



# ***CHIRP-N-CHATTER***

**The Newsletter of the Wintu Audubon Society**

**Chapter of the National Audubon Society serving Shasta  
and eastern portions of Trinity County, California**

## **March 2021**

### **JOIN OUR WINTU AUDUBON BOARD**

If you like birds and people, and can offer at least 20 hrs/year to support them, please consider joining your Wintu Audubon Board.

The chapter is seeking its next generation of leaders. Our areas of action are in Education, Conservation, and in the stuff of our operation - scheduling Field Trips and monthly Programs, managing memberships, social media, tracking and spending money.

Right now we are seeking Directors-at-Large.

Directors-at-Large are voting members of the Board, but they are unassigned to any particular committee. This position allows new Board members to shop around and explore what areas they may want to specialize in. The position also allows old Board members to continue to share their expertise and to fill in where needed.

Directors-at-Large should attend the Board's ten meetings/yr, and may take on additional duties as needs and interests develop.

For more information contact Dan Greaney, 530-276-9693 or [greaneys@yahoo.com](mailto:greaneys@yahoo.com); or contact Nominating Committee Chair Marti Weidert directly at 530-474-4300 or [martiweidert@gmail.com](mailto:martiweidert@gmail.com)

### **Pine Siskin Salmonellosis Outbreak**



It is important if you find a sick or dead bird in your yard to remove and thoroughly clean all of your seed feeders and birdbaths immediately! Go to this website for more info: <https://birdrescuecenter.org/salmonellosis/>

**Board Meetings are held on the first  
Wednesday of the Month at 7:00 PM on  
Zoom.**

**Wintu Audubon Society General Meetings  
are held on the second Wednesday of the  
month at 7:00 PM on Zoom.**

Zoom meeting invitations are sent to all folks that are on our email list and listed on our Calendar page

## WINTU AUDUBON PRESENTS



### THE GREAT VULTURE CRISIS

Spend the evening getting to know one of the leading bird trainers and educators in the North State. Sharon Clay, Curator of Animal Programs will be taking some time to share her career and some fun experiences while working closely with birds. A couple of her bird ambassadors will be joining the conversation as she discusses bird behavior, training and the current situation with the Great Vulture Crisis. This informal time will be open for questions and conversations about some of these amazing ambassador birds.

Sharon Clay is a professional animal trainer with thirty years of experience. She has trained over 65 species of animals including 50 species of birds. From 1991-1998 Sharon worked at

The American Eagle Foundation where she aided in the raising and hacking of over 44 Bald eagles as part of the reintroduction program. She also performed the raptor shows at Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, TN. From 1998-2006 Sharon was the Bird Show Manager and head trainer at Tracy Aviary in Salt Lake City, UT. Since 2007, Sharon Clay has been the Curator of Animal Programs at Turtle Bay Exploration Park in Redding, California where she has re-vamped the animal department, created an educational wildlife show for guests and increased the visibility and awareness of native animals.

This presentation will be held at 7pm on **Wednesday, March 10th** on Zoom.

Due to the interruption of our February presentation, Sharon has graciously agreed to give her presentation this month! This program includes a live Black Vulture and a special guest bird! Because our February Zoom meeting with Sharon was bombed by intruders, we have done what many organizations have decided to do to prevent this problem. We are pre-registering everyone for our upcoming presentations.

This is a very simple procedure. Just go to this link <https://bit.ly/3biUhBi> and fill out the simple form. You will receive an email confirming your registration. The link for the presentation will be emailed to you on March 8th. We suggest you make a reminder for yourself when you get the email link.

You can also scan the QR code below to fill out the form.



When you login to our Zoom meetings you will be placed into a waiting room until the meeting begins. Participants are muted upon entry but are welcome to unmute themselves before the meeting begins. Once the presentation begins, you can raise your hand to ask questions. A moderator will control the order of your questions. All of our presentations will be posted on our new YouTube page where you can also find several bird videos: <https://www.youtube.com/c/WintuAudubonSociety>

We are also posting Zoom presentations from several other organizations on our calendar page: <https://www.wintuaudubon.org/calendar/> - including Altacal Audubon, Redbud Audubon, Redwood Region Audubon, Mendocino Coast Audubon, Peregrine Audubon, Plumas Audubon and Golden Gate Audubon.

***OFFICERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS & DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE***

**OFFICERS**

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**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

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**Field Trips:** OPEN

**DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE**

Harvey Carroll, Marti Weidert, Bill Oliver, Connie Word, Bea Currie, Roberta Winchell and Erika

Covid 19 is currently decreasing in Shasta County and is now rated as "SUBSTANTIAL." The complete Shasta County information can be found at <https://www.co.shasta.ca.us/ready/covid-19/overview>. You can find out how to stop the spread at <https://www.co.shasta.ca.us/ready/covid-19/prevention>.

Thank you for keeping our community a safer place by wearing a mask and following social distancing guidelines. We look forward to a time when we can all come together again safely.



Oak Titmouse are starting to build nests!  
This one is getting a bit of energy from the suet feeder.



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## VULTURES OF THE WORLD

by Birdorable.com

The following table lists the vulture species shown in the infographic, grouped by continent:

Continent	Vulture Species
North America	California Condor
South America	Andean Condor
Europe	Black Vulture, Hooded Vulture, Bearded Vulture, Eurasian Griffon, Cinereous Vulture
Africa	Slender-billed Vulture, Lappet-faced Vulture, Egyptian Vulture, Rüppell's Vulture, Cape Griffon
Asia	Himalayan Vulture, Indian Vulture, White-rumped Vulture, Red-headed Vulture, White-headed Vulture, Palm-nut Vulture

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