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CENTRAL NEW MEXICO AUDUBON SOCIETY

JUNE - JULY 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

June 17 - ATTRACTING AND ENJOYING BUTTERFLIES! Slides will do slight justice to these fragile flying jewels, as our guest speaker tells us about planting for butterflies, feeding them, even tips on raising them for release into your own garden. We'll learn about their amazing migrations and much more -- join us!

July - There is no meeting in July. Enjoy your summer vacation and come join us for a new season of programs starting in August!

TRIP TIPS

Field trips are open to all: members or nonmembers, beginning or experienced birders. Cancellation of a trip due to inclement weather is at discretion of leader. It is never a bad idea to pack a lunch even for half-day trips. Carpooling & ride sharing are encouraged. Check with Anne (266-8510) or field trip leader for field trip status.

FIELD TRIPS

June 19 - Water Canyon - A break from the heat with a birding trip to the cool mountains. 7:30 a.m., Astronomy Building, Yale & Lomas. Call if you're interested in an optional overnight on Saturday to look for owls -- Western Screech, Great-Horned, and Flamulated are possibilities!



July 17 - Our annual trek to Sandia Mountains Capulin Springs in search of the Calliope Hummingbird, our smallest North American bird, as well as other local residents. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at Four Hills Shopping Center (Central & Tramway), east of Baskin-Robbins.

July 31 - Saturday Night Moonlight Walk, Part III, Tres Pistoles Canyon. Just two days before the moon is full, Louise Waldron will once again host a potluck outing at 15 El Arco, N.E. Take I-40 east, exit at Carnuel exit, then continue east on US-66 app. 1.8 mi. Turn left at "Monticello" subdivision large white sign. Go uphill on paved road to last house at end of Monticello - you're there! Bring dish to share, your own table service, and folding chair(s). Lost? Call Louise at 292-8272. Remember that we Auduboners support the ongoing campaign to lobby our Congressmen to save Three Gun Springs and to urge the Forest Service to reacquire this unique 436.5 acre-tract. Come see for yourself its unique and fragile beauty!

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

SANDIA MTN. BREEDING BIRD SURVEY

The transects have been set for the three locations for our breeding bird survey being conducted in cooperation with USDA Forest Service/Cibola National Forest. A group of volunteers has been helping Hart Schwarz on reconaissance missions (sounds like work, but it was really birding!) during May in preparation for the final count. There is still room to participate on count days, which will be June 12, 19, and 26. plan to meet at Sulphur Canyon Parking Lot at 7:30 to do one survey each day, then recheck the area for any species we might missed. Contact Hart Schwarz at 266-1810 if you want to help.

"For most bird-watchers, the coming of the warblers has the same effect as catnip on a cat."

--Arline Thomas

Marjory Swain's cabin in the Jemez Mts. was the site of field trips for years. For me personally, when I looked in her eyes, I saw more birds than I'll ever know. A memorial at The Wildlife Center, PO Box 246, Espanola, NM 87532, has been established by her family.

Jim Phillips, husband of Joanne Phillips, will be missed by all of us who ever visited Shady Lakes. His congeniality and gentle personality made us feel as if we were pausing in our own homes to enjoy a pleasant moment.

We send our sympathy and fond wishes to the families of both departed friends.

WYOMING CAMP SCHOLARSHIP WINNER
Mia T. Pisano, a fourth-grade
Special Education Full Inclusion
Classroom teacher at Eugene Field
Elementary School, was first-place
winner of the 1993 CNMAS Audubon
Camp Scholarship. Mia will attend
the Audubon Camp in the West for
the July 31 - August 6 session.

Frances C. Bothwell is the Alternate Winner. She teaches Lincoln MidSchool gifted at-risk students.

We had an unusually large number of applicants for the scholarship this year, making the final decision a difficult one. It's gratifying and encouraging to see such a response and to know that bright, interested people like these are carrying such a good message to our youth.

THE LAST HURRAH

And speaking of a good influence on young people, this will be your last chance to sponsor <u>Audubon</u> <u>Adventures</u> in a classroom for the 1993-94 school year. Writing that check now and sending it in is a great way to start the summer vacation!

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THE THURSDAY BIRDERS - A SAGA

By Tamie Bulow
(Yes, Folks, another multiparter! I'm so happy -- contributions like this make my job
easy! Enjoy!)

The Thursday Birders ventured a little farther than usual in April -- all the way to High Island, TX! In keeping, we left on a Thursday morning. You can imagine the passengers around us on the plane a frenzied flock of birders with visions of warblers dancing in our heads, talking excitedly, armed with bird books, binos, scopes. I looked around the cabin for a head count: Mary Lou Arthur was a few rows up ahead, Sondra Williamson was in front of us, Howard Kimbrough, Marge Cromer, Mary Hewitt and myself were all in the same row . . . where were Jean Dilley and Joanne Phillips? By departure time, we could see Joanne's beat-up fishing hat come down the aisle, and in minutes, away we went.

We met Jean Davis (one of the original Thursday Birders, since moved to CA and started the Tuesday Birders) at the Houston airport, then drove straight to Austin. The wildflowers were spectacular, especially the blue bonnets and paintbrush, covering hillsides all along the way. The balance of our party, Dan and Josephine Ortiz, were to meet us at our motel that evening, where they shared their birding escapades on the drive from Albq.

A delightful friend of Mary and Jean, Mr. John Gee, thrilled us to a wonderful day of birding our first day out. We were armed and dangerous by 7 a.m., miraculous for our usually laidback group. John gave us life experiences with the Black-capped Vireo, singing Field Sparrows, Yellow-breasted Chat, and Black-capped Titmice. We were also enjoying the more common Cardinals, Black Vultures, Yellow-rumps, Scissor-tailed Flycatchers,

and Summer Tanager. Our trek at Travis Audubon Society's property was a journey in search of the Golden-cheeked Warbler -- up and down hillsides, over creeks, back and forth for miles!! point our trusted new friend admitted we may be lost. The hike was an adventure we aren't likely forget (right, Joanne?). Several of us did see the Goldencheeked, plus the Tennessee Warbler, right at the tail end of 45-minute-hike-that-lastedthree hours.

Ironically, when we arrived at John's home that afternoon, the Golden-cheeked treated unparalleled views and song right in the back yard! John's wife Peggy had a lovely luncheon for us at their idyllic home on the Edwards Plateau, birding lunching on their back deck, surrounded by the tops of trees from the canyon below and fields of wildflowers in the other three directions. We added Inca Doves, Ruby-throated Hummers, Phoebe, Chimney Swift, Carolina Chickadee, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, plus Lincoln's, Rufous-crowned, and Chipping Sparrows. I missed the Clay-colored. On our walk down to the swimming hole, over 500 migrating White Pelicans flew over -- quite a sight. Our first birding day was truly enhanced by the hospitality of our charming hosts, and we knew it couldn't get any better than this.

(Join us to find out how good it stays!)



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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ANCIENT FORESTS, CURRENT NEWS

As you may already know, President Clinton called a Forest Conference in Portland, Oregon, on April 2, 1993. This was the first time in history that the full force of a Presidential administration focused entirely on a single environmental issue.

Peter Berle, president of National Audubon Society, reports that expert testimony presented at the conference conclusively demonstrates that the timber industry's vociferous arguments to continue logging not only defy environmental concern, they defy economic and social realities.

Only 10 percent of the Pacific Northwest's ancient forests remain, and all of it is on public lands. Representatives of Northwest commercial and sportfishing groups -- which employ more workers than the timber industry -- testified that 60,000 jobs related to salmon fishing jeopardy in if logging continues unabated. The logging erodes hillsides, causing siltation of salmon streams. the issue is not jobs versus owls, so much as jobs versus jobs.

The timber industry has suffered, not for the reasons it The majority of states. the losses have been due to automaof timber mills and tion raw log exports which are not milled here, but sent directly to Japan and other Pacific Rim

countries. Between 1979 and 1988, 195 mills closed and over 25,000 jobs were lost, mostly due to these causes.

conference has emphasized what we already know: We cannot permit further destruction of this biological and wildlife The President treasure. charged his Cabinet to come up with a plan in 60 days. Your to maintain effort now the momentum of the conference critical. Demand the permanent protection of ancient forests. You can do it by phone (202) 456-6224 or letter addressed to the White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC, 20500.

LOCAL CONSERVATION NEWS

By Verne Huser *Petroglyphs National Monument: A regional solicitor (that means government lawyer in lay language) recently found that the City of Albuquerque is wrong in its position that the National Environmental Policy Act does not apply to the Monument. She finds that "The enabling Act specifically incorporates NEPA, which becomes applicable to actions affecting the Unit of National Park Service as to affecting federal lands within other parts of the Monument." other words, the City is clearly violating federal law when it attempts to ram Paseo del Norte through the Monument. If the City insists in going ahead with its proposed plans and someone sues, more taxpayer money will be spent fighting it out in courts

(but they will be federal courts, which are more difficult to influence with political pressure.)

*Rio Grande Endangered: American Rivers, a national organization whose purpose is to protect rivers from dams and develand other inappropriate recently named the uses, Grande in Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas as the Most Endangered River in America. The Rio Grande heads the list of the Ten Most Endangered Rivers in America for 1993.

"The Upper Rio Grande is heavily exploited for agriculture, water supply and a variety of other uses," says the press release, and it is threatened by schemes to divert water out of the Rio Grande Basin and by cyanide leaching mining operations near its headwaters.

The Middle Rio Grande (our segment of the river) "is threatened by municipal, industrial, agricultural, and even nuclear waste." It is even "a carrier of disease (hepatitis and cholera)" as well as a conduit for silt and waste.

American Rivers is lobbying to expand wild and scenic river assist border protection, Mexico) activists to qain support for financial national and technical assistance to deal with health problems, and to make public the environmental implications of the North American Free Agreement on the border Trade watershed.



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*The Nature Conservancy entered into an agreement to sell Gray Ranch to the Animas Foundation, a newly formed family foundation committed to conserving the wildlands and rangelands of the Southwest and to ensuring the survival of the traditional ways of life of the individuals and communities of these open lands. Certain TNC-initiated programs at Gray Ranch will be continuing, as well as scientific research and monitoring. Education/visitation will continue once a month, on the second full weekend of the month, running through October. *Effective April 16, 1993, the Fish & Wildlife Service has pub-lished in the Federal Register the final rule listing the Mexican spotted ow1 as a threatened



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FROM THE PREZ . . .

I am looking forward to my new position on the CNMAS Board -- Past President! thoroughly enjoyed my overextended tenure as President -- both in my personal growth as a citizen and as a volunteer. Whatever I have given in time and talent(?) I have gotten back tenfold. Because of my responsibilities to our chapter, I have become much more aware of the consequences of being passively concerned about our wildlife and its diminishing habitat. To be enveloped in passion about an issue, to join others with the same passion, and to see the impact of concerned citizens is very rewarding. And to stand by and watch our natural resources be degraded for the pleasures of a few (usually for economic gain) has become unacceptable. that end, I thank the chapter for allowing me to preside over our business of the past three years.

The Board of Directors currently in place has been a delight to work with, enthusiastic to participate and lead our chapter in direction of becoming "part solution." We have expanded our activities offered to the membership, become involved issues that are local, statewide, and which have national implications, as well as begun projects in coordinated efforts with groups, conservation US Service, US Fish & Wildlife, BLM, and other Audubon chapters. The Board has been busy, and volunteers with a specific interest or limited time to offer have supported our efforts when feasible.

If you have ten minutes a month to write a part letter, that is being a solution, too. Please speak out if you would like to become more active -voice can soon become a chorus, and I have seen how powerful a chorus can be. Ultimately, greater numbers of people place more demands on our natural resources, and it is obligation as Auduboners to see are managed in а healthy responsible manner.

If I can be of service to this organization in the future, I hope it is to talk to you about your interests and how we can dovetail your energy into our common goals.



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another and
a wiser and
perhaps a
more mystical concept
of animals.

Remote from universal nature, and living by complicated artiface, man in civilization surveys the creature through the glass of his knowledge and sees thereby a feather magnified and the whole image in distortion. We patronize them for their incompleteness, for their tragic fate of having taken a form so below ourselves. And within we err, and greatly err. For the animal shall not be measured by man. In a world older and more complete than ours they move finished and complete, gifted with extensions of the senses we have lost or never attained, living by voices we shall never hear. They are not brethren, they are not underlings; they are other nations, caught with ourselves in the net of life and time, fellow prisoners of the splendour and travail of the earth.

Henry Beston, 1928

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National Audubon Society is proud to announce the 1993-94 schedule for Ecology Camps and Workshops.

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- Maine Coast Field Ecology ... June 28-July 29, 1993



HAWKWATCHING IN THE SANDIAS - SPRING 1993 By Eric G. Meyer

Our ninth season in the Sandia Mountains is shaping up to be one of the best on record. It also marks the successful return of our banding program, for a third season, after a year off for some redefinement of our M.O.

The Sandia site is very special to us. Not only is it the third site discovered, and one of our only spring migration lookouts, it is closer to a large population center than any of our other study locations. This provides excellent opportunities for public education, without which wildlife conservation will be ineffective.

Two Mexican biologists accompanied us on the mountain this spring, Rafael Villegas and Cesar Tejeda-Cruz. They participated in the highly successful Veracruz count during fall 1992 (2.5 million birds), then came to New Mexico this spring to learn how to capture and band hawks. Cesar spotted the second only Mississippi Kite noted from Sandia, and Rafael and Cesar captured a Cooper's Hawk which had been tagged as a nestling by Patricia Kennedy in 1992 near La Cueva, NM, in the Santa Fe National Forest.

The Sandia count shattered a number of records. Besides noting the sixth Rough-legged Hawk in the history of the count, 100 Ospreys were seen (previous record - PR=70), 1558 Cooper's Hawks (PR=1277), 24 Northern Goshawk (PR=22), seven Broad-winged Hawks (PR=6), 461 Red-tailed Hawks (PR=389), nine

Merlins (PR=6),47 Peregrine (PR=25) and 32 Prairie Falcons Falcons (PR=28) were counted. season total (still running as of this writing) of 4,803 raptors from 19 species also included one rare Zone-tailed Hawk, 1322 Turkey Vultures, eight Bald Eagles, nine Ferruginous Hawks, 297 Golden Eagles, and more.

The Manzano hawk watch will start August 25 and continue through November 5. Watch your Burrowing Owl for the HawkWatch field trip, or call us at 255-7622 for directions to the site -- or information on adoppting a wild, banded eagle or hawk!

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"The light air about me told me that the world ended here: only the ground and sun and sky were left, and if one went a little farther there would be only sun and sky, and one would float off into them, like the tawny hawks which sailed over our heads, making slow shadows on the grass."

--Willa Cather

National Audubon Society 11th Rocky Mountain Regional Conference August 3-8, 1993

Welcome to the Rocky Mountain Regional Conference at Snowbird, in the Wasatch Mountains of Utah! Our host, the Utah Audubon Council, is arranging an exceptional schedule of fun events, complete with three days of field trips followed by two days of speakers and exciting workshops, all packaged in the stunning Little Cottonwood Canyon just outside Salt Lake City. Fieldtrips are planned for Wednesday through Friday (Aug. 4-6), and will focus on Utah's endangered wetlands and the Wasatch Mountain Range. Fieldtrip details, including sign-up procedures and costs, will be available after April 1st.

Transportation

Snowbird is located just 29 miles (40 minutes) from Salt Lake City International Airport, which is served by 10 major airlines and is the western hub of Delta Airlines. Canyon Transportation, specializing in 10-person service, is highly recommended for transportation to Snowbird. Guests should call in their flight arrival/departure schedule to (800) 255 1841. The cost is \$15/person (with a two-person minimum in van). In addition, limousine service, car rentals, and taxi cabs are available.

Meals

Snowbird has a variety of meal options (snack bars, grills, restaurants) so that no advance booking is necessary. In addition, some rooms have kitchen facilities. Saturday lunch and dinner will be planned meal functions.

Registration

We encourage early registration and will mail out advance program and fieldtrip information to those who request it. To register early see the Registration Form below, to be returned to the Audubon Regional Conference Office, 4150 Darley #5, Boulder, CO 80303. Cancellations prior to July 1, 1993, will be refunded in full. Questions? Call (303) 499 0219.

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