Exploring the Colombian Southwest Andes and intermountain valleys

For our first program of the 2015-16 year, Redbud Audubon welcomes Gordon Beebe, President of Madrone Audubon Society, who will present “Exploring the Colombian southwest Andes and intermountain valleys”.

Torrent Ducks, Cock-of-the-Rock and more are shown in photos, video, and audio recordings, all seamlessly integrated into the presentation. Experience the visual beauty and unique songs and calls of the birds of the varied habitats of southwest Colombia, from the valleys, cloud forest, freshwater lagoon and rivers, to the páramo, high in the Andes.

Watch the antics of a Black-billed Mountain Toucan as it feeds in the cloud forest, see five species of Antpittas up close at Río Blanco Preserve, hear the unusual song of the Jet Antbird at Sonso Lagoon, and delight in the Buffy Helmetcrest, a hummingbird of the Páramo.

Gordon Beebe is a project coordinator for the Sonoma County Breeding Bird Atlas, a Saturday bird walk leader, and the website editor for Madrone Audubon. He lives with his wife Judy in Santa Rosa, CA.
Welcome back everyone to another season of Redbud Audubon: monthly programs, field trips, Heron Days (hopefully, if we get some rain) and just generally good fellowship.

Speaking of good fellowship, I have to say that one of my favorite things about Audubon (besides birding with experts who can point things out to me) is the friendships I have developed; especially with other board members, both former and current. So, thinking along these lines, I would encourage any of you out there to join us in our efforts. Come to a board meeting and see if you would like to get more active with Redbud Audubon, we need your input and your energy.

We are starting this season with expanded email outreach and a new website. Please read Vivian McFarling’s article about our new efforts to improve our communication with our members. We will be meeting for the first four months of our “season,” at Glebe Hall in Kelseyville, then return to the Methodist Church Social Hall in Lower Lake starting in January, keeping with the goal of presenting programs at both “ends,” of the county.

I have been asked a few times if anyone knows how the huge fires over the summer in Morgan and Jerusalem valleys have affected bird life there. We have not gotten any specific reports on these areas, but there is an excellent article in the Sept. – Oct. 2015 Audubon magazine (those of you who are members of National Audubon should have received it) that talks about other recent fires in California and their impact on birds and their habitat.

We are fortunate to know Catherine Koehler and Paul Aigner, managers of the McLaughlin Reserve in Morgan Valley. They will be observing what is happening in that area and I hope to be able to give some updates and reports as the year goes by based on their observations.

Hope to see all of you at our first meeting on Sept. 17. It should be a great program. Our first field trip this year is to the Rodman Preserve on Sept. 19. Please join us!

It will be interesting to track the renewal of the burned areas that were affected by this summer’s massive fires in the Morgan and Jerusalem valleys of Lake County.

Welcome new and returning members

Welcome new and returning members: Michael Fox, Clearlake; Michelle Najera, Clearlake; Gail Rosander, Kelseyville; Amy McManus, Nice; Joanne R. Bottenfield, Upper Lake; Paul Gilbertson, Cobb; Kathleen L. Sullivan, Lakeport; Sue Morton, Lower Lake; Ron Stefkovich, Middletown; Redbud Audubon Society, Clearlake; Janice E. Jennings, Lucerne; Sally McCroy, Hidden Valley Lake; John Boling, Clearlake; Gillian Parrillo, Kelseyville; Myra Bamberger, Kelseyville; Victoria Engel, Kelseyville; Mary Dunne, Lakeport; Gretchen Morgane, Lakeport; Carolyn Ruttan, Lower Lake; and Dennis Sager, Hidden Valley Lake.
Enjoy a late summer walk at Rodman Preserve Sept. 19.

Audubon field trip to Rodman Preserve

Please join the Redbud Audubon Society for our first field trip of the year, Saturday, Sept. 19 starting at 9 a.m. at the Rodman Preserve, 6350 Westlake Road near Upper Lake. Take the Nice-Lucerne Cutoff off of Highway 29 between Lakeport and Upper Lake. Turn east onto the cutoff, then left on to Westlake Road. The preserve entry is to the immediate right after turning on to Westlake.

This will be an enjoyable walk with field trip leader, Pat Harmon. There will be both songbirds, raptors and possibly migrating warblers. It is an easy hike lasting about two hours.

For info call Pat Harmon at (707) 263-4977.

The preserve is owned and operated by the Lake County Land Trust. This walk will take place of the usual Saturday morning walk at the Preserve presented by Land Trust volunteers.
Central Valley Birding Symposium

The Central Valley Bird Club will host the 19th Annual Central Valley Birding Symposium Nov. 19-22, 2015 at the Stockton Hilton Hotel in Stockton.

Thursday Night's Keynote speakers are Ed Harper & Ed Pandolfino presenting a program on "A Central Valley Year of Sights & Sounds". Both Eds are widely known, popular speakers.

Friday Night's keynote program is presented by Steve N.G. Howell on “Shift Happens: Rare [Vagrant] Birds in North America.” Steve is an acclaimed field ornithologist & prolific writer. He is an international bird tour leader with WINGS and a Research Associate at Point Blue Conservation Science (formerly PRBO).

Saturday Night's program is presented by Kate Marianchild on “Our Magnificent Valley Oaks; Hubs of their Habitats.” Marianchild is a naturalist, birder, and author of Secrets of the Oak Woodlands: Plants, and Animals among California's Oaks.


To look over the line-up of speakers, workshops, and fieldtrips, check out our website at: http://www.cvbsreg.org

Field Trip Calendar 2015-16

Following is the field trip calendar for the Redbud Audubon Society for 2015/16. Prior to each field trip a description will appear in the Western Grebe and on our website with more information about the upcoming outing. You can also call Pat Harmon at (707) 263-4977 for information. Outings start at 9 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

Sept. 19 – Rodman Preserve – 6350 Westlake Road, Upper Lake
Oct. 17 – Indian Meadows, Cobb
Nov. 21 – Anderson Marsh State Historic Park
Dec. 19 – Christmas Bird Count
Jan. 16 – Colusa and Sacramento National Wildlife Refuges
Feb. 20 - Clear Lake State Park, Kelseyville
March 19 – Highland Springs Reservoir
April 23 – Laguna de Santa Rosa. Hwy. 12 near Sebastopol
May – Heron Festival - TBA

Last year, Gmail
This year, Member Planet

Last year we introduced our new Redbud Audubon Gmail account. To us, it was a big step forward in increasing our ability to communicate with our members more efficiently.

This summer we began subscribing to the services of Member Planet, and are just getting started with all that it has to offer.

Our first step was to set up a donation link where much-needed donations can now be made online by going to our webpage at www.redbudaudubon.org.

Next spring Heron Days registration will be handled through Member Planet and will represent a well-needed improvement to this system. Eventually, our membership application will be online.

In addition, we will be using Member Planet to email our newsletter. MP does this via our Redbud Audubon gmail account. You will hardly notice the difference, except that our cover email to you will have a more professional look. And you will notice that Member Planet recognition is at the end of the email.

Behind the scenes Member Planet does all the work in providing Redbud Audubon administrators with a variety of reports associated with our fundraising and communications projects. So, in essence, they do all the work!

We are looking forward to this endeavor, and in time, will produce a more professional image and be able to operate more effectively.

Since all communications are online, we will be communicating only with our members who have provided us with their emails.

This will include the newsletter, even to those who are also receiving it through the US Postal Service as this is the easiest way for us to do it. If you wish to be taken off the regular mail list, simply reply to our email to you.

If you are not on our email list and wish to be added, and/or be taken off the US-mail list, email us at redbud.audubon@gmail.org to that effect.

Anything that helps save us the cost and time of using this older method is always appreciated.
# 2014-15 CHAPTER FINANCIAL REPORT
Redbud Audubon Society, Inc.
A chapter of the National Audubon Society

This fiscal year financial report has been submitted to the National Audubon Society (NAS) as a requirement for re-certification as a NAS chapter. It was also used to prepare the IRS Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, Form 990-EZ. This is not an audited financial report.

**BALANCE SHEET AND STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR A 12-MONTH PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2014 TO JUNE 30, 2015**

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

National Audubon New Member Introductory Rate $20 for 1 year

☐ YES Enroll me in both the National Audubon Society
and local chapter Redbud Audubon, start my subscription
to Audubon Magazine, and The Western Grebe, and
send me my membership card.

☐ I would like to subscribe to The Western Grebe only, for $20.

☐ From time to time, National Audubon may share its mailing
list with other environmental organizations. If you do not
wish to be contacted, please check this box.

☐ In addition to my membership, I would like to make a
contribution to the local work of Redbud Audubon Society:

☐ Save paper! Send my newsletter by email only.
☐ Notify me by email about upcoming events.
☐ Contact me when volunteers are needed.

My Email Address is:

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