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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

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BIRDS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA



Our webmaster, Larry Jordan, will be offering "The Birds of Northern California" as our September presentation.

Larry was monitoring nest boxes back in 2008 when he joined the Wintu Audubon Society. He also joined the California Bluebird Recovery Program as the Shasta County Coordinator around the same time. With the help of our Audubon members, and others, we now monitor over 70 nest boxes in Shasta County.

Larry actually became interested in birds back in 2007 and started his blog - "The Birders Report." When he started the blog he had no way to take photos for his postings so he tracked down some of the best bird photogs he could find and asked for permission to use their photos. By the summer of 2008 he was taking his own bird photos. **Zoom link below.**

[HTTPS://US06WEB.ZOOM.US/J/83549349803](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83549349803)

This presentation is basically a slide show of over 300 of his photos. We will be discussing bird identification and any other birding topics that come up with audience participation.

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 or type a question into chat. A moderator will control the order of your questions. The link to the presentation can also be found on the calendar page of our website.

All of our presentations will be posted on our YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/WintuAudubonSociety> where you can also find several bird videos. We are also posting Zoom presentations from several other organizations on our calendar page here: <https://www.wintuadubon.org/calendar/> - including Altacal Audubon, Redbud Audubon, Redwood Region Audubon, Mendocino Coast Audubon, Peregrine Audubon, Plumas Audubon and Golden Gate Audubon.



WHAT'S NEW?

Wintu Audubon is making important changes! We are changing local membership fees from dues to donations. This will give members greater flexibility in supporting the chapter, and simplify our book-keeping.

What to do: We invite all members to make a local donation now, as we begin our program year. Suggested donation is \$20 - \$30. Donations are tax deductible, and can be made at:

1. wintuaudubon.org - click on the PayPal button to pay with PayPal or credit card
2. Send a check to Wintu Audubon Society, PO Box 994533, Redding, CA 96099-4533

Background: Your membership in the National Audubon Society includes membership in our local Wintu Audubon Society, and will continue to. However, membership in the national organization does not increase local funding. To support the local chapter many members have chosen to pay yearly dues as direct contributions to the chapter. These local dues have been payable each year, one year from the prior contribution.

New System: Members wishing to support the local chapter will no longer be billed throughout the year. Instead, as we begin our program year each August/September, we will invite members to make a donation. Any donation goes completely to the local chapter and qualifies the donor as a local member. (Note: while we appreciate all donations, current local members will be considered "paid up" through August 2022.)

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

Education:

Bird blind at Turtle Bay - slated to be installed this fall, this is a collaborative effort. Materials for the blind are funded by a generous donation from David Klasson. Turtle Bay Museum is providing the land. Construction will be done by CHYBA, the charter school that annually pre-cuts the nesting boxes that the chapter provides at the Whole Earth and Watershed Festival. Classroom Outreach - While Covid remains a barrier, the chapter hopes to go forward with a program piloted last year in which teachers are trained and loaned binoculars for use with their students over an extended period. The pilot showed a high level of student interest from repeated, teacher-led bird walks.

Conservation Corner - Co-chairs Bruce Webb and Janet Wall

Support for Redding Tree Ordinance to sequester carbon and provide shade, habitat, and beauty. See article from our affiliate, the Shasta Environmental Alliance here: <https://www.ecoshasta.org/redding-tree-ordinance/> and a petition to the city from Sunrise Redding here: <https://www.change.org/p/redding-city-council-and-planning-commission-a-real-tree-ordinance-for-redding>.

Monitor Fountain Wind - This wind farm proposed for eastern Shasta County expects to reduce CO2 emissions by over 98% from comparable fossil fuel energy production. The County Planning Commission rejected its permit after hours of input from concerned locals, including tribe members, affected by the farm's placement. Wintu Audubon is calling for adequate monitoring of bird mortality if the wind farm goes forward.

Saw-whet Owl Banding - Board member Erika Iacona plans to start this program later this year, pending fires and final approval from Lassen Volcanic National Park. The banding program is expected to yield both data on the owls and educational opportunities for the chapter.



Funding Needs:

Binocular purchases for classroom use and Equipment for Saw-whet Owl banding program

Welcome to our newest Board Members!

The Board has appointed Rebeca Ladrón de Guevara as president and Tim Kashuba as Field Trip Chair. Rebeca is jumping into our full slate of outreach, conservation, and operational efforts. Tim is researching Public Health and Audubon advisories to enable our safe resumption of Field Trip activities. Welcome to you both!



Everyone attending the annual **Lassen Volcanic National Park Campout** had a great time! Eight folks from Altacal Audubon and three Wintu members were treated to a Black-backed Woodpecker right in the campground on Friday, the first afternoon of the campout. Later that evening we hiked to our "overlook rock" to take in a dozen Common Nighthawks. A much larger group birded Manzanita Lake on Saturday morning chalking up another 29 species including Hermit, Orange-crowned and Yellow-rumped Warblers, as well as some very cute Bufflehead and Mallard ducklings.

Thanks to our 2021 nestbox monitors **Kacie Finn, Delaney Laughlin and Jonelle Meyer** for a very successful season! We fledged a total of 165 Oak Titmouse, Western Bluebirds, Tree Swallows, and Ash-throated Flycatchers!

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Our board is currently suspending field trips as we contemplate the COVID risk and Federal, State, and County recommendations.



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