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SAN JOAQUIN AUDUBON SOCIETY

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- Sat. May 11. Monthly Cosumnes Bird Count. Call John Schick at 464-8304.
- Sat. MAY 11. North American Migrant Count. Celebrate International National Migratory Bird Day by getting out there and helping us count birds. All birds are counted this day, non-migrants as well. Feeder counters are encouraged as well as field counters/talliers. Think of this as a Christmas Count with a twist....singing birds in bold breeding plumage, and warm weather! I can't promise rain, but you won't need your long johns. Call co:ordinator Jim Rowoth (462-7512 ASAP for more information and to sign up.
- Sat. May 18. ANNUAL PICNIC; OAK GROVE REGIONAL PARK; SYCAMORE PICNIC AREA. 8:15 Bird walk to see what migrants are passing through. 10:00 Presentation on Blue Bird Conservation and Blue Bird Trails by Don Yoder, Area Coordinator for the Bluebird Recovery Program. (The bluebirds have returned to the Park!) and at 11:00 a POTLUCK LUNCH. bring something good to share. This to be followed by a very short business meeting to act on three items. (see inside)
- Sat. May 25. Fieldtrip. Lodi Lake Natural Area. Wonderful natural area along the Mokelumne River right in Lodi. Both resident birds and migrants will be there. 8am is the time to meet leader Waldo Holt on Laurel Ave. on the east side of Lodi Lake Park.
- Sun. June 2. Calaveras Big Trees Fieldtrip. The best time at this elevation for both nesting birds and wildflowers. Join us for a relaxed day with lunch a picnic and several short hikes into the woods. We will meet there at the North Grove parking area at 10am. For carpooling from Stockton and any other information call Steve Stocking, 465-2729.
- Sat. June 8. Monthly Cosumnes Bird Count. Call John Schick at 464-8304.
- Sat.-Sun. June 22-23 Fieldtrip to Andrew Molera State Park. This will be an overnight visit (camping available) to this delightful park south of Carmel. We'll bird riparian as well as coastal habitat and hope to spend some time observing the bird monitoring activities of the Big Sur Ornithological Lab. Leader-Jim Rowoth. 462-7512.
- Coming in July!
- Sat-Sun, July 13-15 (?) Mono Lake & Mono Pass. Join in this quest for Rosy Finches, Pinyon Jays, and other high Sierra and western slope residents. By overnighing two nights, we should have time to get acquainted with the area. As dates are not certain, call leader Jim Rowoth (462-7512) if interested.

NOTICE; ALWAYS CALL YOUR LEADER, AT LEAST SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE THE OUTING, TO SEE IF THERE HAVE BEEN CHANGES IN PLANS.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

The four board members who attended the Western Regional Conference at Asilomar were excited by the invigoration brought by the new president, John Flicker and his board. National Audubon will once again, emphasize birds and their habitats as the number one priority of our organization.

One well attended seminar presented by Jesse Grantham encouraged persons to change their view of landscaping to create habitat for birds and butterflies. He indicated that lawns are barren habitat requiring fertilizers, pesticides, and summertime irrigation. In addition, mowing the lawn is added to the dreaded list of chores.

You can make a difference for bird and butterfly habitat by selecting trees, shrubs and flowers that will provide both food and shelter. These are usually quite drought tolerant as an added benefit. If you are interested in receiving a list of suitable plants, call me at 476-1926. We hope to have a speaker on this subject in the Fall in time to plan your winter garden.

We are in need of volunteers to give out membership information and chapter activities at Senior Awareness Day, May 23 at Micke Grove from 9 to 3. If you can help for an hour or more, please call me.

Recently the County Board of Supervisors voted not to include in the General Plan a connecting trail for the Coast to Crest Trail, a regionally planned trail. The trail has been established in several counties for the pleasure of citizens who enjoy outdoor activities close to home. This trail would be designed for hiking, biking (non-motorized), and horseback riding. Please contact the members of the Board if you feel this county should provide citizens with alternatives to more highways. Nancy Ballot: President

May 16-19 Klamath Basin Spring Migration Weekend : Come to the Klamath Basin along the California/Oregon border and witness spring songbird migration and the height of waterbird breeding. See waterbirds nesting by the thousands including those in one of the world's largest White-faced Ibis colonies. Visit world famous National Wildlife Refuges (Clear Lake, Klamath Forest, Lower Klamath, Upper Klamath, Tule Lake), National Park Units (Crater Lake National Park, Lava Beds National Monument), and National Forests (Klamath, Modoc, Winema). Enjoy guided field trips, workshops, bird banding, and evening programs. Contact Bob Barnes or Jill Shirley at the California Field Office (916) 481-5332. E-mail bbarnes@audubon.org.

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ANNUAL ELECTION & PICNIC

One of the actions which we will take at our annual meeting and picnic at the Oak Grove Park on May 18 will be to consider the approval of our by-laws. Your officers have reviewed these and made minor changes, but they are included with this mailing so that you will have a chance to see them and vote on them as per Article XII. If you have any questions relating to the by-laws call Nancy Ballot.

Another action which we must take is to vote for a chapter nominee to the Natl. Audubon Board of Directors from the Western Region. Your Board has studied the nominees and plan to vote for one of the four candidates. If you have any questions about the candidates or the process contact Board Member Steve Stocking at 4652729.

Our last action will be to present the slate of Officers for San Joaquin Audubon for the next two years. Nominations can be made from the "floor" at the meeting but that does not usually happen as this is a safe and sober picnic. Again, call Nancy Ballot if in need of information regarding this action.

All of the above should take no more than six minutes max.

BREEDING BIRD ATLAS

The Madrone Audubon Society of Santa Rosa has produced the "Sonoma County Breeding Bird Atlas" which includes accounts and detailed maps of all the breeding birds of Sonomas County based on six years of detailed volunteer field work.

This is available for \$21.50 plus \$3.00 for shipping from Betty Burrige, Editor. 1653 Arroyo Sierra Way, Santa Rosa, Ca. 95405

RAUCOUS ROOKERIES

Saturday, June 1st from 9am to noon there will be an excursion at the Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge. Reservations are necessary: 916/979-2085.

"Drawn to the abundant fisheries in North Stone Lake, great blue and black-crowned night herons, great and snowy egrets, and double-crested cormorants nest colonially in trees which line the south-eastern arm of the lake. Hike to the lake to hear the raucous calls of their fledglings and view the fledglings through spotting scopes as they beg for food from their parents. (3 hours.....2-3 miles)



BY-LAWS OF SAN JOAQUIN AUDUBON SOCIETY

Article I Name

The name of this corporation is the SAN JOAQUIN AUDUBON SOCIETY.

Article II Purpose

The purposes and objectives of this corporation shall be to engage in any such educational, scientific, investigative, literary, historical, philanthropic, and charitable pursuits as may be part of the stated purposes of the National Audubon Society, of which this corporation shall function as a branch.

Article III Elective Officers

The elective officers of this corporation shall be: President, President Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer, each of whom shall be an Ex-officio Member of the Board of Directors, and five additional Members of the Board of Directors, one of whom shall be immediate past President.

Article IV Term of Office

Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting held in May of each year in the manner here in after provided and shall hold office for a term of two years or until their successors are elected and qualified

Article V Nomination and Election of Officers

Section 1. A nominating committee of three members shall be appointed by the president of the corporation at the regular board meeting in March of each year. This committee shall present a slate of nominees to the membership at the annual meeting in May. Further nominations may be made from the floor at the time of said election.

Section 2. Elections shall be by ballot when more than one person is nominated for a particular office. A chair and two tellers shall be appointed by the president to receive the ballots. They shall count the ballots so cast and announce the results to the President, who thereupon shall declare to be elected the person receiving the majority of votes cast for the particular office.

Section 3. All officers so elected shall take office at the next meeting following completion of Annual Report to National Audubon

Article VI Duties of Elected Officers

Section 1. The duties of the elected officers shall be as implied by their respected titles, and as are specified in these By-laws.

Section 2. The President shall preside at all meetings of this corporation and of its Board of Directors. S/He shall appoint a chairperson for each committee, and perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to such office.

Section 3. The President-elect shall preside at all meetings of this Corporation and of its Board of Directors in the absence of the President and shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors, including notifying members of the Board and committee chairs of meetings.

Section 4. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of meetings of this corporation and of meetings of the Board of Directors, shall carry on the correspondence of this corporation, and other duties as deemed necessary by the Board at large.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall collect all dues and make disbursements by check countersigned one of two designated officers; shall keep a correct account of all receipts and disbursements; shall furnish a monthly statement of finances to the board, and shall present an annual report at the May meeting of the Corporation. S/he shall deposit the funds of the Corporation in such place as the Board of Directors may direct.

Article VII Meetings

Section 1. Regular business meetings of this Corporation shall be held monthly on a date to be determined by the Board of Directors, or by resolution adopted by a majority of the members present at any such meeting. Seven members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular meeting.

Section 2. The annual meeting at this Corporation shall be the regular meeting held in May of each year.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the President or Board of Directors. Seven members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any special meeting.

Section 4. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held monthly or when called by the President. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

Article VIII Membership

Section 1. Any person interested in the purposes of the society is eligible for membership.

Section 2. Classes of membership shall be the same as those maintained by the National Audubon Society.

Section 3. Annual dues of membership shall be those of the National Audubon Society and be payable directed by the Society's headquarters.

Section 4. All classes of members, will enjoy the rights and privileges pertaining to the members of both this and the National Audubon Society.

Section 5. Membership dues shall be payable at the time of application and shall be effective from the date of election, and in the case of Individual, Family, Student, Senior, Senior Family, Sustaining and Contributing members, yearly thereafter. In the case of Life Members, dues shall be paid in one sum at the time of application, and will be accepted as of the time of election.

Section 6. Should renewal of membership dues not be paid, a member so in default shall forthwith be dropped from the rolls. Membership shall be renewed prior to expiration. Failure to do so will result in deletion from the local data base.

Article IX Vacancies

In the event of a vacancy in any office, a nominating committee appointed by the President shall recommend a replacement to fill such unexpired term. The nominee shall be presented at the next regular meeting for formal consideration by members in attendance.

Article X Committees

Section 1. The President shall have power to appoint such committees as s/he may deem necessary.

Section 2. The President shall appoint annually a Membership Committee who shall be responsible to maintain membership records and mailing labels. All Members of the Board shall be committed to recruiting new members.

Article XI Parliamentary Authority

Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall be the guide for any questions not provided for by these By-laws or by the Articles of Incorporation.

Article XII Amendments

These By-laws may be amended at any regular business meeting of this corporation by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided this amendment has been submitted in advance in writing.

Article XIII Commitments

The Board of Directors of this Society shall not enter into any commitment binding on the National Audubon Society without authorization from the latter. In like manner the National Society shall make no commitments binding on this society without its consent.

Article XIV Discontinuance

This society reserves the right to terminate its branch status on six months notice, given in writing to the National Audubon Society, in which case all allocation of dues by the National Society to this society will cease on expiration of the six month period. This society recognizes the right of the National Society to terminate the branch relationship on six months notice, given by it to this society, in which case the members of this society shall continue as members thereof for the balance of the term for which dues have been paid.

BIRD OBSERVATIONS FOR MARCH-APRIL

3-9 Am. Dipper Yosemite Natl. Park. Margaret Williams. 3-21 2 Wh. th Swifts on Calaveras River by Nancy Ballot. 3-23 Lsr & Otr Scaup Lake Merrit. M.W. 3-25. Oystercatcher, W.W. & Surf Scoters, C. Loon, Brant, H. Greebe etc. all at Bodega Bay by L. & S. Stocking. 4-7 a pair of Hooded Oriole at Micke Grove Zoo & Rufous Hummer in his yard & pair of Swainson's overhead all by Jim Rowoth. 4-10 Virginia Rail at confluence of the Calaveras River and Deep Water Channel by Nancy Ballot. 4-11 2 Blk. Necked Stilts in a puddle on new Hiway 99-41 interchange in Fresno by S. Stocking. 4-20 at Stockton Rural Cemetary at Pac Slope Flycatcher & a pr of BH Grosbeak by Jim Rowoth. 4-20 pair of Red-Sh Hawks at Calaveras River. by Nancy B. (also nesting N. Stockton ed) 4-21. Osprey, BH Grosbeak, N. Orioles, Law Goldfinch, Ash-th Flycatcher, Y.-G. Swallow all: Hogan Res by MW & JR. 4-22 an Amer Goldn Plover, full breeding plumage at Lodi Sewage Ponds by Cheri Pillsberry. 4-22 at Stockton Sewage Ponds J.W. saw Least, Western & Spotted Sandpipers. 4-24 pr. Swainsons circling above Knoles Way in Stockton, S. Stocking. 4-29 a classic view of Lewis Woodpeckers at Connoly Ranch S.E. of Tracy by Russ Stoddart and M. Ob.'s.

Become a friend of Stone Lakes

The Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge Association is a volunteer organization dedicated to conserving, interpreting and restoring the wetland habitats, waterfowl and other native wildlife in the Stone Lakes region. *New members are welcome.* Please complete and send this membership form, with a check made out to the Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge Association, to 2233 Watt Ave., Ste. 375, Sacramento, CA 95825-0509.

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ Zip: _____

Regular Membership

Individual: \$25
Family: \$35
Student: \$10
Corporate: \$100

Founding Membership

Individual: \$100
Family: \$150
Corporate: \$500

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SIERRA NEVADA FIELD COURSES

A variety of field courses including Birds of the Sierra Nevada, Bird Identification by Song and Sierran Bird Banding are being offered by San Francisco State at their Field Campus near the Sierra Buttes. Your editor can furnish more information at 465-2729. Or call them direct at (415) 338-1571.

1996 GOLDEN TROUT WORKSHOPS

There are six of these six-day workshops on the natural history of this 10,000 ft area south of Mt Whitney. The first is to start on June 30. They are popular and have been going since 1974. The enrollment is limited. Call them at (909) 798-3060 or your editor can give you the address.



SEQUOIA PARK SEMINARS

Again this summer your editor will offer Grant Grove Wildflowers. This weekend experience, June 29-30 is designed to acquaint you with the sierran flowers of middle elevation meadows, ridges, forests, & sequoia groves.

Many other short courses are offered by Sequoia Natural History Association including Birds of the Sierra and Outdoor Photography. For more info. contact Steve Stocing: 465-2729.

PHOTO CONTEST?????????

Can you identify this photograph? It was taken locally by one of our members. Those with special knowledge and those who are related in any way to the photographer or editor are not allowed to enter this contest. The winner will be announced in the next edition of the "Hoot Owl".

BIRDATHON 1996

Show your support for San Joaquin Audubon by calling in your pledge of support for our 1996 Birdathon. This is our major fundraising activity and your donations help make possible our efforts in the areas of Education, Habitat Protection, Membership Programs, and other good environmental efforts. Everyone who pledges will be eligible for an exciting door PRIZE to be announced at our May picnic (you do not have to be present to win), at which time Birdathon participants will also be awarded prizes in several categories. Call Dave Wagner (943-6997) or Jim Rowoth at 462-7514 before May 11 to make a pledge. Every dollar will help!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

ANNUAL WORLD SERIES OF BIRDING

This year our past president and outstanding birder of San Joaquin County, David Yee, will be joining a team of east-coast "professional" birders in this world class event. He has had the honor of having been invited to participate along with well-known birders Kenn Kaufman, Peter Pyle, and Keith Hanson in this world-famous (at least among hard-core birders) event, held every May in New Jersey. If you want to encourage these semi-pros to even greater heights, base your pledge on the final species count of this team. This is for those of you will deep pockets as they will certainly see over one hundred species. Take the pledge and support both David and San Joaquin Audubon!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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