



Burrowing Owl

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Welcome to the Central New Mexico Audubon Society! Come join us. All our meetings and field trips are open to the public.

Fall Programs

Join us at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church (NW corner of Copper and Jefferson NE) for our fall meetings. Arrive at 7 p.m. for conversation and refreshments. Programs begin at 7:15 p.m.

Socorro Dove – Albuquerque Bio Park's Role in Conservation Efforts

Sept. 15 – Peter Shannon, Avian Curator at the Albuquerque BioPark

The Socorro Dove (*Zenaida graysoni*) was native to Socorro Island (off the west coast of Mexico) and has been extinct in the wild since the late 1970s. Zoos in Europe and North America (and soon Mexico) have been working for decades toward the reestablishment of doves on Socorro Island. With only about 110 birds surviving, it is a great conservation story about a species that almost no one has ever heard of. The Biopark currently holds about 25 birds, nearly a quarter of the world population. Peter recently shared the zoo's conservation success at a meeting of the Avian Scientific Advisory Group.



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Discoveries from the Andes to the Rio Grande: Current Bird Research at the Museum of Southwestern Biology

Oct. 20 – Christopher Witt

Dr. Witt, Assistant Professor and Curator of Birds at the Department of Biology and Museum of Southwestern Biology since 2007, will be sharing results of unpublished student research projects in his lab relating to birds in both New Mexico and South America. Examples include vocalizations of Sandhill Cranes, interspecific competition between Broad-tailed and Black-chinned Hummingbirds, evolution of the dark plumage morph in the Vermilion Flycatcher, local adaptation in Peruvian hummingbirds and siskins, high-altitude adaptation in tit-tyrant flycatchers, evolution of flightlessness on islands, and the effects of avian malaria on bird distributions. He will explain what ties these themes together.



Everything you've always wanted to know about Climate Change, but were afraid to ask!

Nov. 10 - Eileen Everett and John Fleck

Eileen Everett, Climate Change Educator, Down to Earth Education, and John Fleck, Albuquerque Journal science writer, will talk about the science of climate change and what it means to New Mexico. With a summer of wildfires behind us and the possibility of another dry winter ahead of us, they will talk about what scientists know and don't know about our changing climate, and what its implications are for New Mexico's land, water and ecosystems. How have the state's bird populations changed as the interior west warms? How is the water in our streams and rivers, for nature and for people, changing as a result?



Steven D'Amato

It's that time of year!

The new 2011-2012 \$15 Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation [Duck] Stamp was issued in July, so if you have not yet purchased a new stamp, now is the time.

Proceeds from its purchase are dedicated to securing wetland and grassland habitat for the Refuge System. For those birders who regularly visit NWRs that charge for entry, holding a valid Stamp also gets you free access for all such refuges.

If you are curious on how the Stamp money is spent, in mid-June, the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission approved investing more than \$3 million from the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund (with Stamp dollars) to protect an estimated 1,600 acres of habitat on three units of the National Wildlife Refuge System. These three refuges were Nestsucca Bay NWR in Oregon, San Bernard NWR in Texas, and Canaan Valley NWR in West Virginia.



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Thursday Birders Autumn Schedule

PLEASE ARRIVE 10 MINUTES BEFORE THE MEETING TIME.

SEPTEMBER 1

Circle A Ranch and Hostel five miles from Cuba, NM, with Rebecca Gracey: 242-3821, maryrebeccagracey@gmail.com Meet at 6:50 a.m. for a 7:00 departure in the middle of the parking lot of the Far North shopping center on Academy and San Mateo or 8:15 at the McDonald's in Cuba. The website for the ranch is www.circlearanchhostelry.com

Some may want to spend the night before or after the trip at the hostel. Bring lunch. For those not driving the shared gas expenses are \$8.00 at five cents per mile. The trip should end back in Albuquerque in the mid afternoon.

SEPTEMBER 8

Otero Canyon with Karen and Gary Boettcher: 281-6726, nmkestrel@yahoo.com - Meet at the Sandia Ranger Station in Tijeras on NM 337 at 8:00 a.m. The group will car pool from there to Otero 3.5 miles south on NM 337. The trip will end before noon.

SEPTEMBER 15

Hike Ellis Trail in the Sandia Mountains with Lannois Neely: 890-7881, lfneely@aol.com - Meet at 8:20 a.m. for an 8:30 departure near the Carl's Jr. in the Four Hills shopping center located on the south side of Central, between Juan Tabo and Tramway or 9:15 at the Ellis Trail parking lot. It is a level trail. The walk will be over before noon. (Parking fee of \$3 or pass required in the Sandias.) For those not driving, the shared gas expenses are \$3.00 at five cents per mile.

SEPTEMBER 22

Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area and Belen marsh in Belen, NM, with Linda Heinze: 565-1441, manzanogal@gmail.com Meet at 8:20 a.m. for an 8:30 departure behind the Hawthorne Suites on Gibson and University or 9:15 at WWCA on NM 47.

Lunch afterwards at Rutilio's, 455 N. Main in Belen for Mexican food. For those not driving, the shared gas expenses are \$3.50 at five cents per mile. The trip should end back in Albuquerque in the early afternoon.

SEPTEMBER 29

Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge with Sei Tokuda: 266-2480, stokuda@juno.com - Meet at 7:50 a.m. for an 8:00 departure behind the Hawthorn Suites on University and Gibson. Very little walking is required. Bring lunch. (Entrance fee or pass required per car.) For those not driving, the shared gas expenses are \$10 at five cents per mile. The group will be back in Albuquerque in the late afternoon.

OCTOBER 6

Fourth of July Campground in the Manzano Mountains for the turning Maple leaves with Bonnie Long: 379-1985, cantrade_1@yahoo.com Meet at 8:50 a.m. for a 9:00 departure by

the Carl's Jr. on the south side of Central Avenue between Juan Tabo and Tramway or meet Bonnie at the intersection of NM 337 and NM 55 at 9:50. Bring lunch. One can walk or sit and enjoy the beauty. A parking fee of \$7 per vehicle is required at the campground, \$3.50 with a Golden Age Pass. For those not driving, the shared gas expenses are \$5.00 at five cents per mile. The group should be back in Albuquerque by mid afternoon.

OCTOBER 13

Randall Davey Audubon Center in Santa Fe with Lefty Arnold: 514-9398, wanderingtatterja@yahoo.com Meet at 8:17 a.m. for a 8:27 departure in the middle of the Far North shopping center parking lot located east of San Mateo and north of Academy Blvd. Bring Lunch. For those not driving, the shared gas expenses are \$6.00 at five cents per miles. The group should be back in Albuquerque by mid afternoon.

OCTOBER 20

Alameda Open Space with Gale Owings: 255-8333. Meet at 8:30 a.m. in the open space parking lot on the south side of Alameda Boulevard. It is directly east of the Rio Grande River and west of the traffic light on Alameda and Rio Grande Boulevards. Lunch afterwards at Village Pizza in Corrales.

OCTOBER 27

Albuquerque Open Space Visitor Center with Barbara Hussey, former president of Cenral NM Audubon and now a resident of Richmond, VA: brhussey@flash.net - Barbara has taught workshops on leading birding field trips and she will share this information on this walk. Meet at 9:00 a.m. in the center's parking lot on the east side of Coors Boulevard which is located north of Montano Road and south of Paseo del Norte. It will be an easy 1.5 mile walk.

NOVEMBER 3

Hike Embudito Canyon in the foothills of the Sandia Mountains with Donna Royer: 869-6882, dlroyer@earthlink.net - Meet at 8:30 a.m. in the parking lot at the trail head. To get there go east on Montgomery past Tramway Boulevard .4 miles. Turn left (north) on Glenwood Hills. Continue .4 miles and turn east on Trailhead Road. Go .2 miles to the parking lot. It is an easy walk, about 1.5 miles round trip.

NOVEMBER 10

Bernardo Wildlife Area, part of the Ladd S. Gordon Waterfowl Complex, with Judy Liddell: 271-0912, jliddell5@earthlink.net Meet at 7:50 a.m. for an 8:00 departure in the parking lot behind the Hawthorn Suites on Gibson and University. Bring lunch. Very little walking is required. For those not driving, the shared gas expenses are \$5.00 at five cents per mile. The group should be back in Albuquerque by mid afternoon.

NOVEMBER 17

Hike Rinconada Canyon in the Petroglyph National Monument with Gary Shirk: 830-5925, gshirk748@gmail.com Meet at 9:00 a.m. in the trailhead parking lot on the west side of Unser Boulevard NW, where Unser intersects with St. Joseph's Avenue. It is an easy 1.5 mile walk.

NOVEMBER 24 THANKSGIVING- no trip planned





Thursday Birder Trip Reports

Judy Liddell's Blog: www.wingandsong.wordpress.com
Joe Schelling's Blog: joeschelling.wordpress.com
Matt O'Donnell's Blog: abqbirding.wordpress.com

Other Birding Opportunities

Festival of the Cranes, November 15-20
See article on page 6. www.friendsofthebosque.org/crane/

Sandia Bird Walks, September and the first week in October; Tuesday morning bird walks in the Sandia Mountains sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service and CNMAS. Meet at the Sandia Ranger Station at 8:00 a.m. Directions: Exit 175 off I-40, go south on Highway 337, and drive south one half mile to the ranger station on the east. From there the group will visit different locations in the mountains.

Weekend Bird Walks at the Rio Grande Nature Center State Park
Join Saturday and Sunday morning bird walks at the RGNCSF, located at the far west end of Candelaria Road in Albuquerque's North Valley. The walk starts at 8:30 a.m. during the months of September through November. (9:00 a.m. in the winter). There is a \$3 day use fee if you do not have a state parks pass or a Friends of the Rio Grande Nature Center day use pass. Call 344-7240 or visit www.rgnc.org for more information.

Dragonfly Festival
Join the Friends of Bitter Lakes for the Dragonfly Festival on the weekend of September 10th-11th. Participate in guided tours of the refuge and attend photography workshops and presentations about the fauna of Bitter Lakes. Call 575-625-4011 to make reservations for guided tours. <http://www.friendsofbitterlake.com/>

Sevilleta NWR Open House
Get outside and enjoy the fun-filled family activities at Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge!

Join us for our celebration of the National Wildlife Refuge System on Saturday, October 8. Enjoy a guided hike on the newly complete Mesa View trail, explore the geologic diversity of San Lorenzo Canyon, take part in an auto tour and catch a glimpse of some Refuge wildlife, and learn about the serene beauty of Sevilleta NWR. Learn some interesting facts about the Mexican Gray Wolf recovery program and the research being done on the Refuge. Visit our conservation oriented exhibitors to learn about their roles in conservation. There is something for the whole family! Tours and guided hikes require reservations and cost \$10 per person. Lectures and exhibitors are free. For more information call 505/864-4021.

Central New Mexico Audubon Society assumes no responsibility for injuries, personal or otherwise, incurred while attending society sponsored activities and will not be held liable for such accidents. You attend at your own risk.

CNMAS Weekend Field Trips - Fall 2011

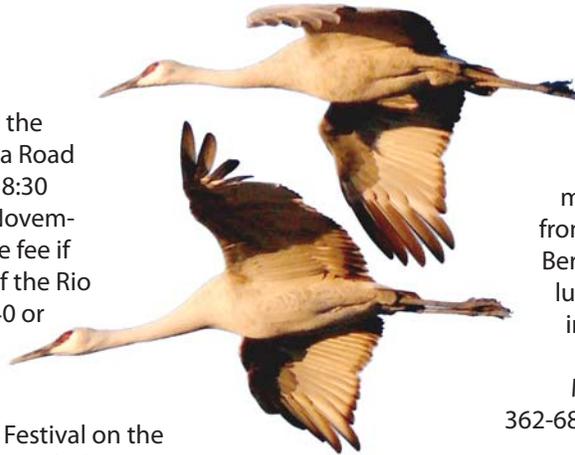
Check for updates or additional field trips on our website: www.newmexicoaudubon.org/cnmas

Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area and Belen Marsh
Saturday, September 24

Arrange for carpooling on your own in Albuquerque or meet at Whitfield at 8:30 AM for easy 1.5 mile walk. We should see Swainson's Hawks, Summer Tanagers, Swallows, warblers and some fall sparrows. Next, we will proceed to Belen Marsh, park behind Taco Bell, scope for Burrowing Owls and walk a short distance to marsh for shorebirds. Trip will end by noon. Leader: Linda Heinze, 565-1441 or manzanogal@gmail.com

Bernardo Wildlife Area
Saturday, October 29

Meet at the east end of the Explora (Mountain Road & 18th St. NW) parking lot at 7:50 a.m. to arrange carpools for spending the morning enjoying the views from the blinds along the Bernardo auto tour loop. Bring lunch, although the Taco Bell in Belen may be calling on the way home. Leaders: Jim Mosley and Laurel Ladwig, 362-6871 or BUROWLnm@gmail.com



Learning Look-Alikes Order Form

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Contacts: Laurel Ladwig at BUROWLnm@gmail.com
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The sale of this collectible edition is a fund-raiser for CNMAS, and part of the proceeds will go to the Ryan Fund.

The Burrowing Owl newsletter is published quarterly in March, June, September, and December by Central New Mexico Audubon Society, PO Box 30002, Albuquerque, NM 87190-0002. Subscription is free to National Audubon Society members, \$15 to nonmembers.



Central New Mexico Audubon Society Education Opportunities

CNMA Educator Resource Grant

The Educator Resource Grant is available to all educators in New Mexico. The grant is available for purchase of resources to the classroom/lessons that school or personal budgets do not cover. The supplies must be used for a natural history/science lesson(s), project or experience.

This grant is open to all educators of students age 18 and under. At the end of the school year, grantees must supply CNMAS with a short report on how the money was used and an itemized budget with receipts. A short article will be placed in the Burrowing Owl Newsletter for our members, written by the educator and students involved.

Amount available: up to \$250

Application deadline: November 30th (for money awarded by spring semester 2012).

Application process: Download an application from the CNMAS website <http://newmexicoaudubon.org/cnmas/> or email the CNMAS Education Committee at the email address below for an electronic copy. The application can be completed by hand or can be typed but must be submitted by email as a Word or pdf file. Send completed applications and questions you may have to the CNMAS Education Committee at: cnmasgrants@gmail.com. Title the email 'CNMAS Educator Resource Grant'.

Youth Education and Teacher Professional Development Opportunity

The Ryan Beaulieu Memorial Education Fund

This is the sixth year CNMAS is able to accept applications for the Ryan Beaulieu Memorial Education Fund. The fund provides scholarships for youth between the ages of 13 and 20, or educators of youth, to attend a specific program, camp or course, pertaining to the candidate's interest in the natural sciences.

For more information about applications and for a copy of the application, please contact the CNMAS Education Committee at cnmasgrants@gmail.com or visit <http://newmexicoaudubon.org/cnmas/> where you can follow links to the application form and instructions. Applications are taken on an on-going basis but early applications are encouraged as they are taken on a first-come-first-considered basis. The grant will be awarded by April 30th 2012.

Ryan Beaulieu was a young ornithologist, environmentalist and conservationist who filled his life with the joy of exploration and discovery of nature. This scholarship fund was established to give testimony to the living legacy of what Ryan gave to all of us as family, friends and community. CNMAS wishes to thank the Lannan Foundation for its generous support of the fund, as well as the family and friends of Ryan.



Educator Resource Grant Awardees Thank CNMAS

One of the most rewarding and enriching things we do as Central New Mexico Audubon Society, and that you support through your gifts, donations, and memberships, is in fulfillment of this part of our mission statement: "To encourage and support environmental education in New Mexico." One of the ways we do that is through our Teacher Resource Grants. As you read the articles below thanking CNMAS, please remember that it's we who thank YOU, our members and supporters, who make these grants possible.

Jay Follett, Bird Study Merit Badge Counselor, writes: *"The Great Southwest Council of the Boy Scouts of America would like to express our gratitude to the Central New Mexico Audubon Society for a generous grant that allowed us to purchase six pair of binoculars to support our summer camp programs at Gorham Scout Ranch.*

This scout ranch is located in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains above Chimayo at about 7200 feet. This camp hosts about 200 scouts per week for a five week period during the summer months. In addition, the camp hosts an additional week for cub scouts in late August. Previously the camp had no binoculars. With the addition of binoculars, the camp can now effectively teach the 'bird study' merit badge.

Teaching this badge will increase the environmental awareness of young people. At the camp we have about 25 nest boxes that I installed. We also have bird feeders and bird baths to attract birds for the youth to study.

During a recent visit to camp we observed several species nesting in our nest boxes including white-breasted nuthatch, western bluebird, ash-throated flycatcher, black-capped chickadee. Other nesting birds in camp included western wood pewee and Say's phoebe.

At our feeders and around camp we have observed spotted towhee, house finch, western scrub jay, broad-tailed hummingbird, black-headed grosbeak, lesser goldfinch, juniper titmouse, brown-headed cowbird, western tanager, Grace's warbler, yellow-rumped warbler, turkey vulture, common raven, mourning dove, white-winged dove, northern flicker, pygmy nuthatch, American robin, and pine siskin.

Among other requirements, the boys are required to observe 20 species to earn the badge. Without your generous donation to our camp none of this would be possible. Thank you very much."



Kirsten Munson



Grant Awardees Thank CNMAS, continued...

Nancy Woodward, Director and Science Teacher at Dragonfly School in Santa Fe, New Mexico, writes: "Dear Audubon friends, Thank you for your generous donation of \$170.00 to Dragonfly School. We are so pleased that you have chosen to support our nature curriculum for a second year. With your help, we planted amaranth, millet, and flowers for hummingbirds. We built bird feeders and positioned them around our playground, and we have bought a pair of binoculars for each of our classrooms and are teaching our students how to use them responsibly. Starting in the fall, each classroom will be responsible for keeping a feeder supplied with seed. We plan a whole school curriculum about birds for our first month of school."

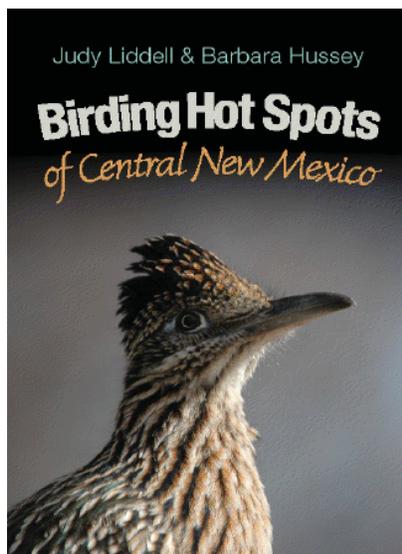
Birding Hot Spots in Central New Mexico

New guidebook available this October!

From pine forest to desert scrub, from alpine meadow to riparian wetland, Albuquerque and its surroundings offer an appealing variety of wildlife habitat. Birders are likely to see more than two hundred species during a typical year. Now, two experienced birders, Judy Liddell and Barbara Hussey, share their knowledge of the best places to find birds in central New Mexico.

Covering the Rio Grande corridor, the Sandia and Manzano Mountains, Petroglyph National Monument, and the preserved areas and wetlands south of Albuquerque (including crane and waterfowl haven Bosque del Apache), *Birding Hotspots of Central New Mexico* offers twenty-nine site descriptions, including maps and photographs, trail diagrams, and images of some of the birds and scenery, some contributed by CNMAS members Bonnie Long and Laurel Ladwig. Along with a general description of each area, the authors list target birds; explain where and when to look for them; give driving directions; provide information about public transportation, parking, fees, restrooms, food, and lodging; and give tips on availability of water and picnic facilities and on the presence of hazards such as rattlesnakes, bears, and poison ivy.

JUDY LIDDELL is a board member of the Central New Mexico Audubon Society and a bird monitor for the Rio Grande Nature Center in Albuquerque. In addition to being a former president and board member of the Central New Mexico Audubon Society, BARBARA HUSSEY is also a founding member of the Rio Grande Nature Center.



Birding Hot Spots in Central New Mexico, continued...

What Readers Are Saying:

"Birding Hot Spots in Central New Mexico by Judy Liddell and Barbara Hussey is a must-have guide for the serious out-of-town birder who comes to Central New Mexico. The guide is practical, user-friendly and comprehensive. It starts off with an overall description of Albuquerque area's landscape, life zones, birds, possible hazards such as snakes, poison ivy, weather and altitude, etc. These factors are then applied to each selected site with the seasonal variation in bird species included. The information is presented clearly and logically thus adding to the fun of birding in the Albuquerque area." — Sei Tokuda, retired professor of immunology and former chair of the Department of Microbiology at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine

"Liddell and Hussey have written a guide that will be invaluable to central New Mexico visitors and local birders alike. But their explanations of the region's natural history and advice on places to go and things to see reach beyond the birds alone, making this book a treat for anyone who loves the outdoors." — John Fleck, science writer, Albuquerque Journal

Presentation Book Signing at the Rio Grande Nature Center State Park

Saturday, November 5th at 10:30 a.m.

Present and past CNMAS board members Judy Liddell and Barbara Hussey will present their new guidebook, *Birding Hot Spots of Central New Mexico* at this event. The gift shop run by the Friends of the Rio Grande Nature Center will have copies of the book for sale.

Southwest Women in Conservation

Friday, September 30th, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
at the Randall Davey Audubon Center

Women are vital to the success of conservation in the Southwest. Audubon New Mexico is holding its second annual event to recognize and honor the diversity of work being done by women engaged in conservation in our region.

Please contact Maryam Miller with any questions regarding the event. mmiller@audubon.org or 505.983.4609 ext24

HawkWatch International Garage Sale

Home of Annie and Pete Newsted

Saturday, September 24, 2011 - 9 a.m. - 12 Noon
3116 La Mancha NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104

Please contact Bobbie Posey at 255-7622 for pickup/delivery of donated items or to be put on the schedule to volunteer on the day of the sale. Please do NOT deliver items to, or directly contact, the Newsteds. Bobbie is the organizer extraordinaire!

Our great friend and personal favorite HawkWatch and Audubon supporter, Bobbie Posey, writes: "*Audubon has been such a great supporter of our garage sales in the past that I thank you ever so much for this publicity. It helps tremendously.*"



Kirsten Munson



Field Trip Report

Water Canyon and Bosque del Apache with Jim Mosley

The morning started off cool and overcast when we arrived at Water Canyon Campground. Our group of 14 birded the area around the campground which provided us excellent looks at Acorn Woodpeckers, Warbling Vireo and a Williamson's Sapsucker. The group then started up the road to the Langmuir Laboratory. We made several stops and got Red-Faced Warbler and Hermit Thrush in the lower elevations about a mile from the campground. But the best birding came just below the observatory. At this location we had Black Throated Gray warbler, Green-tailed Towhee and several other species. After a brief lunch break at the Subway in Socorro, the group wanted to get to Bosque Del Apache as soon as possible.

Arriving at BdA the group did some birding around the visitor center and saw 3 species of Hummingbirds at the feeders. Our birding on the marsh loop was met with high winds and lightning in the area. A brief look on the Boardwalk produced 3 Forster's Terns and Double Crested Cormorant. After a little while we stopped at the Heron Rookery and found an immature Yellow Crowned Night Heron. It was about this time the wind had died down and the Mosquitos found us. After several applications of Bug Repellent we were pretty much left alone from then on (Except for one participant in which the Bug repellent acted as marinade)! On the Farm loop we had several raptors including Red-Tailed Hawk, Swainson's Hawk and American Kestrels. The Ponds were pretty much dry so we did not have too many shorebirds but overall the birding was quite good with enough birds to keep up everyone's enthusiasm. It was a great group of people to go birding with. One group was from Kansas and expressed how much they enjoyed themselves. Total species for the Day was 57.



Steven D'Amato

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Rio Grande Bird Research, Inc. Banding at Rio Grande Nature Center State Park

For 30+ years, Rio Grande Bird Research, headed up by Steve and Nancy Cox, has been banding fall and spring migrants at Rio Grande Nature Center as a means of recording scientific data and studying bird migration, their populations, their health, and birds for the sake of birds. If you're an avid birder who is interested in this up-close-and-personal, scientific aspect of avian study, you are invited to come to Rio Grande Nature Center on Saturday and Sunday mornings through November 6th. Check the CNMAS website for a detailed schedule and look for Rio Grande Bird Research, Inc. on Facebook!



Steve Cox holding a Yellow-breasted Chat

Birdathon! 2011: Winners We!

In last month's Burrowing Owl, you read about the exciting trips and travails of this year's Birdathon team members -- maybe you were even with them! This issue, we want to publicly and profoundly thank each and every person below who made a monetary donation to support our programs of education, conservation, and advocacy. We couldn't do it without you -- "you," the leaders, participants, and supporters of our CNMAS Birdathon teams. You make it fun for us as we fulfill our missions. This year we raised \$2,808.25, our highest amount ever! Thank you featherily!

Birdathon! 2011 donors: Mary Lou Arthur, Karen & Gary Boettcher, Vic & Madelon Brown, Joe & Linda Brown, Rebecca Gracey, Dave Hutton, Judy Liddell, Matt O'Donnell, Ellen Raimer, Dave & Abby Watson, Dave Hawksworth, Beth Hurst-Waitz, Sei Tokuda, Donna Royer, Bonnie Long, Larry Caldwell, Gale Owings, Art Arenholtz, Joe Schelling, Jeri & Greg Nikiel, Jenifer Floyd, Rosemarie Schelling, Dianne Cress, Gary Shirk, Lannois Neely, Nick Vaughn, Melissa Howard, Sonia Santa Anna, Kenneth H. Cole, James G. O'Donnell, Francis J. Fitzgibbon, Jr., Florence & Jeffrey Laird, O'Niell's Corporate Account by Robert Munro, Ron Waitz, Lou Prime, Beverly Silfer, Christopher Rustay.

24th Annual Festival of the Cranes

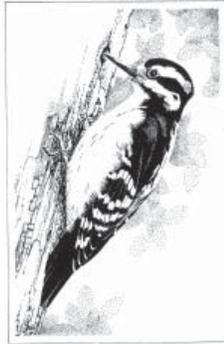
Online registration is encouraged and opens on September 1 at <http://www.festivalofthecranes.com>, where you can click on the "Festival" tab to learn about all the events you want to register for. CNMAS will again have a volunteer cadre at the festival. Although our "post" hasn't been confirmed yet, we'll go where they most need help -- maybe at the Eagle Scout Deck, Chupadera Deck, Phil Norton Blind -- wherever the birds are! As in past years, we are requesting volunteers for Saturday, November 19, and Sunday, November 20. Two-hour shifts are staggered between our two locations, one being even hours (8-10, 10-noon, noon-2, 2-4) and the other being odd hours (9-11, 11-1, 1-3). If you love seeing the birds from your own perch, meeting and greeting Festival-goers and local friends alike, and can donate two hours to CNMAS, PLEASE e-mail Jeff Myers, our Festival Volunteer coordinator, at jmyers@peacocklaw.com. When we find out our assigned locations, we'll send back a schedule to all of you. Thanks for your commitment to helping our Chapter and the Friends of Bosque del Apache by participating in one of the top birding events in the nation at the Crown Jewel of New Mexico's Important Bird Areas!

And another way to help Bosque del Apache BEFORE the Festival is by joining the New Mexico Volunteers For The Outdoors on their annual project at Bosque del Apache. This work is moderate and well-organized by these seasoned volunteers. If you want to participate, do RSVP to Barbara Hoehne and DO tell her you're there as a volunteer "for the birds" from Central New Mexico Audubon! Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge Saturday, October 8 through Sunday, October 9, 2011 Leader: Barbara Hoehne (505) 227-1673 nymphaea123@msn.com Work on trail maintenance and other projects in preparation for the annual Festival of the Cranes.



**Save the date:
NMOS 2012 Meeting**

The 50th annual meeting of the New Mexico Ornithological Society will be held on March 31, 2012, at the Best Western Rio Grande Inn, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Details will be posted on the NMOS Web site and in the NMOS Bulletin as they become available.



Whom to Contact

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