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TogetherGreen Fellowship Promotes Conservation Action and Conservation Leadership

By Bob Power, SCVAS Executive Director

Highlighted as the best practical example of innovation and leadership by the Chronicle of Philanthropy, the *TogetherGreen* Fellowship harnesses the passion and energy of conservation leaders into a growing network of creative conservation programs across the nation. Audubon and Toyota launched the five-year *TogetherGreen* initiative in 2008 to fund conservation projects, train environmental leaders (Fellows), and offer volunteer opportunities that significantly benefit the environment. It is funded by a \$20 million Toyota gift to Audubon, the largest in the conservation group's long history. Our own Environmental Advocate, Shani Kleinhaus, is fortunate to be one of 42 *TogetherGreen* Fellows in 2010-11.

Shani's *TogetherGreen* project has a conservation target and an educational, behavioral target. The conservation target is to maintain or increase the number of breeding pairs of burrowing owls at Shoreline Park. The educational target focuses on decision makers and employees of the City of Mountain View, as well as on the diverse community of students in local colleges. Shani chose to work with college students hoping that through stewardship and conservation work, young adults can develop a deeper appreciation of their natural environment and a sense of place, and carry forward values of ecological conservation.



San Jose State Students help prepare the area for replanting

The campaign to influence elected officials is starting to bear fruit; members of Mountain View's City Council are actively promoting the preservation of burrowing owls at Shoreline as an important goal of the park, together with other land uses such as recreation and landfill maintenance activities. The city employs Phil Higgins, a burrowing owl expert, to monitor and care for the owls, and is currently developing a "Burrowing Owl Preservation Plan" for the park. Public Works staff and Shoreline Park employees are demonstrating greater appreciation of burrowing owls and their habitat. They often consult with SCVAS on potential impacts of proposed development or special events. Shani is working with city staff to incorporate education components into the preservation plan, so that contractors and new park employees are aware of the owls and of ways to protect them.

With Phil Higgins and Ada Marquez, both teachers in the Environmental Studies program at San Jose State University,

and with the staff of Shoreline Park, Shani is developing a new program aimed at involving students in active conservation of the Western Burrowing Owl at Shoreline and beyond. In Spring 2011, over a hundred students participated in the program: in class, the students learned about the precarious situation of burrowing owls in Santa Clara County and watched "Reversing the Trend," our chapter's award winning documentary that describes the downward spiral of the county's burrowing owl population from hundreds of pairs in the 1980's to an

estimated 40 pairs in 2010. In the words of one San Jose State University college student, "The [burrowing owl] video changed my perspective about the earth."

Following the in-class activity, students were given the opportunity to earn credits by participating in habitat restoration at Shoreline Park. Students removed invasive weeds and planted dozens of native shrubs and grasses to create a rich, heterogeneous habitat for the owls and their prey. One student related that, "The experience of hard labor was great. I felt like I was giving back to the owls."

In the last component of the program, students learned about advocacy tools and active participation in local political processes

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Summer is the time for exploring and discovery with Young Audubon Nature Adventures!

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July - Aug '11 Field Trips

(Full details for all of our Field Trips are also available online at www.scvas.org)

Please carpool if possible; bring binoculars, field guides, layered clothing.

LO = Lunch optional; RC = Heavy rain cancels; NF = No facilities available

Wednesday July 6, 12:00 PM

City of Sunnyvale Landfill

One hour. **Leaders:** Freddy Howell, Allen Royer and/or Elaine Gould. Contact organizer Silviana Ruiz (408) 730-7545 to attend. **Directions:** Donald M. Somers Water Pollution Control Plant, junction of Borregas and Caribbean. Meet at Trailhead at north end. **Difficulty Level:** Birding geared toward beginners. **Notes:** Bring binoculars; loaners also available. **RC**

Saturday July 16, 8:00 AM

Charleston Slough

Half day. **Leader:** Nick Yatsko (408) 247-

5499. **Directions:** Meet at Terminal Way at the end of San Antonio Rd. North off Hwy 101 in Mountain View. **Difficulty Level:** All are encouraged to attend but birding will be geared toward the beginning birder.

Wednesday Aug. 3, 12:00 PM

City of Sunnyvale Landfill

One hour. **Leaders:** Freddy Howell, Allen Royer and/or Elaine Gould. Contact organizer Silviana Ruiz (408) 730-7545 to attend. **Directions:** See details from July 6th. **RC**

Saturday Aug. 6, 8:30 AM

Ano Nuevo State Reserve

Half day. **Leader:** Bob Reiling (408) 253-7527. **Directions:** The entrance is along Highway 1 about 30 miles south of Half Moon Bay or 20 miles north of Santa Cruz. **Difficulty Level:** Plan on a 3-4 mile walk (half of it in sand), fog, bright sun and wind. **Notes:** Bring a scope, lunch, liquids, and dress in layers. Possible birds include Bank Swallow, Marbled Murrelet and early returning shorebirds. There is a \$10 per car parking fee; meet at the far (south) end of the parking lot. **LO**

Sunday Aug. 14, 8:00 AM

Charleston Slough

Half day. **Leader:** Nick Yatsko (408) 247-5499. **Directions:** See the write-up for July 16th.

SCVAS Events Calendar:

Tues-Thurs. 7/26-28;

Young Audubon/MROSD Present: Summer "Nature Days"

Fun days to get outside and explore! Times and locations vary. For ages 5-10. (see page 11 for details)

Sat. 8/13; 8:00-10:00AM

Young Audubon Summer Adventure: Bird Banding with SFBBO

Coyote Creek Banding Station, Milpitas (see page 11 for details)

Sun. 8/14; 7AM-4PM

Stevens Creek 50K/SCVAS Benefit Run

Runners and Volunteers are needed to

participate in this fun event through the Santa Cruz Mountains. Runners are asked to donate a small registration fee, the proceeds of which go to benefit SCVAS' education and conservation programs. Go to the event website - www.stevenscreek.com/stevenscreek50k.html - for more details about the race, how to register as a runner, or how to help as an event volunteer.

Wed-Sun. 8/17-21

Western Field Ornithologists Conference

Sierra Vista, AZ

If you've never been to southeast Arizona during the late summer season (or even if you have), this is an

opportunity you won't want to miss. Go to www.westernfieldornithologists.org for details and to register.

Looking ahead:

Thurs-Sun. 9/22-25

Monterey Bay Birding Festival

"The Evolution of Birding - From Field Guides to Hi-Tech" celebrates the days of John James Audubon to the modern days of hi-tech innovations in birding. Designed for birders of all levels, as well as outdoor lovers, the festival offers a unique opportunity to explore, learn and appreciate world-class habitats.

Go to www.montereybaybirding.org for more details and how to register.

2011 Friends of SCVAS

Gifts received between April 1st and May 31st, 2011

A special thank you to Ohlone Audubon Society for their generous support in the Save Panoche Valley Campaign.

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to influence conservation outcomes. Several students wrote letters to San Jose City Council, aiming to encourage that City to preserve open space and habitat.

In the months to come, Shani plans to improve and expand the program at San Jose State University, and to integrate it with habitat improvement at Shoreline Park. She also plans to deepen SCVAS' working relationship with decision makers and staff of the City of Mountain View. Hopefully, these efforts will help sustain the remnant burrowing owl population at Shoreline Park, increase the probability of survival of this species in Santa Clara County, and increase the engagement of students in conservation to create a long term commitment to nature, wildlife and conservation.

Shani describes her experience as a *TogetherGreen* fellow as

nothing short of extraordinary, "the support network and resources that I have access to in helping plan, implement and enjoy my work are tremendous" she says. "I applaud Audubon and Toyota for launching such an amazing program."



Tired, but triumphant, the *TogetherGreen* team finishes with a sense of accomplishment.

Conservation Corner

by Shani Kleinhaus, SCVAS Environmental Advocate

Panoche Valley Update

SCVAS litigation efforts to hold the County of San Benito accountable for a flawed environmental review process and for the approval of the Solargen Solar project in Panoche Valley continue on schedule, with new twists and turns:

In May 2011, a Superior Court judge approved National Sierra Club's joining as a petitioner on our lawsuit against San Benito County and Solargen Energy. On the Same day, Solargen Energy changed its name to "Nevo Energy" after selling its assets, including the project's name and rights to develop this project, to PV2 - a subsidiary of Industry Capital (IC) of San Francisco. IC focuses on distressed properties, acquiring and disposing of the securities of companies or real estate assets.

Our attorney submitted our opening brief to the Court, and we continue to follow the scheduled dates for briefs towards the expected hearing to be held on August 8, 2011, or soon thereafter. **If you are considering joining us at that hearing (we hope to bring a crowd!), please email shani@scvas.org.**

Orioles, Bluebirds and Woodpeckers - Protecting nesting birds

The nesting period often collides with tree trimming and maintenance and other infrastructure or public works. In these months, we often receive (and welcome) calls asking for our help in delaying tree trimming and removal. This year, as in previous years, our advocacy efforts have been successful in protecting nests throughout the county and saving baby Hummingbirds, Orioles, Bluebirds and Woodpeckers. **If you know of work that may threaten an occupied nest, please alert us immediately. [Here is some useful information:](#)**

Federal and State law – the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and regulations by the California Department of Fish and Game – make it unlawful to kill, possess or needlessly destroy the nest or eggs of any bird (with the exception of some invading species), unless the destruction of the nest received a formal permit from the authorities. This prohibition includes work that might cause nest abandonment.

If tree trimming or removal is needed because the tree is

determined to pose an imminent hazard - that is it could fall at any moment and the consequences of that would be that life or property is threatened - then tree work can proceed. However, documentation of the tree's condition must be provided by a Certified Arborist, and the property owner, arborist, and tree service are liable if a CA Fish and Game warden investigates and disagrees that the tree was an imminent hazard to life or property.

Under circumstances where work must be done on a tree and a nest could be disrupted or destroyed, the young birds must be collected by a qualified individual and taken to a rescue center experienced in raising and fledging young. Any cost associated with the rescue and raising should be borne by the property owner.

It is recommended to schedule tree work between early September and late January, thereby avoiding harm to most nests (with the possible exception of some raptors that start nesting in winter). In the spring and summer months, if nests are discovered, it is best to wait and perform tree work after the young birds have fledged and are no longer dependent on the nest. Otherwise, a citable violation of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and Fish and Game code will likely occur.

We thank California Department of Fish and Game warden Ryan Rodriguez for helping us protect nesting birds, and the Department's Environmental Scientist David Johnston for explaining the legal framework for nest protection

Other Projects that we are following:

- Santa Clara Valley Habitat Protection Plan
- San Jose – Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant Master Plan
- Conversion of golf course to Burrowing Owl Habitat ponds at Shoreline Park
- Stevens Creek restoration

Please contact Shani (shani@scvas.org) to:

- Join our Environmental Action Committee and get involved in our advocacy efforts. The committee meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month, 7:30PM at McClellan Ranch.
- Join our Armchair Activists list and be notified when you can help support our advocacy efforts in your community.
- Request our support when birds and biodiversity are threatened in your community.

Volunteer Ventures

by Toby Goldberg

Programs Coordinator

There are some questions it is simply not fair to ask someone. A parent cringes when asked, "Who's your favorite child?" For birder's, the tough one will be "What's your favorite bird?" For a teacher, it might be "Which student will you remember most?" For volunteer coordinators, the doozy will always definitely be, "Which small number of volunteers should be honored this year?" Talk about a difficult choice!! All of the SCVAS volunteers are amazing – each person that donates time or energy to this chapter has a vital role in the program and project they work on – and the chapter would be noticeably diminished without their contribution.

However, despite the seeming impossibility of selecting just a few "stand-out" volunteers, this question does provide us with a fun opportunity to be able to single out someone for a little special acknowledgment. This year, we had the pleasure to be able to recognize the following volunteers at our annual June Potluck Dinner:

Mike Azevedo – Santa Clara County Nest Box Coordinator.

One might think that dealing with breeding birds would allow for some down-time in the winter. But for someone with the drive and passion Mike has, breeding birds are an all-consuming activity. From monitoring several nest box trails in Ed Levin Park, to helping coordinate and install nest boxes with various city departments, helping gather data, training new monitors and so much more, Mike runs full speed ahead throughout the year. There's no doubt that cavity nesting species throughout the Santa Clara County have a strong – and dedicated – advocate.

Caroline Armer, Jonathan Armer & Jean Merrigan – Burrowing Owl Documentary "Reversing the Trend."

If these names sound familiar to you, they should – we've been singing their praises for the last year as we share their wonderful documentary on Burrowing Owls with the world. They've been recognized by other organizations because of their ambition, talent, and technological skill, but we wanted to officially honor them for their heart and their passion. This 7-minute documentary – which took considerably longer to film, edit, and produce – has helped to both spotlight a species that is so important to us here in the Bay Area and get the message (and name) of SCVAS out into the community.

Jack Cole – Palo Alto Bird Count Coordinator, Nature Shop Weekend Assistant, Assistant Field Trip Leader, Outreach Events Assistant.

Some volunteers just can't get enough! When Jack's schedule cleared earlier last year, he might have thought about taking it easy for all of 10 seconds. Then he immediately turned around and asked "what more can I do to help?" This year, we've certainly put that offer to the test – and Jack has never let us down. With a willingness to do everything – and anything – needed, he has truly defined "extraordinary" for our chapter.

Jessie Ruthruff – Panoche Valley Solar Project Support.

There are some projects that truly require a special person – and preparing the Court Record for the Panoche Valley Solar Project lawsuit was definitely one of them. Most of us would have thrown up our hands in despair at all the paperwork and hoops required, but Jessie dove right in. With her outstanding administrative abilities, dedication, organization skills and tenacity (we're talking lots and lots of late nights!), the Record was not only completed on time, but also, I suspect, simply knocked-their-socks-off!

If you've been inspired by these volunteers, please check out just a few of the many available opportunities to help out listed below, and contact the Programs Coordinator at (408) 252-3740 or programs@scvas.org. We'd love to help you find the right match for your time, talents, and interests! You may also view the most current (and most pressing) volunteer positions online at www.scvas.org.

Wetlands Discovery Program Docents (Fall 2011) – This

program shares the wonder and importance of wetland habitats with 3rd-6th graders throughout Santa Clara County. Volunteers guide students in exploring wetland wildlife and habitat both in the classroom and out in the field. This program is rewarding for our volunteers and for the hundreds of South Bay children who participate (almost 1000 this year!). No experience is necessary, as we will provide training for both field and class sessions. All a potential docent needs is a love of nature and a desire to share it with children.

Stevens Creek 50K/SCVAS Benefit Run – Volunteers are needed

on Sunday, August 14th to help with a fun event for local runners that also helps raise money for SCVAS' many educational and conservation programs. Volunteer tasks will include course marking, staffing First Aid stations, and more. Please go to <http://www.stevenscreek.com/stevenscreek50k/stevenscreek50kvolunteer.html> for more details on how you can help. Register through the main "Stevens Creek 50K" race page to volunteer.



An annual event, the Summer Bird Count was held on Saturday June 4th. Although smaller in scale than the Christmas Bird Counts, this activity is an important tool for monitoring breeding bird populations - and a huge volunteer undertaking!

Here we see Bill Bousman at the end-of-count dinner, wrapping up the day's tallies, with tired - but still enthusiastic! - count participants paying close attention.

SCVAS Field Seminars - Summer 2011

The following classes are sponsored by the SCVAS Education Committee. To register please contact the Programs Coordinator at (408) 252-3740. All cancellations require 72-hour prior notification for refunds. Information about our upcoming classes is also available on our website at www.scvas.org.

The Breeding Birds of the Mono Basin

with Bob Power

The east slope of the Sierra offers a spectacular array of breeding birds, from Black-backed Woodpeckers and MacGillivray's Warblers to Osprey and Green-tailed Towhees. With a four-day trip, we're able to explore a number of unique habitats including the alpine zone surrounding Saddlebag Lake, the sage grasslands of the historic ghost town of Bodie, and the extraordinary tufa formations of Mono Lake itself. We typically see 100+ species of birds during this workshop, few are species available to study in the south bay, and all are stunning.

Date: Fri.-Mon. 7/22-7/25. **Location:** We meet at 1:00PM Fri, at Mono Lake County Park, and then meet at 7AM at the Whoa Nellie Deli on 7/23, 7/24 & 7/25. **Transportation, lodging, and meals are the responsibility of each participant.** There are many lodging options including great camping in Lee Vining and Lundy Canyons. **Fee:** \$85 members; \$110 non-members. **Class size is limited to 11.**

Important Note: We organize carpools each morning on location. We will have a maximum of three vehicles for our field trips. Please do not sign up for this workshop if you're not prepared to carpool around the Mono Basin. Carpooling expenses are shared by the participants; typically \$5/person/day.

Birdathon Report: Another Record-breaking Year!

by Jessie Ruthruff, 2011 Birdathon Coordinator

The 2011 Birdathon soared to new heights even amidst one of the toughest economic years on record. This year, we raised more than \$76,000, beating out last year's grand total by almost 20%. This year, 148 participants raced around Santa Clara County and beyond by car, foot, bicycle and boat to see, hear and photograph as many birds as possible. Thirty-two teams participated; including six teams dedicated to our first ever Photography Birdathon. We wrapped up the Birdathon season with our annual Awards Dinner here at McClellan Ranch, and awarded dozens of prizes in various categories. Some highlights include: Dotty Calabrese winning most money raised by an individual with an amazing \$8,545.75 in donations, and the Rock Wrens lead by Bob Hirt, winning most money raised by a team with \$15,088. In the most species seen categories, the Varied Twitchers, lead by Mike Rogers, again set the bar with 160 birds recorded in 24 hours. Robert Furrow and Danny Karp (Death by Funyons - most unique team name in recent birdathon memory) saw 114 birds during their 4-hour biking Birdathon. And Stephanie Ellis lead her DataSets Big Sit team to a whopping 62 bird species sighted from her circle in 4 hours. The Snipe Hunters, lead by Laurie West-Roberts won

Birds of the Farallones

A summer trip to the Farallones conjures up images of Great White Sharks and Humpback whales. While we hope to encounter the entire breadth of ocean life the islands have to offer, we'll be going for nesting seabirds. The islands are teeming with nesting birds and our timing adds seabird migration to the mix. Join us for an unforgettable experience.

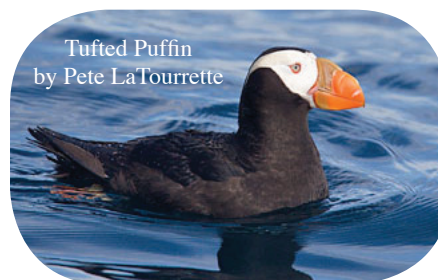
Guides:

Matthew Dodder – Land and sea field trip leader and birding instructor for over 12 years.

David Wimpfheimer – has led scores of trips to the Farallones over the past two decades.

Bob Power – can yell louder than the others.

Date: Sat. 8/13; 7:30AM (Emeryville Marina departure) to approx. 4:00PM (Marina arrival). **Fee:** \$115 members; \$135 non-members.



Tufted Puffin
by Pete LaTourrette

recognition for best bird with a sighting of a Short-eared Owl.

The first annual Photography Birdathon was a great addition to the regular Birdathon program, and we received over 400 pictures. Barry and Ginger Langdon-Lassagne's team, the Jack Sparrows, won with the most birds photographed in 24 hours with a total of 98 species, including the tie for best bird photographed: the Solitary Sandpiper. Beth Hamel on the Hawk Riders submitted the other Solitary Sandpiper photograph. Julio Mulero on the Rushing Thrushes won for the most birds photographed in 4 hours with 63 species and turned in our judge's choice for most artistic photograph: a beautiful picture of the Greater Yellowlegs in flight reflected in the water. These pictures are on display in the office and are available for viewing online along with Birdathon reports from many amazing trip leaders. Thank you to all our participants, sponsors and prize donors. Congratulations on a fantastic 2011 Birdathon; we hope you had a great time. Happy Birding!



Birdathon participants of all ages enjoyed laughing, talking, cheering, and eating at the Count-Down Dinner on June 7th.

Field Notes

(April-May 2011)

by Bill Bousman

Geese through Ibis

The two lingering **Greater White-fronted Geese** at Lake Cunningham were seen through 18 Apr (m.ob.). Another bird was found near the Jubilee Christian Center on 4 and 16 Apr (RCP et al.). One nearby in New Chicago Marsh on 7 May (SCR) and 9 May (RWR, FV) is probably the Jubilee bird and quite late. The immature **Snow Goose** near De Anza Park we seen again 2 Apr (RCP et al.) and 9 Apr (AV et al.). The only **Eurasian Wigeon** found was a male in Pond A17 in Alviso on 23 Apr (RGJ, MJM). **Blue-winged Teal** were widespread in April with a pair in Artesian Slough on 1 Apr (YS et al.), one in the Palo Alto FCB on 4 Apr (DK, RFu), two males in the South County Regional WasteWater Authority (SCRWA) treatment ponds in Gilroy on 6 Apr (MJM), a pair at percolation ponds in Morgan Hill 8-16 Apr (RCP, BW et al.), a male in Crittenden Marsh on 23 Apr (RFu), and a pair in the Ogier Avenue ponds also on 23 Apr (RPh et al.). At the end of the period a pair was in Pond A16 in Alviso on 24 May (WGB). No **Barrow's Goldeneyes** were found in March, but a single female was at Shoreline on 11 Apr (PLD), the latest record for the county. The juvenile **Red-throated Loon** found on Shoreline Lake in March was seen there through 5 Apr (GL). A breeding-plumaged **Common Loon** was seen on Pond A10 in Alviso on 10 May (FV) and was there again on 11 May (SCT). A **Clark's Grebe** on a nest on an island in the southeast corner of Pond A1 in Mountain View on 21 Apr (FV) was a complete surprise. This species rarely builds its nest on land. One egg hatched around 20 May (RoF, PaF) but succumbed on 22 May (BJ). We had a large invasion or "wreck" of **Brandt's Cormorants** in the South Bay starting in the second week in April, much as happened in 2009. Birds were found widely in urban areas and a particular concentration at Lexington Reservoir with 66 there on 23 May (SCR) and 69 counted the next day (RWR). The cause and extent of this wreck is unknown. A **White-faced Ibis** was seen at the SCRWA treatment ponds in Gilroy on 28 Apr (SCR). One was also found at the Ogier Avenue ponds on 14 May (RFu).

Eagles through Shorebirds

Nesting progress for the Calaveras **Bald Eagles** was followed in the period with one young bird nearly ready to fledge at the end of the period (DWe, v.ob.). At least one young was seen in the nest at Anderson Reservoir on 24 Apr (RCP et al.). There is **some** evidence that the pair at Coyote Reservoir is nesting this year. The new pair just to the northwest of San

Felipe Lake have raised two young that were still in the nest at the end of the period (WGB, v.ob.). An adult **Swainson's Hawk** was seen over Casa de Fruta on 2 Apr and shortly after three more adults were found along Bloomfield Road (DLSu). Another adult was seen over Joseph Grant CP (JTh). These records follow a pattern of occasional spring migrants along the Santa Clara Valley. Most **Ferruginous Hawks** are gone by mid-March so an adult in San Antonio Valley on 14 Apr (WGB) represents the latest record we have. Similarly, **Merlins** are mostly gone by the end of April. One over Los Gatos on 19 May (SCR) was very late. **Virginia Rails** away from the Bay may be attempting to breed. One to two birds have been heard at the

The period was marked by out-of-place birds, including nesting Clark's Grebes, a Brandt's Cormorant wreck, and a Diablo Range Common Moorhen.

sag pond in Monte Bello OSP 12 Mar-3 May (MMR, RGJ, m.ob.). An adult was in a marsh in Joseph Grant CP on 2 Apr (WGB), a location where they have bred. One calling at Calero Reservoir on 24 May (JPa, MR) is an area where they've not been found in the summer before. An adult **Common Moorhen** was found along Del Puerto Road in the second stock pond east of the San Antonio Valley junction on 21 May (MDo et al.). This bird is apparently restricted to lowland areas of California and does not migrate. How it got to this elevation is a puzzle. A breeding-plumaged **Pacific Golden-Plover** was found in the New Chicago Marsh on 28 May (MMR, MJM). This species is very rare in spring—we have one April record and none for May. The first **Snowy Plovers** since January showed up on 23 Apr with three birds in Pond A12 (RGJ, MJM) and one in New Chicago Marsh (DC et al.). Numbers increased in New Chicago (v.ob.) and by 28 May there were at least 11 birds there including a female on a nest (MMR, MJM). It was an exceptional spring for **Solitary Sandpipers**, not just because of the wintering bird that remained at Lake Cunningham at least through 18 Apr (B&GL-L). A single bird was found at the Ogier Avenue ponds on 23 Apr (RPh et al.) and then three birds were there on 1 May (RPh). One was also seen at a small stock pond in the San Antonio Valley on 28 Apr (LF et al.). Another bird was seen at the SCRWA ponds in Gilroy on 29 Apr (MJM et al.). Single **Lesser Yellowlegs** were found at the Sunnyvale WPCP on 23 Apr (MDo et al.), at the SCRWA ponds on

29 Apr (MJM et al.), and two birds were at the Coyote Creek Field Station (CCFS) waterbird pond on 7 May (SCR). Two **Sanderling** were found in Pond A12 in Alviso on 23 Apr (RGJ, MJM) and a very late bird was there on 1 May (KS). A **Semipalmated Sandpiper** was spotted in the San Jose-Santa Clara WPCP drying ponds on 7 May (SCR), our fifth spring record.

Gulls through American Dipper

A 1st-winter **Glaucous Gull** lingered at the Palo Alto dump through 23 Apr (RFu). Other April birds included a 1st-winter bird on Pond A12 in Alviso on 2 Apr (RFu, DK) and another 1st-winter in New Chicago Marsh the same day (RFu, DK, RCP et al.). A 2nd-winter bird at Almaden Lake on 9 Apr (AV et al.) was a good find. An immature was spotted over Almaden-Quicksilver CP on 15 Apr (MJM). The **Eurasian Collared-Dove** is clearly a successful invader now, but one singing in the middle of Henry Coe SP in mixed grassland and oak woodland on 1 May (SCR) is a bit extreme. A **Greater Roadrunner** was in the trees above the observer on Del Puerto Road at the second pond on 3 May (SM). Another was found on Metcalf Road on 29 May (MMR). A **Long-eared Owl** has continued in Monte Bello OSP through at least 23 Apr (v.ob.). A **Short-eared Owl** in the Palo Alto FCB on 2 Apr (RCP et al.) was a welcome surprise. **Black-chinned Hummingbirds** returned to the Guadalupe River below Curtner on 16 Apr (MMR) and a female was found there on a nest on 29 May (JPa). A female visited a Morgan Hill feeder on 28 Apr and a male on 30 Apr (SCR). It was an excellent spring for migrating **Calliope Hummingbirds**, the first a female at Ed Levin CP on 22 Apr (SEM). A male was found there on 28 Apr (AS) and a female on 30 Apr (SCT). On 30 Apr a male was found near the start of the Stile Ranch Trail (JPa) and a male and sometimes a female were seen there through 4 May (v.ob.). A male was at a Morgan Hill feeder on 30 Apr and a female was in Coe Park on 1 May (both SCR). **Rufous Hummingbirds** continued to be found in unusual numbers in April and a few lingered into May with the latest near Ed Levin CP on 7 May (RFu, DK, AnR). Good numbers of **Lewis's Woodpeckers** were found in San Antonio Valley during the period with a high count of 10 on 14 Apr (WGB), and nesting observed on 14 May (MDo et al.). **Pileated Woodpeckers** were found in a number of typical locations in the Santa Cruz Mountains, a female seen in Halls Valley on 7 May (SCT, JTh) was a surprise, we have only one previous record from the Diablo Range. Migrating **Hammond's Flycatchers** included one at Smith Creek on 16 Apr (SEM) and two there on 30 Apr (MMR, MJM, RGJ). On 5 May four birds were seen on Route #12 of the Coe Bird Study (SCR) and one was on nearby Route #8 after the survey (MMR). A good find on the Route #12 survey that day was a well-seen **Dusky Flycatcher**

Field Notes *cont'd*

(SCR). Wintering **Say's Phoebes** are usually gone by the first week in April so four newly fledged birds along Hellyer Avenue on 16-17 May (BJ) was a surprise. There are two prior breeding records from Coyote Reservoir, so the Hellyer Avenue record is the farthest incursion yet into the valley. Another Say's at Moffett Field on 26 May (MMR) was also unusual in summer. Two **Cassin's Kingbirds** returned to San Felipe Road on 3 Apr (MJM) and they have remained through the period (m.ob.). Four were seen there on 5 Apr (DWe) for a high count. So far, the only breeding evidence was birds carrying nesting material on 23 Apr (RCP et al.). **Purple Martins** have returned to the Santa Cruz Mountains, six were seen near Loma Prieta on 23 Apr (RPh et al.) and have remained through the period. To the northwest, on closed areas of the Sierra Azul OSP, six or seven birds were seen on Mt. Umunhum on 20 May, including a pair at a nest hole and another male was on Mt. Thayer (AJ). A female on closed ponds in Alviso on 28 May (MMR, MJM) was a migrant. Also migrants, two **Bank Swallows** were seen over wetlands at Sargent on 2 Apr (DLSu). This winter's strong irruption of **Red-breasted Nuthatches** finally trailed off in April with the last lowland birds seen on 22 Apr (JPa). **Canyon Wrens** in Henry Coe SP included single birds along Pacheco Creek (Route #7) on 22 Apr and 13 May (WGB) and along the East Fork of Coyote Creek on 22 May (Route #12, SCR). The only migrant **Pacific Wren** was one at the end of Gilroy Hot Springs Road on 7 Apr (MJM). A pair of resident **American Dippers** continued in the Stevens Creek Canyon during the period (m.ob.).

Warblers through Evening Grosbeak

The spring passage of **Nashville Warblers** seemed low. Singles were along Calaveras Road on 22 Apr (SEM) and Smith Creek on 24 Apr (SEM) and 30 Apr (MMR, MJM, RGJ). Two birds were seen on Route #12 in Coe Park on 1 May (SCR). A late bird was along Del Puerto Road on 14 May (MDo et al.). A **Yellow Warbler** near the end of Geng Road on 17 Apr (RFu) was probably a bird that wintered nearby, singing spring birds were first noted along the Los Alamitos Creek Trail on 9 Apr (JPa). The only report of one of our breeding **Yellow-rumped Warblers** was from Skyline Trail in Sanborn-Skyline CP on 29 May (WGB). Migrating **Hermit Warblers** were found from 23 Apr to 19 May (m.ob.) with high counts of 10 at Smith Creek on 30 Apr (MMR, MJM, RGJ) and seven along Route #12 in Coe Park (SCR). A singing male in upper Sanborn-Skyline CP on 29 May (WGB) is likely a breeding bird. The **Palm Warbler** wintering at the end of Embarcadero Way in Palo Alto was last found on 2 Apr (RFu, DK). The passage of **MacGillivray's Warblers** was quick and short. The first was

a male singing in Halls Valley on 30 Apr (MMR, MJM, RGJ). Another singing male was found at the Stile Ranch Trail on 1 May (JPa et al.) and two were found the same day along Route #12 in Coe Park (SCR). A singing bird was seen at Stanford on 4 May (RFu, MDo). The last birds were one near Chesbro Reservoir on 12 May (AV) and one heard at Monte Bello OSP on 13 May (PDU). A migrant **Yellow-**

breasted Chat

was seen at the Stile Ranch Trail on 2 May (SCT) and another was along the Pajaro River on 11 May (RWR, FV). Two birds along Llagas Creek above Bloomfield Road on 10 May (MJM) are likely breeders and one or two have remained through the period (v.ob.). A migrant **Black-chinned Sparrow** that was found at the Stile Ranch Trail on 3 May (DWe, MV) was a good find. A male singing along Route #8 in Coe Park on 22 May (MMR) was in an area where they have nested in the past. A **White-throated Sparrow** at a feeder in an Almaden Valley yard was joined by a second bird on 5 Apr and both were last seen on 20 Apr (JPa). Another was found at Bel Gatos Park on 2 Apr (RCP et al.) and there were three there on 22 Apr (JPa). A late bird was along Coyote Creek below Hwy 237 on 7 May (SCR). A male **Blue Grosbeak** was singing west of the CCFS waterbird pond on 7 May (SCR). Along the Pajaro River below Hwy 101, a single male was found on 11 May (RWR, FV) and two adult and two second-year males were there on 14 May (MMR). Two male **Indigo Buntings** have been found this spring. The first was near Coyote Ranch in Coyote Valley on 21 Apr (RPh et al.) and the second was in the foothills to the west in the Rancho del Oro OSA on 11 May (JPa, AV et al.). Two to three **Yellow-headed Blackbirds** were found near the Alviso EEC 7-9 May (SCR, v.ob.). A male **Great-tailed Grackle** at Shoreline Lake on 16 Apr (FV) seemed to be a harbinger of things. This male was seen in various local areas over the next couple of weeks and often was found near the Geng Road pond. Three males and a female were seen there on 12 May (JRY) and multiple birds have remained through the period. A single male was seen off Bloomfield Road on 7 May (SCR). Four to eight birds have been seen at the Ogier Avenue ponds 7-20 May (RFu, DK, AnR, v.ob.). The last **Pine Siskins** at feeders were recorded on Mt. Hamilton on 13 Apr (2, KB), The Villages on 16 Apr (2, MFu), and Hidden Villa on 18 Apr (6, GHa). Other observations included two over Page Mill Road on 14 Apr (RFu), three over Monte Bello OSP on 17 Apr (MMR et al.), and five at Smith Creek on 30 Apr (MMR, MJM, RGJ). **Lawrence's Goldfinches** turned up in April with two on Jamieson and Canada roads on 2 Apr (MDo, SCT, RWR, et al.) and another two that day on the valley floor along San Felipe



Clark's Grebe
by Tom Grey

Road. Fairly good numbers have continued in the Diablo Range through the end of the period with a high count of 18 on Route #7 in Coe Park on 10 May (WGB). On the valley floor, 1 to 5 birds have been found along San Felipe Road through the period and a singing male was in Morgan Hill on 19 May (SCR). To the west, a pair was at the Stile Ranch Trail on 8 May (RCP et al.) and another pair was near Loma Prieta on 20 May (AJ). There was a scattering of **Evening Grosbeak** records in the spring period. A male was at a Cupertino feeder on 4 Apr (DT). One was over Bernal Intermediate School in San Jose on 17 Apr (SCR). Six were found near the Guadalupe Reservoir on 19 Apr (JPa). Three were heard over Monte Bello OSP on 23 Apr (RFu) and two or more were along the Mt. Umunhum Road on 3 May (JPa). The last movement was of two males and a female near Montgomery Elementary School in San Jose on 15 May (SCR).

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In Memoriam: Ted Chandik

The Audubon community was saddened to learn of the loss of Ted Chandik on April 27th, 2011. Ted introduced generation after generation of birders to outdoor adventures and made a lasting impression of warmth, friendship, and good cheer on each and every one of them.

Don Roberson's account of Ted from the 60's and 70's follows. Van Remsen was kind enough to allow us to use a photo of Ted from that era. And Matthew Dodder and Lee French provided some thoughtful anecdotes about their relationship with Ted.

Don Roberson (from the "Who Was Who In California Birding - 1989):

Ted Chandik is a south San Francisco Bay birder who was active throughout the entire time of our period of review (1965-1989). He appears as an observer in both regions of California in *Audubon Field Notes* in fall 1964, and by winter 1965-66 he had become a Regional Editor for northern California. In all he served as a northern California Regional Editor for twenty seasons — the third highest length of service in this capacity during our review period. Ted was also active in the founding of California Field Ornithologists, and served as member of the California Bird Records Committee for the first 7 years of its existence.

Like Gene Cardiff in southern California, Ted spent almost the entire era we have under review as a public-sponsored naturalist. While Cardiff headed the San Bernardino County Natural History Museum, Ted worked as the primary naturalist at Palo Alto Bayland Refuge on the shores of San Francisco Bay. The Lucy Evans Baylands Nature Interpretive Center opened in 1969, built atop 50 pilings driven into the salt marsh of the City of Palo Alto, and Ted would work there for 24 years. His job was as a teacher and interpreter of nature — not a museum collector. Ted led countless public walks through the Baylands reserve during his tenure, and became a primary expert on coastal salt marsh. The Palo Alto baylands became famous of their resident Clapper Rails; their Black Rails that could be seen at high tides in winter; and such regular vagrants as Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow. Ted's talks and walks would mentor several generations of young birdwatchers.

Although Ted had the 8th highest California list when rankings were first published in 1969, Ted was not driven to

chase high State lists or vagrants at desert oases, but he was a regular at both San Francisco and Monterey Bay area CBCs, and on Monterey Bay boat trips. His interest included world birding, and he was among those who joined Van Remsen in 1975 for a whirlwind tour of Colombia. He and his wife Zoe since traveled extensively for birds.

From Matthew Dodder:

I just learned that long-time friend Ted Chandik died yesterday of a heart attack. Many of you knew Ted, and may have accompanied him on his famous "Fly by Dawn" adventures. He has been a pillar in the birding community for decades, and his



passing is a great loss. I first met him 30 years ago, and went with him to see California Condors in Los Padres. There were many stories of birding adventures told over the campfire that weekend, and a lot of laughter. He was a warm, colorful, joyful character.

At that time he was stationed at the Palo Alto Baylands and Palo Alto Junior Museum. I was a teenager, and his gentle manner made it possible for me to ask endless questions about everything bird related, and he kindly answered every one. I consulted with him year after year following our introduction about the plight of the Condors, how to find Black Rails and the possibility that Ivory-billed Woodpeckers still survived somewhere.

There are so many things I would still ask him if he were here. I learned last year that he had recently completed his longtime goal to see a representative from every bird family in the world. Quite an accomplishment and it took him all over the world to do it! So people on every continent, it seems, have been touched by his gentle

nature. I will miss him very much, as I'm sure many of us will.

My guess is, he's birding right now someplace else and answering questions there too. Carry on, Ted. We will miss you.

From Lee French:

I started taking birding classes from Ted Chandik about 30 years ago. His enthusiasm for birds and love of nature were infectious, maybe a bit more than he bargained for. I remember a field trip to the Central Valley where Ted had prompted us on the special birds we might see. The Yellow-headed Blackbird was high on everybody's list. Late into the day Ted came through by finding a stunning male specimen that we all enjoyed for some time. I turned to him and said, "That's great Ted, now, how about a Vesper Sparrow?" He didn't respond to me but I did hear him mutter under his breath to somebody else, "You get him a Yellow-headed Blackbird and he wants a Vesper Sparrow."

Many years ago I saw Ted leading a group of very small children (1st graders I'm guessing) on a field trip out at the Palo Alto Baylands. Some time later, I asked him what that was like. He said that if the teacher sees the field trip as a day off and leaves all the supervision up to you, it can be a very tough day. He also said that if at the end of the day you feel like you connected with just one kid, and that kid now had a better appreciation of nature, it was all worth it.

In more recent years I felt that I had learned enough from Ted and others that I could volunteer to be a docent for the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society and participate in their Wetlands Discovery Program to help introduce kids to nature. Ted's words proved to be right on target. An occasional difficulty pales in comparison to the reward of seeing genuine excitement from youngsters as they learn about our natural world.

I can think of no better way to honor Ted's legacy than to pass on to the next generation that same enthusiasm for birds and love of nature that he did. The next time I'm leading a field trip and a child looks through the spotting scope, comes eyeball to eyeball with a Great Blue Heron staring back and lets loose with that tell-tale squeal of delight, I'm quite sure I'll be thinking, "That one is for you, Ted."

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"All About Birds"

Tuesday, July 26th;
9AM-2PM

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"Explorations"

Wednesday, July 27th;
10AM-2PM

*Rancho San Antonio Preserve
Los Altos*

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"Bugs and the Creek"

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For ages 5-10

Choose just one day or all three!

Cost: \$25/child for SCVAS Members; \$30/child for non-members.
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Register by: 7/11

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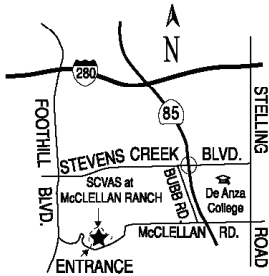
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