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Join Redbud Audubon Society by Zoom on May 19 to learn why parrots are worth saving

The Redbud Audubon Society is pleased to host Lauren Schmaltz, the USA Administrator for the World Parrot Trust, for its Thursday, May 19 final program of the season. The program starts at 7 p.m. To register, go to www.redbudaudubon.org and click on the registration link on the home page, or, click on the link in this newsletter if you are receiving it by email.

Parrots are the most endangered family of birds in the world. The World Parrot Trust (WPT) has worked to help conserve more than 80 species of parrot in 43 countries. Since 1989, the trust has brought together global experts on wildlife conservation and parrot welfare to implement effective programs to protect both wild and companion parrots.

The activities of the WPT include conduct-

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*Lauren Schmaltz, USA Administrator for
World Parrot Trust*

REDBUD AUDUBON

MAY MEETING

Thursday, May 19, 2022, 7 PM

Topic: Why parrots are worth saving

Presenter: Lauren Schmaltz,

USA Administrator for World Parrot Trust

To register for this Zoom meeting, click link:

[Redbud Audubon Program Registration](http://www.redbudaudubon.org)

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President's Message

by Roberta Lyons

Birding opportunities in our area abound



Roberta Lyons
some field trips in September.

We are coming to the end of our Redbud Audubon Society season and will be “taking a break,” for three months (June, July and August) before starting up again with our programs and hopefully

Hérons. The GBH's are also back at Anderson Marsh State Historic Park, only not in the same place. The birds have moved to the north side of Cache Creek from their usual spot on Slater Island. They are nesting in the cottonwoods there. We don't have a count of the nests yet, but we were pleased to learn about this new rookery.

Numerous sightings of Bald Eagles are being made with plenty of juvenile Bald Eagles in the mix. What fun to see those impressive birds coasting through the sky. They really are unmistakable once you've seen them a few times.

The songbirds are back, and I'm hearing the melodious song of our Black-headed Grosbeaks. Also, I think I have an Ash-throated Flycatcher using one of my nest boxes and of course lots of Tree Swallows and Western Bluebirds. The Bullocks Orioles are coming to my hummingbird feeder and the little Oak Titmice are flitting about too.

Audubon members are enjoying nature and working hard to raise awareness and encourage everyone to think about their actions and how they impact the natural world on which we all rely.

Audubon has a new phone number

Please make a note that the Redbud Audubon Society has a new phone number. The new phone number is (707) 805-9410.

Membership explained

Just a quick reminder that you have a choice between two types of membership. Most of you are members of National Audubon and are assigned by National to our Redbud Audubon chapter. We offer chapter-only membership whereby you ***must enroll via the internet***. You can visit our website at www.redbudaudubon.org and click on membership for further details.

Also, as a reminder, if you are receiving this newsletter by regular mail and are open to receiving it by email, you can save the chapter significant printing and mailing costs by emailing us at redbud.audubon@gmail.org and letting us know.

If you prefer to receive the newsletter by mail, please consider donating \$10 - \$15 to Redbud Audubon.

Welcome new and returning members

Welcome new and returning Redbud Audubon members: Jack Elizares, Clearlake; Carol Butzbach, Clearlake Oaks; Cheyenne Sheckells, Kelseyville; Joyce Anderson, Lower Lake; Denyse Winters, Lower Lake; and Danya Sarlande, Upper Lake.

Please provide us with your email

A number of our members have emailed us at redbud.audubon@gmail.com to opt to receive our newsletter, "The Western Grebe" by email as opposed to receiving it by mail.

Not only do you help save a tree, you help us save on expenses and energy in sending it to you by regular mail, and it comes to you in color versus the black-and-white mailed version. If you have been meaning to, but haven't yet done so, take a minute or two out of your time to do so.

Even if you still prefer to receive the mailed version of the "Grebe", we would like to have your email for our records. Once in a while, we send out emails to our members about important events or bird sightings that may be of interest. You are also welcome to email us with any information that you think would be of interest to the membership. Questions requiring expert opinions are forwarded to the appropriate persons.

Also, we rely on our members for whom we have emails to help us with any volunteer efforts that we may have. Often it just means a couple of hours of your time. Whether you have areas of expertise or birding skills that you can share, or are willing to help us with general staffing of booths, setting up booths and transporting materials, we welcome your participation.

Please give us your email address by sending it to redbud.audubon@gmail.com, and, if you wish, let us know in what areas you feel you can help.

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Yurok Condor Project update featured at Peregrine Audubon meeting on May 17 on Zoom

Redbud's speaker from last February Tiana Williams-Clausen is the guest speaker at Peregrine Audubon's monthly meeting on Zoom on Tuesday, May 17 (two days before Redbud's May meeting). Tiana, a member of the Yurok tribe in Northern California, is Director of the tribe's Wildlife Department.

The initial release of two of the project's current four California Condors took place during the first week of May.

This historical release of the condors was the first time since 1892 that condors flew the skies of their

traditional range in the Pacific Northwest. Before their release, the condors had to voluntarily enter a designated staging area with access to the outside world.

To watch this Peregrine Zoom program ONLY, go to www.peregrineaudubon.org home page, scroll down to "Subscribe to Our Mailing List," enter your email address, and follow the prompts. Everyone registered will receive the Zoom link for the meeting.

To watch the condor live cam and comments, go to <https://www.yuroktribe.org/yurok-condor-live-feed>.



A Caspian Tern seen off of the Lake County Land Trust's Wright Wetland Preserve near Lakeport. Photo by Dave Woodward.

Election of officers will be Thursday, May 19

The slate of officers for the Redbud Audubon Society was presented in the April 2022 newsletter. Officers will be voted on at the May Zoom meeting.

The proposed slate of officers for 2022-2023 is:

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This Western Tanager was spotted on the shoreline of the Wright Wetland Preserve. Another beautiful visitor to Clear Lake and surrounding area. Photo by Dave Woodward

Why parrots are worth saving

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ing field research on little known species; supporting the rehabilitation, release, and reintroduction of threatened and endangered species; working to end the trade in wild-caught parrots; encouraging the protection and restoration of critical habitat areas; promoting community education and engagement through sustainable livelihoods; and advocating for better welfare and care of captive parrots.

The trust has staff in Africa, Brazil, New Zealand/Australia, Indonesia, Canada, Italy, and the U.S.

To achieve optimal results in these areas, the WPT offers funding, technical support, and advice from afar, while recruiting in-country residents and local area partners to lead efforts on-the-ground. This approach overcomes cultural and language barriers that are often impediments to success.

This approach also empowers local communities to take ownership of the solutions, so that the progress achieved on behalf of parrots is lasting. The collaboration between WPT staff, local NGOs, and communities is a hallmark of their success.

The trust seeks a future where the world's wild parrots have the ongoing protection from human and en-

vironmental threats necessary to persist and thrive in the wild, and captive parrots receive the care they deserve from compassionate caregivers in order to flourish.

Lauren Schmaltz administers the WPT's programs in the United States. She first became involved with the World Parrot Trust while serving as the Director of Echo, a small non-profit organization dedicated to protecting the Yellow-shouldered Amazon parrot and its fragile dry-forest habitat on the Dutch Caribbean island of Bonaire. She returned to the US from Bonaire in 2017, having stepped down from that role to dedicate herself to working full-time with the World Parrot Trust.

Lauren Schmaltz completed a dual Bachelor degree in Biology and Spanish and a Master of Environmental Studies. In the midst of her studies, Lauren also spent several years living overseas in the Galapagos Islands (Ecuador), Costa Rica, and Bonaire. Her keen interest in environmental management, community outreach and education, and sustainable development harmonizes well with WPT's growing initiatives in parrot conservation, habitat restoration, and community engagement.

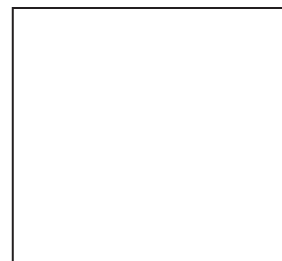


Mute Swans are multiplying quickly on Clear Lake and could pose a problem in the future as they are non-native species and will compete with native water birds such as the Western and Clarke's Grebes. Photo by Dave Woodward.



The well-loved Yellow-headed Blackbird has been seen in the willows along the shoreline of the Lake County Land Trust's Wright Wetland Preserve near Lakeport. Photo by Dave Woodward.

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