



# *The Western Grebe*

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## **Annual Redbud end-of-year picnic and officers' installation**

Redbud Audubon Society members are looking forward to the group's annual picnic on Thursday, May 16.

Please join us for this low-key event. All Redbud Audubon Society members and friends are welcome to attend, starting at 5:30 p.m. We will also be installing officers, including President Donna Mackiewicz; Vice-president, Roberta Lyons; Treasurer, Nicola Selph; and Secretary, Katherine Lindsley.

The event will be held at Lakeside County Park on Park Drive off of Soda Bay Road. The picnic is a potluck, but Audubon supplies hotdogs, buns and condiments. You are welcome to bring alternate meat or meat-substitute to grill if you prefer. Sodas and water will also be provided. Participants are encouraged to bring salad, beans, chips, or dessert to share. Plan to arrive at 5 p.m. Look for us down by the lake at the picnic tables to the left of the launch ramp. The picnic is always a nice way to

visit with and get to know chapter members, so please join us.



*Please join us for our annual picnic on May 16 at Lakeside County Park. Tina Wasson, Karen Weston, Katherine Lindsley, and, in front, Jeannette Knight are pictured enjoying a picnic from a few years ago.*

### **REDBUD AUDUBON**

**End-of-year potluck picnic and officers' installation**

**Thursday, May 16, 5:30 PM**

*Join us at Lakeside County Park on Park Drive off Soda Bay Road*

# President's Message *by Donna Mackiewicz*



Donna Mackiewicz

May migration is ramping up in our Pacific Flyway with new species flying through: Black Swift, Black-chinned Hummingbird, Hammond Flycatcher, American Redstart to name a few reported in the past week.

May 11 is World Migratory Bird Day. We celebrate raising global awareness about migratory birds and the importance of cooperation for their survival. Imagine over 40% of bird species leaving on journeys that may be many thousands of miles, some traveling non-stop.

The theme for World Migratory Bird Day 2024 is insects. Insects are essential sources of energy for many migratory bird species, not only during the breeding seasons but also during their extensive journeys.

The timing of bird migration often coincides with peak insect abundance at stopover locations, supplying nourishment for birds to replenish their energy reserves before continuing their journeys.

Keeping your lights off at night, limiting pesticides, and using only native plants are simple steps each of us can take during this important time.

### Mark your calendar for a couple of events:

Come out to the Lake County Land Trust Rodman Preserve on Saturdays from 9-2. Visit the nature center, observe birds at the feeding station or take a gentle hike around the preserve.

**June 13, 9-3** join Redbud Audubon at **Robinson Rancheria's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Shigom Environmental**

**Day.** Our table will have activities for the whole family learning about migration, bird adaptations and more. You will learn about native and non-native species found in the county as well as go on nature walks and kayak tours.



*Donna Mackiewicz, Redbud Audubon Society President, brought information about birds and wildlife to the Resource Conservation District's recent "Day On the Creek," event held on Putah Creek in Middletown. Donna taught young students how bird's beaks affect what and how they eat. Other educators were at the event teaching about geology, hydrology, fisheries and more at this yearly project presented by the RCD.*

**August 15th-16th Clear Lake Integrated Science Symposium.** The symposium is for researchers and managers but will be made accessible for the public through the symposium and digital binder proceedings. There will be a session on opening night of posters highlighting research and conservation restoration projects in the Clear Lake Watershed. For more info visit the Water Resources webpage and check out Lake County, CA on Facebook.

**May 15-June 15** Redbud is participating in **Climate Watch.** Feel free to reach out and tell us about your bird sightings. Of special concern are Western Bluebirds, and Red-breasted and White-breasted Nuthatches. Help build a better world for birds by joining Climate Watch to test and improve climate models. Visit Audubon.org for more information.

Enough reading. Go outside and enjoy the ever-changing sights and sounds in this great county.



*Milt Saul, Six Sigma hike leader and Lynn Thomason at the joint Six Sigma/Redbud Audubon hike held in honor of Earth Day on April 20.*



*Bluebirds are active at the Rodman Preserve and will probably be seen at the May 18 walk there.*

## ***Last field trip of the season for Redbud Audubon***

The last field trip of the Redbud Audubon Society season is coming up. On May 18 members and friends are welcome to meet at the Rodman Preserve at 9 a.m. for an enjoyable walk at the preserve to view passerines, raptors and most likely herons and osprey.

The preserve is located at 6350 Westlake Rd. Upper Lake, CA 95485. Arrive at 9 a.m. and bring a lunch if you like and enjoy viewing the nesting swallows from the back porch of the preserve.

Redbud Audubon will begin leading field trips in September when activities start again. Meanwhile, enjoy a summer of birding on your own at one of the many great areas available in Lake County.

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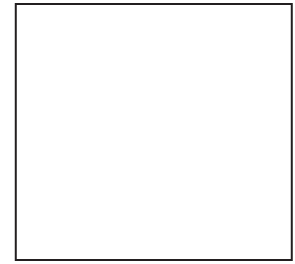
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