



# THE HOOT OWL

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## STOCKTON AUDUBON SOCIETY

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### Calendar



Jan-Feb '85

Saturday January 26 Field Trip: Foster City & Palo Alto Baylands. Many ducks congregate here including the famous Smew. Rails are the other big attraction with Clapper, Sora, & Virginia sure bets and Black a possibility. Call leader George Welch for more info. 477-9618.

Also Saturday Jan. 26 GLASS RECYCLING. 8-5 at the rear of the Central-United Methodist Church parking lot. 3700 Pacific Ave. Donate your rinsed GLASS containers only..no blue glass, windshields or mirrors please. These will be recycled by Owens-Illinois. Call Alice Beighley for further information. 478-1802.

Saturday February 9 Field Trip to Stockton Sewage Ponds. A superlative birding hotspot. One never knows what will be present with the "staples" of Little, Black-headed & Franklin's Gulls. Last Feb, the Central Valley's only Tufted Duck showed up here. Join David Yee at the entrance to the ponds off Hwy 4 at 8:30. 466-3337/951-1526.

Tuesday February 12. Our first GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING of 1985. Chris Asay will bring his falcons and present a program about the history and practice of falconry. He will allow time for questions and answers. Central United Methodist Church, 3700 Pacific Ave. Meeting begins at 7:30, for information call 463-8305.

Fri--Sun Feb 15-17 6TH ANNUAL KLAMATH BASIN BALD EAGLE CONFERENCE  
For more information contact your editor at 463-2459

Sunday February 24 Field Trip to Modesto Sewage Ponds. This will be a joint venture with the Stanislaus Audubon Chapter. They are anxious to show us their "oasis" for the birds. The ponds may be the largest in the state with 3,000 acres. Shorebirds, gulls and enormous numbers of waterfowl are known to visit these ponds. The ponds are under lock and key, so this is a special treat for Audubon. They are on Jenner road near Keys. For more information call David or Jim Foster in Modesto at 529-8721.

#### ATTENTION TAXPAYERS! RARE & ENDANGERED SPECIES INCOME TAX CHECKOFF

Stockton Audubon endorses the endangered species tax checkoff, an opportunity to put part of your tax refund to work to purchase critical habitats for a number of endangered species, enhance and protect other habitats, and encourage more giving.

Just look for the endangered species line (line 90) on your California income tax return and fill in an even dollar amount. If you have a refund coming, the state will deduct the amount you specify and send it to the Department of Fish & Game. IF you owe state tax you simply add the amount to your total due. This amount you give this year is deductible on your 1986 federal income tax return.

Among the habitats to be purchased are properties that support peregrine falcon, California Condor, the San Joaquin Kit Fox and others.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Happy 1985! In 1984 we had many successful programs, field trips, and projects; 1985 should hold as much and more. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your help and support in all of our endeavors. Each of you is what makes our group so effective. I hope you will all feel free to let me know any time you have any suggestions for changes in our activities.

As you may have read, the San Joaquin Board of Supervisors did approve amending the general plan so that Carnegie New Town can be developed at Corral Hollow. However, they did not approve cancellation of the Williamson Act Contracts which cover about 80% of the land in the designated area. This delays development of those lands for 10 years. We hope the ten year wait will kill the current plan for development. In any case we will continue to watch what happens there and we will continue to lobby on behalf of the San Joaquin Kit Fox and the other rare and endangered species of the area.

-Kathy Schick

OAK GROVE NEWS

Come visit the Nature Center at Oak Grove Regional Park. Even if you have been to the Center before, there have been a few changes, and the large display cases are always fascinating even if you've seen them before. A very new attraction is the Explore-a-Park program from 11:00 to 12:00 AM the first Saturday of each month. This program is designed for children from kindergarten to 6th grade. The Docents running the program introduce the children to nature crafts, games, walks, etc. Come explore with your children, grandchildren, etc.

NOTICE: The Board of Directors of Stockton Audubon voted to donate \$500 to the Crumps to support their efforts in raptor rehabilitation, specifically to build a cage for recuperating eagles. This action will be presented to the membership at our meeting of February 12. (vote to be taken). The Board also acted to present a memorial book to the Stockton Public Library to honor Don McLaughlin, who was a long-time member & officer of Stockton Audubon and a retired Stockton biology teacher.

MEADOW IN THE SKY

This is the title of a new history of Yosemite's Tuolumne Meadow Region written by Elizabeth O'Neill who with husband Carroll are Stockton Audubon members. Once Stockton residents they now live in the foothills not far from Yosemite. The book is available at Stockton Book Stores.

FIELD BOTANY: This course will begin Feb 4 at Delta College. It will meet from 3:30-5:30 each Monday with 2 additional field trips. You may attend on the 4th in Cunningham 216 and later register. The course is for non-majors. Call instructor Steve Stocking for information at 463-2459 (home) or 474-5317 (Delta).

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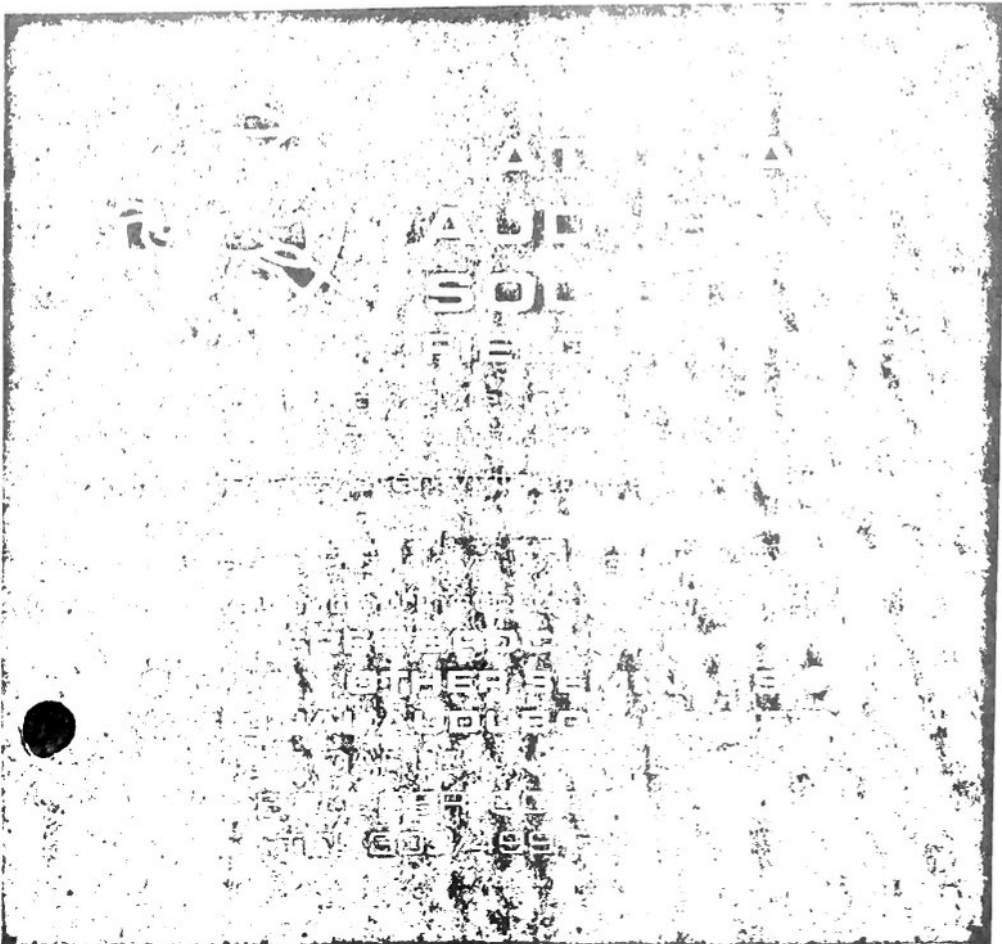
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# Bird Sightings

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When not otherwise mentioned, David Yee is responsible for the sighting. LSP is Lodi Sewage Pond, Stockton Sewage Pond is SSP, Oak Grove Park is OGP.

On 9-3 Lynn Terry observed 2 B.C. Night Heron at 14 Mile Slough and on 9-6 she observed 2 Green Heron at OGP. A Connecticut Warbler and a female Rose-br Grosbeak were observed on the Pt. Reyes field trip on 10/14. 10-17 a Franklin's Gull at SSP and on 10-18 a Lesser Golden Plover at LSP. 10-19 a Mew Gull & 10-20 both a Black-headed Gull & a Greater Scaup at SSP. 10-25 a Horned Grebe at Camanche and 10-26 the Little Gull at SSP. 11-3 David observed a Mac Gillivray's Warbler in the Durham Ferry area. 11-16 Nancy Greenwood observed a flock of LB Curlew on Franklin Road and on 11-17 she observed a S.S. Hawk in Stockton. 11-29 found a Hutton's Vireo & a Black-throated Gray Warbler at OGP. Those on the 12-1 field trip to Merced Natl. Wildlife area observed Merlin, Prairie Falcon, Ruff, and Lesser Yellowlegs. 12-2 a Wilson's Phalarope at LSP, 12-4 a Semi-palmated Plover at SSP, 12-6 a Thayer's Gull at SSP, 12-8 a Swamp Sparrow at Corral Hollow Rd., 12-13 2 Barn Swallow at LSP, 12-14 10,000,000 starling overhead at SSP and 12-19 7,300 Canvasback overhead at SSP. 12-21 a Bald Eagle over Jackson by Jeff Ryan. 12-26 to 1-12 large flocks of Robins & Cedar Waxwings on Delta campus. 12-27 a Great Horned Owl in Stockton by Linda Stocking. 1-5 160 Waxwings in Stockton, Steve Stocking. 1-5, 2 Red-shouldered Hawks at OGP by S Stocking & Karl Kothe. On 1-6 a Red-shouldered Hawk at the Lamms in Morada. 1-14 a Sora and 2 Yellowthroats at Lost Isle in the Delta by Betty McNear. 1-10 a B.S. Kite at the U.O.P. Pharmacy School. 1-11 a small flock of Pine Siskin in alders on the Delta College campus by Russ Lawson & Steve Stocking. On 1-14 2 swans flying over, a R.T. Hawk and Acorn Woodpeckers on the Delta Campus by L. Pederson. 1-14 Burrowing Owl, U.O.P. by Linda Stocking.



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