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CENTRAL NEW MEXICO AUDUBON SOCIETY, Albuquerque, NM December, 1977-January, 1978

CALENDAR -- DECEMBER AND JANUARY

Wednesday Nov. 30 AUDUBON WILDLIFE FILM at Popejoy Hall at 7:30 p.m. Harry Pederson presents his undersea movie FOUR-FATHOM WORLD, which he filmed in the lagoons and around the reefs of the Bahama Islands.

Thursday Dec. 1 BOARD MEETING at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Marilyn and Ken Jacobsen, 10414 Towner N.E. (296-9160)

Saturday Dec. 10 NEW MEXICO AUDUBON COUNCIL Board Meeting will be held at Hartshorne's in Las Cruces. This will be an occasion to welcome the fifth New Mexico Chapter of the National Audubon Society in our state to our council. The agenda will seek to assign responsibilities to the individual board members and to prepare for the next meetings of the council. If you have specific ideas

Thursday Dec. 15 REGULAR MEETING of the CENTRAL NEW MEXICO AUDUBON SOCIETY at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, Copper & Jefferson, NE 7:30 p.m. Al Rodney, head of the environmental affairs department of the Public Service Company of N.M., will discuss his company's ecological considerations as they strive to meet present and future energy needs. Mr. Rodney will also describe PSC's Raptor study.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS - (more information on next page)

Saturday Dec. 17 Sandia Mountains Meet at San Antonito School on NM-14, north of the turnoff for Sandia Crest, at 6:30 a.m. Count leader is Ross Teuber (265-8962) Supper will be provided to the counters following the Sandia Count. Meet at dark at the Ponderosa Mobile Park recreation room 10610 Central, SE. Menu--green chili stew, stew, home-made bread, and "Teton" Tea.

Sunday Dec. 18 Albuquerque and Corrales Please NOTE--a new meeting place for this count. Meet at the First National Bank in Corrales Center at 7:00 a.m. Corrales Center is the relatively new shopping center on Coors Road at the stop light just a few blocks west of Corrales bridge. Dave Lange (266-4420) is count leader.

Wednesday Dec. 28 Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge Since many of our members do not have work or school during the holiday week, it has been decided to try a mid-week count. Meet at Refuge Headquarters at 7:30 a.m. Chuck Hundertmark (266-9402) is count leader. If you need a ride or can accommodate extra passengers in your car, please call Chuck before that date.

Thursday Jan. 5 A non-event! No BOARD MEETING in January.

Saturday Jan. 7 FIELD TRIP, the annual Hawk Caravan, led by Ross Teuber (265-8962). Meet at 7:30 am at Western Skies. The trip will cover about 200 miles and lead south through the Estancia Valley to Carrizozo, west to the Rio Grande, and north on I-25. Bald and Golden Eagles, as well as numerous hawks and other birds, have been seen by the caravan in previous years. Participating drivers on this and other trips along state highways are cautioned to pull cars well off the road before stopping to view a bird. The safety of drivers and passengers is more important than the sighting of any bird, even a life-lister!

Thursday Jan. 19 REGULAR MEETING of the CENTRAL NEW MEXICO AUDUBON SOCIETY at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, Copper & Jefferson NE, 7:30p.m. Speaker will be Keith Rigby, Jr., a paleontologist with the Bureau of Land Management, who will talk about fossils in the 4-Corners area.

Saturday Jan. 21 FIELD TRIP on Snowshoes. Meet at Fidelity Bank in Montgomery Plaza, San Mateo & Montgomery NE, at 7:30 A.M. Trip Leader is Dave Lange (266-4420). Participants must bring snowshoes (which may be rented from various sporting goods stores if reserved well in advance). Trip destination will depend on snow conditions at that time.

Saturday Jan. 28 FIELD TRIP by bus to Bosque del Apache to see Cranes and other wintering birds. Meet at 7 a.m. in the parking lot of the UNM Physics and Astronomy Building, Lomas & Yale NE. Bring binoculars and/or spotting scope, lunch, and \$6.00 bus fare per person. Trip leader will be Mary Alice Root (266-0561). Reservations must be made in advance to be

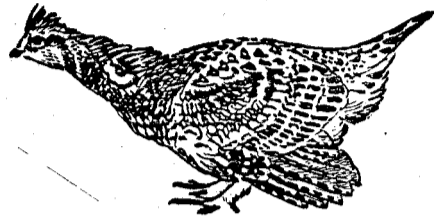
certain there is sufficient interest to charter a bus. Phone Mary Lou Arthur (256-7359) by Thursday afternoon, Jan. 26, for reservations.

Thursday BOARD MEETING at 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 2 at the home of Dot DeLollis,
3600 Piermont Drive NE.
(299-5384)

Thursday FIELD TRIP in the Sandias.
Feb. 4 Meet at Western Skies at
8:00 a.m. Trip Leader is
Bob Jost, who plans to go as high up
in the mountains as it is possible
to go without encountering deep snow.
This trip is planned for birders who
enjoy winter hiking.



Tuesday AUDUBON WILDLIFE FILM at
Feb. 7 Popejoy Hall at 7:30 p.m.
WILDLIFE BY DAY AND BY
NIGHT will be shown by Steve Maslow-
ski, picturing diurnal and nocturnal
animals of the midwest. While many
creatures bed down at dusk, others
are just awakening and Steve has
filmed both types.



FIELD TRIP REPORTS

Oct. 1st, Barbara Hussey led ten people on a field trip to Shady Lakes. The usual good count included White-faced Ibis, Great-Horned Owl, and Baird Sandpiper.

Oct. 8th, Andy and Holly Kraynik led a field trip to Cienega Canyon. Fifteen persons participated and birds seen included the Golden-crowned Kinglet.

Nov. 5th, Dave Lange led a field trip to Bosque del Apache uplands. Eleven birders had a fine look at a Cooper's Hawk, in addition to sighting a Whooping Crane and 44 other species.

Nov. 12th, Ross Teuber also led a field trip to the Bosque. Sixteen people participated and counted 67 species of birds, including Verdin and Pyrrhuloxia.

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR BOARD MEETINGS

BOARD MEETING OF OCT. 13, 1977
Held at the Hussey's home, eleven board members present.
Reports were given by Martin Ruoss and Dave Lange on the State

Fair exhibit and the outdoor skills day exhibit, respectively.

For use of space in the Flower Building a subscription of Audubon magazine will be given to the Garden Center and for building the display an Audubon membership was given Mr. Jurgensen.

Ross Teuber reported on the Ecological Education Conference and recommended some educational projects with which the chapter might get involved.

A motion was passed that we host the October '78 New Mexico Audubon Council meeting, in addition, the upcoming Council meeting was discussed

The board decided to donate \$60.00 to St. Timothy's Church for use of the church for the last six months.

Finances of the chapter were discussed. It was decided to move the board meetings up one week to the first Thursday of each month.

BOARD MEETING OF NOV. 3, 1977

Held at Dave Lange's apartment, seven board members present.

Information received from National regarding new lobbying regulations by tax-exempt organizations was discussed. We have the option of being considered under either the old or new provisions. After discussion, a motion was made and passed that we elect to go with the new provisions. This allows us to spend up to 20% of our annual budget on lobbying activities, but we must file an annual report with the IRS.

Priorities of the N.M. Audubon Council were discussed. A report will be given to Martin Ruoss.

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Last month the first Annual New Mexico Audubon Council meeting was held in Roswell. Over 60 people attended the luncheon and business meeting representing all four chapters in the state, as well as members of a group organizing a chapter in Las Cruces. New officers were elected with Martin Ruoss as President and Ross Teuber as Vice-President. Our chapter will be hosting the October '78 meeting and we need help in organizing the meeting, please give me a call if you would like to help.

As in the past years our chapter is sponsoring three Christmas bird counts. Jim Karo will be unable to lead the Albuquerque count this year because of recent open heart surgery. He went home on Nov. 21 and we wish him a speedy recovery. I will be

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

Receipts

September Dues split	152.75	
Refund (Bicentennial eagle project)	100.00	
Interest	<u>17.91</u>	270.66

Disbursements

September		
Telephone calls (M.A. Root)	6.00	
NM Audubon Council dues	192.40	
Martin Ruoss	12.43	
Datco (Owl Printing)	60.57	
Fair Display	102.00	
Am. Nature Study Society (Education Conference)	35.00	
Stamps	<u>.65</u>	409.05

October		
St. Timothy's Church	60.00	
Owl Printing	28.80	
Slides	15.04	
Subscriptions to Audubon	25.00	
Mountian Bell	11.83	
Coffee, cups	5.68	
Stamp	<u>.13</u>	146.48

Switch from Savings to checking account 100.00

Balance

	August 31	September 30	October 31
Checking	263.74	208.09	61.74
Savings	1424.41	1342.32	1324.32
Petty Cash	.97	.32	.19
	<u>\$1689.12</u>	<u>\$1550.73</u>	<u>\$1386.25</u>

-- Gary Parker

leading the Albuquerque count this year for Jim. Please note the new meeting place for the Albuquerque count. Following the Sandia count on Saturday a supper will be provided to the counters at the Ponderosa Mobile

Park Recreation room. We will meet at dark. Please bring your lists with you. Please try to participate in at least one of the Christmas bird counts. We Need Your Help!!!

D.L.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS

During the Holiday season each year birders are engaged in taking a census of birds in assigned areas all over North America. This will be the 78th consecutive year that NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY has sponsored this census and its success has been due to the participation of members and friends in great numbers.

CENTRAL NEW MEXICO AUDUBON SOCIETY is committed to conduct three bird counts, each in a different area, and we need your help with at least one of the counts. The counts last for at least eight hours. If you cannot participate for a whole day, it would be helpful if you could report at the scheduled time and participate for a few hours at least. You do not need to be an expert bird-watcher. You will be assigned to a group and other members can make identification of birds that you see. Dress for cold weather and bring your binoculars, lunch, and \$1.50 registration fee.

This is your chance to give service to the National Audubon cause while you are enjoying a day of birding with compatible friends.

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HELP NEEDED

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The Maricopa Audubon Society has asked for our help in the fight against the Orme Dam. It appears that Congressman Morris Udall is taking an active part in resurrecting Orme Dam by advocating the construction of a "low" or "mini" Orme Dam and/or similar lower structures at the Granite Reef site. The sensible reasons which prevail against the full structures prevail against the lower ones also, --destruction of the same, irreplaceable wildlife habitat, flooding of the Fort McDowell Indian Reservation, destruction of the habitats of several endangered species, a negative benefit/cost ratio, and others too numerous to mention. We would like to urge CNMAS members to help in this fight by writing your opinions to:

Cecil Andrus	President Jimmy Carter
Sec. of Interior	White House
Interior Bldg.	Washington, D.C.
Washington, D.C.	20500
20240	

Congressman Morris Udall
House Office Building
Washington, D.C.
20215



This month Las Cruces birders are meeting to organize the fifth Audubon chapter in the state of New Mexico. The first was Silver City, the second Albuquerque, the third Santa Fe-Los Alamos, and the fourth Roswell. We congratulate Las Cruces and welcome them as affiliates of National Audubon

CAVE CREEK CANYON, BIRDWATCHERS' PARADISE, NEEDS BIRDERS' HELP

Birdwatchers travel hundreds of miles to Cave Creek Canyon, in Arizona's Coronado National Forest, to see Mexican Chickadees, Zone-tailed Hawks, Painted Redstarts, a dozen species of hummingbirds, and Coppery-tailed Trogons (of about 25 pairs of these trogons nesting in the United States, 12 nest in Cave Creek). About 25,000 birders a year are said to visit the canyon just to see the trogons. It's a birders' paradise, but it won't be much longer if the Forest Service gives in to current pressures to give the area over to mass recreation that would destroy its natural values.

From:

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LEADER

OCT. 28, 1977

At present, the canyon has no roads, only hiking trails. Rocky Mountain Regional Representative Robert K. Turner has written to the Regional Forester, 517 Gold Avenue SW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102, and urged him to put the canyon under some classification that will continue to protect its natural values, and keep out roads and off-road vehicles. Birders who want to help save Cave Creek Canyon are urged to follow Turner's lead.

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Ride a Train	Return your Empties
Join a Car Pool	Organize a Paper Drive
Buy a Small Car	Try Walking
Ride a Bike	(to be Con't)

NOW ISN'T THERE SOMETHING YOU CAN DO !!!