

# BURROWING OWL



CENTRAL NEW MEXICO AUDUBON SOCIETY, Albuquerque, N. M. October-November, 1977

## CALENDAR -- OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

Saturday Oct. 1 FIELD TRIP to Shady Lakes in the Alameda Bosque area, led by Barbara Hussey (268-6547). Plan to assemble in the parking lot of the UNM Physics & Astronomy Building, Lomas & Yale NE, at 7:00 a.m.

Saturday Oct. 8 FIELD TRIP & PICNIC to Cienega Canyon. Meet at parking lot at 8:30 a.m. for birds and picnic starts around noon. More information below.

Thursday Oct. 13 BOARD MEETING at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Barbara Hussey, 2068-B Mercury Dr. SE, Call her at 268-6547 if you need directions.

Saturday Oct. 15 FIELD TRIP to Bitter Lake NWR to be held in conjunction with the New Mexico Audubon Council Annual Meeting. The trip will leave the Frontier Restaurant in Roswell, N.M. at 7:00 A.M. More about the meeting elsewhere in this issue.

Thursday Oct. 20 REGULAR MEETING of the CENTRAL NEW MEXICO AUDUBON SOCIETY at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, Copper and Jefferson NE, 7:30 P.M. Two graduate students from UNM, Mary Emory and Donna Cole will give a presentation on their ornithological research.

Saturday Nov. 5 FIELD TRIP to the upland areas of Bosque del Apache NWR led by Dave Lange, phone 277-3842 (office) and 266-4420 (home). Meet at the UNM Physics and Astronomy Building, Lomas & Yale NE, at 7:00 A.M. or 9:00 A.M. at refuge headquarters. We hope to see Verdin, Sage Sparrow, Black-throated Sparrow, Crissal Thrasher, and possibly Pyrrhuloxia.

Thursday Nov. 10 BOARD MEETING at 7:30 P.M. at the home of Dave Lange, 1800 Vassar NE, Apt. B. Phone 277-3842 (office) or 266-4420 (home).

Saturday Nov. 12 FIELD TRIP to Bosque del Apache NWR (Lowlands?) led by Ross Teuber (265-8962). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at the UNM Physics and Astronomy Building, Lomas & Yale NE or at 9:00 A.M. at refuge headquarters where Ross will meet us.

Thursday Nov. 17 REGULAR MEETING of the CENTRAL NEW MEXICO AUDUBON SOCIETY at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, Copper and Jefferson NE, 7:30 P.M. Our guest speaker this evening will be Tom Smiley of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. For years now, Tom has been doing research on Peregrine Falcons in the Dry Tortugas. He will present some highlights of this research.

Saturday Nov. 19 FIELD TRIP to San Gabriel Park led by Granger Ward (243-3189). Meet at the gates to the park at the west end of Mountain Rd., NW at 8:00 A.M.

Saturday Nov. 26 FIELD TRIP to Hyde Memorial Park and the Santa Fe Ski Basin led by Bob Jost (292-3625). Assemble in the parking lot of the UNM Physics and Astronomy Building, Lomas & Yale NE at 7:30 am. There is the possibility of hiking in snow -- come prepared.

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## FIELD TRIP REPORTS

Aug. 6th & 7th, Mary Alice Root led nine people on a trip to Sierra Blanca and Bosque del Apache NWR. They saw 40 species at Sierra Blanca including Calliope Hummingbird, Eastern Bluebird, and Red Crossbill. 30 species at Bosque del Apache including Peregrine Falcon, Double-crested Cormorant, and Burrowing Owl.

Aug. 13th, Paul Hlava led six people to Capulin Springs where they saw 30 species including four warbler species, three species of woodpeckers and a few hummingbirds.

Aug. 27th, Bob Jost led 12 people to Fenton Lake and the Seven Springs Fish Hatchery where they spotted 41 species. Highlights included Sharp-shinned Hawk, Clark's Nutcracker, Pine Siskins and 6 species of warblers.

Sept. 3rd, No report on Isleta Marsh trip.

Sept. 24th, Bob Jost led approx. 20 people in two groups to Bosque del Apache NWR. They saw around 70 species including Mexican Duck, Osprey, Least Bittern and Wild Turkey.

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR BOARD MEETINGS

## BOARD MEETING OF AUG. 11, 1977

Held at the home of Mollie Miller, six board members present.

Martin Ruoss reported that the chapter's State Fair exhibit was under construction and that it would cost no more than \$125.00. Volunteers would be sought at the monthly meeting and through a special mail request.

Dave Lange reported that we need help with a display for Outdoor Skills Day (Sept. 24).

Dave brought up a discussion on the Central Arizona Project (CAP) and the efforts of the Maricopa Audubon Society to stop it. After much debate, he made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the CAP Fund. It was seconded and approved by the board.

Paul Hlava suggested that a summary of the board meetings be published in the Burrowing Owl.

Paul also reported about an inquiry about advertizing in the "Owl". The board decided to permit advertizing at a rate of \$5.00 per column-inch per issue.

## BOARD MEETING OF SEPT. 8, 1977

Held at Ponderosa Mobile Home Park, courtesy of Martin Ruoss, eleven board members were present.

A progress report on the State Fair exhibit was given and Martin reported that a few slots were still open.

Plans were discussed for the Outdoor Skills Day exhibit. A slide-tape show prepared by Dan Washburn will be set up at Winrock.

Dave Lange presented a resolution received from Ralph Fisher with regard to letting the Redrock Game Farm revert back to a marsh now that it is no longer being used for exotic animals. The resolution was passed by the board and will be sent to William Huey, Director, State Game and Fish Dept.

The State Council meeting was discussed. Ross Teuber and Martin Ruoss will be our representatives for the next year. The annual assessment of 40¢ per member was sent to the treasurer of the State Council (\$192.40, 481 members).

The CNMAS has been asked by the board now administering the Audubon Wildlife Film Series to take over sponsorship of the films beginning with the 1978-79 season. It was moved and passed that we sponsor the films.

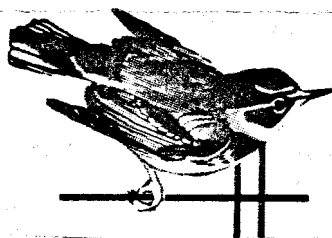
Craig Andrews reported that he could not attend the entire Environmental Education Workshop sponsored by the American Nature Study Society at Glorieta, Sept. 30th to Oct. 2nd. Craig will seek a delegate.

NOTES FOR BOOKISH BIRDERS

There are several new books on our Audubon library shelf. Be sure to look over our variety of literature on birds. Two, for instance, of the new ones were donated by Marian and Dan Washburn: Handbook of Birds of Eastern North America by Frank Chapman and Our Amazing Birds by Robert Lemmon.

The librarian has noticed there are a few books which haven't been returned for several months. If you have any on your shelves from the CNMAS, please bring them to the next meeting; it's nice to keep all of our books circulating.

-- Marilyn Jacobsen  
Librarian

FIRST ANNUAL (?) FALL PICNIC!

-- Fall picnic, Oct. 8, Cienega Picnic Area --

Field trip to Cienega Canyon Trail -- meet at parking lot at 8:30. Picnic starts about noon. Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be provided for a small fee of 50¢/adult and 25¢/child (under 12). Please bring a salad, chips or dessert and your own utensils. We also need grills to cook the hot dogs and hamburgers. Please come when you can and bring your family -- other activities will be provided. To help us in planning how many hot dogs and hamburgers to buy, please contact Holly Kraynik (294-1043 after 5:30) or Dave Lange (266-4420). Thanks.

STATE FAIR REPORT

Our NM State Fair Exhibit was an attention getter with an Honorable Mention Award from the Fair. About 2000 persons actually stopped and talked about Audubon. Of these about 20 are really prospective members. I wish to thank all the "exhibit watchers" for their tour of duty and willingness to share their time and expertise as "birders". The committee members, Mary Alice Root and Marian Washburn were extremely helpful at all points. There was a bit of enthusiasm from visitors in Portales and Las Cruces to get an Audubon chapter going in those areas. Again, thanks to CNMAS for using the free, courtesy space of the Albuquerque Garden Clubs for promoting the cause of Audubon.

-- G. Martin Ruoss  
Chairman  
State Fair Committee

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JULY AND AUGUST 1977

## Receipts

July dues split	279.75
August dues split	113.50

## Disbursements

July		
Slide trays (6)	22.52	
Registration fee -- American Nature Study Society Workshop	15.00	37.52
August		
Mailing permit and deposit	83.00	
Cookies, lemonade and cups	7.76	
Postage and telegram	13.77	
CAP Fund	100.00	
Fair exhibit letter	21.60	
Projector and screen rental	18.77	
Stamps	.26	256.99

## Balance

	June 30	July 31	August 31
Checking	164.74	406.97	263.74
Savings	1424.41	1424.41	1424.41
Petty Cash	1.23	1.23	.97
	<u>1590.38</u>	<u>1832.61</u>	<u>1689.12</u>

-- Gary Parker

LETTERS FROM LANGE

The disappearance of the humming-birds marks the appearance of the cranes in the fall. This year we are joining the Sangre de Cristo Audubon Society in recording the Sandhill and Whooping Crane migrations. They will be flying south through October and early November. The peak of the migration will be in late October. The cranes leave Monte Vista NWR in the morning arriving over White Rock about noon, Albuquerque about mid-afternoon and arrive at Bosque del Apache before dark. We need volunteers who will be available on an hour's notice to watch for the cranes. A telephone network is being set up with the Sangre de Cristo chapter and the refuges. We should have about a two-hour warning when they are spotted over White Rock. If you are free in the afternoon and care to help, please contact Dave Lange 266-4420 (office 277-3842).

To observe fall, we are holding a chapter picnic October 8th in the Sandias at Cienega Canyon. Please bring your family and join us. To top off the day, the first Audubon film of the season, "Yosemite" will be presented at Popejoy Hall at 7:30. If you have not bought your season's tickets yet contact Bill Stamm (255-2640), Marian Washburn (266-3078) or Mary Alice Root (266-0561).

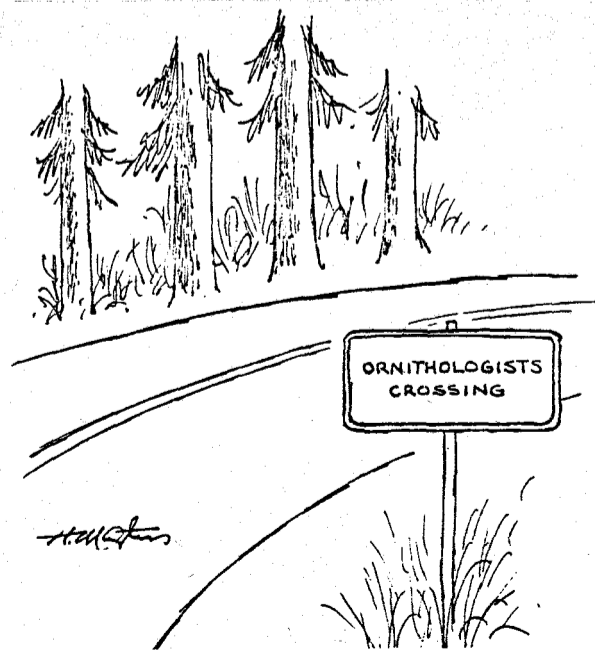
LETTERS FROM LANGE -- CONTINUED

On the 15th of October, the first Annual New Mexico Audubon Council meeting will be held in Roswell. All members are welcome to attend, please call Dave Lange for details.

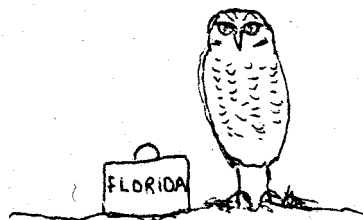
You may have noticed the addition of a treasurer's report and summary of the board meetings in the Burrowing Owl. Most of the chapter's business is conducted at the board meetings and a summary will be published in the "Owl" to give our members a better idea of where your money is going and what actions are taking place.

Please stay tuned for the Christmas bird counts.

-- Dave Lange



If he's so wise, why didn't he stay home? We're talking about a burrowing owl who found himself on Long Island when his natural habitat, according to the experts, is southern Florida. A friendly and knowledgeable human put the wandering bird on a jet for home, but the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service bumped him from the plane. It seems the law protects him from being "kidnapped" wherever he is found, even if it's the wrong place, with the wrong climate. Happily, this time the red tape was quickly cut, the owl got his plane ride after all, and presumably lived happily ever after.



Mobil Observations

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"There may be times in the future when the Audubon Society will disagree with some of my decisions, but if and when that happens, it will not be disagreement on what is desirable; it will be disagreement on what's feasible."

-- Secretary of the Interior  
 Cecil D. Andrus