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

AUGUST 18 - WILD COSTA RICA: Jim Black has traveled extensively throughout Costa Rica. He will bring us "up close and personal" with this country's unique and special ecology, birds and wildlife. He will discuss traveling there and share his knowledge of the people and politics. Come and experience the flora and fauna of Costa Rica on the wild side!

September 15 - SUMMER WRAP-UP! We invite you to come and share your favorite slides of the birds, wildlife, and scenery that you discovered this summer, and the stories that go with them! Tell us your secret hideaways for wonderful trips and birding (we promise not to tell!). Bring 5-6 slides, and everyone will get a chance to share. A Kodak projector will be provided. This will be a fun program for everyone to learn something new. For further details call Shelley at 345-7396. Let me know if you will be participating!

FIELD TRIP NEWS AND NOTES

After nearly three years as Field Trip Chair, Anne Farley is launching on a new expedition to a new job in new environs. Thanks, Anne, for planning and coordinating the best-loved activity for us Auduboners -- watching birds! Best of luck in your new career and your new home -- and Happy Birding!

Our President, Jeff Myers, coordinated our upcoming trips, and he'd invite anybody who gets a gleam in their eye at the thought of planning trips to see feathered friends in enchanting New Mexico to contact any member of the Board to express your interest -- and let us express our appreciation!

Sat. and Sun., August 20 and 21 - Hawks Aloft joint field trip - Bitter Lakes (Roswell): Jim Place will lead this field trip to look for shorebirds and other early migrants. We will meet 7:30 a.m. Saturday at Baskin-Robbins in Four Hills Shopping Center, Tramway and Central, to carpool to Roswell, watching for raptors along the way. Fall migration will have started, and Bitter Lakes National Wildlife Refuge is a prime stopover point for many unusual birds. Stay overnight in Roswell or camp at Bottomless Lakes State Park at your option and expense. $10 fee for field trip will benefit Hawks Aloft. Contact Jim Place, 821-5988, to confirm.
Sunday, September 18: We'll carpool to Randall Davey Audubon Center and enjoy the cool mountains and (we hope) hot birding! We'll be met by a leader from Randall Davey, who will guide us and members of the Sangre de Cristo Chapter around the property. After our hike, we'll enjoy a bring-your-own picnic luncheon at the Center. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at Far North Shopping Center, San Mateo and Academy.

Saturday, September 24 - HawkWatch Trip! One of the knowledgeable observers from HawkWatch International will meet us at 8:00 a.m. at Baskin-Robbins, Tramway & Central, to lead us (by car) up the mountain for fall hawkwatching in the Manzanos. Plan to carpool, wear good hiking shoes for this mild, short hike, bring food and water, and don't forget sunscreen and a hat. Fall migration is a thrill!

THURSDAY MORNING BIRDING GROUP -- For information on Thursday morning outings to nearby areas, call Tamie Bulow at 298-9116.

SNEAK PREVIEWS

Sept. 24 - Oct. 1: BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK: Once again, by popular request, Randall Davey Audubon Center is offering a natural history adventure to one of the most fascinating & unique areas in the county. Big Bend National Park sits on the U.S./Mexico border, and because it is on the way to nowhere, it is a treasure trove awaiting the adventurous. Learn the geologic processes which created the foundation for five different ecozones and spend a week getting to know the botany & wildlife inhabiting these areas. A one-day raft trip on the Rio Grande is included. Registration is limited, so call 983-4609 (SF) today for a detailed itinerary. Tuition: $1195/person/dbl.

Nov. 17 - 20: FESTIVAL OF THE CRANES, SOCORRO, NM: Probably the premier birding "function" in the state, keynote speakers this year include: Chandler Robbins, author & editor (Birds of North America) and research wildlife biologist; Jim Bones, author, photographer, and Rio Grande watershed expert; Peter Dunne, author & editor (Hawks in Flight) and international birder; and Steve West, educator, biologist, researcher and birder. New this year is a Nature Photography Contest and Macey Center Photography Exhibit.

Did you know?
You can find the Randall Davey Audubon Center very easily. Go to the end of Upper Canyon Road. Park and enjoy it.

Did you know?
In 1983 the National Audubon Board of Directors met at the Sheraton Old Town. They also went to the Bosque del Apache and to the Randall Davey property. This gift was accepted in December 1983.

Did you know?
As a member of the National Audubon Society your active support of the Randall Davey Audubon Center is most welcome and desired. Take your friends there.

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.

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The methods demonstrated include how to avoid spading, cultivating, weeding, spraying, fertilizing and lawn mowing; automatic creation of topsoil; 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 the classroom with the other sessions in natural gardens and on field trips. Students must attend first class to obtain field trip info. Thursdays, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Aug. 25 through Oct. 13. Call Jim Lewis, 881-7423.

INTRODUCTION TO ORNITHOLOGY - Albuquerque T-VI

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RIO GRANDE NATURE CENTER
STATE PARK
HUMMERFEST
Saturday, August 20, 1994

Program

10:00 - Bosque Walk with Dan True
10:40 - Dedication of Hummingbird Photo Station
10:50 - Bosque Walk with Dan True
11:30 - Celestyn Brozek: Hummingbird Biology and Exotic Hummers
12:30 - Sieglinde Neuhauser: Gardening for Hummingbirds
1:30 - Joan Day Martin: Banding Hummingbirds
2:30 - Dan True: Hummingbird Talk and Book Signing

All-Day Activities

Dan True Hummingbird Prints Exhibit
Nature Center Hummingbird Garden
Wildlife Rescue Hummingbirds
Hummingbird Banding Station
Bird Identification in Pond Room with Audubon Society
Audubon Society Film: "Hummingbirds Up Close"
Child Activity Center

ACTIVISM

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--From Global Stewardship
I'm glad to be taking over the duties of Education Chair of our local Audubon group. Before moving to Albuquerque last year, I volunteered with a group that taught natural science to grade schools through hands-on methods. I don't have such grand plans here, but I am interested if people have ideas for ways we can expand our programs.

I came to this job just in time to see the class enrollments for Audubon Adventures sent to National headquarters. Our local chapter's efforts have made it possible for 28 classrooms to receive AA for the next school year. I plan to share some of those topics and lessons with you. We had 11 contributors to AA, including a retired teacher (for her old school) and a godmother (for her godson's class). The Thursday Birders supported two classes, as well.

I also had the pleasure of notifying Kristin Gunckel that she was our 1994 Camp of The West Scholarship winner. We got her signed up in time for the first session, and look forward to a presentation from her later this year. This is her postcard from camp:

"Greetings from Camp in the West. I am certainly enjoying myself and learning lots, too. Today I attended a class on mammals and another on banding birds. I look forward to sharing this experience with you and Central NM Audubon. Thanks for making it possible for me to attend."

See you at the next meeting --
Julie Goodding

(Ed. note: A big welcome and a big thank you from all of us!)
NEW MEXICO AUDUBON CONFERENCE

Sponsored by the NM Audubon Council
will be held at
Black River Village, Eddy County
9-11 September, 1994

TOPIC
The topic for the 1994 NMAC Conference will be Oil and Gas Development in southeastern New Mexico. Much of the oil and gas development in New Mexico is centered in the southeastern corner of the state and provides a large share of the state revenues. In addition to providing revenue and thousands of jobs statewide, there are environmental concerns about some oil and gas development such as toxic waste dumping, groundwater mining, and increased bird mortality. The theme of this conference will be to explore those concerns, the history of this topic and possible solutions. Field trips will acquaint participants with some of the issues first hand.

ACCOMODATIONS
Facilities have been reserved at Black River Village or individuals may stay in nearby Carlsbad. We held our 1989 conference at Black River Village which is a pleasant facility located near Carlsbad Caverns National Park. This year we will be sharing some of the facilities with another group but there will be room for all. The accommodations are very good, the food is excellent and the surrounding desert grasslands are a good place to explore. Participants will need to bring a sleeping bag or bedding, including a pillow case, towel, and wash rag. Nearby Carlsbad Caverns National Park, including Rattlesnake Springs, offer many terrific birding possibilities.

1994 NMAC Registration Form

Name:______________________________________________________
Address:______________________________________________________________________________________________
Telephone No.__________________________________________________________

Registration
Meals @ $4/meal
Breakfast Sat
Lunch Sat
Supper Sat
Breakfast Sun

Lodging @ $10/night
Insurance @ $0.30/person/day

Total enclosed:______$

Make checks payable to New Mexico Audubon Conference
Mail to: Steve West, Box 2489, Carlsbad, NM 88220
Deadline is Saturday, 3 September 1994
The 27th Annual Meeting of the
NEW MEXICO AUDUBON COUNCIL
9-11 September, 1994
Black River Village, Otero County

Tentative Schedule of Events

Friday, 9 September

Meet at the entrance to Carlsbad Caverns for evening Cave Swallow banding and the opportunity to watch the bat flight from inside the cave, a rare treat.
Contact Steve West after mid-August for exact time and location.

Saturday, 10 September

0800 - 0900 am  Breakfast, Registration, coffee and donuts
0830
Welcome and Introductions
Reports from NAS - David Carson, NAS Board Member and Dave Henderson, Randll Davey Center
0930 - 1015  Wildlife Issues Relating to Oil and Gas Development - John Sherman, BLM
1015 - 1100  Industry representative invited
1100 - 1130  Death of the Salt Lakes BlrdCommunity - Steve West
1130 - 1200  Discussion of afternoon field trip
1200 - 1230  Lunch
1230 - 4:30 pm  Field trips to Salt Lakes area and other oil and gas fields
5:00 - 6:00 pm  Supper
8:00 - 9:00 pm  Evening Speaker from Carlsbad Caverns NP who will talk about recent discoveries in Lechuguilla Cave and concerns about oil and gas development in that area.

Sunday, 11 September:

0800 - 0900  Breakfast
0800 - 9:00  Birding field trips to local sites (Rattlesnake Springs, Slaughter Canyon, Brantley Reservoir, Lincoln National Forest, maps will be provided.)

Please bring examples of any anti-environmental literature you may have collected to share with others. Can be related to any environmental topic: mining, grazing, wise use, oil and gas.
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WHENCE CAME THE BIRDS
An American Indian Legend

Among the many Indian stories that have been handed down and that are still believed by many tribes of American Indians is the one about the transformation of leaves into birds.

Long Years ago, when the world was young, The Great Spirit went about the earth making it beautiful. Wherever his feet touched the ground, lovely trees and flowers sprang up. All Summer the trees wore their short green dresses. The leaves were very happy, and they sang their sweet songs to the breeze as it passed them. One day The Wind told them the time would soon come when they would have to fall from the trees and die.

This made the leaves feel very sad, but they tried to be bright and do the best they could so as not to make the mother trees unhappy. But at last the time came and they let go of the twigs and branches and fluttered to the ground. They lay perfectly quiet, not able to move except as the Wind would lift them. The Great Spirit saw them and thought that they were so lovely that he did not want to see them die, but live and be beautiful forever. So he gave to each bright leaf a pair of wings and power to fly. Then he called them his "Birds."

From the red and brown leaves of the oak came the Robins, and yellow birds from the yellow willow leaves, and from the bright maple leaves he made the red birds. This is why birds love the trees and always go to them to build their nests and look for food and shade.
For our first attempt at participating in the International Migratory Bird Day count on May 14, I think we made a great effort at covering Bernalillo County's variety of habitats. A BIG thank you to the participants: Dave Mehlman, Steve & Nancy Cox, Jonalyn Yancey, Bob deLancey, Ken Schneider, Jim & Julie Goodding, Nina Smith, Cindy & Joe Harris, Alan Swain, Sue Small, Joanne Phillips, Howard Kimbrough, John Chambers, Beth Hurst, Ron Waitz, and Donna Broudy. See the facing page for a full compilation.

NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY
PEOPLE & WATER & WILDLIFE
Convention 1994

The National Audubon Convention, to be held in southern Florida, co-hosted by the Florida Audubon Society, will span nine days in November: the 11th to the 20th. There are three components to the convention so you may attend one, two or all three of the events.

The convention sessions, held during the first three days, offer workshops, and feature speakers Bruce Babbitt, Paul Ehrlich and Peter Matthiessen. Highlighted will be the Everglades Restoration campaign, Endangered Species, and population concerns.

Field trips on Nov. 14 and 15 will include boat tours of the Everglades, Lake Okeechobee, the boardwalk at Corkscrew Sanctuary, a chance to watch spoonbills and anhingas at Ding Darling Refuge on Sanibel—and more.

The Mobile Learning Lab, Nov. 15-18, will depart by boat from Ft. Myers, spend an overnight at the Port of the Islands Resort in Naples then travel to the Flamingo Lodge in the Everglades to explore that National Park.

The final session will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Miami and will be a two day conference on Population. The UN International Conference on Population and Development, to be held in Cairo in September, will be reviewed by Audubon staff who will have attended.

Make your reservations early by contacting:
National Audubon Convention Office
4150 Darley Avenue, Suite 5
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THE COUNCIL CORNER

The New Mexico Audubon Council held its summer meeting on July 9 at Bosque del Apache. The Council discussed a policy statement on public lands grazing that was written by Tom Wooten of the Mesilla Valley Chapter based on input from all of the chapters. A final version of the policy, which strongly advocates reform of traditional grazing practices, was adopted at the meeting. The statement will be sent to the Board of the National Audubon Society. The chapters, and all Audubon members, were encouraged to send in responses to Rangeland Reform '94, the initiative by Bruce Babbitt and the Interior Department that is now open for public comment. (Ed. note: Comments period closed July 28.)

Legislative priorities for future action by David Henderson of the Randall Davey Center were voted on and ranked. Highest priority was given to public lands issues (including grazing, mining reform, and wilderness areas) and water issues (conservation, wetlands protection, and planning). Reauthorization of the Endangered Species Act was ranked next, followed by support of the Conservation Services Division of the NM Game and Fish Department. Recycling and a state bottle bill were also stressed.
## INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD DAY
BERNALILLO COUNTY, NM - May 14, 1994

| 01. Pied-billed Grebe | 5 | 55. Violet-green Swallow | 49 |
| 02. Neotropical Cormorant | 2 | 56. Rough-winged Swallow | 101 |
| 03. Great Blue Heron | 3 | 57. Bank Swallow | 11 |
| 04. Green Heron | 14 | 58. Cliff Swallow | 15 |
| 05. Canada Goose | 19 | 59. Barn Swallow | 210 |
| 06. Wood Duck | 32 | 60. Steller's Jay | - |
| 07. Green-winged Teal | 3 | 61. Scrub Jay | 49 |
| 08. Mallard | 74 | 62. Pinyon Jay | 25 |
| 09. Blue-winged Teal | 6 | 63. Am. Crow | 23 |
| 10. Cinnamon Teal | 34 | 64. Common Raven | 38 |
| 14. Redhead | 13 | 68. Bushtit | 7 |
| 15. Bufflehead | 2 | 69. Red-breasted Nuthatch | 16 |
| 16. Ruddy Duck | 23 | 70. White-breasted Nut. | 16 |
| 17. Turkey Vulture | 12 | 71. Brown Creeper | 3 |
| 18. Sharp-shinned Hawk | 1 | 72. Bewick's Wren | 8 |
| 19. Cooper's Hawk | 7 | 73. House Wren | 3 |
| 20. Swainson's Hawk | 3 | 74. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher | 2 |
| 21. Red-tailed Hawk | 5 | 75. Western Bluebird | 9 |
| 22. American Kestrel | 20 | 76. Mountain Bluebird | 2 |
| 23. Ring-necked Pheasant | 12 | 77. T. Solitaria | 3 |
| 24. Wild Turkey | 1 | 78. Hermit Thrush | 4 |
| 25. Swainson's Hawk | 19 | 79. Am. Robin | 147 |
| 28. Am. Coot | 17 | 82. Sage Thrasher | 1 |
| 29. Killdeer | 19 | 83. Curve-billed Thrasher | 11 |
| 30. Black-necked Stilt | 12 | 84. Cedar Waxwing | 31 |
| 31. Am. Avocet | 5 | 85. Logger-headed Shrike | 1 |
| 32. Spotted Sandpiper | 6 | 86. Eu. Starling | 190 |
| 33. Western Sandpiper | 200 | 87. Solitary Vireo | 12 |
| 34. Ring-billed Gull | 1 | 88. Warbling Vireo | 4 |
| 35. Rock Dove | 107 | 89. Red-eyed Vireo | 1 |
| 36. Band-tailed Pigeon | 1 | 90. Orange-crowned Warbler | 3 |
| 37. White-winged Dove | 7 | 91. Virginia's Warbler | 8 |
| 38. Mourning Dove | 304 | 92. Yellow Warbler | 16 |
| 39. G. Roadrunner | 8 | 93. Yellow-rumped Warbler | 29 |
| 40. Great-horned Owl | 3 | Audubon's 27 | |
| 41. Black-chinned Hummingbird | 137 | Myrtle 2 | |
| 42. Broad-tailed Hummingbird | 22 | Bl-throated Gray Warbl. | 4 |
| 43. Belted Kingfisher | 3 | Grace's Warbler | 6 |
| 44. Downy Woodpecker | 5 | No. Waterthrush | 2 |
| 45. Hairy Woodpecker | 1 | MacGillivray's Warbler | 6 |
| 46. Woodpecker species | 1 | C. Yellowthroat | 2 |
| 47. Northern Flicker | 17 | Wilson's Warbler | 10 |
| 48. Olive-sided Flycatcher | 2 | 100. Yellow-breasted Chat | 1 |
| 49. Western Wood Pewee | 12 | 101. Hepatic Tanager | 9 |
| 50. Black Phoebe | 6 | 102. Summer Tanager | 43 |
| 51. Say's Phoebe | 23 | 103. Western Tanager | 115 |
| 52. Ash-throated Flycatcher | 12 | 104. Bl-headed Grosbeak | 8 |
| 53. Western Kingbird | 30 | 105. Blue Grosbeak | 11 |
| 54. Tree Swallow | 2 | 106. Lazuli Bunting | 3 |
| 109. Rufous-sided Towhee | 41 | 107. Indigo Bunting | 3 |
| 110. Canyon Towhee | 14 | 108. Green-tailed Towhee | 1 |
| 111. Chipping Sparrow | 15 | 112. Lack Sparrow | 2 |
| 113. Black-throated Sparrow | 1 | 114. White-crowned Sparrow | 7 |
| 115. Dark-eyed Junco | 3 | 116. Red-winged Blackbird | 105 |
| 117. Western Meadowlark | 79 | 118. Brewer's Blackbird | 18 |
| 119. Great-tailed Grackle | 103 | 120. Common Grackle | 18 |
| 121. Brown-headed Cowbird | 56 | 122. No. Oriole | 10 |
| 123. Scott's Oriole | 8 | 124. House Finch | 185 |
| 125. Red Crossbill | 9 | 126. Pine Siskin | 16 |

**BERNALILLO COUNTY FEEDERWATCH**

These feeder birds were not included in Bernalillo County "regular" count statistics:

| 01.Scaled Quail | 2 |
| 02. White-winged Dove | 7 |
| 03. Mourning Dove | 45 |
| 04. Black-chinned Hummer | 6 |
| 05. Broad-tailed Hummer | 15 |
| 06. Downy Woodpecker | 1 |
| 07. Say's Phoebe | 1 |
| 08. Scrub Jay | 4 |
| 09. Pinyon Jay | 4 |
| 10. Am. Crow | 1 |
| 11. Common Raven | 1 |
| 12. Mountain Chickadee | 2 |
| 13. Bushtit | 4 |
| 14. White-r. Nuthatch | 2 |
| 15. Bewick's Wren | 2 |
| 16. A. Robin | 15 |
| 17. Curve-billed Thrasher | 3 |
| 18. Orange-crowned Warbl. | 1 |
| 20. Green-tailed Towhee | 1 |
| 21. Rufous-sided Towhee | 2 |
| 22. Canyon Towhee | 1 |
| 23. Chipping Sparrow | 2 |
| 24. White-crowned Sparrow | 10 |
| 25. Red-winged Blackbird | 5 |
| 26. Brown-headed Cowbird | 11 |
| 27. No. Oriole | 3 |
| 28. House Finch | 90 |
| 29. Pine Siskin | 16 |
| 30. House Sparrow | 72 |
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