



BURROWING OWL

Central New Mexico Audubon Society

August - September 1988

WELCOME!

The Central New Mexico Audubon Society meets on the third Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m., St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 211 Jefferson NE (corner of Copper and Jefferson, NE). Nonmembers are welcome at all meetings, fieldtrips, and special events.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS BY DR. CELESTYN BROZEK

RIO GRANDE NATURE CENTER
—Monday, August 8th



Sharon Belew, one of the outstanding teachers whom our chapter sponsored at Audubon Camp of the West, will lead an exciting afternoon at the Rio Grande Nature Center. We will have an opportunity to walk around the pond, which is closed to all but guided groups, as well as to observe wildlife from the observation window, trails, and in the laboratory.

This day trip will be an excellent opportunity for nature photographers, so bring your camera, as well as binoculars. Also, wading in the pond brings you closer to the interesting

The trip is for adults and children of all ages. Admission to the Nature Center is 25¢ per person age six and older. The Nature Center is located on Candelaria, NW, a few blocks west of Rio Grande Blvd. We will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the center.

TORTUGAS: ISLE OF THE FALCON —Thursday, August 18th

Long time falconer, Tom Smylie, of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, will present a talk and slide show covering his extensive field work on the migration patterns of the beautiful Arctic Peregrine Falcon. Tom's research has taken him from Alaska to Greenland and down to the Caribbean islands known as Dry Tortugas, near Cuba.

The Arctic peregrines flock by the hundreds to the Dry Tortugas from such places as Alaska, the Northwest Territories, Greenland and Siberia before continuing south to Argentina and points beyond. Capable of speeds in excess of 200 miles per hour, peregrines begin their globe-circling journeys within weeks of hatching.

THE NEW MEXICO WILDERNESS COALITION
—Thursday, September 15th

The New Mexico Wilderness Coalition represents thirteen environmental organizations who are reviewing BLM lands, including wilderness study areas. The group recommends that 1,879,000 acres in 55 areas of New Mexico should be preserved as wilderness, with most of this acreage in BLM controlled land. Jim Fish, member of the Coalition, will discuss the groups findings and recommendations.



PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

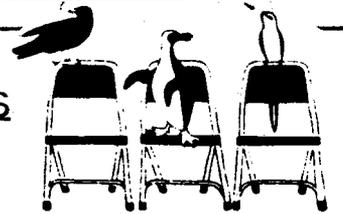
Did you ever wonder when our Audubon chapter has real discussions of current issues, debates over environmental problems, and finds out the inside information about what is happening in Audubon and other organizations?

Have you ever thought there must be some more active chapter business than enjoying a speaker and chatting over refreshments afterwards?

Would you like to know where the most concerned and involved members are, so you can get to know them?

All these things happen at the board meetings, which are held once a month, usually on the second Monday. Right now, there are a few open positions on the board of directors, and we are looking for a few interested people to fill them. We have openings for treasurer, representatives to the state-wide Audubon Council, fieldtrip coordinator, and members-at-large.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES



**NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY'S NINTH ANNUAL
 SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE**
—AUGUST 5th - 7th

The leaders and staff of the National Audubon Society and its Southwest Regional Office cordially invite you to attend the Ninth Annual Southwest Regional Conference in Santa Fe, at St. John's College.

For a registration form and/or more information, contact the Southwest Regional Office, 2525 Wallingwood, Suite 1505, Austin, TX 78746.

BEGINNING FIELD BOTANY
—Saturday, August 20th

"Leaves basal, pinnate to lyre-shaped." What did that say? Learn to interpret your field guides and use a botanical key. Join us in our outdoor classroom where we'll closely examine the intimate parts of plants and their arrangements. Use your new knowledge of these relationships to make identification easier. The instructor, Karen Copeland, has led natural history trips from Big Bend to the Canadian Rockies and particularly enjoys sharing with others her enthusiasm for southwestern plants.

To register, or for more information, call the Randall Davey Audubon Center, Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 p.m., at 983-4609.



1988 WILDERNESS WORKSHOP
—Saturday, September 14th

Would you like to learn more about New Mexico's Forest Service Lands, and how you can make a difference in their future? A workshop sponsored by several New Mexico environmental groups is being held at the UNM Law School from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to assist in putting together a wilderness bill by 1989.



Time is of the essence. Many of New Mexico's unique forest lands are currently unprotected by wilderness designation and are being whittled away by development activities. The Forest Service plans include:

- o 15 timber sales in the Santa Fe National Forest
- o 5 timber sales in Gila National Forest roadless areas
- o opening the Lower San Francisco Wilderness Study area to off-road vehicles (ORVs).

Once roads are built into these areas, or irreparable damage due to ORVs has occurred, they can no longer be considered for wilderness designation. The few remaining old growth forests, which harbor New Mexico's unique flora and fauna, are some of the prime targets of Forest Service timber plans.

In order to convince the Forest Service, and ultimately Congress, of the need to preserve these areas, conservationists must put together a comprehensive, well-researched alternative proposal outlining the specific characteristics of each area, including justification for why each area should be protected as wilderness and not developed. This workshop will also offer an opportunity

- 10:00 a.m. "The Heart of the Matter"
The Wilderness Act/Jim Norton
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. "From Gila to Eternity"
Overview of New Mexico National Forest Wilderness/George Grossman
- 11:45 a.m. "Adopting Your Own Wilderness"/Jim Fish
- 12:00 Lunch, Small Group Discussion
- 1:00 p.m. "How to Make a Politician Like Wilderness"
Politics and Wilderness Legislation/Debbie Sease
- 1:30 p.m. "The Law of the Land" - Appeals Process and Interim Protection/Grove Burnett
- 2:00 p.m. Break into Groups--Pick a Forest!
- 3:00 p.m. "Our Forests Need You!"

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

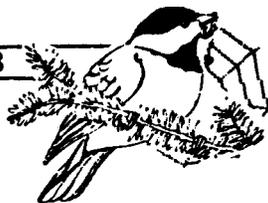
Since we are without a Fieldtrip Coordinator, no fieldtrips have been arranged for the upcoming two months. Perhaps we need a fresh approach in setting up fieldtrips.

Would you be interested in working with a team of people to come up with some good ideas for fieldtrips? Perhaps if we do some "brainstorming" and share the job of calling CNMAS members to lead fieldtrips, and perhaps lead a fieldtrip ourselves, we can come up with a good fieldtrip program.

Many of our members who are unable to attend our regular meetings turn out for fieldtrips. A good fieldtrip schedule is an integral part of an Audubon chapter's activities.

CONSERVATION NOTES

BY LEW HELM



Forest Service Wants to Pave Las Huertas Road.

Several years ago, after reviewing the Cibola National Forest Plan, CNMAS recommended that the road through Las Huertas Canyon be closed to vehicle travel and that the road be rerouted through a less sensitive part of the Sandia Mountains. A coalition of environmental groups also recommended that the road be closed, at least the middle part. The Forest Service has now decided to push for paving the road from the Las Huertas picnic ground to near Placitas. The section of the road from the picnic ground to the Sandia Crest road would remain gravel. Private landowners in the area have threatened lawsuits if the road is closed. The Forest Service claims that paving would reduce erosion of dirt into the creek. They have also said that paving of the road would allow possible development of another ski area in the Sandias. Public hearings have been scheduled in Placitas, Albuquerque, and Tijeras in late July and early August. A number of pros and cons are involved in the issue. Individuals still have time to give their opinion. Letters should be sent to the Regional Forester, Forest Service, 517 Gold Ave., SW, Albuquerque, 87103.

Priority Conservation Issues in New Mexico

Dave Henderson, National Audubon Society Director in New Mexico, has listed three priority issues which need attention this year:

and Wildlife Service and Senator Bingaman as strongly supporting the acquisition. Establishment of the refuge would assure preservation of invaluable ecological types of importance for native wildlife, some of which are endangered. Please write to Senator Bingaman and the rest of our Congressional delegation, supporting this most important project.

o Spotted Owl Habitat Protection. Did you know that New Mexico has spotted owl habitat which is threatened with destruction? Spotted owls require relatively large areas of old growth forest. One of the areas threatened with loss from timber cutting operations is in the Lincoln National Forest. The Forest Service is aware that the spotted owl needs protection but has so far agreed to rather small areas for exclusion from timber cutting. This spotted owl problem is not unique to New Mexico. Old growth forest habitat in other states, particularly in the Pacific Northwest, is also threatened. Dave Henderson is keeping on top of the situation in New Mexico and we will hear more in the future regarding this issue.

o Mexican Gray Wolf Reintroduction. We are sorry to report that the proposed reintroduction of the gray wolf in New Mexico is stalemated. At the present time there is just too much opposition from some powerful vested interests—cattlemen, sheep growers, and others. The military at White Sands Missile Range, as well as the NM State Game and Fish Commission, have not budged from opposing the reintroduction. In the meantime, the New Mexico Wolf Coalition will continue to try to educate the general public on the desirability of once again having the

FACILITIES: Camp Thunderbird has three dormitories and a 30' x 55' Lodge where meals are prepared and served. The Lodge is also used for indoor meetings. Dormitories are furnished with cots and mattresses. NO BEDDING is furnished. Bring your own sleeping bag, blankets, pillow.

Toilet facilities are in a separate building near the dormitories.

Electrical hookups are available for motor homes and trailers. Electric heaters and air conditioners are NOT PERMITTED.

Space for tent camping is available.

Wood for the Lodge fireplace and the dormitory stoves is provided. No open fires are permitted except at the Campfire Circle.

CAMP FEES: Rates per day per person including 3 meals - \$22.50. Children 6 years old and under, $\frac{1}{2}$ price. No charge for babies.

Motor homes and trailers - \$5.00 per day per person if you provide your own meals. For those who wish to eat in the dining room, rates are the same as for dormitory campers.

For visitors staying for meals, rates are:

Breakfast - \$3.50
Lunch - \$4.50
Dinner - \$6.00

Meal serving time:

Breakfast - 7:00 to 7:50 a.m.
Lunch - 12:00 to 12:30 p.m.
Dinner - 6:00 to 6:30 p.m.

THE 1988 NEW MEXICO STATE

AUDUBON CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 21 - 23

at

CAMP THUNDERBIRD in the
MIMBRES VALLEY, GRANT COUNTY



Camp Thunderbird is located in the beautiful Mimbres Valley within the Gila National Forest 36 miles Northeast of Silver City on NM 61. It is approximately 13.5 miles from the intersection with NM 152 (formerly NM 90) near San Lorenzo. (See map inside)

Check-in for the conference will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 21.

There will be stargazing on Friday evening following dinner.

COME AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Fee: \$5.00 - Individual

\$10.00 - Family

Please check meals needed:

Number of Adults

Number of Children

Nights in Camp

SATURDAY - PROGRAM

"Birds, Plants and Their Habitats."

7:00 a.m. - Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - Plenary Session

Welcome: Hiram Parent, SWNM Audubon Society President

Overview: David Henderson, Director Randall Davey Audubon Center and WAS Regional Representative

10:00 a.m. - Break

10:15 a.m. - Discussion of Chapter Concerns

11:00 a.m. - Speaker: Pat Morrison, Gila National Forest Biologist. "Habitat Improvement."

12:00 noon - Lunch

1:00 p.m. - Plenary Session

Speaker: Dr. James Hageman, NMSU Professor of Chemistry. "Economic Values of Tumbleweed."

Speaker: Tim Hayden, Research Associate, UNM "Los Madaños Raptor Project."

3:00 p.m. - Field Trip - Lake Roberts

6:00 p.m. - Dinner
Installation of 1989 State Council Officers

7:00 p.m. - Program
"Birding in Morocco" presented by Dr. and Mrs. Dale A. Zimmerman

SUNDAY - PROGRAM

7:00 a.m. - Breakfast

8:00 a.m. - Field Trip to McKnight Canyon

12:00 noon - Lunch (at camp)

END OF CONFERENCE

CONFERENCE

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Please fill back and for registration will be completed at camp. form completed manager will be prepared to prepare

Make your payment payable to Council.

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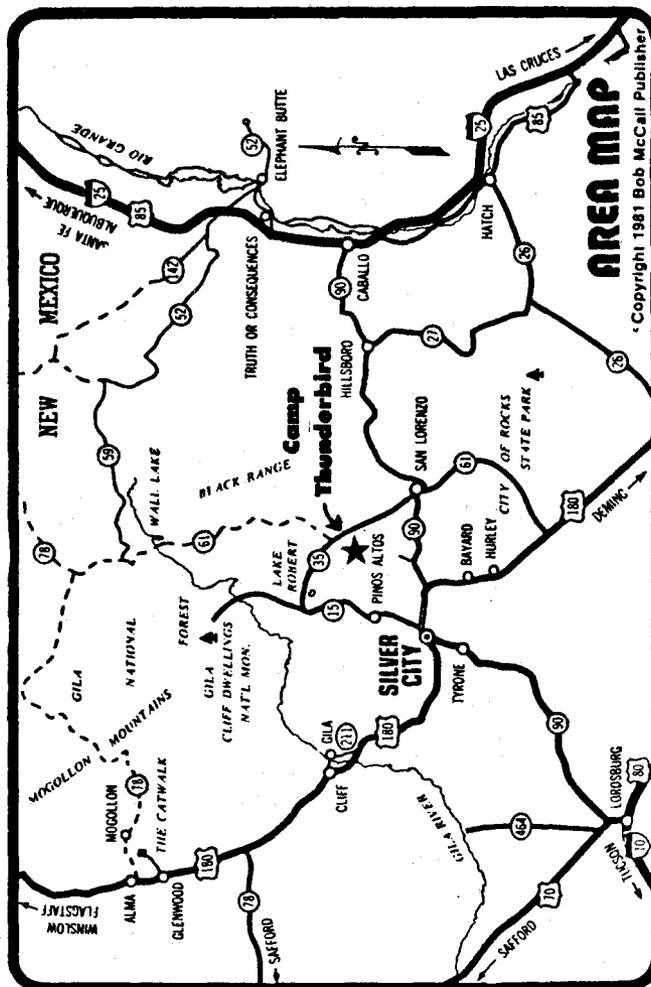
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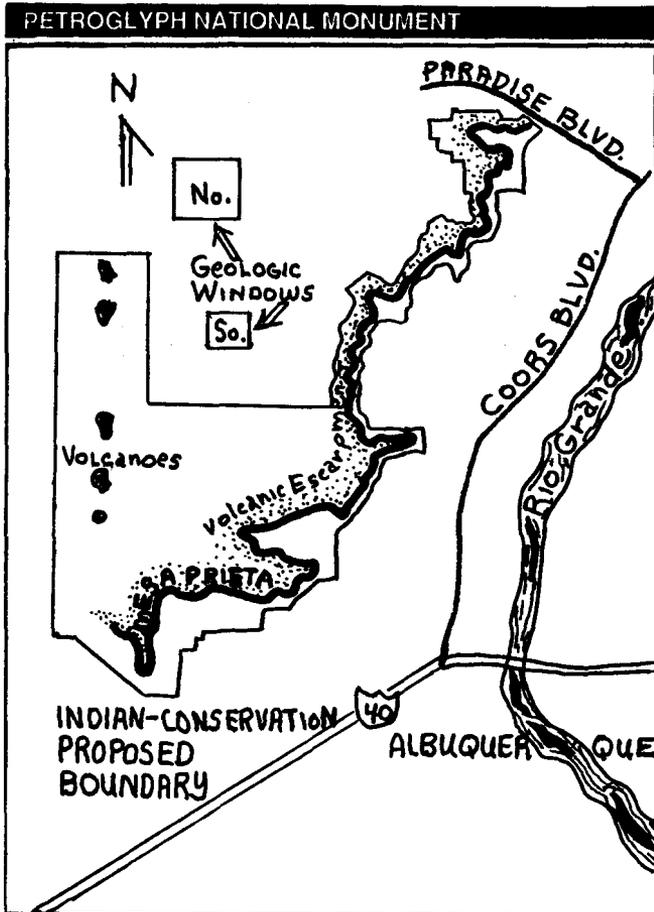
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the Registrar

Late arrival
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We urge you
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BILLS INTRODUCED FOR PETROGLYPH MONUMENT

On June 28th, identical bills, S. 2580 and H.R. 4930, were introduced to establish the Petroglyph National Monument. If established, the new monument would be unique in the National Park System--no other unit features Indian rock art as a primary theme. All five members of the New Mexico Congressional Delegation have signed on to the bills.

Friends of the Albuquerque Petroglyphs (FOTAP) note that the bills could fail to move before the 100th Congress adjourns on October 8th. FOTAP

their Alternative #2 Final Plan, as refined by the Indian-Conservationists' Proposed Boundary as shown on the map below. (Developers continue to push for concessions).

o Extend your thanks to our hard-working congressional delegation and their equally hard-working staffs for getting the bills introduced.

The addresses and telephone numbers of our congressional delegation are listed on the back page of the Burrowing Owl.



U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE EXAMINES RESULTS OF WATERFOWL LAW ENFORCEMENT EFFORT

A special wildlife law enforcement squad issued over 1,100 citations for illegal hunting during the past waterfowl hunting season, Frank Dunkle, of the Interior Department's U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, has announced. The task force included 29 Service special agents and 25 state law enforcement agents from across the country on temporary assignment to waterfowl hunting hot spots, particularly in the waterfowl wintering grounds.

Dunkle ordered the special emphasis on enforcement of waterfowl hunting regulations last fall in response to increasing concern over the impact of illegal baiting and overharvest on duck populations. Duck numbers are near record lows because of an extended

The vast majority of the citations were written for shooting over bait or over limit. Baiting is the spreading of grain or other food to attract birds to a shooting site and often leads to over limits. In one case, three hunters were caught with a total of 168 ducks. Another single hunter was found with 53 birds in his blind.

Other common violations included hunting without a license or Federal Duck Stamp, shooting lead shot in a steel shot zone, or using a shotgun without a plug in the magazine.

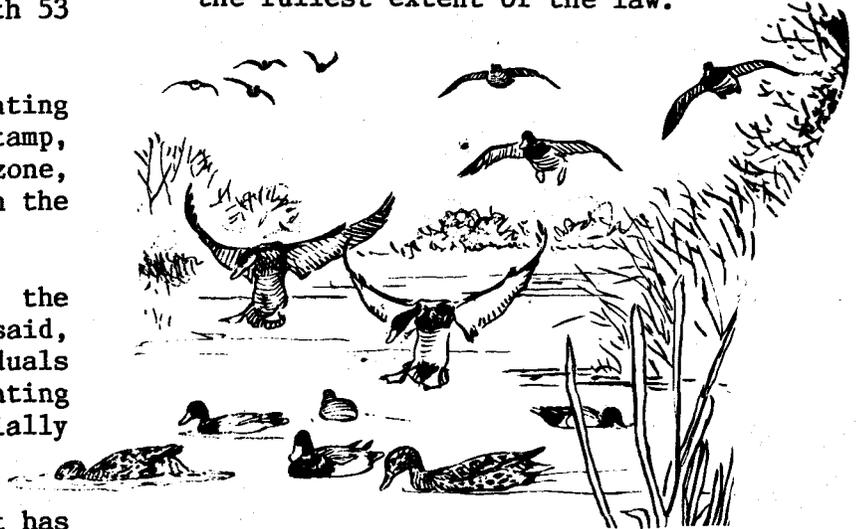
After reviewing the results of the special task force effort, Dunkle said, "I am dismayed that some individuals continue to blatantly disregard hunting regulations—at any time, but especially now when duck populations are low."

"This special law enforcement effort has let illegal waterfowl hunters know we are serious about protecting this Nation's waterfowl resources." Dunkle said. "I can assure them we will use these techniques again this fall."

"Unfortunately this is one of those situations in which the few can ruin it for the many. This illegal activity in no way reflects adversely on the many waterfowl hunters who conduct their hunts in strict accord with established regulations."

As part of their investigations, officers turned up some rather elaborate means of circumventing the law. One agent, posing as a guest to hunt on an exclusive club in California, soon learned many hunters were using portable two-way radios. If a message were

"Violations such as those uncovered in this enforcement effort show a disregard of outdoor ethics," Dunkle said. "I am urging Service personnel and state wildlife agencies, as well as the hunters in the marshes, to help us catch illegal hunters and prosecute them to the fullest extent of the law."



NEWS FROM NATIONAL AUDUBON (NAS)

On June 11, at its meeting at our Maine Ecology Camp on Hog Island, the Board of Directors adopted a budget for the coming fiscal year which covers the period July 1, 1988 to June 30, 1989. I am delighted to be able to report to you that we are finishing this fiscal year with the budget in balance for the first time in a number of years. The reforms we set in effect last year have done the job, and in short, we have pulled ourselves away from the edge of the fiscal cliff to which we were clinging last year. With our fiscal house in order, I think we can say with pride and certainty that our Society is stronger than ever.

The new budget anticipates revenues of \$32,238,000 and expenditures at \$32,216,000, approximately 5% more than the current year. Highlights of the new budget include:

- o A balanced budget
- o No staff reductions
- o Addition of a Northeast Regional Office commencing 10/1/88
- o Sustained quality of Audubon Magazine.
- o Increased membership fees at most levels, with introductory rates starting at the \$20 level.
- o Increased research activities due to specific funding from the MacArthur and A. W. Mellon Foundations.
- o A 14% increase in contributed income
- o Removal of trade land revenue which is considered "one-shot".
- o Investment income at 87/88 level (excepting income on new endowment).
- o Projected general bequest income same as 87/88.
- o No change in chapter share of dues.
- o Inclusion of mineral rights revenue only to the extent necessary to cover Rainey Sanctuary activities where the revenue is derived.
- o New State Office in Hawaii.
- o Plan to significantly enhance our performance in the marketing/licensing area.
- o A further increase in Audubon Adventures classrooms
- o An increased effort in the Acid Rain and Platte River campaigns.
- o A cooperative effort between our membership and publication staff to significantly reduce the deficit in the Activist and American Birds operations.
- o Adoption of a contingency to cover projected postal increases, and permit up to 4.8% salary increases on an

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Gift Card to read " from _____ "

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- Introductory Membership (first year only)/\$20
- Individual/\$30 Sr. Citizen-Individual/\$21
- Family/\$38 Sr. Citizen-Family/\$23
- Student/\$18
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Local Chapter
Central New Mexico Audubon Society
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Claudia Gayheart, Membership Chair
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