



Programs

Second Wednesday of the month,
September-June, 7:00 PM,
White Mountain Research Station
3 miles east of Bishop
on East Line Street.

Check website or local media
for changes.

ESAS Website: ESAudubon.org Eastern Sierra Bird Sightings: ESAudubon.org/birds/

Evening Programs

Evening programs will be preceded by announcements of interest to the membership, and recent bird sightings and other local natural history news. Come prepared to participate!



Osprey learning to fly, photo by Lisa Fields

May 12, 2010 *Lisa Fields - Osprey Research*

The Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) is a fish eating bird that occurs worldwide. It was greatly impacted in the United States by the use of DDT during the 20th Century, with the populations in the northeast decreasing by up to 90%. Since the ban of DDT in 1972, the species has increased in number dramatically and expanded its range. This is most evident in California with a southward expansion in the Sierra Nevada with new nesting populations at Donner Lake, Lake Tahoe, and Mono Lake.

Lisa will discuss the natural history, conservation, and management of osprey in the Sierra Nevada with an emphasis on three populations – those that nest at Donner Lake, Lake Tahoe, and Mono Lake. Nesting activity and success have been monitored at Donner Lake since 2003, Lake Tahoe since 1988, and Mono Lake since 2003. Mono Lake has the greatest nesting success, followed by Donner Lake, then Lake Tahoe. We will discuss theories of why ospreys nesting at a fishless lake are more successful than those at fish containing lakes as well as future studies designed to

help understand this phenomenon.

Lisa Fields is an Environmental Scientist with the Sierra District of California State Parks, which encompasses 17 park units from Plumas County to Mono County. She is responsible for wildlife management, with a focus on raptors. Osprey are her passion, but she manages all wildlife including species such as the northern goshawk and willow flycatcher.

For more info see www.ESAudubon.org or call Roberta at 872-7846. Everyone is welcome to attend! Non-members attending the meeting have a chance to win a free 12 month membership to the local chapter of Audubon!



*Male Osprey delivering food,
photo by S. Hartman*

President's Message

*"God loved birds and invented trees.
Men loved birds and invented cages"*

— Jacques Deval

Yesterday I was in the garden doing something which I thought was very important, when Roberta simply said "listen." The gigantic cacophony of Red-winged and Yellow-headed Blackbirds had returned to my neighbor's cottonwood tree. How could I not have been aware of such a racket? How does it happen that I can be so wrapped up on my own thoughts that I hadn't been aware of this none-too subtle announcement of spring?

Bird sounds have associations and meanings that give them a power beyond the mere identification of individual species. They are reminders of past experiences and places and announcements of the ongoing rhythms of life. Before we moved here and had to be content with visiting the Eastern Sierra at every possible opportunity, the song of the Mountain Chickadee was my confirmation that we had returned to a place I wanted to be. My affection for these little guys was born on a bright late spring morning at the Mosquito Flat ski hut. We spent time delaying our ski out by watching and listening to the birds and letting the amazing presence of Little Lakes sink into our lives.

I cannot hear the sound of Ravens without thinking of the many stories of the trickster and his adventures with Coyote. I think of the Raven as a totem bird and find myself thinking "hello grandfather" when I hear those jarring calls.



The phoebe's song confirms the coming of spring even when, like this year, the weather station insists that it is winter. So too with the first flash of oriole color. Thank goodness the birds do not rely on computers to determine the changing of the season.

Stellar's Jay noise bring an instant vision of early mornings in Yosemite Valley. The cry of a hawk reminds me of the Redtail that would cruise past the window of my office in downtown Stockton when I was yearning to be free.

These birds set a context. They continually remind that there is more to all of this than I understand. The presence of life is all around us, but it is easy to get caught up in the noise in my head and lose the connection. Fortunately, we are blessed with the presence of so many birds at our house that it is nearly impossible not to notice their songs and warning calls, the determined activity of courting and nest building, and the flash of color in clumps of foliage or under roof eaves. The gift of these birds is a reminder of what an amazing circumstance it is to be a part of this huge web of living things. What must it be like to be able to fly? How to comprehend the journeys of the migrants who come to the Bishop Park? How do I understand how privileged we are to have a hawk that perches on a railing on our patio? What is the way to give thanks for the dances of hummingbirds in August or the gliding nighthawks as darkness descends on a soft summer evening?

It is good to be humble in the face of things bigger than ourselves. I wish I could read more in the newspapers about people who announce that they are privileged to be a part of it all instead of complaining about the size or shape of their slice of the pie. Would that we worried and fretted as hard about the future of our fellow travelers in life as we do about the state of our retirement plans.

Still, spring is the chance to take solace and hope and energy from the fact that the birds are back and all things are possible once again. Welcome back, you noisy blackbirds.

— **Pete Pumphrey**

Of Note

From Pete Pumphrey

Chapter Annual Meeting Coming in June

On Wednesday, June 9, members of the Eastern Sierra Audubon Society will meet for their annual pot luck summer dinner. This occasion provides an opportunity for people to visit and exchange stories about places to visit and birds to see. It is also the meeting at which we elect officers and members of the Board of Directors. If you are interested in serving on the ESAS board or want to make a nomination, please pass this information along to someone on the board. Check out the information about the potluck in this edition of the newsletter (Events, page 5).

Mono Bird Chautauqua: June 18-20th

Make your plans now to attend the Mono Bird Chautauqua June 18th through the 20th. Information on this year's program is now going up on the Chautauqua website: www.birdchautauqua.org. The site can also be accessed from the Mono Lake Committee site or the ESAS site. As ever, sign ups will begin on the morning of April 15th (at last, a good thing about that date). Eastern Sierra Audubon is always proud to act as a sponsoring partner to this terrific event. A quick look at the website will whet your appetite for the great lineup of field trips and programs. Don't forget the Friday dinner and the wonderful Sunday picnic.



Gray Flycatcher, 4/18, Birchim Canyon, C. Engelhardt

Thank You Joy Fatooh

There are not enough correct words to use to thank Joy Fatooh for her years of faithful service as the editor of the Sierra Wave, but I will try to do so anyway. We receive a lot of compliments on our newsletter, both from ESAS members and folks from organizations like California Audubon. Those compliments are tributes to Joy's talent and perseverance. I do not think I fully grasp how difficult it is to pull together the material, work with the many contributors, correct my spelling and grammar mistakes, and create an artful organization of content. This was a particularly daunting task with the deadlines associated with the mailing dates when we sent out hard copies. Joy did this over and over with a consistent level of quality and a spirit which revealed her love for and dedication to Eastern Sierra Audubon. Her light hand and will be missed by ESAS newsletter readers.

One person who will know how much is involved is Maggie Wolfe Riley who has graciously agreed to receive the torch. We thank you for agreeing to guide this crucial part of ESAS.

Another Thank You

ESAS wishes to acknowledge the wonderful donation from Jane Kenyon received in March. Jane is a true fiend of the chapter and of the birds of the Eastern Sierra and her support is very much appreciated.

Field Trips

Check ESAudubon.org for up-to-date announcements of trips and events.

Saturday, May 22 - Black Canyon and Marble Canyon, White Mountains **Leader Jerry Zatorski**

These east side canyons are the ideal place to be caught off guard by the cricket-like trill of Broad-tailed Hummingbirds or go nose to nose with a Black-chinned Hummingbird as she defends her nest location from any and all would-be threats. Many other birds should also be out and heard singing. Black Canyon begins at 4500 feet at its opening on the alluvial fan of the Owens Valley. At about 5500 feet Marble Canyon forks off to the east, and we'll hike up to the Montenegro Spring area at about 7000 feet. We will also hike a bit up Black Canyon to at least Lower Black Canyon Spring. At these elevations many botanical treats can be found, and with some determination and a little luck, we may find species such as broom milkvetch, desert crab apple, dwarf ninebark and Mono penstemon. There will be about 5 miles of hiking, at least half of it uphill. Participants should bring lunch, snacks and plenty of fluids. 4WD vehicles with clearance are strongly recommended as the road up Black Canyon is always unpredictable. We will meet at 7:00 AM at the junction of Warm Springs Road and East Side Road. This is a joint trip with the Bristlecone Chapter of California Native Plant Society. For more information contact Jerry at jerryzat@gmail.com.

Saturday, June 12 - Baxter Pass **Leaders: Sydney Quinn and Steve McLaughlin**

Join Friends of the Inyo and Eastern Sierra Audubon on a walk up the Baxter Pass Trail on the North Fork of Oak Creek. This area was intensely burned during the 2007 Independence Complex Fire. In 2008 there was little recovery, but in 2009 many of the oaks were beginning to sprout and the wildflowers were spectacular, including many species typically seen only following fire. We'll look at vegetation recovery, search for Black-backed Woodpeckers, and examine other fire effects. Meet at the Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery north of Independence at 8:30 AM; bring water, lunch, sunscreen, hat, binoculars, and your curiosity.

Saturday, August 14 - Aspens **Leaders: Richard Potashin and Nancy Hadlock; Larry Nahm**

Joint trip with Bristlecone Chapter of the California Native Plant Society. Meet at the USFS Visitor Center in Lee Vining at 10:00 AM. From there we will car pool to a special Conway Meadows aspen grove full of quality carvings and dramatic undergrowth (high clearance vehicles recommended). Be prepared for a short, moderately strenuous hike into the grove with plenty of riparian habitat to observe along the way. Nancy and Richard will introduce you to the wonders of aspens and the mysterious lives of those who spend time in them. Bring your binoculars, good walking/hiking shoes, a bag lunch, cameras and dress in layers. Program will conclude at 4:30 pm. For more information contact Nancy and Richard at aspenluv@suddenlink.net or 760-878-2379. Or phone Larry Nahm at (760) 872-4125.

Saturday, August 21 - Owens Lake **Leaders: Jon Dunn and Michael Prather**

It may be summer to us, but many birds which breed or were hatched in northern habitats are passing south in August. A renewed Owens Lake, where acres of low water are now spread, beckons these long-distance fliers to drop in for a few meals. Searching for them with co-leaders Michael Prather and Jon Dunn is a valued opportunity; their expertise is certain to enrich the experience. Bring snacks, sunscreen, hat, binoculars or scopes, and plenty of water. Meet at Diaz Lake, adjacent to U.S. 395 just south of Lone Pine at 7:30 a.m. Carpooling is encouraged. For further information contact Michael Prather at (760) 876-5807.

Events

Check ESAudubon.org for up-to-date announcements of trips and events.

Annual Potluck Picnic

Wednesday, June 9, 6 p.m. at Joan Benner's residence
95 Myrtle Lane, Big Pine California

We look forward to another fun social event with good conversation and lots of good food. We ask each participant to bring an ample dish and beverage to share, your own place setting and a folding chair. Invite a friend or neighbor to enjoy the backyard picnic with views of the White Mountains.

If the weather does not cooperate, we will picnic inside in cool comfort. After dinner, there will be an election of the board of directors and officers. Please contact a board member if you are interested in serving or nominating someone.

Directions: From Bishop drive south on Highway 395 for 14 miles to Reynolds Road. Reynolds is the only right turn road after the Keough's resort. Turn right on Reynolds and immediately left, just after the 35 mph sign, on to Myrtle Lane. It is the 4th house on the left, cream colored with brown trim. Look for the Audubon sign. From the south, travel through Big Pine and one mile beyond the "big tree" corner (intersection of 395 & 168E) turn left on Reynolds Road. For more information, contact Joan at 760-938-2929.

Registration Now Open for Bird Chautauqua

Registration is now open for the Ninth Annual Mono Basin Bird Chautauqua to be held **June 18-20, 2010**. This celebrated event is among the best of the nature festivals blending science, art, music, and great food into one 3-day event. A wide variety of subjects will be offered including birds, butterflies, flowers, furry critters, kids events, and more. You'll also be able to improve your wilderness survival skills, kayaking abilities, and photographic skills in one of over seventy workshops, field trips, and indoor presentations offered throughout the weekend. The events are led by a staff of 35 knowledgeable and experienced instructors from throughout California and the Western U.S. The 3-day event concludes with a picnic, concert, and annual bird-calling contest at Mono Lake County Park. This year's special musical guest will be Massachusetts singer-songwriter, Kris Delmhorst.

For information and registration visit: www.birdchautauqua.org. The event is sponsored by the Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association, Inyo National Forest, Eastern Sierra Audubon Society, Mono Lake Committee, California State Parks, National Park Service, Friends of the Inyo, and PRBO Conservation Science.

September General Meeting / Evening Program:

Shape Shifters, Time Travelers, and Innovators:

The Origin and Evolution of a Flora

Presenter: Erik Westerlund

Join Yosemite Ranger Naturalist Erik Westerlund for this armchair tour of the California Flora. Travel back in time through California's great geofloras, discover some bizarre plant/pollinator relationships, and learn how a botanical innovation has been responsible for a wildflower's success story. Erik Westerlund has worked at Yosemite National Park since 1992. He received a bachelor's degree in Biology from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and a master's in Natural Resource Management from the University of Wisconsin Steven's Point. A popular presenter at the Mono Basin Bird Chautauqua, he spends his free time studying the natural history of Yosemite's birds, plants and insects.

Eastern Sierra Land Trust Celebrates Our Community, Birding Event Included!

By: Sarah Spano



ESLT Members Birding at Benton Hot Springs

Eastern Sierra Land Trust and landowners Bill and Diane Bramlette will be hosting an ESLT Community Celebration event on Benton Hot Springs Ranch Conservation Easement to celebrate preserved lands in the Eastern Sierra and our community. The festivities will begin on the afternoon of **Saturday May 22nd**, and will last until around noon on **Sunday May 23rd**. In addition to activities such as walking tours, plein air paint outs, barbeque, and stargazing, the event will feature an early morning birding tour on Sunday. Benton Hot Spring Ranch Conservation Easement includes meadows, springs, seeps, ponds and creeks, creating riparian habitat that supports migrating waterfowl and songbirds, among many other species. The birding tour will explore these diverse lands and will give community members the chance to observe a variety of bird species.

Thanks to generous landowners Bill and Diane Bramlette, camping is available overnight to the ESLT community for free. This will give birders the opportunity to wake up and take advantage of prime early morning bird sightings; feel free to join us Sunday morning for birding if you choose not to spend the night. Visitors can stay at Benton Hot Springs Old House and Inn if they wish, and can call 760-933-2287 to make reservations. Both days of festivities will be free for ESLT members with a \$35 suggested donation for non-members. For more information about the various activities and camping arrangements, please call ESLT at 760-873-4554. Space is limited, so reserve your spot today!

Festivities and educational tours are supported in part by a generous grant from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy.



Kids Dancing at Benton Hot Springs "Celebrate Conservation" Event in 2008; Photo by Leslie Allen

Eastern Sierra Thrushes

By Tom and Jo Heindel

The thrush family, Turdidae, is found almost worldwide and, with over 300 species, is one of the largest families in the avian world. Just over twenty species have been documented in the United States and Canada and ten of them have occurred in Inyo and Mono Counties. Many thrushes are recognized as some of the finest songsters in nature with an appearance that can vary from cryptic to colorful. Not all thrushes contain that word in their common name, ergo bluebirds, solitaires, and robins are all thrushes.

Of the ten species found locally, seven occur annually and three are casual vagrants, meaning they not seen every year and not expected to be seen at all in the Eastern Sierra. Of the seven species found here, only two are not found year-round; the Swainson's Thrush is a migrant and the Varied Thrush is a winter visitor.

Bluebirds are the most brightly colored thrushes that occur in our region. The Western Bluebird has been recorded throughout Inyo County and throughout the year but it is not a permanent resident because different populations occur during different seasons. This species is a local and uncommon breeder in Inyo County choosing the pinyon belt of the Panamint Range and a few lower elevation locations scattered along the east slope of the Sierra. They are hole-nesters and compete with other hole-nesters for sites, such as Western Screech-Owls and Northern (Red-shafted) Flickers. One of the most reliable winter locations is China Ranch in the southeast corner of the county near Tecopa. There are a few breeding records in Mono County but Western Bluebirds are not regular breeders there.



Mountain Bluebird, photo by Jo Heindel

The Mountain Bluebird is found widespread in Inyo and Mono, and in fact are the state bird of Nevada. They also are hole-nesters and are most often found in summer near mountain meadows with forest-lined borders, which supply the nest cavities they need. They are also known to nest at slightly lower elevations in pinyon-juniper woodland bordering open areas, which they use for foraging. In winter, when snow covers their breeding grounds, they move downslope and 200-300 birds have been found in alfalfa fields in the Owens Valley and smaller numbers can stake out pyracantha bushes where they stay until the last berry is eaten.



Townsend's Solitaire, photo by Tom Heindel

The Townsend's Solitaire, owner of a supreme voice, is an uncommon resident of the Sierra where it breeds in coniferous forest; it is also found in the mountain ranges to the east but in fewer numbers. In winter, they may be locally fairly common where one of their favorite foods, juniper berries, is abundant.

The American Robin is recorded throughout the Eastern Sierra and throughout the year, but again different populations occur during different seasons. In Inyo County it is a common migrant and summer resident, found on lawns and riparian on the valley floor and meadows, riparian, and coniferous forest in the mountains. In

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Eastern Sierra Thrushes, continued

winter they are regularly found at lower elevations but in much larger numbers than the rest of the year. While not unprecedented, finding a flock of hundreds feeding on juniper berries is an exciting experience.

The Hermit Thrush is the expected spotted thrush from the high country of Inyo and Mono Counties. Many consider the flute-like song the most beautiful sound in nature. Fortunately, the species is fairly common along the east slope of the Sierra and in the mountains to the east and can be heard on hikes in coniferous forests from May to August.

The Swainson's Thrush is a fairly common spring migrant throughout Inyo County in riparian and coniferous forest but it is rarely reported in fall. There is one Inyo breeding record when recently fledged juveniles were found at Coyote Flat, west of Bishop. Surprisingly, in Mono County it is much less often reported than in Inyo County.

The Varied Thrush is an uncommon winter visitor, escaping the winter in the Northwest and western Canada, found from early October through late May in Inyo County. This species is also found in many fewer numbers in Mono than in Inyo.

The three casual vagrants have been recorded a total of seven records in the last one hundred and fifty years. The Wood Thrush is a common Eastern species that is rarely seen in California. Three birds were recorded in the Eastern Sierra: one bird at Furnace Creek Ranch 15 November 1986, one bird at Dechambeau Creek, 2-7 June 1992, and one bird at Crystal Springs, east of Tecopa 19 August to 10 October 2006.



Varied Thrush, photo by Steve Brad



Wood Thrush, photo by Jim Pike

The Rufous-backed Robin, a west Mexican species, has been recorded three times, all in the southern part of Death Valley National Park. One bird was at Saratoga Springs, 19 November 1974, one bird was at Furnace Creek Ranch 5 November 1983, and another bird was there 20-27 November 1999.

The rarest of the rare thrushes, the Veery, is an eastern and northern species that breeds as close as northeastern Oregon, and yet it very rarely is recorded in California. There are two records for the Eastern Sierra: one bird photographed at Deep Springs College 17 May 1986 and one bird photographed and banded at Lower Rush Creek 19 June 2004. The Mono County bird was the eleventh State record and only one other record has been added since.

Two other casual thrushes have been recorded just south of us, at Galileo Hill, Kern County. The Gray-cheeked Thrush has been recorded twice, mid September to early October, and the Eyebrowed Thrush once in late May. That the Eastern Sierra lacks records for these species does not mean they have never occurred here. It does mean that if they were here, they did not cross paths with a birder who recognized them. Prepare yourself so that they won't pass your path unnoticed!

Reports

Black Lake Flourishing With Birds

By: Sarah Spano



We had some great scopes with which to view the birds, making identification much easier.

Eastern Sierra Land Trust had a spectacular day of birding in early April at Black Lake in the Adobe Valley. This remote private lake is in the process of being permanently preserved so that everyone can enjoy its natural, biological and scenic features for perpetuity. We saw 26 different bird species while walking the banks of the lake and enjoyed a lull in early spring windy weather! It was wonderful to have members of Eastern Sierra Audubon along to help with seeing and identifying birds. Thank you to: Larry Nahm, Chris Howard, Bill Mitchel, and Kathy Duvall.

The group saw a number of Yellow-headed Blackbirds. In addition to these colorful beauties, other highlights were the Northern Shoveler, Sharp-shinned Hawk, American Avocet, and lots of Cinnamon Teal.

We even caught glimpses of the beginning of blooming season at Black Lake. These dwarf Hesperochiron (*Hesperochiron pumilus*) were quite a pleasant surprise.

Thank you to everyone who came out for the field trip. We hope we will have many more outings and special birding opportunities on this remarkable land. There is so much to learn and explore and enjoy at Black Lake.



Full Bird List:

Eared Grebe, Ruddy Duck, Northern Shoveler, Gadwall, Northern Pintail, Redhead, Mallard, Bufflehead, Ring-necked Duck, American Widgeon, Green-winged Teal, Cinnamon Teal, American Coot, Black-necked Stilt, American Avocet, Killdeer, Common Snipe, Long-billed Dowitcher, Greater Yellowlegs, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Northern Flicker, Horned Lark, Violet-green Swallow, Sage Thrasher, Western Meadowlark, Yellow-headed Blackbird

Reports, continued

Field Trip Report — Pleasant Valley Reservoir, March 6

Ten species of ducks and grebes sat for ten enthusiasts who took advantage of a respite from March's winds. The expected mergansers and goldeneyes showed their colors, but loons went unrecorded. Lakeside, a Sora flashed for an instant; snipes zipped. A dipper posed too briefly, a young bald eagle flew low, canyon wrens and rock wrens tried out their songs. Thirty species were noted. Leaders were Larry Nahm and Carolyn Gann.

Barn Swallows on the Porch — March 12

This afternoon I heard a familiar chirp through the screen door and was surprised to see our first returning, porch-nesting, female barn swallow resting on the board-edge, inspecting the spot where last year's nest was. This is our first Barn Swallow of spring and it's earlier by nine days than the last two years. They have been nesting on our covered porch for many years and the alpha pair usually raise three nests of five chicks each (average) before fall hits and the nights become too cold. Other Barn Swallows, we think relatives, nest in secondary spots on our porch. Yes, it's messy & takes regular cleaning but it's worth it. We think they like our house as they are close to their flying insect feeding grounds, which are over our rooftop to the west into the open fields. They seem to arrive early here as they know there is protection from the cold nights which last night was 25° F. When the others stagger in, there is a cacophony of bird greeting on our front porch. We guess they are sharing their adventure stories of their trip north from their far south winter home, all the way to Bishop. These guys eat the mosquitoes, as you know, but do they ever get any funding or awards? No. Most mosquito haters are unaware of this bird's role in making our lives better! Others hose their nests down because they think they are unsightly and messy, however we don't mind sharing our home with these helpful birds, and enjoy watching them raise their families under our roof. Happy Spring.

— *Debby Parker*

Greetings from Your New Editor

Joy Fatooh left some big shoes to fill, but I will try my best! Unfortunately, I had some technical difficulties with this, my first *official* issue (I also edited the November/December 2009 issue for Joy when she broke her wrist), and my sincere apologies for not getting this issue out before the first of May. A combination of a new computer, new software to learn that wouldn't talk with my older version, and a major kitchen remodel starting right when I needed to work on it created a "perfect storm" of flakiness on my part - a terribly embarrassing way to start out. It shouldn't happen again!

The next newsletter is the September/October issue, as we skip July and August traditionally. I would like to formally invite all readers of the Sierra Wave to consider contributing to the newsletter - we would love to have your points of view, whether an article, story, field trip report, photograph, or anything you have to share! I encourage you to think beyond just birds: Audubon is focused largely on birds, but is really interested in all wildlife and conservation issues. You may send your contributions to me at maggiewolfe@gmail.com by mid-August for the September/October newsletter. I look forward to hearing from you - it is a privilege to be the first to read the great articles you all contribute to the Sierra Wave. Thank you! ~*Maggie Wolfe Riley*



Calendar of Events

See ESAudubon.org for details and updates

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5/2	Field Trip: Spring Migration at Baker Creek
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*Sage Sparrow, photo by Donna Willey
(posted on the ESbirds Google Group)*

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