

# Log House Gazette

**December/January 2021** - Welcome to Southlake's log house, a replica of an 1850s-era pioneer home. The house includes logs from three log structures that stood long ago in now-Southlake.

Missing pieces were hand-crafted by restoration expert Bill Marquis of Denton County. Many of the foundation stones are original to the log homes built here; the red clay between the logs is from Southlake. The posts holding up the back porch are 1850s telegraph poles that stood along the old Butterfield Stage Line in Parker County. This type of log house, at only 14 feet by 14 feet, sheltered an entire family.

The house was paid for by the city, with the Southlake Historical Society assisting in various ways including writing and designing the information signs that circle the house. Be sure to read them to learn more.



This northern cardinal enjoys small chunks of suet mixed with crushed peanuts, sunflower seeds and cracked corn.

We've decorated the log house with a pretty but simple holiday wreath. (Nineteenth century Christmas decorations would have included natural items like fruits, grapevine and berries.) The little birds nested into our wreath are a reminder to help feed the birds in your own backyard.

## Great Backyard Bird Count

Join in the 23rd Great Backyard Bird Count, February 12-15, 2021 — an opportunity for folks of all ages to count birds at any location for at least 15 minutes on one or more of those days and enter their sightings online. Visit [www.birdcount.org/participate](http://www.birdcount.org/participate) to learn more.

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