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GENERAL MEETING

El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society meets the third Monday of each month (Sept - May) at 7:30 PM in the Garden Center, 3105 Grant, in Memorial Park. Visitors are welcome.

APRIL 17th, 7:30 pm

The Mystery of the Cave Swallows
Steve West grew up in Carlsbad, N.M., and also lived in Panam for three years. His interest in Cave Swallows grew when no one knew where they went for the winter. He began banding the swallows in hopes that someone would be able to answer this ancient question. He was also able to involve his students. Steve is president of the New Mexico Ornithological Society and Chairman of the Science Department at his Junior High School. He has also led birding trips to South America. For the answer to the mystery of the cave swallow and many more, come to the meeting.

MAY 15th, 7:30 pm

Project Wild and Audubon Adventures
An Educational Evening is on tap, and we think you'll enjoy it. You've read in this newsletter about the environmental education program Project WILD. Ever wonder how it works? Well, Project WILD is not only educational, it's entertaining, as you'll see May 15th. Gloria Woelfel will introduce us to Project WILD and to the lively and thought-provoking activities it uses to

get students thinking about basic ecological concepts and the importance of wildlife in our world. Also at this meeting, we'll recognize the classrooms that are taking part in the Audubon Adventures program this school year with Peggy Riede. And you'll meet the recipients of our 1989 Audubon Ecology Camp scholarships. Join us May 15 and learn about the diversity of our chapter's educational efforts.

AUDUBON BIRDATHON

It's crazy, it's unique, it's fun. It's also vital to our conservation and education efforts. Our 9th annual Birdathon takes place May 6, and we want it to be our best ever.

Birdathon is our Spring Big Day Count, when participants try to find as many bird species as possible in a single calendar day. Some approach this challenge with a zeal bordering on insanity, rising well before dawn to listen for calls at a marsh, driving hundreds of miles during the day to visit multiple habitats, birding into the night to hear a poorwill or see a barn owl not found earlier. Others prefer a more civilized approach.

AUDUBON BIRDATHON
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Whether you'll be afield all day or just want to watch birds in your yard for a few hours, we hope you'll take part. Birdathon is fun for all!

The other great thing about Birdathon is that, if you ask them, people will shower you with money for your efforts. Birdathon is our most important annual fund-raising event. Generous folks like you pledge tax-deductible contributions based on the number of species a counter finds during the day. Even if you can't be out birding on May 6, you can still be an important part of Birdathon by sponsoring someone who is.

This year, our Birdathon will benefit:

- Chihuahuan Desert Wildlife Rescue, El Paso's new wildlife rehabilitation organization;
- our chapter's scholarship program;
- our Audubon Adventures youth education program; and
- National Audubon's Southwest Regional Office.

Our goal is to raise \$6,000. We can't do it without you! If you want to be a counter on May 6, please call Bettie Roberts (915-591-0421) OR John Sproul (915-545-5157). If you want to make a Birdathon pledge, please see the flyer enclosed with this newsletter.

THANK YOU
CORONADO COUNTRY CLUB

Our annual Awards Dinner was a smashing success this year due to the efforts of Coronado Country Club's manager Ron Bates, and his staff. Our program introduced the Chihuahuan Desert Wildlife Rescue with slides and narration by Helen Bigelow and Jim Koschmann DVM. We were also delighted to have both our Award honorees present: Joyce Davis (Meritorious Service) and Bob Armstrong who represented the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission (Conservation Achievement). The ice sculpture of the swan was the "icing" on the cake. Hats off to Anne Hussman and Nancy Wilson for a job well done!

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ON THE TRAIL

FIELD TRIP PAGE

With this issue of The Roadrunner we are inaugurating a new feature page. This page will be devoted to the many aspects of field trips, including but not limited to, the description of upcoming trips, the highlights of previous trips, and life sightings by our members.

TRAILS WE'RE GOING ON

BITTER LAKE NWR. Sat/Sun Apr. 8/9. Camping at Bottomless Lakes State Park or motels in Roswell, NM. The highlight of the weekend will be a early AM wake up and then drive before dawn to the LEC. The LEC is where the Lesser Prairie Chicken comes out at the crack of dawn and goes through his booming and dance. They come within 20' of the car, which makes observation great. Call for details. Leader, Bob Johnson 751-0125/757-1876. Asst L. Sarah Dodds 533-4150.

PERCHA CABALLO DAMS STATE PARKS. Sun Apr 16 Meet at 7:30 AM, I10 and Trans Mt. Rd. A 2 hour ride, bring food as return to El Paso will be mid-afternoon. Leader, Scott Cutler 584-2476, Asst L. Joyce Davis 581-9470.

FRANKLIN MTS. EAST. Sun Apr 30. Meet 7:30 AM at the Wilderness Park Museum. Morning tour only, lunch not needed. You could get a look at Crissal Thrashers, Canyon Wrens, Cactus Wrens and spring migration has started so anything is possible. Leader, John Sproul 545-5157.

DURLINGS/OWENS. Sat May 13, 7:15 AM at the Crossroads, (Mesa and Doniphan). The tour will be over before noon, so food isn't necessary. Spring migration will be in progress which means some good warblers could be seen, also Flycatchers. Leader, Pat Brasfield 584-8739, Asst L. Tom Baker 877-3365.

RIO BOSQUE PARK. On Sun May 28 we will leave from Feather Lake at 7:30 AM. Also a short trip, under 4 hrs. Probables will be the Blue Grosbeak, Painted Bunting and maybe the elusive Chat. Leader

Asst L. Norma Vargas

(Any questions or suggestions call Bob Johnson 751-0125/757-1876 (recorder).

CHIRICAHUA MTS. Southeast Arizona on Memorial Day weekend, Sat-Mon, May 27-29. If you are unable to stay both nights, come when you can and enjoy part of the trip. Your leader will be arriving on Fri the 26th, to secure campsites. This is one of the outstanding birding areas in the country, you will be able to see the Magnificent and Blue throated Hummingbirds, probably the Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher, the Painted Redstart and the Elegant Trogon. If you desire more comfort try the Cave Creek Ranch (602)558-2334 or Cathedral Rock Lodge (602)558-2254. If you plan to go contact the Leader, Bob Johnson 751-0125/757-1876, Asst L. Sid Shepperd 566-2162.

JUNE 1989

Sun the 4th VADO/ANTHONY
Sat the 10th WEST FRANKLINS
Sat/Sun the 24/25 GLENWOOD/LUNA (GILA)

WHAT HAPPENED ON THE TRAIL

Ann Schultis led 8 other birders on a tour of the Crossroads/river levee area. The day, Jan 29, was as great as the count of 53 species. Seen were Canada and Snow Geese, Snipe, Goldeneye ducks and a Phainopepla.

On a beautiful Sunday the 19th of Feb. Eight of us met at Feather Lake with hopes for a great trip to Ft. Hancock. Our Leader, Bart Rumaker didn't disappoint us. He had Common Mergansers, Tree swallows and a Harris' Hawk waiting to be seen.

On the last Sat in Feb., Tom Baker and Larry Jordan had 19 other birders following them through the desert west of Santa Teresa, hoping to find some Long-eared Owls. No luck! But evidence of roosting (white wash and pellets) were found under the same Juniper where owls had been found before.

On a cold March 5, Paul Bingham and 4 others stuck it out long enough to see 4 different species of Doves and a Red-naped Sapsucker in Memorial Park. At Arroyo Park 2 Ravens flew overhead.

SULPHUR-BELLIED FLYCATCHER
LUCIFER
COSTAS
SPITFIRE
VIOLET-SHINNED
OWLS
W. SCREECH OWL
E. W. SCREECH OWL

Board Meetings

The April 10th meeting of the Board will be at Peggy Riede's, 5440 King Place, 833-4881.

The May 8th meeting will be at Jane Fowler's, 1594 B Bengal Dr., 598-2448. Articles for the June Roadrunner will be due at that time.

Meetings begin at 7:30 pm. All interested parties are welcome!

CLEAN AIR SEMINAR

Can we eliminate smoky diesel buses and industrial sources of dirty fuels? Come to the Clean Air Seminar to learn of plans to encourage this proposition.

Where: UT El Paso

When: Saturday, April 29th
8 am registration
sessions last until 3:30

Fees: \$10 per person
\$5 student/senior citizens
includes continental
breakfast and lunch

Contact: Joyce Davis 581-9470
Cosponsored by the Clean Air
Coalition and the American Lung
Association



Coming Soon: National Audubon's Biennial Convention

"OUR SOUTHWEST--CHALLENGED BY GROWTH" is the theme of the upcoming Biennial Convention of the National Audubon Society, to be held September 12 to 16 at the Doubletree Hotel in Tucson, Arizona. The convention program will highlight the unique characteristics of the natural world in the Southwest. There's a full menu planned for participants, with pre- and post-convention tours and diverse field trips to areas such as Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge, Madera Canyon, and Patagonia Sanctuary, as well as to mission churches and the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum. In addition to the fun and entertainment, there will also be sessions discussing Audubon's high-priority issues: the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Clean Air Act, Platte River, wetlands, and ancient forests. And if that isn't enough, a variety of workshops will feature education, fundraising, citizen involvement, energy conservation, sanctuary and nature center outreach, and many more topics.

Registration for field trips and tours is limited, so be sure to sign up in advance. For complete information on Audubon's Biennial Convention, including registration and hotel reservation information, write to: Audubon Convention Office, 4150 Darley Ave., #5, Boulder, Colo. 80303; (303) 499-3622.

B. DALTON BOOK FAIR

The annual Book Fair will be held at B. Dalton's Book Store at Cielo Vista Mall on Sat., June 17th. We need volunteers to sit at the display table between the hours of 10 am and 8 pm. Also, if plan any book purchases about that time (the day before Father's Day), it would be greatly appreciated if you could buy from B. Dalton's on that day. --Larry Jordan/Ways and Means 833-5969

REHABILITATORS' WISH LIST

We still need the following supplies as part of our wildlife rescue efforts: old towels, heating pads, old quilts or blankets. Call 833-3907/584-4801 for pickup.

OBSERVATIONS

(uncommon, rare & accidental sightings)

January 14 - March 11

CP - Crossroads Pond
 DP - Doniphan Pool
 EPCC - El Paso Country Club
 FL - Feather Lake
 FTH - Fort Hancock
 LA - Lombardy Avenue
 MTR - Mt. Riley
 RR - Rice Reservoir
 Sun - Sunland Park racetrack

Sighting by a field trip member is noted by "+" after leader's initials. Sightings in an observer's yard are indicated by an "*" before his/her initials.

LOONS - FALCONS

Double-crested and Olivaceous Cormorants were seen at FTH 2/19 (BR+). Snowy and Cattle Egrets were found at FL 1/14 - 2/5 (JS,JC) and at RR 2/19 (BR+). A Green-backed Heron was spotted at LA 1-29 (AS+). Black-crowned Night Herons were seen at FL 1/14 - 2/11 (JS) and at DP 2-12 (JD). White-faced Ibis were found at FL 1/14 - 2/11 (JS,JD,JC). Snow Geese were spotted at Sun 1/29 (AS+) and at FTH 2/19 (BR+). Canada Geese were seen at Sun 1/29 (AS+). A Common Goldeneye was seen at CP 1/29 (AS+). A Bufflehead was spotted at CP 1/29 (AS+). A Common Merganser was found at FTH 2/19 (BR+). Harris Hawks were spotted west of FTH 2/19 (BR+). A Ferruginous Hawk was seen at Ascarate Lake 2/12 (BJ). A Golden Eagle was found on I-10 near Fabens 2/19 (BR+).

QUAIL - WOODPECKERS

Greater Yellowlegs were seen at FL 1/14 - 2/11 (JS), DP 2/12, 3/11 (JD), RR 2/19 (BR+). A Spotted Sandpiper was found at FL 1/14 (JS). A Dunlin was seen at FL 1/21 (JS). Long-billed Dowitchers were found at FL 2/5 (JC), RR 2/19 (BR+), DP 3/11 (JD). Common Snipe were seen in the River Bend irrigation ditch 1/29 (AS+),

and DP (JD). An immature Herring Gull was found at FTH 2/19 (BR+). A Burrowing Owl was seen at FL 1/28 (JS), near Osborne Dr. 1/29 (BJ,AS). A Spotted Owl was photographed in a tree in the Cielo Vista neighborhood 1/2 (*RL & family).

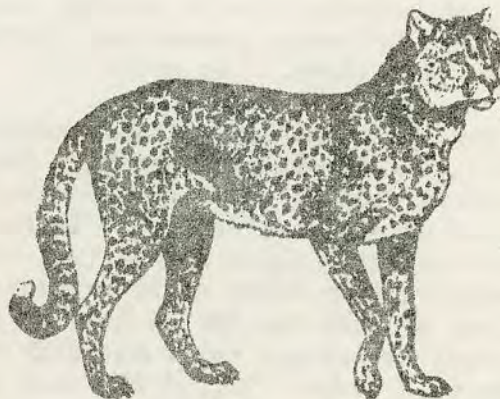
FLYCATCHERS - VIREOS

Tree swallows were seen at FTH 2/19 (BR+). Crows were found on east North Loop 2/19 (BR+). Curve-billed Thrashers were spotted around MTR 2/25 (TB+). Phainopeplas were seen at EPCC 1/29 (AS+), 2/12 (JD).

WARBLERS - WEAVER FINCHES

Flocks of Lark Buntings were found near MTR (TB+). Swamp Sparrows were spotted at FL 1/14 (JS) and at FTH 2/19 (BR+). Yellow-headed Blackbirds were seen at Sun 1/29 (AS+) and FL 2/11 (JS). A Brown-headed Cowbird was spotted at Sun 1/29 (AS+). Lesser Goldfinches were seen near MTR 2/25 (TB+). An American Goldfinch was seen in Feb. (*PR).

OBSERVERS: Tom Baker, Jean Coyle, Joyce Davis, Bob Johnson, Robert Lynch, Peggy Riede, Bart Rumaker, Ann Schultis, John Sproul.
 --Joyce Davis, Observations Editor/
 h. 581-9470, w. 544-6772



EL PASO CITY COUNCIL ACTS FOR FRANKLIN MOUNTAINS STATE PARK

The big local conservation issue lately has involved Franklin Mts. St. Park. Should the City convey the 6,834 acres it owns in the Park to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. with a provision under which El Paso's Public Service Board (PSB) would reserve the right to build water tanks, reservoirs, dams, channels, pipelines, wells, roads and related facilities anywhere it wanted on the 6,834 acres, at any time, in any way, in the PSB's "sole and exclusive discretion"? Or should it convey the land without such a reservation?

On Feb 21, El Paso's City Council rejected a proposed ordinance that would have made the conveyance with the PSB's highly undesirable reservation. The Council voted instead 6-0 for a substitute ordinance the Franklin Mts. Wilderness Coalition had prepared that made the conveyance without the reservation.

Unfortunately, on Feb 26, El Paso Mayor Jonathan Rogers vetoed the ordinance. The vote to override was set for Mar 7, and the Mayor began an all-out effort to get the 2 votes needed to sustain his veto. He got one, lower valley representative Robert Candelaria, but the other 5 representatives were not swayed. By a 5-1 vote, they overrode the veto; the substitute ordinance took effect.

Many factors contributed to the success of conservationists in getting the substitute ordinance passed and the Mayor's veto overridden. Two stand out:

First, we had broad, visible public support. As we met with the City Representatives individually, they commented repeatedly on the calls and letters they were getting, calls and letters overwhelmingly in favor of our position. Also, at both the Feb 21 and the Mar 7 Council meetings, our supporters were there in force. To all who made phone calls, wrote letters or attended the Council meetings, thank you! You showed the Council clearly where the public stood; you were vital to our success.

Second, we had City Representatives who understood the issue, who found our position a responsible one, and who, under a lot of pressure, stood firm and did the right thing for the Park and for El Paso. Jimmy Goldman, Suzie Azar, Tony Ponce, Jethro Hills and Ed Elsey richly deserved the applause they got following their vote to override the Mayor's veto. How about writing your representative (2 Civic Center Plaza, El Paso, TX 79999) one more time and thanking her or him for a job well done? /John Sproul/

FRANKLIN MTS. ST. PARK BIRD LIST

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. has just published the first field checklist for birds of Franklin Mountains State Park. Congratulations to compilers Barry Zimmer and Jeff Donaldson for another job well done! Want a copy for your very own? Request one from Park Superintendent Fred Bitting at the new Franklin Mountains State Park office: 191 Canutillo Ave., Canutillo, TX 79835 (915/877-1528).

OUTDOOR FILM ADVENTURES

The 1989 Outdoor Film Adventures series, cosponsored by the El Paso Zoological Society and El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon, is well underway. Two films remain, and you won't want to miss either one:



- Mon., Apr. 3. SUMMER IN KIWI LAND by Grant Foster.
- Wed., Apr. 26. NATURE ALONG THE MEXICAN BORDER by Dick Massey.



Each will be personally narrated by the photographer. Each will be shown at the El Paso Civic Center and will start at 7 PM. For Zoological Society or Audubon members, tickets are \$4.50 for adults, \$2.50 for children. For nonmembers, they are \$5.50 for adults, \$3 for children. For more information, call 532-8156.

1989 SWARM MEETING

On Apr 5-8, the Southwestern and Rocky Mountain (SWARM) Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science will meet in Las Cruces. The program includes a broad range of scientific papers. Perhaps of greatest interest to Audubon members will be a session on "Animal Conservation Issues in Western North America," to be held Fri., Apr 7. This session will include papers on holarctic owls coexisting with man (Fred Gehlbach, Baylor U.), Black-capped Vireo studies, the Thick-billed Parrot Reintroduction Project (Terry Johnson and Noel Snyder, Arizona Game and Fish Dept.), Northern Spotted Owl management, black-footed ferret conservation, environmental effects of water management on the Lower Colorado R. (Bob Ohmart, Arizona St. U.) and more. For information, contact John Sproul (915/545-5157).

A.C.T. SPRING MEETING

Travis Audubon Society of Austin will host the Spring Meeting of the Audubon Council of Texas on May 6-7. Sanctuaries and endangered species will get lots of attention during the weekend, including a Sunday field trip to see Golden-cheeked Warblers on the Travis Audubon Society Wildlife Sanctuary. For information, contact chapter ACT delegate John Sproul (915/545-5157).

RUMMAGE REMINDER

Doing some spring cleaning? Keep Audubon in mind. We will gladly accept your castoffs for our annual rummage sale. Please call Larry Jordan (833-5969) or Bob Johnson (751-0125, 757-1876) for our special rummage removal service.

RECYCLING

One of our chapter's goals for 1989 is to fill Bob Johnson's entire garage with crushed aluminum cans. You can help make it happen! Bring your empty cans to Audubon meetings or field trips, or ask Bob Johnson (751-0125, 757-1876) or Bart Rumaker (544-6432) to pick them up.

When the garage is full, we'll convert the cans to cash for our treasury.

TEXAS NONGAME STAMP/DECAL

An ocelot will grace the 1989-90 Texas Nongame Stamp and Decal, the first time in the 5-year history of the program that the featured species has not been a bird. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission approved the 1989-90 artwork at its Feb 9 meeting. Meanwhile, the 1988-89 nongame stamp and decal, featuring Charles Beckendorf's portrait of a pair of American Kestrels, remain available (see below). The \$5 purchase price goes entirely to the Nongame and Endangered Species Conservation Fund of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Buy a nongame stamp or decal and make a natural investment in Texas wildlife!



Are nongame wildlife and endangered species important Texas resources? You bet! So help ensure their future: buy a TEXAS NONGAME STAMP or DECAL. You'll be contributing directly to the nongame and endangered species conservation efforts of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

	Qty.	Each	Total
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1988-89 Nongame Decal		\$5	
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Name _____

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Zip _____

Please make checks payable to:

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P.O. Box 9655, El Paso, TX 79986

FEATHER LAKE NEWS

On Feb. 11th, the parking lot was full! Several cars had to be parked outside the fence along North Loop. It was wonderful to see so much activity at Feather Lake. John Sproul led a large group from UT El Paso's Ecology Club on a tour of the sanctuary. The Boy Scouts of America were there; Pack 32 and Team 232 with leaders Paulette Ferrell, Shirley Funk, Roger Traver and Duane Mitchell came to lend a hand cleaning up the trash and tumbleweeds. Young wild plums and bearing mulberries (donated by Helen Bigelow) were set out. Picnic tables and benches were repaired, cottonwood seedlings were transplanted and many dried tumbleweeds (it seemed like thousands) were cleared from the area. Thank you Helen Bigelow, Jean Coyle, Joyce Davis, Bob Johnson, Jeff Moline, Jo Nagel, Betty Pagel, Bart Rumaker, John Sproul and Norma Vargas for donating your time to improve Feather Lake Wildlife Sanctuary. And a special THANK YOU to the leaders and members of Pack 32 and Team 232 who volunteered their help.

The parking lot was not as full on Mar. 12. But our enthusiasm compensated for our small number. There is now a new sign by the front gate; look for it the next time you are out. We also watered the newly planted trees, removed trash along the fences, and more. Thank you Anne and Hampton Bowman, Bob Johnson, Jo Nagel, and Bart Rumaker for coming out on a lovely Sunday morning to work at Feather Lake.

The next work days are April 15 and May 20. Come and do something good for your sanctuary. All donations of time and effort are cheerfully accepted.
/Jane Fowler/Sanctuary Chair/598-2448

GRACIAS

Our Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner on Feb. 19 was a rousing success. Thanks are due Anne Hussman and Nancy Wilson for organizing the event and Jo Nagel for applying her calligraphic skills to the award certificates we presented.

At the meeting, we installed new officers and recognized outgoing members of the board of directors. Sarah Jane Dodds, Neil Keith, Bart Rumaker, Sid Shepperd and Gloria Woelfel all finished lengthy stints on the board and have earned a well-deserved rests. So has Tom Baker, who concluded 5 years on the board, the last 2 as our Fearless Leader. Many, many thanks to all for their contributions to our chapter.

Ann Schultis completed 2 years as our secretary, but she's not getting a rest! Ann is now our newsletter editor. She replaces Jane Fowler, who has stepped aside after 6½ years at the helm. Jane greatly appreciates Ann's willingness to take on this important job, and we certainly appreciate the dedication, conscientiousness and care Jane has shown during her years as editor. Thanks, Jane!

Finally, the new year brought the annual audit of our books. Thanks go to Joe and Liz Guinn for carrying out this task. Rest assured all was in order.

/John Sproul/President



News from NAS

Challenges Ahead for Authentic Activists

by Peter A.A. Berle, President

The drought and pollution of last summer--on top of continuing environmental problems--have made the environment a hot issue. Leaders of conservation groups agree that they are seeing a surge of public interest in environmental subjects. *National Geographic* and *Time* have devoted entire issues to the global environment. And our membership recruitment department reports a sudden increase in responses to Audubon direct-mail appeals. Our challenge now is to encourage and harness this interest and put it to work defending the natural world.

Toward that end, we've made some terrific additions to our field staff, which will be noticed by those of you involved in chapter activities. Dana Kokubun is in place in Hawaii as the result of an earmarked grant. Tom Shoemaker, a former chapter leader, activist, and environmental consultant replaces Pam Crocker-Davis in the Washington State office. David Miller, a talented organizer and former director of Great Lakes United, is the new vice-president for the reopened Northeast regional office, based in the New York State capital. Finally, Brooks Yeager, formerly with the Sierra Club, now heads our Capitol Hill office. Brooks is especially knowledgeable in energy and public lands issues and comes to Audubon with tremendous political skills.

One of the first tasks facing Brooks will be to push for effective acid rain legislation. Last year's Congress adjourned before an acceptable package could make it to the Senate floor. The new Senate Majority Leader, George Mitchell, has vowed to get a bill passed this year, but it will be up to our activists to make sure it meets environmentally sound standards.

On a related front, I recently met with Canada's new environmental minister and its new ambassador to the United States. They reaffirmed their government's commitment to fighting acid rain pollution on both sides of the border. Add to that the continued success of our Citizens Acid Rain Monitoring Network in bringing the reality of acid rain to light and you can see why there is a little more hope for progress in 1989.

NAS has tough fundraising goals this year that we are working hard to achieve. We are staying within our budget on the expense side. But the cruel fact of accounting is that we must raise \$1.5 million more each year just to stay even with inflation. That is quite a challenge. Your continuing membership, along with whatever additional support you can give, are a big help. Together, we are making a real difference in the protection of our natural environment--from the wetland in your neighborhood to the ozone shield above us all.

BIRDATHON '89

A Bird in the Bush Is Worth More than You Think!

By Bobbie Kraus, Special Projects Manager

Last year's record-breaking Birdathon surprised a lot of very happy chapters when they saw the results of their efforts. Audubon's 1989 Birdathon is out to break last year's record: we're aiming for 220 chapters to raise \$300,000. Your chapter can help realize these goals while supporting your important projects and contributing to your regional office, favorite sanctuary, or science or education program. You'll have a wonderful day of birding and be eligible for fantastic prizes. This year, as last, Birdathoners will be competing for more than 700 world-class prizes, including Leupold & Stevens spotting scopes, Zeiss binoculars, and a week at an Audubon Ecology Camp.

Simply pick a 24-hour period between April 1st and May 30th. Decide how you can best participate in your chapter's Birdathon. Are you a world-class birder? A smooth phone-caller? A Shakespearean letter-writer? A perfect party-thrower? Media contactor? Treasurer? Sponsor? Chances are, there's a lot you can do to make your chapter's birdathon a resounding success.

Get as many people involved as possible (non-members as well as members). Everyone wants to be a part of saving our endangered planet, and Birdathon is their ticket. Let your friends know now that Birdathon is around the corner. We'll provide you with an official Birdathon Kit, including all-new pledge forms. These are designed not only to enlist pledges, but also to make the public aware of who we are and what we do. Drop them off, hand them out; send them to faraway places with strange sounding names (providing you know someone there!).

A bird in the bush is worth more than you think--when you do the Audubon Birdathon. For details and materials, contact your chapter leader (or Birdathon chairperson), or call Bobbie Kraus in the New York office, (212) 546-9214, or 1 (800) 832-7246.



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