The Rio Grande Nature Center State Park is a wildlife sanctuary and strives to follow best practices when it comes to wildlife and habitat management. In adhering to the most recent recommendations about Avian Influenza from the State of New Mexico veterinarian and the USDA, we will be removing bird feeders where waterfowl congregate for a time and will sanitize the feeders before they are replaced. Due to the nature of the habitat in the Park, there is a low risk of transmission of the virus on visitor's shoes. Visitors that maintain flocks of domesticated birds should sanitize or change shoes/clothes after visiting any area where wild birds congregate. <a href="https://nmdeptag.nmsu.edu/highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza.html">https://nmdeptag.nmsu.edu/highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza.html</a>