MARCH ACTIVITIES

Board of Directors Meeting – Tuesday, March 3 @ 7:00 pm
Meet at the classroom at Turtle Bay. Chapter business will be discussed. All members are welcome.

Chapter Meeting – Tuesday, March 10 @ 7:00 pm
Meet in the theater at Turtle Bay Museum. Members will vote to elect officers and a board of directors. After which, Frank Kratofil will be presenting a photographic journal of the birds of northern California with images from Palo Cedro, Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge and Tule Lake. Frank has been a wildlife photographer since 1995, capturing beautiful images, not only of birds, but all kinds of wildlife and landscapes as well. Don't miss some of the most incredible bird photography you have ever seen!

Second Saturday Bird Walk – Saturday, March 14 @ 8:00 am
Meet your leader John Coon at the parking lot behind the Monolith at Turtle Bay for this half-day trip. Winter waterfowl are easy to find for beginning birders. Bald Eagles and both egrets are possible.

Millville Plains, Leopard Drive and Parkville Road Outing – Saturday, March 21 @ 7:30 am
Wide open spaces yield birds such as hawks, Lewis’ Woodpecker and Grasshopper Sparrow. Longspurs will be searched for, hopefully in breeding plumage. A Greater Roadrunner is possible. Meet at the Redding Convention Center to carpool. Bring a lunch for this full-day trip. Bob Yutzy will be your leader.

Anderson River Park Outing – Saturday, March 28 @ 8:00 a.m.
Join leader Ken Bachman this half-day trip. He promises to take us off the beaten trail where he has discovered a Bald Eagle nest. Marshy habitat may have Wilson’s Snipe. Perhaps a few early warblers will show up and an assortment of waterfowl are likely. Meet in the KC Grove parking lot by the pavilion.

APRIL ACTIVITIES

Dye Creek Preserve Outing – Saturday April 4 @ 7:30 am
Join us for a hike up the Dye Creek canyon on this working cattle ranch, hunt club and ecological preserve managed by The Nature Conservancy west of Los Molinos, Tehama County. Golden Eagles are a common sight here. Wild flowers will be abundant. The trail is rough so wear sturdy shoes. Bring water and lunch. A hiking pole could come in handy. We will rendezvous at the Redding Convention Center to carpool. Bill Oliver will lead.

***A note on our walks, outings, and field trips: Wintu Audubon Society assumes no responsibility for injuries, personal or otherwise, incurred while attending society-sponsored activities and will not be held liable for accidents. You attend at your own risk. A responsible adult must accompany minors on all outings. Rain cancels all activities. ***
Board of Directors Meeting – Tuesday, April 7 @ 7:00 pm
Meet at the classroom at Turtle Bay. Chapter business will be discussed. All members are welcome.

Second Saturday Bird Walk – Saturday, April 11 @ 8:00 am
This open-to-the-general-public outing will meet at Shasta College. Meet in the north parking lot. The oak woodlands, wastewater treatment pond and fields have bird species such as Wild Turkey, Great Horned Owl, Belted Kingfisher, various ducks and Say’s Phoebe. Connie Word and Linda Aldrich will lead.

Annual Meeting of Wintu Chapter – Tuesday, April 14 @ 7:00 pm
Condors, Lead Ammunition, and Tejon Ranch – Condors have suffered lead poisoning since their re-release in the mid-90s. With the recent passage of AB 821, lead ammunition is banned in condor country. Hear the background, the surprise victory over the powerful NRA, and the role of science and activism by Audubon. Dr. Gary Langham, Director of Bird Conservation for Audubon California, will discuss this, the effect of climate change on California birds and other recent activities of our State office.

Bear Creek Watershed Bird Census – Saturday, April 18 @ 7:30 am
The watershed members are very interested in which birds live on their property, so we’ll do a census and let them know. Meet at the Redding Convention Center at 7:30 to carpool up or join our leader Esther Cox in the parking lot at the corner of Hwy 44 and Black Butte Road at 8:00. Bring a lunch.

Earth Day Event – Saturday, April 25 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Wintu Audubon will be at a booth at the Redding City Hall Sculpture Garden to meet the public and get our education message out at this event which was very well attended last year. If you would like to take a two-hour shift representing us, call event chair Bea Currie at 243-3955. Don’t feel that you have to have “all the answers” to volunteer – new-comers will be scheduled with experienced members.

Shasta County Bird Totals as of December 31, 2008

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CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS

Fall River Mills Christmas Bird Count, December 14 – Twenty dedicated observers braved a blizzard to count 118 species, exceeding the average tally of 115. Best birds included Common Loon, Black-crowned Night Heron, Northern Goshawk, Golden Eagle, Short-eared Owl, Loggerhead and Northern Shrikes, Canyon Wren, Yellow-headed Blackbird, American White Pelican, Sandhill Crane and Pileated Woodpecker.

Anderson Christmas Bird Count, December 20 – Fifteen participants counted 112 species for the day. Not counted were the river otters and the bobcats. Species of note were Say’s Phoebe, Rufous-crowned Sparrow, American Bittern, Greater Roadrunner, Lapland and Chestnut-collared Longspurs, Tricolored Blackbird, Bald Eagle, Ferruginous Hawk, Loggerhead Shrike and Lewis’ Woodpecker.

Redding Christmas Bird Count, December 27 - Twenty-six energetic birders turned out to count 118 species. Highlights included Eurasian Collared Dove, a pair of Peregrine Falcons, Virginia Rail, Canyon Wren, Say’s Phoebe and Golden Eagle.
Wintu Officers and Board of Directors

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Treasurer – Nola Wade  
Secretary (Corr.) - Bea Currie  
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Education – Don Goodykoontz  
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Webmaster – Larry Jordan  
Programs – Open  
Membership – George Horn  
Publicity – Open

Directors (in addition to Officers and Committee Chairs):  Debby Anderson, Ken Bachman, John Coon, Esther Cox, Mike Damoth, Red Modeen, Rob Santry, Connie Word, Bob Yutzy.