

# SEQUOIA NEEDLES

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# PRESIDENT'S LETTER The Scene Behind the Scenery

BY MARTHA O'NEAL MACHO

Standing in the damp orchard at Filoli Estate, watching a Merlin through the scope as she sat quietly perched on a fruit tree, I began to reflect on the process that brought our small group to this pleasant opening in an oak woodland. Our group was part of a larger group that covered the Estate for the Crystal Springs count circle. My husband was part of another group that worked a hilly area between San Bruno and Hillsborough. Numerous other groups combing the hills, bay marshes and tidal flats, and a piece of the coastline for the birds. whether common or unusual, that are appropriate to those habitats. Everyone also watched for whatever off-course vagrants or rarities could be found within this circular area of San Mateo County.

Most of the process for the counts is invisible to the people who do the counting. Dates are set (sometimes with lively discussion). The dates are communicated to the field trip chair, who requests the editor to update last year's announcement and to run it in the November Needles. The Chair also asks our pool of field trip leaders for someone to lead a pre-CBC "practice" count. The count coordinator assigns those who sign up to territories and creates and distributes maps, along with sign-up sheets, tally sheets, and compilation papers. The group leaders receive packets; many phone calls are made. The \$5 contributions from each counter are collected and remitted to National Audubon to defray the cost of compiling the national count. Meanwhile the Garden Center reservation is made, the dinner committee plans, shops for and prepares the feast and the dinner fee is collected, since the compilation dinner is self-supporting. At the dinner the first "draft" of the species count is called out, followed by a formal

count that is posted on National Audubon's web site. For those not involved in most of this preparation, the assignments, maps, and dinner seem to appear out of thin air.

Oh, yes, the counters, with greater or lesser speed and difficulty finding their target birds, cover their territories; rise to the challenge; collect funny and dramatic experiences; debate the finer points of field marks; and enjoy the thrill of the chase through the great outdoors.

### BLUEBIRD JOURNAL

Winter Feeding

BY HOWARD RATHELSBERGER

Winter feeding the birds gives one an opportunity to attract Chickadees, Titmice, and Nuthatches that may stay on for the breeding season in spring and summer. Black sunflower seeds are their favorite, but this is also a favorite of squirrels, House Finches and Goldfinches.

The Finches are real gluttons, as are squirrels, which can monopolize, as well as be destructive to, the feeder. We had this dilemma early this winter, but solved the squirrel problem by hanging the feeder from a wire hook about three feet long from a convenient fork in a Japanese maple at the corner of our patio. The limb is about 10 feet high, so the feeder is about five feet off the ground, too high for a squirrel to jump up. The wire is too difficult for the squirrels to climb down to the feeder from the overhanging limb. It's a hexagon plastic hopper feeder, with ample drainage if it gets wet. Having six sides, it will accommodate up to six finches at a time and the Chickadees, Titmice, and Nuthatches sneak in, snatch a seed, and take it to their favorite perch to peck it

An occasional Scrub or Steller's Jay will

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### Monthly Meetings

San Mateo Garden Center (See program details on page 2)

February

Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:30PM

Program: The Dazzling Dragonflies

of the Bay Area

March

Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:30PM

Program: Seabirds and Marine

Mammals of Monterey Bay

**April** 

Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:30PM

Program: Cosmopolitan Ecology

### **Upcoming Field Trips**

(See trip details on page 3)

**February** 

Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> Bair Island\*

Sunday, 8th Redwood Shores\*

Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> Pillar Point

Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> Strybing Aboretum

Saturday, 21st

Consumnes River Preserve

Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> Edgewood Park

March

Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> Bair Island\*

Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> Redwood Shores\*

Saturday, 20th Bird Banding

Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> Owl Prowl

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Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> Birding by Ear

Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> Edgewood Park

April

Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Bair Island\*

\*Beginner/Family Trip

Check the field trip descriptions for

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a editor yahoo.com



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### **MEETING PROGRAMS**

BY BARBARA WILSON

# The Dazzling Dragonflies of the Bay Area

by Kathy Biggs Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2004

Did you know that the dragonflies are Earth's first fliers or that they come in every color of the rainbow, including metallic? As birders, we already have developed skills for watching and learning about them. Come and meet Kathy Biggs, author of *Common Dragonflies of California*, who will introduce us to the approximately 60 species of dragonflies found in the Bay Area and to their unusual and fascinating lives through a talk and slide show.

When Kathy discovered that there were no guides available for dragonflies, she began collecting her own data, which, as an educator, she decided to first publish on the Internet to share with others. The web site eventually evolved into her first book, Common Dragonflies of California, A Beginner's Guide, which will be for sale at the meeting.

Learn more about dragonflies at her California Dragonfly website: www.sonic. net/dragonfly/.

Learn more about building ponds for wildlife at: www.bigsnestpond.net.



### **Monthly Meetings**

San Mateo Garden Center 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo Parkside Way is west of Alameda de las Pulgas, between 26th and 28th Avenues.

# Seabirds and Marine Mammals of Monterey Bay

by Debra Shearwater Thursday, March 11th, 2004

Monterey Bay is well known to birders throughout the world as one of the premier places to observe seabirds and

marine mammals. A giant submarine canyon close to shore provides an upwelling of nutrients creating rich marine biodiversity with 94 species of seabirds and 26 species of marine mammals. It is one of only five such rich marine areas in the world and, as such, has been designated a National Marine Sanctuary and Important Bird Area. Large kelp forests are found close inshore. The seabed rapidly falls off close to the coast, reaching depths of more than two miles within sight of land. Large numbers of marine mammals, including sea otters, migrating gray whales, orcas, and summering humpback and blue whales are commonly seen. Sooty Shearwaters are often found in the hundreds of thousands during late spring and throughout the fall season. Up to eight species of shearwaters have been recorded in one day on a Shearwater Journey's trip. All three jaegers and South Polar Skua are regularly seen in the fall. Alcids peak in the winter season, often in the thousands. People from around the world come to witness these spectacles of marine life.

Debra Shearwater is the founder/director of Shearwater Journeys, www. shearwaterjourneys.com, which has been conducting pelagic trips off the California coast since 1976. As a full-time naturalist-birder, she has participated in over 1600 pelagic trips. Shearwater Journeys' trips have produced many important North American and California seabird records, most recently a Little Shearwater on October 29, 2003, on Monterey Bay!

Debra also has experience with seabirds off the east coast of the US and in Antarctica, South Georgia, the Falklands, the Seychelles Islands, the Galapagos Islands, the Mediterranean, and off the northwest coast of Africa. This past summer she co-lead a trip from Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula through the Aleutian Islands to Alaska's Kenai Peninsula. The highlight of that trip was finding 16 species of alcids, two short-tailed albatrosses, and mottled petrels. She will be repeating that trip in the summer of 2004.

Debra has co-produced a videotape, worked as a research associate, written articles, and has been featured in numerous books and a television show.

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# FIELD TRIPS BY CAROL MASTERSON

### Bair Island

Saturday, February 7, 9:00 AM

Join veteran birder Robin Smith to see the wintering specialties at Bair Island. Beginners and families welcome and there are binoculars to share. Learn about the restoration plan for Bair Island and planned development in the surrounding area. Rain cancels.

Directions: Take HWY 101 to Whipple Ave exit in Redwood City. Follow the frontage road around until you reach the National Wildlife Refuge parking lot on the right just before the Villa Apartments. No restroom facilities. Call to reserve your spot.

Leader: Robin Smith 650-325-3306. Beginner/Family Trip

### **Redwood Shores**

Sunday, February 8, 9:00 AM

The Redwood Shores is a great place to learn about "backyard" birds unique to the SF Bay Area, particularly waterfowl and shorebirds. Please contact field trip leader Teri Tith as the meeting place can vary (park w/tennis courts, tern rookery, or water treatment plant) depending on the time of year. This walk is especially suitable for beginners and families as there is a zero slope rating. It is held on the second Sunday of every month except December, starting at 9:00 AM. It can be one hour or longer in duration, depending on conditions and the interests of the group. Heavy rain cancels. Leader: Teri Tith 650-341-7724

teritith@mindspring.com Beginner/Family Trip

### Pillar Point Valentine's Day Walk Saturday, February 14, 9:00 AM

If you love birds bring your valentine on this walk. This is the only sheltered harbor between Santa Cruz and San Francisco, so Pillar Point is a prime birding area. This area is a stopover point for shorebirds and a favorite for seabirds. Not only does the harbor usually have one or two surprises, but the nearby willows, cypresses, and grassland have proven to be first-rate area for warblers and sparrows.

Directions: Take Hwy 92 to Hwy 1. Follow Hwy 1 north to Capistrano Rd. and turn Left at the lights. Turn left at the first opportunity and we will meet in the parking lot at the east end of the harbor near the boat launch ramp. This will be a walking trip along the beach and rocky areas, so boots or sturdy shoes are recommended. Wear clothing in layers for cold and windy to sunny weather.

**Leader:** Gary Deghi 650-726-1340

### Strybing Arboretum—San Francisco Sunday, February 15, 8:00 AM

Winter is a good time for birding at Strybing Arboretum in Golden Gate Park. The Arboretum has an outstanding variety of native and exotic plants as well as several "micro habitats" that attract many migrant and resident birds. Join Helen McKenna from the Golden Gate Audubon Society. She is an expert birder and leads a monthly trip to the Arboretum. Directions: Take Hwy 280 North. Stay in the left hand lanes in Daly City and continue north on 19th Ave. Immediately after 19th Ave. enters the park, take a right hand turn on Martian Luther King Drive. Follow MLK to just past the entrance to the aquarium, museums, and tea garden. You will see the entrance to the Arboretum your right. Meet the leader at 8:00 AM sharp at the front gate of the Arboretum (near 9th Ave and Lincoln Way). Dress in layers for changeable weather. Bring fluids.

Leader: Helen McKenna 415-566-3241

# **Consumnes River Preserve**

Saturday, February 21, 7:00 AM

We will meet in Foster City at the BridgePointe Shopping Center in the parking lot by Home Depot at 7:00 AM. We will car pool or caravan to Lodi Lake Park, and Consumnes River Preserve south of Sacramento and finish at Woodbridge Road, where we should see thousands of Sandhill Cranes, Tundra Swans, and Ross, Snow, and Greater White-Fronted Geese fly in and land for the night in nearby fields. We should be back in the Bay Area by 8:00 PM. Please

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## **Upcoming Field Trips**

(Continued from page 1) any special information or requirements. Late comers may be disappointed. For all field trips bring your binoculars, water, wear sturdy walking shoes or boots, sun block, a hat, and always dress in layers for hot sunny weather to cool windy conditions. While we will attempt to stay on schedule, circumstances may dictate changes to field trip leaders, dates, or times. For the latest schedule and updates always go to the Sequoia Audubon web site, contact the trip leader, or call Carol at 650-347-1769.



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bring your FRS radios if you have them and pack a lunch. Feel free to call us for more information and please call us if you plan to attend.

Leaders: Joe & Martha O'Neal Macho 650-692-8138

### **Edgewood Park**

Sunday, February 29, 8:00 AM

Come and talk with leader Lee Franks about the Bird Conservation Program at Edgewood Park. Learn how different species of birds are studied and monitored and how the information is used for conservation management. You may even want to volunteer to help out. The walk is 8 am to 11 am over moderately strenuous terrain. Meet in the paved parking lot at the main gate. Heavy rain cancels. **Directions:** The Edgewood Park entrance is east of Hwy 280 on

Edgewood Road in Redwood City. **Leader:** Lee Franks 650-592-7733

### **Bair Island**

Saturday, March 6, 9:00 AM

Are the wintering ducks still here? Join veteran birder Robin Smith at Bair Island. Beginners and families welcome; we have binoculars to share. Learn about the restoration plan for Bair Island and planned development in the surrounding area.

**Directions:** Take HWY 101 to Whipple Ave exit in Redwood City. Follow the frontage road around until you reach the National Wildlife Refuge parking lot on the right just before the Villa Apartments. No restroom facilities. Rain cancels. Call to reserve your spot.

Leader: Robin Smith 650-325-3306

Beginner/Family Trip

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Heavy rain cancels.

Leader: Teri Tith 650-341-7724 teritith@mindspring.com

**Beginner/Family Trip** 

### **Bird Banding Demonstration with SFBBO**

Saturday, March 20, 8:00 AM

Millions of birds utilize the South Bay wetlands. But where do they come from and where do they go? Join the San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory staff and lean how they study, catch, and band the birds of the bay. The trip is limited to 8 participants so get your reservations in early. There will be a \$10 donation to the SSBBO **Directions:** Meet in the parking lot of the Border's Books at the McCarthy Ranch Shopping Center in Milpitas. It is located at the interchange of 237 and 880. From 237 east, take McCarthy exit (just prior to 880) and take a left back over the top of the freeway.

Stay to the right. The center will be immediately on your right and the Border's will be very obvious.

**Reservations:** Call Carol Masterson 650-347-1769

### **Owl Prowl**

Sunday, March 21, 4:00 AM to Dawn

Wake up early and join us for an Owl Prowl. We will be listening for owls along the coast in the early morning hours when the owls will be active. Reservations (and an alarm clock) required.

Leader: Francis Toldi 650-344-1919 (home)

or 415-925-0660 (work)

### Birding by Ear at Hidden Villa

Saturday, March 2, 9:00 AM

Hidden Villa is a beautiful 1600 acre preserve in the Los Altos Hills dedicated to environmental education and sustainable farming. Our leader, Garth Harwood, will help us learn to identify migrants and resident birds.

Directions: Hwy 280 to the El Monte & Foothill College

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### OTHER BIRDING ACTIVITIES

(Sequoia Audubon does not sponsor the following activities)

### The Aleutian Goose Festival, Crescent City

March 26th-28th, 2004

Celebrate spring in Del Norte County with virtually the entire world's population of the once nearly extinct Alcutian Canada Goose. Programs reflect the diversity of birds, habitats, wildlife, culture, and history of this unique region.

**Information:** 800-343-8300 or www.aleutiangoosefestival.org

### John Scharff Migratory Bird Festival

April 3-5, 2004

Burns, OR — www.harneycounty.com

South east Oregon high desert birding with outings to Malheur NWR and Lak, Silvies River flood plain, Steens Mountain, Harney Basin, and Alvord Desert.

(541) 573-2636

### **Godwit Days Spring Migration Festival**

April 16-18

Arcata, CA

Extraordinary birding opportunities await at the 9th annual Godwit Days shorebird celebration. Located on California's North Coast, this festival offers redwood forests, rocky ocean coasts, wild river valleys, the expansive mudflats of Humboldt Bay and the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary, home to 253 species of birds and mammals. www.godwitdays.com (800) 908-9464

### 10th Annual Kern River Valley BioFest

April 30-May 2 Kernville, CA www.valleywild.org (760) 378-3044

### SACRAMENTO NWR

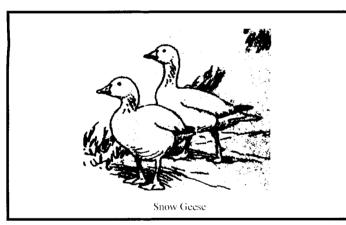
BY JOE AND MARTHA O'NEAL MACHO

November 2003's trip had the advantage of bright skies and dry participants, though the weather conditions included a chilly breeze. The trip highlights were two American Bitterns, one each day, which stood in close proximity to us for excellent views. There were plenty of White-faced Ibises and swans, so no chasing after distant flying birds was necessary; Sandhill Cranes were also present.

Near the road on an agricultural plot, we saw a densely-packed Snow Goose flock that drew in more and more birds which landed among geese even though there appeared to be no more room to land. Then all exploded in a noisy, expanding ball to cover the near sky.

We counted six individual Eurasian Wigeons among plentiful numbers of other ducks at varous locations. Another special sighting was four female Wood Ducks at our last stop, Colusa NWR.

Among the best parts for us each year are the sounds of thousands of ducks and geese and the lines of flying birds that stretch into the distance. Having fellow birders with us adds to the enjoyment of the experience.



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come by to pick up a seed and take it to a nearby perch. They, like the Chickadees, don't actually eat at the feeder. They're really not all that bad since they provide a kind of rationing service to prolong the supply of seeds throughout the day and, of course, are good alarm sounders.

So we have the pleasure of watching quite an assortment of birds enjoying their seed treats. We hope you, too, find enjoyment watching winter birds from a good observation spot at your home.

We also encourage you to place one or more nest boxes in appropriate places on your premises. Our so-called Junior Box serves this purpose well. Its 4"x 4" floor area with a 1 1/4" diameter opening is very appealing to the smaller cavity nesters. The hanging style is very popular with the birds. If you have Bluebird habitat by all means also employ the typical Bluebird box, 5"x5" floor area and a 1 1/2" diameter entry.

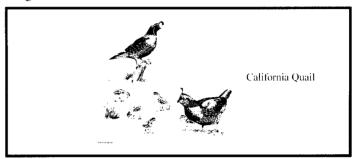
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### **Cosmopolitan Ecology**

by Alan Hopkins

Thursday, April 8th, 2004

Alan has led birding field trips in San Francisco and is known to many Sequoia Audubon members. He is past president and former Board member of the Golden Gate Audubon. He worked with San Francisco Department of Recreation and Parks to publish a map for Birding Golden Gate Park. Alan was instrumental in developing the "Save the Quail" project in Golden Gate Park and the Presidio. This included habitat restoration, monitoring (Quail Watch), and working with scientific consultants. He has published articles and photos in birding magazines.



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exit. Go west to the fork in the road. Take the left fork on Moody Road. Follow Moody Road and watch for the Hidden Villa sign on the left. Park in the first lot on the right. Walking will be on easy trails. Rain cancels

**Leader:** Garth Harwood 650-949-8643 gharwood@hiddenvilla.org

### **Edgewood Park**

Sunday, March 28, 8:00 AM

Come and visit this unique habitat with oak woodland, grasslands, and chaparral. Spring is the best time for this beautiful San Mateo County Park. Sparrows, meadowlarks, flycatchers, bluebirds, hawks, and more are all possible. Depending on the winter rains we will look for spring wildflowers, ferns, and fungi. The walk is 8 am to 11 am over moderately strenuous terrain.

**Directions:** The Edgewood Park entrance is east of Hwy 280 on Edgewood Road in Redwood City. Meet the leader, Lee Franks, in the paved parking lot at the main gate.

Leader: Lee Franks 650-592-7733

### **Bair Island**

Saturday, April 3, 9:00 AM

Join veteran birder Robin Smith to see what spring birds are at Bair Island. Beginners and families welcome, we have binoculars to share. Learn about the restoration plan for Bair Island and planned development in the surrounding area.

**Directions:** See March 6 trip for directions. No restroom facilities. Rain cancels. Call to reserve your spot.

Leader: Robin Smith 650-325-3306

**Beginner/Family Trip** 





### **Spring 2004 BIRDSEED SALE ORDER FORM** All Orders With Payment Must Be Received By Thursday, February 12, 2004

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### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### BY CAROL MASTERSON

Want to help the birds? Get involved? Here are some great opportunities to support conservation in San Mateo County. There are lots of volunteer opportunities available. Sequoia Audubon is an all-volunteer organization and we need your help. Many jobs are ones that you can do at home and that take only a few hours a month. Here are just a few volunteer jobs available:

### Audubon Canyon Ranch (ACR) Host

Sequoia Audubon needs volunteer hosts to assist ACR guides at the Bolinas Lagoon Preserve. Volunteer hosts greet visitors at the entrance, hand out trail maps and binoculars, and collect registration forms and entrance donations. The ACR guides brief volunteer hosts on current happenings at the heron and egret rookeries so that basic visitor questions can be answered. Volunteer hosts also have some free time to walk up the trail and observe the rookeries first hand. Lodging is available at ACR for volunteer hosts who prefer to arrive the night before.

**Requirements:** Should enjoy meeting people, answering questions, and spending an interesting/fun day outside.

**Location:** ACR Bolinas Lagoon Preserve, near Stinson Beach. Time: From 9:30 am to 4:00 pm; March 13, 14; April

24; May 8, 22; June 19, 20.

Contact: Shirley Carpenter 650-343-4433, or Bill and Peggy

Bechtell 650-728-3946



### Treasurer for Sequoia Audubon

WANTED: That rare kind of volunteer who would be a good Treasurer for Sequoia Audubon. Duties include making entries, creating monthly balance sheets and income statements. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, please forward information to current treasurer, Peter Grace.

Requirements: OuickBooks/Ouicken knowledge is essential and non-profit accounting would be helpful but is easy to learn.

**Contact:** Peter Grace (415) 467-0343

### Greeter at our monthly meetings

Help to greet visitors and new members at our Thursday night monthly meetings

Requirements: Enjoy meeting new people. Help make new members welcome.

**Time:** Approximately 2 hours per month at our monthly

meeting

Location: San Mateo Garden Center **Contact**: Eileen Kay 650-592-4626

### Field Trip Leader

Do you have a favorite birding spot you want to share with others? Enjoy teaching people about birds and birding? Requirements: Love of birds and birding and willingness to share your birding knowledge. Should be patient and enjoy working with people.

**Time:** Varies: 3 - 4 hours for each walk.

Location: In the field

Contact: Carol Masterson 650-347-1769

### Letter Writer

Be an Armchair Activist and help support conservation issues that effect birds and the environment. Hand write letters to public officials on important conservation issues. We help give you ideas on what to write.

Requirements: Interest in environmental issues and willingness to write letters to public officials.

Location: Your home

Time: Varies 15 minutes to 1 hour per month Contact: Cynthia McLaughlin 650-299-9469

### **Assistant Membership Coordinator**

Our members are our most important assets. We need to keep track of all our member names and addresses in our easy to use computer database.

Requirements: Attention to detail and accuracy. Willing to

learn computer data entry. We will train you. Time: Varies: 8-10 hrs. per month – your schedule. **Location:** On your personal computer at your home

Contact: Teri Tith 650-341-7724

### Exhibit/Display Designer

Create and design an exhibit for public libraries and schools to teach the public about birds and birding.

Requirements: An artistic ability.

Time: Varies - 1-8 hours per month – your schedule

Location: Work at your home and delivery of exhibit to local

libraries and schools.

Contact: Carol Masterson 650-347-1769

Many thanks to Jeanne Scharetg, our new Birdseed Sale Chairperson. Sequoia Audubon Society

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# **Christmas Bird Count Results**

We plan to print the Christmas Bird Count results in the April issue of Needles. To get the results sooner, please try our website:

www.sequoia-audubon.org

# THE BIRD BOX RARE BIRD ALERT 415-681-7422

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# Mission Statement

The mission of Sequoia Audubon Society is to participate in environmental education, and conservation and in the restoration, preservation, protection and enjoyment of our native natural resources with emphasis on birds and their habitats.