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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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SAVING TRICOLORED BLACKBIRDS



We hope you will join us for this month's presentation on the protection and conservation of Tricolored Blackbirds in the Central Valley, Wednesday October 12th at 7pm. Xerónimo Castañeda is a Conservation Project Manager with Audubon California. His work with Audubon focuses on habitat restoration, enhancement, and multi-benefit management of Central Valley wetlands, agricultural operations, and groundwater recharge projects to benefit birds and people.

Current projects Xerónimo helps lead at Audubon California are:

1. Protecting at-risk Tricolored Blackbird colonies
2. Developing multi-benefit groundwater recharge projects in target regions to benefit people and birds
3. Coordinations a new drought relief program with wetland managers in the Delta and San Joaquin Valley

A native of California, Xerónimo has lived and worked from Monterey to Arcata, with short adventures along the east coast, but eventually finding his way to Sacramento. Away from work, Xerónimo spends time working on his new home, riding bikes, cooking, and of course birding.

Zoom link below.

[HTTPS://US06WEB.ZOOM.US/J/88112829846](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88112829846)

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.

A Big Thank You to all that donated last month!

In case you missed the announcement last month, 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.

If you haven't already, 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. <https://www.wintuadubon.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

This is just a reminder!

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.

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

(Note: while we appreciate all donations, current local members will be considered "paid up" through August 2022.)

Thanks to Everyone who helped with the clean-up at Nur Pon!



From left to right: Tim Kashuba, Janet Wall, Bill Camp, Jaci White, Larry Jordan and (not pictured, Catherine Camp)

There was a huge turnout for the clean up and I'm certain there will be discussion on this and other City of Redding projects in next month's program from Kim Niemer, Director of Community Services at the City of Redding.



If you haven't been to our website recently, be sure to check out the latest "BirdWord" article from our ex-president and still director-at-large, Dan Greaney, titled "With Gulls Among Us" at <https://www.wintuadubon.org/with-gulls-among-us/>



Covid19 is currently increasing in Shasta County and the transmission level is rated as "High." The complete Shasta County information can be found at <https://www.co.shasta.ca.us/ready/covid-19/overview>.

You can find the updated "Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings" <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>. We are anxious to begin public birding activities and field trips again as soon as the Shasta County caseload decreases to a safe level.

Check out one of our videos of "A Gathering of Species at Colusa National Wildlife Refuge" on our YouTube page here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rlafwjHdE6g>



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Hopefully you have been vaccinated and may therefore be able to engage in activities with other vaccinated people. Thank you for keeping our community a safer place by wearing a mask when necessary and following social distancing guidelines. We look forward to a time when we can all come together again safely.



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

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