# SEQUOIA NEEDLES



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# PRESIDENT'S LETTER Odds and Ends

BY MARTHA O'NEAL MACHO

Not as in bits and pieces, but as in chances and endings. As I conclude my second, and final, year as Sequoia Audubon's President, I am taking a mental snapshot of our interests and projects. In what ways could they develop and in what ways can I use my soon-to-beexpanding free time? Our brave and tenacious Conservation Committee continues to pursue the preservation and ecological improvement of several spots in San Mateo County, both on the bay side and the coast side. These areas would otherwise be affected by development or neglect to the detriment of present bird inhabitants. Ladmire the dedication of the Committee members in keeping current with development plans and actively promoting the welfare of these habitats over a long, drawn-out planning process that seems to include sudden policy shifts and quite a few interest groups. At least two of our projects also involve what many people view as "pets versus wildlife," which we see as a matter of

keeping companion animals away from those few remaining areas in the County that support wild birds and other native wildlife. Another potential project is to assist Audubon California with a new Audubon Center in our area. What will the outcomes of these projects be? Since protecting the wild habitats in the County is probably a neverending task, our chances of success (and we have had a

good number of them) depend in part on keeping involved even after we seem to have "finished" a project. In the case of conservation, perhaps there aren't many endings, except, of course, when some habitats for wildlife cease to exist.

As regards the ending of my term of office. I plan to continue involvement with Sequoia Audubon, though I haven't had a chance to give the exact nature of the involvement any concentrated thought. I do know that there are quite a numerous assortment of jobs to be done, so I have no doubt there will be enough to keep me busy. Being President has given me the opportunity to work with some wonderfully dedicated people. There is the satisfaction of sharing one's efforts with others in a worthwhile, and to me, essential, cause. The drawbacks have been in the nature of "too much of a good thing," since like most other Audubon chapters volunteers prefer to do conservation or education (such as the Christmas Bird Count, field trips or programs) rather than administrative duties.

So, what are the odds of our projects' success? Pretty good, I'd say; and as for endings, individual contributions change but Sequoia Audubon's mission goes on.



The Egrets Are Here! The Egrets Are Here!

One more day to be a Sequoia Audubon greeter at the Audubon Canyon Ranch! Or just come to visit.

It's fun and it's easy.

Hours 9:30 to 4:00 July 11

Call Shirley Carpenter 650-343-4433 for more information and maps.

## Monthly Meetings

San Mateo Garden Center

#### June

**Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup>,** Pot luck and Raffle: 6:00PM; Program: 8:00 PM **Program:** A Birder Down Under

June meeting is a potluck dinner; see details on page 2.

#### **Upcoming Field Trips**

(See trip details on page 3)

June

Sunday, 13th Redwood Shores\*

#### July

Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> Redwood Shores\*
Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> Rancho del Oso —
Coastal Big Basin State Park

Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> August
Redwood Shores\*

\*Beginner/Family Trip

Check the field trip descriptions for any special information or requirements. Late comers may be disappointed. For all field trips bring your binoculars, sun block, and water; wear sturdy walking shoes or boots, 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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#### MEETING PROGRAMS

BY BARBARA WILSON

#### A Birder Down Under

by Peter Metropolus Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2004, 6:00PM

Long-time Sequoia Audubon member, Peter Metropulos, spent two weeks in the Cairns area of northeast Queensland, Australia, in September of last year. During our June 10 meeting, he will share experiences he had among the rainforests, mangrove swamps, eucalyptus woodlands, and coral reefs in the region. Using slides of landscapes and habitats, and perhaps a few of birds, mammals, and reptiles, he will entertain us with tales of his encounters with kangaroos, crocodiles, cassowaries, cockatoos, and kookaburras. Be sure not to miss "A Birder Down Under."

For our June meeting we will have our annual end-of-the-year potluck. Please bring a main dish, casserole, or salad to share. Please also bring plates and utensils for you and your guests. Sequoia Audubon will furnish dessert and coffee/tea.

# WHY THE BURROWING OWL RELOCATED...

OR, CATS AND BIRDS AND THE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MIX IT UP ON THE FOSTER CITY SHORELINE

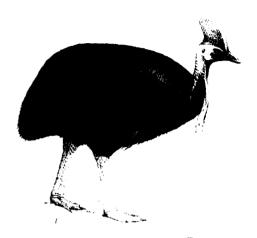
BY ROBIN SMITH

The Conservation Committee of Sequoia Audubon Society has begun a campaign to help the birds that live along the pedway in Foster City in the neighborhood of the golf course. There is a burgeoning cat colony there in the rip-rap along the shoreline. On the Christmas Bird Count in 2002, our Foster City counters saw 6 cats. This year on the count, they saw 30, including 8 kittens. Soon after that some of our members counted 39. These are just the cats that were willing to come out of hiding, so you can imagine that the total amount is much larger than that. Each un-spayed female can have three litters a year. Do the math!

Several different kinds of sensitive bird

#### **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.



Cassowary

habitat surround the area of the cat colony: a California clapper rail marsh; a mitigated wetlands marsh; mud flats used by migratory birds; a pond used by ducks, nesting American avocets and Black-necked stilts; and some uplands used by Red-winged blackbirds and other species.

Our goal is to make this habitat safer for migrating and resident birds. The Conservation Committee made a presentation to the Foster City Parks and Recreation Commission focused on telling the story of the birds that live and travel through the area. Our goal is to collaborate with Foster City and the Homeless Cat Network to improve the lives of both birds and cats there. If you would like to help, give a Conservation Committee member a call at 650 325-3306 or e-mail Conservation @sequoia-audubon.org.





#### **Redwood Shores**

Sunday, June 13, 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. We will start at 9:00 AM. It can be one hour long 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** 

#### **Redwood Shores**

Sunday, July 11, 9:00 AM

See description for June 13 Beginner/Family Trip

#### Rancho del Oso — Coastal Big Basin State Park

Saturday, July 17, 8:30 AM

Join leader Grant Webb from Santa Clara Audubon Society for this hidden coastal valley exploration. We will meet at 8:30 AM sharp at the beach parking area alongside Hwy 1, just north of Waddell Creek Bridge. This will be a long, but fairly level hike (approx. five miles), along the Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail. We will look for Swainson's Thrush, Winter-Wren, Wilson's Warbler, and woodpeckers along the riparian area of Waddell Creek and along the trail that winds through a beautiful canyon. The temperature will warm up as we move away from the coast. Bring liquids and lunch (in a back pack if possible) and dress in layers with a hat. After the walk watch for shore and sea birds on the drive back. Directions: Go south on Hwy 1 about two miles past Año Nuevo State Reserve. Watch for the parking area on the west side of Hwy 1.

Leader: Grant Webb (408) 578-0409

#### **Redwood Shores**

Sunday, August 8, 9:00 AM

See description for June 13. Beginner/Family Trip

## FIELD TRIP TO WASHINGTON PARK, BURLINGAME, MAY 2, 2004

BY SUE COSSINS

Two newcomers to the bay area, Twyla and Gail, joined Sue Cossins and a few others on a recent field trip to Washington Park. When Sue heard Bushtits high in a tree, Twyla announced that Bushtit would be a life bird for her.

The birders found the three or so birds along with two Hummingbirds in an agitated state -- flying in and out and calling loudly. It was soon discovered that they were joining together in a mobbing activity due to the presence of a Cooper's hawk. The hawk was sitting quietly as the group viewed it from behind. As the birders moved around to get a front view of the bird, the vertical streaking on the breast identified it as an immature.

Another interesting sight that morning was the presence of about twenty Cedar Waxwings feeding on eucalyptus flowers high in the tree.

#### Oak Titmouse

Bæolophus inornatus



### **Upcoming Field Trips**

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#### Other Birding Activities

(The following activities are not sponsored by Sequoia Audubon. See details on page 5)

#### May

Sunday, 30th San Francisco Aquatic Park\*

#### June

Wednesday, 9th Russian Ridge OSP

#### July

Friday-Monday, 23rd-26<sup>th</sup>

Kern River Valley Hummingbird Celebration

#### August

Saturday, 7th Año Nuevo State Reserve

Sunday, 8th Tufted Puffins and Farallon Islands — Pelagic trip

Saturday, 21st Charleston Slough\*

\*Beginner/Family Trip



Nuttall's Woodpecker

# FROM AUDUBON CANYON RANCH: NESTS, NEWTS AND NON-NATIVES

BY BETSY STAFFORD

This spring over 170 docents from Audubon Canyon Ranch's Bolinas and Bouverie Preserves have shared their love of nature with 3000 schoolchildren in the greater Bay Area. They've marveled with 3rd and 4th graders over the million parts of a flight feather, visited over 200 classrooms, led hundreds of nature hikes over the trails of our two educational preserves, and giggled with the children over the tickly feel of newt toes and hazelnut leaves.

It's now time to reach out to more of you who love learning and sharing a love of nature. Bolinas Lagoon Preserve announces its 19th Docent Training beginning September 2004; classes meet once a week on Wednesdays for 22 weeks. An informational meeting will take place on August 25; call 415-868-9244 for more information. We promise you a most enriching experience!

favor the native species."

American Crow

# 2004 WEST NILE VIRUS SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM

BY ROBIN SMITH

Dead bird surveillance is a key component of an early warning system to detect West Nile virus activity. Audubon members are being asked to help by reporting dead birds. You can do this either by calling the toll-free WNV Dead Bird Surveillance hot line 1-877-WNV-BIRD (1-877-968-2473) between 8 am and 4 pm, Monday through Friday, or by submitting a report through the California Department of Health Services website http://www.westnile.ca.gov.

actually be a significant help in restoring grassland systems in California to a much more natural state than is present

when these systems are left alone. That's because Califor-

nia's grasslands are dominated by introduced, invasive, and mostly annual grasses that alter the ecological processes of

these landscapes to the extent that introduced species seriously out-compete native plants. By keeping the growth of introduced grasses in check, cattle help tip the scales back to

Rebecca adds: "One likely outcome is an improvement in the

quantity and quality of wildflowers seen as you drive past the

preserve on a spring day. Please feel free to email either Dan

(Gluesenkamp@egret.org) or me (raj@egret.org) if you

have questions or concerns about this."

Approximately 90% of the birds that test positive for West Nile virus are American Crows. Other infected species in the past have been: Common Raven, House Finch, House Sparrow, Northern Flicker, Northern Mockingbird, Western Scrub Jay and White-crowned Sparrow.

To be acceptable for testing, a bird must be dead no longer than 24 hours at the time of report. Signs that a bird has been dead too long include the presence of maggots, sunken

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Come visit the heronry at Bolinas Lagoon. Just a few weeks remain for you to come visit our lively, lovely Bolinas Lagoon Preserve on weekends, 10-4, through July 11. After June 4th, when our school program ends, visitors will have a special opportunity to visit the preserve on weekdays, Tuesday through Friday, 10 to 4 by appointment only. Call 415-868-9244 to schedule an especially peaceful weekday visit. While not required on your visit, contributions to our programs are especially appreciated and will help us continue our education, research, and preservation programs.

#### Cattle grazing on our Bouverie Preserve????

Rebecca Anderson-Jones, our Bouverie Biologist and Director of Education, reports: "YeeHaw! The cows are back! The careful planning of our Habitat Protection and Restoration Specialist, Dr. Dan Gluesenkamp, has paid off. After about five years of rest following a long history of seasonally intensive grazing, Bouverie will again host a few head of cattle. Dan has worked out an arrangement with a local rancher and a neighboring landowner that will make a positive difference in our long-term management of the grasslands in the lower field. For many people, grazing cattle on a wildlife preserve may seem "unnatural." When done right, however, it can

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or missing eyes, and a strong odor. Birds that have been involved in trauma are potentially acceptable for testing, however, the chest cavity must be intact. Birds from unsecured locations (streets, parks, parking lots) are generally not accepted for testing. Dead birds can be refrigerated but do not put carcass in a regular freezer.

So keep a lookout for dead birds even though they're not nearly as much fun as live ones.

## **CORRECTIONS TO CHRISTMAS BIRD** COUNT

SUBMITTED BY ROBIN SMITH

The following species were omitted from the report on the Christmas Count that appeared in the April *Needles*.

#### **Crystal Springs**

Great Egret	60
Red Knot	2
Burrowing Owl	1
Tri-colored Blackbird	52



Great Egret	12
Marbled Godwit	13
Tri-colored Blackbird	440



And there is a correction to the count for Ring-billed Gull at Crystal Springs: 1160 rather than 1169.

#### Sequoia Audubon Officers Slate for the 2004-2005 Year

President: Open

Vice President: Bill Bechtell

Second Vice President: Howard Rathelsberger

Secretary: Sue Cossins Treasurer: Peter Grace

Board of Directors — terms ending in 2007:

Carol Masterson John Johnson

#### OTHER BIRDING ACTIVITIES

(The following activities are not sponsored by Sequoia Audubon.)

#### San Francisco Aquatic Park

Sunday, May 30, 9:30 AM

Meet Carol Kiser, a San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park Ranger, for a beginners' bird walk. Meet at 9:30 AM at the foot of the Hyde Street Pier, at Hyde and Jefferson in San Francisco, for a two-hour walk. We will look for the "Birds Next Door to the Urban Environment." Dress in layers and bring fluids. This trip is wheel chair accessible.

**Leader:** Carol Kiser (415) 561-7100

**Beginners/Family Trip** 

Russian River OSP — Half-day trip Wednesday, June 9, 8:30 AM

Meet the leader Shirley Gordon from the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society. We will look for Grasshopper Sparrow, Lazuli Bunting and other summer birds. Bring fluids and a sun hat. Lunch optional.

**Directions:** Meet at the parking lot at the junction of Page Mill Road and Skyline Blvd (Hwy 35), go southwest on Alpine Road approximately one block to parking lot.

Leader: Shirley Gordon (408) 996-9863

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Kern River Valley Hummingbird Celebration Friday - Monday, July 23-26

This trip is a must for all birders. The Kern River Audubon Preserve in Weldon has been designated a Globally Important Bird Area, with a total of 340 bird species listed. This is the best hummingbird viewing in California.

Go to http://www.valleywild.org, email krpfriends@lightspeed.net or call Kern River Valley Nature Fests (760) 378-3044 for more information.

#### Año Nuevo State Reserve Half-day walk Saturday, August 7, 8:30 AM

Join leader Bob Reiling from Santa Clara Audubon Society to look for Bank Swallow, Marbled Murrelet, and early returning shorebirds. If we are very lucky we may see Black Swift. Plan on a 3-4 mile walk (half in sand), fog, bright sun, and wind. Bring a scope, lunch, liquids, and dress in lavers.

**Directions**: South on Hwy 1 about 30 miles south of Half Moon Bay. Meet at the far south end of the parking lot. There is a \$5 per car parking fee. Lunch optional.

**Leader:** Bob Reiling (408) 253-7527

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# EDGEWOOD PARK BIRD CONSERVATION PROGRAM

BY LEE R. FRANKS

Sequoia Audubon has a bird conservation program in place at Edgewood Park & Natural Preserve, a 467-acre site managed by San Mateo County Parks & Recreation. The objective of the program is on-going monitoring and study of bird population densities and breeding activities, so that steps can be taken to protect and preserve the birds that live in the Park.

POPULATION DENSITY data is the best indicator of how well the birds are doing in terms of sustainability and survivability. Data is collected year-round in several study plots located throughout the Park, using statistical sampling techniques. Evaluation of this data enables us to determine how well the three major habitat types (oak woodland, chaparral, grassland) are meeting the needs of the birds. We are in our fifth year of monitoring and population density trends look very good in all three habitats. Looking at 2003, for example, we experienced a 13% increase in the mean density of all birds using chaparral habitats over the prior year; an 11% increase in the birds using grassland habitats; and population density in the oak woodland habitat was unchanged. Two species whose numbers are increasing substantially are the Western Bluebird and the Western Meadowlark.

BREEDING ACTIVITY data is collected through extensive searches of the vegetation and the monitoring of nest boxes during the breeding season. With nest data, the location of nest sites is mapped, the duration of breeding activities is recorded, and records of success/failure are maintained. By feeding back this information to Park Rangers, nesting sites can be protected from human disturbances, most of which are related to Park maintenance.



Western Bluebird

To date, we have monitored three raptor species and ten songbird species, either in natural habitat or artificial (nest box) habitat. We pay particular attention to those species that nest on the ground (meadowlarks, juncos, towhees, quail) as they are especially vulnerable to human disturbances.

As indicated above, Western Meadowlark and Western Bluebird populations have increased substantially. We, the volunteers who work with the program, like to think that our efforts have contributed to these successes. Conservation efforts yield maximum benefit when they are applied at the local level in an atmosphere of cooperation and collaboration between our volunteers and the Park Rangers. This program does just that, and our volunteers find that participation in this program is a good way to improve their bird ID skills, especially recognizing bird songs and calls.

If you would like to learn more about the program, or if you would like to volunteer some of your weekend time to help out, contact Lee R. Franks (650) 592-7733 or Teri Tith (650) 341-7724.

(Other Birding Activities, continued from page 5)

# **Tufted Puffins and Farallon Islands – Pelagic Trip** Sunday, August 8, 7:30AM

We will depart at 7:30 sharp from Sausalito aboard the Salty Lady for the eight-hour adventure to the Farallon Islands. The Farrallons are home to nearly 200,000 nesting seabirds. We should see Common Murre, Pigeon Guillemot, Brandt's Cormorant and Tufted Puffins. We will also watch for California Sea Lions, Harbor Seals, and possibly Steller's Sea Lions and Elephant Seals. Weather permitting we will head west to the edge of the Continental Shelf to search for deep-water seabirds such as Black-footed Albatross, Northern Fulmar, Pink-footed Shearwater, Buller's Shearwater. Ashy Storm-Petrel, Sabine's Gull, and Rhinoceros Auklets. We will also keep an eye out for whales, porpoise, and dolphin.

Reservations are required: This trip is through Shearwater Journeys. It fills up fast so register early. Price is \$109; because of the greatly fluctuating fuel prices, a \$5-\$10 fuel surcharge may be necessary on the day of the trip.

Send a check to Shearwater Journeys, P.O. Box 190, Hollister, CA 95024. Please include your phone number, cmail address (if available) and self-addressed, stamped envelope.

**Leaders:** Alan Hopkins (415) 664-0983 and Debra Shearwater (831) 637-8527

**Charleston Slough**, Mountain View — Half-day walk Saturday, August 21 8:30 AM

Meet leader Roxie Handler from Santa Clara Audubon Society for a summertime walk along the bay. This is trip is designed for beginning birders, but everyone is encouraged to attend.

**Directions:** Meet at Terminal Way at the end of San Antonio Road off Hwy 101 in Mountain View. Bring binoculars, fluids, and a hat.

**Leader:** Roxie Handler (408) 730-1745

Beginners/Family Trip

#### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

BY CAROL MASTERSON

Want to help the birds? Get involved? There are still many opportunities to volunteer for important Sequoia Audubon programs and projects. 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 of the available volunteer opportunities:

#### President for Sequoia Audubon

We are still searching for a volunteer for the office of President of Sequoia Audubon.

Requirements: The duties are expandable, but basic ones include preparing agendas for Board meetings and conducting the meetings, moderating at the monthly Members' Meetings, and preparing National Audubon's annual report of chapters. There is a wide variety of other chapter activities which may involve the president.

Time: Considerable

Contact: If you are interested in doing all or part of this function, contact current president, Martha O'Neal Macho, for information at (650) 692-8138.

#### Webmaster

Maintain and update our web site at http://www.sequoiaaudubon.org.

Requirements: Experience with web site design, HTML, and simple photo files.

Time: 30 minutes to 2 hours per month at your convenience Location: Work at your home and update site files via FTP.

Contact: Carol Masterson (650) 347-1769

#### 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



Greater Roadrunner, with lizard

Sequoia Audubon Society

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# SEQUOIA AUDUBON SUMMERTIME FUNDRAISER

The June 10<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting includes the election of officers and directors; please see the election slate on page 5.

The meeting will be proceeded by a Potluck Dinner, Raffle, and Silent Auction to raise money for Sequoia Audubon. The dinner starts at 6:00 PM, so bring your favorite main course dish, salad, or hors d'oeuvres, and plates and utensils. We will provide dessert and coffee or tea.

Help support all of Sequoia Audubon's ongoing educational, scientific and conservation activities. We will have some great items donated by our members and local businesses. Donation is \$1 per ticket.

If you have items or services to donate please contact Carol Masterson (650) 347-1769 .

## 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.