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issue are due February 1, 2008*

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Date: Fourth Tuesday of the month
Time: Social at 6:30 p.m. Program starts at 7 p.m.
Location: South Valleys Library
15650A Wedge Parkway, Reno
Exterior door, west side of building

Directions to South Valleys Library: Take Hwy 395 to the Mt. Rose Hwy. Head west on the Mt. Rose Hwy and take the first right turn onto Wedge Parkway, just past Raley's shopping center. Go about one mile on Wedge Parkway and look for the boldly designed, mustard yellow library on the right.

January 22 – Doug & Lu Canham and Alan Gubanich – Wild Alaska: A Photographer's Journey

In November we learned about the environmental challenges and conservation opportunities in Alaska from Taldi Walter, the Alaskan Field Coordinator for National Audubon. Now join us for a view of Alaska from a photographer's perspective. This past June, Doug Canham, an emergency medicine specialist, and his wife Lu, a retired nurse and IT instructor, both of whom are avid, accomplished nature photographers, "shot" their way through Homer, Katmai National Park, and Denali National Park in late June and early July. Alan Gubanich, LAS Vice-President, and his wife Teresa traveled with camera in hand through Alaska during the first two weeks of August, journeying from Ketchikan, Sitka and Juneau in Alaska's "panhandle" to Anchorage, Seward, Talkeetna and Denali National Park. Doug, Lu and Alan will show photos of their journeys, focusing on the spectacular wildlife and gorgeous scenery they encountered during their travels.

February 26 – Will Richardson – Avian Use, Nest-site Selection, and Nesting Success in Sierra Nevada Aspen

Will Richardson, post-doctoral researcher at the University of Nevada, Reno, has studied the breeding birds of aspen habitat in the Sierra Nevada for several years, a habitat that is often subjected to encroachment by surrounding conifers. In this illustrated presentation Will will discuss the many factors that affect breeding bird abundance, diversity, nest-site selection, predation, and overall breeding success of aspen birds.

FIELD TRIPS

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Field trips are free to Audubon members and non-members. Birders of all skill levels are encouraged to participate. Trips are subject to change or cancellation; please pre-register with field trip leaders. Pre-registration provides leaders with contact information so the leaders can reach you in the event of trip changes or cancellations. Remember to dress for the weather and bring something to eat and drink. For additional information, please view the Lahontan Audubon Society web site at www.nevadaudubon.org or contact Field Trip Coordinator Christiane Omer.

Saturday, January 19, 2008

Taylor Creek/Cove East, South Lake Tahoe
Leaders: Sue Stevenson,
sssfromslt@sbcglobal.net, 530.577.5394 and
Sheryl Ferguson, s-ferguson@sbcglobal.net, 530.541.8462

Time: 10 a.m.

Join us for an unpredictable winter adventure of snowshoeing or cross-country skiing. Meet at the parking lot of the Beacon Restaurant at Camp Richardson at 10 a.m. The plan is to bird along the Lake and along Taylor Creek in the morning and see if we can find the local winter flocks and woodpeckers, plus a few "big bonus birds" if they're around. We break for lunch at the Beacon (soups, salads, appetizers available) and then head out to Cove East in the Tahoe Keys if anyone wants to continue birding after lunch. Bring your warm clothes; it can get very cold and windy!
Directions: From Carson City, take Hwy 50 west over Spooner Summit to South Lake Tahoe. Travel past the casinos and the Lake until you reach the "Y" (Intersection of SR 50) and Emerald Bay Rd. (SR 89 North). Turn right onto Emerald Bay Rd. and drive about 2.5 miles to Camp Richardson. Turn right at the Lodge and proceed down to the Beacon Restaurant. Call if you need to know

about rental equipment in Tahoe. Please call or email Sue to confirm, so she can reach you if the trip is cancelled due to inclement weather.

Saturday, January 26

The Great Reno Caper

Leader: Dennis Serdehly, 775.575.0319 or
birders@clearwire.net

Time: 9 a.m.

Back by popular demand... The Great Reno Caper! This trip is confined to Reno and includes birding hot spots Rancho San Rafael Park, Oxbow Nature Study Area, Virginia Lake, Rosewood Estates and others. Meet at the north end of Virginia Lake at 9 a.m. This is a full day trip so please dress warmly and bring a bag lunch, binoculars, and a scope if you have one.

Saturday, February 2

Annual Dipper Day, Reno Area

Leader: Jim Eidel, 775.841.6543

Time: 8 a.m.

This popular annual trip offers a unique opportunity to hear and observe the elusive but vocal American Dipper. You will be introduced to a bird species specialized in a semi-aquatic life in swift mountain streams and rivers. From its nictitating membrane (third eyelid), large oil glands, dense plumage and unique underwater foraging techniques, this bird species is truly a "water ouzel". Meet in the main Rancho San Rafael parking lot in front of the Wilber D. May Arboretum at 8 a.m. Be prepared for snow (boots, jackets, gloves, etc.) and bring a bag lunch, or money to buy lunch as we will wind up at Donner if time permits.

Saturday, February 9

Raptors in the Nile Valley

Leaders: Debbie and Randy Pontius,
775.273.3642,

or deborahpontius@gmail.com

Time: 8:30 a.m.

The Nile Valley/Big Meadows surrounding Lovelock annually posts the highest raptor numbers for GBBO'S Winter Raptor Count. Hawks, falcons, Great Horned, Barn and Burrowing Owls, and Golden Eagles are possible. We'll view the vast communal raptor/heron roost, and search out our resident white Red-tailed Hawk. Other species of note could be turkeys, herons and egrets along the Humboldt River and agriculture fields. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Chevron (coffee, restaurant, bathrooms, and snacks available) off exit 106 in Lovelock. It takes about 1.5 hours from Reno to Lovelock. Contact Debbie or Randy to confirm attendance and get directions. Plan for lunch at a local Mexican restaurant, or bring a bag lunch. We'll end at about 2 p.m. Scopes are helpful.

Saturday, February 16

Riverview Park, Carson City

Leader: Nancy Santos 775.884.1570 or
nancyas@att.net

Time: 9 a.m.

This is the eighth annual Riverview Park winter bird trip. We will explore wetland, sagebrush and riparian habitats, on a one mile easy loop trail. The total number of species observed during the past five years is 35. Some of our more memorable species included a large flock of Pinyon Jays, Belted Kingfisher, Black-crowned Night Heron, Cedar Waxwing, and a close-up view of a Bald Eagle. I hope you can join us this year. Meet at 9 a.m. in the parking lot. Riverview Park is at the east end of East 5th Street, adjacent to the Carson River. Please contact Nancy if you plan to attend, so she can plan for additional trip leaders accordingly.

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IMPORTANT BIRD AREAS PROGRAM

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The Relationship Between Watershed Quality and Bird Populations

Within the Carson River watershed, there are two Important Bird Areas or IBAs: the Carson Valley and Carson River Delta IBAs. Both of these areas have been recognized as IBAs because of the high congregation of raptors, supporting avian species of high conservation priority, and possessing some of the best cottonwood forest in the state.

The habitats found within these two IBAs are critical to the occurring resident and migrating bird species which is governed by the overall health of the watershed itself. The term “Watershed quality” includes water quality, riparian, wetland, and floodplain vegetation quality and quantity, streambank morphology, and overall ecology of the system.

Birds are directly influenced by the quality of the Carson River watershed. In fact, birds can be used as “biological indicators” of what is occurring within the watershed. Biological indicators are plants or animals that are analyzed based on their occurrence, condition, and numbers to provide information on the health of a specific water body which can be used for assessing the watershed. In fact, bird assemblages are used as bio-indicators of the condition of a riparian zone. When there is wetland destruction or the overall loss of a riparian area along the Carson River, there often is a shift in the numbers of birds and bird species present in the area. For example, there might be a loss of raptors due to the loss of trees for

breeding. Or the loss of wetlands and increased streambank erosion contributes to the loss of wading birds due to the increased velocity of the water and the increased sedimentation which affects the aquatic insect community to which the bird relies on for food. In contrast, a declining or decadent cottonwood forest might attract more cavity-nesting birds. Therefore, the presence and absence of certain bird species can illustrate what is occurring within that area of the watershed over time.

Birds can also aid in the identification of other impacts to the watershed such as chemical contaminations. Throughout the Carson River watershed there are a variety of contaminants affecting the water quality and wildlife. Pesticide impacts to the water quality, due to misapplications or run-off, can also affect various species of birds. Pesticides, such as herbicides and insecticides, impact the aquatic plant and insects in the Carson River which is a major food source for a wide variety of birds. The loss of the food source will translate to a loss of the value of that habitat for the birds and an abandonment of the area.

Not only are birds affected by what food is available but they are also affected by what they eat. Due to the long mining history of the Carson River Watershed, selenium and mercury contamination is prevalent. Most of the general public is aware of the high methylmercury (a breakdown product of mercury) levels in the fish; however, high levels are also occurring in the fish-eating bird

species such as the herons and egrets. Insect-eating birds are also found to have high methylmercury levels but at a smaller level than fish-eating birds due to the lower point of the insects on the food chain. Mercury is a bioaccumulant which means that it increases as it moves up the food chain (called biomagnification). Studies have shown that birds with high levels of methylmercury in their bodies tend to have lower numbers in successful eggs hatchings which impacts the reproductive success of these birds. This information is helpful to understand the degree of which mercury is invading the food chain and could affect public health.

Birds are wonderful to watch, especially along the Carson River. In addition to their behaviors, plumages, and seasonality, birds are extremely valuable for helping us understand the biological condition of an area and enable land managers to make more informed decisions with respect to watershed management and wildlife.

The Nevada IBA Program is focused on developing partnerships for the ongoing protection and conservation of the IBA site to mitigate any risks to the IBA habitat and bird populations. If you would like more information regarding the IBA Program, please contact Robin Powell, Nevada Director of Bird Conservation at rpowell@audubon.org or 775-247-2798.

—Robin Powell
Nevada Director of
Bird Conservation

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PERCH

A Word from Bob

The following open letter from Bob Goodman, who suffered a total fire loss of his home, was sent out to our LAS e-mail list in November. We would like to share it with the rest of the chapter.

At this time of year set aside for giving thanks, I want to extend my deepest thanks for the kindness that you have shown since that tragic evening of August 11, 2007. Though that horrific event affected so many different lives in the most negative of ways, I give thanks for the aftermath that showed what a wonderful world this really can be.

The positive outpouring of care, concern, generosity, time, effort, and just darn good hugs has overwhelmed me. In all openness, I have been overcome with the good feelings that have come my way in so many different guises. I must give thanks for the time and efforts of Karen Kish who has been a tremendous link between my unreal world since August and the real world I hope to enter again soon.

It was quite some time before I learned of the efforts of so many working behind the scenes to provide help and assistance whenever I finally realized my simple life was at least temporarily suspended. To all of you who caused Janet Schmidt so much bookkeeping time by sending donations, I thank you from the bottom of my heart, and I applaud Janet for her kindness in overseeing the generosity.

Two real highlights of the past three months have been the Ice Cream Social organized by the Reno Taiko Group and the Great Garage Sale in which so many of you participated to help my spirits soar. Lorna and Don Weaver deserve special thanks as they really didn't need organizing the sale on top of their own move to a new dwelling, and also Diane Wong who was a moving force in both events. Once I got past the embarrassment of realizing that I just could not do this healing process

alone, the enjoyment of sharing your company will stay with me the rest of my life.

A quick update on what is happening. My new dwelling is in place, and as soon as the utilities and inspections are completed, hopefully before the Thanksgiving holiday, I will be moving in. While I have been staying with friends on the hill overlooking my place, I finally got up the nerve to begin sorting through what my sons and I had been able to extract from the ashes. Much to my surprise and astonishment, some of my photographs, in the form of slides, have been salvaged from the burned file cabinets. Although I still have a full winter's work ahead in this tedious process, it appears that my first evaluation of doom and gloom is not entirely correct. (Does my smile show?)

Also, in the very near future, and because of your generosity, I will be replacing my camera gear and once again heading out hither and yon. Hope to see you there!

My real Thanksgiving for your kindness will last throughout the years. Many, many thanks for being there.

— Bob Goodman

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Bob Goodman and Houdini return to their new home. Photo by Alan Gubanich.

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Eagles and Agriculture 2008

Carson Valley Visitors Authority will offer its annual Eagles and Agriculture Event on February 22, 22-24. Tours and workshops focus on the influx of birds of prey into the Carson Valley during winter calving season. The event options include private group tours to ranches, a Birds of Prey lecture by Gary Herron and cocktail reception, a buffet lunch, a two-day photography workshop and contest, a guided raft-canoe trip, display booths, and raffles. LAS volunteers serve as birding guides on the tours through the coordination of Alan Gubanich. For all details go to www.VisitCarsonValley.org, click Attractions/Events, or call 866-530-3551.

CONSERVATION CORNER

After the Burn

John Davis, along with Dr. Fred Ryser, started LAS back in the early 1960's. Both have remained active in bird research and conservation efforts over the years and we are pleased to print a short submission from Mr. Davis. The location he refers to is an area north on Hwy 395 near Bordertown. John has indicated that he will keep us updated on interesting bird use in the area.

June 26, 2006, a lightning strike ignited a fire on the slope of the south side of Big Ball Mountain. Over 7 - 10 days it burned some 2,000 acres of Jeffrey Pine on the lower slope and Mountain Mahogany on the high ridges of the mountain.

Thanks to Chris Ross, Dr. Fred Ryser and I have had the opportunity to examine this area regularly. Woodpeckers are known to utilize burned forest. Scaling was first noticed in August 2007. Shortly after, in early September, we found Hairy, White-headed, and Black-backed woodpeckers working in the burned areas. The Black-backed is unusual in this area. We last saw a Black-backed nesting in Osgood Swamp near Lake Tahoe about 12 years ago.

Chris Ross and Clarke Cole were confident they saw a Three-toed Woodpecker in the burn. This is a most unusual sighting, although, they are known in the Oregon Cascades and have been a rare resident in the Snake Range in eastern Nevada.

The vagaries of the burn show patches of totally burned trees, partially burned trees, and some with just scorching around the base of the trunk.

Scaling is quite extensive. Initially thinner side branches and tip top stems of the more heavily burned trees are selected in the search for insect larva.

It will be interesting to see as the seasons progress whether this burn will support a nesting population of the Black-backed Woodpecker.

— John M. Davis

The recent devastating fires in South Lake Tahoe and the southwestern edge of Reno (Angora and Hawken

respectively) will also provide opportunity to monitor wildlife use over the next few years. We encourage our members bird watching in these areas to post their sightings on the bird list serve and perhaps over time we may see some interesting data arise that might contribute to a better understanding of bird use in fire ravaged landscapes.

Birds & Books

LAS Birds & Books is a flock of readers interested in nature, especially birds and birding. The group meets in Reno on the third Tuesday of the month from 7:00-8:30 pm at Sundance Bookstore, 1155 W. 4th Street, #106-Keystone Square Shopping Center. You are encouraged to attend a meeting to see if this group is for you or to contact Kenn Rohrs at 775-849-9530 or karohrs@charter.net for more information. For a complete schedule and brief description of the selected books, go to the LAS web site www.nevadaudubon.org and click on the Birds & Books section.

Future dates and readings are:

January 15 - *The Wind Masters: The Lives of North American Birds of Prey* by Pete Dunne

February 19 - *Under the Sea-Wind* by Rachel Carson & *The Gentle Subversive* by Mark Hamilton Lytle

March 18 - *Rare Encounters with Ordinary Birds* by Lyanda Lynn Haupt
(We will select the books for September – December at this meeting.)

April 15 - *The Beak of the Finch* by Jonathon Weiner

May 20 - *The Bird Artist* by Howard Norman

Beginning in January we also begin reading *Brushed By Feathers: A Year of Birdwatching in the West* by Frances Wood. Month by month the author introduces us to common birds of the west.

Field Trip Reports

October 13 Taylor Creek, California

Sheryl Ferguson, Sue Stevenson, and Don and Lynn Harriman of South Lake Tahoe shared two of their favorite birding areas with 12 Lahontan Audubon members who came great distances to enjoy the breathtaking views of autumn color and distant snow covered peaks, the spawning Kokanee Salmon at Taylor Creek, and 47 species of migrating

and fall Tahoe birds. Temperatures were near freezing in the morning as the group looked out over the marsh at several Great Blue Heron perched in the dead trees, as well as a Black-crowned Heron, and Red-tail Hawk. Special Tahoe birds included the White-headed Woodpecker, Pygmy Nuthatches, Clark's Nutcrackers, Mountain Chickadees, both Kinglets, a flock of Cedar Waxwings, and a Kingfisher flyby. We were entertained at the creek by a very talkative Raven, and the antics of Mallards and Common Mergansers feeding on salmon eggs.

At Cove East we had several duck species, the Eared, Pied-billed, and Western Grebes. In the grassy areas and among the lodgepoles there were White-crowned and Chipping Sparrows, Scrub Jays, Western Meadowlarks, Dark-eyed Juncos, Cassin's Finches, and other more common species, all on guard as the Northern Harriers and a Sharp-shinned Hawk passed by. The highlight of the day was the sighting of a "vagrant" Burrowing Owl that flushed out of some rocks and willows along the Cove East trail.

— Sue Stevenson

October 20 Wetlands Trip, Fallon

I had nine people on the tour. We went to S-line reservoir, Harmon Reservoir, Foxtail Lake (refuge), and Indian Lakes. We saw many waterfowl including Canada Goose, American Wigeon, Green-winged Teal, Mallard, Gadwall, Ruddy Duck, Northern Pintail, and a lot of Canvasback at Foxtail Lake. The new wetlands at the refuge entrance, just east of Stillwater Townsite, had a lot of waterfowl feeding in the flooded alkali weeds. We didn't see them until we drove by, then they came up out of the weeds like a huge cloud of giant mosquitoes. Thank God they didn't attack us! American Coot outnumbered everything else. We also saw Black-crowned Night Heron, Clark's, Eared, and Pied-billed Grebe, Common Moorhen, Great Blue Heron, Common Egret, and American White Pelican. There was a Barn Owl at Stillwater Townsite and a Great Horned Owl at the refuge and Indian Lakes, but the Long-eared Owls were not yet at Indian lakes. There were lots of White-crowned Sparrow and Northern Shrike, and one Sage Sparrow. Northern Harriers, Red-tailed Hawks, and American Kestrel were abundant, but it was too early for Tundra Swans and Rough-legged Hawks. Despite the wind, it was a fun trip.

—Michael Goddard

There are more fall field trip reports on the LAS Web site—www.nevadaudubon.org.

BIRDS IN TOWN

by Alan Wallace

Montane birds continued their assaults on towns and lowland feeders in October and November, with new reports of **Red-breasted Nuthatches** in Montello, **Red Crossbills** in Unionville and northwest of Reno, **White-headed Woodpeckers**, **Pygmy Nuthatches**, and **Fox Sparrows** in suburban Reno, and wide-ranging **Steller's Jays** and **Clark's Nutcrackers** in Jack's Valley near Carson City. **Bohemian Waxwings** and **Northern Shrikes** appeared in the Reno area, stretching the southern limits of their winter ranges. A few of the shrikes show up most winters, but various western-states reports indicate that these northern-based waxwings have really headed for the southlands this fall due to poor food sources in their winter range. More regular montane descendents, including **Hermit Thrushes**, **Ruby-crowned Kinglets**, **American Dippers**, and **Townsend's Solitaires**, became more evident in towns as the fall progressed. **Northern Mockingbirds** ventured into the bowels of cities, **Dark-eyed Juncos** (mostly Oregon with a few slate-colored) became extremely common at feeders, a **Chukar** wandered into Diane McAllister's west Reno yard, and **Western Meadowlarks** again are regular feeder birds in at Steve Ting's yard in Washoe Valley. **American Pipits** took advantage of newly created riparian grasslands at Rancho San Rafael in Reno, the first of these birds to be seen in town for many years. The most exotic birds were two brilliantly colored **Orange Bishops** that were seen in southeast and northwest Reno in the company of less-exotic **House Sparrows** and **House Finches**. They seemed to be feeding just fine, but the northern Nevada winter undoubtedly will be less hospitable than the cages from which they escaped.

Perhaps due to the mild weather throughout the West, the passerine migration continued into November. A **Varied Thrush** passed through Fernley in mid November, far from its normal winter haunts in the deep coastal woods, and a **Bobolink** visited the Tonopah cemetery, the second sighting in western Nevada this year (the other being in Mina last spring). A month after most of the **Townsend's Warblers** passed through western Nevada towns, Doug Booth sighted a late first-year bird in his Reno yard in mid November. Most of the hummingbirds were gone by mid October, although a late **Rufous Hummingbird** stopped at a yard north of Reno and a few **Anna's Hummingbirds** stuck around in Reno until mid November. There's always the chance, based on past records, that one or more of the latter might overwinter here.

Early October was pretty slow for the waterfowl, but most of the regular ducks, geese, and swans ultimately were present in good numbers on various ponds and lakes by late in the month. Big gulls (**Thayer's**, **Herring**, and **Glaucous-winged**), which have been extremely scarce in recent years, staged a minor surge in November, and a **Mew Gull** paused for a few days at Virginia Lake in Reno. A **Eurasian Wigeon** was spotted on a Reno pond in late November, possibly here for the winter as has been the case in years past, a few **Greater White-fronted** and **Cackling Geese** joined **Canada Geese** in towns, and **Common Loons** lingered at a number of Reno ponds and lakes on their ways south. Unlike past late autumns, the shorebird populations were notably low, with very few peeps and just a few yellowlegs and dowitchers, likely the result of the general drought-related lack of shorelines.

The fall influx of birds to feeders included hawks, especially **Cooper's** and **Sharp-shinned Hawks**, which managed to reduce the **California Quail** and **Mourning Dove** populations somewhat. One immature Cooper's practiced his skills by chasing falling sycamore leaves, a freshly polished talent that a few hours later resulted in a much more nutritious dove. **Red-shouldered Hawks** were noted more widely than in past winters, and the presence of an adult and at least one immature in western Reno may indicate very unusual summer breeding in the area. Somewhat surprisingly, few eagles were reported, but **Northern Harriers** and **Rough-legged** and **Red-tailed Hawks** hunted above open grasslands, and **Great Horned** and **Long-eared Owls** roosted in nearby woodlands in between their nocturnal sojourns into the same open areas. Down in Tonopah, a **Northern Saw-Whet Owl** roosted in the cemetery trees, possibly filling the funereal night air with its monotonous, monosyllabic hoot.

Birders spotted 126 species in northern Nevada towns and yards in October and November. Sources of information for this column included **Brian Adams**, **John Anderson**, **Tom Beard**, **Doug Booth**, **Richard Brune**, **Alan de Queiroz**, **Mary Jo Elpers**, **Rick Fridell**, **Bob Goodman**, **Dennis Ghiglieri**, **Mike Greenan**, **Linda Hiller**, **Nancy Hoffman**, **Martha Jones**, **Ed Kurtz**, **Mark Lenz**, **Tim Lenz**, **Jacque Lowery**, **Susie Marshall**, **Diane McAllister**, **Martin Meyers**, **Jill Neumann**, **Kathy Oakes**, **Fred Petersen**, **Harold Peterson**, **Judy Phoenix**, **Lois Ports**, **Lynn Purcell**, **Jill Ransom**, **Melissa Renfro & John Free**, **Chris Ruiz-Gardner**, **Greg Scyphers**, **Dennis Serdehely**, **Jean Sherman**, **Mike Strem**, **Rose Strickland**, **Steve Ting**, **Frank Whitman**, **Dave Worley**, and me. This column begins year seven of *Birds in Town*, and I want to thank you all for the many interesting reports and sightings that have gone into these summaries. As usual, contributions are welcome, so send a postcard/note to 1050 Sumac St., Reno, NV 89509 or an email to wallacealan@sbcglobal.net, or continue to post items on the Nevada bird listserv. The deadline for the next column is **January 25**. Good birding!

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