



BURROWING OWL

CENTRAL NEW MEXICO AUDUBON SOCIETY

FEBRUARY - MARCH 1995

UPCOMING CHAPTER ACTIVITIES -- MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

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

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TRIPS FOR FEBRUARY



PROGRAMS

FEB. 16 -- Forest Guardians is a small nonprofit regional organization founded in 1989. They work to preserve ancient forest in the Southwest and the wildlife associated with these beautiful forests.

John Horning will present a slide show on public lands livestock grazing. Preserving our public lands is a passion for John, who joined Forest Guardians in August 1994 after 2 1/2 years with the National Wildlife Federation.

MARCH 16 -- "Before the Well Runs Dry" is a very informative and timely video sponsored by the Albuquerque Public Works Department and presented to us by Chris Nunn. Ms. Nunn, who is with UNM's Natural Resource Center, will be an educated and enthusiastic facilitator. Water in our community is a growing issue, and we'll try to shed some light on it.

Feb. 11 -- Las Vegas and Maxwell National Wildlife Refuges. This is a joint trip with Hawks Aloft, led by Jim Place. Jim is asking a \$10 donation to Hawks Aloft for this trip. Bring your lunch and lots of warm clothing; it can get pretty cold. This can be a day trip or an optional overnight if you plan to go to Maxwell. Call Charlotte (345-1271) or Sei (266-2480) to let us know how many "day-trippers" and "over-nighters" to expect. This trip is a must! Last year we counted 35 Bald Eagles at Lake 13 in Maxwell! Meet at 6:45 a.m. sharp at Far North Theater, San Mateo and Academy.

Feb. 19 -- Breakfast for the Bird(ers) and Kit Carson Park. Meet at the Village Inn on 2437 Central Ave., N.W., at 8:30 a.m., then we'll head over to Kit Carson Park at Tingley Beach to see what we can find.

Feb. 25 -- Breakfast for the Bird(ers) and West Mesa. Meet at the Village Inn on Northwest Central Avenue at 8:30 a.m., then we'll go out to the West Mesa in search of Sage Sparrows. If you want to sleep in, meet us at the Village Inn at 9:30.

TRIPS FOR MARCH

Mar. 4 - Conchas Lake State Park (32 mi. NW of Tucumcari). Meet at 6:30 a.m. at Four Hills Shopping Center by Baskin-Robbins. Bring your lunch. We'll have supper out. This can be a day trip or an overnight. There is lodging and a campground at the park. Call Charlotte (345-1271) or Sei (266-2480) so we know how many plan to stay overnight.

Mar. 25 - Percha Dam State Park. This is supposed to be the best birding spot in the state. Meet at the Physics Bldg. Parking Lot, Yale and Lomas, at 6:30 a.m. Bring lunch; we'll have supper out. This can be a day trip or an overnight. There are campsites at the park or lodging in T or C. Call Charlotte (345-1271) or Sei (266-2480) so we know how many plan to stay overnight.

THURSDAY MORNING BIRDING GROUP --
For information on Thursday morning outings to nearby areas, call Tamie Bulow at 298-9116.

AUDUBON CAMP IN THE WEST
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

CNMAS is offering a scholarship for a teacher to attend the Audubon Camp in the West in Wyoming's Wind River Mountains near Dubois, for a field ecology session. There are six week-long sessions: July 1-7; July 8-14; July 15-21; July 22-28; July 29-August 4; August 5-11. The cost of each seven-day session is \$695, which will be paid by CNMAS. Transportation must be furnished by the scholarship recipient. Please contact Julie Goodding at 255-9366 for information and application. Deadline for submissions: Postmark by April 15.



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BIRD AMERICA!

Circle the date of April 30 on your calendar. That is the day we have selected for our major fundraising event of 1995. WHY are we raising money? Because we want to support two very special causes: The Randall Davey Audubon Center (which is virtually responsible for its own existence) and for additional local classrooms, grades 3-6, to receive the environmental publications, Audubon Adventures. In short, support education and kids right here at home.

On April 30, several teams of birders will be going out in search of as many species of birds as they can muster in a 24-hour time period. OUR part? We can sponsor a particular team on a per species basis (it's oh-so tax deductible), OR we can get our own team and sponsors (you know, all those folks you have sponsored in jogathons, cookie drives, and band candy). The details will be included in the April issue of the Burrowing Owl, so all you have to do right now is mark your calendar! This is one event you can even participate in while in the comfort of your own favorite chair!

REMEMBER -- APRIL 30!!!



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

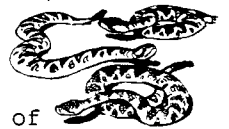
By Jeffrey D. Myers

It's that time of year again . . . Time to live up to your New Year's resolution to contact your state legislators about issues that concern you. What? You don't remember who they are? Just call your County Clerk's office, and they will happily tell you who your Representative and Senator are.

You don't know what to write about? Well, here are some issues that should concern you that will be coming up during the legislative session:

(1) Conservation and Services Division. The Game and Fish Department and the State Game Commission have consolidated many important functions into the new Conservation and Services Division. These include protection of endangered species, evaluation and protection of habitat, Watchable Wildlife, Share with Wildlife, and education activities such as New Mexico Wildlife magazine. **Urge increased general fund obligations for the Conservation Services Division of Game and Fish to \$4 million per year.**

(2) Protect NM Amphibians and Reptiles. New Mexico protects most of its wildlife from private commercialization and commercial profit, but not its amphibians and reptiles. People come from as far away as Scandinavia to stalk, capture, export, and sell New Mexico's rattlesnakes and other "herps" (herpivores) because of New Mexico's tax laws. **Urge extension of protection against commercialization to amphibians and reptiles.**



(3) Bottle Bill. The Beverage Container Recycling Act would levy a fee of seven cents per container (35 cents per six-pack), with consumer redemption of five cents. The extra two cents would go to recycling centers in the community. Keep America Beautiful and the New Mexico Municipal League support the concept. **Urge your representatives to co-sponsor and support the Stefanics (D-Santa Fe)/Baca (D-Las Cruces) proposal.**

(4) Noxious Weed Act. Noxious weeds are a problem, but native habitat and wildlife should not be devastated by a determination that a particular plant is noxious. Problems with the proposed act are that it would be administered solely by the New Mexico Department of Agriculture, county task forces must be residents of the county (not all counties have resident plant ecologists), and native plants can be considered noxious. **Urge that any noxious weed legislation should include wildlife considerations and should be managed in part by the Game and Fish Department.**

(5) Takings. Certain special interest groups are seeking to radically alter the functioning of the last clause of the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which prohibits the taking of private property for public use "without just compensation." The understanding of what is a "taking" of property is reasonably well settled by the courts, and environmental laws rarely effect a taking. In Congress and the state legislatures, special interest groups have sought to legislate expansive definitions of when an environmental law or regulation effects a taking, and hence drastically increase the amount of compensation the government must pay. The goal is to hamstring government in enacting or enforcing environmental laws. **Urge that no takings legislation be adopted, because the Constitution and the courts adequately guarantee the rights of property owners.**

You don't know what style to employ in your letter, phone call, or personal visit? Keep it simple, to the point, and ask for their support for your position at the end.

In the New Mexico legislature, a single voice can have a big impact on a legislator. Five letters can have an enormous effect. I challenge you to be that single voice. New Mexico needs you. You might just find yourself one voice of five.

THANK YOU, CHRISTMAS COUNTERS!

We just completed our annual Christmas Bird Count, and what a count it was! Every count (and counter) was blessed with fine weather -- why, they even got the counts done at Sevilleta this year!

Thank you to all of you, the participants. Without you and all your help, these counts would not have been possible. Thanks, too, to our intrepid count leaders and compilers: Steve and Nancy Cox, Ross Teuber, John Trochet, Hart Schwarz, Steve Ingraham, and Tamie Bulow. Oh, and by the way -- if one of them is your favorite birder, you might consider sponsoring them or the team they're on for the April 30 Bird America! Everybody likes to get presents, and that could be yours to CNMAS!



SANDIA MOUNTAIN CHRISTMAS COUNT
January 1, 1995
Compiler: Tamie Bulow



1. Bald Eagle	1	31. Brown Creeper	1
2. Northern Harrier	2	32. Canyon Wren	1
3. Sharp-shinned Hawk	5	33. Bewick's Wren	3
4. Cooper's Hawk	3	34. Golden-crowned Kinglet	3
5. Red-tailed Hawk	24	35. Ruby-crowned Kinglet	6
6. Ferruginous Hawk	1	36. Eastern Bluebird	3
7. American Kestrel	9	37. Western Bluebird	357
8. Merlin	1	38. Mountain Bluebird	548
9. Rock Dove	60	39. Townsend's Solitaire	124
10. Mourning Dove	6	40. American Robin	234
11. Greater Roadrunner	1	41. Northern Mockingbird	1
12. Great Horned Owl	2	42. Crissal Thrasher	1
13. Northern Saw-Whet Owl	2	43. Cedar Waxwing	30
14. Red-naped Sapsucker	2	44. Loggerhead Shrike	1
15. Ladder-backed Woodpecker	4	45. European Starling	197
16. Downy Woodpecker	6	46. Rufous-sided Towhee	7
17. Hairy Woodpecker	16	47. Canyon Towhee	71
18. N. (Red-shafted) Flicker		48. Rufous-crowned Sparrow	1
Woodpecker, sp.	81	49. White-throated Sparrow	1
19. Horned Lark	2	50. White-crowned Sparrow	11
20. Steller's Jay	35	51. Dark-eyed Junco (form?)	1463
21. Scrub Jay	263	Slate-colored	7
22. Pinon Jay	766	Oregon	704
23. American Crow	236	Gray-headed	100
24. Common Raven	66	Pink-sided	60
25. Mountain Chickadee	149	52. Western Meadowlark	52
26. Plain Titmouse	23	53. Cassin's Finch	2
27. Bushtit	77	54. House Finch	208
28. Red-breasted Nuthatch	53	55. Red Crossbill	24
29. White-breasted Nuthatch	21	56. Pine Siskin	363
30. Pygmy Nuthatch	2	57. American Goldfinch	81
		58. House Sparrow	30

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33rd Albuquerque Christmas Count Results (12-18-94)

01. Pied-billed Grebe	4	37. W. Screech-Owl	1
02. Great Blue Heron	21	38. Great Horned Owl	7
03. Canada Goose	1,624	39. Burrowing Owl	1
04. Wood Duck	188	40. Belted Kingfisher	5
05. Green-winged Teal	61	41. Lewis' Woodpecker	3
06. Mallard	1,169	42. Red-naped Sapsucker	1
(Mexican Duck) Mallard	1	sapsucker, species	1
07. N.Shoveler	10	43. Ladder-b. Woodpecker	1
08. Gadwall	59	44. Downy Woodpecker	19
09. American Wigeon	61	45. Hairy Woodpecker	1
10. Ring-necked Duck	51	46. N. (Red-sh.) Flicker	173
11. Common Goldeneye	2	47. Black Phoebe	7
12. Common Merganser	25	48. Say's Phoebe	9
13. Bald Eagle	3	49. Horned Lark	846
14. Northern Harrier	24	50. Steller's Jay	4
15. Sharp-shinned Hawk	10	51. Blue Jay	1
16. Cooper's Hawk	11	52. Scrub Jay	109
17. Red-tailed Hawk	33	53. Pinyon Jay	43
18. American Kestrel	36	54. Black-billed Magpie	1
19. Merlin	1	55. American Crow	3,360
20. Prairie Falcon	2	56. Chihuahuan Raven	1
21. Ring-necked Pheasant	5	57. Common Raven	25
22. Scaled Quail	102	raven, species	25
23. Gambel's Quail	4	58. Black-c. Chickadee	43
24. Virginia Rail	7	59. Mountain Chickadee	9
25. Sora	1	chickadee, species	2
26. American Coot	13	Black-c./Mt. hybrid	1
27. Sandhill Crane	58	60. Plain Titmouse	3
28. Killdeer	13	61. Bushtit	104
29. Spotted Sandpiper	1	62. White-br. Nuthatch	41
30. Common Snipe	2	63. Rock Wren	3
31. Bonaparte's Gull	1	64. Canyon Wren	3
32. Ring-billed Gull	82	65. Bewick's Wren	24
33. Rock Dove	529	66. Marsh Wren	2
34. White-winged Dove	12	67. Ruby-crowned Kinglet	68
35. Mourning Dove	83	68. Eastern Bluebird	2
36. Greater Roadrunner	13	69. Western Bluebird	62

70. Mountain Bluebird	29
71. Townsend's Solitaire	21
72. Hermit Thrush	26
73. American Robin	4,968
74. Curve-billed Thrasher	4
75. Crissal Thrasher	7
76. American Pipit	23
77. Cedar Waxwing	45
78. Northern Shrike	1
79. Loggerhead Shrike	8
80. European Starling	2,784
81. Yellow-rumped Warbler	98
82. Rufous-sided Towhee	46
83. Canyon Towhee	29
84. Rufous-crowned Sparrow	5
85. Brewer's Sparrow	5
86. Black-throated Sparrow	3
87. Sage Sparrow	209
88. Savannah Sparrow	100
89. Song Sparrow	234
90. Lincoln's Sparrow	1
91. White-throated Sparrow	8
92. Golden-crowned Sparrow	2
93. White-crowned Sparrow	713
94. Dark-eyed Junco	1,559
95. Red-winged Blackbird	692
96. Western Meadowlark	99
meadowlark, species	21
97. Great-tailed Grackle	178
98. Cassin's Finch	2
99. House Finch	1,110
100. Pine Siskin	98
101. American Goldfinch	136
102. House Sparrow	302
TOTAL SPECIES:	102
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS:	22,902

SPECIES NEW TO THE ALBUQUERQUE COUNT:

1. White-winged Dove:


During the past ten years this beautiful dove has apparently gained a firm foothold in the Albuquerque area, primarily in the NE Heights (north and south of Montgomery and between San Pedro and Juan Tabo), but also in the Ridgecrest area in the SE Heights.

The White-winged Dove has been pushing northward for quite some time. In 1961 when Stokley Ligon's N M Birds And Where To Find Them was published, these doves were confined to the extreme southwestern corner of State, and then, primarily, only during the summer. By the mid 1970's they had reached Socorro, and in the early 1990's their occurrence in Albuquerque had become commonplace to neighborhood residents, if not to the general birding community. One individual counted as many as 30 birds in his yard this summer, many of which are now year-round.

COMPILER FOR THIS COUNT & SUMMARY:

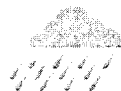
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WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE AND NOT A DROP TO DRINK? OR IT'S THE AQUIFER, STUPID!

 Albuquerqueans have for years assumed that we are floating on a great subterranean sea of fresh water, so vast and so abundant that it will never run dry. We've been told that there's more fresh water below the surface of the Middle Rio Grande Valley than there is below the surface of Lake Superior.

So what's the problem?

The problem is, as new hydrogeological studies show, it just isn't so, and the water may not all be potable. Albuquerque does sit atop a large aquifer. But, it's not nearly as extensive or as deep as we thought. How bad is the situation?



Bad enough that Mayor Chavez has called our water supply problem **THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE FACING THE CITY - BAR NONE!** (It also seems to be one of the least important to residents: for the eight Public Forums held this year to discuss the water crises, 382 citizens showed up.)

Fact: Aquifer levels have dropped up to 160 feet in the past 30 years, in some cases now dropping 10 feet per year.

Fact: Albuquerque, unlike every other major city in the country, gets 100% of its water from wells.

Fact: Only 30% of our use is offset by natural recharge - 70% is a permanent, non-renewable draw down on the aquifer.

Fact: Albuquerque's water usage - 250 gallons per person per day - is higher than that of any other desert city, making us the most profligate wasters of water in the region.

Fact: Albuquerque's water rates - less than 1/10 cent per gallon - are the lowest of any major city in the southwest, tacitly encouraging waste.

Fact: Without developing alternative sources, all costly, and without instituting conservation measures, Albuquerque will, before too long, almost literally pump its wells dry (a few have already shut down due to falling levels).

WE HAVE MET THE ENEMY... AND IT IS US

- Residential users accounted for over 70% of the 40 billion gallons pumped in 1993.

- We used 40% (11 billion) for outdoor use and 60% (17 billion) for indoor use.

- Almost 50% of our indoor use was for operating toilets, which has to give a whole new meaning to flushing a precious resource down the drain!



OPTIONS?

What can we do to meet the city's water challenge? We have three options.

1. We can take water from the San Juan-Chama Diversion Project, but the water will have to be treated, requiring a costly treatment plant.

2. We can begin purifying and reinjecting wastewater into the aquifer (as El Paso has done for years), but this solution will be costly and will take years to implement.

3. We can begin a comprehensive water conservation program. This is the option that can be implemented soonest, with the least cost, and with the greatest benefit.

URGENT!

Just a **LITTLE** personal sacrifice on all our parts, together with implementation of the other options listed above, and we can save 30% of our water use, and that will be enough that **ALL** of our water use for the next 30 years will come from renewable resources. ***It is a goal we can - we must - achieve.***

For more information on Albuquerque's water crisis, or for tips on reducing residential waste, you may write for a copy of **REDUCE YOUR USE** from the Public Works Department, or you can call 843-6060 and enter category **WELL (9355)**.

TRIP(S) REPORT(S)
By Charlotte and Sei

Only four people were brave enough on that Albuquerque rainy November 12 to make the trip to the Sandias in search of the Rosy Finch. Although we made it to Sandia Crest, it was very windy and raining, so we did not get out of the car. The weather on the lower parts of the Sandias was good, and we did get to go to the Candelarias' in Cedar Crest. We were hoping to see the Eastern Blue Jay and Pinon Jays, but no luck. Our list at Candelarias' included a Ferruginous Hawk, Juncos, Stellar's and Scrub Jays, Chickadees, Downy Woodpecker, White-breasted Nuthatch, Pine Siskins, Plain Titmouse, and Canyon Towhee. We went to Otero Canyon and the Ranger station, where we added several more to our list, 23 in all. All in all, it was a good day.

The trip to Bosque del Apache, Dec. 3, rewarded five of us with a long look at a Merlin perched in a tree at the visitors' center. Also at the visitors' center was a very silent, elusive Townsend's Solitaire. After our encounters with them at Otero Canyon in October, we could hardly recognize it. Other rewards of the day were Cattle Egrets, Lesser Scaup, Harlan's Hawk -- 55 species in all, including a large group of Snow Geese with one Sandhill Crane flying in formation.

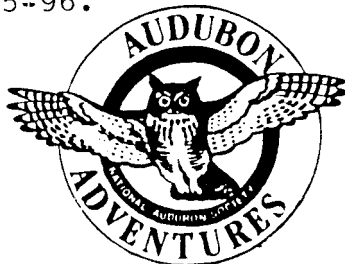
Nine of us showed up at Grandma's, 7:30 a.m., for breakfast on Dec. 11. Guess what? Grandma's doesn't open till 8:00, so we ended up at JB's. We were joined by 3 more at the Nature Center, where we saw a Harris' Hawk in the field north of the parking lot. At first we thought it was a Northern Harrier, but then we saw the white on the tip of the tail and the red shoulders. He was on the ground and being harassed by a Harrier, but we still got several good views of him. Sei called it in to the Rare Bird Alert. There were also White-throated Sparrows, Slate-colored Juncos, and 25-30 Cedar Waxwings at the Center. We saw 35 species in one morning. Not bad for half a day.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

By Julie Goodding, Education Chair

NAS's newsletter, Audubon Adventures, goes to 28 classrooms thanks to these generous people: Aija Thacher; John Chambers; Lillian Tenopyr; Freda Mantei; Jean Dilley; Ron Waitz; Beth Hurst; Mary Jane Roberts; Jeff Myers; Marj Carrick; Regina Wooden, and the Thursday Morning Birders. With the help of these individuals and our chapter, the Audubon message of environmental education was spread a little farther in the Albuquerque area and Zuni, New Mexico.

Donations you make now will fund a classroom subscription for school year 1995-96.



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PUTTING TOGETHER A BIRDING TEAM - - -

Get together with two or three of your favorite birding buddies. Plan your route to get maximum birds (the more habitat zones, the better). You can go from midnight, or start at 7 a.m. Just stay within 24 hours of your start time. Make April 30 your personal "Big Day."

Getting sponsors is easy ---- go ask all those folks whom you have supported by buying Scout cookies, band candy, luminarias; perhaps your family or your co-workers would like to back you. A flat fee or a per species pledge, either way is acceptable. All you need is five sponsors, and off you go!

BIRDING . . . WHAT A GREAT SPORT!



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IT'S TIME TO CHECK IT OFF!

If you receive a state tax refund this season, please remember to include a contribution to **Share with Wildlife**. All you have to do is fill out the box for voluntary contributions on your New Mexico tax return, together with the PIT D refund donation form.

"Wildlife in Need" is the focus of the **Share with Wildlife** program. Among the many species helped by the program are the endangered Gila monster, Audubon's neotropical migratory birds education program, and endangered reptiles and amphibians in southwestern New Mexico.

As always, YOU can make a difference! Please contribute a share of your state refund to **Share with Wildlife**, or mail a check directly to **Share with Wildlife**, NM Dept. of Game and Fish, PO Box 25112, Santa Fe, NM 87504. And tell your legislator that you support the **Share with Wildlife** special license plate (a new program being presented to the 1995 state Legislature.)

AUDUBONERS DISAPPEARIDAE

It seems destroying habitat can be harmful to mailing lists, too. Take the case of your CNMAS mailing list, for example. Its numbers dropped dramatically when its "habitat," the computer system at Richard's Printing, was disrupted and some 500+ unique and irreplaceable individuals (you!) were lost. But your "habitat" has been reclaimed, and those of you who have been missing the Burrowing Owl have been restored (we hope!) to the new computer system. If you're still having problems getting your issues, you won't be reading this, but maybe "a little bird" will pass on the message for you to contact our Membership Chair, Ruthie Dixon.

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(The following is reprinted from Roadrunner Ramblings, Mesilla Valley Audubon Society, Las Cruces, NM)

HOTLINE BIRD REPRIEVE

The following is from a letter dated 9 December and signed by Jerry Maracchini, Director of NM Game & Fish.

You are correct, Dr. Dickerman collected a Glaucous-winged Gull in a manner contrary to Regulation No. 705. This situation has been discussed with Dr. Dickerman and has been handled in a manner consistent with this regulation, ... and Department policy. An infraction of this nature does not warrant issuance of a citation; however, a penalty of one point has been issued against Dr. Dickerman's scientific collecting permit as per conditions and provisions in the regulations. A permittee's privilege of using a scientific collecting permit shall be recommended to the Game Commission for suspension or revocation when a total of three points has accumulated.

Additionally, examination of information and facts related to this issue has revealed several relevant mitigating circumstances: (1) Dr. Dickerman has acknowledged his infraction in collecting the Glaucous-winged Gull, (2) Dr. Dickerman offered to record an apology on the "Rare Bird Alert" (RBA) after realizing he had collected a bird that was on the RBA, (3) Dr. Dickerman has volunteered to pay phone expenses associated with RBA for one year, (4) there was a report of a Glaucous-winged Gull in the Elephant Butte-Caballo Lake area as early as mid-January 1994 that was ultimately well-documented by mid-April 1994, (5) a Glaucous-winged Gull was variously on and off the RBA until it was collected on 3 October 1994, providing at least six months of viewing opportunity, and (6) the specimen has been properly preserved with full data and has been deposited into the bird collection at the Museum of Southwestern Biology, UNM.

The Department fully supports and recognizes proper collection of bird specimens, along with careful preservation and accurate recording of relevant data with each specimen, as a critical component of scientific inquiry. We also recognize and fully support contributions made by growing numbers of

people who enjoy bird watching in New Mexico. We believe that ornithologists, including those engaged in specimen-oriented research, and members of the birding community share many common interests and concerns for New Mexico's diverse avifauna. We are aware of differences of philosophies concerning scientific collecting of birds; nevertheless, we do not think that these differences should be divisive nor detrimental in achieving mutually important goals and pursuing interests intended to further our knowledge of New Mexican birds.

Nothing written nor implied in Regulation No. 705 and its associated conditions and provisions prohibits collecting in state parks and State Game Commission administered properties.

WILDLIFE RESCUE

If you find a sick or injured bird, call 344-2500.

RARE BIRD ALERT

To learn about sightings all over the state or to report a rare sighting, the number in Santa Fe is 662-2101.

BAT IN TROUBLE?

Call Talking Talons before you intervene.

294-5188 281-1515



A LETTER FOR LILLIAN

I watched Sesame Street today, just because I like to, and the letter for the day was "L." All of us who are members of CNMAS have a person for the day who is "L," and that's **Lillian Tenopyr**. After four years of unflagging, tireless, reliable, and cheerful help and leadership as our Circulation Editor (that means in charge of mailing the Burrowing Owl to all of us), Lillian has retired and is taking up another "L" word": Relax.

Thanks, Lillian, for your help and humor these past years, and thanks for guiding our new Circulation Chair volunteer, Rebecca Gracey, through the mailing lists and the Postal Service and the Zip Code sorting.

Lillian, Live Long and Well, Laugh a Lot, and Love to you!L!L!L!L!

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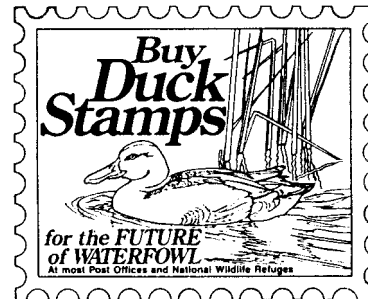
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