



# The Avocet

The Newsletter of the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society

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## California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Ineffective?

Over the past 25 years, California has established a legal "infrastructure" requiring businesses, private landowners and state and local governments to follow numerous mandates for environmental protection. CEQA is California's broadest environmental law. Enacted in 1970, CEQA was modeled closely after the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

### The Goals of CEQA Are to:

- Disclose to decision makers and the public the significant environmental effects of proposed activities.
- Identify ways to avoid or reduce environmental damage.
- Prevent environmental damage by requiring implementation of feasible alternatives or mitigation measures.
- Disclose to the public reasons for agency approvals for projects with significant impacts.
- Foster interagency cooperation.
- Enhance public participation through hearings, comment periods and legal standing to sue.

CEQA mandates the preparation of an environmental impact report (EIR) for projects carried out or approved by a public agency which will have a "significant effect on the environment." CEQA requires that a lead agency be named to prepare and certify the EIR.

CEQA does not disallow, nor ultimately prevent, environmentally

destructive projects. At best, CEQA can facilitate project modification through consideration of alternatives and mitigation requirements. Even though CEQA requires full disclosure of significant environmental impacts, the lead agency can issue a "Statement of Overriding Conditions" which allows projects to go forward despite overwhelming evidence of negative impacts. You can sue for noncompliance with CEQA, but usually the only viable legal challenges are failure to consider all feasible mitigation measures.

### What's Wrong with CEQA?

The crux of the business community's arguments calling for the overhaul of CEQA is that the law has

become a "paper tiger." Critics focus on the significant costs of CEQA review for large projects. EIR's often go through several drafts, taking months or years and several hundred thousand dollars.

On the other side of the coin, the environmental community feels that CEQA does not go far enough. Problems include: abuse of the EIR process; categorical exemptions; failure to consider cumulative impacts; and blatant dereliction in following through on mitigation promises.

Ultimately, CEQA is enforced by the public. There is no public agency charged with enforcement of the law, and the California Attorney General or other agencies with standing to sue very rarely challenge EIR approvals.

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**General Membership Meeting, Wednesday, March 17  
7:30 PM Refreshments, 8:00 PM Meeting  
Palo Alto Cultural Center  
Newell & Embarcadero Rds.**

### **Breeding Birds of Riparian Restoration Sites**

Come and see a vision of what our streams can be in the future. The incredible South Fork Kern River area of California's Sierra Nevada is again the locale of the evening's topic: breeding birds on nine restored riparian sites in the Nature Conservancy's Kern River Preserve. The sites were reforested with cottonwood and willow by the Kern River Research Center under Research Director Steve Laymon to provide habitat for Yellow-billed Cuckoos, but many species are found here. Steve has been monitoring changes in foraging and breeding use by birds on the restored sites and will share his findings with us.

Meeting is co-sponsored by the Palo Alto Open Space and Sciences Division.

# Chapter News

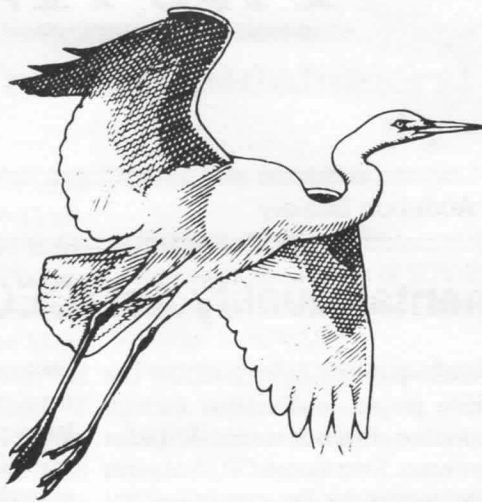
## NAS Convenes Statewide Meeting

The Western Regional Office of the National Audubon Society is holding a statewide meeting of chapter leaders throughout California. The meeting will be held at the Radisson Hotel on Lake Natoma near Folsom from March 20-22, 1993.

The meeting will begin on Saturday morning with an assortment of plenary sessions and workshops.

Plenary sessions will cover state legislative opportunities and growth management strategies. Workshops will cover such topics as wetlands protection, endangered species, ancient forests, neotropical bird conservation, the upcoming California Park and Bond Act, fisheries conservation and Mono Lake.

There will be a Saturday night banquet and program with more workshops and programs to follow on Sunday. On Monday participants will travel to



Sacramento to put their skills to work when they meet with their respective legislators.

You do *not* need to be a Board Member to attend. All Audubon members who would like to learn more about chapter activities and conservation issues are *encouraged* to attend. For more information, call or write Dan Taylor at the National Audubon Society, 555 Audubon Place, Sacramento, CA 95825 916/481-5332.

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## Birdathon '93 Supports Riparian Projects

Attention all SCVAS members! Mark your calendars for the weekend of April 24-25. That's the date of our biggest annual fundraiser, the Birdathon, and we need your support!

Last year's Birdathon raised over \$11,000—good for a top 5 ranking among all Audubon Birdathons. Encouraged by our success, we've set

a goal of \$15,000 in '93; money raised will go to local riparian inventory and habitat protection projects as well as chapter operating expenses.

You can participate by forming a Birdathon team and collecting sponsors or supporting one of our already-existing teams of birding fanatics. Get your binoculars (and checkbook) ready for April! Full details in next month's *Avocet*.

# March 1993 Calendar

On all field trips carpool and share expenses. Bring binoculars, field guides, warm clothing, lunch (optional on half-day trips) and liquids. Field Trip Coordinator for March: Grant Hoyt 415/969-7892.

\*\*Denotes Field Trip

**Wednesday, March 3, 7:30-9:30 PM. Bay Area Bird Photographers** will meet at Palo Alto's Lucy Evans Baylands Interpretive Center on East Embarcadero Rd. Doug Cheeseman will show slides of African birds, covering as many species as possible. Many of the shots will be from his 1992 trips to Tanzania and Kenya.

**\*\*Sunday, March 7, Owling at Almaden-Quicksilver Park.** Leader: John Mariani 408/997-1429. Limit 12 people. Call leader for time and meeting place. Highlights: W. Screech Owl, Great Horned Owl; possible N. Saw-whet Owl.

**Tuesday, March 9, 9:00 AM. Eve Case Bird Discussion Group** will meet at the home of Pat and Jean Dubois, 17150 Buena Vista Avenue, Los Gatos. 408/395-4264. Topic: Trumpeter Swan.

**\*\*Wednesday, March 10, 9:00 AM. Half day. Alum Rock Park.** Leader: Alan Thomas 408/265-9286. Directions: Take Alum Rock Ave. off I-680 or 101 east to end of road and into Alum Rock Park. Meet in the Youth Science Institute parking lot. Highlights: Possible American Dipper, Canyon Wren and local passerines. Lunch optional, rain cancels.

**\*\*Saturday, March 13, 8:00 AM. Half day. Almaden-Quicksilver County Park.** Leader: Tom Roach 408/268-6101. Highlights: Wild Turkey, Golden Eagle, resident oak woodland species. 3-4 mi. hiking. Meet at Safeway parking lot, corner of Camden Ave. and Almaden Expwy. Heavy rain cancels.

**\*\*Sunday, March 14th, 9:00 AM. Half day. Beginners trip to Charleston Slough.** Leader: Allen Royer 408/288-7768. Directions: Take Hwy. 101 to Mountain View, exit San Antonio Rd. E to its end at Terminal Way. Highlights: Basics of birding with emphasis on wintering ducks and shorebirds.

**Wednesday, March 17, 7:30 PM refreshments; 7:45 PM Oaxaca Reforestation Project; 8:00 PM General Membership Meeting.** See box on Page 1.

**Saturday, March 20, 8:00 AM. Half day. Bird-banding at Coyote Creek.** Demonstration and tour of riparian habitat revegetation. Leader: Mike Rigney 408/249-1380. Learn basics of bird-banding and in-the-hand bird identification from Coyote Creek Riparian Station research staff. Find out how bird research and habitat restoration/management can make a strong environmental impact in our creek and wetland areas. Call CCRS 408/262-9204 to sign up and get directions. Limit 12 people.

**\*\*Wednesday, March 24, 8:30 AM. Half day. North County Field Trip to Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve.** Leaders: Jasper Ridge docents. By reservation only 415/493-9546. \$5.00 gate fee. Directions: Meet at main entrance. Gate open from 8:15-8:35 only. Take Sandhill Rd. west off I-280 about 2 mi. to gate on left. Rain or shine. Lunch optional.

**\*\*Sunday, March 28, 9:00 AM. Full day. Pescadero Marsh/Gazos Creek.** Leader: Cliff Richer 415/355-4058. Join one of San Mateo County's top birders for an early spring tour of coastal hot spots. Highlights include gulls, grebes, rocky shorebirds and diving ducks at Pescadero Beach; herons, dabbling ducks and raptors at the marsh; and a variety of passerines along Cloverdale and Gazos Crk. roads. Early returning migrants are possible. Some easy walking; mostly birding by car caravan. Heavy rain cancels.

## Plan Ahead

**\*\*Saturday, April 3, Grant Ranch Park.** Details in April *Avocet*.

## Non-Audubon Events

### Winter Raptors with Joe Morlan

Joe Morlan fulfills the definition of a "Twitcher", someone who searches out all the rarities for all of us tickers. His is the familiar voice on the Rare Bird recording when you call 510/528-0288. He teaches ornithology evenings for City College in San Francisco so that he has time to sharpen his birding skills daily plus find more rare birds!

Joe describes birds flawlessly and his talk gives us lots of tips for identifying one of the big ID problems that we like to grapple with: hawks found in California during winter, including eagles, falcons, buteos, and accipiters. He is co-author of *Birds of Northern California*, sits on the editorial board of *Western Birds*, and has published papers in *American Birds*, *Birding*, and other birding publications. His classes include Breeding Birds beginning Mar. 23 (Tues. class) and Advanced Topics, with one class starting Mar. 24 (Wed. class) which will be mostly shorebirds and another starting Apr. 1 (Thurs. class) on mostly flycatchers. Class location: Marina Middle School, corner of Fillmore & Bay Streets. For more information call 415/267-6514 or 415/561-1840 at City College.

## Upcoming Ecological Tours

Doug & Gail are offering the following non-smoking group wildlife tours that have space available: Galapagos and Ecuador, \$2425, June 20-July 3; Trinidad & Tobago, \$3325, June 27-July 10; Tanzania and Kenya, \$4550, July 26-Aug. 17. For more details, call Cheesemans' Ecology Safaris. 408/867-1371.

# Field Notes

By Bill Bousman

## Loons through Waterfowl

A string of early January storms and lots of rain kept the birding down, but checks of our county reservoirs this month provided records of all three loon species which is unusual. One to two **Red-throated Loons** have been on seen on Shoreline Lake through 26 Jan (m.ob.). Single birds were on the Campbell perc. ponds 31 Dec (AV) and the Sunnyvale Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) 3 Jan (RST). Two to three birds were on Calero Res. 18-23 Jan (MMR). **Pacific Loons** have been found in more locations than usual with one individual in the vicinity of the Los Alamitos perc. ponds 31 Dec-16 Jan (AV, DLS, TB) and two found on Lexington Res. 6 Jan (DLS). The loon triad was completed by at least nine **Common Loons**. Five were at Calero Res. 6 Jan with two at Guadalupe Res., one at Lexington, and one at Almaden on the same day (all DLS). A single bird was still at Calero Res. 18 Jan (MMR). The peak count of wintering **Wood Duck** at Almaden Res. was of 76 counted on 23 Dec (AV). **Eurasian Wigeon** have remained in their usual haunts. A male was seen at the Palo Alto Baylands 7 Jan (WGB, MJM) and at least one other male was in the Palo Alto Flood Control Basin 9-10 Jan (MiF, RF *et al.*, MMR). The **Redhead** flock has remained there as well with birds seen through 24 Jan (MJM, IBa, CBa) with a peak of 67 counted on 1 Jan (MJM). The number of **Barrow's Goldeneyes** peaked at Shoreline Lake with six on 11 Jan (MiF), but has declined since then with a single bird seen 23 Jan (AME). **Hooded Mergansers** continue to be found in a number of places. A single female was in the Los Alamitos perc. ponds 19 Dec-1 Jan (AV). Nine birds were seen on Almaden Res. 6 Jan (DLS). On the Oka perc. ponds, ten birds were found 16 Jan (AV) and six were there 23 Jan (MMR).

## Raptors

Winter records of **Osprey** are always unusual so one on Lake Elsman 2 Jan (DLS) is of interest. An adult **Bald Eagle** on Isabel Res. 28 Dec (MJM) and another at Calero Res. 6 Jan (DLS) are both locations where we occasionally find this rare eagle. An adult **Ferruginous Hawk** was seen at the San Jose Airport 24 Dec (EF) where one had been seen since early November and another bird was near Calero Res. 6 Jan (DLS). **Merlin** continue to be well reported this month. A male *richardsoni*, the prairie race, was seen 28 Dec (WGB) in San Antonio Valley. Another bird has been seen regularly in Los Gatos 4-9 Jan (MiF).

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### The January rains brought loons.

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Single birds have also been found along Mines Rd. 16 Jan (MMR, MJM), at Calero Res. 18 Jan (MMR), at the Palo Alto estuary 19 Jan (MMR), at the Los Alamitos perc. pond 23 Jan (MMR), and in Mountain View 26 Jan. This is the fourth winter that the latter bird, a male *richardsoni*, has returned to this location. **Peregrine Falcon** has also been well reported. One to two birds have been in the vicinity of the Palo Alto Baylands 7-21 Jan (m.ob.) and one of these birds is of the dark coastal race (*pealei*) from British Columbia. Other individuals have been seen on outer Charleston Slough 11 Jan (MiF) and Coyote Ck. below Hwy 237 on 23 Jan (AME). The *pealei* at the Palo Alto Baylands, an endangered species, was carefully observed on 7 Jan (TAC) feasting on a **Clapper Rail**, another endangered species. Despite the abundant evidence, no citation was issued.

## Rails through Woodpeckers

Up to three **Black Rails** were observed on the January high tide 7-10 Jan (m.ob.) at the Palo Alto Baylands. The tide was substantially augmented by the

runoff from the early January storms. Two first-winter **Glaucous Gulls** were seen at the Sunnyvale WPCP 3 Jan (RST) and an adult was reported there 11 Jan (RF *fide* MiF). A first or second-winter bird was seen in the Palo Alto FCB 10 Jan (RF *et al.*). Twelve **Lewis' Woodpeckers** in San Antonio Valley 28 Dec (WGB) and seven in Isabel Valley the same day (MJM) are as expected. A drive through the San Antonio Valley 16 Jan (MMR, MJM) recorded five birds. A male **Red-naped Sapsucker** was found below Lake Elsman on Los Gatos Creek on 2 Jan (DLS).

## Swallows through Orioles

Four **Tree Swallows** were over the Los Capitancillos perc. ponds 6 Jan (DLS, TB) and additional birds were over Los Gatos Ck. near the Campbell perc. ponds on 16 Jan (AV). More expected were 12 birds east of San Gregorio on 10 Jan (JB), not far from the coast. A single **Violet-green Swallow** was over the Los Capitancillos perc. ponds 6 Jan (DLS, TB). Both of these species overwinter occasionally; returning birds do not appear until the end of February. A **Red-breasted Nuthatch** in Los Gatos 3 Jan (AW), at the base of the hills, is away from known breeding areas and is one of our few wintering birds this year. An **American Dipper** was found in Alum Rock Park 30 Dec (AV) where they have been sporadic this winter. **Orange-crowned Warblers** have been well-reported this month with individuals in Santa Clara 2-3 Jan (CS), Los Altos 11 Jan (PLaT), Stanford 22 Jan (MMR), and the Los Alamitos perc. pond 24 Jan (WGB). The (same?) **Western Tanager** found last month on San Francisquito Ck. at Middlefield was found again on 4 Jan (MiF). The Palo Alto Baylands **Sharp-tailed Sparrow** was found again on the 7-8 Jan high tides (MJM, WGB, AS *fide* MiF, m.ob.), but

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Way, Menlo Park, CA 94025.

## Field Notes *Continued*

was still missed by many. A **White-throated Sparrow** was seen at Stanford 21 Jan (MMR). A male and female **Hooded Oriole** came to a Los Altos yard 15 Jan (VR) and the male was seen again the next day. We find wintering birds here only in one winter out of three or four. Normal arrival dates are the second or third week in March.

**OBSERVERS:** Charles Bacon (CBA), Ian Bacon (IBA), Ted Beedy (TB), Bill Bousman (WGB), Jobst Brandt (JB), Ted Chandik (TAC), Al Eisner (AME), Mike Feighner (MiF), Eric Feuss (EF), Reid Freeman (RF), Pete LaTourrette (PLaT), Mike Mammoser (MJM), Virginia Reynolds (VR), Mike Rogers (MMR), Chris Salander (CS), Audrey Stoye (AS), David Suddjian (DLS), Ron Thorn (RST), Ann Verdi (AV), and Alan Walther (AW).

## CEQA Changes Urged *Continued from Page 1*

A special legislative hearing was held in January with representatives from four State Senate Committees with jurisdiction over CEQA. The Office of Planning and Research advocated the following integrated changes to CEQA:

1) **Frontloading Environmental Planning** through a Master EIR. This proposal would require preparation of a Master EIR whenever a local general plan is adopted. The Master EIR concept is designed to limit further environmental review when the time comes to approve specific projects. If the Master EIR sufficiently addressed all the significant environmental impacts associated with a particular project, additional EIR's would not be required. "Frontloading" is unfortunately a frequent euphemism for avoidance.

2) **Revision in Legal Standard of Review.** After preparation of a Master EIR, any claim that a subsequent project would require preparation of a more specific EIR could be rebutted under the "substantial evidence" test.

3) **Mitigation Banking.** In concept, mitigation banking provides a regional mechanism for coordinating and combining CEQA's mitigation requirements. The argument goes that large scale mitigation should be allowed at the community, region or statewide level, and we should stop trying to save every last degraded wetland.

### What You Can Do:

Please write to Senator Lockyer and cc your local Senator and Assemblymember urging them to resist efforts to weaken CEQA, and telling them you actually want to see CEQA strengthened.

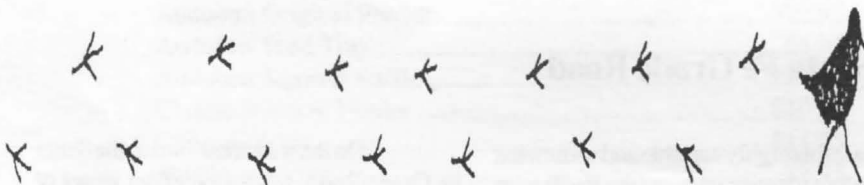
Tell Sen. Lockyer that many of the criticisms of CEQA are exaggerated, and that the law plays a crucial role in inventorying and reducing environmental damage from new projects. In your letter, you should note the criticisms and limitations of transitioning to a Master EIR "front-loaded" system mentioned above. You should also stress that Audubon opposes any changes to the evidentiary test which determines when an EIR should be prepared.

Possible strengthening amendments to CEQA include increased enforcement and quality control standards for mitigation requirements, integration of EIR's for large projects, closer scrutiny of cumulative impacts of projects and updating the CEQA Guidelines.

### Send your letters to:

Sen Bill Lockyer, Chairman  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
Room 2032, State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814.

—John McCaull  
California State Audubon Lobbyist



## Coyote Creek Riparian Station Offers Spring Bird Banding Class

Would you like to put your birding knowledge to work in adding to the understanding of the birds of our area and have the opportunity to get up close and personal with our feathered friends? Then this is the class for you. Coyote Creek Riparian Station is again offering its Bird Banding class beginning March 11, 1993. This combination lecture-field class will provide sufficient hands-on experience to qualify graduates for participation in the ongoing biomonitoring program at CCRS. Completion of this course is

also the first step in qualifying for a Federal Bird Banding Subpermit. The cost of the class is \$45 which includes one year Active Member dues (the class is \$25 for current members). The class schedule includes three Thursday night lectures (7:00 - 9:30 PM) and three field trips (one weekend morning following each lecture). Registration is limited to 25 and you must register by March 1. If you have any questions or would like to register, call Chris Otahal at 408/262-9204.

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# Environmental Action News

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## A "Walk for the Trees" to kick off Reforestation Month in Palo Alto

Neighbors Abroad, City of Palo Alto Recreation, and the Peninsula Conservation Center are co-sponsoring a "Walk for the Trees" on Sunday, March 7, Arbor Day, as a benefit for Neighbors Abroad's award-winning Reforestation Project in Oaxaca, Palo Alto's sister city in Mexico. The event is also endorsed by the Garden Club of Palo Alto and the Gamble Garden Center. The 5K walk for all ages will begin at the Palo Alto Baylands Interpretive Center at 9:00 AM. The entry fee is \$8 for up to age 12 and over 65, \$10 for everyone else.

A tree planting ceremony, involving a California Redwood and a

Oaxaca Ocote Pine, will take place at 3:00 PM, Sunday, March 7th at the Gamble Center, corner of Churchill and Waverley Streets.

The City of Palo Alto will declare March "Reforestation Month", in support of the Oaxaca Reforestation Project. Throughout the month local businesses and organizations will feature reforestation display boxes with information about the project and notecards for sale.

Since 1989, Palo Alto and Oaxaca have been working together to begin the long process of reforesting the denuded

hills of the greater Oaxaca Valley. To maintain this project, funds are needed for: planting and maintenance of new trees; care of present reforested sites; tools and irrigation equipment; and environmental education in the schools. In 1991 Sister Cities International awarded Palo Alto and Neighbors Abroad its "Best Single Project" award for cities 50,000 to 100,000 for its Oaxaca Reforestation Project.

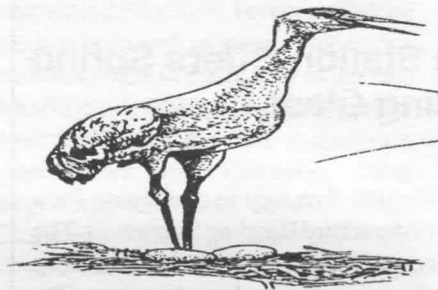
You can donate to the reforestation project by sending a check to Neighbors Abroad Reforestation, P.O. Box 52004, Palo Alto CA 94303 or call Carol Stevens at 415/494-0757.

## Field Trip Report

### Merced National Wildlife Refuge/Santa Fe Grade Road

On January 24, 14 birders joined me in exploring two great birding areas in Merced County, Merced NWR and the Santa Fe Grade Road. We met at the junction of Hwy 59 and Sandy Mush Road which is located about 7 miles south of the City of Merced at 0900. We started off the day by observing a *Common Moorhen* sitting about half way up a six-foot tall willow in the man-made pond adjacent to the co-generation? plant at the meeting place. Also at this location were about 100 *Tricolored Blackbirds*, now a federal category 2 candidate for listing as threatened or endangered. On our way to the wildlife refuge, we stopped in several locations to search for a Mountain Plover and Burrowing Owl, but with no luck. We did, however, get a distant look at a *Roughlegged Hawk*. At the wildlife refuge, we had spectacular luck in finding a **Blue Morph Ross' Goose and Ruff!!** A local birder pointed out the *Ruff* to us. You can imagine our excitement when we realized that it was foraging alongside a *Lesser Yellowlegs*, which provided us the rare opportunity to

compare this highly variable and somewhat difficult to identify vagrant (the *Ruff*) with the somewhat more common "vagrant" *Lesser Yellowlegs*.



We also saw a *Blue Morph Snow Goose*. Both blue geese were in a flock of about 8,000 Snow/Ross' Geese, which included a number of Greater White-fronted Geese and small Canada Geese (some Cackling Geese) mixed in. These geese and about 300 *Sandhill Cranes* were very cooperative and allowed close approach which gave us a great chance to study them. Other great birds in the wildlife refuge included *Ferruginous Hawk* and about 50 *Tree Swallows*.

On the way westward to the Santa Fe Grade Road, we got excellent views of an immature *Ferruginous Hawk* which displayed an unusually dark tail band. Along the Santa Fe Grade Road, unusual birds observed included *Merlin* and *Barn Swallow!* We also saw about 150 *White-faced Ibis* and one *American Bittern*.

In all, 77 species of birds were observed, with good looks at many of the common ducks and other birds which are found in these wetlands habitats. We had the rare fortune to have a clear, calm, mild day, which was especially welcome after nearly six weeks of stormy weather in the area.

On Saturday, January 23rd, while scouting the Santa Fe Grade Road and Merced NWR (to make sure the roads were open), I saw *Cattle Egret* and *Prairie Falcon* along Santa Fe Grade Road and an adult *Cooper's Hawk* at Merced NWR.

—Don Schmoltdt

March 1993

# BIRD SEED SALE ORDER FORM—SPRING 1993

**PICK-UP LOCATIONS: PLEASE CHECK ONE**

- REI, Cupertino ..... Tues., March 23, 4:30–6:30 PM
- PCC, Palo Alto ..... Sat., April 3, 10 AM–12 PM
- YSI, Los Gatos ..... Wed, March 30, 4:30–6:30PM
- Humane Soc. of SC Valley,  
Santa Clara ..... Tues., March 30, 4:30–6:30PM
- YSI, Thrift & Gift, San Jose ..... Sat., April 3, 10 AM–12PM

**All orders must  
be received by  
March 22**

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(Mix includes sunflower seeds)	20 lb @ \$11.00/bag		
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WESTERN WILD .....	20 lb @ \$10.00/bag		
(Mix does not include sunflower seeds)	50 lb @ \$19.00/bag		
BLACK OIL SUNFLOWER .....	25 lb @ \$16.00/bag		
	50 lb @ \$28.00/bag		
THISTLE .....	5 lb @ \$13.00/bag		
SUNFLOWER CHIPS .....	25 lb @ \$24.00/bag		
MILLET .....	20 lb @ \$10.00/bag		
	50 lb @ \$18.00/bag		

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**Note:** All birdseed and birdfeeders are available for sale year-round at the SCVAS NatureShop at McClellan Ranch Park in Cupertino.

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## Calling All Creative Auduboners!

The SCVAS Board of Directors announces the search for the perfect logo. Our members know that the bird is the avocet. We see pictures of avocets adorning our masthead for the Avocet newsletter, in our advertisements for the Nature Shop, our t-shirts, sweatshirts, pins, patches and mugs. All these wonderful renditions of our avocet reflect the real world—they are unique. Some stand in reeds; others stand alone; another one flies. The Board is seeking an avocet in a common logo which will call to mind our chapter when viewed. How can you participate?

### Contest Rules:

- Contestants must be a member of SCVAS
- Logo must include at least one avocet
- Deadline to submit entries is April 30, 1993
- Winning entry becomes property of SCVAS.

### Criteria for selection:

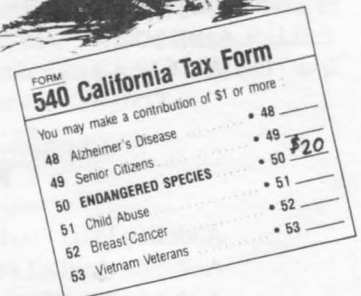
- Aesthetically pleasing
- Represents the mission of SCVAS
- Easily reproduced in various sizes
- Unique to SCVAS
- Suitable for all chapter-related activities.

### Award:

Winning entry will be announced at our Annual Dinner on June 16th at McClellan Ranch and the winning contestant will receive a \$50 Gift Certificate to REI and a SCVAS sweatshirt. The Board reserves the right to make the final decision based on entries received.

All entries will be on display at SCVAS offices at McClellan Ranch during the month of May. For more information, call 408/252-3747.

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*Pictured here: San Joaquin Kit Fox*

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