

BURROWING OWL



CENTRAL NEW MEXICO AUDUBON SOCIETY, ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.

JUNE-JULY 1980

CALENDAR--JUNE-JULY

WELCOME! CNMAS meets each month on the third Thursday at 7:30 P.M. at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, Copper & Jefferson N.E. Meetings are open to the public. Non-members and beginners are welcome on all field trips. For membership application call Dot DeLollis (299-5384).

Thursday June 5 BOARD MEETING at the home of Barbara Hussey (292-5626)

705 Monte Alto NE. "Get acquainted" potluck supper starts at 6:30 P.M. for past and present board members and spouses. Bring food. If you can bring tables and chairs call Barbara. At 7:30 meeting begins. Agenda: Future Directions for CNMAS. Bring Ideas!

Fri-Sat. & Sun. Jun 6,7,8 FIELD TRIP -A two night camping trip to scout birding areas for the Ghost Ranch Conference. Meet at Echo Amphitheater camping area (north of Ghost Ranch on U.S. 84) on Friday evening, or at 6 A.M. Saturday morning. Saturday night we will camp at Heron Lake. All are welcome, bring camping gear, food and water. Leader Dave Lange (266-4420).

Thursday June 19 REGULAR MEETING of the Central New Mexico Audubon Society 7:30 P.M. at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, Copper & Jefferson N.E. Program will be a film entitled "Time and the Trumpeter Swan," depicting its life history including the U.S.F. & WS recovery program

in Montana of this once endangered species.

Mon-Mon Jun 23-30 1980 Southwest Regional AUDUBON CONFERENCE at Ghost Ranch, N.M. Response has been excellent*- the conference is nearly full! If you cannot go but would like to attend some of the workshops, contact Dave Lange (266-4420) to register NOW. Regular registration fee (\$15.00) will be charged.

Thursday July 3 Board meeting has been changed to July 10th due to Independence Day

Thursday July 10 BOARD MEETING Changed this month only to second week in July! At the home of Ross Teuber 1612 Kentucky N.E. (265-8962)

Sunday July 13 FIELD TRIP to Three Gun Springs and Oso Pass in the south end of the Sandias. 8 mile hike round trip. Bring lunch and water. Meet at 8 A.M. at the Three Gun Springs parking area. For directions call leader Hart Schwarz, (266-1810)

Thursday July 17 REGULAR MEETING of the Central New Mexico Audubon Society, 7:30P.M. at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, Copper & Jefferson NE. Carl Mitchell biological technician, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service will present slides and speak on the Golden Eagle Management Program in eastern N.M. and Texas. The program includes live trapping, relocation and radio telemetry.

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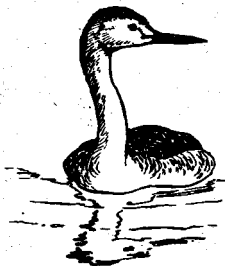
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Friday DEADLINE to submit
July 18 copy for the Aug.-
 Sept. issue of the
 "Burrowing Owl." Send to
 Barbara Hussey, 705 Monte
 Alto NE., 87123. (292-5626)

Saturday FIELD TRIP to the
July 19 Santa Fe Ski Basin.
 Meet at 6 A.M. at
 Goodwill Industries, 5000 San

Mateo NE. Call leaders Dustin
 & Sue Huntington by July 17
 if you plan to go. Trip will
 be cancelled if fewer than
 three people call.

Thursday NO Board Meeting
Aug. 7 is scheduled for
 August. If urgent
 business arises, board members
 will be contacted.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Thanks to Dan and Marian Washburn are in order for presenting an interesting and informative program on their travels around the U.S. at our ninth annual meeting in May. We are also grateful to Diana Kinney and all who helped her organize the potluck supper arrangements. Unfortunately the chapter did not present the Washburn Award this year. Let's hope a deserving recipient can be found in 1981 when we celebrate our tenth anniversary!

The Third Annual Spring Bird Count was successful with 117 species. A report by Dustin Huntington is in this issue.

The next big event for our chapter is the 1980 National Audubon Southwest Regional Conference at Ghost Ranch from June 23 to 30. There are only a few reservations left, so hurry if you still want to go. Anyone not registered for the conference but wishing to attend workshops on a daily basis may do so if you act now! See the article in this issue for details.

The Senate debate on Alaska should begin again in July. If you haven't yet written your senator asking him to support the Udall-Anderson bill, it's not too late. Addresses are on page 8.

Closer to home, the controversy

over the proposal to change the status of the New Mexico experimental whooping crane flock still rages. See Dave Lange's article in this issue.

Are you interested in conservation? Many opportunities exist through our organization which may allow individuals to be heard. In addition to Alaska and the whooping cranes mentioned above, there is the north valley bridge issue, air quality for Albuquerque, and any number of other problems. We also need someone who is interested in writing or researching a series of OWL articles on what we as individuals can do for energy conservation.

I wish to thank all of you who have helped me publish this OWL issue. Phyllis Schmidt was kind enough to do much of the typing. As many of those who helped this time cannot help in July, I hope some of you regular readers will pitch in. Many of the jobs are small. Help is also needed on all our committees to get the year off to a good start. The education, conservation, and hospitality committees need it most. Many jobs are temporary, one-time basis work such as setting up chairs at the meetings or distributing name tags. Call me at 292-5626.

Barbara Hussey

SHOULD THERE BE AN "EXPERIMENTAL" CLASSIFICATION UNDER THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT?

In January we were presented with very limited information about an attempt by the NM Dept. of Game and Fish to get the status of the flock of Whooping Cranes which winter in New Mexico reduced to threatened or to a proposed "experimental" classification. We made a brief announcement on the issue in the Feb-March OWL.

The state is proposing an ammendment to the Endangered Species Act to designate an "experimental" classification which would be used for the populations of endangered or threatened species released by man in areas distinct from naturally occurring populations. This is being proposed to allow more flexible management and would require a management agreement between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and any affected states or parties. To quote from a letter from the office of the regional director of the Fish and Wildlife Service "The State and others, including this office, do support a need for a new and third category of listing within the Act to recognize the unique position of those species which are or will be reintroduced into suitable historical habitat as most important in recovery efforts. This would still provide all necessary protection to the introduced animals and at the same time allow a much greater degree of management flexibility and lessen widespread fears regarding forced changes in current use of lands or waters, private or public."

I and many members of our board support this position and feel that the proposed ammendment would not place the Idaho-New Mexico Whooping Crane flock in jeopardy and would in fact aid the recovery of many endangered and threatened species.

This issue is much too complex to discuss fully here but if you would like additional information please contact me or attend the form on this issue at the upcoming Southwest Regional Conference at Ghost Ranch. The forum will take place on Saturday, 28 June, time unknown at present.

Dave Lange

CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE

For those of you who will be unable to attend the 1980 National Audubon Society's Southwest Regional Conference at Ghost Ranch -- you can still register for the daily workshops. Registration fee will be \$15.00 per person.

Offered are:

Environmental Education (June 24, morning). Explores environmental education possibilities for Audubon chapters including techniques for working with children.

Field Trip Leaders Workshop (June 25, afternoon). For field trip committee chairmen and anyone who might lead a field trip.

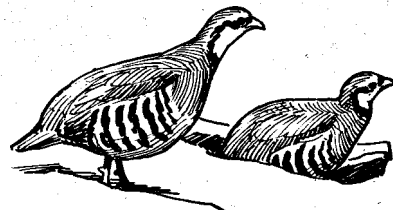
Solar Energy Workshop (June 25, all day or June 26, all day). Conducted by NM Solar Energy Assoc. of Santa Fe. Slides, films, demonstrations, and tour of solar facilities at Ghost Ranch in morning. Afternoon will be a hands-on building project limited to 20 at a time.

Nature Photography (June 26, morning or afternoon). Techniques & equipment for nature photography.

Towards More Effective Slide Programs (June 27, morning). Elements & techniques for preparing & presenting good slide programs.

Saturday & Sunday workshops will be conducted by the National Audubon staff including an address by National Audubon President, Russ Peterson. Some of the other presentations will be "Public Lands" by Charles Callison and "Whooping Cranes" by Dave Blankinship and many others.

It is important that you register early. Please call Dave Lange for more information - (266-4420).



\$20,000,000 Media Drive Is Planned by Alaska

Senate Majority Leader Robert C. Byrd has promised to schedule debate on the long-delayed Alaska public lands bill beginning July 21st, the earliest date allowed under the agreement reached by Congressional leaders in February (see *Leader*, 2/29/80).

Meanwhile, the Alaska state legislature is reported ready to spend as much as \$20 million for a lobbying and publicity campaign in the "lower 48" states in support of more development and less parkland and wilderness for Alaska. The message of the campaign, according to accounts in the *Anchorage Daily News*, is that the conservationist-backed version of the Alaska bill would bottle up energy resources America needs.

The publicity blitz will use newspaper advertisements, a travelling band of Alaska Jaycees who will appear at functions scheduled by local Jaycee groups, letter-writing campaigns, and other public relations techniques. It reportedly will focus on thirty key (unidentified) senators who have been classed as "fence-sitters" by the Alaskan congressional delegation.

The protracted dispute is over what federal lands Alaska became entitled to after the former territory became a state in 1959. The conservationist-backed version of the Alaska bill is based on years of field hearings and debate in which legislators painstakingly mapped areas of value for mining, timbering, and oil development, as well as lands of particular scenic beauty and value for recreation and wildlife habitat.

Twice the House has approved conservationist-supported Alaska bills, the Udall-Anderson measure passed last year by a vote of 360-65, and the similar H.R. 39, passed in the previous session, 277-31. The Senate, however, has never had an opportunity to vote on the issue. Delaying tactics by Alaska's two senators, Mike Gravel and Ted Stevens, have kept the measure from the floor.

National Audubon Society members can help counter inaccurate claims that may be made by Alaska's pro-development campaign. If an advertisement in your local paper says the Udall-Anderson bill would "lock up" oil reserves, write a letter to the editor explaining that under that bill 95 percent of Alaska's onshore lands with a "high" or "favorable" potential for oil and gas could be open for exploration and development. Send a copy of your letter to your senators (U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20010). If you need more facts to counter some particular claim, call the Alaska Coalition in Washington, (202) 547-8300.

TO KEEP BIRDS OUT OF GARDENS

Try a phony owl. It can be sawed out life-size from a board or made from other objects. A good one can be made from wooden net-floats. Use a long one for the body and split another long one to fasten on each side as wings. Use a round one with bored-out eyes for the head and a disc-shaped one for the feet. The important thing is to move it from post to post frequently to keep the birds guessing.

Other effective scare-devices in-

U.S. Forest Service Summer Programs in the Sandia Mountains

NATURAL HISTORY TALKS will be offered at the Four Seasons Visitor Center, top of tram, and the Crest Observation Deck.

NATURE WALKS, displays, information and a self-guiding nature trail will be available at the Four Seasons Visitor Center. Nature walks will be offered at Sandia Crest also.

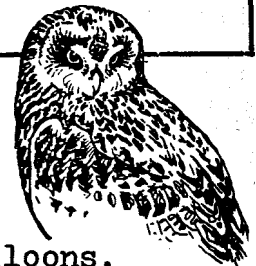
GUIDED HIKES: Tree Springs, 3½ mile leisure hike from 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Reservations are necessary.

Mystery Trail, 5 mile all day hike will be offered on Sundays, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION At local camps or with special groups upon request. Wednesdays, only

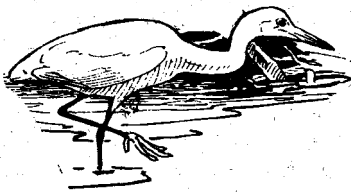
PROGRAMS BEGIN June 20, 1980 and continue through August 17, 1980.

FOR RESERVATIONS on hikes and more information, call Sandia Ranger Station 281-3304. All programs are free.



clude string-tethered balloons, aluminum pie plates, wind turbines made of plastic milk jugs, or anything that whirls or twists in the wind. Here again, though it is necessary to make frequent changes. Sooner or later the birds will lose their fear of any scare device - if it remains in one place. For that reason, unfortunately, the traditional scarecrow-strawman is nearly always useless.

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service



THIRD ANNUAL SPRING BIRD COUNT

On May 17 twenty one birders took part in the third annual spring bird count in the Albuquerque area. Good weather and increased participation helped in reaching a total of 117 species with 2847 individuals. The count was down two from last years 119 species. Last year five species of ducks were found which were absent this year however this years count had several species not found previously.

The count produced two notable extralimital records, Palm Warbler and Northern Waterthrush, both in the valley. The Palm Warbler is only about the seventh record for the state. The Northern Waterthrush while more regular than the Palm is also a rare bird for the state.

The count concluded with a picnic at Cienega Canyon followed by a search for the local Flamulated Owls. Six Flamulated Owls were heard and most participants even managed to get a look at the owls.

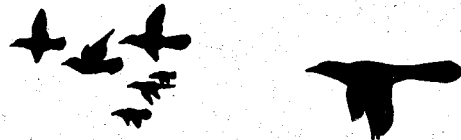
Participants:

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| Vary Alice Root | Dustin Huntington | Tom Bidell |
| Dot DeTollis | Sue Huntington | Dave Lange |
| Vary Lou Arthur | John Barcroft | Joanne Phillips |
| Helen Riddell | Jean Barcroft | Charlotte Motter |
| Joy Vilmar | Ross Teuber | Ruth Ihurs |
| Hart Schwarz | Clara Teuber | Myrtle Hilty |
| Dave Tomasko | Kay Anderson | Bertha Allen |

NORTH VALLEY RIVER CROSSING

Anyone having an opinion as where or whether another bridge should be built in the north valley may comment by July 14, 1980 to the New Mexico State Highway Department, PO Box 1149 Room 104, Santa Fe, NM 87503, Attention D. Sterling Mathias. A copy of the environmental impact statement is available to chapter members. Call Barbara Hussey (292-5626).

Another public hearing on the bridge is scheduled for June 30, 1980 at the Convention Center. Check newspapers for time.



	Sandia Mts.	East Mesa	Valley		Sandia Mts.	East Mesa	Valley		Sandia Mts.	East Mesa	Valley
Pied-billed Grebe			5	Black Phoebe			1	Orange Cr Warbler	1		
Double-cr Cormorant			3	Says Phoebe	2			Virginia Warbler	13		2
Green Heron			1	Hammonds Flycatcher	4			Yellow Warbler	2		5
Snowy Egret			2	Dusky Flycatcher			3	Yellow rumped Warbler	31	2	38
Black Cr. Night Heron	1		5	Western Flycatcher			2	Graces Warbler	7		
Canada Goose			5	Empidonax sp.	3	3	16	Palm Warbler			1
Mallard			27	Western Pewee	3	13		Northern Waterthrush			1
Cinnamon Teal			1	Olive sided Flycatcher	1			MacGillivrays Warb	1		12
Scaup			1	Flycatcher sp.				Com. Yellowthroat			3
Turkey Vulture	10		3	(Contopus sp.?)	1			Wilsons Warbler	2	1	9
Sharp Shin Hawk	1			Violet-green Swallow	73	4	160	House Sparrow	6	1	40
Coopers Hawk	2			Tree Swallow			3	Western Meadowlark	22	3	24
Redtail Hawk	1	1		Bank Swallow			5	Redwing Blackbird			41
Osprey			1	Rough winged Swallow	1		12	Norther Oriole	2		14
Kestrel	5		3	Barn Swallow			32	Brewers Blackbird	10		1
Scaled Quail		3	8	Cliff Swallow			73	Great Tail Grackle			60
Gambels Quail			23	Stellers Jay	12			Com Grackle			12
Pheasant			6	Scrub Jay	62	17		Cowbird	8		12
Coot			1	Com. Raven	6			Western Tanager	35	3	64
Killdeer	1		4	Crow			2	Rose Br Grosbeak	1		
Spotted Sandpiper	2		6	Pinyon Jay	76			Black Headed Grosbeak	67		41
Bandtail Pigeon	15			Black Capped Chickadee			1	Blue Grosbeak			1
Rock Dove	3		49	Mountain Chickadee	18			Indigo Bunting			1
Mourning Dove	37	4	380	Plain Titmouse	3			Lazuli Bunting			1
Yellow Billed Cuckoo			1	White Br Nuthatch	3			Evening Grosbeak	20		
Roadrunner		1	5	Red Br Nuthatch	9		1	Cassins Finch	2		
Flamulated Owl	6			Pygmy Nuthatch	3			House Finch	41		9
White Thr. Swift	12	3	16	House Wren	11		3	Pine Siskin	61		12
Black Chined Hummer			15	Bewicks Wren	2			Lesser Goldfinch			2
Broad-tail Hummer	14	5		Rock Wren			2	Red Crossbill	7		
Hummingbird sp.			8	Mockingbird	4	2	9	Green tail Towhee	2		1
Kingfisher			7	Robin	61		81	Rufous sided Towhee	13	4	1
Flicker	9		6	Hermit Thrush	2			Brown Towhee	9	4	
Yellow bellied Sapsucker	8			Western Bluebird	4	6		Lark Sparrow	5	1	
Hairy Woodpecker	2			Mountain Bluebird	18			Black Thr. Sparrow		5	1
Downy Woodpecker	3			Townsends Solitaire		3		Grayheaded Junco	3		
Ladderback Woodpecker	1		1	Bluegray Gnatcatcher		3	3	Chipping Sparrow	6		4
Western Kingbird	10		8	Ruby Cr. Kinglet	8		1	Brewers Sparrow			1
Cassins Kingbird	11			Cedar Waxwing	6		10	White Crowned Sparrow	2		4
Ash Throated Flycatcher	1			Starling	17		330				
				Warbling Vireo	7		3				
				Solitary Vireo	6		1				
								Total Species Seen	78	22	84

ROSS'S RAVIN'S

Hi Folks! By the time you read this the peak of the spring migration will have passed; the transient species will have passed on through, and the summer residents will have settled down to the mundane business of nesting and rearing young. But then, what's so mundane for example about the round fuzzy head and big goggly yellow eyes of an unfledged horned owl peering over the rim of its nest? Some of our best outings, and most interesting sightings lie just ahead.

Speaking of nesting, I promised to let you know of my success, or lack of it in finding the Swainson's warbler in the cane breaks of SE Missouri. In a word, no! The arrival of spring weather and migrants back there was delayed by about two weeks-- so I was about that much ahead of the arrival of the Swainson's warblers-- though prothonotaries were plentiful. In spite of chilly, rainy weather, I did see some eighty species on the trip, not the least of which were pileated woodpeckers and nesting wood ducks.

This area has been visited by several rarities this spring. An arctic loon remained for about three weeks on an irrigation pond at Sandia Park. There was also a confirmed sighting of a Louisiana waterthrush, first in the state, which remained for several days in the area along Cienega Creek. Congratulations to Hart Schwarz and Mary Lou Arthur. And there were reports of unconfirmed sightings of a wood ibis in the north valley, and a possible mourning warbler in the SE heights. I also had indirect reports of sightings of a

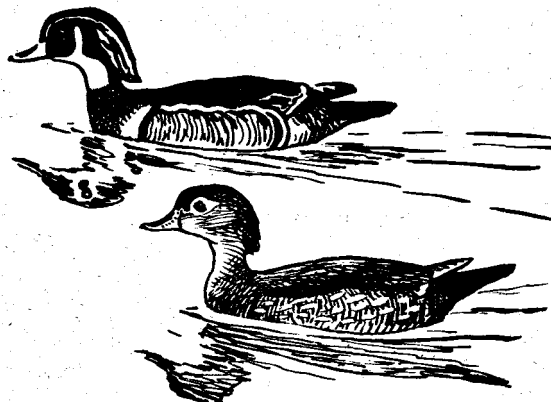
Blackburnian and a magnolia warbler, but too late to follow up on. Among other reports were a palm warbler and a rose-breasted grosbeak on the spring count. Joanne Phillips has had a northern waterthrush and a Tennessee warbler at her ponds at Shady Lakes. Warblers of many species, black-headed grosbeaks, western tanagers, northern orioles and many others are numerous, as well as kingbirds, flycatchers and buntings.

The first reports of black-chinned hummingbirds were from Joanne Phillips, Craig Andrews and my own feeders on April 16. Hart Schwarz found both black-chinned and broad-tailed in the Sandias on April 18th and 19th.

If the oddities continue to show up as regularly as they have been, this should be a banner year for birding. Please share your sightings with me (265-8962) so I can pass them on to your fellow birders.

With the new panel of officers, and necessity of establishing a new editorial staff to relieve some of the pressure on our new president there may be changes in editorial policy and procedure. If you have any strong feelings pro or con about this column, let them be known. Will I be seeing you next time?!?!? Best wishes for a successful year to our new officers - Please support them.

Ross L. Teuber



RARE BIRD ALERT REORGANIZATION

We plan to restructure the CNMAS Rare Bird Alert (RBA) to make it work better and be of greater use. To better organize the RBA we need the following information from the users. Please answer these questions and return the form at the regular meeting or mail it to: Dustin Huntington, 11 Calle Pueblo Pinado, NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120.

THE NEXT RBA LIST WILL INCLUDE ONLY THOSE WHO COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM!:

1. Name _____ Address _____
Phone _____

2. My main interest in the RBA is:
 hearing about local rare birds in time to see them myself.
 hearing about local rare birds, but I usually don't go see them myself.
 helping out in a CNMAS project.

3. In the past year I have attempted to find ?% of the species reported:
 0-25% 25-50% 50-75% 75-100%

4. I am willing to drive ? miles solely to see a rare bird:

	probably	maybe	never
0-30 miles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
30-60 miles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
60-120 miles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
120-240 miles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
240 Or more miles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. I would like to have more RBA reports on exceptionally rare and interesting birds.....

anywhere in New Mexico	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
in adjacent states	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
anywhere in the U.S.	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

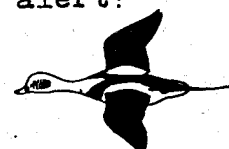
6. I am able to be contacted by phone and to pass the report on.....

almost always usually sometimes occasionally
 rarely

7. Are there any times that it is best to call? _____

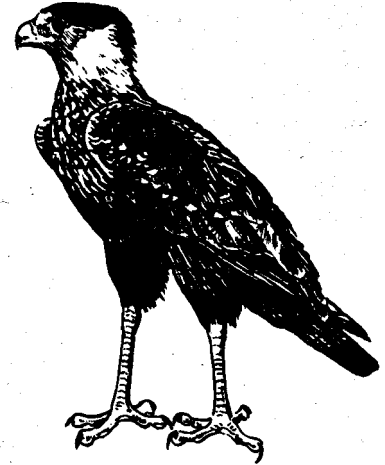
8. Would you be interested in and use a tape recorded rare bird alert?
 yes no

9. See reverse



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9. Comments about the RBA....

ADDRESSES

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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