



The Western Grebe

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Redbud Audubon to hold annual “end of year picnic” and officer installation – join us at Lakeside Park!

Redbud Audubon Society members and guests are welcome to attend the annual end-of-year picnic and installation of officers at Lakeside County Park on Thursday, May 21, starting at 5:30 p.m.

The picnic is a potluck. Participants are encouraged to bring reusable eating utensils for a zero-waste event but plates and plastic utensils will still be available. Please bring something to share like salad, beans, chips, or dessert. We won't be grilling hotdogs this year as it has become too difficult for volunteers so we are hoping attendees bring some hearty dishes. RSVPs are welcome but not required. Please arrive at 5:30 p.m. Look for us down by the lake to the left of the launch ramp. We will install officers, and it is a nice way to visit with and get to know chapter members.

To RSVP, please email Redbud Audubon at: redbud.audubon@gmail.com.



Join us on May 21 for our Annual Picnic! Brad Barnwell, Donna Mackiewicz, Pat Harmon and Kathy Barnwell look forward to seeing you all there!

REDBUD AUDUBON END OF YEAR PICNIC

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Donna Mackiewicz doing her youth education at the Resource Conservation District's Field Day on the Creek held in April. The event brings together agencies and environmental organizations to host students for exploring and enjoying nature on Putah Creek near Middletown.

Redbud Audubon Officers to be elected and installed

This year's slate of officers for the Redbud Audubon Society includes:

President: Donna Mackiewicz ♦ Vice-president: Roberta Lyons

Treasurer: Nicola Selph ♦ Secretary: Cindy Jassar

Many thanks to Darlene Hecomovich for once again serving as our nominating committee. The election and installation will be held at the upcoming end-of-year picnic on May 21. Nominations will also be taken from the floor.

Changes are coming for Western Grebe delivery—we really do need your email now

Due to changes in membership procedures at National Audubon, and the continuing rising cost of printing and mailing newsletters, Redbud Audubon is moving towards producing an "email only," newsletter. Most small societies now send their newsletters only by email and we hope to soon follow that model.

We hope that you all understand and support this effort and if we don't already have your email that you will supply us with one. If you absolutely must have a printed copy, for a limited time we will still print and mail newsletters to our few remaining members who prefer this method of receiving the Western Grebe.

President's Message

by Donna Mackiewicz



Donna Mackiewicz

As we welcome the month of May, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for your continued support of Redbud Audubon Society. Your enthusiasm, dedication, and generosity make our work possible and help strengthen the community that cares so deeply for birds, wetlands, and the natural world we all treasure.

Spring is an especially exciting season, as it brings renewed energy to both our feathered friends and our conservation efforts. This summer, we are looking forward to sharing that excitement through several wonderful outreach opportunities. We will be participating in the Shigom Festival and the Tule Festival, where we'll have the chance to connect with the public, celebrate local wildlife, and inspire others to appreciate and protect the habitats birds depend on.

Breeding season is also upon us, which means we will continue monitoring our nesting grebe populations. These efforts are vital to understanding breeding success, habitat conditions, and the ongoing needs of these remarkable waterbirds. Every observation helps us better protect them for the future and learn about our lake's health.

We are also excited about a new community science project: NorCal Osprey Collaborative. As many of you heard during our engaging April meeting, this project offers a meaningful new way for volunteers and bird enthusiasts to better understand and conserve breeding Ospreys across Lake County.

Together, our shared passion continues to make a real difference for the birds and habitats we cherish. Thank you for being part of this journey—I look forward to all we will accomplish in the months ahead.



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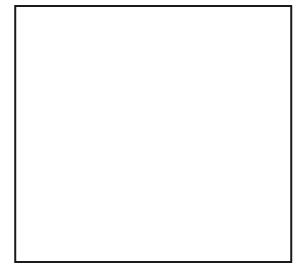
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National Audubon/Redbud Audubon Joint Membership Application

New NAS Member Introductory Rate — \$20 for the first year

YES Enroll me in both the National Audubon Society and local chapter of Redbud Audubon.
(It is easier to go to our website and sign up online!
www.redbudaudubon.org)

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.

**You have the option of joining just the Redbud Chapter by enrolling online at www.redbudaudubon.org.
Membership starts at \$25 a year.**

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email (Required to receive local chapter newsletter): _____

Please make check payable to National Audubon Society. Mail your application and check to POB 5780, Clearlake, CA 95422

I would also like to make a donation to the local work of Redbud Audubon. My separate check is enclosed for
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