

The Burrowing Owl

CENTRAL NEW MEXICO AUDUBON SOCIETY, P. O. Box 30002, Albuquerque, N. M.
August/September 1974

COMING EVENTS

Calendar for August and September

Saturday August 10 Field trip to the Clarke Farm in the South Valley. Mrs. Clarke has spoken to our Society about hummingbirds, her special interest. Besides the hummers, there should be a variety of other interesting birds since there are pond, woods and fields. Trip leader: Dot DeLollis. Meet at the corner of Rio Bravo Blvd. and South Broadway at 6:45 a.m.

Thursday August 15 Regular meeting of the CENTRAL NEW MEXICO AUDUBON SOCIETY, 7:30 p.m. in the UNM Physics and Astronomy Building. Mrs. "Bo" West and other members of the Sangre de Cristo Audubon Society will show slides and tell about the types of talks their society presents as a service to other groups.

Saturday Sept. 14 Field trip to the Isleta Marsh. This is always a productive area and it should be especially so during this fall migration period. Trip leader: Ross Teuber. Meet at the post office on the west side of Winrock Center at 6:45 a.m. For the longer trips this year we will plan to meet in the city and arrange car pools for those who want them.

Thursday Sept. 19 Regular meeting of the CENTRAL NEW MEXICO AUDUBON SOCIETY, 7:30 p.m. in the UNM Physics and Astronomy Building.

Watch newspaper announcements for this program.

State Rep Jim Caudill on Firearm Safety Program

AUDUBON CHARTER

The Central New Mexico Audubon Society, like all local Audubon societies, is chartered annually by National Audubon upon presentation of proof that we have fulfilled a certain number of requirements during each preceding year. If these requirements are not met annually, the local society loses its charter and the considerable financial support of National Audubon. We enjoy our interesting monthly programs and frequent field trips, but we must also be a conservation, service and educational organization. We may demonstrate our concerns in various ways: keeping our membership and others informed of ecological problems in our area; supporting conservation causes with funds and services; supplying speakers when requested by outside groups, etc. We have many requests each year for speakers, particularly from garden clubs and youth groups. Several of our members have handled these requests in the past but we have never had a speakers' bureau. Members of Sangre de Cristo Audubon Society who live in the Santa Fe/Espanola/Los Alamos area, have had this problem too. At our August meeting they will demonstrate some of their methods for meeting requests for speakers.

FIELD TRIP REPORT

Seven people went on the field trip to Capulin Springs on July 27 and 32 species of birds were observed in that area or enroute. There were no unusual birds seen, but it was an interesting morning with a good count. Field trip Chairman, Ross Teuber, led the trip.

ANY SPARES?

Do you have any duplicates in your bird slide collection? If you can spare a few, Craig Andrews would welcome donations for the Chapter slide library. They need not be professional-type pictures -- just recognizable. Call him at 266-6616 days, 344-2214 evenings.

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

From August 4 through September 29, the Museum of Albuquerque will have an exhibit of photographs, in color and in black-and-white, of scenes along the Rio Grande Bosque in the area between Sandia Pueblo to the north and Isleta Pueblo to the south. Many of our favorite birding spots are within this area.

The photographs on display are entries in the recent contest sponsored by the Bosque de Rio Grande Nature Preserve Society, a group founded to protect the bosque. The museum is at the south end of Yale Blvd. SE and it is open on Tuesdays through Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and open on Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is free on Sundays, with a minimal fee on other days.

BIRD LISTS

Do you keep a life list or record of birds you have seen? Ro Wauer, newsletter editor for the New Mexico Ornithological Society, would like to hear from any person who has seen at least half the species known to have been within our state. If you have seen at least 215 species of birds within New Mexico, you qualify. To make this counting of your list easier, ignore recent A.O.U. name changes and count flickers, juncos, etc. by their old familiar names and as separate species. Send your total count to Ro Wauer, Box 5373, Santa Fe, N.M. 87501. The record number seen by any one individual reported so far has been 321.

FIELD-TRIP QUESTIONNAIRE

Mary Lou Arthur and Ross Teuber, Co-Chairmen (Co-Chairpersons? Co-Chairpeople?) have completed a questionnaire concerning your wishes with regard to field trips during the coming year, to guide them in setting up the best possible program for all the members.

A copy of the questionnaire is enclosed and they will be very grateful if you will return it to them, either at the next meeting or by mail, so they can know your desires in the matter. Unless the questionnaires are returned, Ross says, he will plan all the trips himself. (That's bad???)

All field trips are open to anyone who wishes to come, whether Audubon member or not. An interest in birdlife and Nature is all the equipment needed, though binoculars and a bird book are handy to have along.

STRIP-MINE BILL NEWS

In a major test on the strip-mine bill, the House rejected the toothless industry-backed substitute by a vote of 255-156, with 23 not voting. (Our Representatives were among the 156.) Dated July 26, our information reported that the House had still not acted on such key conservationist-supported amendments as measures to seek protection of western water supplies and incentives for deep mining of coal. Debate is being slowed down by opposition delaying tactics and the looming impeachment proceedings. On Monday, July 22, the amendment sponsored by the Representative from West Virginia, which would have set a ban on stripping of coal on slopes greater than 20 degrees, was rejected. The Senate-passed bill is stronger in some ways, weaker in others, than the House bill and even after passage, a joint conference will be required. Crucial battles are still ahead for this legislation.

FOR "SPEC" WEARERS

An attachment is available for binoculars which can be of great comfort to those of us who wear glasses. It slips on the eyepieces and permits the binocular lens to come close to the spectacles as well as holding the binoculars steady.

Known as "Steady-Vue Binocular Attachment", it is available for \$3.50 postpaid, from the Steady-Vue Division, Berg Industries, 3376 West First St., Los Angeles, California 90004. The only drawback found so far is that it does not fit the newer glasses with the large-diameter eyepieces.

"GOOD BIRDING" PACKET

Presently in the works is a unique souvenir of Albuquerque especially for visiting birders. It is a small packet of maps and descriptions of good birding spots within a day's drive of Albuquerque. Several are ready to go to press, but more are needed. The packet will contain some dozen-or-so 3x5" slips of paper, each with a map showing how to reach the spot, a short description and the names of some of the birds to be expected there.

The packet will be for free distribution by the Chamber of Commerce office, where inquiries are often received about Audubon. It will be a postage-paid return envelope so that if the birder wishes to return the packet he may do so by dropping it into the mail.

If you have a good birding spot in mind, write it up or tell Dan or Marian Washburn about it and it can be included in the packet. The Washburns can be reached at 266-3078 evenings, or Marian can be contacted at 842-2040 during working hours.

AN EASY WAY TO REACH YOUR CONGRESSMAN

There are many ways to reach your Congressman to express your opinion on issues of concern to you besides writing a letter. (House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., 20515; U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510) For \$2 each, Western Union makes available two different services: (1) The Public Opinion Message, 15 words not including address or signature, sent by Telex, applicable to elected officials only; (2) the Mail-O-Gram, 100 words not including address or signature, with a toll-free call (800-257-2211) sent to arrive the next day and applicable to anyone in the U.S. Hence it's a speedy vehicle for expressing views to members of the Executive and Judicial branches as well.

And don't forget the phone: a great many Americans live within local-call distance of the home office of their Congressman.

Our Congressman here, Representative Manuel Lujan, Jr., has an office in the Federal Building, phone 766-2538. Our Senators are Pete V. Domenici, 766-3481 and Joseph M. Montoya, 766,2551. Both have offices in the Federal Building.

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