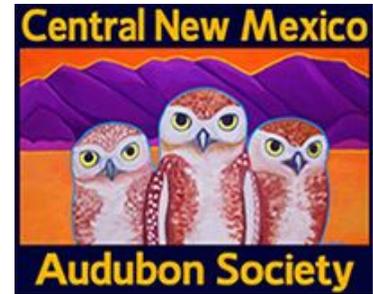


## CNMAS Annual Update April 2018

**CNMAS Goals and Mission statement:** *The purpose and objectives of the Society shall be to engage in any such educational, scientific, investigative, literary, historical, philanthropic and charitable pursuits consistent with the following mission statement: To appreciate, experience, and conserve birds, other wildlife and their habitats: and to encourage and support environmental education in New Mexico.*



### President's Report:

- New Conservation partners: Albuquerque Urban Bird Coalition, Friends of Valle de Oro Backyard Refuge Certification program.
- Tabling: RGNC Herb Fest, ABQ Botanical Garden's International Migratory Bird Day, Isleta Pueblo Conservation Fair, Valle de Oro Birthday Event, Return of the Cranes Open Space Visitors Center.
- Bird ID volunteers served at:
  - Rio Grande Nature Center's Herb Fest,
  - Summer Wings Festival
  - Nature in Winter Festival
  - Deck at Bosque del Apache's Festival of Cranes
  - Great Backyard Bird Count Bird Walk at Bio-Park.
- Brochures added: CNMAS Bird Friendly Community, How to Leash train your Cat.
- Cats Indoors: CNMAS had two cat enclosures made and donated one to Wildlife Rescue and the other to the ABQ Bio-Park. Distributed CNMAS cats and birds brochures to 10 local veterinarian clinics, 3 pet stores and 3 bird seed stores.

### Membership:

- As of the end of February we have 1978 members on our roster.
- Only 900 of them have emails addresses so if anyone is a National Audubon member but is not getting our emails, we need your email address! Because written addresses can be difficult to read accurately, we have forms explaining the process of adding your email to our system online.

### Conservation Action (May 2017 to April 2018)

- Submitted a comment on PNM's Integrated Resources Plan to encourage proper siting of wind energy installations (May 2017)
- Helped establish the Albuquerque Urban Bird Coalition with other conservation groups and agencies (July 2017)
- Consulted with Albuquerque BioPark on how to mitigate bird collision danger on their glass facades (ongoing)
- Secured co-sponsorship of the Federal Bird-Safe Buildings Act by Rep. Lujan-Grisham (December 2017)
- Presented the American Institute of Architects' continuing professional education class on Bird-Friendly Building Design, provided by the American Bird Conservancy, to architect groups in Phoenix and Albuquerque (February 2018)
- Supported an intervention before the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission to oppose siting of a wind energy installation in Lesser Prairie-Chicken habitat of southeastern New Mexico (March 2018)

### **Field Trips (May 2017 to April 2018):**

- 9 Total Field Trips
- 6 Different Leaders
- 95 Total Participants
- We took trips to 6 Different Counties in NM, including to Important Bird Areas, as well as 2 special trips rafting and kayaking through the Corrales Bosque Preserve

### **Programs:**

Program topics this year are listed below. Meetings have been well-attended, with 35-60 people each time. Numerous questions to each presenter have demonstrated the audience's interest in the topics. One presenter noted that our CNMAS audience was her favorite ever! Planning for next year's programs is well underway and includes some of our own members, local experts, and out-of-town guests.

- September 21, 2017: Jennifer Owens-White, Valle de Oro NWR at 5 Years
- October 19, 2017: Dwayne Longenbaugh, New Mexico – A Birder's Paradise?
- November 9, 2017: Christopher Rustay, Sparrows of New Mexico
- January 18, 2018: Desiree Loggins, Water: Key to Bird Survival in the Southwest
- February 15, 2018: Olivia Carill, Let Me Tell You 'Bout the Birds and the Bees
- March 15, 2018: Judy Liddell, Bluebirds, Nuthatches and Climate Change
- April 19, 2018: Debbie Pike, Mission Monarch - All Hands On Deck!

### **Education and Scholarships:**

- We awarded Scholarships to Donovan Hanridge and Jack Parlapiano to attend Camp Colorado, Estes Park, Colorado, July 2017.

**Thanks to the hard work of our Education Chair, Lynn Schuler, MESA (Math, Engineering, Science Achievement) students from Truman Middle School participated in numerous events related to natural history including such things as:**

- birding, water chemistry, and air quality monitoring experiences at the Valle de Oro NWR, trail maintenance in the bosque (through partnership with Earth Force), tree measurements, archaeological mapping, and land restoration at Tijeras Creek sponsored by Talking Talons.
- Participated in a water program and tour of the Water Reclamation Facility Plant in the South Valley as well as a legislative writing campaign to support science funding for MESA and science in the public schools.
- They toured the Railyard Park in Santa Fe with emphasis on pollinators, plants, composting. They also toured the Site Museum to help understand how humans are impacting our world.
- Students of the MESA weekly club were treated to a presentation by Judy Paulsen about the plight of coyotes in New Mexico.
- Students also competed at the Future City competition to present their design for a future city that included accommodations for people with special needs. They received a special award for including communication needs of the elderly.
- Truman's MESA program received an award for having the top middle school MESA program in the Northern Region, which includes Albuquerque, Bernalillo, and Santa Fe.