



# THE HOOT OWL

STOCKTON AUDUBON SOCIETY

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Calendar

May-Jun '85

Saturday May 11. Del Puerto Canyon Field Trip. An all day trip to one of the most delightful areas in the inner coast range. The middle of May is the peak time for migrants & local nesters in the canyon. Many grassland & mountain chaparral birds are to be expected including eagle, roadrunner, sage sparrow and up to four species of hummingbirds. Bring a lunch and plenty of water and join George and Lockey Welch either at 6:00 (when the birding is best) or at 8:00 at the intersection of I-5 and the Patterson exit. Call George at 477-9618 or 982-1800 ext 3015 for more information.

Sunday May 19. Annual Brunch and Birdwalk. We will be at the Alder picnic shelter at Oak Grove Park as we have been for the last few years. The birdwalk will start at 8:15. Brunch will start at 10:00 a.m. Bring your favorite dish and your own tableware. Stockton Audubon will provide the beverage. There will be a brief election meeting after brunch. Please all come and call Kathy Schick for more information (464-7083). (note change from Saturday)

Saturday May 25. Caswell/Durham Ferry Field Trip. A joint venture with Stanislaus Audubon to see the nesting birds at these fine riparian areas. Nesting Swainson's and Red-Shouldered Hawks, Blue Grosbeak, Lazuli Bunting, Western-wood Pewee and others should be on hand. Meet David Yee at the entrance to Caswell at 7:30. The trip will be for the morning only. For more information call David at 951-1526 or 466-3337.

Sunday June 16. Calaveras Big Trees & Etc. Field Trip. This all-day trip will survey the lower forests of the Sierra when the resident birds are actively nesting. Western Tanager, Black-headed and Pine Grosbeak, Pileated and White-headed Woodpeckers, Winter Wren and many others have been observed on this trip in the last few years. We will gather at Burn's Tower, U.O.P. at 7:30am and will plan to return to Stockton by 4pm. Bring a lunch and wear comfortable shoes as we will take short walks through the forests. Call leader Steve Stocking for further information. 463-2459 evenings.

Sunday July 7. Boat Trip to the Farallon Islands. Another joint trip with Stanislaus Audubon to observe one of the largest seabird colonies of California. July is noted for its CALM seas out of the Golden Gate, so we should have a rewarding trip to the islands and beyond as we observe nesting murre, cormorants, and puffins and hope to see albatros and shearwaters near the continental shelf. The cost of this all day trip is \$25.00 and spaces are limited so call soon to make reservations. David Yee 951-1526 or 466-3337.

See inside for RECYCLING & OAK GROVE WATERING INFORMATION

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The May Brunch and Annual Election will be Sunday, May 19th. I hope that most of you can attend. We will be at the same covered picnic area at Oak Grove Regional Park as we have been for the past two years. The Park is at the corner of Eight Mile Road and I-5 north of Stockton. There will be a bird walk followed by brunch at 10:00am. We have a new slate of officers so come and give them your support.

NOMINATIONS

These have been submitted by the nominating committee. Further nominations may be made at the election meeting.

President: George Welch	Board: Cindy Geer
Vice President: Victor Wykoff	Steve Stocking
Secretary: Ann Mullin	Lois Davis
Treasurer: John Geer	Terry Ronneberg

OAK GROVE NEWS

There have been many poppies and baby-blue eyes blooming on the Yokuts trail where we planted them last Fall. Work by the volunteers and the Park crews has removed most of the thistles from the nature trail areas. In the past few weeks work crews (Audubon members and Delta students) have weeded many of the young shrubs along the trail in the nature area. The young shrubs and oak seedlings need to be watered in the dry months until they become established. It looks like a dry summer.

The watering is done on Saturday mornings and with 5 or 6 persons helping it takes only 2 or 3 hours. This is our Stockton Audubon service project so please sign up to help with summer watering at our May Brunch/Election or call Steve Stocking (463-2459), Karl Kothe (464-1004), or Kathy Schick (464-7083) to volunteer. Or just show up between 8:30 and 11:30 on one of the following dates.

May 18  
 June 15 and June 29  
 July 13 and July 27  
 Aug. 10 and Aug 24  
 Sept 7 and Sept 21

OAKS INTERPRETIVE CENTER

Volunteers are needed to help staff the Interpretive Center at Oak Grove Park on Saturdays from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. There is no training required. This building is open to the public only four hours a week. The Oak Grove Docents have this as one of their projects. If you could help them out please call Lois Davis at 477-8353 or Kathy Schick at 464-7083.

GLASS AND ALUMINUM RECYCLING

The bottle bank returns May 18 1985 at the back of the parking lot, Central Methodist Church, 3700 Pacific Avenue. Clean glass bottles, jars, and containers as well as aluminum containers will be accepted from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For anyone unable to deliver discarded glass or aluminum to the parking lot, pick-up service is available by calling the Church office not later than May 17. No mirrors, tabletop, window or auto glass will be accepted. Help to conserve energy and to reduce litter!

What is the fastest bird in the world?  
 What bird do you have with every meal?

(a swift)  
 (a swallow)

GERED SPECIES ACT

Urge Congressman Shumway to support reauthorization of the Endangered Species Act; increase the funding authorizations; support strengthening amendments to protect plants, candidate species, and peregrine falcons; and oppose weakening amendments relating to the Colorado/Platte Rivers, or allowing sport hunting/trapping of "threatened species".

The Congressman is a member of the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries which should be considering the Act soon. It is very important that he receive grassroots communications in support of reauthorizing the Endangered Species Act. (House Office Bldg. Washington D.C. 20515)

BIKE-A-THON TO HELP SAVE MONO LAKE

On August 26, a dedicated group will begin a 6-day, 350 mile bicycle ride to return water to Mono Lake. The symbolic return of water to its natural destination is the focus of the 6th Annual Los Angeles to Mono Lake Bike-A-Thon. The ride benefits Mono Lake, the imperiled jewel of the recently established Mono Basin National Forest Scenic Area, set at the foot of the Sierra-Nevada Mountains.

If you would like to help, contact the Mono Lake Bike-A-Thon, 1355 Westwood Blvd, #6, Los Angeles, Ca, 90024; (213) 477-8229.

MONO FOUNDATION WORKSHOPS

The newly organized, nonprofit Mono Lake Foundation has organized a series of Mono Lake Workshops for this June through October. Each is a two-day weekend workshop and they will cover such topics as Paiute Basketry, Summer or Autumn Watercolor Workshops, Ecology, Insects, Birds, Geology and others. For dates and details call your editor at 463-2459.

Proceeds from these workshops will fund educational and research programs that are crucial to saving Mono Lake.

BIRDS OF THE SIERRA COLORING BOOK

This book, developed as a unique educational and artistic book for people interested in birds, is for young and old, beginning birders and experts. For those who just want to color, without worrying about identification or color guides, the pictures are there. For those more serious students who wish to get better acquainted with and learn more about these outstanding birds of the Sierra Nevada as they color, more information is provided.

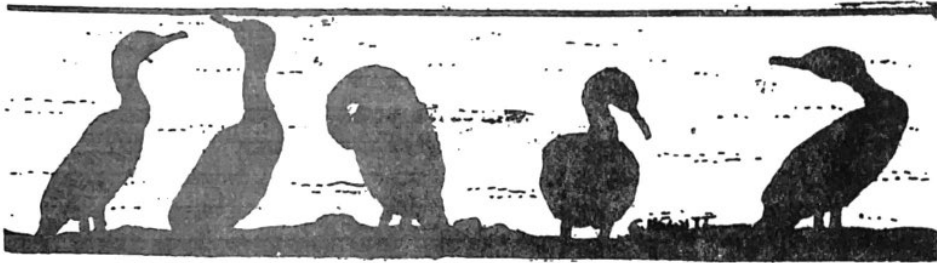
The publication was illustrated by Keith Hansen and the text by Robert Hansen, who are among the "primo" birders of California. A single copy is \$3.75 plus sales tax and handling. Contact Ursula M Singleton, Executive Secretary, Three-Forests Interpretive Association, 2431 West San Gabriel Ave., Fresno. CA 93705 for details and bulk prices.

PROTECT MOUNTAIN LIONS FROM TROPHY HUNTERS

Under existing law, the current moratorium on the trophy hunting of mountain lions will EXPIRE January 1, 1986. At that time, mountain lions--unless new protective legislation is enacted--will again be classified as a "game animal". Fortunately State Senator Robert B. Presley has introduced excellent legislation to protect mountain lions. His bill, S.B. 76 would make permanent the ban on mountain lion trophy hunting, and continue the restrictions on taking depredating lions. It does allow a lion to be taken if Fish and Game determines that it is destroying livestock.

Please write in support of S.B. 76 to Senator Garamendi and or to Assemblyman Johnston at the State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.





The following sightings were made by David Yee unless another name is mentioned. Locations are Corral Hollow Rd. (CH). Stockton Sewage Ponds

(SSP), Lodi Lake (LL). Other locations are spelled out. 2-22 N. Rough-winged Swallows (6) over Stockton. 2-23 pair Prairie Falcon. Roadrunner, White-th Swifts, 10 Rock Wren, a Canyon Wren and 10 Rufous-crowned Sparrows at (CH). 2-24 Franklin's Gull, Little Gull and Blk.h. Gull at (SSP) and a Ruff a Spotted Owl and a Long-eared Owl at Merced NWR. 2-26 1/2 a Winter Wren, Townsend's Warbler, White-throated Sparrow and 5 Evening Grosbeak at (LL). 3-3 a Common Loon at the Turning Basin. 3-5 a Solitary Vireo and a "Slate-colored" Junco at Louis Park. On 3-9 2 Cassin's Finch and 3 Purple Finch at Louis Park in Stockton. On the same date a Bald Eagle, 5 Golden Eagles, 500 Tricolored Blackbirds, and a Laurences' Goldfinch at (C.H.). 3-13 a pair of Blue-winged Teal at SSP. 3-19 a Hooded Oriole at David's residence in Stockton. 3-23 a Lesser Golden Plover at Lodi Sewage Ponds. 3-24 2 Common Moorhen near Manteca by Dick van Weir. 3-28 an Osprey, 5 Violet-green Swallows, and a Black-throated Gray Warbler at (LL). also a Rough-legged Hawk, 3 Rufous Hummers, an Allen's Hummer, a Western Flycatcher and 7 Blue-gray Gnatcatchers at (C.H.) as well as 50 Sandhill Crane at Woodbridge Road. 3-30 a Whimbrel and a Hutton's Vireo at Brovelli Woods. Also on 3-30 a Swainson's Hawk at Manteca by Dick van Weir. On 3-31 a Bullock's Oriole in Stockton by Vic Wykoff. On 4-1 the Stockings observed two Burrowing Owls on Copperopolis Rd. east of Peters and a White-headed Woodpecker & a White-breasted Nuthatch at Tragedy Springs on Hiway 88. 4-2 David observed a Chipping Sparrow and 250 Pine Siskins at Oak Grove Park. On 4-5 Verna Johnston observed the first Fox Sparrow of the season at Big Trees Village and the first Barn-Swallow at Dorrington. Verna and the Stockings observed Canyon Wren and Wrenit on the Camp Nine Road and the Stockings observed Shoveler, Pintail and Cinnamon Teal near Wallace, all 4-5. 4-7 S. Stocking noted that Amer. Goldfinch and Cedar Waxwings were still in Stockton. 4-8 found a Clark's Grebe at (SSP). 4-9 a Ash-th Flycatcher at Durham Ferry Park and 4-11 four Nashville Warblers, 1/4 Wilson's Warbler and a Blk-h Grosbeak at (LL.). 4-12 2 Wilson's Phalarope were at Tracy and 2 Black-headed gulls at (SSP). S. Stocking and class spotted a Golden Eagle at Del Puerto Canyon on 4-13. 4-14 found a Hammond's Flycatcher, 1/2 Solitary Vireo, and a Warbling Vireo at (L.L.). 4-19 Theodosia Benjamin observed Black-bellied Plover on Tully Road. Also on 4-19 David observed 13 Calliope Hummers and a Phainopepla at (C.H.). 4-20 Victor Wykoff observed 1/5 Willet at (SSP). 4-21 Nancy Greenwood observed L.B. DOWITCHERS and Cinnamon Teal near Franklin Blvd. 4-25 a Blk Swallow was at Lodi Sewage Pond. On 4-28 S. Stocking observed 2 Western Tanagers and 2 Blk-sh. Kites at the Oak Grove and one W.C. Sparrow was there the next day. So ends a very busy reporting period.

#### REQUEST FOR OBSERVATIONS OF BLACK SWIFTS..BANK SWALLOWS & PURPLE MARTINS

The California Department of Fish and Game is gathering information on these species in California to document distribution, abundance, habitat requirements, and reproductive success. In addition they are especially interested in documenting threats to their habitats. Please send complete reports of recent sightings (last 10 years) of breeding birds to Ronald W. Schlorff, Calif. Fish & Game, Nongame Wildlife Program, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, Ca. 95814. Include exact dates, locations and your address and phone.



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