



# BURROWING OWL

CENTRAL NEW MEXICO AUDUBON SOCIETY

JUNE - JULY 1992

UPCOMING CHAPTER ACTIVITIES -- MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

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

**June 18** - Bird Banding at the Rio Grande Nature Center. A how, why, when, where, and by whom program presented by Steve and Nancy Cox. They'll introduce us to the residents and migrants at RGNC, familiarize us with the work of the intrepid bird banders, and give an overview of the historical information compiled and its value in assessing not just the health of the bird populations, but of the environment, as well.

**July 16** - Special Places in New Mexico: A slide show and presentation by Bill Dunmire, Public Lands Coordinator for the NM Field Office of the Nature Conservancy. Bill will share with us the beauty and importance of little-known and biologically diverse rare and endangered plants, birds, and animals in our own Land of Enchantment -- secret treasures in secret places!

## FIELD TRIPS

For updates and last-minute info on all field trips, call Field Trip Chairperson Anne Farley at 266-8510.

**Saturday, June 13** - June can be hit-or-miss when it comes to birds, but this trip is sure to include cool, verdant mountains, music, hummingbirds, and a refreshing stream. Jim Place will lead us up to **Hummingbird Music Camp**, nestled in the **Jemez Mountains**. If time permits, we'll also visit Fenton Lake. Pack breakfast and lunch and bring some wading shoes if you wish to wade in the Jemez stream. Meet at 7:00 a.m. in front of Far North movie theater, 6300 San Mateo, N.E.



**Saturday, June 20** - **Saturday Night Moonlight Walk, Park II, Tres Picones Canyon**. You can hear the poor-wills calling. A coyote howls in the distance, only to be answered by the serenading toads. Above the ridge, the resident Golden Eagle soars, and above the pond, four types of bats flutter. Walden Pond? No -- Louise Waldron's pond. Come at 5:00 p.m. for a potluck dinner at 15 El Arco, N.E. Take I-40 east, exit at Carnuel exit, then continue east on US-66 app. 1.8 mi. Turn left at "Monticello" subdivision large white sign. Go uphill on paved road to last house at end of Monticello -- you're there! Bring dish to share, your own table service, and folding chair(s). Nature walks up the canyon in small groups before and after dinner. Then sit back and relax by Waldron Pond. Lost? Call Louise at 292-8272.



**Saturday, July 18** - Sei Tokuda will take us to the **Sandia Mountains Capulin Springs** in search of the **Calliope Hummingbird**, our smallest North American bird, as well as other local residents. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at Four Hills Shopping Center (Central & Tramway), east of Baskin-Robbins. Picnic lunch optional.

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

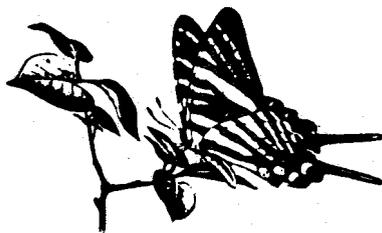
#### FIELD TRIP TRIVIA

By Anne Farley

Thanks to John Parmeter for leading the early April excursion to Bosque del Apache. Later in April Jim Place escorted us to the HawkWatch site to partake in their most successful season ever -- more details in a future OWL! And May brought a fantastic morning of birding, lily watching, and then a spot of tea and biscuits (actually, it was coffee & cookies, yum), at Shady Lakes. A special thank you to Joanne and Jim Phillips for their hospitality. We saw frogs, turtles, bunnies, not to mention birds -- including baby Great-Horned Owls, Coots, and Mallards! And once again thanks to our charming guide, Jim Place.

Beth Hurst and I rescued an injured male Scott's Oriole as we were leaving. We took him to Wildlife Rescue, where he has been treated for a broken shoulder. The injury is pretty severe and recovery is unsure, but he had a real zest for life and a very strong spirit. More on him next time!

For added enjoyment on those upcoming field trips, especially when birding is slow, think about taking up butterflying. A soft butterfly net and a field guide are all that's needed. Extreme care and a gentle touch enable us to learn about and observe these beautiful creatures. For more info, call me and I'll share my enthusiasm!



#### WILDLIFE RESCUE

If you find a sick or injured bird, call 344-2500.

#### RARE BIRD ALERT

To learn about sightings all over the state or to report a rare sighting, the number in Santa Fe is 662-2101.

#### OTHER INTERESTING FARE

**Sat., June 6** - Biologist Jim Findley of UNM discusses "The Rio Grande Bosque - An Endangered Habitat" at the Rio Grande Nature Center, 344-7240.

**Sun., June 21** - "Dixieland at Birdland," a musical picnic for the whole family at Randall Davey Audubon Center in Santa Fe, 983-4609.

**Sat.-Sun., July 25-26** - Mountain Discovery Days. Call 281-3304 for agendas.

**Summer** - Both the Randall Davey Audubon Center and the Rio Grande Nature Center have extensive programs of summer adventures for children. To find out more, call the numbers listed above. Hurry! Sessions start in June and continue through July.



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**FROM THE PRESIDENT . . .**

I am looking forward to the upcoming year, with new additions to the Board and many exciting events on the calendar!

We have some fun field trips planned for the summer, some exciting programs, and some opportunities to become involved in shaping Albuquerque's future, conservationwise. New committees will be formed in the arenas of recycling, local issues, activism, education, and birding hot spots. Any sound interesting to you? We need you on these committees, so expect a phone call if you don't volunteer!  
 --Tamie

**WASHBURN AWARD**

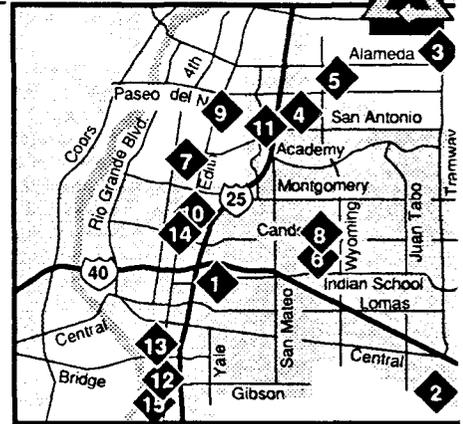
Attendees at the Annual Meeting/Potluck not only were treated to a fine meal and an upbeat program by Dave Henderson, but they contributed their applause and appreciation to the winner of this year's Washburn Award, Hart Schwarz. Hart started birding in 1965 and was out of the country for four years, teaching in New Guinea and Australia. When he came back to New Mexico and lived in Albuquerque, he was field trip chairman from 1982 to 1985. He specialized in birds of the Sandias until recently. His research paper on the Scott's Oriole and Parasitism of Cowbirds on Scott's Orioles' Nests was published in the OWL. Also published here was his very popular article on Hummingbirds. He has been Albuquerque Christmas Count compiler for the last 6 years and has been very pleased, because more and more people are coming out for this. In the last two years he's become interested in birds of the escarpment and will soon have a bird list of the birds of the Petroglyphs National Monument. He's done research on the Gray Vireo in the Sandias and will present an upcoming CNMAS Program on this research. Currently he's employed by U.S. Fish and Wildlife, conducting field studies on -- what else -- little-studied birds! Thanks for all you do, Hart, and Congratulations!

**RECYCLE SITES**

**NEIGHBORHOOD:**

(Collections on the fourth Saturday of the month)

- 1) Netherwood Park, Princeton NE one block north of Indian School: Newspaper, corrugated cardboard, aluminum, clear glass. 9-11 a.m.
- 2) Four Hills Entrance: Newspaper, corrugated cardboard, aluminum, clear glass plastics 1&2. 9-11 a.m.
- 3) Quail Run Shopping Center, Tramway and San Rafael NE: Newspaper, corrugated cardboard, aluminum, clear and colored glass, plastic 1&2. 9-11 a.m.
- 4) Jade Park, San Francisco and Ray NE: Plastic 1&2, clear glass corrugated cardboard, newspaper, aluminum. 9-11 a.m.
- 5) Noreste Neighborhood, 8510 Wyoming NE: Clear glass, plastic 1&2, newspaper, corrugated cardboard, aluminum, white-bond paper. 9-11 a.m.
- 6) Cutler Park, Pennsylvania and Cutler NE: Clear glass, plastic 1&2, paper, aluminum, corrugated cardboard. 9-11 a.m.
- 7) Valley High School, 1505 Candelaria NW: Clear glass, aluminum newspapers, corrugated cardboard, plastic 1&2. 9-11 a.m.
- 8) Inez neighborhood, Pennsylvania and Cutler NE: Newspapers corrugated cardboard, clear glass, plastic 1&2. 9-11 a.m.

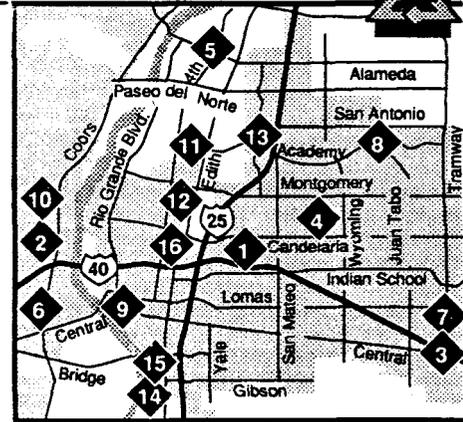


**RECYCLE SITES**

**NEIGHBORHOOD:**

(Collections on the third Saturday of the month)

- 1) 2714 Quincy NE: Cardboard, clear glass, newspaper, plastics 1&2, computer paper, aluminum. 9-11 a.m.
- 2) Laurelwood, 72nd and Iliff: Corrugated cardboard, newspapers, plastic 1&2, aluminum cans. 9-11 a.m.
- 3) Supper Rock, Central and Tramway: Aluminum, clear glass, computer paper, newspaper, plain flattened cardboard. 9-11 a.m.
- 4) Stardust Sky, Comanche Elementary School, 3505 Pennsylvania NE: Aluminum, corrugated cardboard, newspaper, clear glass. 9-11 a.m.
- 5) Alameda Elementary School, 412 Alameda NW: Clear glass, corrugated cardboard, newspaper, aluminum, white ledger paper, plastic containers 1&2. 9-11 a.m.
- 6) Santa Fe Neighborhood, Unser and Vulcan NW: Foam carpet padding corrugated cardboard, clear glass, plastic 1&2, aluminum cans, brown paper bags. 9-11 a.m.
- 7) East Range Piedra Vista, Daskalos and Soula NE: Cardboard, newspapers aluminum, beverage cans, clear glass, some plastics. 9-11 p.m.
- 8) Tanoan clubhouse: Glass, plastic 1&2, paper. 9-11 a.m.
- 9) Huning Castle, 16th and Park SW: Aluminum, corrugated cardboard, newspapers, clear glass, plastic 1&2. 9-11 a.m.
- 10) Ladera and Ouray NW: Aluminum, corrugated cardboard, newspapers, clear glass, plastic 1&2. 9-11 a.m.



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#### WYOMING CAMP SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Beth Dillingham, a teacher of Life Sciences at Cleveland Mid School, is the 1991 scholarship winner for the Audubon Camp in the West held in Dubois, Wyoming. She will be attending the Field Ecology session August 1-7. A graduate of University of California and Washington University, St. Louis, MO., Beth has an outstanding background in environmental education. We look forward to hearing of her experiences at a general CNMAS meeting in the fall. Peggy Jackson, a teacher at East San Jose Elementary is the alternate.

#### THANK YOU! (OUTGOING)

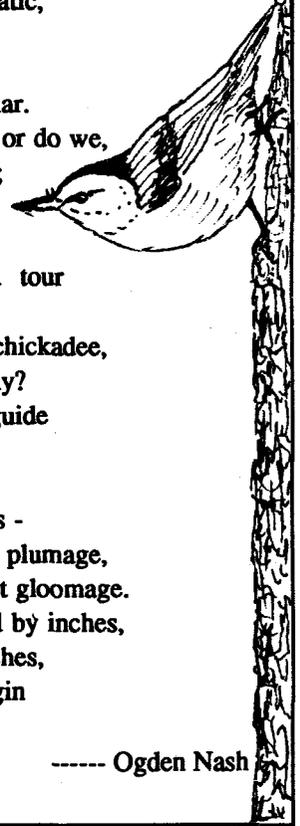
By Marge Carrick, Education Chair  
Each year we have a fund drive in support of Audubon Adventures program for Grades 3-6 in our schools. In addition to money budgeted by CNMAS, the following persons have given generously for the 1992-93 school year. With their help we will be able to send Audubon Adventures to 35 classrooms.

A big thank you to:

Lillian Tenopyr, Edith and Otis Johnson, John Chambers, Jr., Marge Carrick, Dr. Sei Tokuda, Louis J. Prime, Dr. John Tyson, Carolyn Lindberg, Isabelle Goetz, Helen Zeyen of Science Fare, Jean Dilley, Richard R. Carlson, Iva Oshaunesy, Charles Pederson, Beth Hurst, and The Thursday Morning Birders.

### Up from the Egg: The Confessions of a Nuthatch Avider

Bird watchers top my honors list.  
I aimed to be one, but I missed.  
Since I'm both myopic and astigmatic,  
My aim turned out to be erratic,  
And I, bespectacled and binocular,  
Exposed myself to comment jocular.  
We don't need too much birdlore, or do we,  
To tell a flamingo from a towhee;  
Yet I cannot, and never will,  
Unless the silly bird stands still.  
And there's no enlightenment in a tour  
Of ornithological literature.  
Is yon strange creature a common chickadee,  
Or a migrant alouette from Picardy?  
You rush to consult your nature guide  
And inspect the gallery inside,  
But a bird in the open never looks  
Like its picture in the birdie books -  
or if it once did, it has changed its plumage,  
and plunges you back into ignorant gloomage.  
That is why I sit here growing old by inches,  
Watching the clock instead of finches,  
But sometimes I visualize in my gin  
The Audubon that I audibin.



----- Ogden Nash

#### THANK YOU (INCOMING)

By Dave Cleary - Zuni Pueblo  
Thanks much for another wonderful year of Audubon Adventures. My entire class did a project on owl pellets (ideas from A.A.) for our local Science Fair and we all won first place blue ribbons. Zuni is growing! Next year the new elementary school will open its doors. We have many 4th and 5th graders who do not see Audubon Adventures. We, of course, will be very happy to get our four packets again next year. However, if you have extra sponsors, we will gladly take more packets. Total enrollment at Dowa Yalanne and Aishiwi for 1992-1993 (4th & 5th graders) is projected to be 283 kids.  
Thanks again to CNMAS for its wonderful support. (Dave's kids are definitely on the A.A. list!)



## An Investment in the Future of our Natural World

### SCIENCE FAIR AWARDS

By Donna Broudy

Elizabeth Broemel, Neil Dilley, and I had the pleasure of judging exhibits in the Northwestern Regional Science Fair, held at UNM on March 11, and of awarding prizes on behalf of CNMAS to some of the outstanding projects related to the environment and wild-life. The winning students in the senior high division were:

**Amy Walton**, Sandia HS, for her project, "Bioremediation Potential of Three Albuquerque Soils." Amy tested soil samples for the presence of types of microorganisms which can tolerate and metabolize gasoline spills, as a means of determining the possibilities of using naturally occurring organisms to remove toxic spills.

**Cecilia Diniz** of Sandia HS, in her project, "Do Detention Ponds Affect Water Quality?" found that the detention ponds built in the city to contain runoff and purify the water are effective only if very carefully maintained, and that poorly maintained detention ponds, while they control the direction of runoff, do not purify the water.

**Tammi Kaehr**, Sandia HS, in her project, "Absorption of Nickel from Wastewater by Activated Carbon," concluded that activated carbon can be used effectively to remove nickel from the wastewater of a foundry area.

**Jessica Hafner** of Albuquerque HS continued with her interest in the widespread New Mexico plant, creosote bush. In this year's project, "Desert Warfare III," she studied the ways in which creosote bush inhibits the germination of competing plants in areas where the plants might compete for water. We have seen Jessica's previous studies of desert botany and are glad to see her continued research.

The junior division also included

one of last year's most impressive exhibitors. **Zane Roberts**, of Moriarty Middle School, has extended his original curiosity about the knowledge to be gained from analyzing owl pellets to a much more extensive study on the "Summer Feeding Habits of the Great Horned Owl, Jemez Mountains." Zane presented a very interesting exhibit of the changes in the owls' diet as the availability of various species of prey changed through the season.

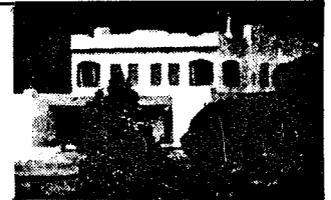
**Casey King**, McKinley MS, climbed to the roof of his house every day to expose some of his plant specimens to the smoke from the chimney, while exposing others to automobile exhaust and maintaining a third group of control plants. His study, "The Effect Air Pollution Has on Plants," addresses one of the problems of urban ecology.

**Amphonepheth Chaleunphonh**, Kennedy MS, grew a variety of ground cover plants for her study, "What Best Prevents Soil Erosion: Grass, Plants, or a Combination of Both?" Controlling erosion of disturbed soil on slopes is a complicated problem, but she made a good study of some of the possible answers. We would like to thank the teachers of these students for guiding and encouraging these fine projects.

**Carl Bittner** and **William Nenno** of Sandia High, **Philip Voorheis** of Albuquerque High, **Catherine Pitt** of Moriarty Middle School, **Mary Jo Comber** of McKinley Middle School, and **John Heahm** of Kennedy Middle School fostered the award-winning research.

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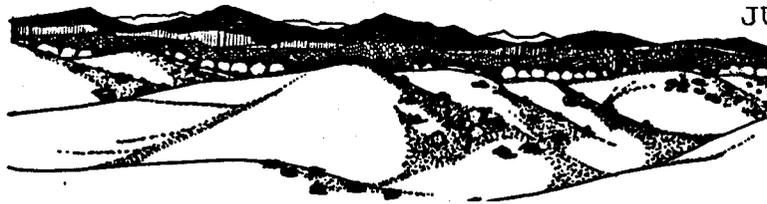
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## SEVILLETA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

### Part I

By Ross L. Teuber

(We want to welcome Ross back as contributor of the upcoming series on Sevilleta and thank him for his articles. --Ed.)

The Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge is probably one of the most unique, interesting, and least-known refuges, to the general public, in the entire National Wildlife Refuge System. It is located app. 55 miles south of Albuquerque via I-25. It is bounded on the northeast of I-25 by U.S. Hwy 60, on the east by Los Pinos (the Pines) Mountains, on the northwest by The Ledrones (Robber's Hangout). The south boundary is irregular, skirting Lemitar/San Acacia diversion and settlements, and Alamillo.

### HISTORY

The first non-Indian visitors to this area were Franciscan priests from Chihuahua, Mexico, in the late 16th century. They encountered the Piros and Tiguas, who were the southernmost of the Pueblo Indians. After the priests were assassinated by the Indians, the Spaniards established a military post at "Nueva Seville," later Sevilleta, which now exists as a small community within the grant called La Joya. Except for a short period of the Pueblo uprising between 1680-92, Spanish domination continued for over 200 years.

During the waning years of Spanish rule, in June 1819, the king of Spain, through the governor of the Province of New Mexico, conveyed the Sevilleta de La Joya Grant to the residents of the community of Sevilleta. Mexico, already at war with Spain, became an independent republic in 1821 and in the process acquired control over these lands.

Mexican rule prevailed until its war with the US. By the treaty

with Guadalupe Hidalgo, concluded on Feb. 2, 1848, Mexico ceded all territory north of an irregular line extending along the Rio Grande and from El Paso, by way of the Gila River, to the Pacific. This treaty also recognized land grants considered valid by the Republic of Mexico. However, confirmation of the Sevilleta Grant by the US was delayed until 1894. President Theodore Roosevelt then issued a patent to the residents of the community. The Territory of New Mexico became a state in 1912. Thereafter, taxes were not paid, and in the mid-1920s Socorro County sued for nonpayment of real estate taxes. The decision went against the defendants, and the property was sold in 1928 by public sale. The purchaser was the County of Socorro. The County, in turn, sold the property to General Thomas Campbell. General Campbell, a well-known and successful agriculturist, did not acquire the entire Sevilleta Grant. The Campbell family ceded some of the land along the Rio Grande traditionally used for growing crops to the Town of LaJoya.

In 1964, just prior to General Campbell's death in 1966, title to the Sevilleta property passed to the Campbell Family Foundation, a nonprofit corporation. Recognizing the need to protect the land from further intensive uses, the foundation stopped all grazing. A caretaker was hired to ensure this.

However, when the economically highest and most profitable use of a piece of land is totally eliminated, it is necessary to find some other use. The land's value was estimated variously at \$6-12 million. Several possibilities were considered. The Campbell family chose to use a different approach. They began to search for an agency or organization that

would, under certain rigidly imposed conditions, assume a management program designed to protect and revitalize the land and its resources in perpetuity. The foundation also wanted the area open to research by various universities and organizations such as the Smithsonian Institution.

Several federal and private institutions, including The Nature Conservancy, were approached, but no one seemed to have the necessary funds to acquire and operate the area, and in some cases management objectives did not coincide with the Foundation's wishes.

The search for a suitable means of disposing of the property to a suitable agency or organization continued through most of 1973. Finally, on October 24, 1973, Mrs. Elizabeth Campbell-Knapp made an offer. Basically, the Foundation would convey the property for \$500,000. The property would be conveyed in parcels over a five-year period. It could be used only for refuge purposes, but would be made available to certain institutions for research.

Finally, and importantly for tax purposes, the first purchase must be complete by December 31, 1973. About this time The Nature Conservancy entered into serious negotiations with the Campbell Family Foundation. By November 20, 1973, an agreement had been reached that included most of the conditions in Mrs. Knapp's earlier offer. There were, however, some essential changes. The Nature Conservancy would advance the \$500,000. All 220,000 acres of the Sevilleta would be conveyed to The Nature Conservancy, which would immediately convey the entire property to the United States for perpetual use -- or it reverts to the donors -- as a wildlife refuge.

Responsibility to see that the property is managed in accordance with the agreed-upon conditions remains with The Nature Conservancy. The agreement stipulated that the entire transaction must

be completed by Dec. 31, 1973. This called for some tall action to be accomplished by all the parties involved. However, by concerted effort the tremendous task was accomplished. Through this action the Sevilleta became a National Wildlife Refuge on December 28, 1973.  
(Stay tuned for Part II, Folks!)



*"The wild things of this earth are not ours to do with as we please. They have been given to us in trust, and we must account for them to the generations which will come after us and audit our accounts."*

William T. Hornaday

#### FROM THE EDITOR

This issue is chock-full -- and you should see what I had to leave out! Please note that a significant portion of our publishing costs were provided by the advertisers included herein. We truly appreciate their contribution and hope you do, too. Thanks!

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**REPORT ON NATIONAL AUDUBON SEMINAR: POPULATION/ENVIRONMENT**  
 Contributed by Chuck Scott,  
 Population Environment Network

Recently the National Audubon Society invited 21 people from throughout the country to attend a 5-day seminar in Washington, D.C. Tanya Thomas, Audubon's Population Grassroots Coordinator, presented an information-packed week which concentrated on showing how increasing human populations are the main force behind the destruction of our wildlife habitat and environment.

As a consequence of NAS's efforts to network, we were able to meet and hear talks by representatives from organizations such as the Population Crisis Committee, Friends of the Earth, ZPG, National Wildlife Federation, and the Population Reference Bureau. They presented convincing evidence that population and the environment are the most critical issue facing the U.S. and the world today.

Much of the emphasis of the seminar was on how to effectively lobby Congress on these issues. To familiarize us with the legislative process, we visited the House and the Senate to see firsthand how it works. The next day Lisanne Nelson, the full-time Audubon Legislative Advocate, put us through a session on "how to lobby."

Audubon's legislative agenda concentrates heavily on attempting to persuade Congress to vote for the following:

\* Increasing funding for International Family Planning to \$650 million through the U.S. AID program.

\* Reinstating the U.N. Population Fund.

\* Repealing the Mexico City Policy.

Your Society considers these three pieces of legislation to be of utmost importance. Take time to write a short letter to your Representatives requesting that they vote for these bills when they come up for consideration. In a separate letter or postcard, request your Congressmen to vote for the Freedom of Choice Act (HR 25 and S 25). It is consistent with Audubon's attempts to help stabilize population. Take a stand, get involved, make a difference.



### CONSERVATION NOTES

By Verne Huser

The ancients were right - there are only four elements: air, water, earth, and fire, and these four elements constitute the essence of our world.

AIR - We breathe it, could not live more than a few minutes without it. It provides the essential chemicals for the creation of the most basic foods through photosynthesis and for the process of combustion.

WATER - We drink it, could only live a few days without it. It, too, provides essential chemicals for photosynthesis, as well as being a basic ingredient for all life.

EARTH - We grow food in it, extract mineral wealth and fossil fuel from it, claim pieces of it to build our homes upon, carve it into countries, fight wars over bits and pieces of it.

FIRE - We use it to heat our homes, transport people and goods, process our products, releasing energy stored in the earth for thousands of centuries as we "fire up" our modern technologies.

THINK of the pollution, misuse, contamination, and waste of these four elements -- the only four -- and of what we have yet to learn -- from the ancients.

**THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT:**

A few days ago Interior Secretary Lujan set loose "The God Squad" upon the world to overthrow the Endangered Species Act, one of the best laws ever passed to protect the natural environment of the planet. The industry-oriented committee found that logging in the Northwest's old-growth forests is more important than the spotted owl in a spurious attack that pitted owls against people.

The owl isn't the problem. Over-cutting our national forests is. We have been cutting old-growth timber -- timber in general -- much faster than it is being produced by natural processes. Those natural processes have been hampered by humankind's unrelenting attack upon renewable natural resources.

The Endangered Species Act, scheduled for reconsideration this year, is in serious trouble. The debate over reauthorization is likely to rage well into next year, after the election. You can vote your conscience in the fall election and have an impact upon that debate. The question is "whether this country should move forward with species protection or retreat to the days of environmental neglect," writes Dan Dagget in Audubon Activist.

At stake are more than spotted owls, wolves, the black-footed ferret, the California condor, salmon, and the great whales. At stake are not jobs nor economic development; the act does not pit endangered species against human beings except in the eyes of the exploiters.

Three bills have been introduced into Congress dealing with the Endangered Species Act. Only one of them -- H.R. 4045 -- is pro-environment. Cosponsored by 69 members of the House, this bill strengthens the act.

Two bills, H.R. 3092 known as the

Human Protection Act of 1992, and H.R. 4058 known as Balanced Economic and Environmental Priorities Act of 1991, both weaken the Endangered Species Act.

What can you do? Write to your representative and ask him/her to cosponsor H.R. 4045, the Endangered Species Act Amendments of 1992, and to oppose H.R. 3092 and H.R. 4058, both of which would weaken the ESA. You might even write to President Bush to give him your opinion on the Endangered Species Act and on the way he has been proving out as the Environmental President.

**STRONG WETLANDS BILL INTRODUCED**

On Feb. 19, Rep. Don Edwards (D-CA) introduced H.R. 4255, titled the **Wetlands Reform Act of 1992**. Audubon played a key role in drafting this bill, which is designed to strengthen federal protections for wetlands while addressing complaints of regulatory uncertainty and delays which have been leveled against current wetlands regs. H.R. 4255 would also delay the implementation of the Administration's politically motivated "delineation manual," which would remove a minimum of 50% of the nation's wetlands from federal protection, pending completion of a study by the National Academy of Sciences.

H.R. 4255 is the first wetlands bill to present a viable and comprehensive alternative to the environmentally disastrous policies proposed in the Bush administration's delineation manual and Rep. Hayes' anti-wetlands bill, H.R. 1330. Now is the time to write to your House member and urge him to **support wetlands protection by cosponsoring H.R. 4255**. For more info, contact Clark Williams, Audubon's wetlands lobbyist, 202-547-9009.



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