

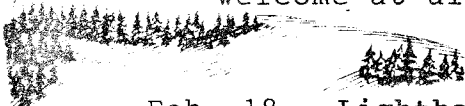
# BURROWING OWL

CENTRAL NEW MEXICO AUDUBON SOCIETY  
FEBRUARY - MARCH 1993

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



Feb. 18 - **Lighthawk: The Environmental Air Force.** Through the use of aerial photography, this Santa Fe-based group is documenting deforestation on an international scale. They have been instrumental in ecosystem protection programs, as well as having a special interest in tracking bears. This will be a spectacular and informative evening.


March 18 - **Watchable Wildlife and Keepers of the Wild**, presented by Scott Brown of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife. Scott is excited about giving us an update on current activities, including the Conservation Stamp Program. Approved by the legislature in 1992, the new Conservation Stamp, on a dollar-for-dollar basis, is one sure way to protect wildlife and its habitat right here in New Mexico. Come hear why Scott and the rest of us are excited about this program.

## FIELD TRIPS

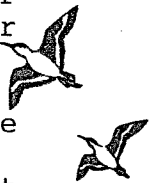
Sat., Feb. 6 - (Note date change) Jim Place (821-5988) will scout the **Las Vegas Nat'l Wildlife Refuge** for Grebes, waterfowl, and much more, and will probably continue on to **Maxwell Refuge**, for those interested in a full day. Meet at 7:30 a.m. in front of Far North Theater, San Mateo & Academy.

Sat., March 6 - A **South Valley** field trip, which will include Grasslands and Isleta ponds, looking for migrant shore birds, longspurs, and Chihuahuan ravens. Meet the mystery trip leader at 7:00 a.m. at the Astronomy & Physics Building, NE corner of Lomas and Yale, but call Anne (266-8510) first to confirm.

Sat., March 20 - Just a possibility at this point, would this kind of field trip "whet" your interest? Jim Place is considering a night-time outing into the Sandias to look for the **Saw-whet Owl**. Before scouting for owls, though, we're scouting for response, so please let Anne know & then she'll confirm whether the trip is on.



Sat., March 20 - Hart Schwarz (266-1810) will lead an Equinox Field Trip to **Ladera Wash and Rinconada Canyon** at Petroglyphs National Monument. Meet at the corner of Ouray and Unser (1.5 miles n. of I-40 Unser Blvd. exit) at 8:30 a.m. Wear hiking boots for this 4-mile round trip up and back down the mesa. Raptors might include Prairie Falcon, Ferruginous Hawk. On the escarpment we'll look for Rufous-crowned Sparrows, and in the wash for nesting Crissal Thrashers.



**THURSDAY MORNING BIRDING GROUP --**

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

**OTHER FOLKS' BUSINESS**

Rio Grande Nature Center (344-7240) - Feb. 27, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Fifth Annual Bosque Symposium: After the Flood. Was it a boom or a bust? How effective was the planned flood of the Rio Grande in May/June 1992? Army Corps of Engineers, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, Bureau of Reclamation Land Use planners will describe the results. Cost, \$5.

Randall Davey, Santa Fe (1-983-4609): March 13 - Birding by Ear (classroom)  
April 3 - Beginning Birding (classroom)

Prairie Chicken Lek Trek, Roswell, NM, April 3 and 4: Birders will meet before dawn, travel over 40 miles, and huddle in blankets in the cold just for the chance to see the ritual mating dance of a little Lesser prairie chicken. Groups will be leaving from the Roswell Inn at 4:00 a.m. on both Sat. and Sun. Call Dan Baggao, 1-624-1790.



It's that time of year again! HawkWatch International will start weekend observations from their Sandia site in Feb. For those who can't wait for our Audubon field trip in April, call HawkWatch now at 255-7622 for dates and directions.

**THE BIRDS OF SOUTHERN MEXICO**

John Shunny is the Albuquerque contact for Ceiba Adventures, offering an interesting menu of Mexico trips February to April '93. The 12-day Chiapas Birding Adventure, beginning 3/21, focuses on the exotic birds of the rainforest and on migrating species. Hiking, touring by van, boating the lagoons of Chiapas, all promise unusual sightings. Nights are spent in the region's finest hotels, with meals and lodging a part of the package. Ceiba also offers float trips on the Rio Usamacinta and Rio Jatate rivers. Call John, 265-1620, for trip literature.

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**ACTION NEEDED TO PRESERVE PETROGLYPHS**

By Verne Huser

A Feb. 4, 1993, hearing before the City of Albuquerque Environmental Planning Commission will be critical to preserving the integrity of Petroglyphs Nat'l. Monument and preventing public vandalism to hundreds of petroglyphs. The City seems hell-bent on blasting a six-lane highway through the Monument, and only you can prevent that from happening.

How? By writing letters to **Victor Chavez, Chairman, Environmental Planning Commission, P.O. Box 1293, Alb., NM, 87103**; by participating in the Feb. 4 hearing at the City Council Chambers in the basement of City Hall at 5 p.m. (public comment will probably begin about 6 p.m.); by contacting your City Council representative to let him/her know you want the petroglyphs protected.

The National Park Service and the State Historic Preservation Office have proposed alternatives to the City's planned route. The Indian Affairs Committee of the NM State Legislature, Sandia Pueblo, the Five Sandoval Indian Pueblos, Inc., and Friends of the Albuquerque Petroglyphs are all opposed to the City's current plan, which would most heavily impact the Piedras Marcadas Alcove.

You can make a difference by **urging the City to consider the National Park Service alternative routes**, either by your letter or by your presence at the Feb. 4 EPC hearing.





## SEVILLETA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

## Part IV

By Ross L. Teuber

Perhaps previous parts of this write-up have piqued your interest in the Sevilleta to the point that you have been following the news reports of the planting of 23 Desert Bighorn Sheep in the Ladrone Mountain portion of the refuge. These are not the same as the Bighorns mentioned earlier, which were of Rocky Mountain race and most likely a part of the Manzano Mountain herd. There is no known historical record of Desert Bighorns in the Sevilleta area.

Earlier it was pointed out that at the time the area was acquired for a wildlife refuge, it was thought that there were 207 species of land birds here, based on general publications concerning wildlife in this part of the state. It was further mentioned that more information would be forthcoming about this matter.

The present refuge manager, Theodore M. Stans, came to the Sevilleta on February 22, 1983. It was my privilege to meet him a few days later. For years I had been traveling through the refuge on I-25, and had developed quite a curiosity about what sort of birds one might find there. Stans was interested in establishing a Christmas Bird Count on the Sevilleta, and invited Paul Steel and me to spend some time with him helping to select a suitable location. On March 8, 1984, we spent a day together on the refuge and laid the ground work for starting what eventually turned out to be the Sevilleta CBC.

A short time later, traveling down I-25 to Bosque del Apache with Dr. Jelle DeBoer, mention was made of how much I'd like to do some research on bird life on the Sevilleta. Dr. DeBoer is a biologist, and he was immediately interested. By the time we got to Bosque del Apache, we had decided to see if Ted Stans would be interested in our doing some work there. We called him from Bosque del Apache and set up a meeting with him. He was enthusiastic, and after discussing the possibilities he suggested that we prepare a proposal for him, and if it would be acceptable to the Fish and Wildlife Service, he would issue us a Research Permit.

We had one or two more meetings before we came to agreement as to what we expected to accomplish and what results he expected us to produce. At that time we thought it might take as long as ten years to complete our study. For practical purposes, there was almost no baseline bird data available for the area. Because of the large size of the area and its relatively difficult accessibility, we agreed the refuge would provide us use of a 4-wheel drive vehicle equipped with a 2-way radio. We were to set up a study program and keep him informed on our progress.

Our first permit was issued in April of 1984 for a one-year period. During that period we spent one day a week on the refuge, becoming familiar with the area, routes of travel, location of waters, and locating possible study sites and experimenting with various sampling and reporting methods and techniques. We spent part of that time in the office reviewing various records and reports, gleaning all the information we could on bird observations. Ted Stans or one of the other employees on the refuge spent a good deal of time with us "showing us around."

The Christmas Bird Counts were a definite part of our data-collecting programs. For the first 3-4 years these counts were conducted using only the refuge's 4-WD vehicles driven by refuge personnel. That limited participation to about 7 or 8 people. (The first CBC was scheduled for 12/20/85; bad weather and poor accessibility forced us to postpone it, and we were not able to do it, finally, until 1/16/86. This was too late to be included in Audubon's published report, but was important to our study efforts.) A second CBC area, centered at Five Points on the east division of the refuge, was established in 1990. The first count was made 12/20/90. Adverse weather and road conditions have forced us to cancel both counts the past two years. We sincerely hope this is only a temporary thing.

\* \* \* (We sincerely hope so, too, Ross, and we look forward to reading the final installment and ultimate success story in the next Burrowing Owl!) \* \* \*

## FESTIVAL OF CRANES REPORT

By Cathie Sandell and Tamie Bulow  
Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make the Waterfowl Viewing Booth a success at the Festival of Cranes and to those who manned the T-shirt sales table at the Visitor Center. Audubon members also taught workshops on Beginning and Advanced Birding and Birding By Ear. Proceeds from this year's Festival will go to the NM Audubon Council as a Festival co-sponsor.

Friday it rained and snowed and Saturday started out the same, but blue skies finally prevailed. Sunday was sunny and pleasant. The most exciting birds of the weekend were the two pair of Black-shouldered Kites that swooped and hovered within view of the Audubon tent. From 1 to 4 Bald Eagles sat obligingly in a tree for all to see and, along with 2 Golden Eagles, would occasionally fly low over the Snow Geese, rousting them into the air with a loud clamoring of wings and voice.

Out-of-state visitors were pleased with the Swamp Sparrow, Marsh Wren, Say's and Black Phoebes that were around the tent, and the Prairie Falcon, Quail, and Pyrrhuloxia at the Visitor Center, plus all the waterfowl. Visitors also picked up newsletters from all the state chapters at the viewing booth.

We again shared our tent with the Randall Davey Audubon Center and the Bausch and Lomb representatives, who had samples of all their binoculars and scopes. At one point there were 7 different brands of scopes set up, which provided an excellent opportunity to compare them.

Mary Alice Root showed slides of 300+ New Mexico birds on Friday night, and Kenn Kaufman spoke on the "Travels of Birds and Travels of Man" on Saturday night. A reception followed, where Kenn spoke with visitors and autographed copies of his book.

A sought-after bird seen by few was a hybrid Sandhill/Whooping Crane. Mottled gray and white and the size of a Sandhill Crane, it stayed close to its Whooping Crane parent and frequented the area near the river.

As usual, the Festival was a great event, birdingwise and otherwise. Plan to attend next year, and let us hear any ideas you have to make it even better!

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### BAD NEWS, GOOD NEWS

The bad news is that it's income tax time again. The good news is that New Mexicans have another opportunity to check off your donation to Share With Wildlife on your state return.

And don't forget the new program, instituted in 1992, the **Conservation Stamps** available at all Dept. of Game and Fish offices and from 225 license vendors across the state. The cost of the stamp is \$10.50, with the revenues derived from the sales to be used for the Share With Wildlife and Watchable Wildlife programs.

These are two good ways to reflect your conservation concerns and attitudes with dollars that make a difference!

31st Albuquerque Christmas Count Results (12-20-92)

01. Pied-billed Grebe	10	51. Say's Phoebe	11	98. House Finch	588
02. Great Blue Heron	16	52. Horned Lark	238	99. Pine Siskin	36
03. Greater White-fr. Goose	2	53. Scrub Jay	40	100. Lesser Goldfinch	2
04. Canada Goose	584	54. Pinyon Jay	43	101. American Goldfinch	49
05. Wood Duck	182	55. Black-billed Magpie	1	102. House Sparrow	441
06. Green-winged Teal	32	56. Am. Crow.	5,747	TOTAL SPECIES:	102
07. Mallard	960	57. Chihuahuan Raven	55	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS (birds):	18,234
08. N. Pintail	3	58. Common Raven	22	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:	37
09. N. Shoveler	15	raven, sp.	1	SPECIES NEW TO THE COUNT:	
10. Gadwall	56	59. Black-cap. Chickadee	47	1. Least Sandpiper: Seen by Dale	
11. Am. Wigeon	37	60. Mountain Chickadee	6	Stahlecker & his canoe party.	
12. Canvasback	6	61. Plain Titmouse	5	2. Golden-crowned Sparrow: One	
13. Redhead	1	62. Bushtit	90	with a distinct yellow crown was	
14. Ring-necked Duck	51	63. Red-breasted Nuthatch	1	observed by Donna Broudy in Kit	
15. Com. Goldeneye	2	64. White-br. Nuthatch	41	Carson Park and another with a	
16. Com. Merganser	27	65. Brown Creeper	7	much paler crown was seen by H.	
duck, sp.	4	66. Rock Wren	18	Schwarz in Juan Tabo Canyon.	
17. Bald Eagle (ad.)	1	67. Canyon Wren	3	POSTSCRIPT:	
18. Northern Harrier	22	68. Bewick's Wren	14	1. As I (H. Schwarz) was driving	
19. Sharp-shinned Hawk	2	69. Marsh Wren	3	up towards the Dilley's town-	
20. Cooper's Hawk	10	70. Ruby-crnd. Kinglet	30	house for the post-count party,	
Accipiter, sp.	2	71. W. Bluebird	34	I came upon a lone W. Screech	
21. Red-tailed Hawk	32	72. Mountain Bluebird	3	Owl standing quite uncharacter-	
Harlan's Red-tail. Hawk	1	73. Townsend's Solitaire	15	istically in the middle of the	
22. Ferruginous Hawk	1	74. Hermit Thrush	26	roadway, as if to bid us all a	
23. Golden Eagle (ad.)	1	75. American Robin	104	gracious good-night and fond ap-	
24. Am. Kestrel	38	76. Curve-billed Thrasher	4	preciation for a superb count.	
25. Merlin	2	77. Crissal Thrasher	2		
26. Prairie Falcon	3	78. American Pipit	14		
27. Ring-necked Pheasant	13	79. Loggerhead Shrike	9		
28. Scaled Quail	101	80. Eur. Starling	2,124		
29. Gambel's Quail	55	81. Yellow-r. Warb. (Myrtle)	2		
30. Virginia Rail	2	Yellow-r. Warb. (Audub.)	33		
31. Am. Coot	3	Yellow-r. Warb. (form ?)	92		
32. Sandhill Crane	187	82. Rufous-sided Towhee	20		
33. Killdeer	24	83. Canyon Towhee	52		
34. Least Sandpiper	6	84. Rufous-crowned Sparrow	2		
sandpiper, sp.	2	85. Chipping Sparrow	7		
35. Common Snipe	8	86. Black-throated Sparrow	2		
36. Ring-billed Gull	1	87. Sage Sparrow	48		
37. Rock Dove	542	88. Savannah Sparrow	1		
38. Mourning Dove	93	89. Song Sparrow	188		
39. Greater Roadrunner	13	90. Lincoln's Sparrow	1		
40. W. Screech-Owl	3	91. White-throated Sparrow	2		
41. Great Horned Owl	11	92. Golden-crnd. Sparrow	2		
42. Burrowing Owl	1	93. White-crowned Sparrow	1,772		
43. Belted Kingfisher	22	94. Dark-eyed Junco (S-c)	2		
44. Lewis' Woodpecker	9	Dark-eyed Junco (Oreg.)	524		
45. Red-naped Sapsucker	1	Dark-eyed Junco (G-h)	68		
sapsucker, sp.	1	Dark-eyed Junco (form?)	985		
46. Ladder-back. Woodpecker	3	95. Red-winged Blackbird	843		
47. Downy Woodpecker	19	96. W. Meadowlark	35		
48. Hairy Woodpecker	1	meadowlark, species	6		
49. N. (Red-sh.) Flicker	170	97. Great-tailed Grackle	36		
50. Black Phoebe	3	blackbird, species	240		



COMPILERS:  
 Albuquerque CBC -  
 Hart Schwarz  
 Sandia Mountains CBC -  
 Tamie Bulow  
 Bosque del Apache NWR CBC -  
 Steve and Nancy Cox

Bosque del Apache NWR CBC  
12/19/92

Sandia Mtns. CBC  
1/3/93

1	Pied-billed Grebe	4	57	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1
2	Double-crested Cormorant	2	58	Red-naped Sapsucker	1
3	Neotropic Cormorant	4	59	Ladder-backed Woodpecker	5
4	American Bittern	1	60	Downy Woodpecker	1
5	Great Blue Heron	17	61	Red-sh. Flicker	48
6	Black-crowned Night-Heron	6	62	Say's Phoebe	3
7	White-faced Ibis	2	63	Horned Lark	101
8	Snow Goose (blue form)	75	64	Am. Crow	2090
	Snow Goose	23413	65	Chihuahuan Raven	4
9	Ross' Goose	12	66	Com. Raven	7
10	Canada Goose	328		raven sp.	3
	Canada Goose (small form)	1	67	Verdin	8
11	Wood Duck	2	68	Bushtit	6
12	Green-winged Teal	512	69	White-breasted Nuthatch	2
13	Mallard	1695	70	Brown Creeper	1
	(Mexican Duck) Mallard	3	71	Bewick's Wren	10
14	N. Pintail	477	72	Marsh Wren	19
15	Cinnamon Teal	11	73	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	8
16	N. Shoveler	129	74	Am. Robin	12
17	Gadwall	46	75	N. Mockingbird	1
18	American Wigeon	8	76	Sage Thrasher	3
19	Redhead	5	77	Crissal Thrasher	8
20	Ring-necked Duck	5	78	Am. Pipit	7
21	Bufflehead	13	79	Loggerhead Shrike	9
22	Hooded Merganser	12	80	Eur. Starling	418
23	Common Merganser	6	81	Audubon's Warbler	3
24	Ruddy Duck	54		Yellow-rumped Warbler	1
	duck sp.	3	82	Pyrrhuloxia	13
25	Black-shouldered Kite	1	83	Green-tailed Towhee	2
26	Bald Eagle	17	84	Spotted Towhee	26
27	N. Harrier	51	85	Canyon Towhee	16
28	Sharp-shinned Hawk	3	86	Chipping Sparrow	2
29	Cooper's Hawk	8	87	Brewer's Sparrow	66
30	Red-tailed Hawk	4	88	Vesper Sparrow	2
31	Ferruginous Hawk	3	89	Black-throated Sparrow	137
32	Golden Eagle	1	90	Sage Sparrow	46
33	American Kestrel	18	91	Savannah Sparrow	11
34	Merlin	1	92	Song Sparrow	68
35	Ring-necked Pheasant	33	93	Swamp Sparrow	11
36	Wild Turkey	43	94	White-throated Sparrow	2
37	Scaled Quail	33	95	White-crowned Sparrow	883
38	Gambel's Quail	142		Slate-col. Junco	2
39	Virginia Rail	2		Oregon Junco	214
40	Sora	1		Gray-headed Junco	17
41	American Coot	204	96	Dark-eyed Junco	164
42	Sandhill Crane	11890	97	Red-winged Blackbird	1456
43	Whooping Crane	5	98	Western Meadowlark	23
44	Greater Yellowlegs	9		meadowlark sp.	36
45	Long-billed Dowitcher	6	99	Yellow-headed Blackbird	16
46	Common Snipe	8	100	Brewer's Blackbird	515
47	Ring-billed Gull	10	101	Great-tailed Grackle	101
48	Herring Gull	2	102	Brown-headed Cowbird	2
49	Rock Dove	25		blackbird sp.	930
50	Mourning Dove	223	103	House Finch	173
51	Inca Dove	1	104	Pine Siskin	17
52	Greater Roadrunner	5	105	Lesser Goldfinch	17
53	Barn Owl	1	106	Am. Goldfinch	85
54	W. Screech Owl	11	107	House Sparrow	4
55	Great Horned Owl	20		<b>Total Individuals</b>	<b>47467</b>
56	Belted Kingfisher	3		<b>Total Species</b>	<b>107</b>

1.	Canada Goose	7
2.	Sharp-shinned Hawk	3
3.	Cooper's Hawk	1
4.	Red-tailed Hawk	5
5.	Ferruginous Hawk	1
6.	Golden Eagle (adult)	2
7.	American Kestrel	5
8.	Prairie Falcon	1
9.	Scaled Quail	19
10.	Rock Dove	65
11.	Ladder-Back. Woodpecker	1
12.	Hairy Woodpecker	2
13.	N. (red-sh.) Flicker	37
14.	Steller's Jay	24
15.	Scrub Jay	42
16.	Pinon Jay	335
17.	American Crow	208
18.	Common Raven	107
19.	Mountain Chickadee	78
20.	Plain Titmouse	7
21.	Bushtit	35
22.	Red-br. Nuthatch	21
23.	White-br. Nuthatch	3
24.	Brown Creeper	7
25.	Canyon Wren	1
26.	Bewick's Wren	3
27.	Golden-cr. Kinglet	7
28.	Western Bluebird	191
29.	Mountain Bluebird	94
30.	Townsend's Solitaire	16
31.	Hermit Thrush	1
32.	American Robin	229
33.	Crissal Thrasher	1
34.	Loggerhead Shrike	2
35.	Eurasian Starling	270
36.	Rufous-sided Towhee	7
37.	Canyon Towhee	7
38.	White-crowned Sparrow	28
39.	Dark-eyed Junco (form?)	338
	Slate-colored	1
	Oregon	133
	Gray-headed	117
	Pink-sided	58
40.	Western Meadowlark	12
41.	Cassin's Finch	9
42.	House Finch	76
43.	Pine Siskin	65
44.	American Goldfinch	30
45.	House Sparrow	260

TOTAL SPECIES - 45

**WHY STARVATION IN SOMALIA?**

By Dr. John Tyson

One of the most important underlying reasons for hunger in Somalia is population growth outstripping the resources of this semi desert country of 7.7 million people with only 2% arable land. In 1988, the population was only 2.7 million; their population has more than doubled in the past 24 years. The few forests left are being cut down for fuel, overfarmed, overgrazed by cattle and especially goats, and desertified (incapable of supporting man or beast or plants). The civil war of 1992 simply aggravated the already existing situation of poverty and near starvation for most of the people in Somalia.

During the 1980s the average woman bore eight children, one of the highest birth rates and population growth rates in Africa, despite high infant and maternal mortality rates and sickness from parasites and infections. Medical care has been minimal and family planning nonexistent. Poverty, lack of education (only 50% of the children are in school, with 75% of the people illiterate), and socio-religious traditions have favored continuing high birth rates. The high birth rates, in turn, perpetuate the cycle of poverty, illiteracy, and starvation.

At a time when we are spending millions of dollars in the Somalia military effort, it becomes imperative that we evaluate how our relief dollars should be spent. Unless the basic problem of overpopulation is addressed, starvation cannot be eliminated. Possibly, future military and humanitarian attempts to provide food and relief to overpopulated poverty areas might be accompanied by public health "SWAT" teams which could accompany relief workers and help educate native health workers to publicize and provide family

planning resources. When given the choice, most women have chosen child spacing, which promotes better maternal health and fewer pregnancies. The smaller families are better able to provide food and education for their children and themselves.

If you agree that this is the type of humanitarian relief effort needed, please write and express your concerns to:

\*Surgeon General of the Public Health Service

Dr. A. Novello, S.G., PHS  
200 Independence Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20201

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Attn.: Somalia Project  
c/o Gen. Colin Powell's Office  
2E, 873 PENT Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20301

\*U.S. Agency for International Development (A.I.D.)

Attn.: Director of Internat'l Family Planning Division  
Dept. of State  
Washington, D.C. 20523

\*Your Senator or Representative  
Washington, D.C.

By providing what we all take for granted -- choice -- to the women of Somalia, we can help assure them a better life, with less starvation, more education, healthier children, and more hope for self-sufficiency.

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CNMAS is again offering a scholarship worth \$650 for a teacher to attend the Audubon Camp in the West in Wyoming for a field ecology session. There are six week-long sessions:

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July 10-16; July 17-23;

July 24-30; July 31 - Aug. 6.

Cost of transportation to Wyoming is not included. For application form, call or write Marge Carrick, 266-0191, 808 Dakota, S.E., 87108. Beth Dillingham, last year's winner, can be reached at 344-5865 for information on her experiences at camp.



**ACTIVISM/CONSERVATION**

By Verne Huser

Proposed Gas Drilling in Dark Canyon - Write to BLM (P.O. Box 27115, SF, NM, 87592-0115) to oppose drilling in this karst topography of the limestone reef that houses the fabulous Carlsbad Caverns and Lechuguilla Cave.

Hardrock Mining Legislation is before the NM legislature in the form of a bill drafted by the Mining Action Coalition. We need your letters to our State legislators urging support of this bill which includes protection of natural and cultural resources, reclamation of land, restoration of a viable tourism industry to an affected area, as well as career retraining programs and redirection of a community's economic base after the mines are inevitably shut down. Contact Dave Henderson, 1-983-4609.

The Endangered Species Act is so important that we can't stress it enough. Write your Congressional reps to reauthorize and strengthen the ESA through H.R. 4045.

Wildlife Refuges and their protection are central to Audubon's overall mission. In order to halt destructive activities such as overgrazing, water skiing, and motorboats, urge passage in Congress of a reform bill introduced by Sen. Bob Graham (D-FL) that defines the purpose and uses of wildlife refuges and gives refuge managers the power to halt destructive activities. "It's past time to rededicate the refuge system to wildlife."

Ancient Forest Protection could hinge on the vote of Sen. Lloyd Bentsen. Write to him at U.S. Senate, Wash., D.C., 20510, saying, "Dear Senator Bentsen: With the 103rd Congress in session, I urge you to co-sponsor and support strong ancient forest protection legislation like S. 2895, the bill introduced by Senators Adams and Leahy in the past session of Congress."

Thanks for getting involved in any or all of the above issues!

**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.

**THE COUNCIL CORNER** - Excerpted from Dave Henderson's Report

The top priority for the Jan. 9 Council meeting at Bosque del Apache was election of officers. Check the OWL Directory for the listing of these volunteers who serve as the communication link between chapters and leaders on issues of statewide concern to Audubon.

Look for details of the spring meeting in the next OWL, but plan now for an all-day leadership training session in Socorro that's open to any interested members, all chapter board members, as well as Council board and delegates.

Action taken by the Council on statewide environmental issues included writing to our Congressional delegation expressing our disappointment that they're working to reduce fines levied by the EPA on polluters that have been guilty of dumping toxic brine into the playa lakes near Carlsbad. Further, we support Audubon's agenda in the State legislature, which includes enactment of a state hardrock mining bill, a ban on leg hold traps, the defunding of Animal Damage Control, and much more.

**SPEAKING OF THE COUNCIL . . .**

Darwin Miller has announced his resignation from the Council as Council rep. He's been a valuable addition, and we'll all miss his insight, tenacity, and good humor. Thanks for serving, Darwin!

If you're interested in following in Darwin's footsteps, he would be glad to train you at the upcoming spring meeting. The Council meets four times a year - three times in Socorro, with the fall meeting held at the site of the State Audubon Conference. Call any Board member to express your interest in this important networking position.



## AND THE WINNERS ARE . . .

. . . everybody who participated in our First-Ever, Annual, Just-For-Fun Photo Contest (FEAJFF for short), co-sponsored by CNMAS and Kurt's Camera Corral, and organized by our peerless, indefatigable, and most fun leader herself, Tamie Bulow!

It was strictly for amateurs (I can attest to that -- I entered it myself!), and we congratulate and commendate every one of you who entered. In the final crop, though (that's darkroom talk), our judges awarded 1st Prize of a Kurt's Camera Corral gift certificate and Samsung 7x25 binoculars to Bob Kegel; 2nd Prize of a Tamrac 35 mm camera bag and LumiQuest Soft Box to C.R. "Sami" Sanborn; 3rd Prize of Bushnell 7x35 binocs to Lynne Starnes. Congratulations to you all!

Thanks to Jim Kubie of Kurt's, Jim Karo and Wallace Boyes for serving as judges; thanks to Kurt's and the other contributors for the prize donations; and thanks to Bill Haddad and all the salesmen at Kurt's who were neverendingly cheerful, helpful, and encouraging. And just remember - the SEAJFF (Second-Ever, etc., etc.) is only ten months away! --by Beth Hurst

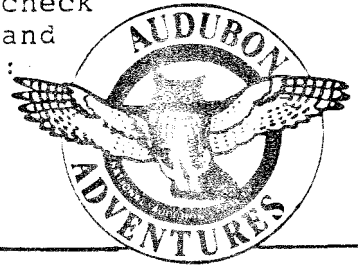
## AUDUBON ADVENTURES

By Marge Carrick

The Jan.-Feb. 1993 Audubon magazine, on Page 100 and following, carries an article, "From Snakes to Songbirds," giving an excellent overall description of the Audubon Adventures program. Nationwide, since its beginning in 1984-85, more than 2 million children have learned more about nature; as the program's unofficial slogan puts it, "Children who care about the earth today can change the world tomorrow."

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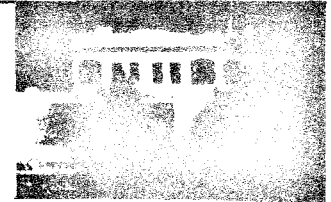


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