

WASTE & TOXICS

The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) is up for reauthorization. It's our solid and hazardous waste law and it should be strengthened.

We need to increase recycling, reduce the use of materials which can't be reused or recycled and put a moratorium on building incinerators. Why such a moratorium? Incinerators discourage recycling and waste reduction. It's too easy just to burn the stuff up. They also use energy and produce ash which must be disposed of with care. Without these changes there will not be enough incentives to develop markets for recycled materials.

Write or call your Congressman or Senator. You could also contact your state legislator to see what has happened to AB 2213 (Sher). This bill would impose fees on consumer products which end up in landfills. Fees would be based on the cost of recycling the products, and the revenues would be used to assist recycling programs, and to develop markets for the recycled products.

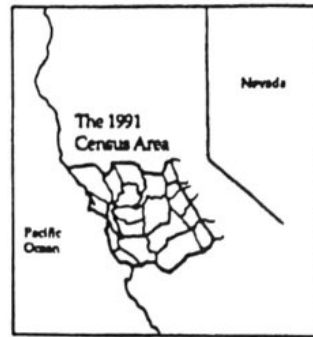
SWAINSON'S HAWK STUDIES

Attempts continue to have the County and its cities come up with a "biologically sound mechanism" that will insure the survival of our local nesting population of this threatened species in the face of this area's rapid urban development. Hopefully a "Habitat Conservation Plan" can be worked out, but so far progress has been slow.

If you have any information on nesting Swainson's Hawks, get it to our Conservation Chair, Waldo Holt (962-4438) who is continuing his study of nesting in the Stockton area.

BANK SWALLOW PROBLEMS

This bird was listed as endangered in 1989. They inhabit naturally eroding banks along Central California Rivers. Bank protection methods such as rip-rap conflict with their need for nesting habitat. If you know of any nesting Bank Swallows in San Joaquin Co., contact David Yee at: 951-1526.



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BURROWING OWL CENSUS

We have been out in the field, early in the morning to attempt to locate colonies of Burrowing Owls, a bird with a troubled future in California. The census was over on June 20 and the information is being sent in to the Institute for the Study of Bird Populations.

It is expected that information from the 1991 census and a more extensive census in 1992 will allow justifiable recommendations to be made as to whether or not the Burrowing Owl should be listed as threatened or endangered in California.

The effort received good coverage in the Stockton Record and David Yee received many calls from concerned citizens who knew of groups of owls. If you have further info you could call him at 951-1526.

ENDANGERED SPECIES, OURS?

All the news about both the Spotted Owl and the Burrowing Owl has led to some interesting "Letters to the Editor" in the Stockton Record. These boil down to, "Why worry about some owls when we should be concerned about humans. Such animals should not be allowed to stand in the way of human progress. Besides species have always been going extinct."

If you meet any of these people you could let them know that species are, in the last 100 years, becoming extinct at least 500 times as fast as at any previous time in the history of the earth. These endangered species we are concerned with should serve as warnings that we are doing severe damage to the natural systems which we rely upon for our very existence. For every Spotted Owl and Winter Run Salmon there are many other species which are in as much or more trouble, but have not received the official designation of "endangered" or "threatened". The greatest threat to species is the loss or conversion of their habitat. That is what is happening so rapidly in this area

BIRDS

4-17, Cattle Egret, Woodbridge Rd., 1 Cinn X Blue-w. Teal Hybrid, SSP. 4-19, 15 Nashville Warb. & 30 Or-Crowned Warb. LL. 4-20, 30 Calliope Hummers, 225 Rufous Hummers at Corral Hollow Rd (CH), 65 Swainson's Hawks n of Tracy w/Waldo Holt. a Band-t. Pigeon at Rural Cemetery (RC) and a Wh-th. Sparrow at RC. by Waldo Holt. 4-21 a Semip.Plover, a Sh-b. Dowitcher & a Mew Gull at LSP. 4-21 Jim R. observed at Micke Grove Park, 2 Nashville Warb. 3 Wilson's Warb. a Bl-Headed Grosbeak a Ash Throated Flycatcher, 2 Wh-th. Sparrow & 4 N. Orioles. 4-22 Jim R. observed a C.Raven being pursued by crows over Delta College. & a Red-Sh Hawk over Sktn. Devp. Ctr. 4-24 a Blue Grosbeak near Manteca. 4-25 10 Vaux' Swifts at Empire Tract & 900 Whimbrel nr. LSP by Sue Yee. 4-26 a Wh-f. Ibis at Woodbridge Rd., a Cassin's Kingbird at Tracy Golfcourse, 6 Rufous-cr. Sparrow & a Dusky Flycatcher at CH, all by Waldo Holt. 4-29 a Warb. Vireo at RC by J.Rowoth. 4-30 a Or-cr. Warb, a Wilson's Warb. a Ruby-cr.Kinglet 7 A Hammond's Flyc. all at RC by J.Rowoth. He also saw 2 Semi-P Plovers and 20 W. Sandpipers at Micke Grove Golf Place. 5-1 a Snowy Plover at LSP. and on 5-2 a Y-br. Chat at LL. 5-2 J.Rowoth observed 3 Wilsons Warb, a Townsend's Warb, a Bl-thr. Gray Warb. a N.Oriole, a Pacific Slope Flycatcher and a Hammond's Flycatcher all at Sktn.RC. . 5-3 2 Blk.Terns at SSP, 3 Blue-w. Teal and 2 Y-h. Blackbirds at Woodbridge Rd. 5-4. 5 Wh.Pelicans over Lockeford by the Stockings. 5-5 on Lava Bluffs Field Trip, several Nashville Warb. Ch-ba. Chickadees, Olive-sided Flycatchers, Black-headed Grosbeaks and more: J. Rowoth. The following all 5-5 by David and Waldo. 1 Osprey at Ripon, 14 W.W-Pewee, 1 Olive-s. Flycatcher at Stan River., a Gray Fly. at Caswell. and 1 Phaino, 83 Warb Vireo, 25 Yellow Warb., 11 Blk-t.Warb, 60 Town. Warb. 4 Hermit Warb. 2 MacG. Warb. 115 Wilson's Warb, 115 BlkH. Grosbeaks and 15 Laz Bunting on the Stanislaus River. J. Rowoth observed a hermit Thrush at Central Meth Ch. on 5-8. Also 5-8 Waldo observed 30 Swainson's Thrushes at OG. 5-9 2 Red-n Phalarope at LSP. 5-10 6 Solitary Vireo at LL and 6 Spotted Sand, at SSP. 5-11 a Costa's Hummer at CH. 5-12, 13 Hammond's Fly. & 25 Pacific-sl FLY at OG. 5-13 S.Stocking was entertained by Warb. Vireos and Wilsons Warb. in his Stockton yard. 5-14 a Horned Grebe & a Canvasback nr. SSP. 5-17 a Blk. Swift at LL. 5-17 Sarah Russell observed 2 male Woodducks from the Pixie Queen II. 5-17

Dave Wagner observed Hermit Warbler, Townsends Warblers & 7 Yellow Warb. at the Cosumnes Preserve. 5-18 a R-cr Kinglet at OG 5-19 A PR OF NESTING RED-BR. NUTHATCH IN NORTH STOCKTON BY THE GANETT'S. 5-20 An albino House Sparrow at Angels Camp. by R.Chambers. 5-30, 40 Wh.f. Ibis at LL. From 5-13 to 5-26 J.Rowoth birded N.Cent. Missouri where he observed 100 species including 12 of Warbler., Scarlet & Summer Tanagers and all srts of other things including turtles, snakes, butterflies and ticks. 6-2 J. Rowoth observed 3 Y-hd Blackbirds, 2 Cm-Moorhens and 14 Can. Geese on Eugene-Knights Ferry Rd. 6-5 he saw 4 pr Lesser Nighthawks on Dunton Rd. Stan. Co. 5-8 John Schick and cooperating Observers found 47 species & 550 birds on the Cosumnes Prreserve Count. (call him to help with the July and August counts at 464-7083) 6-15 Waldo Holt, our leader of the Electra Road Field Trip reports WWPeeWee, B.H.Grosbeak and many others. 6-22 at Wheeler Lake in Alpine Co., Bl-C. Chickadee nesting, Spotted Sandpipers, Wllson Warb. & Brook Trout by R.Boubelik, S.Stocking and J.Crooks. 6-24 a Black Swallow at LSP and finally on June 28 a Gr. Scaup at SSP>

Observations by *1 birder David Yee, unless otherwise noted. SSP is Stockton Sewage Ponds, LSP is Lodi Sewage Ponds and LL is Lodi Lake. OG is Oak Grove Park. CH is Corral Hollow and RC is Rural Cemetery.

GALAPAGOS ANYONE ?

The Micke Grove Zoological Society is sponsoring a trip to the Galapagos Nov. 7-20., timed right for the courtship dance of the Waved Albatross; other resident species will be there in abundance as well We will also visit Cotopaxi Natl. Park—filled with highland avifauna—and the Salcedo Indian Market. Cost from Miami is \$2895. Optional extension to La Selva Lodge (dozens of species of parrots, toucans, Tanagers, flycatchers, etc.) deep in the eastern rain forest Nov. 20-25. Led by Jim Rowoth, experienced traveler in Ecuador and fluent in Spanish. Call 953-8840 for a detailed flier and more information.

OAK GROVE PARK UPDATE.

An investigation into the effect of additional water on the drought-stressed valley oaks is being started by the Parks Department.



AUDUBON AIMS TO END TRADE IN EXOTIC BIRDS

Write your U.S. representative and both of your senators, asking them to support legislation designed to stop the deadly international pet trade in wild birds. Some species have been brought to the brink of extinction. At least 41 of the 330 parrot species are threatened by the pet trade including several macaws, amazons and cockatoos. The pet trade problem is often compounded by loss of tropical rain forest habitat. 250,000 parrots are imported each year, but at least 150,000 more are smuggled in from Mexico. Many die in transit. Write to: Senator Alan Cranston and Senator John Seymour, U.S. Senate, Washington D.C. 20510 and Rep. John Doolittle, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington D.C. 20515.

Urge your legislator to support legislation which would phase out over five years the import of wild birds except for zoos, captive breeding, and scientific and conservation purposes. It should also promote captive-breeding programs to supply pet stores as well as set stiff penalties to deter smuggling. There should also be standards for the handling, transport and identification of birds. There is wide support among conservationists, breeders and the pet industry. BUT strong grass-roots support is needed to convince legislators that passage is urgent.

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