



The Avocet

The Newsletter of the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society

March 1995

Brown-Headed Cowbird vs. Willow Flycatcher

The Kern River Research Center (KRRC) has been studying the effects of Brown-headed Cowbird parasitism on the Southwestern Willow Flycatcher since 1989. The study area is located on The Nature Conservancy's Kern River Preserve and the adjacent U.S. Forest Service's South Fork Wildlife Area in northeastern Kern County, California.

The Willow Flycatcher population showed a steady decline from 1989 until 1992. Data collected during these years indicated that cowbird parasitism is preventing this Willow Flycatcher population from producing enough young to be self-sustaining. In 1993 KRRC began a small-scale cowbird trapping program. Four cowbird traps (modified Australian Crow traps) were used from early May to late August. A total of 350 females and 250 juveniles were removed from the trap area. The program was a success—parasitism rates of the Willow Flycatcher were the lowest recorded in five years, and nest success, number of young fledged and number of fledged young per nest attempt were

all higher in the trap area than in the non-trap area. The trapping not only helped the Willow Flycatcher but other species of open-cup nesting birds such as the Yellow Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Yellow-breasted Chat, and Lazuli Bunting.

This past year, the trapping was expanded to eight traps. Seven of the cowbird traps were set up within a 3.5 mile stretch of the river containing most of the Willow Flycatchers and one trap was located outside the study area at a Brown-headed Cowbird foraging site. The traps were open from early May to early August and 152 females and 67 juveniles from the trap area and 24 females and 3 juveniles from the foraging area were removed.

The cowbird survey in 1994 indicated a carryover effect from 1993 trapping efforts. This is significant, because if a large enough number are trapped, there may not be a need to trap cowbirds every year to keep cowbird nest parasitism

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LISTEN!

with John Delevoryas

General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, March 15, 1995

7:30PM Refreshments, 8:00PM Program

Palo Alto Cultural Center, Newell & Embarcadero

During these short, rainy winter days many Auduboners spend time listening to tapes of the Birds of North America in order to improve their birding-by-ear skills. Our March general meeting offers an opportunity to hear some exotic new sounds. John Delevoryas and his daughter Penelope will present a slide AND sound show of the birds of Trinidad, Tobago and Northern Venezuela. During the summer of 1993 John taped over 40 bird songs and calls in these regions. Join us in March to see and hear these beautiful birds and to learn about their mating, nesting, and singing voices. Co-Sponsored by the City of Palo Alto Open Space & Sciences Division.

Chapter News

Habitat Restoration Theme for Earth Day 1995

SCVAS will be participating in several Earth Day Events this April. The theme for much of the Earth Day Activities is Habitat Restoration. Look for a complete calendar of events in the April *Avocet*.

One of the kick-off events is a Habitat Restoration Workshop on Sunday, March 19th, 10am -2pm. San Jose State Professor Lynn Trulio will lead a talk on habitat restoration. Presentations and slide shows of ongoing restoration projects will be given, followed by a Nature Hike. The workshop is being held at the Baylands Interpretive Center in Palo Alto and is sponsored by Bay Area Action and the City of Palo Alto Recreation-Open Space & Sciences Division; for more information call Bay Area Action (415) 321-1994

Field Trip Report: Charleston Slough

It didn't rain on the January 14th Charleston Slough Beginner's Birding Trip! or, How lucky can you get! During a very wet month (el niño) the threatening rain held off until all fifteen birders, including eight beginners, were warm and cozy in their cars. A total of sixty-seven species were seen on this trip in spite of heavy wind and rain on preceding days which had driven the

ducks out of Coast Casey Forebay and out of Charleston Slough and into the Palo Alto Flood Control Basin. "Best" birds included a Peregrine Falcon on a power tower near Hwy. 101, four Barrow's Goldeneye on Shoreline Lake, two Sora and a Common Snipe in the Forebay and a Yellow Warbler in the trees along the creek feeding the Forebay.

— Bob Reiling

Spring Birdseed Sale

Fewer people have participated in our birdseed sales the last couple of years. There are probably many reasons for this including economy, competition, seed prices and year-round seed availability in the shop. It takes a lot of work to put on a sale and this year we have decided to only have a Fall Birdseed Sale (the bigger of the 2). However, we still encourage you to come out to McClellan Ranch Park to buy your seed. As an incentive we are cutting birdseed prices for the month of March! We will try to have a good supply in stock but you may want to call ahead to make sure we've got what you want. We will also be glad to make special time arrangements (after 5pm). Call us at the office (408) 252-3747.

Special Birdseed Prices for March 1995

Audubon Special20lb @ \$9.00
 (mix with Sunfl. seeds) ..50lb @ \$18.00
 Western Wild 20lb @ \$8.00
 (mix has no sunfl seeds) .50lb @ \$16.00
 Black Oil Sunflower25lb @ \$15.00
50lb @ \$26.00
 Thistle5lb @ \$9.00
 Sunflower Chips 25lb @ \$26.00

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March 1995 Calendar

On all field trips carpool and share expenses. Bring binoculars, field guides, warm clothing, lunch (optional on half-day trips) and liquids.

**Denotes Field Trip

Wednesday Mar. 1, 7:30 PM.

Bay Area Bird Photographers. Mark Rauzion will present a program describing his work with the endangered Hawaiian Stilt. Lucy Evans Baylands Interpretive Center, E. Embarcadero Rd., Palo Alto.

**Sunday Mar. 4, 9:00 PM.

South County Owling Trip with John Mariani 408/997-2066. Late evening outing to look and listen for those elusive nightbirds, especially Great Horned, Western Screech, and Northern Saw-whet Owls. Limited to 12 participants; call leader for reservation and directions. Rain cancels.

**Wednesday March 8, 8:30

AM. Half day. Grant Ranch County Park. Leader: Alan Thomas 408/265-9286. Meet at Hall's Valley Lake parking lot, left side of Mt. Hamilton Rd. 100 yds. past main entrance to park. From I-680 take Alum Rock Ave. East, turn right on Mt. Hamilton Rd. approx. 5 mi. to park. Easy 2.5 mi. walk. Highlights: oak woodland, fresh water birds, possible Golden Eagle. Lunch optional; rain cancels.

Saturday March 11. Education Day at McClellan Ranch Park. See back page for details.

Tuesday March 14, 9:30 AM.

The Eve Case Bird Discussion Group will meet at the home of Pat and Jean Dubois, 17150 Buena Vista Ave., Los Gatos 408/395-4264. Topic: Red-shouldered Hawk.

Wednesday March 15, 7:30 PM.

General Membership meeting in Palo Alto featuring John Delevoryas' bird slides and sounds. See Pg. 1. P.A. Cultural Center, Newell and Embarcadero Rds.

**Saturday-Sunday Mar. 18-19.

Honey Lake weekend. Leader: TBA. This northeastern California specialty trip features Sage Grouse, Bald Eagle, and a host of tantalizing possibilities, including Northern Shrike, Pinon Jay, and occasionally Bohemian Waxwing. Details not confirmed at press time; call the office at 408/252-3747 for meeting place. Motels available in Susanville.

**Wednesday Mar. 22, 8:30 AM.

Half day. Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve, Stanford. A docent-led trip through this unique and diverse habitat. \$5 admission fee; reservations required. Call Alberta Jasberg at 415/493-9546 to sign up.

**Sunday Mar. 26, 8:30 AM.

Half day. Grant Ranch County Park. Leader: Alan Thomas 408/265-9286. Joint trip with Sequoia Audubon—come and bird with our San Mateo County neighbors. See directions under Mar. 8 listing.

**Sunday Apr. 2, 8:15 AM.

Pescadero Marsh and vicinity. Leader: Al Eisner 415/364-3686. An excellent variety of coastside habitat will be covered, including the always productive marsh, the coastal waters and rocky shore, and Gazos Creek Rd. for early returning passerines. Early afternoon scoping from Pigeon Pt. for

alcids, etc. is optional. Meet at first parking lot immediately south of Pescadero Creek bridge on Hwy. 1.

Wednesday Apr. 5, 7:30 PM.

Bay Area Bird Photographers. More Antarctica/South Georgia highlights with presenters Doug Cheeseman, Tim Davis, Renee Lynn, and Mike Danzenbaker. Lucy Evans Baylands Interpretive Center, E. Embarcadero Rd. Palo Alto.

**Saturday Apr. 8, 8:30 AM.

Half day. Sunol Regional Park. Leader: Phil Hand 415/965-8752. From I-680 in Fremont take Calaveras Rd. south to Geary Rd. and park entrance. Moderate 2 miles of walking. Highlights: Golden Eagle, Rufous-crowned Sparrow, spring migrants.

Tuesday Apr. 11, 9:30 AM.

Eve Case Bird Discussion Group at the home of Pat and Jean Dubois, 17150 Buena Vista Ave., Los Gatos 408/395-4264. Topic: California Quail.

**Saturday Apr. 15, 8:00 AM.

Half day. Almaden Quicksilver County Park. Leader: Ann Verdi 408/266-2798. In San Jose take Almaden Expwy south to Almaden Rd. through town of New Almaden, turn right at park entrance. Moderately strenuous hiking through woodland, chaparral. Highlights: Wild Turkey, Rufous-crowned Sparrow, spring migrants. Reservoir birding optional in afternoon.

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within acceptable levels. However, several years of trapping are needed before one can tell if skipping years is possible.

The removal of cowbirds has halted the decline of the Willow Flycatcher population and the population appears to have stabilized. This study shows that the cowbird trapping program is effective in reducing cowbird parasitism rates of Willow Flycatchers and increasing the flycatchers' reproductive success. The parasitism rates of the Willow Flycatcher were the lowest recorded in six years and the nest success has doubled since they started trapping. Furthermore, during the last two years, the number of fledglings produced per nest attempt has been much higher in the trap area (1.25) than in the non-trap area (0.88). In addition, despite record high predation rates (47%), the Willow Flycatchers produced more young this year (42) than in any other year since the study of the population began.

(This article is derived from 1993, 1994 Summary information written by Mary J. Whitfield, Research Associate at KRRC.)

Field Notes

By Bill Bousman

Loons through Waterfowl

A **Pacific Loon** found on the Sunnyvale Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) ponds 11 Jan (MMR) was the only violation we have had this winter of Santa Clara County's (unfortunate) loon-free zone. A late **Am. White Pelican** in the Palo Alto Flood Control Basin (FCB) on 12 Jan (MMR) was the only pelican of either species found in January. An **Am. Bittern** along Alviso Slough 22 Jan (PJM) was in a location where one or two birds have been found this winter. **Cattle Egret** have been found irregularly with seven seen at the Arzino Ranch on 19 Jan (SCR) and six seen south of Hwy 237 on 31 Jan (MMR). The imm. **Greater White-fronted Goose** found in the Berryessa Community Center in December has remained there in January with observations on 5 Jan (MMR) and 17 Jan (AME). Our old friend, the Sunnyvale WPCP **Ross' Goose**, has also been found regularly with observations throughout January (m.ob.). The **Eurasian Green-winged Teal** found in the Stevens Creek Mitigation Area on the Palo Alto CBC lingered into the new year, being seen again on 2 Jan (WCa). This has been one of the best winters for **Blue-winged Teal** since the mid-1980s. One to nine birds have been found in the Palo Alto FCB throughout the month (m.ob.) with five males and four females counted on 2 Jan (MMR). Single male **Eurasian Wigeon** include one in the Palo Alto FCB 2 Jan (MMR), one in Crittenden Marsh 18 Jan (MMR), and one on the New Chicago Marsh 22 Jan (PJM). The Palo Alto FCB **Redhead** flock has remained fairly stable in January,

despite the flooding, with a peak count of 90 birds on 12 Jan (SCR). Apparently two male **Tufted Ducks** remain in the vicinity of South Bay salt ponds with one male seen in Salt Pond A12 in Alviso 1-4 Jan (LCh,WGB,MMR) and a second male in the large pond at the Sunnyvale WPCP 11-26 Jan (MMR,AME). **Barrow's Goldeneye**, that Shoreline Lake specialty, has been a bit harder to find in January with one or two birds found typically. The high count was of two males and two females on 13 Jan (SCR). Small numbers of **Hooded Mergansers** have been found in a variety of places with five in Los Gatos Creek above the Guadalupe River 16 Jan (SCR), three to four in Coyote Creek near Mabury 17-31 Jan

Wintering Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Eastern Phoebe, Green-tailed Towhee plus two longspur species set the tone for January birds

(SCR), two to six in the Oka ponds 19-28 Jan (MMR,CH *fide* AV), two females on the New Chicago Marsh 22 Jan (PJM), and a pair on the Coleman Road ponds 28 Jan (AV).

Raptors through Rails

The **Osprey** found at Coyote Res. in December was seen at least through 5 Jan (ECu *et al.*). **Bald Eagles** have been seen regularly at some of the larger reservoirs in January. One to three imm. birds have been at Calaveras Res. 2-17 Jan (WGB,MMR,AME) with the three immatures found on 12 Jan (MMR). Even more impressive were the two adults seen with three immatures on Coyote Res. 5 Jan (ECu *et al.*), surely a record concentration. An imm. bird was seen again at Calero Res. 28 Jan (AV). **Ferruginous**

Hawks include at least one bird near the Sierra Road summit 2-29 Jan (WGB,AME,RJe) and an adult east of Casa de Fruta 6 Jan (SCR). Twelve records of **Merlin** in January is about typical for recent winters. The most interesting sighting was of a male *richardsoni*, the prairie race, returning to Mountain View for its fifth winter on 3 Jan (MMR). Approximately twelve **Peregrine Falcons** has made for a spectacular winter for this predator with inland birds in downtown Mountain View 9 Jan (CIW), one at Stanford 20-29 Jan (SCR,TGr), and an imm. over Ed Levin CP 19 Jan (SCR). A **Prairie Falcon** in Alviso 10 Jan (SCR) was found slightly away from more typical Diablo locations. **Black**

Rails were seen at the Palo Alto Baylands 1-2 Jan and 28 Jan (m.ob.), but their true numbers and actual predation are hard to determine.

Shorebirds through Woodpeckers

Single **Lesser Yellowlegs** at the Palo Alto Baylands 1 Jan (WGB) and along Disk Drive in Alviso 20 Jan (MMR) are rare for winter. Four first- or second-year **Glaucous Gulls** were on the Alviso salt ponds 22 Jan (PJM) and a second-year bird was found the next day. These birds may become less frequent as the landfills close. At least one **Short-eared Owl** has been found in the vicinity of the Palo Alto Baylands during January (WGB,KCW). A bird along Stevens Creek near Crittenden 18 Jan (MMR) may be a different bird. The first arrival of **Allen's Hummingbird** was a male along Coyote Creek near Barber Lane 25 Jan (SCR). By the time you read this the females will have returned and some will be incubating eggs—spring is here! Our imm. male **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker**, wintering at Ed Levin CP, had been found throughout January (m.ob.).

Flycatchers through Longspurs

The **Eastern Phoebe**, spending its second winter at Shady Oaks Park in San Jose has been seen through 26 Jan (MMR, AME, SCR). The January rains may not have been conducive to good birding, but the higher temperatures may have benefited insects and their predators. Three separate sightings of **Violet-green Swallows** are most unusual for January: one at Calero Res. 7 Jan (AME), one along San Tomas Aquinas Creek above Hwy 101 19 Jan (SCR), and one over the Alviso salt ponds 22 Jan (PJM). Even more surprising was the continuing presence of one to two **Nor. Rough-winged Swallows** at Ed Levin CP 2-8 Jan (WGB, MMR, AME) and a single bird over Coyote Creek above Hwy 237 29 Jan (SCR). I have only one previous wintering record for this swallow.

Steve Rottenborn's research along our valley creeks and rivers has given us considerably more knowledge about the presence of some of the rarer wintering birds that appear to concentrate in these areas. During January he has found at least nine **Winter Wrens** in various places along Coyote Creek, Guadalupe River, and Los Gatos Creek. At least one **Am. Dipper** remains in Alum Rock Park with a bird seen there 7 Jan (CH, AV). A wintering **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** near the Model Airplane Skypark in Morgan Hill 26 Jan (SCR) was surprising. The female **Phainopepla** west of Calaveras Res., found in December was found on 2 Jan (WGB) and 6 Jan (MMR) as well. Along with the Winter Wrens, Rottenborn found at least 10 **Orange-crowned Warblers** along the creeks on the valley floor in January. **Nashville Warblers** overwinter in perhaps one winter in three or four or at least that's the conventional wisdom. A bird found near the main quad in Stanford on 23 Jan (SCR) had remained there through the end of the month

(MMR). A second wintering bird was found along Coyote Creek near Brokaw Road 25 Jan (SCR). A **Yellow Warbler** at the end of Terminal Avenue 13 Jan (SCR) is undoubtedly the same bird found there last winter. A **Hermit Warbler** found on 1 Jan (JMa *fide* DLSu) in Mt. Madonna CP is probably part of a small wintering population living in the coastal forests. Our only report of a wintering **Western Tanager** was a male seen along the Guadalupe River in Willow Glen 16 Jan (SCR).

The **Green-tailed Towhee** found last winter along Coyote Creek above Hwy 237 was re-found on 29 Jan (SCR) and seen again on 30 Jan (MiF) and 31 Jan (MMR). One to two **Sharp-tailed Sparrows** were found again at the Palo Alto Baylands on the high tides of 1-2 and 28 Jan (m.ob.). A **Swamp Sparrow** along Coyote Creek near the Model Airplane Skypark in Morgan Hill 26 Jan (SCR) was the only report this month. Six **White-throated Sparrows** found on creek censuses during January (SCR) show this bird to be somewhat more common than expected in these habitats. A bird was also present at a Los Gatos feeder during the month (JD), and either one or two birds have been along Matadero Creek below Hwy 101 2-28 Jan (m.ob.). The single **Lapland Longspur** on the Sierra Road summit was observed on 6

Jan (MMR), 11 Jan (SBT), and 17 Jan (AME). Two **Chestnut-collared Longspurs** were seen here 6 Jan (MMR) and three other birds were observed 11 Jan (SBT) and a comparison of plumage characteristics suggests that at least five birds have been present this winter.

Observers: Bill Bousman (WGB), William Cabot (WCa), Les Chibana (LCh), Emilie Curtis (ECu), Jean Dubois (JD), Al Eisner (AME), Mike Feighner (MiF), Tom Grey (TGr), Caralisa Hughes (CH), Richard Jeffers (RJe), John Mariani (JMa), Peter Metropulos (PJM), Mike Rogers (MMR), Steve Rottenborn (SCR), David Suddjian (DLSu), Scott Terrill (SBT), Ann Verdi (AV), Clark White (KCW), Claire Wolfe (CIW).

Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society Balance Sheet For Fiscal Year 1993-94

Assets	\$\$
Cash & Cash Equivalent	42,752
Equipment	834
Inventory	4,321
Investments - at cost (Market Value - \$371,929)	<u>342,853</u>
TOTAL	390,760
Liabilities and Fund Balance	
Accounts Payable	1,186
Deferred Income	2,256
Fund Balance	<u>387,318</u>
TOTAL	390,760

Activity Statement for the Period June 1, 1993 - May 31, 1994

Revenues	
Memberships	17,526
Investment Income	33,256
Sales (net of cost)	3,876
Contributions	16,356
Earth Share of California	15,883
Grants & Other Income	<u>10,895</u>
TOTAL	97,792
Expenses	
Environmental Action	12,051
Avocet Newsletter	18,680
Meetings & Christmas Bird Count	2,643
Education, Field Trips & Research	4,019
Library	2,292
Fundraising Expenses	399
Personnel & Taxes	21,995
Rent & General Expenses	<u>18,159</u>
TOTAL	80,238
Revenue in excess of expenses for Year Ended May 31, 1994	17,554

Environmental Action News

RAIL PATROL AIDS BIRDS, BIRDERS

by Craig Breon

Audubon at the Palo Alto Baylands

For an example of quickly organizing in response to a local environmental concern, Audubon volunteers got high praise in January. It came to our chapter's attention that high tide not only brought the Clapper, Virginia, and Black Rails out of the Palo Alto Baylands, but lured some birders into those same wetlands. As a result, habitat was being trampled and rails were being disturbed and at times endangered (when spooked into the open the black rail, on the state's threatened species list, can be easy prey for herons and other predators).

After meetings with City of Palo Alto Parks Department staff, we devised a volunteer program where one or two Audubon members would be out at the Baylands for two hours surrounding the time of highest tide. Their job would be both to answer question about the birds and to help ensure that eager birdwatchers maintained a safe distance.

Our efforts were successful! From all indications, our volunteers both helped ensure the safety of these special birds and helped other birdwatchers enjoy their experience. Our thanks and the thanks of the City of Palo Alto go out to the following volunteers: Jane Becker-Haven, Bob Buell, Bill Kirsher, Russ Lavenson, Winkie Lennihan, Molly Meschke, Heather Rottenborn, Judy Runnels, and Audrey Stoye.

This program will continue. The next extreme high tides will be late this year. If you think this kind of volunteer opportunity would appeal to you, please give me a call at the number below and I will keep your name on file. [Note: You do not have to be a great birder to do this; I am evidence of that fact.]

A Word of Thanks

To all of you who responded to the call for participation in the Armchair Activist program, our warmest thanks. The program was highlighted in the last two *Avocets*, and people responded to the message that change in the political climate may mean hard times for environmental protection and a corresponding need for us to voice our concerns. Since then we have signed up over fifteen new activists, bringing our total to nearly 45 monthly writers. Our goal for now is fifty, so if anyone out there is interested, please call at my office and leave a name and address.

Habitat Conservation Fund in Jeopardy

As an example of the kind of issues we ask people to write on, try dashing off a letter to save the most important

statewide source of dollars for habitat conservation. The Prop 117 Habitat Conservation Fund, established along with what was known as the Mountain Lion Initiative, has been a stable source of funding for years now. The fund requires the Governor and Legislature to earmark at least \$30 million each year for critical wildlife habitat. The fund has helped acquire or restore more than 100,000 acres of key wetlands, coastal areas, oak woodlands, and riparian corridors.

Not one but two bills have been introduced to repeal or weaken the fund. They are Assembly Bill 117 (Knowles-R) and Senate Bill 28 (Leslie-R). A similar proposal was introduced last year and was soundly defeated in a committee vote. We are thus fulfilling Dave Brower's insight that environmentalists never win permanently, but can lose permanently (which really isn't true but rings true at times).

Please consider writing your state representatives to tell them how important this fund is to California's wildlife, and thus to Californians. The correct way to address a letter to your representative is:

The Honorable _____,
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Personalize the letter by telling them of a particularly special site that you would like to see saved in your area, or one that has been preserved and you've visited.

If you have places or projects that are of special interest to you, think about inviting a local or state representative to visit the site with you and other constituents in your area. This can be a very effective way of communicating your caring, and it's a nice change of pace for them. If you think you're imposing on them, you are, but that's their job. They have a responsibility to address to your concerns. If you have a site in mind but would like help in contacting and organizing a trip, contact me at my office.

A Slight Correction

In last month's *Avocet* I used the term "evil developers" in reference to attempts by the Koll Company to build up to 6000 homes in and around the Bolsa Chica wetlands in Orange County. I did not intend this to mean that all developers are evil. I did intend it to mean that any attempt to place a massive development in the midst of Southern California's largest remaining coastal wetlands is unconscionable.

Our chapter works with a variety of development compa-

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1994 Palo Alto Christmas Bird Count Results

Pied-billed Grebe	69	Hooded Merganser	34	Long-billed Dowitcher	413	Hermit Thrush	126
Horned Grebe	8	Common Merganser	20	dowitcher spp	1250	American Robin	1636
Eared Grebe	289	Red-breasted Merganser	6	Common Snipe	10	Varied Thrush	424
Western Grebe	14	Ruddy Duck	7955	Bonaparte's Gull	283	Wrentit	143
Clarke's Grebe	14	duck spp	900	Mew Gull	4	Northern Mockingbird	91
Aechmophorus spp	23	Turkey Vulture	53	Ring-billed Gull	600	California Thrasher	43
Double-crested		White-tailed Kite	19	California Gull	543	American Pipit	83
Cormorant	244	Northern Harrier	32	Herring Gull	425	Cedar Waxwing	476
Great Blue Heron	28	Sharp-shinned Hawk	9	Thayer's Gull	2	Loggerhead Shrike	31
Great Egret	78	Cooper's Hawk	12	Western Gull	142	European Starling	2656
Snowy Egret	103	Accipiter spp	1	Glaucous-winged Gull	69	Hutton's Vireo	17
Green Heron	3	Red-shouldered Hawk	18	gull species	3553	Orange-crowned Warbler	5
Black-crowned Night		Red-tailed Hawk	86	Forster's Tern	69	Yellow-rumped Warbler	421
Heron	90	Golden Eagle	1	Rock Dove	1264	(Myrtle)	19
Ross Goose	1	American Kestrel	59	Band-tailed Pigeon	494	(Audubon's)	245
Canada Goose	91	Merlin	6	Mourning Dove	1390	Townsend's Warbler	16
Wood Duck	8	Peregrine Falcon	9	Barn Owl	1	Palm Warbler	2
Green-winged Teal	588	Ring-necked Pheasant	6	Western Screech-owl	7	Northern Waterthrush	1
(Eurasian)	1	Wild Turkey	4	Great Horned Owl	12	Common Yellowthroat	27
Mallard	920	California Quail	275	Northern Pygmy-owl	1	Rufous-sided Towhee	143
Mallard X Pintail	1	Clapper Rail	7	Burrowing Owl	16	California Towhee	296
Blue-winged Teal	4	Virginia Rail	7	Short-eared Owl	4	Rufous-crowned Spar-	
Blue-winged X		Sora	8	Northern Saw-whet Owl	2	row	2
Cinnamon	1	Common Moorhen	25	White-throated Swift	6	Savannah Sparrow	148
Cinnamon Teal	87	American Coot	4808	Anna's Hummingbird	227	Fox Sparrow	30
Northern Shoveler	6382	Black-necked Stilt	325	Belted Kingfisher	10	Song Sparrow	116
Gadwall	2021	American Avocet	4432	Acorn Woodpecker	175	Lincoln's Sparrow	38
Eurasian Wigeon	3	Greater Yellowlegs	46	Red-breasted Sapsucker	6	White-throated Sparrow	2
American Wigeon	1614	Willet	2473	Red-naped X		Golden-crowned	
Canvasback	1112	Spotted Sandpiper	1	Red-breasted	1	Sparrow	1249
Redhead	51	Whimbrel	6	Nuttall's Woodpecker	61	White-crowned	
Ring-necked Duck	89	Long-billed Curlew	208	Downy Woodpecker	12	Sparrow	765
Tufted Duck	2	Marbled Godwit	2254	Hairy Woodpecker	15	Dark-eyed Junco	821
Greater Scaup	321	Ruddy Turnstone	3	Northern Flicker	170	(Slate-colored)	1
Lesser Scaup	410	Sanderling	12	(Yellow-shafted)	2	Red-winged Blackbird	358
scaup species	2208	Western Sandpiper	10339	Pileated Woodpecker	1	Tricolored Blackbird	381
Surf Scoter	61	Least Sandpiper	496	Black Phoebe	91	Western Meadowlark	419
Common Goldeneye	65	Dunlin	14143	Say's Phoebe	17	Brewer's Blackbird	1717
Barrow's Goldeneye	2	calidrid spp	13112	Steller's Jay	321	Brown-headed Cowbird	51
Bufflehead	89	Short-billed Dowitcher	34	Scrub Jay	635	blackbird spp	1106
				American Crow	43	Purple Finch	25
				Common Raven	76	House Finch	1276
				Chestnut-backed		Pine Siskin	193
				Chickadee	419	Lesser Goldfinch	272
				Plain Titmouse	139	American Goldfinch	195
				Bushtit	888	House Sparrow	198
				White-breasted			
				Nuthatch	33	TOTALS:	122,204 birds
				Pygmy Nuthatch	12		163 species
				Brown Creeper	37		
				Rock Wren	1	Thanks to Bill Bousman	
				Bewick's Wren	76	for his usual stellar job of	
				Winter Wren	1	organizing the count and	
				Marsh Wren	30	compiling the results, and	
				Golden-crowned Kinglet	10	to the 68 observers who	
				Ruby-crowned Kinglet	234	participated.	
				Western Bluebird	68		

...continued from *Environmental Action*, left.

nies. Sometimes we adamantly oppose their projects, and occasionally we support them. For example, there is some very interesting work being done by a coalition of development interests, the Manufacturing Group, Greenbelt Alliance, and affordable housing advocates to encourage infill development in the County. While our chapter has not actively supported their efforts, their attempts to accommodate growth while paying careful attention to traffic, air quality, urban sprawl and affordable housing issues are admirable.

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