



# BURROWING OWL

CENTRAL NEW MEXICO AUDUBON SOCIETY

APRIL - MAY 1992

## UPCOMING CHAPTER ACTIVITIES -- MARK YOUR CALENDAR

WELCOME! The Central New Mexico Audubon Society meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, Copper and Jefferson, N.E. Nonmembers are welcome at all meetings, field trips, and special events.



## PROGRAMS

**April 16 - Migrating Birds Return:** Where to see them in Bernalillo County; slides by Jim Karo. Hart Schwarz talks about neotropical birds in the West, highlighting a few little-known local migrants.

**May 21 - Audubon Issues:** Annual Meeting and Potluck supper, installation of new officers, presentation of Washburn Award. 6:00 p.m. Potluck: Bring a generous dish to share and your own table service and cups. After a delicious meal, guest speaker David Henderson, National Audubon Staff in New Mexico, will report on state and national issues, what has happened with recent legislation, and exciting plans for the future. Come share, celebrate, and learn!

## FIELD TRIPS



**Saturday, April 4** - An informative outing with John Parmeter, who will lead our day's excursion to **Bosque del Apache**, with a side trip to Grasslands either on the way to or from Bosque. Meet at 6:30 a.m. at Astronomy Building on NE corner of Lomas and Yale.

**Saturday, April 11** - A trek up to the **HawkWatch** site in the Sandia Mts. led by Jim Place. You're in for a vigorous hike, wonderful views, and lots of migrating raptors. Wear sturdy hiking shoes, sunscreen, layers of clothing for quick-changing weather. Bring lunch and plenty of water. Meet at Four Hills Shopping Center (Central & Tramway) at 7:30 a.m. Park along Central, east of Baskin-Robbins.



**Saturday, May 16** - Jim Place will lead a trip to what he promises will be the **"best birding site"** for the season -- which he'll determine with the season! Be sure to check Anne's answering machine for the details on this promising venture.

Anne is also trying to plan two other field trips for **late April and early May**. If they materialize, the info will be on Anne's answering machine; please call for details or with ideas.

**Thursday Morning Birding Group** - For information on Thursday morning outings to nearby areas, call Tamie Bulow at 298-9116.

**AND EVEN FARTHER AFIELD . . .**

More birding events you may want to know about:

**BIRD CLASSES** led by Hart Schwarz, sponsored by Rio Grande Nature Center, visiting Petroglyphs Natl. Monument and Sandia Foot-hills. All trips are on Sunday.

4/5 - Embudito Canyon

4/12 - Rinconada Canyon and Mesa Prieta

4/19 - Northern Geological Window

4/26 - Piedras Marcadas Canyon

5/3 - Bernalillo Watershed

Cost is \$80 for five classes or \$20 per individual class. Call RGNC for information and preregistration, 344-7240.

**Sat., April 18 - Annual Prairie Chicken Lek-Trek.** Meet at 4:00 a.m. at Denny's Restaurant, 200 N. Main in Roswell. Bring warm clothing, blankets, and snacks and plan to stay quietly snuggled down in your car; the chickens spook easily. Call Dan Baggao at 624-1790 in Roswell for details.

**Sat., April 25 - Las Vegas Natl. Wildlife Refuge.** Meet at 9 a.m. at the Old Roundhouse on US 85 on west side of Las Vegas (take first exit). Expect to see waterfowl, waders, shorebirds, hawks, etc. Leader George Blanchard, 425-7279 in Santa Fe. Car pool from SF: meet at 7:30 a.m. on east side of PERA parking lot on Paseo de Peralta, across the street from Fenn Gallery.

**Wed., April 29 - Raptor Identification,** 7:00 p.m. Presentation given by Tom Smylie of US Fish and Wildlife Service. Cost is \$7. Preregistration required with Rio Grande Nature Center, 344-7240.

**Sat., May 16 - Bandelier National Monument.** Meet at 8 a.m. at monument headquarters to look for turkey vultures, hawks, warblers, tanagers, vireos. Leader Pat Insley in Santa Fe, 982-0796. Car pool from SF meets at 7 a.m. at DeVargas Mall (north end). There is a \$5 per car admission fee to the monument. Sorry to report, Folks, that there is no Big Bird Bash in Silver City this year.

**WOMEN'S BIRDING RETREAT**

The weekend of May 22-24 has been reserved for Audubon women to observe spring migration at 8000 foot elevation at La Jara Ranch, NM. Home-cooked meals and a Japanese hot tub streamside add to your comfort in the beautiful natural setting. Single and double rooms available. Cost includes meals and is only \$88 plus tax per person. Call Lynn Behnfield at 823-2400 right away to reserve!

THE FOLLOWING TRIPS ARE OFFERED THROUGH  
FRIENDS OF THE RANDALL DAVEY AUDUBON CENTER.

**GILA COUNTRY BIRDING ADVENTURE**

MAY 1-3, 1992

TUITION: \$225 / \$210 Friends includes transportation from Santa Fe, hotel accommodations, 3 picnic lunches and guide services.

The Gila River area surrounding Silver City is the prime birding location in the state.

Each spring migrants returning from Central and South America collect in the Gila, joining birds whose southern limit of migration is this same region, resulting in large numbers of individuals and species. Join us for our annual pilgrimage, the first weekend in May as we explore Water Canyon, Whitewater Canyon and the Gila River Valley. Call 983-4609 for a detailed itinerary.

**HUMMINGBIRDS AND TROGONS**

JUNE 10-14, 1992

TUITION: \$425 / \$400 Friends includes transportation from Santa Fe, hotel accommodations, six picnic meals and guide services.

Hummingbirds and trogons! Mountains and deserts! This field exploration offers it all. Join the Randall Davey staff for an intimate guided tour of southwestern New Mexico and southeast Arizona. See nesting hummingbirds in Guadalupe Canyon and elegant trogons in the Chiricahua Mountains. Explore issues as diverse as the plight of the spotted owl, riparian environments and grazing in the southwest. Call for a detailed itinerary.



**DID YOU KNOW** that Hummingbirds are so antisocial they never fly in flocks when they're migrating? They also fly at altitudes of less than 500 feet.



#### AUDUBON IS . . .

Excerpted from an Editorial by Anita MacFarlane, Sedona, AZ, Audubon Chapter

In 1905, 35 bird preservation clubs formed an alliance which became the National Audubon Society. They developed what became "Audubon Magazine" and the ornithological journal "American Birds." Through the years the Audubon movement has evolved, expanding its scope and influence. Audubon members have become increasingly aware of the interconnectedness of all life and the cumulative impacts all human activities have on the health of the earth's life-support systems -- air, water, and land.

Within Audubon there are many niches. These vary from passive to very active, with the hope being that everyone will find something that brings him/her satisfaction and a sense of belonging to a group that is attempting to preserve our environment for future generations. It isn't necessary to participate in everything going on -- that's an impossibility. My hope is that members will come to meetings, enjoy the fellowship, and participate in a way that they are comfortable with, while at the same time learning more about our wonderful world.

We can be a birding society and environmental group and a social group all at the same time, for if we don't enjoy our association and things we do together, there's no point in doing it at all. I hope all of you will find your niche and continue to support the Audubon Cause.

#### SOME EMPTY NICHES FOR YOU TO ROOST IN - From Your President

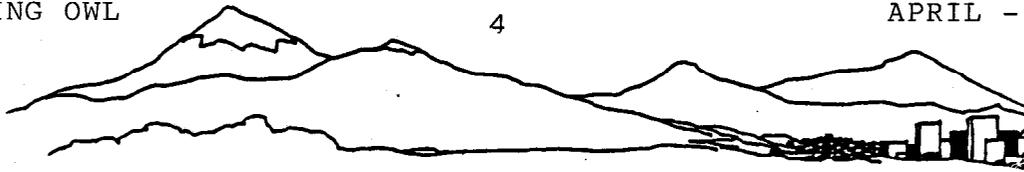
We have a number of issues and concerns that we have selected to address as a chapter. Do your talents or interests fit into any of these categories: Recycling? Volunteer Network? Conservation? Legislation? Educational Presentations? We're looking for a few good birds -- er, birders!

One niche that has been filled is that of Recording Secretary. We welcome Patrice Johnson onto the Board of Directors of CNMAS. After two board meetings, she is doing a superb job! Not an easy task after we got spoiled with Beth Hurst's talents -- so thanks to Pat and Beth.

I would like to encourage new members (and reluctant veterans) to think seriously about coming out of the closet and being a part of what makes Audubon the vital, respected organization it is. Volunteering to make our world a safe place for humans and wildlife and sharing those interests with other folks are how we can make a mark on New Mexico. "Think globally. Act locally." I love it.

#### HUMMERS Hmmm Hmmm Hmmm . . .

Once again it is time to get your hummingbird feeders up and ready for the arrival of the first individuals. Remember, a 4:1 mixture of water to sugar, brought just to a boil and cooled, is just right for our little visitors. Put out only one feeder and a small amount of syrup until the birds arrive. Then put out amounts in keeping with how much is used. Not more than a two-day supply should be put at any one time, and wash the feeder thoroughly between fillings with hot water only and a bottle brush. **DO NOT USE DETERGENT OR CLOROX!!!** If you prepare large quantities of mix, refrigerate the extra. We do not recommend adding red food color.



CONSERVATION NEWS  
By Verne Huser

As I watched the Presidential primary debates over the past several weeks, I began to see a pattern: the primary reason that this country is in trouble economically and ecologically (these two words have the same Greek root having to do with house - **the place where we live**) is that we waste too much. We waste natural resources, human resources, economic resources; we drive too-big cars, live in too-big houses, allow too-big business.

Pollution is nothing but products we waste and haven't yet learned to recycle into products we can use. We waste water, polluting much more than we actually use, and we waste our rivers by diverting their waters into canals for irrigating food for livestock rather than for people, especially here in New Mexico.

We waste energy in the process of producing those waste products, which are by-products of other processes that waste energy because we have no meaningful energy-efficiency standards. Most of our automobiles are energy-wasters, and using trucks for transporting goods and materials is wasteful relative to railroad transport.

Populations are so concentrated in Japan and western Europe, the major industrial nations of the world besides the United States, that mass transit works, and so do trains for transporting people and goods. European industrial nations use roughly 47% as much energy per capita as we do. We can't compete unless we improve our energy efficiency.

Yet the Bush "Energy Strategy" calls for more exploitation of oil and gas, even to the extent of opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas exploration, with virtually no attention to conservation, energy efficiency or alternate energy resources which are far less wasteful and for which the Reagan-Bush administrations have essentially eliminated research.

People in the Pacific Northwest have discovered that the cheapest way to produce new energy is to save old energy: electrical utility companies pay each household up to \$2,000 to improve the energy efficiency of their homes through increased insulation, thermal windows and other heat-loss technology. It is less expensive and much more energy efficient to insulate houses than to build new power plants; a kilowatt saved is a kilowatt earned.

In theory, political conservatives and conservationists should be on the same wavelength, but they are, in fact, almost at opposite extremes: political conservatives want to retain the status quo of wastefulness and exploitation of cheap labor and natural resources. For the most part, the richest Americans have gotten rich by exploiting oil and gas, minerals, water and agricultural resources, cheap land and labor, often under subsidies from the federal government such as massive water development projects.

Conservationists, on the other hand, want to retain the natural world as much as possible; they believe the natural world can function and support the human species, though not at the population levels that we have attained. The hydrological cycle functions naturally, but by damming our rivers and diverting their water, we alter climates. Much of the population of North America lives in areas not meant by nature to be inhabited.

One of our major conservation problems is that we produce far too many waste products that fit into no natural systems: they cannot be recycled by nature, and they often severely tax our natural systems to the extent that they no longer function naturally. For example, we have polluted the oceans of this planet, more than two-thirds of the surface of the Earth, to the extent that many scientists believe we may have already exceeded the oceans'

ability to recover.

The human resource constitutes the greatest resource this country wastes, yet the political conservatives continue to exploit this resource, not only in this country but in Mexico, Central and South America, and in other third-world countries. We even export our toxins to these countries in the form of DDT, which we have outlawed in our own country. We force many of these countries to sell off their natural vegetation, their rain-forest trees, to meet bank payments to the exploiters in this country who export jobs.

We have even become a colonial power ourselves, reverting to a natural resource exporter to Japan: we send them our North Slope oil, our Northwest timber, even the meat from the livestock we fatten on alfalfa from federal irrigation projects and subsidized grazing on public lands.

How can we expect to be one of the foremost industrial nations in the world when we continue to exploit our natural resources, from water and wood to energy and environment?

We cannot compete if we continue to waste our resources and give them away to the exploiters, as we do our minerals and mineral-bearing lands (under the 1872 mining laws), our water to the agribusiness community (under federally developed water resource projects), our arable lands to "Florida" developers (as Sec. Lujan is all-too-ready to do under the act that established Petroglyphs National Monument).

"Waste not, want not" is an old adage, but with a fifth of our population sadly wanting and the top 1% wasting our wealth through profligate living, a pattern supported by the Bush Administration and by a Congress that bounces checks left and right, we as a nation are in sad straits.

#### RECYCLING MATTERS

The Village of Corrales accepts crushed aluminum, copper, brass, clear or cloudy glass only (not colored), plastic water and milk bottles tied together by the handles, plastic containers with the recycling symbol 1 or 2, newspaper packed in brown bags, all computer paper and office-type paper, unbound catalogs and magazines without glue and with staples removed, corrugated cardboard, flattened single-ply cardboard with inner wax or plastic liners removed, food and detergent containers without plastic handles, and six-pack carriers. Go to the Village recycling complex on Corrales Road the first and third Saturday of each month.

REI accepts clean glass separated by color; newspaper, copier paper separated by color, green bar computer paper; clean, crushed aluminum; and plastic milk and two-liter soda bottles at its store at 1905 Mountain Rd., NW, on the first Saturday each month.

Comanche Elementary School at Pennsylvania & Comanche accepts clear glass, newspaper, cardboard, and aluminum the third Saturday of each month.

The New Mexico Governor's Symposium on Recycling, Recycle '92, is being held April 9 and 10 at the Albuquerque Convention Center. For information on registration, call 243-1344. For info on topics, call 827-0488.

#### THE PETROGLYPHS MONUMENT

By Darwin Miller

There are continued efforts to have the south boundary of the monument changed toward accommodating a resort. The boundaries as approved by Congress have been squeezed down enough. Protest this. Write to Manuel Lujan; also, Rep. Bruce Bento, Chairman, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, House of Representatives, Wash., DC, 20515; and your Senators and Representatives.



**AUDUBON ADVENTURES REPORT**

By Marge Carrick

In October we began our drive to provide Audubon Adventures for our 4th and 5th grade students in the Albuquerque area. Each packet of Audubon Adventures consists of 32 papers plus the teacher's guide. Many teachers share with more than one classroom. If only one classroom uses each packet, over 1,000 children are reached six times a year by this excellent environmental awareness program. The following schools and teachers currently are participating in the Audubon Adventures Program: Mountain View, Geri Kawalczyk; R.F. Chavez, Shirley Hellwig; Duranes, Manuel Tafoya; Los Padillas, Dolores Varela-Phillips; Adobe Acres, Bill Prescott; Parajito, Jim McCullough; Kit Carson, Lynn Lazelle; Navajo, David Wilson; Jefferson, Ralene Barnett; Griegos, Jill Wexler; Ranchos, Gary Lambie; Zia, Lynn Hoffner; La Mesa, Dolores Cano; Whittier, Sharon Belew; Emerson, Alice Harland; Arroyo del Oso, Winnie Work; Comanche, Joyele Moyer, Debbie Hamilton; Bel-Air, Mike Armijo; Humphrey, Charles Serns; O'Keefe, Louise Byrd; Alameda, Karen Anderson; Wherry, Mary Augustine; Marie Hughes, Tanya Abernathy; Sierra Vista, Frances Valdez; Mary A. Binford, Nancy Davenport; M.L. King, Charles Brenden; Corrales, Ruth A. Gighlia; Roosevelt-Montoya, LaDonna Malles; Raymond Gabaldon, Rebecca Boak (Los Lunas); Dowa Yolanne, David Cleary (Zuni Pueblo).

We are now in the process of accepting donations for our 1992-93 Audubon Adventures program. The following topics will be featured:

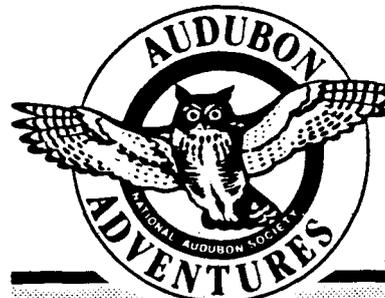
Aug/Sept - Spiders  
 Oct/Nov - Endangered Species  
 Dec/Jan - Contemplating Conifers

Feb/Mar - Meet the Mammals  
 Apr/May - Bird Migration  
 Jun/Jul - Soil Invertebrates  
 Audubon Month - Gulf of Mexico  
 1992-93 will be the ninth year for the program. An enrollment of more than 18,000 classrooms across the nation is anticipated. CNMAS and individual donors provided for 35 classrooms in 1991-92. Let's see if we can't increase that number in 1992-93!

You can help with this important project by sponsoring a classroom with a \$30.00 tax-deductible donation. By doing so, you will be helping environmental education grow in a successfully proven way!

To fully sponsor one class, or make a partial donation, complete the form below. Make your check payable to Central New Mexico Audubon Society and indicate that it is for Audubon Adventures. Mail your check and form to:

EDUCATION CHAIRPERSON  
 Marge Carrick  
 808 Dakota, SE  
 Albuquerque, NM 87108.



I would like to contribute to the Audubon Adventures Fund for the school year of 1992-93 (Orders are sent June 1 each year for the following school year).

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (THANKS!)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**FROM YOUR EDITOR**

I'm interested in all your comments, contributions, and quips. Material will be published as space permits. Don't forget, if you are fortunate enough to be receiving a State income tax refund, to check off the box near the bottom of your New Mexico State tax form to indicate your donation to "Share With Wildlife," a nonprofit fund dedicated to preservation of wildlife and habitat resources in New Mexico. Happy Birding!

**ON POPULATION ISSUES . . .**

By Dr. John Tyson

Following is a list of organizations and/or their publications for those of you who want to become more involved and informed about population issues.

**National Audubon Society** - Population Programs; 801 Penna. Ave., SE, Wash., DC, 20003. Free info in Activist News on Audubon population concerns.

**Population Communications International**, 777 UN Plaza, NYC, 10017. Expediting messages on TV-radio about family planning in Mexico, Kenya, Brazil.

**Cousteau Society**, 930 W 21st St., Norfolk, VA, 23517. Request free Calypso Log Feb '91 on Population Issues.

**NM Teen Pregnancy Coalition**, Box 35997, Alb, NM, 87176. An organization formed to address issues related to adolescent sexuality, pregnancy prevention, pregnancy and parenting.

**NM Population Environment Network** c/o Chuck Scott, 76 La Puerta Trail, Placitas, NM, 87043. A group of volunteers that gives talks/meetings on population/environment interconnectedness.

**Popline & Population Institute**, c/o 110 Maryland Ave, NE, Wash., DC, 20002. Best current information on progress in international overpopulation problems.

**U.S. Population-Environment Balance**, 1325 G St, NW, #1003, Wash, DC, 20005-3104. Monthly report on population pressure on environment in U.S.

**ZPG**, 1601 Conn. Ave., NW, Wash, DC, 20009. Request ZPG Reporter re public support for population stabilization both in U.S. and worldwide.

**Coalition for Children**, Box 26666, Alb, NM, 87125. A good group working for NM youth health, better prenatal care, and prevention of unwanted children.

**NM Republicans For Choice**, c/o 203 Hermosa, NE, Alb, NM, 87108.

**Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR)**, 1666 Conn. Ave., NW, #400, Wash, DC, 20009. Educational organization dedicated to educating the American people about impacts of illegal immigration.

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