



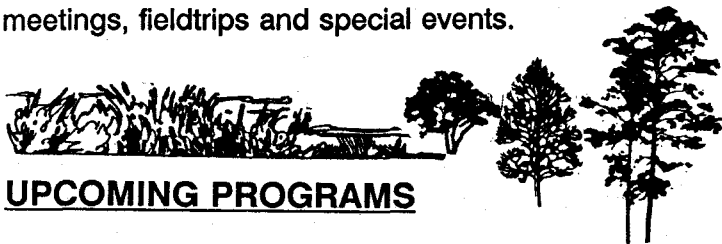
BURROWING OWL

Central New Mexico Audubon Society

April - May 1991

WELCOME!

The Central New Mexico Audubon Society meets at 7:30 pm, on the third Thursday of each month, at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, Copper and Jefferson NE. Nonmembers are welcome at all meetings, fieldtrips and special events.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

THE ALBUQUERQUE BOSQUE: ITS FUTURE --Thursday, April 18th

Albuquerque's bosque, the largest remnant of the riparian habitat which once extended the length of the Rio Grande, is the subject of a long-range plan for Rio Grande Valley State Park, extending from Sandia on the north to Isleta on the south. A planning team from the Open Space Division of the City of Albuquerque has been working for over a year on plans for preservation, access, regeneration, possible recreational uses, and the other issues vital to the future of the bosque. A study of the wildlife was completed by Steve Hoffman, who shared it with us a year ago.

Nano Takuma of the Open Space Planning Office will be our speaker, with maps, slides and written information about the current status of plans for the Rio Grande Valley State Park. There is still an opportunity for input into these plans, and for volunteer activities to maintain the values of the bosque. Many members of our chapter have been involved in gathering the information and suggestions which have been considered in the planning.

Come and find out what the plans for the bosque are, and to consider what Audubon members should do and say to promote the survival of this vital habitat.

AUDUBON ISSUES: ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK

--Thursday, May 16th

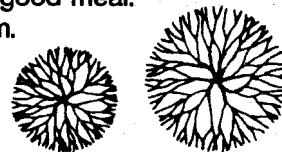
This year marks the 20th anniversary of CNMAS! Mark your calendars now to join us in celebrating this special occasion. Our guest speaker will be David Henderson, National Audubon Staff in New Mexico, who will have slides and a report on the state and national issues, what has happened with recent legislation, and what Audubon can do in the future. This is our important annual update on the goals and issues of Audubon.

Our annual meeting will also include election of officers, presentation of the Washburn Award, introduction of the young people receiving Audubon prizes at the Science Fair, and introduction of the teacher selected to attend Audubon Camp of the West.

6:00pm Potluck: bring a generous dish to share, and your own table service and cups; plan to meet old friends and new guests over a good meal.

7:00pm Meeting and Program.

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE **By Laura Jenkins**



Our thanks to Joanne and Jim Phillips for their hospitality and leadership on our March 9 trip to their home at Shady Lakes. Many enthusiastic comments afterward. A bald eagle was sighted in the air over Coronado State Park.

APRIL

--Sunday, April 7, 8:00am

HawkWatch International Sandia Count
Meet at Four Hills Shopping Center (Central, west of Tramway) parking lot. Park along Central east of Baskin Robbins. Or, join us at Three Gun Springs trailhead parking lot. Bring water, lunch, and dress for high altitude winds.

This is a two mile trail to a mountain-top, to observe migrating raptors at their flight level.

APRIL**--Saturday, April 13, 6:45am****Water Canyon**

Meet at Physics and Astronomy parking lot,
northeast corner Lomas and Yale

A beautiful birding spot in the Magdalena Mountains west of Socorro. Acorn woodpeckers always, painted redstart possible. A few of us go every spring. You are welcome to join us. Please call.

--Saturday, April 27, 7:00am**West Side of Sandias**

Lower areas along road to Juan Tabo Picnic ground and La Luz trail, and Piedra Lisa trail. This is a paved road east off Tramway at the curve. Tramway EAST exit from I-25. Meet along this road just off Tramway. Our last trip to this area was rained on. After birding lower areas we will stop for a snack at the picnic area (bring food) then up to Piedra Lisa trailhead for a moderate hike of a mile or more at 7500 ft elevation.

The Waterfall Canyon trail is closed to protect endangered species, and we must use caution on Piedra Lisa. Wear dull colors, and please walk quietly.

MAY**--Saturday, May 25, 6:30am**

We're on the road again in May. Highway 4 to Jemez Springs, stopping at the Ranger Station and Jemez National Monument, then on to the Hummingbird Music Camp, where we will hike an easy trail along Jemez River, through the forest to Battleship Road, and maybe beyond.

This could be an overnight for those who would like to stay. Call no later than May 1 for that and please call at any time for day trip.

**BABY BIRDS****(Wildlife Rescue Inc of NM****PO Box 13222, Albuquerque, NM 87192-3222****Telephone: 344-2500**

Most baby birds do NOT need to be rescued. Lack of information causes people to, in essence, "kidnap" the babies, which greatly reduces their chance of survival.

There are two stages of growth of which one should be aware.

Nestlings*(Born naked, eyes closed--covered with pinfeathers)*

1) **IF UNINJURED, PUT IT BACK IN THE NEST!** The mother will not reject the baby because of human handling. It needs to be fed frequently, so replace it quickly.

2) **CAN'T FIND THE NEST?!** This is probable since birds hide their nests for protection. **BUILD A NEST!** For older nestlings, with pinfeathers, a nest can be built as follows:

Find a margarine tub, or similar shape, and puncture with drainage holes. Line with tissue for support and warmth. Nail the container to the tree as close to the location of the nest as possible, making sure the location will remain shaded and protected as the sun moves.

Watch for a parent to find the nestling and continue to care for it. Monitor for at least two hours. If you still have concerns call Wildlife Rescue. Found a baby hummingbird? **CALL WILDLIFE RESCUE.**

3) **IF INJURED—CALL WILDLIFE RESCUE.**

Fledgling*(Fully feathered, but not able to fly)*

1) Many young birds fall to the ground on a maiden flight. This is a critical time in their lives when they are subject to many dangers. But, it is natural for them to be out facing risks and developing their skills. Their parents are feeding them, warning them of danger, and demonstrating how to behave in their quest for independence.

2) **IF UNINJURED—PUT THE BIRD BACK WHERE IT WAS FOUND.** Hide it in a bush or surrounding vegetation. The baby is much better off in its natural habitat.

3) Try to keep dogs, cats and children away from the area for a few days.

4) **IF INJURED—CALL WILDLIFE RESCUE**

But This Is Different!

THERE WILL BE EXCEPTIONS. School children find baby birds in the middle of playgrounds with no trees in sight, and fledglings are found in the middle of streets. When a human does intervene it is necessary to identify the species found. Contact Wildlife Rescue for help.

Human rehabilitators can only make a small difference. Studies show that perhaps 30% of all babies born in the wild survive the first year.

The public may legally raise unprotected birds such as house sparrows, starlings, and pigeons. It makes a great family project, but understand that such a commitment requires feeding the baby the correct diet, every 1/2 hour, from dawn to dusk. If you are willing to do this, you may contact Wildlife Rescue for identification, advice, and diet suggestions.

CONSERVATION NOTES**By Lew Helm****New Mexico Legislature Update Proposal**

There have been a few bills introduced in the Legislature which could be a plus for conservation efforts. By the time you read this the Legislature will be out of session, but here is a run-down on some of the more important bills near the end of the session.

- HB 487. This bill would enlarge the NM Game and Fish Commission from five to seven members and designate one member as an advocate for wildlife. It seems to me that all members of the commission should be wildlife advocates. Be that as it may, this bill would give a better balance to the commission and possibly better support for non-consumptive uses. At this writing, the bill has a very good chance to pass.
- HB 859. This bill would identify in-stream flow uses (recreation and fish and wildlife) as beneficial and would not require a diversion to be legal. This bill ran into trouble and did not pass at the Committee level.
- SB 563. This bill would protect the flows in two specific reaches of rivers, the San Juan and the upper Pecos rivers. It would also provide some protection for the very upper reaches of rivers not yet diverted and provide for a study of the other reaches which should be protected. Our support of this bill is lukewarm.
- HB 465. Land Use Easement Act. This bill, introduced by Speaker of the House Ray Sanchez, would allow private landowners to voluntarily protect the agricultural, natural or historic resources of their property by donating easements to nonprofit organizations or public agencies. This bill is a good one, and late word is that it has a good chance of passing.

**The Mining Law of 1872**

As we have written before, the archaic Mining Law of 1872 needs to be scrapped or at least rewritten. This antiquated law allows the sale of public lands for \$2.50 an acre for placer claims and \$5.00 an acre for lode claims. There have been literally thousands of cases, mainly in the west, where developers will start mining operations only to obtain title (a patent) to the lands for unwise developments. Fish and wildlife take a beating from these unwise ventures which create inholdings of private lands in national forests or in BLM areas. Now Senator Dale Bumpers of Arkansas seeks to rewrite the Act of 1872. We don't know the particulars, but all signs point to a change in the law which will do away with the scandalous practices. We should write to our congressional delegation to let them know we support Senator Bumpers' attempts.

Forest Service Turns Down Evergreen Hills Power Line Proposal

Since 1988 the Forest Service has been studying and analyzing the proposal by the Evergreen Hills Landowners Association to use Forest lands to bring commercial electrical power to the subdivision. The Evergreen Hills area lies on private land north of the Juan Tabo Picnic Area on the west side of the Sandia Mountains. The favored alternative (least costly) would have been an overhead line running directly through some very fine habitat. The area serves as wintering habitat for mule deer and bighorn sheep. Many species of birds, both resident and migratory, make use of the general area. The area has been found to be important for the peregrine falcon and the Mexican spotted owl. CNMAS has visited the site numerous times on field trips. CNMAS has opposed construction of the power line.

The Forest Service has decided that the "no action" alternative (in other words, keeping the area as is) is the way to go. The Forest Service has to be complimented for doing a thorough environmental analysis and with coming up with a decision made in the public interest. Please let District Ranger Floyd Thompson and his staff know that we appreciate the action. The address is Sandia Ranger District, 1177 Highway 337, Tijeras, NM 87059; telephone: 281-3304.

Forest Service Closes Area In the Sandias

The Forest Service has closed a large area in the Sandias for the protection of a threatened or endangered species and its critical habitat. The area involved is in the upper Juan Tabo Canyon, north of the picnic area and east of the Evergreen Hills subdivision. This area will be closed from March 1 to August 15. The Piedra Lisa trail is immediately west of the closure. No doubt there will be signs along the periphery. Since entry to the area is closed for all purposes, birders are advised to stay on the Piedra Lisa trail and not wander off to the east.

Proposed National Energy Policy Needs Major Rewrite

Our worst fears were realized when President Bush announced the administration's energy policy by sending a number of recommendations to Congress. As you may have heard, the policy advocates, among other things, continued reliance on oil and the proposed opening of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil exploration and production. Also included would be relaxing restrictions on off-shore oil production. There is no mention of conservation. Please write to our congressional delegation, especially Senators Bingaman and Domenici, to ask that (1) a conservation plan be developed and (2) the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge remain closed to oil exploration and production.

EDUCATION NOTES

By Marge Carrick

Audubon Adventures

The headline in the April-May issue of Audubon Adventures is "Songbirds Shine in Springtime." The lead story tells of bird visitors that fly thousands of miles each spring to our yards and parks. Pictured are warblers, redwinged blackbirds, barn swallows, song sparrows, robins and wrens. The inside pages deal with bird behavior—how the robin sings to "stake out" his territory—and other stories answering the question, "what's this bird up to?"

The back page tells us about two famous birders, Roger Tory Peterson, birdguide author, and Margaret Morse Nice, an authority on song sparrows. Both of these individuals began their lifelong interest in birds when they were children.

Georgianna Costley and I visit elementary schools which a slide show on bird identification, "What Bird is That?" In doing so, we hope to inspire an awareness and love of birds and other things in nature.

Following our visit to the Georgia O'Keefe Elementary School we received this note of appreciation from Louise F. Byrd, a teacher in their gifted program.

Thank you so much for the enlightening presentation last week! It prepared the students for the field trip to the Nature Center. This unit has caught the spirit of the children's imagination. Next week, we have a lesson on migration. We are finding that ideas for this study are endless. There are so many possibilities. The parents are showing enthusiasm too.

I hope to start an Audubon Club and continue our "birding" experiences for those students who continue their interest.

Please thank your friend, Georgianna, for her wonderful contribution last week. Her personal stories were delightful! This unit has added a new dimension to our experiences.

What is Audubon Month?

Every spring, the Education Division of National Audubon sponsors the Audubon Month program; this year the focus is on oceans. Our materials and activities pertain to the US coastal waters of the Atlantic, Pacific and Arctic oceans, and the Gulf of Mexico, including bays, estuaries and harbors. Each classroom will receive a study packet and teacher's guide on "Oceans in Peril" and a colorful poster featuring the ecosystem in the Pacific Ocean. CNMAS encourages individual or class letters or artwork of marine life or nature poetry be mailed to: President George Bush, The White House, Washington, DC 20500

Closer to home, CNMAS has adopted the Bosque del Apache NWR and volunteers are always welcomed.

Curriculum Materials

Recently we had a call from a teacher requesting materials on environmental matters. These Audubon publications may be obtained from the address below. The materials are now in use in a few Albuquerque schools. The program will be expanded in 1991-92.

Living Lightly in the City and Living Lightly on the Planet

Environmental curricula for urban and suburban classrooms. A wide range of global issues are discussed. Problem solving activities challenge and heighten a student's environmental awareness. The curriculum is for all grades (K-12) and is sold in 4 volumes.

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| <i>Living Lightly in the City</i> | Vol I | Grades K-3 |
| <i>Living Lightly in the City</i> | Vol II | Grades 4-6 |
| <i>Living Lightly on the Planet</i> | Vol III | Grades 7-9 |
| <i>Living Lightly on the Planet</i> | Vol IV | Grades 8-12 |

Reaching for Connections

A teacher's handbook full of creative ideas for enhancing educational and interpretive programs in the classroom and on field trips.

Volume I—for teachers or leaders of preschool to adult groups.

Volume II—for teachers or parents of young children.

**SCIENCE FAIR****--By Donna Broudy**

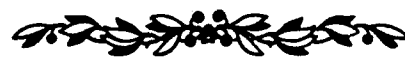
Audubon judges Elizabeth Broemel, Ross Teuber and Donna Broudy had a very enjoyable day and a hard job deciding on the winners of our awards at the Science Fair March 15. We finally gave an extra award, when we couldn't narrow our choices any farther. The winners, who will be invited to our annual dinner, are: Senior division, 1st, Amy Walton, Sandia High, with research on leaking underground storage tanks and groundwater; 2nd, Michael Martin, St. Pius, on possible ways to restore the damaged ozone layer. Junior division winners were: 1st, Lana Melendres, Jefferson Mid School, with a continuation of last year's award-winning study of groundwater pollution with a comparison of several purification methods; 2nd, Jessica Hafner, Jefferson, on the ability of creosote bush to inhibit growth of competing plants; also Micah Melnikoff, Jefferson, on the effects of oil on green algae; 3rd, Zane Roberts of Moriarty-Edgewood Elem. on the diet of raptors as learned from their castings; and honorable mention, Laura Anderson, Grant Mid School, on migrant birds at her feeder.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Steve Cox reports that the Bosque del Apache Count reached 95 species. There were 16 participants who had an excellent, although cloudy, birding day.

Bosque del Apache Christmas Bird Count Dec. 15, 1990

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| 1. Pled-billed Grebe | 11 | 51. Greater Runner | 2 |
| 2. Great Blue Heron | 18 | 52. Great Horned Owl | 5 |
| 3. Black-crowned Night-Heron | 1 | 53. Red-naped Sapsucker | 2 |
| Snow Goose (blue form) | 88 | 54. Ladder-backed Woodpecker | 1 |
| 4. Snow Goose | 37,312 | 55. N. (Red-sh) Flicker | 28 |
| 5. Ross' Goose | 105 | 56. Black Phoebe | 3 |
| 6. Canada Goose | 136 | 57. Say's Pheobe | 9 |
| 7. Wood Duck | 2 | 58. Horned Lark | 3 |
| 8. Green-winged Teal | 169 | 59. Scrub Jay | 3 |
| 9. Mallard | 1,375 | 60. Am Crow | 1,293 |
| 10. N. Pintail | 154 | 61. Chihuahuan Raven | 1 |
| 11. Cinnamon Teal | 6 | 62. Com. Raven | 8 |
| 12. N. Shoveler | 257 | 63. Verdin | 2 |
| 13. Gadwall | 206 | 64. White-breasted Nuthatch | 1 |
| 14. Am. Wigeon | 14 | 65. Rock Wren | 2 |
| 15. Canvasback | 2 | 66. Bewick's Wren | 14 |
| 16. Ring-necked Duck | 4 | 67. Marsh Wren | 13 |
| 17. Lesser Scaup | 11 | 68. Ruby-crowned Kinglet | 11 |
| 18. Surf Scoter | 1 | 69. Hermit Thrush | 1 |
| 19. Bufflehead | 52 | 70. Am. Robin | 1 |
| 20. Com. Merganser | 4 | 71. Curve-billed Thrasher | 3 |
| 21. Ruddy Duck | 10 | 72. Crissal Thrasher | 1 |
| 22. Bald Eagle | 9 | 73. Am. Pipit | 7 |
| adult | 2 | 74. Loggerhead Shrike | 4 |
| immature | 7 | 75. Eur. Starling | 159 |
| 23. N. Harrier | 35 | 76. Yellow-rumped Warbler | 2 |
| 24. Sharp-shinned Hawk | 1 | 77. Pyrrhuloxia | 1 |
| 25. Cooper's Hawk | 4 | 78. Rufous-sided Towhee | 9 |
| 26. Red-tailed Hawk | 38 | 79. Black-throated Sparrow | 1 |
| 27. Ferruginous Hawk | 1 | 80. Sage Sparrow | 1 |
| 28. Rough-legged Hawk | 1 | 81. Savannah Sparrow | 1 |
| 29. Golden Eagle (adult) | 1 | 82. Song Sparrow | 67 |
| 30. Am. Kestrel | 20 | 83. Swamp Sparrow | 2 |
| 31. Merlin | 1 | 84. White-crowned Sparrow | 301 |
| 32. Prairie Falcon | 2 | sparrow sp. | 4 |
| 33. Ring-necked Pheasant | 19 | 85. Dark-eyed Junco (slate-col) | 1 |
| 34. Wild Turkey | 156 | Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon) | 226 |
| 35. Scaled Quail | 1 | Dark-eyed Junco (Gr.-hdd) | 3 |
| 36. Gambel's Quail | 124 | Dark-eyed Junco (form?) | 15 |
| 37. Virginia Rall | 4 | 86. Chestnut-collared Longspur | 32 |
| 38. Sora | 1 | 87. Red-winged Blackbird | 1,822 |
| 39. Com. Moorhen | 2 | 88. Western Meadowlark | 6 |
| 40. Am. Coot | 85 | meadowlark sp. | 56 |
| 41. Sandhill Crane | 11,490 | 89. Yellow-headed Blackbird | 36 |
| 42. Whooping Crane | 8 | 90. Brewer's Blackbird | 400 |
| 43. Killdeer | 11 | 91. Great-tailed Grackle | 70 |
| 44. Greater Yellowlegs | 16 | blackbird sp. | 535 |
| 45. peep sp. | 1 | 92. House Finch | 29 |
| 46. Long-billed Dowitcher | 24 | 93. Lesser Goldfinch | 3 |
| 47. Com. Snipe | 4 | 94. Am. Goldfinch | 188 |
| 48. Ring-billed Gull | 77 | 95. House Sparrow | 36 |
| 49. Rock Dove | 2 | TOTAL SPECIES | 95 |
| 50. Mourning Dove | 23 | TOTAL INDIVIDUALS | 57,523 |



UPCOMING EVENTS

Prairie Chicken Lek-Trek
(The Sandhill Crane, SWNMAS)

The SE New Mexico Audubon Chapter will have its Lesser Prairie Chicken Lek-Trek on April 13. This is an early morning trip to the booming grounds in the Mescalero Sands area east of Roswell to see the fascinating behavior of the prairie chickens on their breeding grounds. For information contact Dan Baggao in Roswell, 624-1790.

Bird Bash in Silver City
(Sangre de Cristo AS)

--May 4

It's a long drive to Silver City, but it's worth it to participate in the Big Bird Bash. On Saturday, May 4th birders from around the state will form small groups to cover the Gila Valley from the Gila Cliff Dwellings to Redrock for a day of bird spotting and counting. Last year 170 species were seen and, depending on location, birders can see painted redstarts, Cassin's kingbirds, black phoebes, black hawks, summer tanagers, vermilion flycatchers, and more. After relaxing over dinner at a local restaurant, participants compare notes and compile a list of the day's finds.

If you plan to participate please contact Ralph Fisher 535-2320 (18 McMillan Rd, Silver City 88061) so he can make group assignments. For information on motels or camping, contact May O'Byrne 538-9672 (3305 Tom Lyons Dr, Silver City 88061). Contact Ralph or May by April 29 if you want dinner reservations.

You may want to consider joining Randall Davey's party bus to Silver City. This excursion, from May 3-5, includes all transportation, accommodations, guide services and gourmet lunches. Total cost for non-members is \$200 (\$190 for RDC Friends Group). With the price of gas you can't do it cheaper by yourself!

Mountain Discovery Days
Sandia Ranger District, USFS

July 27-28 at the Sandia Peak Ski Area. Mountain Discovery Days will replace Sandia Mountain Discovery Days of the last several years. The reason for the name change is the need to reach out to more of the lesser known mountain ecosystems and wilderness areas in NM. Admission is always free and there will be many conservation groups represented. There will also be a lot of environmental awareness activities for youth and the young at heart as well.

NOTEWORTHY NEWS AROUND TOWN

EARTH DAY 1991

The Albuquerque Earth Day Coalition and the Rio Grande Zoo are co-sponsoring the 1991 celebration of Earth Day on April 21st from 9am to 5pm at the Rio Grande Zoo. There will be music, dancing and storytellers at the bandshell and educational programs at the barn, as well as face painting by Sandia Preparatory students at the primate exhibit. In addition, non-profit and for-profit organizations will be distributing information about their organizations and selling t-shirts, etc. CNMAS will be stationed at the entrance to the Rainforest exhibit. Please drop by to lend your support for making Earth Day every day.



Introduction to Ornithology
--May 6-Aug 13

This 3 hour credit course is offered by T-VI on Monday evenings, 5:30-6:45pm. Celestyn Brozek, past Program Chair of CNMAS, will present selected topics in bird ecology, speciation and behavior, with an emphasis on local avifauna. Bird observation and identification techniques will be discussed and practiced during four half-day weekend field trips. No prerequisites are required. This course is appropriate for anyone from a biology student to a present or future bird watcher; there will be opportunities to discuss special subjects of interest to the students during seminar sessions, which will be illustrated with slides.

Explore New Mexico--Explore the Southwest

The Randall Davey Audubon Center is offering both river trips and overland mini-tours in the southwest focusing on natural history and environmental issues. This spring's offerings include the Salt River, AZ, the Rio Grande, TX, the Rio Chama, NM, Bicycling the Bosque in NM, the Big Bird Bash, Silver City, NM and Exploring Southwest New Mexico. Call or write the Randall Davey Audubon Center, PO Box 9314, Santa Fe, NM 87504-9314 [505] 983-4609.

River Trips

- April 2-6 Salt River, AZ
- April 15-19 Rio Grande, TX
- May 10-12 Rio Chama, NM

Overland Trips

- May 3-5 Bicycling the Bosque
- May 24-28 Exploring Southwest NM

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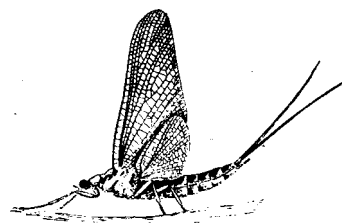
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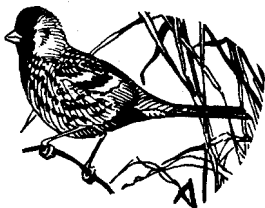
FROM THE PRESIDENT

HawkWatch International will be giving raptor identification classes any Wednesday or Thursday evening from March 20 to April 18. Class includes a trip to HawkWatch Lookout. Call 255-7622 for details and registration.

Jackie Brooner of Willie Chavez State Park is making a bird checklist of sightings within the park. If you are a "lister" and have dates and species seen for that area, please send them to Jackie, c/o WCSP, 1617 E River Road, Belen, NM 87002.

This issue includes a survey form pertaining to our Audubon Chapter. Please take a spare minute to fill it out and return it. The questions come from the responses received regarding the direction of our chapter. Now we need everyone who cares to respond in a timely fashion. It's your chance to get what you want out of Audubon.

The Magdalena Bird Count for the US Forest Service will be the first or second weekend in June. It is an exciting count, so if you want to participate this year, call Jim Black at 255-9925.



FROM THE PROGRAM CHAIR

Bird Slides, and Narrators, Needed

CNMAS is often asked to provide programs on birds and the environment for student and community groups. We have two popular slide programs which we are using frequently: "Birds of the Albuquerque Area," and "Bosque del Apache." We need some better slides of some of the birds in these series and hope that some of our photographers will donate them. Original slides are best, rather than copies -- do you have extras? Good, accurately colored duplicate slides are also welcome.

Narrators willing to show these programs, or to make up others, are also needed. We sometimes can't provide programs when we are asked due to lack of narrators. If you can help with this important public education project, please notify Donna Broudy, Program Chairperson.

Bird slides especially needed just now are: house sparrows, both male and female, all juncos, rufous-sided towhee, green-tailed towhee, immature whooping cranes, red-winged blackbirds (male and female), downy and hairy woodpeckers, raven, mourning dove, kingfisher, flicker, ring-necked pheasant, kestrel, all hummingbirds common in this area, all owls, and golden eagles. If you have other good slides of New Mexico birds to contribute, they will be welcome, as our collection has some weak areas.



THURSDAY MORNING BIRDING GROUP

For information on the Thursday morning birding group to nearby areas, please call Tamie Bulow, 298-9116.

WEEKEND BIRDERS

When no regular weekend field trip has been scheduled contact Jean Ann Olds, 265-0653 (evenings) or 843-2153 (days) if you are interested in birding with a group.

BIRDATHON

Birders 18 and under, and adult drivers and sponsors, are invited to join one of our two champion birders, Steve Hoffman of HawkWatch International or David Henderson of the Randall Davey Audubon Center, for a day of counting on Saturday, May 11. In addition to having a wonderful day of birding with an expert, the young birders will be raising money for our chapter and National Audubon through pledges. Sign up at Audubon meetings, through the attached form, or by calling Donna Broudy, 242-7108, to be a birder, driver, or pledge sponsor.

AUDUBON BIRDATHON PLEDGE CARD

- I want to join birdathon team: (circle) Hoffman Henderson
- I pledge \$ _____ per species. Assign my pledge to _____ (name of student or team)
- Assign my pledge to whichever student or team needs it most.
- Instead of a pledge, my tax-deductible gift of \$ _____ is enclosed. Assign it as designated above.
- My employer matches gift: a form is enclosed.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS _____

NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY

Membership Application

Please enroll me as a member of the National Audubon Society and of my local chapter, Central New Mexico Audubon Society. Please send Audubon magazine and Burrowing Owl newsletter, and my membership card to the address below.

NAME: _____
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 CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Gift Membership

Please enter a one-year gift membership in the National Audubon Society and send a gift announcement card.

TO:
 NAME: _____
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Membership category preferred:

- Introductory Membership (first year only)/\$20
- Individual/\$30 Sr. Citizen-Individual/\$21
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- Student/\$20

My check for \$ _____ is enclosed
 Bill me, please.

Local Chapter
Central New Mexico Audubon Society
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Audubon Society
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Contact Claudia Crawford, 242-7081, to report errors or changes for the Burrowing Owl.

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