

BURROWING OWL



CENTRAL NEW MEXICO AUDUBON SOCIETY, ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

October-November, 1976

**** SPECIAL NOTICE ****

Please note that FUTURE MEETINGS of the CENTRAL NEW MEXICO AUDUBON SOCIETY will continue to be held at the old location -- UNM Physics and Astronomy Building, Lomas and Yale NE. ("Curses, foiled again!")

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

Saturday FIELD TRIP to Shady Lakes, Alameda Bosque, led by Joan Phillips, Mary Alice
October 9 Root and Chuck Hundertmark. Meet at 7:00 a.m. in the parking lot of the
Physics/Astronomy Building, Lomas and Yale OR at 7:45 a.m. at Shady Lakes,
slightly less than a mile north of the intersection of Second Street and Fourth Street,
north of town. We are hoping to see Green Herons, migrating sandpipers and Red-headed
Woodpeckers.

Thursday BOARD MEETING at the home of Barbara Hussey, Corresponding Secretary, 7:30
October 14 p.m. Her address is shown in the list of officers on the last page.

Saturday FIELD TRIP to Bosque del Apache, led by Barbara Hussey. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at
October 16 the parking lot of the Physics/Astronomy Building, Lomas and Yale NE, or at
9:00 a.m. at the Refuge headquarters building. We hope to see migrating
shorebirds (related to the migrating sandpipers mentioned above) Least Bittern, Sora and
the Snowy Egret.

Thursday Regular meeting of the CENTRAL NEW MEXICO AUDUBON SOCIETY, 7:30 p.m., UNM
October 21 Physics/Astronomy Building, Lomas and Yale NE. Speaker for the evening will
be Miles Camery of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, who will discuss the
laws that pertain to birds -- game and otherwise.

Saturday ²³ FIELD TRIP to the Juan Tabo Recreation Area and to the Apache Elementary
October ⁽¹⁾ School waterfowl display. Leaders will be Hart Swartz and Wayne Prentice.
Plan to meet at the cattle guard at the entrance to the Juan Tabo area at
7:00 or at the Apache School, 12800 Copper NE at 9:00 a.m. At the Recreation Area you
can expect to see Rufous-sided Towhees, perhaps Black-chinned sparrows and Bushtits. At
Apache School there will be on display specimens of almost all North American waterfowl.

Wednesday WEEKDAY FIELD TRIP to the Juan Tabo Recreation Area, led by Helen and Fred
October 27 Riddell. The trip will start at 8:30 a.m. from the cattle guard at the
entrance to the Recreation Area.

Saturday FIELD TRIP to Manzano Lake and Red Canyon Campground, led by Ross Teuber and
October 30 Terry Root. Meet in the parking lot of the Western Skies Motel at 7:00 a.m.
and plan on seeing some Pinyon Jays, Pied-billed Grebes and other water birds.

Saturday FIELD TRIP to Coronado State Monument (Northwest of Bernalillo). The co-
November 6 leaders, Dot DeLollis and Mary Lou Arthur, are planning to start the trip at
7:00 a.m. from the bank at the southwest corner of Carlisle and Montgomery NE.
We will hope to see Vesper Sparrows, Brewer's Sparrows plus Scale and Gambel's Quail.

Thursday BOARD MEETING, 7:30 p.m., place to be announced.
November 11

Saturday ¹³ FIELD TRIP to Bosque del Apache for birding and photography. Leaders are
November ¹³ Dave Lange in charge of birding and Jim Karo in charge of photography. You
have your choice of meeting at the Physics/Astronomy Building, Yale and Lomas,
NE at 7:00 a.m. or at the Refuge headquarters at 9:00 a.m.

Thursday Regular meeting of the CENTRAL NEW MEXICO AUDUBON SOCIETY, 7:30, UNM Physics/
November 18 Astronomy Building, Lomas and Yale NE. Speaker for this meeting will be Ron
Chaplin, State Representative from Albuquerque, who will talk on environmental
legislation at the state level and on the feasibility of an airport on West Mesa.

Friday WEEKDAY FIELD TRIP to Shady Lakes, led by Joan Phillips. Meet at Shady Lakes
November 19 at 8:30 a.m. Shady Lakes is just under a mile north of the intersection of
Second and Fourth Streets on Highway 85 to Bernalillo.

Calendar, continued (Busy two months!)

Saturday FIELD TRIP to San Gabriel Park to be led by Granger Ward. Meet at the Park
November 20 entrance (west end of Mountain Road) and plan to see White-crowned Sparrows,
Cedar Waxwings, etc. (Those etceteras really get around!)

Friday- FIELD TRIP to Bitter Lakes National Wildlife Refuge, Roswell, New Mexico.
Sunday This is to be self-guided unless some volunteers contact Barbara Hussey at
Nov. 26-28 296-6547. Meet at the Bitter Lakes Headquarters on Friday at 9:00-9:30 a.m.
and plan on seeing beaucoup wintering wildfowl.

Saturday FIELD TRIP to Chaco Canyon (north of Thoreau, N.M.) The leader will be Dar-
December 4 win Miller and the meeting time will be 6:00 a.m. (!) at the Physics/
Astronomy Building, Lomas and Yale. Chaco Canyon National Monument has camp-
ing facilities and can be reached only by dirt roads (Cuts down on tourista types). Plan
to see hawks, Scaled Quail, Sage Sparrows and many Indian ruins.

Sunday MEMORIAL SERVICES for CNMAS members who tried to go on all the field trips
December 5 of the past two months.

PREVIEWS OF COMING ATTRACTIONS

- December 18 Sandia Mountain Christmas Bird Count
December 19 Albuquerque Christmas Bird Count
January 2 Bosque del Apache Christmas Bird Count
January 8 Annual Hawk Caravan
January 15 Snowshoe trip in Sandia Mountains or ----- ?
February ? Possible bus trip to Bosque del Apache

WHICH WAY IS SOUTH?

(Or, Who's Confused?)

During a quick trip to Los Alamos this past week it was noted that the aspens are turning yellow in great numbers, which means that Fall is on its way down the mountain and will soon reach the river banks. The golden time of year is here, bringing with it Fall migrations and trips to Socorro, and Bosque del Apache to see what Nature has sent us for the winter.

And boy! are we lucky! Mary Alice Root has consented to take over the chore of being Field Trip Chairman, assisted by Granger Ward, Mary Lou Arthur and several other expert birdpersons. So we'll have just as fine a series of field trips as we've ever had -- or maybe better. They have in mind a bus trip to Bosque, in which everyone can look out the window of the bus and watch the birds without even setting down a coffee cup. Keep your ears open for the announcement of this remarkable event.

Congratulations to Maurice Mackey for staging a rip-snortin' meeting on September 16. The debate about storage of nuclear wastes was a good deal livelier than the one a week later about who should be President of the U. S. and A.

Several members of the Board of Directors had the privilege of a visit with Bob Turner, Regional Representative for the Rocky Mountain Region, National Audubon Society, on September 14. He had some good suggestions for us, including embryo plans for a New Mexico Council of Audubon Societies. More about that when the plans hatch.

And Marian Washburn has spent the past week or ten days at the State Fairgrounds, taking care of the CNMAS display in the Flower Building. The display has attracted much attention, and she really spread the gospel about the work of the Audubon Society. We are obliged to the Albuquerque Garden Clubs for the opportunity to participate this year and believe we'll be invited to show up again next year. With that much time to plan for it, we'll certainly put on a show any bird would be proud of.

-- Craig Andrews, President

DIDJA KNOW --

The original "dirty bird" (Anyone remember George Gobel -- "I'll be a dirty bird!") is the Hoopoe, whose filthy habits earned it an honored place on the ancient Hebrews' proscribed list.

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

Eighteen people journeyed to the Ice Caves and El Morro on August 14 on a trip led by Mary Alice Root. They spied upon the activities of 33 species (of birds, that is) including Clark's Nutcracker, Hepatic Tanager and Pinon Jay.

Eight people fought brush and mosquitoes to observe 18 species on the Oxbow field trip, led by Dave Lange on August 28. Among the species observed were a Common Nighthawk, Spotted Sandpiper and several Blue Grosbeaks. They noted that the water flow had been restored to the Oxbow and it was reassuring to observe several flocks of Mallards in the area.

Darwin Miller led a good climb in the La Madera area on September 11th. These hardy souls were rewarded with sightings of 30 species, including Red-breasted Nuthatches, Cedar Waxwings and Downy Woodpeckers.

HELP FOR INJURED BIRDS

In response to a letter I wrote to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the CNMAS has been supplied with the names of three individuals in the Albuquerque area who have permits which authorize them to care for sick and injured migratory birds. These people have agreed to the publication of their names and addresses in the Burrowing Owl for the benefit of all the people who may need to use their services.

Mrs. Kenneth Stubben, 6621 Arno NE, Albuquerque 87107, 344-8404
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NEW MEXICO STATE FAIR - 1976

As Craig Anderson told you above, for the first time in the history of the New Mexico State Fair, the National Audubon Society was represented. The CNMAS was invited by the Council of Garden Clubs to make a display in their building as a result of the excellent booth set up for the Bicentennial Fiesta last March.

We already had an excellent three-wing display board made by Tom Warder, so Dave Lange and Paul Hlava constructed a table to fit it. Before the Fair opened, Craig set up the display using some of the materials shown at the Bicentennial plus membership material, magazines and Audubon Wildlife Film Series publicity. Posters donated by the Piggly-Wiggly Stores from previous advertising and portraying various wildlife, decorated the space around the table and gave the display color. The Chapter scrapbook was on display, showing activities of the group.

The display was tended each day for a few hours, resulting, it is hoped, in several new members for the Chapter. The Fair judges deemed our efforts worthy of an "Award of Appreciation" -- a rosette such as is given the sweepstakes winners in flower and livestock shows.

An invitation has been extended to the Chapter by the Council to present a "bigger and better" display next year and plans are already afoot. Members are invited to make known any ideas or suggestions they may have for what the booth should include. Craig will be glad to receive your suggestions.

ONE-MAN SHOW

For the first time, as far as we know, a member of CNMAS is presenting a one-man photograph show. Margo Friters-Drucker joined our group just a few months ago, having moved to New Mexico from Rockland County, New York, where she was a member of the Rockland County Audubon Society for many years.

Her work has been widely exhibited and reproduced in numerous publications. She studied at La Sorbonne in Paris, as well as with noted photographers and painters.

While Margo has not photographed wildlife, we believe the more serious photographers of CNMAS will be interested to see her portraits of "Great Artists of Our Time" at the Quivira Bookshop and Photograph Gallery, 111 Cornell Drive SE, November 1 - 30, 1976. The opening reception will be on Sunday, October 31, from 2 to 5 p.m.

TECHNICAL TALK AT UNM

Dr. David Ligon, Professor of Ornithology at UNM, will present a colloquium (a technical talk) on the subject of "Adaptive Significance of the Communalism of the Green Woodhoopoe". This is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on Monday, October 11, in Room 139 Castetter Hall (Biology Building), UNM, Yale Ave., 2nd building north of Redondo. (With a title like that, it will be a lot more than pictures of a dirty bird.)

EAGLE NOTES

At a press conference in Phoenix last month, Maricopa Audubon Society told reporters that only five young bald eagles were successfully fledged in Arizona last year and that three of them were raised in river areas that will be lost if the Bureau of Reclamation's Orme Dam is built. Maricopa pointed out that there are numerous alternatives for this storage and flood control project.

(Ed. note: This is the same BuRec which so enthusiastically pursues the clearing of the phreatophytes from the banks of the Rio Grande.)

OUR NATIONAL FORESTS: WILL THEY SURVIVE?

Word comes from one of our exchanges, The Pine Warbler of Tyler, Texas that Senator John Tower requested the speedy action of the Senate to repeal timber laws which prohibit the cutting of trees in our national forests unless they are dead, mature or large. He got his way. August 25, 1976 the Senate passed a bill in favor of clear cutting.

As of September 6, 1976 the House of Representatives had not acted, so it behooves all of us to write our Congressmen and express our feelings on this. There are a number of good reasons for asking that this repeal not take place, among which are the facts that erosion (brought about by clear-cutting) removes topsoil necessary for new growth to take place and silts up the watercourses and that increased insects and tree diseases become more prevalent in trees of a particular age or species.

The Senator was asking for repeal with Texas national forests in mind but the legislation can affect the forests all over the country. Do we want clearcutting in our national forests? There is a bill (HR 11894) which supported by environmentalists. The House committee is dominated by a majority of those in favor of clearcutting.

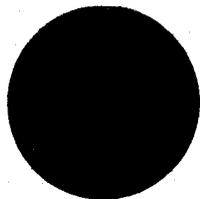
Now is the time to write your Congressman. Ask for hearings and tell him what you think of clearcutting. The Texas Senator was thinking only of Texas, but the effects would reach far beyond its borders.

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