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The Newsletter of the Wintu Audubon Society

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

April 2021

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello, Wintu Audubon Chapter!
It's that time of year for Wintu Audubon business! At our May meeting we will ask the membership to approve two items:

- 1. Amendments to our constitution and bylaws.** The amendments are for clarity, simplicity, and accuracy. We have also added wording for a practice we've already been following, that the bylaws should be reviewed for updates in years ending in zero and five (at least). The amendments can be viewed [here](#).
- 2. Elect our slate of new officers.**
Discussed below.

We are fortunate to have a corps of strong returning officers and new volunteers. Janet Wall and Bruce Webb, our Conservation Chairs, keep the chapter involved as a voice in local development projects, working to make such development as bird and habitat friendly as possible. Beth Brockman and George Horn manage the nuts and bolts of chapter finances and membership. Erika Iacona is steering the chapter into a saw-whet owl banding operation. Catherine Camp and Jeannette Carroll maintain chapter records and correspondence. Larry Jordan continues to build our event publicity and web presence, most recently with a chapter [YouTube page](#) that features, among other things, the chapter programs he made possible online during this covid year. All the chapter

officers confer and contribute to the direction the chapter takes in all its operations, and we're happy to welcome Jaci White and Rebeca Ladron de Guevara to the slate of officers for the coming year!

One project I have worked on is our Education Program. We recently wrote a grant proposal to acquire new binoculars, to replace most of the ones we purchased through the McConnell Fund nine years ago. We hope to use the binoculars to help teachers take their students birding multiple times--a model we piloted this year and found to be very successful in building interested and capable young birders. Also, member David Klasson is funding a bird blind at Turtle Bay Museum, which will be built by the California Heritage Youthbuild Academy (CHYBA), the charter school that also prefabs our Earth Day nesting boxes for the public. We hope to enfold our Youth/Family Walks into Turtle Bay's Saturday program, and the binoculars and bird blind will support that programming.

For myself, I have greatly enjoyed serving as chapter president these last four years. Mostly I've tried to look ahead and facilitate the great work that our committees are doing, the core job, I think, of the president. Now it is someone else's turn. My wife and I will be retiring to the coast. I will continue to serve actively from a distance as a Director-at-Large, particularly to support new chapter officers.

These positions, then, are open on the Board:

- President - form meeting agendas to support committee and chapter projects
- Vice President - assist broadly
- Field Trip Chair - schedule field trips/ leaders; we've done without this covid year
- Program Chair - schedule programs/ presenters for monthly meetings
- Education Chair - malleable; see my vision in paragraph above

I encourage you to try out this business of running the chapter operation. By rights it's fun and worthwhile! If the positions listed here are not your cup of tea, consider helping out one of the other chairs as listed above--conservation, membership, etc. Or perhaps your gift is not time but space: the chapter needs a home for its property--binoculars, display booth items (for Earth Day, etc.). Please don't be bashful! It's spring - Sing out!

To sign up for our officers' slate, offer other assistance, or ask questions, please contact me at greaneys@yahoo.com or 530-276-9693, or contact our Nominating Committee Chair Marti Weidert at martiweidert@gmail.com or 530-474-4300.

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/>

WINTU AUDUBON PRESENTS Wood Ducks!



A large island in the Sacramento River caused a small branch of the river to flow by some residential homes and has enabled Harvey and Jeannette Carroll to observe and enjoy a large variety of birdlife, especially waterfowl.

Early every spring a large number of Wood Ducks began visiting the channel below their house and often flew up into the oak trees apparently looking for a large enough hole for a nest.

Wood Ducks are cavity nesters. Harvey got a pattern and made several Wood Duck nest boxes which were soon inhabited and Wood Ducklings were successfully raised. Each year the Carrolls learned a bit more about making the nest boxes safe, but a friend loaned Harvey a "Nestcam" which was hooked up to a small television set and much information was available about the ducks habits.

The Carrolls will show their Wood Duck photos and tell us about their nestbox adventures at our **April 14th, 7:00 PM** Zoom presentation.

As several groups are doing, 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

President: Dan Greaney 276-9693

Vice-President: OPEN

Treasurer: Beth Brockman 227-4228

Recording Secretary: Catherine Camp 337-6874

Corresponding Secretary: Jeannette Carroll
246-3634

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Programs: OPEN

Education: OPEN

Conservation: Janet Wall 547-1189
Bruce Webb 515-5324

Newsletter: Larry Jordan 472-3131

Webmaster/Publicity: Larry Jordan 472-3131

Membership: George Horn 244-0581

Field Trips: OPEN

DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE

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

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

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Oak Titmouse are starting to build nests!



COVID 19 UPDATE

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.

