

# **Effects of Solar Eclipses on Wildlife and Plants**

**Informational program April 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm  
at the Blanco Library**

**Presented by Dr. Barbara Dugelby**



Solar eclipses have a definite effect on humans – including motivating us to travel large distances across the country and spend large sums of money to get a few minutes glimpse of these celestial phenomena. But do eclipses also affect animal and plant behavior? Research shows that they do. Dr. Barbara Dugelby, a conservation biologist and Blanco resident, will give a presentation about what scientists have learned about how wild and domesticated animals and plants respond to eclipses. Observed effects include changes in foraging behaviors of bees, roosting and calling behaviors of birds, and grooming and hunting behaviors wildlife. Many pets respond to an eclipse with signs of nervousness or anxiety. Scientists have also documented effects of solar eclipses on plants.

**Come learn about these topics and more!**

