

FEBRUARY/MARCH CALENDAR

- Saturday
Feb. 3 FIELD TRIP -- BERNARDO
 Go south on I-25 to the Bernardo exit. Meet at the gas station
 at 8:00 a.m.
- Thursday
Feb. 15 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING (third Thursday of the month) at UNM Physics/
 Astronomy Building, 7:30 p.m. Jacques Hohfelder and Jim Karo will
 report on the Audubon Society's Southwest Regional Workshop, which
 they attended in Rockport, Texas, October 21 and 22, 1972. They
 will show slides of their trip.
- Monday
Feb. 19 AUDUBON WILDLIFE FILM SERIES. Popejoy Hall, UNM, at 7:30 p.m.
 "Sky Island" (Wildlife in Arizona's Chiricahua Mountain Range),
 narrated by Robert Fultz.
- Saturday
March 3 NEW MEXICO ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING, UNM Biology Building,
 Room 139. Registration, 9:00 a.m.; Business Meeting and Technical
 Papers, 9:30 a.m.; Topic: How to Identify Difficult Birds, after-
 noon session. For further information call Barbara McKnight
 (281-3377).
- Sunday
March 4 Meeting of all wild flower lovers at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
 of St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, corner of Jefferson and Copper NE.
 For further information call Ethyl Ringer (266-6038).
- Wednesday
March 7 SPECIAL MEETING, UNM Physics/Astronomy Building, Room 5, 7:30 p.m.
 Purpose: To discuss the making of a marsh nest survey in two
 areas -- Elephant Butte Marsh and Tucumcari Marsh.
- Saturday
March 10 FIELD TRIP -- BOSQUE DEL APACHE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
 Go south on I-25 to the San Antonio exit. Turn left on State 380
 to San Antonio. Turn right in San Antonio and proceed to Bosque.
 Meet at the headquarters at 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday
March 15 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING (third Thursday of the month) at UNM Physics/
 Astronomy Building, 7:30 p.m. Esther B. Clarke will tell us about
 hummingbirds. Although she states she is strictly an amateur. Mrs.
 Clarke is the person to whom "Action Line" in The Albuquerque Journal
 refers all questions on hummers.
- Saturday
March 24 FIELD TRIP -- JUAN TABO PICNIC GROUNDS
 Go north on I-25 to Tramway Road. Proceed on Tramway Road, watch-
 ing for sign to Juan Tabo Picnic Ground. Meet at 7:30 a.m.

CHAPTER NEWS

The Executive Board met on Thursday, January 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of the secretary, Virginia Fedder.

The Board authorized the secretary to write a letter to Mr. William D. Hurst, National Forester, stating that the Chapter supports the conservationists' position with regard to the Gila Wilderness, emphasizing that, in the event the Hamilton land swap takes place, the Hamilton holdings be included in the wilderness area. The secretary was also authorized to write a letter to the State Engineer's Office stating that the chapter opposes additional clearing of salt cedars in the Rio Grande Narrows and Elephant Butte areas.

Charles Hyder reported that the Bureau of Reclamation has cut off the flow of water to the marshy area east of La Luz -- a favorite birding area for Audubon members and an environmental study area for the Albuquerque Public Schools. Rex Funk of West Mesa High School and Charles Hyder (with the free legal service of Tom Stribling) plan to obtain an injunction against the Bureau of Reclamation if the flow of water is not restored. Hyder asked for Chapter support. The Board voted to bring the matter to the group at the regular meeting on January 18. The matter was presented at the meeting, with a quorum present. The vote to support Hyder and Funk in seeking the injunction, if necessary, was unanimous.

The National Audubon Society Convention will be held in Denver, June 7-11, 1973. The Board selected Virginia Fedder to be our official delegate.

Since the Annual Convention is to be held so close to Albuquerque, a number of persons have stated that they plan to attend. The Denver Audubon Society Convention Committee has announced a Host Family Program to be run during June 7-11. They are currently building a file of DAS members willing to share spare bedrooms, sofas, and backyard camping space with out-of-towners attending the convention. Those volunteering are looking forward to getting to know Auduboners from other parts of the country on a person-to-person and family-to-family basis. For information write: Host Family Chairman, Mrs. Aleon DeVore, Star Route Box 75-A, Littleton, Colorado 80120.

The Denver Audubon Society is also planning before the convention and after the convention trips: backpacking in the Lost Creek Scenic Area and the Mount Evans Wilderness, Colorado River and Yampa River float trips, bus tours to Sand Dunes National Monument and Monte Vista Wildlife Refuge, a narrow-gauge railroad trip from Durango to Silverton, etc. For full information write: Denver Audubon Society, Trip Coordinators, P. O. Box 489, Englewood, Colorado 80110.

NEW MEMBERS -- DECEMBER 1972/JANUARY 1973

Mrs. Robert B. Dueble, 411A Girard SE
 Mrs. Merl F. Gay, 8911 Northeastern Blvd. NE
 Dr. and Mrs. D. L. Giles, 2219 Camino Artesanos NW
 Mrs. Doris Hart, 11605 Baldwin Avenue NE
 R. A. Johns, 13112 Blackstone NE
 Robert Kramer, M C C A 21-9-72, Box 14518
 John E. Lowe, 4513 La Barranca NE
 H. S. and Yolanda McAllister, 206 San Lorenzo NW
 Mrs. R. W. McCoy, Star Route Box 178A, Alameda N.M., 87114
 James L. Sands, Star Route Box 10, Placitas, N. M. 87043
 Beth Keenan Petronis, 1708 Gold Avenue SE
 Neal Sirwinski, 2831 Claremont Place NE

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"You did not come with spring this year,
 But another's settled here...in your own tree.
 Say was there somewhere in the flight
 Rush of owl on gusty night...too quick to flee,
 Or hawk burst down the blinding blue?
 Was it hawk or owl changed you --
 Or was it me?"

-- William E. Mahoney