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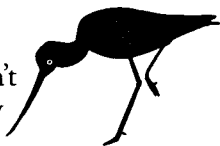
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Welcome to Central New Mexico Audubon Society! Come join us. All our meetings and field trips are open to the public.

The ⁴Fourth Annual Audubon Birding Academy

THIS YEAR we have three great Birding Academy Classes. February 21st will bring us Art Arenholz, volunteer extraordinaire and an excellent instructor, with a beginner-intermediate level class.

Each spring Art conducts a shorebird workshop at Bosque del Apache. We can't do the field trip part after the slide show (it will be dark), but Art has expanded the indoor portion for CNMAS. This session is aimed at beginning and intermediate shorebirders, but it will be a good review for experts. Art describes a dozen shorebirds commonly seen in New Mexico and another dozen seen here in relatively small numbers. Printed material will be available to reduce your note taking.



Don't forget that the Birding Academy continues with classes in March and April. The cost is \$6.00 per class payable in advance or at the door. Pre-register for all three classes and the price is only \$15.00. There will be a raffle of one *Sibley Guide to Bird Life and Behavior* at each of the three classes.

Please come a join us. Mark your calendars and register early. *Send in the registration form on page 2.*

HawkWatch International's Second Annual Garage Sale is coming! Call Bobbie Posey at 255-7622 to donate items, and mark your calendar for Saturday, March 23, to go rummaging at 3707 Camino Don Diego, N.E., for treasures. All proceeds benefit HawkWatch International's New Mexico programs.



Wanted: Hummingbird Watchers

The 2002 hummingbird season kicks off the second phase of a new five-year Hummingbird Connection Survey Project. The first five-year phase was a great success. So much was learned about migration patterns, species numbers and hummingbird "hot spots". However, out of the 900 who signed up to participate over the five years approximately 35% returned their observations. We also had some counties from which surveys were under reported or not reported: Catron, Chaves, DeBaca, Roosevelt, Sierra, Quay, Guadalupe, San Miguel, Harding, Union, Mora, Colfax and McKinley. Our goal for the second five-year phase is to get higher numbers of participants to return their surveys and to get more participants in the above mention counties.



This is a very exciting and enlightening project in which the

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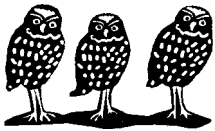
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ALL the money goes to help species who currently have little or no other sources of funding. The money helps fund wildlife education projects statewide, wildlife rehabilitation services, biological studies, scientific field surveys, and habitat restoration projects. Also, if you'd like to receive free copies of the 3 times per year, 16-page *Share with Wildlife UPDATE*, contact Jane at jmaccarter@state.nm.us or call (505) 476-8111.

Thank you again for continuing to 'Share with Wildlife'!

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CNMA Field Trip Reports by Sei Tokuda

Sunday, November 11: *Las Vegas NWR*

Twenty birders were on this trip led by Tim Parker. On this day, the access road to the ponds east of the headquarters was open to visitors and gave the birders a rare look at the waterfowl in that area. Close to 50 species were seen and the highlights were Common Loon, Prairie Falcon, Ferruginous Hawk, and Tree Sparrow.

Sunday, November 25: *Ladera Wash*

This trip to the west side of Albuquerque was led by Nick Vaughn. Eleven birders were on this trip and it was a cold, windy day with only 11 total species seen. The highlight of the day was a Prairie Falcon flying overhead.

Saturday, December 8: *Bosque del Apache*

This trip was led by Art Arenholz. There were 10 birders on this trip and they saw close to 50 species. The highlights of the trip were the sightings of three different morphs of Red Tail Hawks, Prairie Falcon, Ferruginous Hawk, a family of Clark's Grebes with four immature Grebes, and sighting both the Snow and Ross's Geese in the same field of a spotting scope.

Sunday, January 13: *Corrales and West Mesa*

There were ten birders on this trip. Although the total number of species was not high, there were great sightings of a third year Bald Eagle and two Magpies on the same tree, Song and Sage Sparrows, Roadrunner and Rock Wren.

Thursday Morning Birding Group

Weekly birding outings every Thursday. Meeting time and location, as well as duration, vary. Call Margaret Wallen at 291-1595 for details of outings.

Audubon Birding Academy Registration Form

I/we would like to register for the following classes (check boxes):

- Shorebirds (Feb. 21).....\$6
- Hummingbirds (Mar. 21)\$6
- Raptors: Hawks & Allies (Apr. 18) ..\$6
- ALL THREE CLASSES (preregistration only)\$15

Total: _____

Name/s: _____

Address: _____

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Send your check, payable to CNMAS to:
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February - March 2002

CNMAS Field Trip Schedule

<http://www.rt66.com/peacmyer/cnmas/trips.html>

Saturday, February 9 - Las Vegas NWR

This will be a full day trip and the target birds will be wintering raptors, waterfowl and Tree Sparrow. Dress warmly, bring lunch, snacks, etc. Meet at 7:00 A.M. behind Winchell's Donut Shop in the Far North Shopping Center (NE corner of San Mateo and Academy Blvd.). Call Art Arenholz at 298-1724 for details.

Sunday, February 17 - Los Lunas and Belen areas

The leader of this trip will be Chris Rustay. The target birds will be the various morphs of raptors, wintering waterfowl and passerines. Bring lunch, snacks, etc. Meet at 8:00 A.M. at the UNM Continuing Education Building on the east side of University Avenue and north of Indian School Road. The trip should conclude by mid-afternoon. Call Chris at 255-7786 for details.

Saturday, March 9 - Santa Rosa and vicinity

This all day outing will be a combined CNMAS and Hawks Aloft outing and will be led by Chris Rustay. This should be a good time to look for Horned Grebes, Loons, Gulls, etc. Meet at 7:30 A.M. at the Four Hills Shopping Center. Call Chris for details.

Sunday, March 24 - Domingo Baca Canyon

The leader of this half day trip will be Nick Vaughn. It will entail a moderate hike in the western slopes of the Sandias. Dress appropriately for the weather and bring water, snacks, hat, sun screen, etc. Meet 8:00 A.M. in front of the sculpture at the east side of the loop. Call Nick at 265-1350 for details

Saturday, April 6 - Bosque del Apache

This is the first weekend that the "seasonal" road at the Refuge will be accessible after being closed for the fall/winter seasons. Some of the early migrants will be seen in that loop. This will be an all day trip. Dress appropriately, bring food, water snacks, etc. Meet at 7:30 A.M. at the UNM Physics Department parking on the NE corner of Yale and Lomas Blvd. Call Art at 298-1724 or Sei at 266-2480.

HawkWatch International Observations

Banders and volunteers will start to set up banding stations for the Sandia hawk watch on Saturday, March 2. The observers will begin the count on February 25 and remain until May 5. Call Bobbie Posey at 255-7622 for more information.



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Range Size and Extinction Risk For Birds

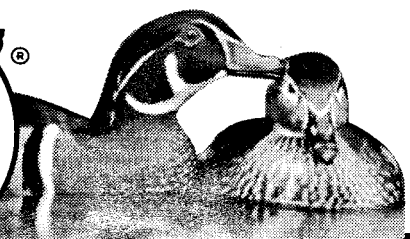
by Timothy H. Parker

Due in large part to human activity, about 20% of the world's bird species have been lost forever due to extinction in the last 2,000 years. If we wish to change this trend, we need to understand the factors that put species at risk.

Jim Brown, a biologist here in New Mexico, along with co-worker Brian Maurer, compared the body sizes for many different continental bird species with the geographic range size for each species. As you might guess if you have studied the range maps in your field guide, some large-bodied bird species have large geographic ranges and some have small ranges. Small-bodied bird species also vary a lot in their range size. However, Brown and Maurer did point out a very interesting pattern. We can find both large- and small-bodied species with geographic ranges as large as a continent. However, when we look at species with very small geographic ranges, we do see a difference based on body size. Large-bodied species can have somewhat small ranges, but the very smallest geographic ranges are always associated with smaller-bodied species. In other words, it seems like a small-bodied species can persist within a smaller area than can a large-bodied species.

Similar patterns have been found for mammals (also by Brown and Maurer) and fish (by Jon Rosenfield also at UNM). For all these groups of animals, when researchers looked to see which species were endangered or threatened, they found that it was typically those that had a small geographic range **FOR THEIR BODY SIZE**. Thus, a small-bodied species with a small to mid-size geographic range might not be endangered, but a large bodied species with that size range is likely to be at serious risk. So why can small-bodied species stave off extinction within small geographic ranges that would spell the end for larger-bodied species? That is really a topic for another article, but in part, the answer has to do with population size. A small-bodied species is likely to contain more individuals (have a larger population size) per given area, and it is well known that larger populations are less likely to go extinct.

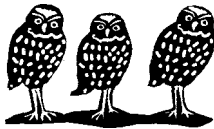
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Christmas Bird Count 2001 Compilation

◆ Bosque del Apache NWR, Dec. 15

Party of 14 (+ 1 @ feeders), 48.75 party hours, 113 species, 65,677 total birds. Compiler Steven Cox (345-2385, swcox@flash.net).

◆ Sandia Mountains, Dec. 30

Party of 37 (+ 1 @ feeders), 82.75 party hours, 60 species, 5,384 total birds. Compiler Nick Vaughn (nickvaughn2000@yahoo.com).

◆ Sevilleta NWR, Dec. 22

Party of 11, 35.25 party hours, 91 species, 7,801 total birds. Compiler Steven Cox (345-2385, swcox@flash.net).

Other counting circle results can be found at <http://www.birdsource.org/cbc/index.html>

cw = Observed during count week

US = Flagged as an unusual species

HC = Flagged as an unusually high count



Bird Species	Cox 12/15 BdA 113	Vaughn 12/30 Sandias 60	Cox 12/22 Sevilleta 91
Pied-billed Grebe	31	-	3
Eared Grebe	1	-	1
Western Grebe	1	-	-
Neotropic Cormorant	51	-	-
Double-crested Cormorant	11	-	-
Great Blue Heron (Blue form)	23	-	8
Great Egret	9	-	-
Black-crowned Night-Heron	1	-	-
Snow Goose	8,437	-	1,436
Snow Goose (blue form)	205	-	23
Ross's Goose	357	-	132 HC
white goose sp.	16,000	-	-
Canada Goose	227	-	376
Gadwall	217	-	100
American Wigeon	50	-	16 HC
Mallard	563	-	199
Mexican Duck	3	-	-
Northern Shoveler	584	-	167
Northern Pintail	1,060	-	364
Green-winged Teal	55	-	18
duck sp.	20,000	-	147
Canvasback	58 HC	-	8
Redhead	10	-	21
Ring-necked Duck	8	-	433 HC
Lesser Scaup	2	-	1
Aythya sp.	-	-	32
Bufflehead	15	-	6
Common Goldeneye	-	-	1
Hooded Merganser	31	-	-
Common Merganser	7	-	14
Red-breasted Merganser	1 US	-	-
Ruddy Duck	10	-	8
Bald Eagle	28	-	1
BdA: Ad = 15, Im = 13, Unk = 0, Sev: Ad = 0, Im = 1, Unk = 0			
Northern Harrier	41	-	17
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	2	3
Cooper's Hawk	1	6 HC	6
Accipiter sp.	1	1	-
Harris's Hawk	1 US	-	-
Red-tailed Hawk	69 HC	7	17
Harlan's Hawk	4	-	1
Ferruginous Hawk	3	-	1

Bird Species	Cox 12/15 BdA 113	Vaughn 12/30 Sandias 60	Cox 12/22 Sevilleta 91
Buteo sp.	-	-	1
Golden Eagle	2	-	2
BdA: Ad = 1, Im = 1, Unk = 0, Sev: Ad = 2, Im = 0, Unk = 0			
American Kestrel	32	3	8
Merlin	1	3 HC	-
Peregrine Falcon	-	1 US	-
Prairie Falcon	1	-	2
Ring-necked Pheasant	6	-	3
Wild Turkey	30	-	-
Scaled Quail	-	26	28
Gambel's Quail	43	29 US	29
Virginia Rail	1	-	-
Common Moorhen	1	-	-
American Coot	585	-	1,009 HC
Sandhill Crane	11,060	-	81
Killdeer	4	-	4 HC
American Avocet	1 US	-	-
Greater Yellowlegs	7	-	-
Long-billed Dowitcher	10	-	-
Common Snipe	4	-	1
Bonaparte's Gull	cw	-	-
Ring-billed Gull	12	-	-
small gull	1	-	-
Rock Dove	15	33	4
Eurasian Collared-Dove	14 US	-	-
White-winged Dove	1	4 US	-
Mourning Dove	145	18	19
Greater Roadrunner	7	-	1
Western Screech-Owl	3	-	-
Great Horned Owl	3	2 US	-
Belted Kingfisher	5	-	1
Red-naped Sapsucker	-	2	-
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	10	9	8
Downy Woodpecker	2	3	-
Hairy Woodpecker	-	2	-
Northern (Red-shafted) Flicker	45	58	42
"Western" Flycatcher	1 US	-	-
Black Phoebe	8	-	5 HC
Eastern Phoebe	1	-	-
Say's Phoebe	16	1 US	4
Loggerhead Shrike	11	-	10
Northern Shrike	-	-	1 US
Steller's Jay	-	39	-
Western Scrub-Jay	2	147	13
Pinyon Jay	-	198	-
American Crow	917	217	48
Chihuahuan Raven	6	-	17
Common Raven	17	53	18
raven sp.	1	15	3
Horned Lark	3	3	31
swallow sp.	-	-	2 US
Mountain Chickadee	1	-	-
Juniper Titmouse	-	19	2
Verdin	7	-	9
Bushtit	6	138 HC	10
Red-breasted Nuthatch	-	16	-
White-breasted Nuthatch	-	9	-
Pygmy Nuthatch	-	13	-
Brown Creeper	-	1	-
Cactus Wren	-	-	2
Rock Wren	4	-	7 HC
Canyon Wren	-	4	-
Bewick's Wren	10	7	23 HC
Marsh Wren	14	-	21
Golden-crowned Kinglet	-	2	-
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	36	14 HC	37 HC
Western Bluebird	-	192	8
Mountain Bluebird	-	45	152
Townsend's Solitaire	-	89	3



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Hermit Thrush	-	8 HC	4
American Robin	2	1,004	52
Sage Thrasher	-	-	5
Curve-billed Thrasher	2	7 US	1
Crissal Thrasher	5	7	7 HC
European Starling	398	115	153
American Pipit	2	-	3
Orange-crowned Warbler	1 US	-	-
Yellow-rumped Warbler	-	-	2
Yellow-rumped (Audubon's) Warbler	13	1 US	31
Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler	-	1 US	3
Common Yellowthroat	-	-	1 US
Green-tailed Towhee	4 HC	-	-
Spotted Towhee	17	34	18
Canyon Towhee	10	67	1
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	-	5	5
American Tree Sparrow	1 US	-	-
Chipping Sparrow	2	3 US	-
Brewer's Sparrow	31	-	12
Vesper Sparrow	4	-	-
Black-throated Sparrow	47	-	9
Sage Sparrow	38	-	71
Savannah Sparrow	6	-	-
Song Sparrow	94	12 HC	66
Lincoln's Sparrow	-	-	3
Swamp Sparrow	1	-	1
White-throated Sparrow	1	3 US	-
White-crowned Sparrow	1,483	30	300
sparrow sp.	7	-	-
Dark-eyed Junco	78	-	96
Dark-eyed (Gray-headed) Junco	-	503	1
Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco	40	938	146
Dark-eyed (Pink-sided) Junco	-	23	-
Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco	-	2	-
Chestnut-collared Longspur	-	-	150
Pyrrhuloxia	6	-	-
Red-winged Blackbird	1,067	-	1,313
Western Meadowlark	27	1	46
meadowlark sp.	38	-	-
Yellow-headed Blackbird	235	-	5
Brewer's Blackbird	48	-	23
Common Grackle	2	-	-
Great-tailed Grackle	39	-	-
Brown-headed Cowbird	1	-	-
blackbird sp.	47	-	7
rosy-finch sp.	-	12 US	-
Cassin's Finch	-	4	-
House Finch	42	478 HC	22
Red Crossbill	-	31	-
Pine Siskin	337	625 HC	-
Lesser Goldfinch	9	-	-
American Goldfinch	133	25	-
Carduelis sp.	-	-	6
House Sparrow	70	14	9

Albuquerque CBC - Dec. 16

By Hart R. Schwarz

Total number of species: 108, plus three during Count Week: Inca Dove, Red-naped Sapsucker & Blue Jay. Total number of individuals seen: 21,667. Number of participants: 52.

Birds in **heavy type** designate rare species or, in some cases, species very difficult to identify, such as the Chihuahuan Raven or the Eastern Meadowlark. *Totally new* for the count were the Barn Owl, Pyrrhuloxia and the Selasphorus hummingbird, i.e., either a Rufous or a Broad-tailed.

SPECIES	#	SPECIES	#
01. Pied-billed Grebe	10	54. Say's Phoebe	26
02. Great Blue Heron	25	55. Loggerhead Shrike	1
03. Black-crowned Night-Heron	1	56. Steller's Jay	1
04. Snow Goose	3	57. Western Scrub-Jay	45
05. Canada Goose	2,534	58. Pinyon Jay	11
06. Wood Duck	324	59. Black-billed Magpie	5
07. Gadwall	90	60. American Crow	2,941
08. American Wigeon	370	61. Chihuahuan Raven	4
09. Mallard	1,843	62. Common Raven	16
10. Northern Shoveler	89	63. Horned Lark	43
11. Northern Pintail	3	64. Black-capped Chickadee	46
12. Am. Green-winged Teal	59	65. Mountain Chickadee	2
13. Canvasback	14	66. Juniper Titmouse	3
14. Redhead	1	67. Bushtit	173
15. Ring-necked Duck	67	68. White-breasted Nuthatch	39
16. Lesser Scaup	5	69. Brown Creeper	1
Scaup, species	3	70. Rock Wren	10
17. Common Merganser	31	71. Bewick's Wren	42
18. Ruddy Duck	36	72. Marsh Wren	2
19. Bald Eagle	12	73. Ruby-crowned Kinglet	100
20. Northern Harrier	4	74. Western Bluebird	29
21. Sharp-shinned Hawk	3	75. Townsend's Solitaire	6
22. Cooper's Hawk	15	76. Hermit Thrush	22
Accipiter, species	2	77. American Robin	216
23. Red-tailed Hawk	35	78. Northern Mockingbird	1
24. American Kestrel	27	79. Sage Thrasher	2
25. Prairie Falcon	3	80. Curve-billed Thrasher	16
26. Ring-necked Pheasant	16	81. Crissal Thrasher	3
27. Scaled Quail	124	82. European Starling	2,354
28. Gambel's Quail	25	83. American Pipit	2
29. Sora	1	84. Cedar Waxwing	5
30. American Coot	173	85. Yellow-rumped Warbler	160
31. Sandhill Crane	806	86. Spotted Towhee	76
32. Killdeer	29	87. Canyon Towhee	41
33. Spotted Sandpiper	1	88. Chipping Sparrow	4
34. Common Snipe	8	89. Brewer's Sparrow	22
35. Ring-billed Gull	90	90. Black-throated Sparrow	1
36. Rock Dove	1,556	91. Sage Sparrow	19
37. Eurasian Collared-Dove	13	92. Song Sparrow	213
38. White-winged Dove	10	93. Lincoln's Sparrow	2
39. Mourning Dove	180	94. Swamp Sparrow	1
40. Greater Roadrunner	14	95. White-throated Sparrow	1
41. Barn Owl	1	96. White-crowned Sparrow	1,004
42. Western Screech Owl	3	97. Dark-eyed Junco	1,441
43. Great Horned Owl	5	98. Pyrrhuloxia	1
44. Burrowing Owl	1	99. Red-winged Blackbird	1,673
45. Anna's Hummingbird	3	100. Eastern Meadowlark	1
46. Selasphorus, species	1	101. Western Meadowlark	87
47. Belted Kingfisher	4	102. Brewer's Blackbird	26
48. Lewis's Woodpecker	2	103. Great-tailed Grackle	40
49. Ladder-backed Woodpecker	3	104. House Finch	1,116
50. Downy Woodpecker	25	105. Pine Siskin	51
51. Northern (R-sh.) Flicker	173	106. Lesser Goldfinch	24
52. Black Phoebe	18	107. American Goldfinch	103
53. Eastern Phoebe	1	108. House Sparrow	543

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The New Mexico Hummingbird Connection



A State-Wide Hummingbird Survey

Sponsored by the New Mexico Audubon Council, Randall Davey Audubon Center with assistance from Share with Wildlife

Welcome to the second five-year phase of the New Mexico Hummingbird Connection. We, once again, ask you, the lay public to contribute to the knowledge of hummingbirds in our state while learning more about these jewels of the air yourself. Participants are asked to watch hummingbirds in their yard at least two hours each week making notations on their behavior.

To become part of this exciting study please complete the form below and return it to:

The Hummingbird Connection
Randall Davey Audubon Center
P.O. Box 9314
Santa Fe, NM 87504-9314

Please include the form and a \$5 donation (to cover costs of printing and database compilation) in a self-addressed stamped envelope. Make checks payable to: NEW MEXICO AUDUBON COUNCIL. Forms can also be downloaded online from: <http://www.rt66.com/peacmyer/cnmas/hum>. In March you will receive your special instructions. We look forward to your participation in this extremely valuable and enlightening hummingbird project.

For any questions, contact: Dolores Varela-Phillips by e-mail @ doloresvp@juno.com.

HUMMINGBIRD CONNECTION PARTICIPANT

NAME: _____

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NMOS Annual Meeting 2002

The 40th Annual Meeting of the New Mexico Ornithological Society (NMOS) will be held **Saturday, March 9**, at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science in Albuquerque. For this auspicious anniversary, the history of the organization will be featured, and as many of the original founders, past presidents, directors, and longtime members as possible will be present. Those interested in helping and supplying information (photos, letters, field data, interesting stories, etc.) are asked to contact Jim Travis at 821-0517. Tim Parker of the University of New Mexico will chair the paper session. Visit the NMOS Home Page at <http://mvar.nmsu.edu/nmos> to learn more.

5th Great Backyard Bird Count February 15 - 18



Drawing by Kristen Munson

Community reporters needed to gather information on winter bird distribution.

Visit the Cornell Lab of Ornithology web site for more details (<http://www.birdsource.org>).

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lay public can contribute in a significant way to the scientific community's knowledge of hummingbirds by providing this base line study.

All that is required is two hours of your time per week during the hummingbird season to observe "nature's jewels" and jot down, on the form provided in the reporting packet, species numbers seen and behaviors.

We look forward to your participation. Join the **2002 Hummingbird Connection Survey Project** by filling out the form and sending it along with \$5 (to cover costs of printing, mailing and database compilation) in a self-address stamped envelope to the address provided.

Sandia Mountain Bear Watch . . .

is an organization dedicated to educating people about coexisting peacefully with bears and other wildlife. Jan Hayes, the founder, is active politically, aware of current developments, and happy to answer any of your questions about the big picture (What's the status of bears in New Mexico?) and the little picture (How do I bear-proof my property?) She was one of the volunteers active in 'Operation Bear Den,' the ongoing experimental program of the New Mexico Game and Fish Department that was the highlight of our January meeting - a lively, informative, and entertaining program by Don MacCarter.

Contact Jan at Sandia Mountain Bear Watch, PO Box 591, Tijeras, 87059, 281-9282, for further information on bear programs in New Mexico.



February - March 2002

Audubon Adventures by Helen Haskell



Over the last few years the costs of producing an Audubon Adventures Kit have increased. In particular, the cost of the video included in the kit has gone up (and in the past was subsidized). So much so that this school year, National Audubon decided that the video could no longer be included unless the cost of each kit went up considerably. It is with great thanks to funding and support from the Audubon Council of New Mexico, and in particular logistical support from Jeanne Gleason at New Mexico State University and Beth Hurst-Waitz, that our New Mexico Audubon Adventures teachers and students will still have access to a video - and on subjects relevant to New Mexico—none other than Bosque del Apache and sandhill cranes!

Back to the Bosque was produced by NMSU in 2000, and follows a day in the life of Sandy, the Sandhill Crane, as he returns to Bosque del Apache for the winter. All of us at Audubon hope that the students will gain an appreciation for one of our New Mexico ecosystems, and maybe even visit it! Thank you again, Audubon Council.

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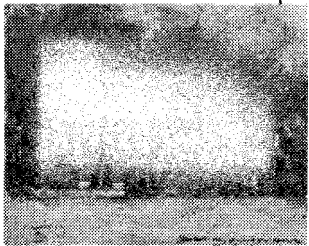
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