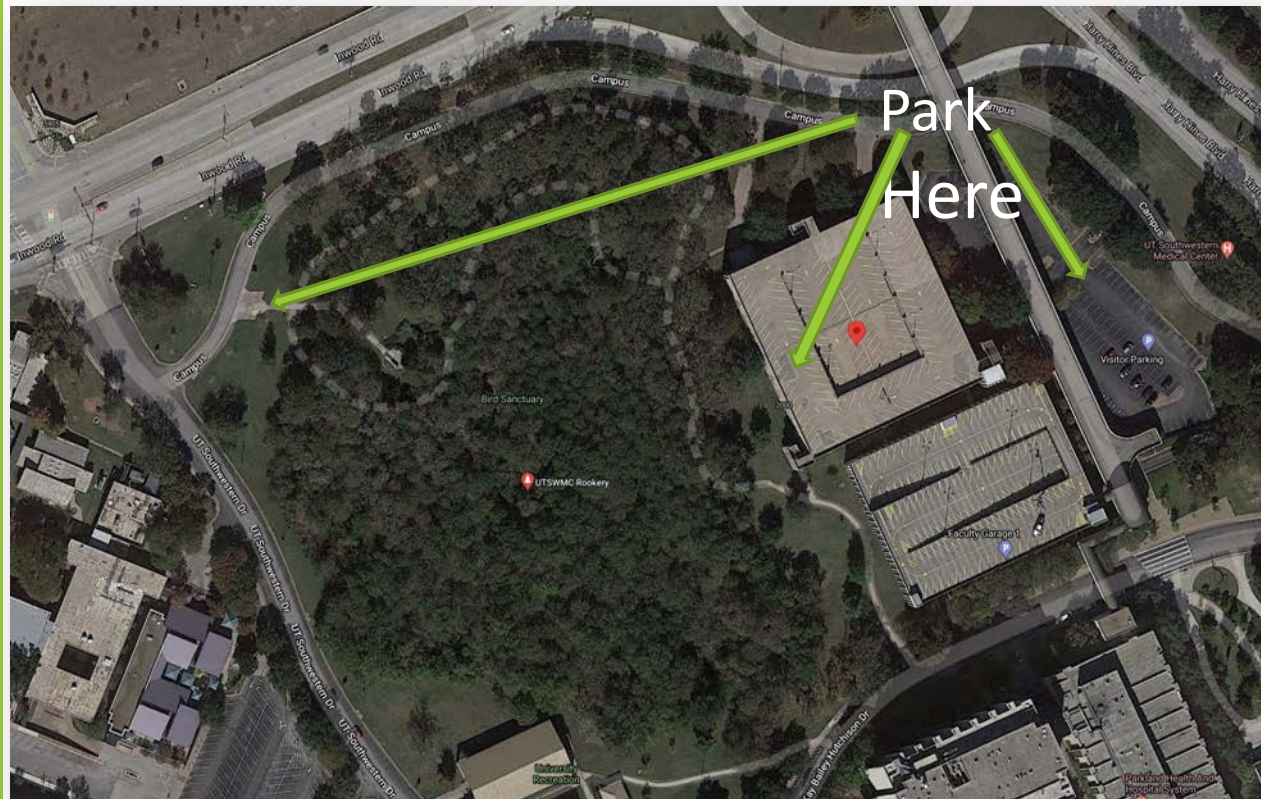
In a small grove of trees on the campus of UT SW Medical Center. Just off the freeway at Inwood & Harry Hines.

See the photo for parking locations. Note that the garage is by permit only but usually you can drive in and to the very top and probably not be bothered - but move if asked.

Best photos from the top of the parking garage

As usual, mornings are better. Late Spring for nesting.

If you walk under trees (on the marked trails) wear a broad-brimmed hat.







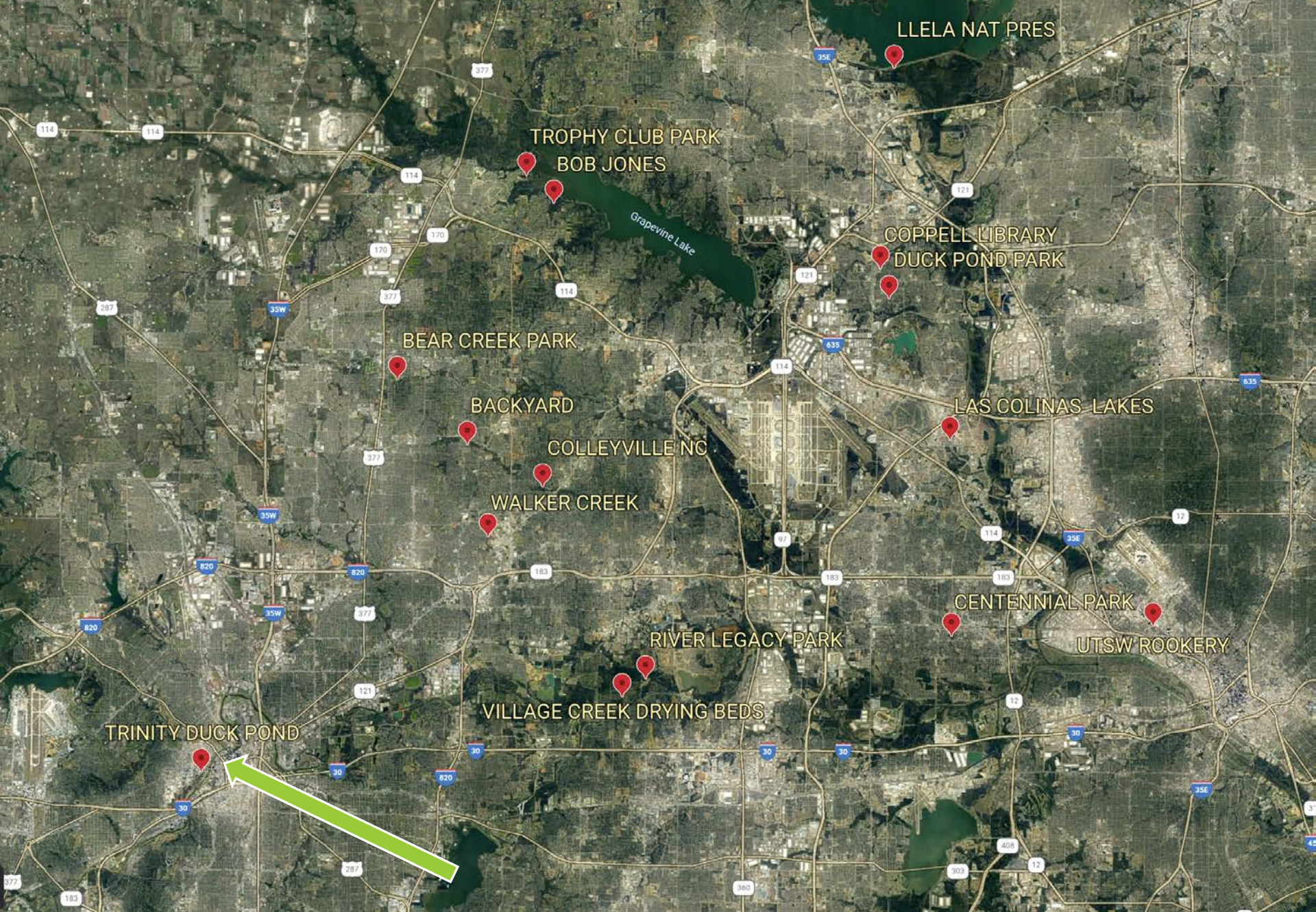
Rookery at UTSW MC – Great Egret





Rookery at UTSW MC – Great Egret Nest





Trinity Park Duck Pond



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# Trinity Park Duck Pond

Wood Duck

Scaup

Wigeons

Gadwall

Shoveler

...many more

Northern Shoveler

Just off W. 7<sup>th</sup> in Fort Worth

There is a parking lot on Trinity Park Drive right across the street from the pond

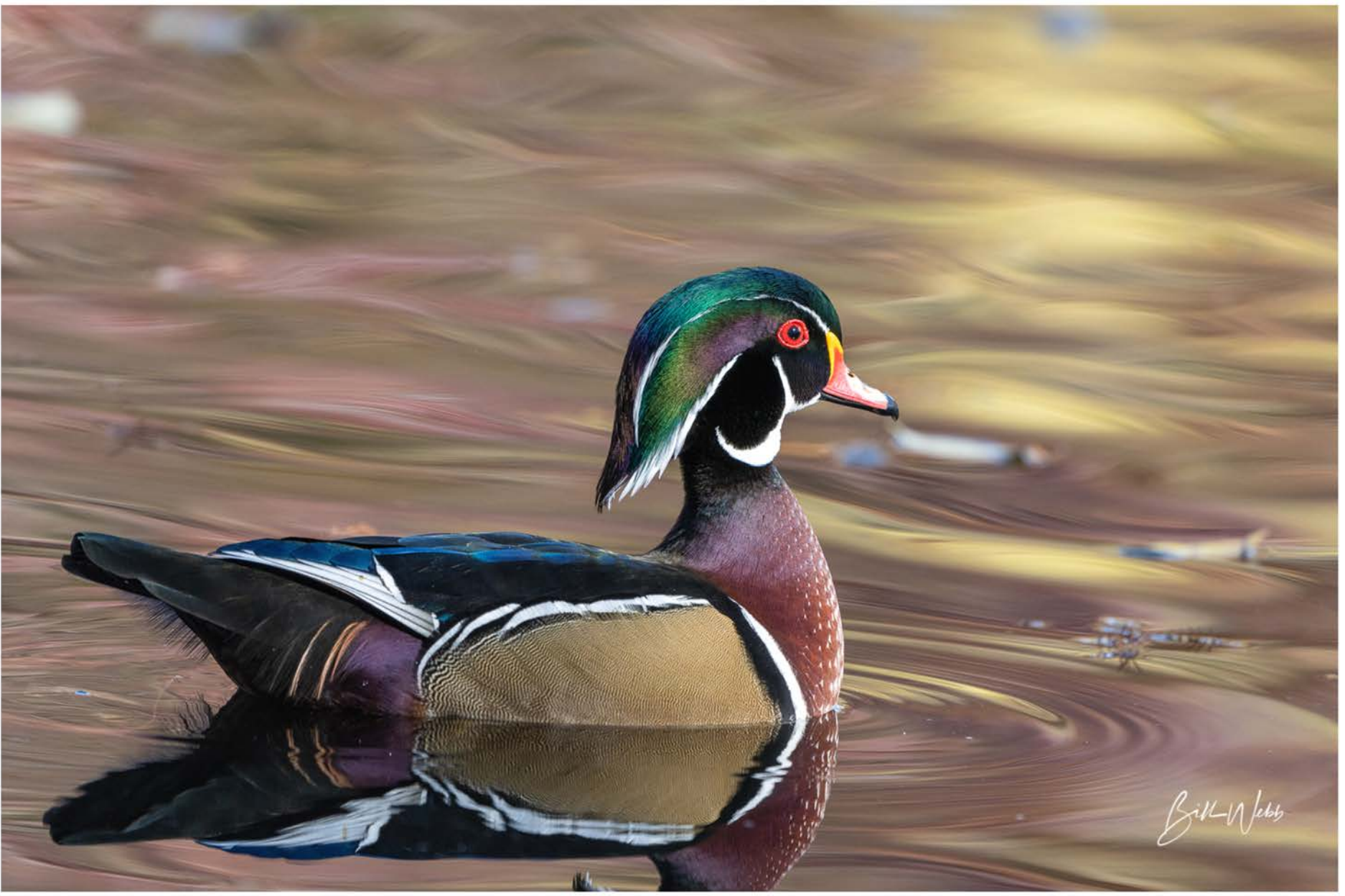
Best time is morning or afternoon to get reflections in the water

Late Fall to early Winter months

No better place for variety of waterfowl (but Centennial Park comes close)

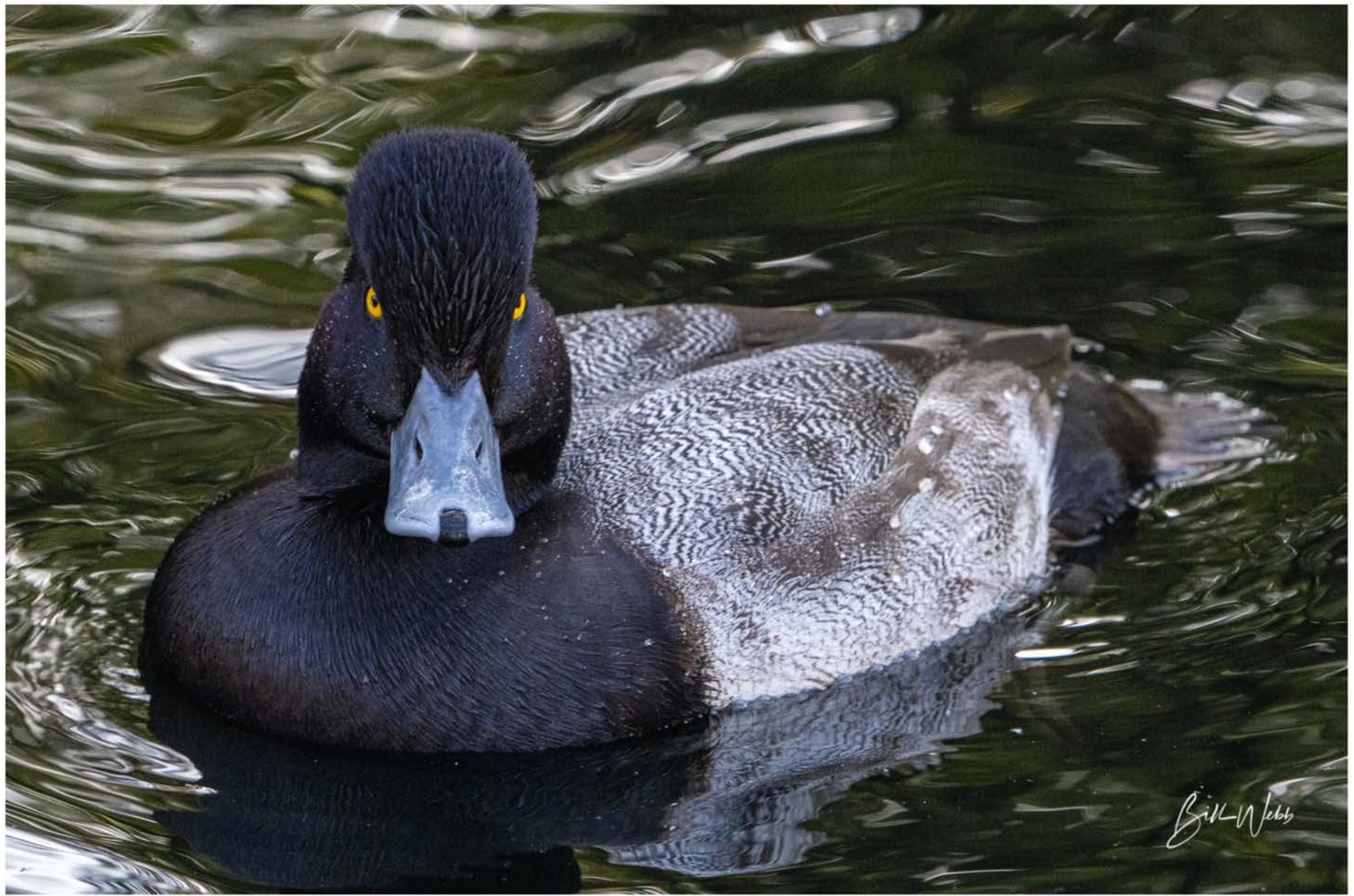






Trinity Park Duck Pond – Wood Duck





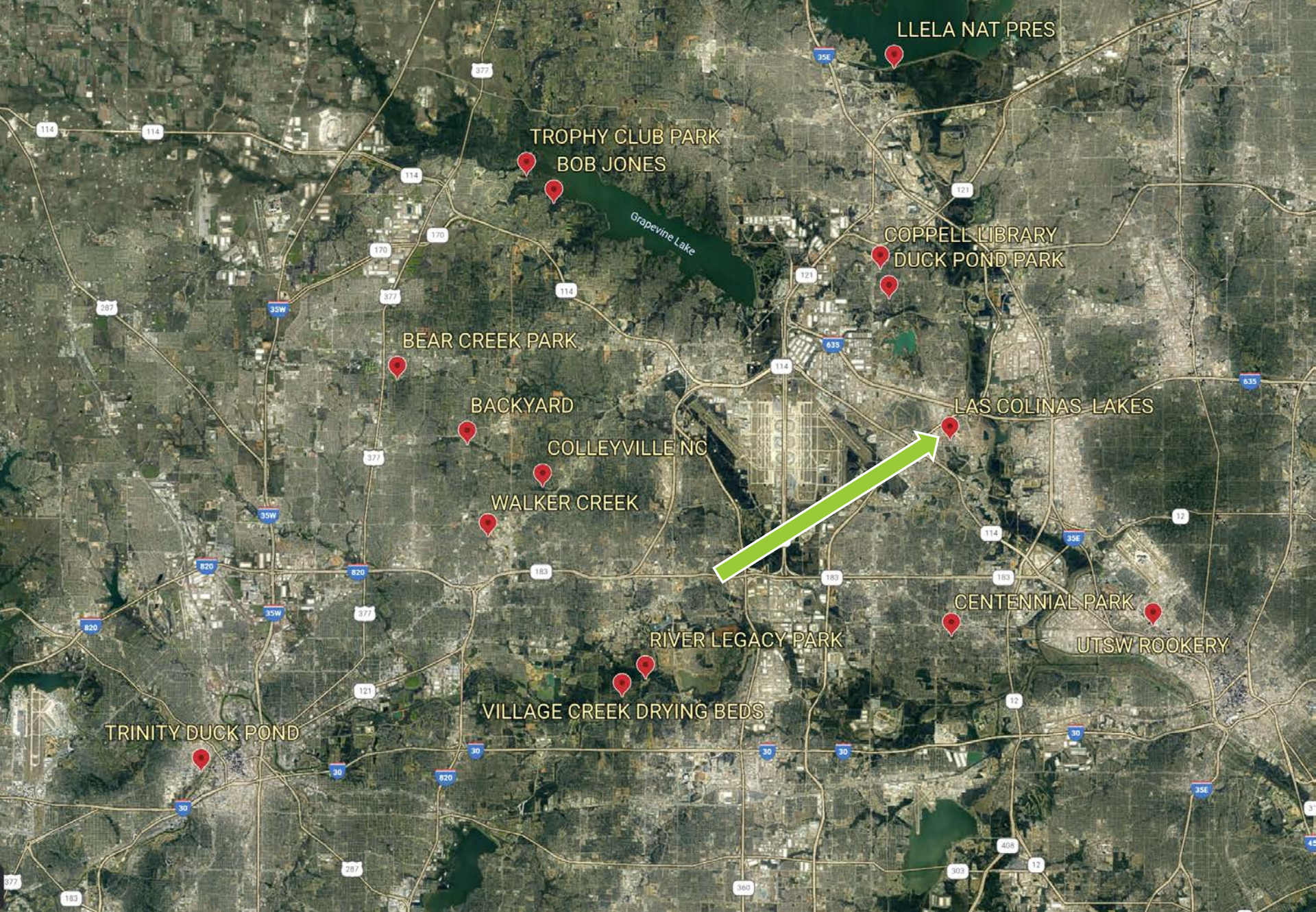
Trinity Park Duck Pond - Lesser Scaup





Trinity Park Duck Pond - Gadwall





# Las Colinas Lakes



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# Las Colinas Lakes

Hooded Merganser is  
the prime target

Widgeon

Great Blue Heron

Little Blue Heron

... more

Hooded Merganser (female)

Between the lanes of Las Colinas Blvd. at the  
intersection w Royal lane

Park in the Citi Group lot on the east side of Las  
Colinas Blvd. Empty during COVID but now...?

Best time seems to be mid-afternoon

Late Fall thru early Winter







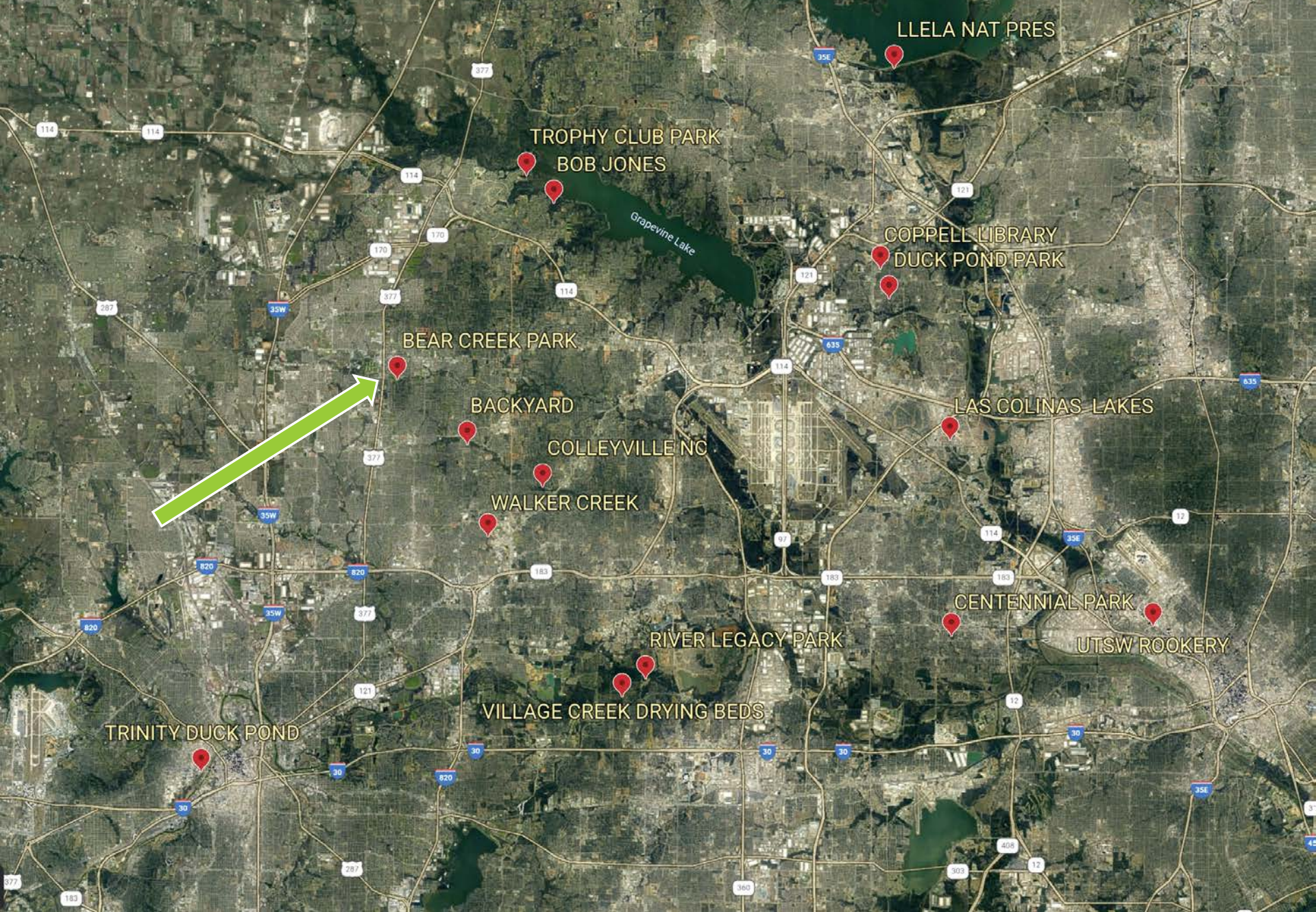
# Las Colinas Lakes





Las Colinas Lakes – Hooded Merganser (male)





Bear Creek Park



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# Bear Creek Park

Northern Pintail  
Duck

Wigeon

Mallards

Great-tailed Grackles

Great-tailed Grackle (female)

In Keller, along Bear Creek Parkway, west of Rufe Snow

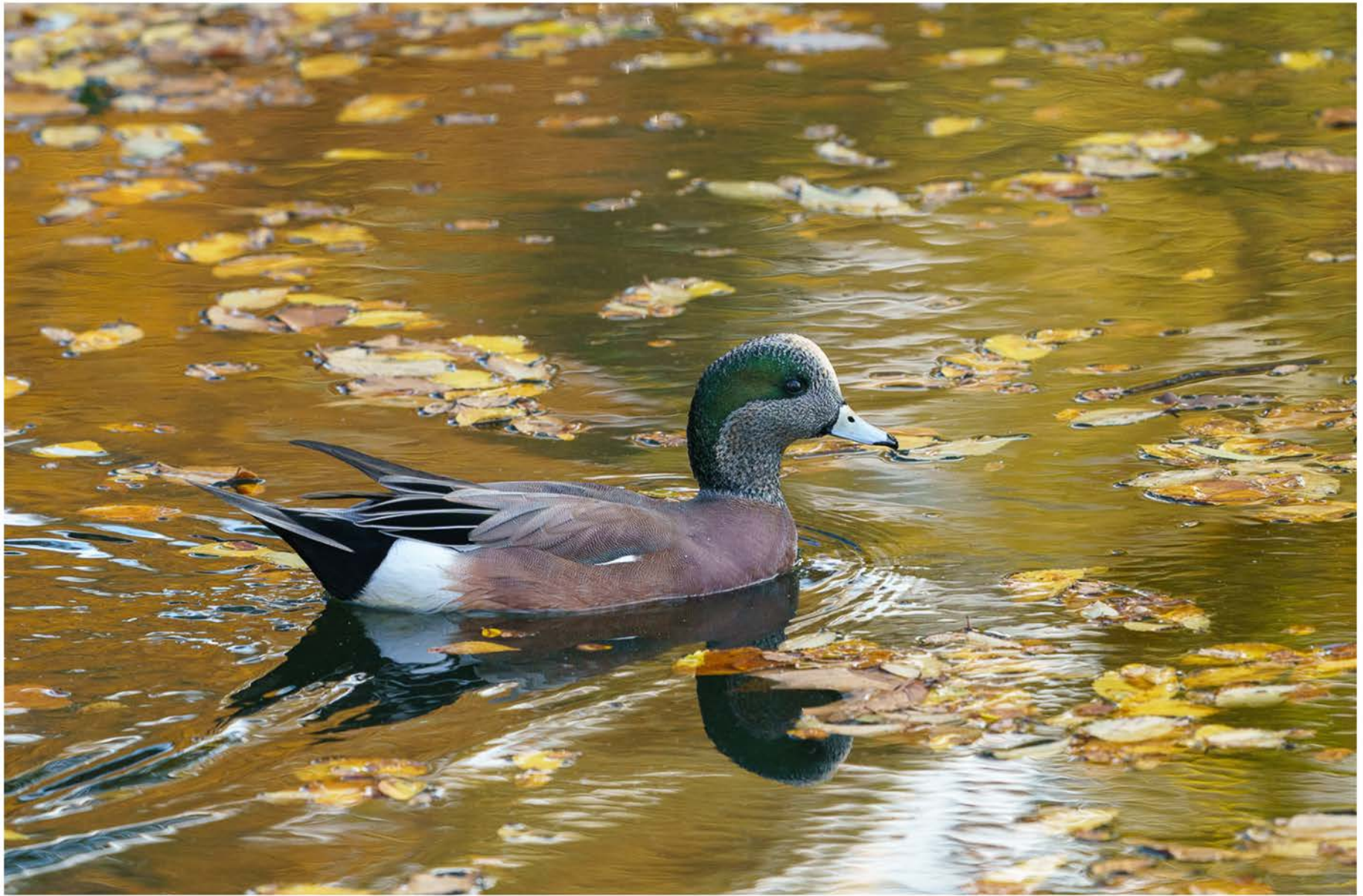
Plenty of parking but use Bear Creek Park Road to go to the back for better location.

Best time is usually mornings or afternoons.

Late Fall







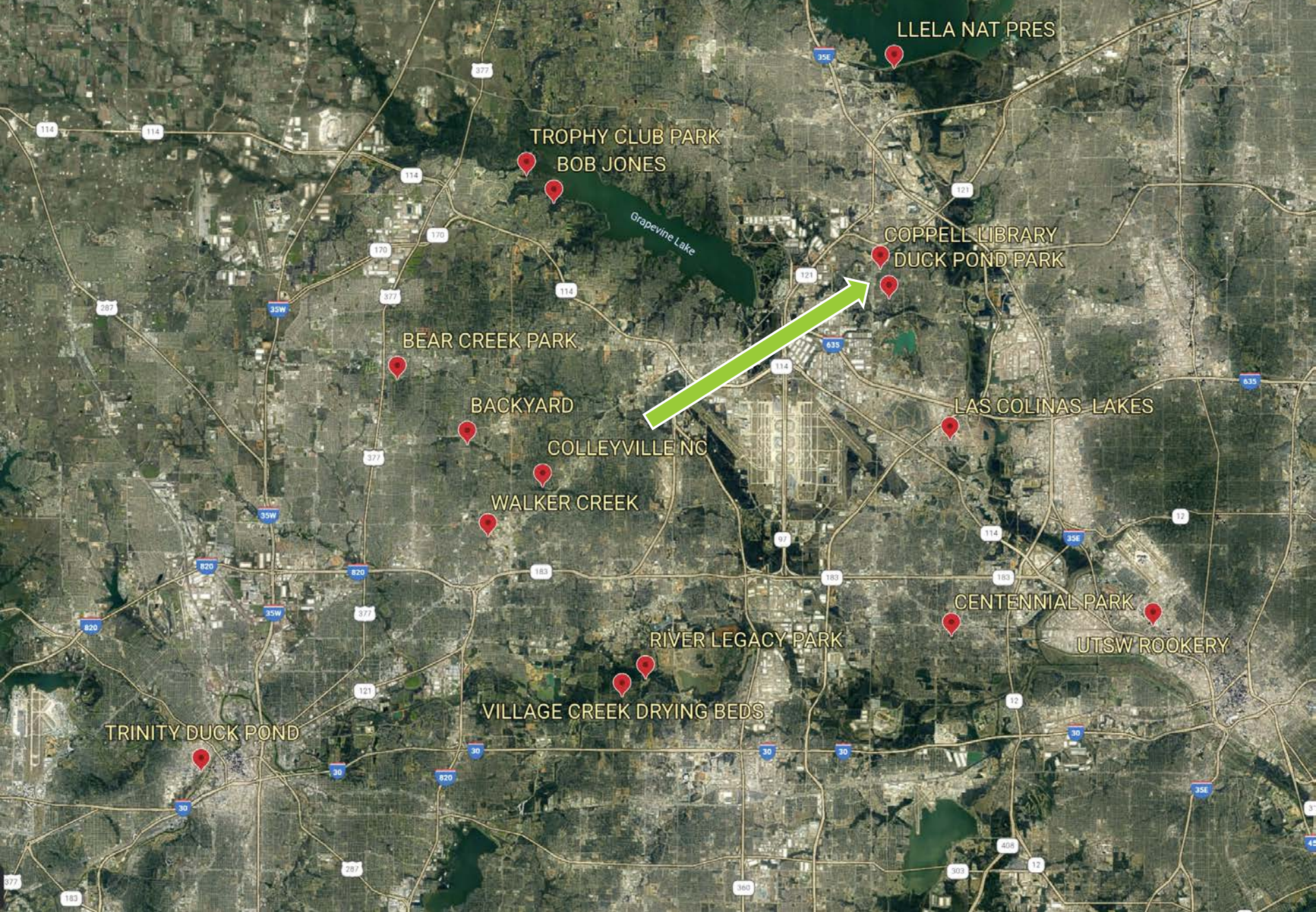
Bear Creek Park – American Wigeon





Bear Creek Park – Northern Pintail





Coppel Cozby Library & Duck Pond Park



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# Coppell Cozby Library

Bufflehead Duck

Scaup

Wigeon

Ring-necked Duck

...more

Just south of Sam Rayburn on Hartz Rd.

Park at the library and walk across the street to the pond

Afternoon is best time to get light at a low-ish angle for best effect on the Bufflehead duck

Late Fall to early Winter

Coppell Duck Pond Park is nearby







Coppell Cozby Library – Bufflehead Duck





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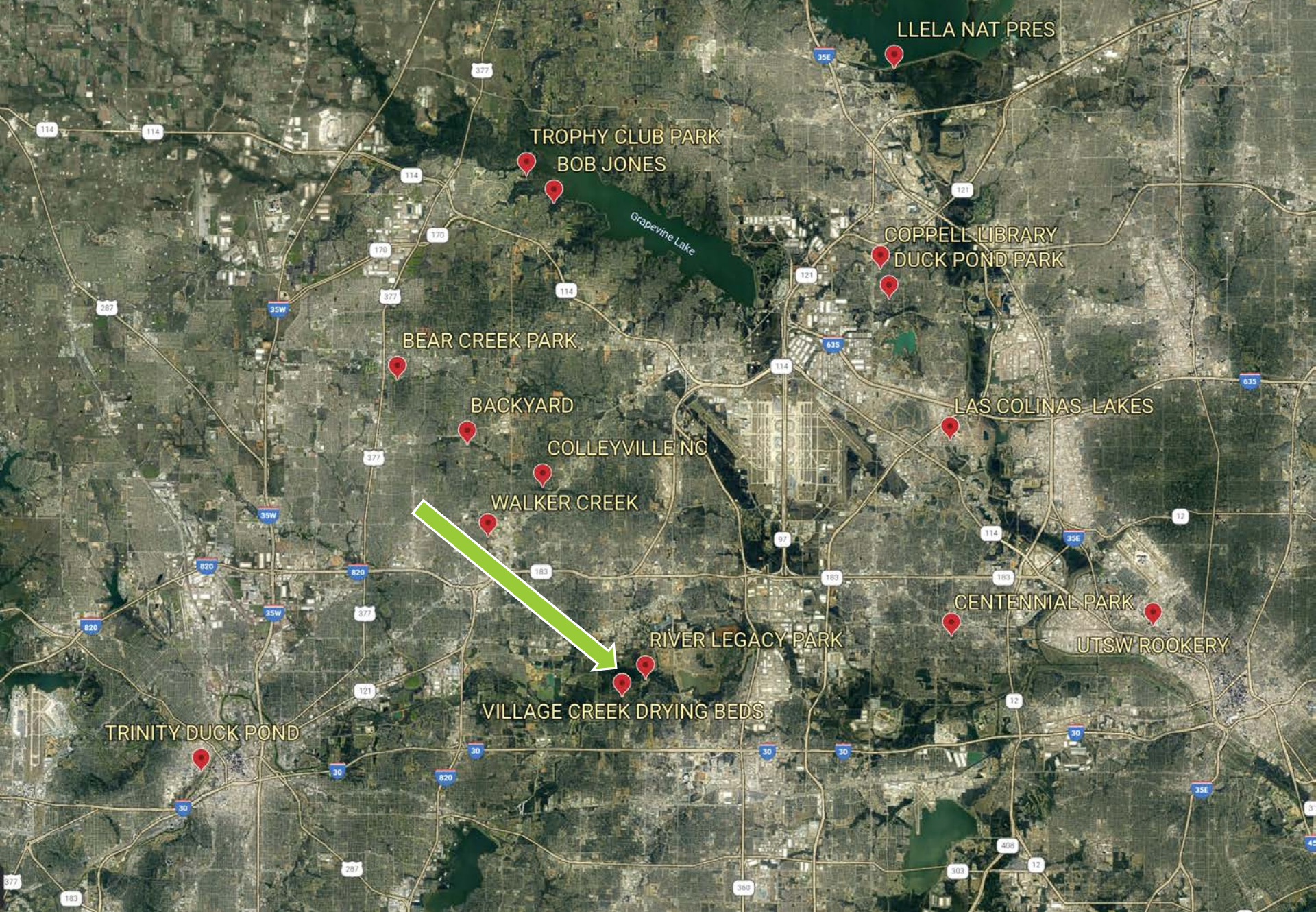
Coppell Cozby Library – Bufflehead Duck





Coppell Cozby Library – Ring-necked Duck





## Village Creek Drying Beds



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# Village Creek Drying Beds

Ibis & other migratory  
water birds

Kestrel

Butterflies

Dragonflies

Glossy Ibis

Located off N. Green Oaks Blvd. in Arlington

Drive to the gate and park along the road (right side) or in the lot to the left. Don't drive thru the gate if it happens to be open.

Can be a bit malodorous & snaky – seriously.

Fall and Winter

River Legacy Park is adjacent







Village Creek Drying Beds





Village Creek Drying Beds – White Ibis

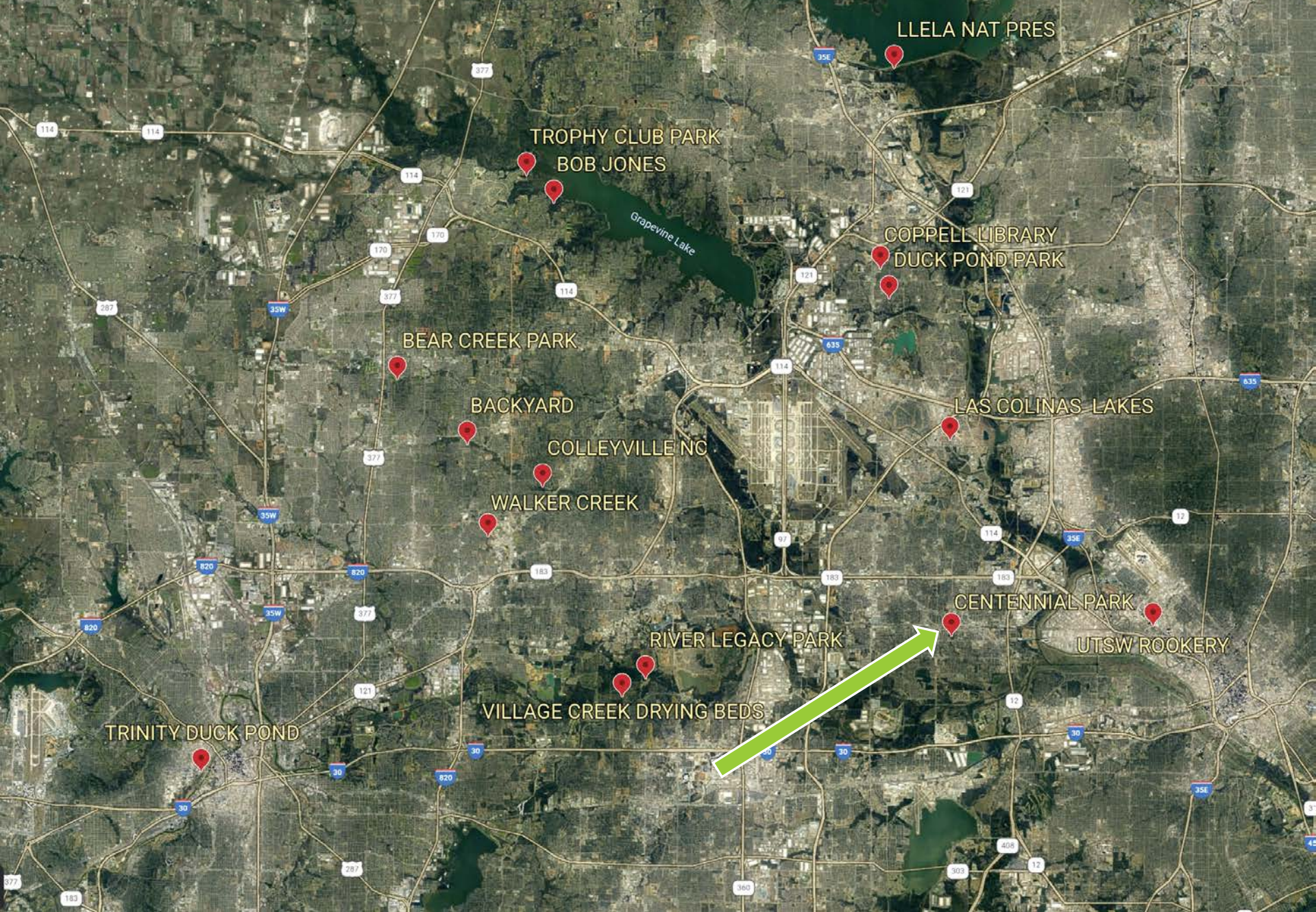


WATCH FOR THE  
KESTRELS  
PERCHING ON  
THE WIRES AS YOU  
WALK IN.



Village Creek Drying Beds – American Kestrel





## Centennial Park & Delaware Creek



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# Centennial Park and Delaware Creek

Tricolored Heron

Surf Scoter Duck

Belted Kingfisher

Hooded Merganser

Egret

Hérons

... more

Irving just off W. Irving Blvd. east of Beltline

Park at the Library (to the rt. of this photo) or the small parking lot in the park.

Mid-morning and later afternoon seem best. Something to photograph anytime, it seems

Walk all the way south (into the photo) and walk across the dams to trails that follow Delaware Creek for Tri-color heron and more.







Centennial Park & Delaware Creek – Tricolored Heron





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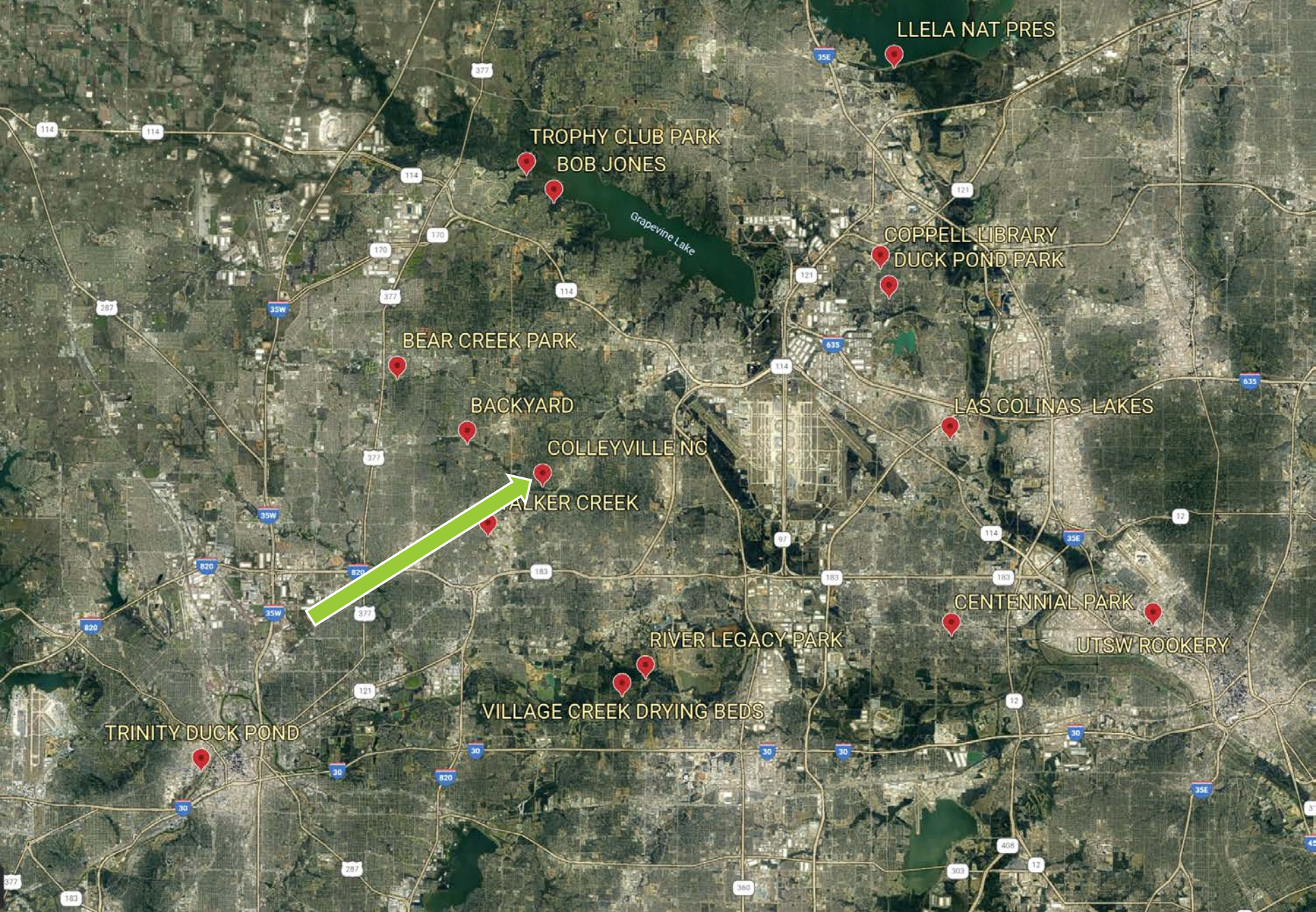
Centennial Park & Delaware Creek – Belted Kingfisher





Centennial Park & Delaware Creek – Surf Scoter





Colleyville Nature Center



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# Colleyville Nature Center

Barred Owls

Red-shouldered Hawks

Herons (great, night,  
green)

Egrets

Snakes

Woodpeckers (several)

Songbirds – MANY

Morning serenity

#\*&\*!#@ Squirrels

Mississippi Kite

Mill Creek Dr. just off West Glade Road; Parking lot w/  
restrooms

Trails, benches, picnic tables, bike racks

There is something almost any time of day. Larger birds  
may be more active in the morning. Seems slower 11:00-  
3:00

Fall/Winter is best but something most of the year

Be there early and late for great light on the ponds







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Colleyville Nature Center - David Roberts Photo





Colleyville Nature Center – Red-shouldered Hawk





Colleyville Nature Center – Merlin Falcon





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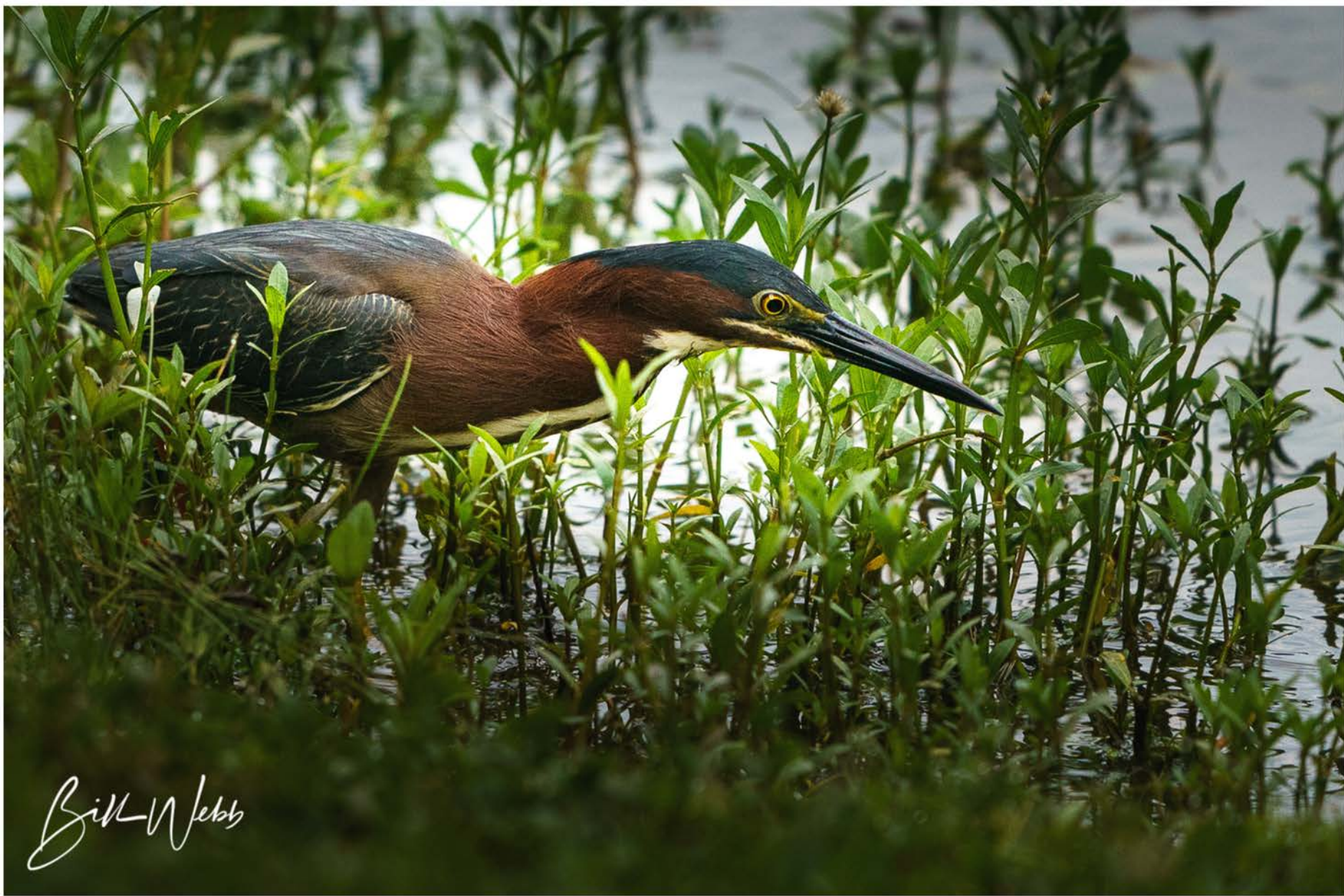
Colleyville Nature Center – Banded Pennant (f)





Colleyville Nature Center - Bluebird





Colleyville Nature Center – Green Heron





Colleyville Nature Center – Great Blue Heron





Colleyville Nature Center – Yellow-crowned Night Heron





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Colleyville Nature Center – Northern Flicker





Colleyville Nature Center – #\*&\*!#@ Squirrel





Colleyville Nature Center – Northern Mockingbird





Colleyville Nature Center – Red-eared Sliders





Colleyville Nature Center – Yellow-rumped Warbler





Colleyville Nature Center – Neon Skimmer





Colleyville Nature Center – Blue-headed Vireo





Colleyville Nature Center – Diamondback Water Snake





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Colleyville Nature Center – Black-chinned Hummingbird



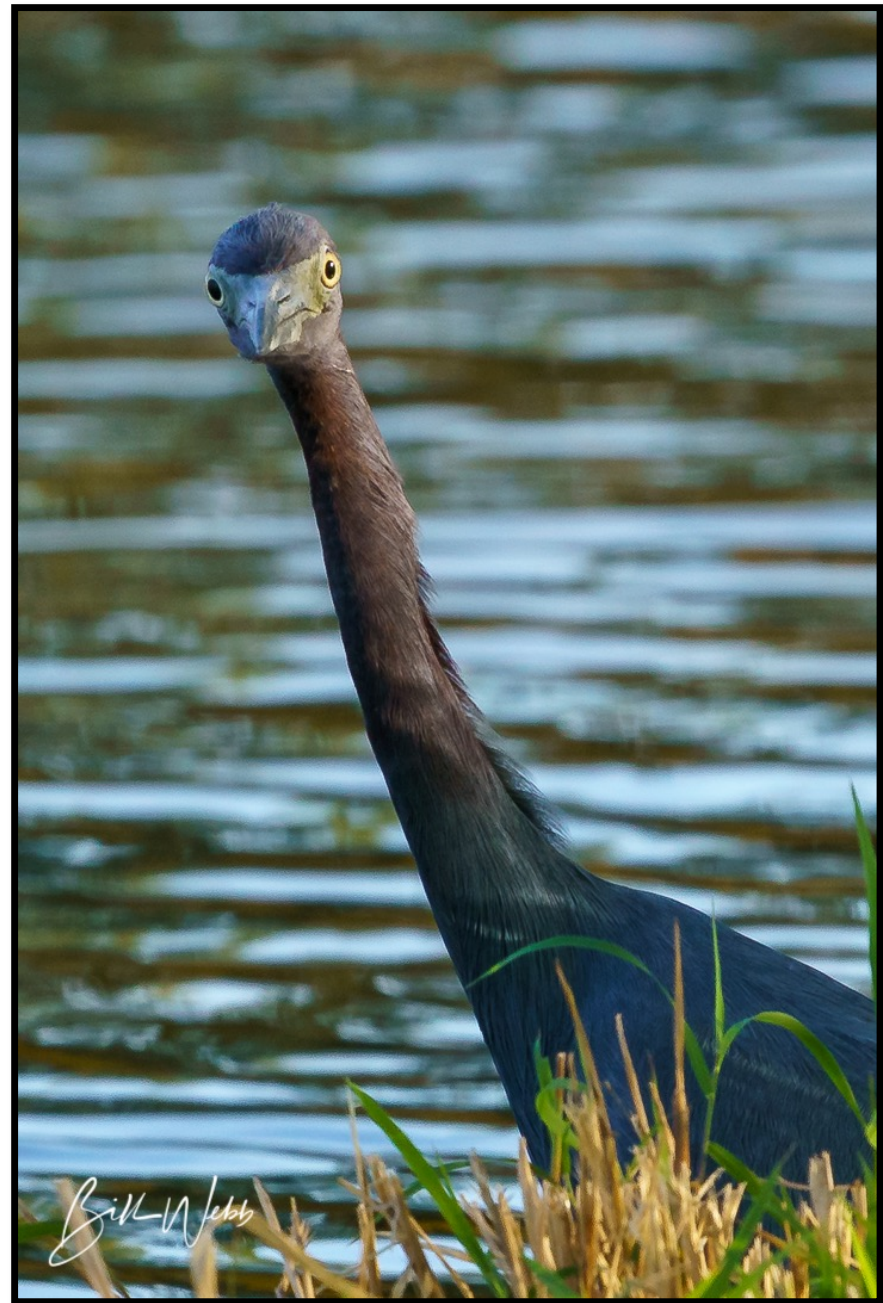


Colleyville Nature Center – Barred Owlets



WHAT ARE YOU  
WAITING FOR?

THERE IS  
WILD  
AROUND US







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