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CENTRAL NEW MEXICO AUDUBON SOCIETY
AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 1995

UPCOMING CHAPTER ACTIVITIES -- MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

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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.

1995 NEW MEXICO AUDUBON CONFERENCE NEOTROPICAL MIGRATORY BIRDS WORKSHOP: MONITORING & EDUCATION

Friday, Sept. 9 - Monitoring Neotropical Birds (9am-5pm)

Avian censusing and monitoring techniques will be addressed by Bill Howe of US Fish & Wildlife Service. Presenters will include studies from large-scale surveys (Breeding Bird Survey, MAPS program, and BBIRD), from multi-species monitoring (HawkWatch International, Rio Grande Bird Research), and some single-species surveys. Social hour and dinner follow.

Saturday, Sept. 9 - Spreading the Word! (9am-5pm/7pm-9pm)

Welcome to and by some National Audubon board members, then into a day of environmental education: Kevin Holladay on PROJECT WILD, Karen Copeland-Williams on Audubon's Birds in the Balance. After a picnic lunch, we go on a "habitat hike" with Beth Dillingham, learn about the Songbird Blues Box, thrill to the new Partners in Flight slide presentation. Dinner, then Ted Eubanks gives the evening presentation on "Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail."

Sunday, Sept. 10 - Field Trips

A sumptuous choice: Manzano HawkWatch site, Sandia Mountains, Rio Grande Bosque, Rio Grande Nature Center



The Conference will be held at the Natural Resources & Wildlife Education Center in the Sandia Mountains. You must pre-register to attend any one or all three days. Conference fee is \$15. Call Christy Brothers, 281-7776, for registration form with complete details. **DO IT NOW!** Registration deadline is August 25!

PROGRAMS

MONDAY, Aug. 14: First Unitarian Church (S/W corner Carlisle and Comanche), for Joint Program with HawkWatch International. Kathy Milne, Regional Biologist, US Fish & Wildlife Service, will be presenting "The Endangered Species Act: An American Legacy." Discussion will be on why we need the ESA, how it is being threatened, and what we can do.

THURSDAY, Sept. 21: St. Timothy's Lutheran Church. Steve Hoffman of HawkWatch International will be presenting current trends in raptor migration, exciting data from the Vera Cruz site, and an update of current projects. New Mexico remains an important migration pathway for raptor research.

TRIPS FOR AUGUST

Come one, come all! Everyone is welcome on field trips: Audubon members or nonmembers, novice and experienced birders.

Sat.-Sun., Aug. 12-13: Roswell. Join us to see the waterfowl at Bitter Lake Refuge. This will be an overnight, motel or camp out. Call Charlotte, 345-1271, for meeting place, details on accommodations and car pooling.

Sat., Aug. 19: Jemez Falls. We'll be searching for the Black Swifts. Bring your lunch. Meet behind the Village Inn at Far North Shopping Center, Academy and San Mateo, at 7:00 a.m. We'll be back by mid-afternoon.

TRIPS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sat., Sept. 16: Ft. Sumner. Hope to see Eastern Blue Jays. Meet at 7:00 a.m., Four Hills Shopping Center at Hollywood Videos. Bring your lunch.

Sat., Sept. 23: HawkWatch. We'll travel to the Manzanos HawkWatch site to see the Fall Raptor migration. Bring your lunch and dress warm. It may also be nice to bring food to the HawkWatch volunteers who are living in the campground. Meet at 8:00 a.m., Four Hills Shopping Center at Hollywood Videos.

Sat., Sept. 30: Percha Dam. This is always a great spot to see interesting birds. We'll also check out Caballo Lake and Elephant Butte. It will be a long day trip. Bring your lunch, and we'll have supper out. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at Physics Bldg. parking lot, Yale and Lomas.

CALLING ALL BANDERS! (Even if you don't play an instrument . . .)

Rio Grande Bird Research counts and bands birds, and you can help! They'll be on site at the Rio Grande Nature Center every weekend from July 29-30 through November 12-13. Further, the US Forest Service is also banding there Monday through Friday during the same time period. Your help is needed, wanted, and encouraged! Call Steve Cox, 345-2385, to volunteer on weekends; or Wang Yong at 766-1047 if you can help during the week. Thanks!

MALPAI BORDERLAND GROUP HOSTS SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT AT GRAY RANCH

Fri.-Sat., Aug. 11-12: Environmental organizations and their members are invited to participate in a tour of the Gray Ranch, with a theme of consensus building between the ranching community, producer groups, environmentalists and environmental groups. Camping Friday night on Coronado National Forest, lunch and barbeque dinner Saturday. Call Darrol Harrison in Albuquerque, 298-1201, to register. \$30 fee.



HUMMERFEST!

Saturday, August 5
10:00 - 4:00
Rio Grande Nature Center

Watching Hummingbirds!
Banding Hummingbirds!
Gardening for Hummingbirds!
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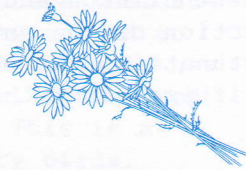
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AN ODE TO JOY

HMMM, did you know that Hummingbirds:

- * are associated with joy by Native American peoples?
- * rely on color, not scent?
- * Get their name from the sound created by their rapid wing beats?
- * can fly backward as efficiently as forward?
- * are able to accomplish the 600-mile flight across the Gulf of Mexico in one day?
- * increase their weight by 50% prior to migration?
- * come in 320 species?
- * can actually be harmed by red food dye in feeders? (Some studies indicate that, in the high quantities they ingest, the dye may be harmful to their reproduction cycle.)

Fall feeding is important! Rather than delay their migration, it will help bolster them for their long flight. And to help provide extra protein, set out an old piece of fruit: Hummingbirds will eat the fruit flies!



NATURAL LANDSCAPE CLASS

"Let Nature Do the Work - Wild Gardens" is Jim Lewis' popular gardening class at UNM Continuing Education Center, starting August 24. Methods demonstrated include: how to avoid spading, cultivating, weeding, spraying, fertilizing and lawn mowing; automatic creation of top soil; availability of free mulch and ground cover materials; and the use of predators to control pests. The design of natural gardens and the use of native edible plants will be emphasized. First session, classroom; other sessions, in natural gardens and on field trips. Students must attend first class to obtain field trip info. Call UNM, 277-CLASS, or Jim @ 881-7423.

SNEAK PREVIEW

Yes, we're already looking for volunteers to work at our Audubon booth on Saturday or Sunday, November 18-19, for the **Festival of the Cranes!** What better way to watch birds and other bird-watchers? Call Tamie at 298-9116.

SOUTHWEST WINGS BIRDING FESTIVAL

August 18-20 (Arizona)

This year's festival immediately precedes the American Birding Association's regional conference, and includes owl, butterfly, and bat tours. At least 400 bird species have been sighted at nearby San Pedro River National Riparian Area, Coronado National Forest, and Ramsey Canyon Preserve, home to 14 hummingbird species! Watch for Violet-crowned and Magnificent Hummingbirds, Elegant Trogon, Gray Hawk, Green Kingfisher, and Mexican Spotted Owl.
Contact: Southwest Wings Birding Festival, PO Box 3432, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636 or call 800-946-4777.



SIXTH ANNUAL HUMMER/BIRD CELEBRATION

September 7-10 (Texas)

Experience the fall migration of hundreds of Ruby-throated Hummingbirds at the Rockport Hummingbird Festival. Look for Buff-Bellied and Rufous Hummingbirds, too! Seminars and tours are offered.
Contact: Rockport/Fulton Area Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 93, Bulverde, TX 78163 or call 800-242-0071.

OREGON SHOREBIRD FESTIVAL

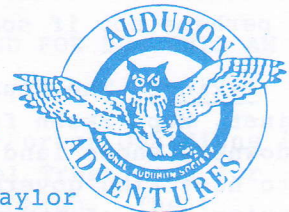
September 8-10 (Oregon)

Sponsored by Cape Arago Audubon Society and set on beautiful Coos Bay, this festival celebrates the abundance of coastal birds in the area. Highlights include pelagic trips and shorebird field trips. Watch for Black-footed Albatross, Sabine's Gull, South Polar Skua, many marine mammals, and the rare Laysan Albatross! Contact: Barbara Griffin, 1691 Grant St., North Bend, OR 97459 or call 503-756-5688.

AUDUBON ADVENTURES,
THANKS TO YOU

The 1995-96 edition of Audubon Adventures will go to 30 local classrooms, thanks to the generosity of:

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There can be no greater contribution toward saving the environment tomorrow than influencing a young mind today.

FROM DAVE HENDERSON, Director, Randall Davey Audubon Center

It was not much more than 25 years ago that the Cuyahoga River in Ohio caught on fire, igniting a fire storm of protest over the lack of regulation protecting our waterways from careless polluters. At the same time, Los Angeles air had become so filthy from automobile and industrial emissions that children could not go out during recess for fear of suffering irreparable physical harm. The Peregrine Falcon, Brown Pelican, and our national symbol, the Bald Eagle, were all on the verge of extinction from DDT poisoning. These incidents and many others made the American people realize that slowly but surely we were not only killing ourselves, but we were killing our planet. Through important and thoughtful regulation, we have turned the tide on our killing ways and have made great progress in healing, rather than destroying, our only home, Spaceship Earth.

The new Republican Congress concluded . . . it should no longer be in the business of protecting our health and safety. It should not be in the business of ensuring we have clean water to drink and fresh air to breathe. It should not be in the business of guaranteeing that future generations will have the thrill of seeing the full range of wildlife in their native habitat. This Congress seems destined to give those responsibilities to the very same industries that brought us the problems in the first place.

We absolutely must let our Congressman and Senators know that we will not allow 25 years of hard work providing protection for us and future generations be lost in the zeal for reform.

And From JEFFREY D. MYERS, President, Central New Mexico Audubon Society

Two years ago in this space I hinted that President Clinton and Secretary Babbitt cannot be expected to provide significant additional protection of the environment unless significant public pressure were continually applied. Unfortunately, the same can be said for their ability to protect gains made, during my short lifetime, from the Republican-led Congressional onslaught.

Logging. A rider to a Rescission Bill (which unspends money) would have eliminated requirements of environmental laws applying to "salvage" timber cutting on an enormous scale. Public outcry was sufficient to help urge Clinton to veto the bill. But his position now is that he would not veto a bill with the salvage rider if certain other provisions in the bill, not related to the environment, were to his liking.

Clean water. The House has passed a bill reauthorizing the Clean Water Act, but eliminating regulatory protection of 50% of those wetlands protected under current law. Representatives Schiff and Skeen voted for this bill. Clinton would likely veto this bill, but perhaps not if some horse trade arrived to his satisfaction.

Takings The House has passed the Private Property Protection Act (Rep. Schiff voting against, Rep. Skeen for), a bill which provides for full compensation by government to landowners whose land values are diminished by environmental regulation. The basic concept is to hamstring government from making the tough calls needed to protect the environment by invoking fear of budget overruns.

These are just samples of the rollbacks of environmental protections planned for us. A good way to stay current on the most pressing issues is to call weekly the Audubon Activist Hotline at 1-800-659-2622.



"The Bluebird of Happiness"
(or) Good News!

SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS - 1995

Animals Need Homes: The US Supreme Court ruled 6-3 that the ESA prohibits significant habitat modification or degradation that actually kills or injures wildlife. Andy Kerr of Oregon Natural Resources Council said the timber industry's case was weak: "They argued they could cut down a spotted owl's home while it was out for dinner."

Wolves to Howl Again? The Phoenix Gazette reports a US Fish and Wildlife Service plan proposes reintroducing the endangered Mexican wolf in eastern Arizona and western New Mexico as early as 1997.

Our Bird Counts Count! By a 256-168 vote, the House voted to allow trained volunteers to help the National Biological Survey gather information on endangered animal and plant species.

Stinky Lakes: Holloman Air Force Base has released a decision notice indicating a wetlands will be constructed to dispose of treated water from their new wastewater treatment plant, instead of lined evaporation ponds. This is a major victory for migratory birds, because under the original proposal, Stinky Lake would have been completely dried up and Holloman Lake would have had a much reduced volume. The evaporative ponds, had they been constructed, would not have been usable by wildlife. Plus, the new plans should cost some \$3 million less than the original plan.

Burrowing Owl listing: Of course, this could as well come under the "Bad News" column, but the bird has been listed by USFWS as a candidate for protection under the Endangered Species Act. As a candidate species, its status is being assessed by US Fish and Wildlife: "Any reports, raw data, or even informed anecdotal observations can be crucial in our efforts to protect these species," says their report.



"Central NM Audubon Society: I would like to thank you for my Science Fair award. For any student in environmental science, there is no award more meaningful than from the Audubon Society. Please extend my thanks to your entire organization. Sincerely, Frederick D. Melendres"

You're welcome, Frederick! Congratulations to you and to ALL the winners chosen as this year's winners by our Chapter. You're all bright, shining stars in our future!

Frederick D. Melendres, Valley High School - "Bacterial Spray for Nitrogen Enhancement of Field Soils"

Sarah K. Dufay, Sandia High School - "The Effectiveness of a Microbiological Additive to a Wetlands Startup"

Ana A. Puschell, Albuquerque Academy - "It's Not Easy Bein' Green: Why Are The Amphibians Disappearing?"

Kyle Allen, St. Mary's Middle School - "A Simple Water Purification System for Residential Recycling"

Andrew W. Fischer, St. Pius X High School - "Investigation of Wild Bird Foods"



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Then join with the Forest Guardians in leasing State School Trust Land for environmental protection. Their Headwaters Campaign is targeting State Trust land that is pristine, for preservation; and riparian areas damaged by intensive cattle grazing, for restoration. So far, they've leased 2,078 acres in the Rio Embudo watershed in northern New Mexico for one overarching reason: to protect it from livestock grazing. To contribute, contact Forest Guardians, 612 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, NM 87501.

YET ANOTHER CHANCE! DEADLINE EXTENDED TO SEPTEMBER 4!

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★ ★ ENVIRONMENTAL BILL OF RIGHTS ★ ★

EVERY AMERICAN HAS THE RIGHT TO A SAFE AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT.

We urge all elected officials—local, state and federal—to protect that right. We oppose any measures that would roll back the environmental progress of the last 25 years. We commit ourselves to supporting the following simple principles, and will hold public officials who represent us accountable for their stewardship of the planet.

I. PREVENT POLLUTION. Every American is entitled to air, water, food and communities free from toxic chemicals. Government policies and regulatory standards must prevent pollution before it happens, expand citizens' right to know about toxics, and guarantee protection for citizens, particularly for the most vulnerable among us—infants, children, pregnant women and the elderly.

II. PRESERVE AMERICA'S NATIONAL HERITAGE, wild and beautiful, for our children and future generations. Wildlife, forests, mountains, prairies, wetlands, rivers, lakes, coastlines, urban parks and open space are all part of our national heritage.

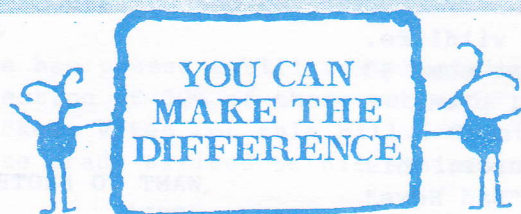
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IV. CONSERVE AMERICA'S NATURAL RESOURCES by controlling waste, increasing energy efficiency, and protecting against overuse and abuse. Encourage sustainable technologies that meet human needs without destroying the environment.

V. GET THE BIG MONEY OUT OF POLITICS. No more government for sale. Let's take our government back from the big campaign contributors and exploiters who control it today.

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AT-HOME ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISM

One-Half Hour per Month Can Make a World of Difference

If you can spare 1/2 hour per month to act on your environmental concerns, National Audubon has got a program for you! It's called the **Armchair Activist**: an at-home, fun, and easy program that is vital, dynamic, and rewarding -- and helps make a difference in our world!

With over 5,000 Audubon members statewide, armchair activism has a large base to draw from. Come join the growing network of people just like you who care about New Mexico and our planet, and want to do something about it. Call Connie Mahan, Director, Grassroots Program, 1-800-659-2622, or send the label from your Audubon magazine with a sign-up letter to Audubon Activist, 700 Broadway, NY, NY 10003.

COUNCIL CORNER

Bernie Foy, NM Audubon Council Secretary

The last meeting of the New Mexico Audubon Council was at Bosque del Apache on July 8. Participants from chapters throughout the state came together to discuss both changes within the National Audubon Society and conservation issues. The NAS has adopted a new strategic plan for activities in the upcoming years. The plan emphasizes a focus on the protection and appreciation of birds, wildlife, and their habitats as the most important goal of the organization.

Among the conservation issues discussed at the meeting were the decision by Holloman Air Force base to use constructed wetlands in its new sewage treatment system. At Palomas Marsh on Caballo Reservoir, a project is being initiated to fence out livestock and monitor birds and plant life in these important wetlands. The proposed OLE power line in the Jemez Mountains has been rejected by officials. New planning initiatives are starting up for New Mexico state parks and for 10-year national forest management plans. The Council also discussed future roles and functions, which will include communication between chapters to help stimulate coordinated action on state legislative and conservation issues. The upcoming conservation issues considered to be of highest priority are the Endangered Species Act, grazing policy, national forest management, and the reintroduction of the Mexican wolf.



Hidden in the misty reaches of the Sierra Madres, a little known, only partially explored canyon, deeper and 5 times larger than our Grand Canyon. Called Copper Canyon, inhabited by secretive Tarahumaras, solitary cowboys, and lean prospectors who plunk down solid silver to buy goods, and leave at first light with heavily laden mules. Hidden on the tropical bottom, below the rapids that cascade over huge boulders in the forgotten village of BATOPILAS, is the fabulously restored Hacienda, the dream of American businessman Skip McWilliams. Maintained for a few select guests, who appreciate authenticity, privacy and isolation. At the end of an 8 hour rugged cliff-hanging dirt road, the Hacienda's shady courtyard fountains invite relaxation in another era. The life of the village goes on at it's own pace, just outside the massive adobe walls.

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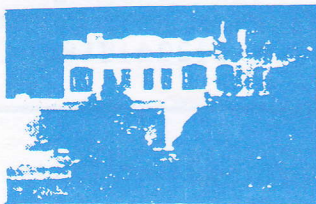
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