

# Burrowing Owl

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Come join us! All our meetings and field trips are open to the public.

## Autumn Programs: Current Research and Historical Photos

### September 19

#### Golden Eagles in the Southwest

Although protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act,

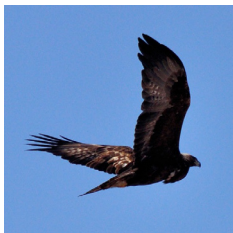


Photo by  
Joe Schelling

Golden Eagles are increasingly threatened on multiple fronts, and the scale of several major threats is increasing. Robert Murphy, Ph.D., a wildlife biologist with Eagle Environmental, will be sharing current research findings about dispersal and migration in the southern Rockies/Colorado Plateau and pre-adult survival and causes of mortality in the southern Great Plains. "Murph" worked with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service before transitioning to part-time work on eagle conservation and research.

### October 17

#### The Early History of Bird Photography

As Frank Chapman, a pioneering ornithologist, said, "As a one-time sportsman... I can affirm that there is a fascination about the hunting of wild animals with a camera [that is] far ahead of the pleasure to be had from their pursuit with shotgun or rifle." Tim Wallace will share with us a presentation of early 20th-century bird photographs



and anecdotes from the photographers who took them. Tim is a skilled photographer himself who became fascinated by this topic after discovering some old books on the subject.

### November 14

#### Dances with Cranes



Photo by Dan Collins

Wendy Brown, until recently a biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and still involved in crane research, will share current findings about these majestic birds that spend their winters here in the Southwest.

Programs start at 7:00 p.m.  
at the Adelante  
Community Room,  
3900 Osuna Road NE.

# CNMAS Autumn Field Trips

## Sumner Lake State Park

Sunday, September 22

Christopher Rustay, [chrustay@gmail.com](mailto:chrustay@gmail.com)

This is a small vagrant trap and mid-to late-September is a good time to find a number of unusual migrants in New Mexico. We will visit areas below the dam at Sumner Lake and also scan the lake



from a variety of locations looking for interesting water birds. This is a great time for unusual birds, such as Sabine's Gull and Common Tern. For those wanting a bit more, there is the possibility of visiting Bosque Redondo

in the afternoon and/or other woodlots in the area around Fort Sumner. We will meet at 7 a.m. at the east side entrance to the Sumner Lake State Park by the large sign just off Highway 203. Please remember that either an annual pass or a one-day pass (\$5 purchase) is needed to access the park. Please notify Christopher more than a week in advance, so he can coordinate those interested in carpooling. The trip includes a small amount of walking on dirt roads and perhaps a bit of off-trail hiking, but not much. Most areas will be accessible by car.



*Photo by Kim Score*

## Birds and Balloons Kayaking Trip

Saturday, October 12

Kim Score, [firefinch@usa.net](mailto:firefinch@usa.net)

Join Kim Score for a sunrise birding river trip to witness the hot air balloon ascension from the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. This is an 8.5-mile canoeing and kayaking adventure along the Rio Grande from the North Corrales bosque to the Alameda bridge. Our group will be on the water for 3.5 hours (7–10:30 a.m.), ear birding and eBirding our way through the Corrales bosque, an Audubon Important Bird Area. On past trips we've found more than 50 species of birds.

Kim is contracting with Quiet Waters Paddling Adventures, which will provide the passenger shuttling, canoes, kayaks (your choice), life vests and safety and instructional training. Cost per person is \$80, which also includes a breakfast bar at the office and a hearty brunch on the water. If you bring your own watercraft, there is a \$10 discount. Visit their website for more info: <http://www.quietwaterspaddling.com/>.

We will meet at 5:30 a.m. at the Quiet Waters office to enjoy breakfast and begin our video training. We will then load up and be shuttled to the starting location for a 7 a.m. put-in. The trip should wrap up by 11:30 a.m. Feel free to contact Kim with specific questions. The maximum group limit is 15 people. These trips are very popular and fill up fast, so RSVP with Kim by Saturday, September 21 to reserve your slot. Once RSVP'd, she will send further instructions for payment with Quiet Waters Paddling Adventures.

We do not have a trip planned for November, but please join us November 20–23 for the 32nd annual Festival of the Cranes at Bosque del Apache NWR.

# Getting More Involved

By Perriane Houghton, President

It all started in May 2014 as Central New Mexico Audubon Society's first general membership meeting was winding down after an exhilarating program. It was time to vote for new officers and time for members to volunteer for the chapter's important conservation and environmental education work.



So when a volunteer sign-up sheet came around, I asked about the newsletter "Wrangler" position. Lee Hopwood, treasurer, immediately swooped in and encouraged me to volunteer for the job. I did and later was mentored well by out-going Wrangler Laurel Ladwig, and I was advised well by Judy Liddell, vice president at the time.

Since all CNMAS members are welcome I started attending board meetings to learn more, and before I knew it, I became a board member. Inspired by the dedicated, energetic people around me, I found myself joining the Conservation Committee and was able to participate in the Albuquerque Downtown Window Strike Surveys for three seasons. I also feel lucky to have been involved in doing bluebird and nuthatch surveys for National Audubon's Climate Watch Project.

Sara Jayne Cole, then CNMAS president, and Judy Liddell, on the nominating committee, treated me to a birthday lunch and asked me if, after working on the newsletter for almost five years, I was ready for a different job with CNMAS: president. I was pretty shocked at first. But after thinking about it for more than a week, I mostly felt honored and excited. I accepted the position to get more involved again with a renewed purpose.

Since being voted in at the Doc Long event in June, I've learned a lot, from using Robert's Rules at board meetings to chapter and state networking. I was privileged to represent CNMAS at the biennial National Audubon convention in Milwaukee in July.

And most important, I've learned how much work, time, passion and conviction all of those before me and with me now have committed to promoting the conservation of birds and healthy wildlife habitats.

So I look forward to the next two years in my new position and being more involved with all of you.

## Backyard Refuges Coming

"Growing from the ground up" is the theme for this year's Build Your Refuge Day, an annual event at Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge.

The event is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 28, at the refuge, 7851 Second Street SW.

This year's event combines the celebration of the Urban National Wildlife Refuge on National Public Lands Day with the launching of the ABQ Backyard Refuge Program. This program has been in the making for more than a year with contributions from more than 30 organizations to compile an education guide for creating a refuge in your yard or patio.

The program is managed by the Friends of Valle de Oro. Participants will have the opportunity to certify their yard as an ABQ Backyard Refuge.

CNMAS will have a booth to show how our chapter is contributing to the ABQ Backyard Refuge program.

More information is available at [ABQbackyardrefuge.org](http://ABQbackyardrefuge.org).



*Painting by  
Wren Walraven*

# Conserving Birds and Habitat:

## It Takes Time But It's Worth It

Judy Liddell was preparing to write these two articles while reading Kenn Kaufman's *A Season on the Wind: Inside the World of Spring Migration*. He quoted a long-time friend and mentor who would have preferred to spend his spare time birding but could not ignore the looming destruction of local habitat: "Here's the thing about bird conservation work: it doesn't make for a thrilling narrative."

But, says Judy, it's worthwhile.

### Candelaria Preserve

CNMAS has been providing input on bird species and attending meetings related to the City of Albuquerque's 20-year resource management plan to return the Candelaria Preserve properties to the original purpose of a nature preserve. For quite a number of years, the city has contracted with a farmer who could manage the crops so that there would be forage for Sandhill Cranes during the winter. This has not always been in the best interests of other wildlife species, and some species that could reliably be seen, e.g. Ring-necked Pheasant, have all but disappeared



Photo by Joe Schelling

due to poor farm management.

Since it is a 20-year plan, the preserve will continue to be planted with sorghum or corn, but will

gradually phase into 100% native grasses and bushes with no farming component. Hedge rows will be re-established and new wetlands areas created to attract shorebirds. It also will include a bird-monitoring component.

This plan will be presented at a public meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the Rio Grande Nature Center on Wednesday, September 11. CNMAS members are encouraged to attend.

### Forest Planning

In 2014 the Cibola National Forest started revising its Forest Management Plan and seeking public input. CNMAS has been responding to each iteration of the plan. The focus of Audubon's input has been around bird species designated by the Forest Service to guide habitat management.

After CNMAS's advocacy in 2014, the Red-faced Warbler was added to the Species of Conservation Concern (SCC) list. Already on the list: Juniper Titmouse, Gray Vireo, Grace's Warbler, Burrowing Owl, Northern Goshawk, American Peregrine Falcon, Lewis's Woodpecker and Bendire's Thrasher.



CNMAS has continued to advocate for including Pinyon Jay on the list.

The Forest Service 2012 Planning Rule requires the agency to identify SCC and work with the public, using "best available scientific information" indicating substantial concern.

The Draft Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement were published in the Federal Register on August 9, which initiated the 90-day comment period.

In addition to the formal comments that CNMAS will be providing, members are encouraged to attend one of the public meetings where members of the Forest Service will be available to answer questions. The Albuquerque meeting will be September 26 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center, 501 Elizabeth SE. Information about other meetings is available from the Sandia Ranger District, 281-3304.

# Annual Meeting Says Hello, Goodbye and Thanks

By Sara Jayne Cole

The June 8 membership meeting at the Doc Long Picnic Area was in conjunction with the dedication of the bird ID signs. We were all thrilled with the turnout of 43 birders including 37 Audubon members.

As a chapter of the National Audubon Society, CNMAS is required to conduct a membership meeting annually. One of the challenges for the CNMAS board is to get the required 20 members out for this meeting.

The meeting is not just for elections but to thank all the volunteers who have contributed to a year of successful conservation and programming. This year the board was fortunate to have six members agree to stay in their positions:

- Program Chair, Kathy Carson
- Trips Chair, Kim Score
- Treasurer, Lee Hopwood
- Education Chair, Lynn Schuler
- Director at Large, Robert Munro
- Facebook Guru, Dave Johnson.

The Board was sad to lose Amber West, our secretary, who for two years had recorded the minutes for the monthly meetings while contributing to the discussion.

The board thanks Marj Longenbaugh for her years as Membership Chair. Marj has agreed to keep maintaining the chapter roster. She has the daunting task of keeping our rolls current with the information sent to her by National Audubon. National determines the chapter nearest you by zip code—and CNMAS has some 90 zip codes in six counties.

I finished my two-year term as president and asked to stay on the board as representative to the NM Audubon Council. Bruce Dale served two years as Conservation Coordinator and was invited to remain on the Board. He will continue his meaningful work with bird window collisions. Robert Munro will continue as a board member in a new capacity as a representative to the NM Audubon Council.

The board thanks our nominating committee: Karen Herzenberg, Judy Liddell and Robert Munro for their work in developing the roster for this election.

Officers for 2019–20 are:

- President: Perrienne Houghton, who had served since 2014 as the Newsletter Wrangler
- Vice President: (Open)
- Recording Secretary: (Open)
- Director at Large: Bill Schrandt, RGNC Candelaria Farms representative for CNMAS and member of the Program Committee
- Delegate to the NM Audubon Council: Sara Jayne Cole
- Delegate to the NM Audubon Council: Robert Munro
- Director at Large: Bruce Dale



CNMAS is an all-volunteer chapter, and this is a “Thank You” to all our non-board member volunteers:

- Bird ID coordinator for three RGNC festivals: Ken Zaslow
- Newsletter Wrangler: Lefty Arnold
- Thursday Birders coordinator: Rebecca Gracey
- Web Site: Joe Shelling
- Newsletter: Melissa Howard
- Belen Marsh: Eileen Beaulieu

I also thank all of those who have volunteered for events and worked at the CNMAS table. It is my hope that I have remembered to thank all of you who have helped me throughout my term as president.

# Chapter Dedicates Doc Long Bird Signs

By Judy Liddell

On June 8, 43 people gathered under one of the pavilions at Doc Long Picnic Area for the CNMAS annual meeting and to dedicate the new interpretive bird signs funded by the chapter.

After a brief business meeting to elect new officers and board members, as chair of the committee that oversaw the project I shared the history of the project and the challenges of seeing it to completion.

Amanda Rael, then a wildlife biologist for the Sandia Ranger District, contacted Sara Jayne Cole and me in the fall of 2015 to request input for a bird trail at Doc Long. I met Amanda and drafted a grant request that unfortunately was not successful.

On a trip to Washington state the following summer, I was impressed by a series of bird education signs.

In the spring of 2018, when Rebecca Gracey was planning for the Thursday Birder Birdathon, she asked for ideas of a project that Birdathon could fund. I suggested the Doc Long signs and the board endorsed the idea.

Before the Birdathon commenced, I recruited the committee: Melissa Howard, Barbara Hussey and Reuben Weisz. They worked tirelessly over the summer, researching sign companies, honing each sign's theme, refining the wording and seeking input from Esther Nelson, current wildlife biologist for the Sandia Ranger District.

SightWorks, a full-service New Mexico exhibit company, was selected to take the committee's rough layouts and design each sign.

At the end of September Esther Nelson was able to fast-track the required archaeological review of

the site. By the end of October the mock-ups were ready to be reviewed by Esther and Crystal Powell, the district ranger, and their feedback helped refine the messages. Three Thursday Birders, Michelle Weisz, Joe Schelling and Bonnie Long, were asked to submit photos for the signs.

I met with the District Ranger and Esther in mid-December to iron out some wording issues. With approvals in hand, in early January the committee was ready to sit down with Sightworks president Chris Musello to discuss layout.

The estimate to complete and install the signs was more than the amount raised by the Birdathon and the CNMAS Board agreed to contribute the balance.

The committee continued to work with SightWorks through March to refine the layout, photos and message.

By April 1 Chris Musello sent the final PDFs to the manufacturer. He expected the completed signs to be shipped back to him by May 22, but they were not installed until the day before the annual meeting. It was an all-day job, complicated by having to extract a number of boulders while the holes were being dug.



*As CNMAS members visited each sign, a committee member was on hand to explain its rationale.*

*Photo by John "Lefty" Arnold*

The total cost of the signs was \$7,992. Funding came from four sources:

- 2018 Birdathon: \$2,982.82
- Judy Liddell's birthday Facebook fundraiser: \$525
- Capulin Log funds (not needed for the log replacement): \$98
- CNMAS funds: \$4,386.18

Source: Lee Hopwood

# Festival of the Cranes—and Many Other Birds Too



*Snow Geese by Dwayne Longenbaugh*

Join the fun at the 32nd annual Festival of the Cranes at the beautiful Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge from Wednesday, November 20, through Saturday, November 23. We'll host more than 135 events, including workshops in photography and birding, as well as hikes, guided tours and free educational programs.

On Saturday we host the cost-free and family-friendly Wildlife Zone for children of all ages: archery, interactive exhibits, live birds including raptors, prairie dogs, reptiles etc.

Registration for the Festival begins Wednesday, September 4, for the general public.

For more information, visit [www.festivalofthecranes.org](http://www.festivalofthecranes.org) or call 575-838-2120.

## Three Autumn Workshops Set

Brant Nature Tours will offer workshops on:

- Birding Field Skills, September 21–22
- Sparrows, October 12
- Raptors, November 16

Registration for the two-day session is \$350; for the one-day workshops it is \$175. Brant donates \$25 from each registration to local conservation, research or outdoor recreation programs.

Details and registration forms are available on [BrantTours.com/](http://BrantTours.com/) or from Brant, (708) 87-BRANT.



## Found in Las Golondrinas: a Bird to Teach Us

This photo was taken in March 2019 by Rocky Tucker of Santa Fe at El Rancho de las Golondrinas. It is a Leucistic Robin, in other words a robin exhibiting leucism. New Mexico's Hawks Aloft has this information on its web site:

"Leucism is a blanket term for abnormal plumage conditions caused by genetic mutations. This genetic inheritance prevents a pigment—melanin—from being carried and deposited in the bird's plumage. . .

"Leucism is quite different than albinism [which is] marked by a total lack of melanin. Leucism, notably, only impacts the bird's feathers, while albinism is apparent in the feathers and elsewhere . . ."



# 2019 Birdathon Results: Team Windblown But Undaunted

By Rebecca Gracey

The 20 members of the Thursday Birder Vermillion Flycatcher Team conducted a 24-hour Birdathon on May 2–3 to raise money for preservation of Belen Marsh. The good news is that \$3,017 was raised.

The team picked the Pecos River Valley for their location. The base was a birding hot spot itself, the Washington Ranch. Wind forced us to cancel plans to go to nearby Slaughter Canyon early in the morning and to delay starting the Birdathon in Rattlesnake Springs until we were able to find locations sheltered from the wind but still active with birds. Vermillion Flycatchers were abundant and abundantly beautiful. Late that afternoon and again the next morning, in great weather, we went to Slaughter Canyon.

The team was delighted to have counted 93 species. Included were four Bunting species (Lazuli, Indigo, Varied and Painted), four Orioles (Orchard, Hooded, Bullock's and Scott's) and four Vireos (Bell's, Gray, Plumbeous and Hutton's).



*Members of the Vermillion Flycatcher Team from left: Christine Clayton, Judy Liddell, Bernie Morris, Perrienne Houghton, Angela Hawthorne, Claude Vallieres, Pauline Morris, Deanna Nichols, Barbara Hussey, Michele Weisz and Nancy Ulrich. Team members not pictured are Darlene Benedict, Rebecca Gracey, Robert Hawthorne, Irene Kassow, Bonnie Long, Joe Schelling, Cheryl Smith, Reuben Weisz and Ken Zaslow.*

## Rio Grande Nature Center State Park

2901 Candelaria Road NW, Albuquerque

- Bird walks every Saturday and Sunday 8:30 a.m.
- Storytelling every first Saturday 10:30 a.m.
- Nature walks every second Saturday 10:30 a.m.
- Nature in Winter Festival, usually the second Saturday in January
- Herbstfest, usually Mother's Day weekend
- Summer Wings Festival, usually the second Saturday in August
- Discovery Pond open house, usually the second Saturday in October
- Monthly public programs: lectures, workshops and guided walks on natural history topics are announced quarterly in *Bosque Tracks* (Friends of Rio Grande Nature Center member newsletter)



### Owl's Pick for Bird of the Quarter:

**Vermillion Flycatcher  
at Rattlesnake Springs  
during 2018 birdathon**

By Michele Weisz





# AUDUBON THURSDAY BIRDERS SCHEDULE

## Autumn 2019

### SEPTEMBER 5

Visit Ojito de San Antonio Open Space in Cedar Crest with Barbara Hussey: 505-385-1165, [brhussey@flash.net](mailto:brhussey@flash.net). To car pool meet the group at 8:20 a.m. for an 8:30 a.m. departure from the north side of the Sprouts parking lot in the Four Hills Village Shopping Center on Central Avenue and Tramway Boulevard SE. The open space is off I-40, taking the Cedar Crest/Tijeras exit. Drive north one mile on NM 14 toward Cedar Crest, then make a left turn onto San Antonio Drive just before the San Antonio de Padua Church. The parking area is behind the church. The walk will end before noon.

### SEPTEMBER 12

Visit Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge with Joe Schelling: 505-205-7820, [joeschelling@msn.com](mailto:joeschelling@msn.com). Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the refuge entrance on Second Street by the refuge sign. To reach the refuge, drive south on I-25 and take the Rio Bravo exit. Drive west on Rio Bravo to Second Street. Turn south and drive 3.2 miles to the entrance. The group will be divided into two groups as we caravan to different areas of the refuge. The trip will end before noon.

### SEPTEMBER 19

Visit San Gregorio Reservoir in the San Pedro Parks Wilderness near Nacimiento Peak with Sarah and Tom Peterson: 505-228-8091, [spetersoninabq@gmail.com](mailto:spetersoninabq@gmail.com). Meet at 6:50 a.m. for a 7:00 departure from the Target parking lot at I-25 and Paseo del Norte. Meet in the northwest corner of the lot. The trip is 89 miles long and will take one hour and 45 minutes. The route is I-25 to Bernalillo, then west out of Bernalillo on US 550 to Cuba. From there the route will be NM 126, then Forest Road 70 to the San Gregorio Trail parking lot. The group will walk about 1.5 miles to the upper end of the reservoir. Bring rain gear in case of a thunderstorm. The shared gas expense will be \$9 at five cents per mile. The group will have lunch at El Bruno's in Cuba and should be back in Albuquerque by 4 p.m.

### SEPTEMBER 26

Drive to Cochiti Lake with Judy Liddell: 505-220-7998, [jliddell@msn.com](mailto:jliddell@msn.com). Meet at 7:50 a.m. for an 8 a.m. departure from the Target parking lot at I-25 and Paseo del Norte. Meet in the northwest corner of the parking lot. The group will access Cochiti Lake from NM 16 to take the Tetilla Peak road on the north side of the lake. People can also meet the group on NM 16 at the turn off to Tetilla Peak at 8:30 a.m., but PLEASE let Judy know by Wednesday, September 25, to expect you there. Bring lunch. For those not driving, the shared gas expense is \$5 at five cents per mile. The main part of the trip will end after lunch. For those who are interested there will be the option of driving through Pena Blanca after lunch. The group should be back in Albuquerque by 3 p.m.

### OCTOBER 3

Visit Pueblo Montano Open Space for a walk along the bosque with Pauline and Bernie Morris: 505-369-1227, [mtnbluebird@verizon.net](mailto:mtnbluebird@verizon.net). Meet at 8:30 a.m. in the parking lot on the south side of Montano and one block east of Coors. It can be accessed from either street. The parking area is small and the overflow parking area is now fenced off. It may be necessary for some people to park in the nearby shopping center. This will be a two-mile walk ending before noon.

### OCTOBER 10

Visit the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge with Rebecca Gracey: 505-362-5095, [maryrebeccagracey@gmail.com](mailto:maryrebeccagracey@gmail.com). Meet at 7:50 a.m. for an 8 a.m. departure from the parking lot behind the Hawthorn Suites on University Boulevard and Gibson SE. A secondary meeting place will be McDonald's in Socorro at 9:15 a.m. for a quick rest stop and just enough time to get food to go. The group will depart for the Bosque del Apache at 9:30 a.m. Bring lunch. A \$5 entrance fee or federal pass is required per car. The group should be back in Albuquerque by 4 p.m. For those not driving, the shared gas expense is \$10 at five cents per mile.

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# THURSDAY BIRDERS CONTINUED

## OCTOBER 17

Walk in the Corrales bosque with Maurice Mackey: 505-897-0415, [moemackey@comcast.net](mailto:moemackey@comcast.net). Meet at 8:50 a.m. for a 9 a.m. departure from the shopping area north of Alameda Road/NM 528 and east of Corrales Road/NM 448. Park by the Boxing Bear Brewing Company where parking is not restricted. The group will carpool from there to one of the bosque locations followed by lunch at Village Pizza in Corrales. The event should end by 1 p.m.

## OCTOBER 24

Hike in Embudito Canyon with Linda Otterson: 505-280-3123, [lotterson300@comcast.net](mailto:lotterson300@comcast.net). Meet at 9 a.m. in the trailhead parking lot. To reach the canyon, drive east on Montgomery past Tramway, then turn left on Glenwood Hills. Continue 0.4 of a mile, turn right on Trailhead Road and continue to the parking lot. This is an easy 1.5-mile walk ending before noon.

## OCTOBER 31

Meet at the City of Albuquerque Open Space Visitor Center to walk around the area and nearby bosque with Susan Chaudoir: 985-302-2878, [s.chaudoir@mac.com](mailto:s.chaudoir@mac.com). Meet at 9 a.m. in the center's parking lot on the east side of Coors Boulevard. The entrance road, Bosque Meadows Road, is located north of Montano Road and south of Paseo del Norte. It will be a two-mile walk ending before noon.

## NOVEMBER 7

Travel to the Belen Marsh in Belen and the Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area with Linda Heinze: 505-270-1779, [manzanogal@gmail.com](mailto:manzanogal@gmail.com). Meet at 8:20 a.m. for an 8:30 a.m. departure from the parking lot behind the Hawthorn Suites on Gibson SE and University Boulevard or 9 a.m. at the Belen Marsh. To reach the marsh, take the first Belen exit from I-25, exit 195, drive east one mile, turn south and park in the Taco Bell parking lot. After birding at the marsh, the group will visit the Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area on NM 47. We will walk 1.5 miles around the perimeter of the area. All are invited to have lunch at Pete's Cafe in Belen. The address is 105 First Street. For those not driving, the shared gas expense is \$3.50 at five cents per mile. The group should be back in Albuquerque by 2 p.m.

## NOVEMBER 14

Walk around the Rio Grande Nature Center State Park with Leah Henzler: 505-280-1779, [lfcairns@gmail.com](mailto:lfcairns@gmail.com). Meet at 9 a.m. at the Candelaria Wetland Blind in the northeast corner of the Nature Center parking lot. A \$3 parking fee, State Parks pass or Friends of the RGNC pass is required per car. The visitor center, where one may use the restrooms and/or purchase parking passes, opens at 10 a.m. The walk will end before noon.

## NOVEMBER 21

Travel to the Coyote del Malpais Golf Course at 2001 George Hanosh Boulevard, in Grants, NM, with Ken Zaslow: 512-576-5309, [kzaslow88@gmail.com](mailto:kzaslow88@gmail.com). Meet at 6:50 a.m. for a 7 a.m. departure from the northwest corner of the parking lot of the Hotel Albuquerque, located at 800 Rio Grande NW. To reach the hotel from I-40, take the Rio Grande exit and drive south to the first stop light at Bellamah NW. Turn east toward the hotel and enter the parking lot on the right.

From Albuquerque the group will travel west on I-40 for 75 miles. Take exit 89 from I-40 and stay on the service road to the service station on the north side of I-40, (600 McBride Road), where the participants will regroup at about 8 a.m. and take the opportunity for a short bathroom break and chance to buy snacks or Subway sandwiches. If one plans to meet the group there, tell Ken before November 20.

The group will walk about three miles around the golf course and the many ponds there and then have lunch in the club house. One may bring lunch and eat outside on the porch or buy lunch in the club house. For those not driving the shared gas expense is \$7.50 at five cents per mile. The trip will end by 3 p.m. back in Albuquerque.

## NOVEMBER 28

Thanksgiving, so no trip planned.

# CNMAS Directory and Contacts

Central New Mexico Audubon is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit chapter of the National Audubon Society, Inc.

Our mission: To appreciate, experience, and conserve birds, other wildlife and their habitats;  
and to encourage and support environmental education in New Mexico.

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