



BURROWING OWL

Central New Mexico Audubon Society

August - September 1990

WELCOME!

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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

SEARCH AND RESCUE IN NEW MEXICO --Thursday, August 16th

Search and rescue, and outdoor orientation and safety, will be the subject of a presentation by Bill Vargas of the New Mexico Department of Public Safety. All of us who hike, climb, camp, and explore the outdoors will appreciate this interesting program of up-to-date information. The whole family should enjoy this meeting. (This program has been rescheduled from June 21st.)

AUDUBON CAMP OF THE WEST --Thursday, September 20th

Wendy A. Schloman and Ken Rutter, sponsored by CNMAS, with the assistance of Sandy Hennessey, will discuss their experiences caving, hiking, birding and studying aquatic systems and moose habitats at the Audubon Camp of the West, near Dubois, Wyoming. Their joint presentation will include slides as well as information about what they learned during this intensive program.

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

By Laura Jenkins

For out-of-town fieldtrips, please call Laura Jenkins (293-7527) for an update on any change of plans.

THERE WILL BE NO AUGUST FIELD TRIP



WATER CANYON IN THE MAGDALENA MOUNTAINS

--Sunday, September 16th, 7:00 am

We have had requests for a repeat of last year's trip to Water Canyon, west of Socorro. In addition to acorn woodpeckers and an owl, we saw a beautiful painted redstart. Our search for redfaced warblers was unsuccessful, however.

I also hope to visit a sight in the Bosque south of Socorro that is being destroyed by woodcutting.

STATE CONFERENCE

--October 12-14

No regular field trip is scheduled for October. Our chapter is hosting the State Conference at Hummingbird Music Camp, Jemez Springs. I hope most of you can attend the conference, even for a day, and participate in the field trips noted on the enclosed flyer.

CONSERVATION NOTES

By Lew Helm

Saving Wetlands - A National Priority

The National Audubon Society has embarked on a special program to save wetlands through education, publicity, lobbying, and litigation. It is important that all people recognize the value of wetlands for flood control, erosion control, wildlife production, fish spawning, improvement of water quality, and for recreation and open space.

The US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) has for years been in the forefront to inform the public and our political leaders as to the particular value of wetlands. In response to the Emergency Wetlands Resources Act, passed by Congress in 1986, the FWS has developed a Priority Wetlands Conservation Plan. The plan includes identification in each state of the more important, scarce, and vulnerable wetlands that qualify for state or federal acquisition.

The FWS has produced a state-by-state concept plan which lists priority wetland sites which qualify for the acquisition program. For New Mexico, the FWS has found a variety of ecosystems dependent on wetlands focused mainly on riverine and riparian systems, desert springs, cienegas, and playa lakes. After extensive investigation the FWS has come up with eight areas in New Mexico which qualify for priority consideration. The eight areas are:

<u>Site Name</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
Alamosa Springs	Socorro	1,000
San Marcial Lake	Socorro	500
Brissee Lake	Quay	100
La Villita Marsh	Rio Arriba	15
Mimbres River	Grant	460
Mims Lake	Sierra	100
Sevilleta Grant	Socorro	1,575
Doolittle Ranch	Mora	11,500

The FWS would appreciate learning of other significant wetland sites which might qualify for state or federal acquisition. Members may contact the FWS through Bruce Halstead at:

US Fish and Wildlife Service
500 Gold SW
Albuquerque, NM 87103
Telephone: 766-2174

Points to Ponder

Have you noticed all of the people who now claim to be "environmentalists," such as:

- President George Bush - a short year ago President Bush advocated a policy of no net loss of wetlands, yet recently approved a revision in the policy to exempt certain developments destroying wetland.
- Pope John Paul II - who also a short year ago proclaimed to be an "environmentalist" but who clings to the Catholic ban on all practical means of birth control.
- Jesse Jackson - who claims to be an "environmentalist" but who cannot or will not specify what that means to him.
- Representative Newt Gingrich, a Georgia Republican - who issued a three-page press release explaining his Earth Day activities but who votes as an environmentalist only 34 percent of the time.
- Senator Howell Heflin, an Alabama Democrat - who produced a progress report on environmental legislation, including the clean air bill, but neglected to mention that he voted against amendments to that bill which would have strengthened it.

Getting Down to the Root Cause

Over the years it has become apparent that our troubles are linked to just too many people. Human population remains out of control and without doubt dooms all of our attempts to clean up the planet. In 1968, the world population was 3.5 billion people but now, just 22 years later, there are 5.3 billion of us. To learn more about this scary phenomena, read a new book, The Population Explosion, by Paul and Anne Ehrlich. Ask for it at our public library.

NEW MEXICO HAS A RARE BIRD ALERT

Just call 1-505-662-2101 to get the latest sightings of rare and unusual species seen all over the state. The recording will be updated on Thursdays at noon.



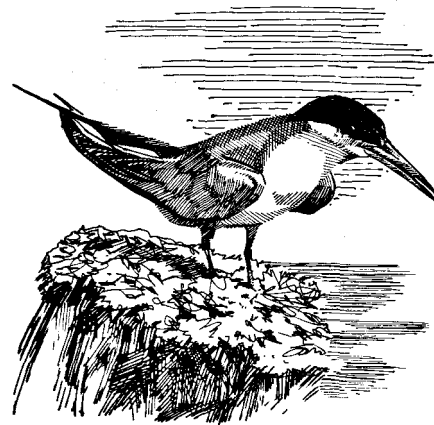
RESULTS OF THE 1990 GILA VALLEY SPRING MIGRATION BIRD CENSUS (BIG BIRD BASH)

By Ralph Fisher, Coordinator

Thanks to each and every one of the 50 very enthusiastic birders who took the time and trouble to come to Silver City for the Big Bird Bash, and to Pacific Western Land Co. and other land owners for allowing us egress onto their lands so that we were able to cover as much of the count area as possible. Although last year's count brought record numbers, this year was even better. A total of 170 species (and 1 additional race), with 7333 individuals, were recorded. The two new species recorded were merlin and Forster's tern, bringing the total species to 262, the highest since the count began 22 years ago. New highs were western grebe, pied-billed grebe, American wigeon, northern shoveler, Cooper's hawk, black hawk, turkey, black-chinned hummingbird, western kingbird, Hammond's flycatcher, western flycatcher, *Empidonax* sp.=41, western wood pewee, olive-sided flycatcher, horned lark, barn swallow, western bluebird, mountain bluebird, eastern bluebird, orange-crowned warbler, Virginia's warbler, Audubon warbler, Grace's warbler, western tanager, green-tailed towhee, lark sparrow and chipping sparrow. Missing were cattle egret, white-faced ibis, golden eagle, plain titmouse, cedar waxwing, phainopepla and pyrrhuloxia.

Observers by route number:

1. Mary Alice Root, George & Madeline Schroeder, Sandy Castle, Karen Copeland and Ralph Fisher.
2. Jay Hamel, Quintan Gilliam, Larry Gorbet and Charles Black.
3. Dale & Marian Zimmerman and Mike Sauber.
4. Harvey Williams, Jean Davis, Sai & May Takuda and Mary Hewitt.
5. May & Stuart O'Byrne, Charles Fox, Murray Honeycutt, Roxann Gunter and Cap Neagle.
6. Ruth Williams, Jim Karo, Mary Soule, Hiram & Annette Parent and Jim Landreth.
7. Steve & Orion McDonald, Janie Cox, Jamie Allen and Bob Tudek.
8. Terry & Marge Williams, Rob & Irene Schmoller, Mirian Weber and Tony Davis.
9. Howard Smith, David Henderson, Celestyn Brozek, Cathy Sandell and Carol Kelley.
10. David Cleary and Eric & Sally Finklestein.



FIELD TRIPS FURTHER A-FIELD

THE ZUNI CHAPTER INVITES CNMAS MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FOLLOWING FIELD TRIPS. FOR INFORMATION, CALL DAVE CLEARY, 1-782-4917.

--Saturday, September 8
EL MORRO NATIONAL MONUMENT. We will hike the paved trail that goes to the top of the monument. Meet at the Visitor Center at 8:00am. Camping facilities are available on or near El Morro. For those with more time and energy, we will spend the afternoon looking for migrant shorebirds and waterfowl on the Zuni Indian Reservation.

--Saturday, October 13
BLUEWATER STATE PARK, South Unit. Meet at the parking area just south of the Thoreau Exit on I-40. We will split our time between looking for migrant shorebirds and waterfowl at Bluewater Lake and doing some easy hiking in the riparian zone that is near the lake. Once again, for those with time and energy, we will do some afternoon birding. This time it will be in the Zuni Mountains looking primarily for the three-toed woodpecker and other montane species.

THURSDAY MORNING BIRDING GROUP

For information on the Thursday morning birding group to nearby areas, please call Tamie Bulow, 298-9116.

WASHBURN AWARD PRESENTED TO JOHN WAYNE PRENTICE

This year's Washburn Award has been presented to John Wayne Prentice in recognition of his outstanding contributions to our community. Mr. Prentice has taught fourth (and third) grade science at Apache Elementary for 23 years, during which time he has amassed an impressive study collection of birds and mammals for use by his students. In addition, the Albuquerque Science Teachers' Association has also acknowledged his commitment to education and environmental concerns by presenting their "Service to Science Award" to him in 1988.

BOSQUE DEL APACHE VIEWING PLATFORM

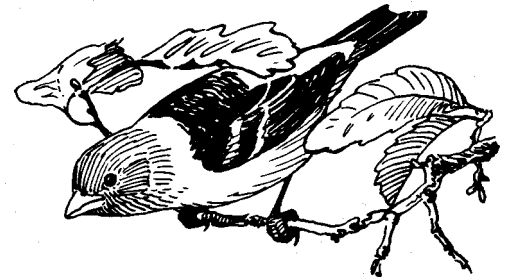
By Roger K. Hoppe

Since our CNMAS Chapter has adopted the Bosque del Apache refuge, I felt that it is important to ask the membership whether they are interested in supporting a volunteer project to help the Refuge design, acquire materials and build a viewing platform with interpretative charts for the public to view the wildlife at the refuge. The first phase is to design the viewing platform which we would like to accomplish by this fall, 1990. I have discussed this project with Bosque personnel and they are interested in having this accomplished. I believe I can get support from industry and from some local service organizations to help complete the project. I am a registered professional engineer and feel that with the help of some volunteers we can design the platform in accordance with good engineering practices and also have an aesthetically pleasing structure. This project has been presented to the CNMAS Board of Directors. In summary, I would appreciate your comments and suggestions concerning the project and CNMAS' involvement. My address is 1526 Eagle Ridge Dr, NE, Albuquerque, NM 87122.

I have recently completed a Sandia Mountain Foothills bird checklist (97 species) based on four years of observations taken at my house (elevation 6,240) on the North Pino Arroyo. If you are interested, please call me at 299-8412 or write to the above address.

LET NATURE DO THE WORK--WILD GARDENS

This course will be offered by the UNM Continuing Education Program starting August 22nd, on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. The eight sessions will be conducted by CNMAS member, Jim Lewis. Methods demonstrated include how to avoid spading, cultivating, weeding, spraying, fertilizing and mowing; automatic creation of top soil; availability of free mulch and ground cover materials; and the use of predators to control pests. The design of natural gardens and the use of native edible plants will be emphasized. The first session is in a classroom where information about the remaining field trip classes will be presented. For more information, contact Jim at 881-7423.



SOLNOX FIELD EXCURSIONS

Leader, Dan Scurlock

These excursions are leisurely-paced, fun-learning experiences during which I share my knowledge of the landscape, fauna, flora, and peoples of the Southwest gained during my 25 years of research, travel, and publication. Participants usually need to furnish food, transportation, field equipment; shared gas expenses through car pooling and sharing equipment is encouraged, and I can help coordinate this between individuals on a trip. Please contact me at 1333 Arcadian Trail, NW, 87107 [344-0482] for additional information; a nominal fee is charged.

Saturday, Aug 25, 9:00am-4:00pm, Cooper-Ellis Ranch, Sandias

Saturday-Monday, Sept 1-3, San Mateo Mountains, Military Posts

Saturday, Sept 18, 8:00am-5:00pm, Cebolleta-Malpais Historic Trail, Zuni Canyon

Friday-Sunday, October 12-14, Chaco Canyon

Saturday, October 27, Salinas-Mountainair

Thursday-Sunday, Nov 22-25, Chihuahua Tour

NEW MEXICO AUDUBON CONFERENCE
--October 12-14, Hummingbird Music Camp,
Jemez Springs

The annual statewide meeting of the New Mexico Audubon Conference will begin on Friday, October 12, at Hummingbird Music Camp.

The NM Audubon Council will be preparing a list of priority issues for 1991 during this conference. Please give your suggestions to any board member before the conference.

CNMAS is hosting the State Conference this year; we would appreciate assistance with registration, orientation, sign making, etc. Please contact Tamie Bulow, 298-9116, if you are planning to attend and have a few minutes available to help.



MESSAGE FROM CIRCULATION
CHAIRMAN

Do you enjoy receiving and reading the Burrowing Owl? If so, perhaps you might enjoy helping us get it out once every two months, usually toward the end of the month and usually on a Wednesday or a Thursday. It's a good way to get together with other Audubon members and have some fellowship while putting labels on the current issue.

Informally we refer to it as the Lick and Stamp Club. Why not call me and tell me you would be delighted to help? My name is Betty Balduc and my telephone number is 883-1428. I'd love to hear from you.

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NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Gift Membership

Please enter a one-year gift membership in the National Audubon Society and send a gift announcement card.

To:
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NAME _____

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Gift Card to read " from _____ "
(Use extra sheet for additional gifts)

Membership category preferred:

- Introductory Membership (first year only)/\$20
- Individual/\$30
- Family/\$38
- Sr. Citizen-Individual/\$21
- Sr. Citizen-Family/\$23
- Student/\$18

My check for \$ _____ is enclosed.

Bill me, please.

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Local Chapter
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Please make checks payable to National Audubon Society and send with this application form for membership or renewal to:

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