


May 21, ANNUAL SAN JOAQUIN AUDUBON PICNIC.
LOCATION FOR 8am BIRD WALK. Willow Slough trailhead Trailhead is 1/4 mile north of the Cosumne River Preserve Visitor Center on Franklin Boulevard. PICNIC WILL BE AT THE OLD BARN AT 11:00. FROM I-5 EXIT TWIN CITIES ROAD TO THE EAST FOR ONE MILE, TURN RIGHT ON FRANKLIN BOULEVARD for a very short distance to Desmond Road. Turn left on Desmond, over the railroad to the first farm road on the right which will take you to the barn. Bring your own table service and gourmet or other food to share.

May 29. Look for late migrants and local nesting birds at Lodi Lake with Waldo Holt. A half day Sunday field trip with a local expert. Meet Waldo on Laurel Street, east side of the Park at 8am. 462-4438


June 17 16th Annual San Joaquin AudubonXerces Society-North American Butterfly Association Butterfly Count. Meet at 8:15 a.m. at the Visitor Center at Oak Grove Regional Park. Bring lunch and a beverage. For more information call Kirby Brown at 468-3315

June 18 Cosumnes River Preserve 2nd Annual Butterfly Count. Meet at the Barn on Desmond Rd. 1/2 mi east of Franklin Blvd. Bring lunch. If you plan to attend call: Sarah Blanchette 683-1700.


YES ON 180 CALIFORNIA PARKS AND WILDLIFE INITIATIVE: JUNE 17. This Initiative has a broad base of support from Audubon and other organizations. It would purchase and permanently protect more than 400 areas for Parks and wildlife. The lands would be obtained from willing sellers, not "grabbed" as is stated by the Cal. Chamber of Commerce, Farm Bureau and Cattlemen's Association. VOTE!
OBservations of birds: Locally Mostly
3-4 R.B. Sapsucker, Stockton Rural Cem.; 3-6 50 C
Snipe, & a L. Golden Plover at L.S.P.; 3-20 A W.
Kingbird, Kasson Rd. & 3-26 a Hermit Thrush
singing, pre-dawn in Stockton: all Jim Rowoth.
4-2 Am. Bittern at Duck Creek Bridge, 3 miles e. of
Farmington by Russ Stoddart. 4-4 J Rowoth and
Jim Guthrie, W. Bluebirds, Phainopeplus, and
Lawrence's Goldfinches at Hogan Res. 4-18 pair of
Ca Thrashers, B. H. Grosbeak, AT Flycatchers, NRW
Sparrows, G. H. Owl, BGT & Nashville Warblers &
mosquitoes at Caswell S.P. J. Rowoth. 4-18,
American Goldfinch in backyard of the Lamms,
Stockton. 4-23 Jim and Don Mix observed 50
Whimbrels on Temple Creek Rd, Swainson's Hawk
at Henry Rd and Tricolored Blackbirds on Sonora
Rd. The Stockings observed Common Loon, B.C.N.
Heron, Marbled Godwit, Black Turnstone and others
at Bodega Bay on 5-1. Acorn Woodpeckers raising
young in coast redwood at Delta College 5-3, S.
Stocking. David Yee has been observing West.
Bluebirds nesting at Oak Grove Park where the
Swainson Hawks are again nesting. 4-30 & 5-1,
at White Slough, Wilson's Warblers, N. Orioles,
Cm. Yellowthroats, Yellow Warblers, Black-
headed & Blue Grosbeaks, 2 Solitary Vireos,
pr Warbling Vireo, W. Tanager, B. T. G. Warbler,
MacGillivray's Warbler, Hermit Warbler and too
many Cowbirds. All by Jim Rowoth.
Census of Tricolored Blackbirds has been completed
Several large colonies were observed in the eastern
foothills of the county. For details, contact Waldo
Holt.
You can help with our yearly Swainson Hawk census
by keeping records of nesting. Location of nest,
time of fledging young or abandoning nest. Contact
Waldo Holt with your records: 462-4438.

AUDUBON ACTIVIST AWARD: W. HOLT
At the Western Regional Audubon Conference this
April at Asilomar special recognition was given to
Audubon leaders who were nominated by their
Chapters. These awards were presented at an evening
all-conference session. Waldo Holt was acknowledged
for his work as the Conservation Chair of San Joaquin
Audubon and particularly for his efforts to protect the
locapopulation of Swainson Hawk and their habitat.
We all wish to give our congratulations to Waldo for
his time and energy spent in pursuit of environmental
protections that are hard won and of benefit to us all.

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Salute to Terry Ronneberg

Audubon volunteer Terry Ronneberg has
recently chosen to retire from the Board
of San Joaquin Audubon. We should not
let this pass without mention of his good
works during his long tenure on the Board.

Terry has spent much time in his commute
to our mostly in Stockton meetings from his
home in Tracy. Terry works for the City of
Tracy where, among other things, he heads
up efforts to conserve water. For Audubon
he has lead many much appreciated field
trips and helped to bring us into the 20th
century, at last, by getting our mailing list
on the computer and keeping up to date for
our newsletter mailings.

Terry has been a willing volunteer in many
of our efforts and has provided the many
values of his sincere interest in wildlife,
good planning and a quality environment
for humans and wildlife. We will miss his
dedicated efforts, but know that he will
continue to lead fieldtrips and participate
in many other Audubon activities in the
future.
GRIZZLY ISLAND FIELD TRIP REPORT.
On March 13, the field trip to Grizzly Island was
hot and dusty, but it provided both good birding and
mammaling anyway. Bird highlights were the Am.
White Pelican, Gr-winged and Cin. Teal, Am
Widgeon, Gadwall, Com. Moorhen, A Marsh Wren,
 Loggerhead Shrike, Cm Yellowthroat, N. Harrier,
 Rough Legged Hawk. Also Say's Phoebe, Lincoln's
Sparrow, B CN Heron, Green Heron (new name,
and Cm. Goldeneyes. Many of us got to observe
elk and a pair of playful river otter. (J.Rowoth)
Another "new" name to keep in mind is Wh.Tailed
Kite (no longer Bl. Shouldered) by James Rowoth.

MITCHELL CANYON FIELD TRIP
On April 16, six hardy bird watchers braved a
chilly morning at Mitchell Canyon on the north
side of Mt. Diablo. For their efforts, 34 species
of birds and numerous wild flowers were encoun-
tered. Among the sightings were many western
bluebirds, a Lazuli bunting, a bushtit on the nest,
blackheaded grosbeak, northern oriole, w. kingbird,
white-throated swifts, a black-throated grey warbler,
and a possible sighting of a golden eagle. The census
would not be complete without adding that many
ticks were also encountered. by Nancy Ballot

YOLO BASINS WETLANDS PROJECT
A recent ceremony signaled major progress in
restoring Yolo Basin wetlands, an environmental
and wildlife project being accomplished by a coalition of
private and government cooperators. You can view
some of this area as you cross the flood control Yolo
bypass between Sacramento and Davis on Interstate
80.
About 2,500 acres of seasonal and permanent
wetlands within the 3,500 acre project will be
restored by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Upon
completion in late 1995, the project area will
become the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area and
management will be assumed by the California
Department of Fish and Game

GOLDEN TROUT WORKSHOP
Three one-week workshops will be held in the high
Sierra from July 31 through August 20.

As an informal field natural history program, consisting
of naturalist-led hikes will be offered. For details,
we, or call Cindi McKernan, 1230 Friar Lane,
Redlands Ca 92373. 909 793-7897. (ASAP)

DELTA FARMERS HONORED
Two Delta area farmers were given Wildlife
Conservation Awards on Friday for their work on
restoring habitat on Staten Island.
Jim Shanks and Sally Hearne, who manage the M&T
Ranch south of Walnut Grove, were presented with
the award by Fish and Game Director Boyd Gibbons
for stabilizing banks and restoring habitat on the
island ranch. Their work is helping to show that,
with proper management, there is a viable alter-
native to "rip-rap".
They were nominated for the award by regional fish
and game manager Ryan Brodick.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVID YEE!
Without sneaking into Mickies Grove or
trying to count exotics from the Smith
Aviary, David Yee has seen his 298th
"County Bird". Probably by the time you
see this newsletter he will have seen 299
and 300!
Nobody does it like David. This is a first
for San Joaquin County and we believe it
to be the first for any inland county in
California.
To those such as David who set the pace, our
thanks. So much to aspire to!

"MR. BLUEBIRD"
Jim Guthrie, one of our local Audubon members, has
established and currently maintains a "bluebird
trail" at Hogan Reservoir. He has built and set out
over two dozen nest boxes in the last few years. He
has observed scores of young Western Bluebirds
hatch and fledge, thanks in large part to his dedication
and love for these beautiful birds. Breeding season
'94 is in full swing now; as of early April, his boxes
contained over 50 eggs and hatchlings, a good sign for
so early in the year. With the recent rains, there is a
good chance the adult birds will nest a second time
this season.
Jim is an enthusiastic birder and a true believer in
the "bluebird of happiness." Anyone interested in
seeing his bluebird trail or in learning the nuts and
bolts of establishing and maintaining one can call Jim
at 369-6522. (J. Rowoth)
NATURAL SCIENCE ILLUSTRATION
Plants in Pen & Ink or Watercolor: by Linda Ann Vorobik. A ten-day course at the Sagehen Creek Field Station in Truckee. Aug 19-29. Class $250. and B $245. $150 to Friends of the Jepson Herbarium University of California Berkeley Ca 94720 as soon as possible.

NEW COSUMNES RIVER PRESERVE VISITOR CENTER TO BE OPEN MOST WEEKENDS. at 13501 Franklin Boulevard, exit I-5 at Twin Cities Road., It will be open on Sat. from 10 to 2pm and Sunday from noon to 4. (Closed May 14 and Memorial Day Sunday) Call for info on tours 916 684-2816.

SEQUOIA-KINGS SEMINARS SUMMER 1994
A full program of seminars are again being offered by the Sequoia Natural History Association. These include "Birds of the Sierra", "Exploring Mineral King", "Outdoor Photography" and "Grant Grove Wildflowers". Your editor, and the instructor of Grant Grove Wildflowers, will be glad to provide further information. S. Stocking 465-2729

WE HAVE RECEIVED NOTICES OF:
Nature Walks in the Fresno Area at the San Joaquin River Ecological Reserve: Saturday June 11 a walk in the Riparian area of the Willow Unit, 1 to 2 miles, 3 hours. Starts at 8:30am. June 24 a two hour walk beginning at 6pm. one mile in the restored wetland habitat. Call 445-6520 to register from 8 to 5 weekdays.

BIRDING SOUTHEAST ARIZONA
Experienced birders and leaders will take 8 days to show you the prime birding and scenic regions of Southeast Arizona. Cost is $1000, starting in Tucson from July 15-24. Call 619-378-3345 for more information.

SIERRA NEVADA FIELD CAMPUS
North of Truckee, near Sierra Pass, S.F. State offers a series of classes to audit or for credit. Among other courses are "Bird Identification by Song" "Birds of the Sierra Nevada" "Insect Biology and Identification", Fungi of the Sierra Nevada", "Nature Study", "Sierran Bird Banding" and others. For costs and more information contact your editor or Jim Steele School of Sci. S.F.State U. 415 338-1571.

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