

BURROUING OWL

CENTRAL NEW MEXICO AUDUBON SOCIETY, ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 1982

CALENDAR

Welcome! Central New Mexico Audubon Society meets the third thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m., St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, Copper and Jefferson, N.E. Nonmembers are welcome at all meetings, field trips, and special events.

PLEASE COME TO OUR
REGULAR
SEPTEMBER 16 MEETING

OF THE
CENTRAL NEW MEXICO
AUDUBON SOCIETY

TO BE HELD AT THE RIO GRANDE NATURE CENTER 2901 CANDELAIRA RD., N.W.

Help us decide if we want to move our meeting place there permanently. Tour of the grounds begins at 6:30 p.m. including nature trails and ponds (sun sets at 7:12 p.m. MDT). The program will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.; a special showing of the film "John Muir's High Sierra." Refreshments. Nonmembers welcome.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19--Regular Meeting

Regular meeting of the Central New Mexico Audubon Society, 7:30 p.m. at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church. A slide festival: "Birds, Wildflowers and Other Natural Images." If you haven't been contacted but have slides to share, please bring them or call Kay: work (883-4545), home (898-2968).

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28--Field Trip

A field trip to Bosque del Apache for early fall migrants. For those of you who love the sunrise, meet leaders George and Evelyn Price at 6:30 a.m. at the Refuge Headquarters. We will pick up any latecomers at 8:30 a.m., also at headquarters. Bring lunch (and maybe breakfast!). Call the Prices for more information (242-6604). Beginners welcome.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2--Board Meeting

Board meeting at the home of Darwin Miller, 1229 Girard, N.E. (265-6361), 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11--Field Trip

A field trip to the new Nature Center (see September 16 meeting for other news on the center). Meet at the center (at the end of Candelaria, N.W., west of Rio Grande Blvd.) at 7 p.m. Half day. Leader TBA, call Hart Schwarz (266-1810) for more information.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12--Field Trip

Hyde Park and Santa Fe Ski Basin. Meet at 9 a.m. at De Vargas Mall Shopping Center (north end of parking lot). Leader: Pat Insley (telephone 982-0796, Santa Fe).

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26--State Fair Exhibit

The New Mexico Audubon Council will sponsor an exhibit again this year in the exhibit building. Call Barbara Hussey (292-5626), Evelyn Price (242-6604), or Helen Riddell (294-6096) to help or booth-sit. Hosts needed for out of town Auduboners who will help booth-sit. These activities are as much fun as they are worthwhile. Call now!!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16--Regular Meeting

Regular meeting of the Central New Mexico Audubon Society, 7:30 at the <u>NEW</u> Nature Center, located at 2901 Candelaria, N.W. An award winning film "John Muir's High Sierra."

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16--Deadline for Burrowing Owl Material

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3--Field Trip

A field trip to view the largest stand of Aspen on Sandia Crest. This will be a 5-mile, round trip walk through Spruce-Fir forest along the Media Spring Trail. There should be late migrants. Meet at Sandia Park Post Office at 7:30 a.m. Bring lunch and water. Call leader Hart Schwarz (266-1810). Beginners welcome.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7--Board Meeting

Board meeting at the home of Evelyn Jones, 1522 Erbbe, N.E. (298-9130), 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10-11--NMAC Meeting

This will be an especially exciting meeting of the Audubon Council. Toney Anaya and probably John Irick will be there! The afternoon program will concern various aspects of the Bisti Badlands, followed by a field trip to the Bisti on Sunday morning.

The meeting will probably be in Gallup, though Farmington is a possibility. Call Evelyn or George Price (242-6604) after mid-September for a more definite schedule. Mark your calendars!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16--Field Trip

A <u>hawk</u> watch to Capilla Peak in the Manzanos, including a one-half mile hike. Steve Hoffman, the leader, has studied hawk migration throughout the west. This should be an unusual trip, and a chance to brush up on hawk identification. Call Steve at 766-3972 (work) or 266-0193 (home).

WANTED--ALIVE!!

Will the two ladies who won an attendance prize of Jeramiah Johnson's birdseed on April 5, at Popejoy Hall <u>please</u> call Edith Johnson (255-0307).

You have not picked up your prize. I apologize for not telling you how to redeem your hand written certificate.



COMMUNITY COLLEGE OFFERS "GARDENING WITHOUT WORK" CLASS

The "Gardening Without Work - Wild Gardens" course will begin September 8. Only the first class will be held in the classroom. Other meetings will be in gardens or field trips. Professor Jim Lewis will teach the class. You can reach him at 881-7423 if you would like to know more. Or call the UNM Community College at 277-2931 for registration information.

CNMAS PUBLICITY SECRETARY NEEDED

Our chapter is looking for someone who is willing to send form letters out to the newspapers, television, and radio stations informing them of our upcoming events. All materials will be supplied by the chapter including postage, addresses, and a schedule of when to send them. If you have been waiting for a nice <u>little</u> job with this club, this is it! Call Barbara Hussey (292-5626).

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Some long-term goals of the Central New Mexico Audubon Society may become reality in the next few months! The first is the proposed change in our regular meeting place from St. Timothy's Church to the new Rio Grande Nature Center (at Candelaria and the river). The Nature Center is now open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (seven days a week). The indoor exhibits are finished, but the trails and ponds are still under construction. To make it easier to decide on the change in our meeting location, we will have a trial meeting there on September 16. It will start earlier than usual (6:30 p.m.) with a tour of the grounds and an extra special film will be shown: "John Muir's High Sierra." The program will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. so do not be late. Let's have a big turnout for this one so we can all decide to continue to have our meetings there!

The other new plan for our chapter is the possibility of our having a telephone. For several years the board has tried to make arrangements for one, but numerous problems have stopped us. Now thanks to the undaunted efforts of Evelyn Jones we may be sharing a phone number with the Animal Humane Association (AHA). They have graciously consented to let us use their phone number in our own directory listing (both white and yellow pages). The AHA will even be answering the phone for us and directing calls to the home phones of our board members. We will be listed as just the "Audubon Society."

Now is the time of year we start work on the state fair booth. We should have a good one again this year as the New Mexico Audubon Council has kindly consented to allocate funds for the booth representing all six Audubon chapters in the state. It will again be in the Exhibit Building. We still have work (planning and construction) to do on it so give me a call if you have ideas (292-5626). We will also need booth sitters again. Sign up at the August meeting or call me.

Barbara Hussey

OUR CHAPTER WINS BIG PRIZE

The following is a letter to our chapter from Russ Peterson, National Audubon Society President.

My hearty congratulations on your chapter's fine showing in bringing in the highest number of new members in your region in the Chapter Incentive Campaign which concluded March 31, 1982.

Your efforts, and the successful outcome of your membership recruitment drive provide an outstanding example for us all, and show that this important job can be done.

As a First Place Regional winner, your chapter has won an all-expense paid visit for an individual of your choice to one of our Audubon Sanctuaries or Camps.

Your Board of Directors has unanimously and enthusiastically chosen Barbara Hussey as the recipient of the prize. The Board felt that Barbars's hard work on behalf of this chapter deserved recognition. Barbara has chosen to vist the Richardson Bay Sanctuary in Tilburon, California. She will go in November when many interesting birds who winter in California will be present. We wish her a great time and many lifers!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



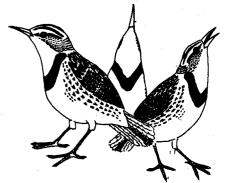
As a reader of this publication, we know you are concerned for the welfare of animals in the wild but may not be aware of the Animal Humane Association, 615 Virginia, S.E., and their volunteer efforts to help the domestic household animals -- both the pets with owners and those who need homes and are looking for families wishing to adopt a new four-legged member! Association operates almost entirely with volunteers and will welcome anyone with a few hours a week to help in one of many activities, e.g., adoptions, lost and found, education, public relations, therapy, bathing and grooming, others. Thelma Evans at 255-5523 will welcome your call and give you more details; and the animals will love you for

ALBUQUERQUE SPRING COUNT MAY 15. 1982

	Valley & West <u>Mesa</u>	Sandía Mts.	<u>Total</u>		Valley & West Mesa	Sandia Mts.	Total		Valley & West <u>Mesa</u>	Sandia Mts.	Total	
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Pied-Billed Grebe	2		2	Bank Swallow	1		1	Northern				
White Pelican	2		2	Rough-Winged	+		-	Waterthrush		1	1	
.,,,	4		4	Swallow	16		16	MacGillivray's		•	-	
Great Blue Heron	•		4	Barn Swallow	5	8	13	Warbler	8	6	14	
Blue-Crested Night	7		7	Cliff Swallow	1	. •	1	Common	J	•	~ ,	
Heron Mallard	30		30	(Swallow sp?)	180		180	Yellowthroat	4		4	
Blue-Winged Teal	30		3	Steller's Jay	100	11	11	Yellow-Breasted				
Cinnamon Teal	3		3	Scrub Jay		21	21	Chat	4		4	
Turkey Vulture	,	6	6	Common Raven		3	3	Red-Faced Warbler		1	1	
Cooper's Hawk	1	1	- 2	Common Crow	3	5	8	Wilson's Warbler	6	3	9	
Red-Tailed Hawk	1	1	1	Black-Capped	_	_	•	House Sparrow	21	9	30	
Kestrel	8	. 1	9	Chickadee	1		1	Western Meadowlark	4	17	21	
Scaled Quail	1	2	3	Mountain Chickadee		20	20	Red-Winged				
Gambel's Quail	11	_	11	Plain Titmouse		8	8	Blackbird	103		103	
Ringed-Neck	11		, 11	Bushtit		7	7	Scott's Oriole		2	2	
Pheasant	10		10	White-Breasted				Northern Oriole	17	2	19	
Virginia Rail	1		1	Nuthatch	1	4	5	Brewer's Blackbird	2	10	12	
American Coot	2	-1	2	Red-Breasted				Great-Tailed				
Killdeer	1		1	Nuthatch	1	16	17	Grackle	2		2	
Spotted Sandpiper	7	13	20	House Wren		14	14	Common Grackle	7		7	
Band-Tailed Pigeor	-	. 5	5	Canyon Wren		1	1	Brown-Headed				
Rock Dove	20	9	29	Rock Wren	4	2	6	Cowbird	40	12	52	
Mourning Dove	163	26	189	Mockingbird		5	5	Western Tanager	25	20	45	
Long-Eared Owl	1		1	Gray Catbird	1		1	Rose-Breasted				
White-Throated				Curve-Billed				Grosbeak		, 2	2	
Swift		3	3	Thrasher		2	2	Black-Headed				
Black-Chinned				Crissal Thrasher		1	1	Grosbeak	110	33	143	
Hummingbird	52	4	56	Robin	67	22	89	Blue Grosbeak	1		1	
Broad-Tailed				Hermit Thrush	2	2	4	Indigo Bunting	3		3	
Hummingbird	1	14	15	Swainson's Thrush	1		1	Lazuli Bunting	25		25	
Belted Kingfisher	4		4	Western Bluebird		1	1	Evening Grosbeak		20	20	
Common Flicker	. 14	6	20	Mountain Bluebird		4	4	Cassin's Finch		2	2	
Yellow-Bellied				Blue-Gray				House Finch	5	4	9	
Sapsucker		- 5	5	Gnatcatcher	3		3	Pine Siskin	133	312	445	
Hairy Woodpecker		.2	2	Ruby-Crested				American Goldfinch	15	17	32	
Downy Woodpecker	. 5		5	Kinglet		10	10	Lesser Goldfinch		2	2	
Western Kingbird	9	2	11	Cedar Waxwing	68	1	69	Green-Tailed	_			
Cassin's Kingbird		9	9	Loggerhead Shrike	1	1	2	Towhee	3	12	15	
Ash-Throated				Starling	91	9	100	Rufous-Sided				
Flycatcher	13	6	19	Solitary Vireo	4	5	9	Towhee	2	15	17	
Black Phoebe	3		3	Warbling Vireo	7	. 6	13	Brown Towhee		10	10	
Say's Phoebe	2	2	4	Orange-Crested	_		_	Black-Throated				
Dusky Flycatcher	15	8	23	Warbler	3	2	5	Sparrow		23	23	
Western Flycatche			1	Virginia's Warbler		19	21	Dark-Eyed Junco		2	, 2	
(Empidonax sp?)	4		4	Yellow Warbler	11	3	14	Gray-Headed Junco		8	8	
Western Pewee	38	4	42					Chipping Sparrow	1	15	16	
Olive-Sided				Warbler	73	40	113	Brewer's Sparrow	5	3	8	
Flycatcher	1	1	2	Black-Throated				Black-Chinned				
Violet-Green				Gray Warbler	2	3	5	Sparrow		4	4	
Swallow	10	19	29	Grace's Warbler		7	7	White-Crowned				
Tree Swallow	1		1					Sparrow	2		2	

Total Number of Species: 117

Participants: John Durrie, Paul Fitzsimmons, Gary Parker, Hart
Schwarz, and Dave Tomasko in
the Sandias; Joanne
Phillips, Liz Hayes, Bill
Howe, Dustin Huntington, and
Sue Huntington in the
Valley.



SANDIA BREEDING RECORD By Hart R. Schwarz

On April 18, 1982, Gary Parker discovered a RED-FACED WARBLER foraging high in a copse of white fir near Canoncito Spring in the Sandias. Only twice before has this brilliant bird been recorded north of the Magdalena Mountains, which, heretofore, had marked the northeastern corner of its range. John Durrie saw it in the Jemez Mountains on June 21, 1974, and Gary and I had a brief but exciting encounter with it in Waterfall Canyon of the Sandias on May 7, 1977.

It soon became apparent that the Canoncito bird had found a place to his liking, for virtually every subsequent visit, involving several dozen people, confirmed its continued presence. For the most part it frequented the "little canyon" from the spring itself to where the water suddenly goes underground--a stretch of about one quarter mile. Here at 7,600 feet white firs grow to extraordinary heights, providing an excellent platform for flycatching forays. Though the Warbler seemed to prefer spending most of his time among these forest giants, it was not at all unusual to see him at eye level, making himself conspicuous in shrubs and diverse riparian growth. Once found, it was easy to keep track of him, for he tended to linger a considerable time in any particular locale.

Of course the surest way to locate the bird initially was by ear. The Red-Faced Warbler has a most distinctive song, which is not only musical but also quite loud and farreaching. The other summer-resident warblers occupying nearby habitat, i.e., Grace's, Virginia's and Audubon's, have nothing in their repertoire to compare with Though the song was short--lasting only a little over a second--it was repeated tirelessly about six times a minute for hours on end. It consisted of three parts as follows: ZWI ZWI ZWI (fast and resembling a whistle) ZWI'SHI (higher) WEE'SI (lower). Alexander Skutch, the renouned ornithologist who has devoted most of his life to the study of Central American birds, expressed himself most eloquently in reference to this particular song as he heard it in Guatemala: "They sang over and over a clear, mellow warble, as fine a song as I have heard of any member of this

family, and twice welcome in those dreary, misty, raindrenched days at the height of the wet season, when scarcely any bird sang."

For an entire month only one frantically singing bird could be located, but on May 20, upon hearing the song from my vehicle, I discovered two individuals about a mile directly down-canyon from the spring, and on June 6 I had the good fortune of finding their nest, which contained three young scarcely more than a day old. It was somewhat surprising that the nest was at the lower end of the birds' territory where the elevation is only about 7,100 feet, and where the tall, white firs have been replaced by ponderosas. Whereas it was necessary to walk three quarters of a mile to reach the spring, the actual nesting site was much more accessible, being just one mile west of Highway 14 on Forest Road 299. The nest itself was situated on a steep bank, approximately 40 feet above a diminutive and sluggish segment of stream and 5 feet below a narrow path cut into the hillside above. Constructed horizontally on a little shelf in the bank, the nest was virtually invisible, being rendered so by a blanket of coarse grasses overlying it. Though much effort must have been expended in camouflaging the nest, very little seems to have been devoted to its construction. The raw materials were primarily coarse strips of juniper bark, loosely arranged to resemble a typical nest; however, no effort was made to weave the fibers into a cohesive, durable structure. The least exposure to the elements or even a minimum of handling would have reduced it to an amorphous heap of mulch.

I returned to the nest on June 11 and found the nestlings in good conditions, although they had not grown as much as I anticipated. This slow maturation process may be accounted for, in part, by a very leisurely feeding schedule. The two consecutive feedings which I observed were separated by a full 25 minutes. In each instance the birds arrived together, the approach being heralded by the male's singing even when his beak was overflowing with morsels. During the first visit the birds took turns going to the nest, but the second time they entered it together.

Because of a week spent in Minneapolis, I was unable to visit the nest again until June 23. Not surprisingly (as the birds would easily have had enough time to fledge during my absence), it was empty with no sign of a Red-Faced Warbler anywhere along the canyon either on that day or two weeks later. However, on July 9, Dave Tomasko did see the two adults on the Canoncito trail after investigating some excited "chipping" which may possibly be attributable to begging juveniles, though none were spotted. It is likely that these warblers will stay near their territory at least through August, but without a song to guide us, we will have to rely on a little serendipity to find them!

At this point it is too early to know whether this is an isolated breeding occurrence or whether a trend toward range expansion is indicated. The latter may well be the case, paralleling a similar movement in Arizona where the Red-Faced Warbler has become a common sight in the Flagstaff area. Avian colonization can be sudden and dramatic, a fact amply illustrated by the Black-Chinned Sparrow which first appeared in the Sandias in 1964. Since then it has become a common species along the western foothills, even though it is at the extreme northern end of its range A similar success for the Red-Faced Warbler is certainly a possibility in the Sandias where a profusion of high, narrow canyons provides suitable habitat for this lovely and delightful species.

CURATOR'S BEHIND-THE SCENES TOUR OF THE BIRDS OF RIO GRANDE ZOO!

Don't forget the Saturday morning studies in Art and Nature at the Rio Grande Zoo. The Curator's Tour of Birds of the Rio Grande Zoo will be held on Saturday morning, August 14 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Curator John Mallen will take you behind the scenes of the Tropical Rainforest and to the off-exhibit areas not seen by the general public. Cost is \$5 for members of the New Mexico Zoological Society and \$7 for non-members. (If you join the Society that morning, you can get the \$5 rate.) The money from these series benefits the Education Program at Rio Grande Zoo. Meet at the Business Office shortly before 9 a.m. pre-registration is appreciated but walk-ins are certainly welcome. For more information, call Tippy at 766-7823.

ROSS'S RAVIN'S

Hi Folks! Here I am again, back as the writer of your birding news column. And it is your column. Much of its interest depends upon your calling me and sharing your sightings and observations. So call me at 265-8962, and we'll talk about birds.

I've just returned from a trip to Iowa and Missouri, and another unsuccessful search for the nesting Swainson's and Hooded Warblers. However, I did find and enjoy observing both Pileated and Red-Bellied Woodpeckers as well as many other interesting birds. Along the Kansas Turnpike, when we stopped briefly to change drivers, we saw eight Upland Sandpipers perched on fenceposts along the right-of-way. One of the most interesting birds seen on the trip was a Yellow-Throated Vireo spotted at a rest stop in Missouri where we paused to eat our lunch. I hadn't seen one since my early boyhood in Iowa. It was interesting to note the Dickcissels were plentiful in Kansas, Iowa, and Missouri. A few years ago they were thought to be on the decrease. Scissor-Tailed Flycatchers were frequently seen in Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas, and as usual Mississippi Kites were common in the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles and in Kansas.

A new boardwalk is being constructed in the Big Oak Tree State Park in Southeast Missouri, the purported nesting area of the Swainson's Warbler. Over 40 species of birds were seen in the course of a one and one-half hour walk around this delightful trail, which takes you into the deeplyforested, heavily-undergrowthed, areas which were formerly almost completely inaccessible during wet periods. wasn't too disappointed at not finding the warblers. At least a dozen State Champion big trees, half of which are National Champions may be seen here, including Shumard Oak, Pumpkin Ash, Possum Persimmon, Swamp Blackhaw, Black Willow, Pawpaw, Bur Oak, Slippery Elm, and Swamp Cottenwood.

Another enjoyable day was spent at Mingo National Wildlife Refuge. Part of the tour loop is closed at this time of year, but the boardwalk was open. Not quite as many birds were to be seen as at other seasons, but again over 40 species were sighted. Among the more interesting were Porthonotary

Warbler, Wood Duck, Red-Shouldered Hawk, Eastern Pewee, Carolina Chickadee, Black and White Warbler and lots of Cardinals. But the real piece de resistance-the wild blackberries, were ripe and ready to be picked, big, sweet, juicy ones, which were impossible to resist. I took time out and picked over half a gallon in about one-half hour, before the rain ran me out. That gave me something to take home from my trip to share with my family.

You all (I'm just back from Southeast Missouri, y'all) missed a great field trip by not going to Guadalupe Canyon with Jim Karo over the Memorial Day week-end. Clara and I had taken off and gone down the day after school was out and were there when Jim arrived on Saturday afternoon. Very shortly after arriving I put up a Hummingbird feeder, but no Hummingbirds came to it. However, within a few minutes a Hooded Oriole had discovered it. From then on, if I allowed the feeder to become empty I got a good scolding in orioleese! This bird, a beautiful male, was a source of much entertainment for Clara while I was hiking. The weather was good, the camping delightful, and the birds numerous. All of the regulars were there: Thick-Billed Kingbirds, Vermilion Flycatchers, Ash-Throated Flycatchers, White-Winged Dovers, Hooded Phainopeplas, Bell's Vireos, Varied Buntings, et al. I was talking with two visitors from California on Saturday afternoon, before Jim arrived, when a Zone-Tailed Hawk flew over. Soon there were two, one with some missing primaries, circling with a flight of vultures. Unfortunately they did not come back. Jim and I birded together and individually and saw many birds, found a Gambel's Quail nest with 18 eggs, and a number of Broad-Billed Hummingbirds. But the real prize was a Violet-Crowned Hummingbird.

Monday morning after the usual morning hike we took down the trailer and headed for Cave Creek. Through a series of events we wound up in a camping spot which had not been our first choice, but it all turned out for the best! The previous occupant had fed the birds and two makeshift feeders remained, one half full of seed. I hastened to add a Hummingbird feeder and some water. Before I had finished setting up the trailer a male Coppery-Tailed Trogon flew over, stopping briefly in a nearby tree. We later discovered we were located on the boundary of the territories of two nesting pair of Trogons.

Business at the feeders was rushing. During our stay there, nineteen species of visited our feeders Competition for the Hummingbird feeder lead Clara to invent another one out of a small pill bottle and some red yarn. In addition Black-Chinned, Blue-Throated, to Rivoli's Hummingbirds four other species of birds hovered at the feeder to drink. These included Acorn Woodpeckers, Scott's Orioles, House Finches and even a Black-Headed Grosbeak. I even have pictures of all but the Grosbeak! The House Finches there seemed much redder than the ones here. Other regular visitors were Mexican Jays, Yellow-Eyed Juncos, Bronzed Cowbirds, Brown-Headed Cowbirds, White-Winged Doves, Mourning Doves, Robins, Black-Throated Gray Warblers, Rufous-Crowned Sparrow, Common Flicker, Bridled Titmouse, White-Breasted Nuthatch, Solitary Vireo and Rufous-Sided Towhee. Often from four to seven or eight species were at the feeders at one time.

One of the most exciting recent bird reports was Hart Schwarz' discovery of a nesting pair of Red-Faced Warblers in the Sandia Mountains. This extends the known breeding range of this species northeastward by about 100 miles. It will be even more exciting to learn if they successfully fledged their young, and if they come back and nest next year. Also of interest is the Eastern Kingbird which stayed for several weeks at Shady Lakes, and the Long-Eared Owl which fledged young at the Chuck Hundertmark's Rio Grande Bosque. class discovered a Red-Faced Warbler at Sulphur Spring Picnic Area as well as a nesting Solitary Vireo with three hatchlings in Cienega Canyon. Chuck also reported a probable Hammond's Flycatcher on the recent NMOS Site Survey of the Sandias. Roland Goodman saw the first Rufous Hummingbird in his yard at Santa Fe on July 9. There were at least three there on July 11. None have been reported so far in Albuquerque, but both Rufous and Calliopes should be arriving any day.

There's lots more bottled up inside me, and wanting out, but I fear I have more than used up my share of the available space, so I'll save some of it for next time.



R.L.T.

APPLICATION FOR JOINT MEMBERSHIP IN THE NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY AND THE CENTRAL NEW MEXICO AUDUBON SOCIETY

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