



White-tailed Kite

NEWSLETTER OF THE ALTACAL AUDUBON SOCIETY

Chapter of the National Audubon Society serving Butte, Glenn, and Tehama Counties of Northern California

APRIL / MAY 2014

ALTACAL Programs

Programs for the general community are normally held on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m., at the Chico Creek Nature Center, 1968 E. 8th St. Chico.

In December the program is held on the second Monday and in July and August there are no programs.

April

Monday, April 21, 2014 6:30 p.m.
Chico Creek Nature Center

NATIVE TREES & PLANTS for Bird Habitat

Presented by JOSEPH O'NEIL & KAREN VELAS



Joseph will review slides of some of the native trees that will be seen on his Birds & Trees Walk at Butte Creek Ecological Preserve on April 27. He will go over the many resources that trees provide for our feathered friends, explaining how tree identification is a useful tool to understanding and locating birds better. Karen will discuss the benefits of California native plant hedgerows to birds in the agricultural landscape of the Central Valley. She will provide an overview of plant species that attract birds and talk about her ongoing study which looks at overwintering and breeding songbirds in hedgerows along farm field margins. She will be leading a trip to Bobcat Ranch on May 17. (Continued on page 2.)

May

Monday, May 19, 2014 6:30 p.m.
Chico Creek Nature Center

TASMANIA: Really Down Under A Birder's Travelogue

Presented by MAC MCCORMICK

Tasmania is an island state of Australia, with almost 200 birds species. Twelve are endemic to Tasmania and not found on the Australian mainland. Mac traveled extensively through the many habitats of Tasmania from southeast South Bruny Island to the remote northwest corner around Marrawah and the Arthur River. The talk features the varied and beautiful birds of Tasmania, such as the Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo, Superb Fairy-wren, New Holland Honeyeater and the endemic and rare Forty-spotted Pardalote. His presentation will also highlight some of the unique marsupials seen on the trip. Have you ever held a Wombat in your arms or had a Tasmanian Devil tug at your pant leg? Mac has! Mac will throw in a bit of history of this little known faraway corner of the world. (Continued on page 2.)



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ALTACAL Programs

April (Continued from page 1.)

Joseph O'Neil is a 30 year Chico resident, Certified Arborist and birding enthusiast. His goal is to teach birders tree identification. Karen Velas has worked for Audubon California for the last 7 years on a number of different projects including Important Bird Areas of California, waterbirds of the San Francisco Bay, habitat restoration and the California Condor. She grew up in southern California and never expected to land in the Central Valley but she loves being in the heart of the Pacific Flyway.

May (Continued from page 1.)

Mac McCormick was a high school teacher in the Bay Area for 37 years. Today he lives in Chico and spends much of his time in Sierra City where he maintains a mountain cabin. He has been a Bird Banding Instructor for the Sierra Nevada Field Campus of San Francisco State University since 1990.

Among his many accomplishments -

Coauthor of *Checklist of the Birds of Sierra Valley / Yuba Pass*

Author of *Checklist of the Birds of San Bruno Mt Park*

Author of *A Checklist of the Birds of Fort Mason*

Contributor to *Birder's Guide to Northern California*

Bird consultant new edition of *Sierra Nevada Natural History*.



New Holland Honeyeater

Mac is a regular contributor to Altacal Audubon and the Snow Goose Festival. His combination of knowledge, storytelling and humor, make his presentations some of the best received by our members. You won't want to miss this program

BOARD MEETINGS

5:15 p.m.

2nd Wednesday of each month

Altacal Audubon Society / Snow Goose Festival Office
 635 Flume Street, Chico

Altacal Audubon members are welcome to attend

SNOW GOOSE FESTIVAL of the Pacific Flyway

The 2014 Festival was the Biggest Ever!

by JENNIFER PATTEN, Snow Goose Festival Coordinator

We had great weather, lots of birds, record attendance, and the generous community involvement and volunteer support that makes our festival thrive from year to year!

We want to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who participated in this year's festival... Our special guest and keynote speaker, Debi Shearwater; our trip leaders, workshop instructors, venue owners, CCC crews, our incredible sponsors, our exhibitors, all the artists, photographers, the media for their outstanding coverage, the generous silent auction donors, and every volunteer and attendee! Our Steering Committee also deserves a big pat on the back for the many hours of time and expertise they contributed.

Here are some figures and highlights we would like to share with you.

- **30** of the very best Steering Committee members and over **50** super volunteers
- **26** of the most wonderful sponsors
- **83** incredible field trip leaders and workshop presenters
- **921** registered attendees
- **1454** field trips & workshop registrations
- **365** people at the *Gathering of Wings* Banquet
- **30,000** inserts printed/distributed by CN&R + **1500** extra
- **101** cities and towns were represented
- Estimate **1500+** adults/children participated in free events, art show, exhibit hall viewing, and youth activities
- Our master email list has grown to over **2600**
- **60** field trips, **14** workshops & presentations
- **9** free events, **40+** exhibits/booths

We hope to see you at the next

Snow Goose Festival of the Pacific Flyway ... January 21 - 25, 2015!

ADDED HIGHLIGHTS

1st Birds & Books Opening Mixer at Patrick Ranch

PARTNERSHIPS

Bidwell Mansion, Chico Creek Nature Center, Patrick Ranch, Rancho Esquon, Avenue 9 Gallery & Art Guild, Orland Art Center



by STEVE OVERLOCK, Vice President / Membership Chair

Just a quick reminder - you should have received a membership letter with a SASE in the mail by now. If you have not, please contact me, if you have and have not returned it yet, please take a minute to read the letter and respond. If you have returned it and recently paid your membership prior to receiving the letter, a BIG THANK YOU. It is a major source of Altacal's funding and is used in so many productive ways to improve and promote birding, birds and their habitats.

Also, if you, or someone you know wants to share a special trip, a project, or even just wants to share some interesting information related to our feathered friends, please consider doing so at one of our Programs on the third Monday of each month. Simply contact any Board Member or our Program Chair, Jennifer. Thanks.

from the (Vice) President

And finally, we are very grateful to have added two members to our Board. Melinda Teves came forward as our Education Chair. As a retired local school teacher, she comes with a litany of qualifications including great birding ideas for kids. In addition, she has already started the discussion of implementing a county wide project that would aid the converting of yards to attract wildlife and conserve water. More to follow on this...

And Matt Forster has joined the Altacal Board as Field Trip Chair. As you see he is taking no time to get his feet wet as he digs right in with a 'Big Day of Birding' already on the calendar. Matt is one exceptional, multi-faceted birder and we could not be happier to have his expertise and enthusiasm associated with Altacal. Welcome Matt and Melinda and thanks, Altacal, indeed, continues looking up.

UPCOMING

Bird Walks and Birding Trips

All of our field trips are open to beginning birders.
Anyone with a sense of wonder is welcome to participate.

April 12, Saturday **SECOND SATURDAY UPPER BIDWELL PARK**

Trip Leaders: Raina King and Steve King

This *Second Saturday* field trip is to Upper Bidwell Park. Birders of all levels are welcome! With spring migrants showing up early this year, who knows what we might see! Should be exciting!

Let's meet at 9 am at the parking lot on the left just past the gun club (follow Wildwood Ave for 1.75 miles and turn left just before the gate). We will walk from Horse-shoe Lake, up the canyon and then follow the Yahi Trail along the creek as far as time permits (two to three miles round trip) and will be back to the cars by about 12:30 pm. Bring binoculars, water, snacks walking shoes and proper clothing for the expected weather conditions. Rain cancels. For more information contact: Steve King at 530 566-6136.



Bushtit nest at Butte Creek

April 13, Sunday **BUTTE COUNTY BIG DAY**

Trip Leader: Matthew Forster

Join us as we scour the mountains, hills, and valleys within Butte County to achieve the goal of viewing the most possible species of birds in a single day! We will begin in the mountains, past Forest Ranch, in search of such species as Pileated Woodpecker, Townsend's Solitaire, and Mountain Chickadee. We will then travel to Forest Ranch proper and look for Evening Grosbeak, Purple Finch, Pacific Wren and an array of migrant warblers.

As we travel back to the valley, we will make a quick stop at Tuscan Loop to catch a glimpse of California Thrasher. On to the Oxidation Ponds, to look for remaining waterfowl, American Bittern, Virginia Rail, and Sora. As we then drive to the washout, where Big Chico Creek enters the Sacramento River, to catch a glimpse at Yellow-billed Magpie and Loggerhead Shrike.

Once at the washout, we will search for Lazuli Bunting, Blue Grosbeak, Green Heron, terns on the island and sparrows. From there we will travel to Llano Seco, where we should collect an assortment of shorebirds. From there we will journey to Nelson Ave, where eagles, hawks, Burrowing Owl, Tri-colored Blackbird and possible Grasshopper Sparrow. We will end at Thermalito Afterbay and Tres Villas Road where we will scope the waters for the grebes and end with a glimpse of Short-eared Owl.

Meet at Chico Park & Ride (lot nearest Hwy 99/32) at 5:45 am and depart at 6:15 am. Please bring lunch, plenty of water, binoculars, scopes, and field guides. We will try to keep the amount of cars to a minimum. We shall plan for a return by 7pm. Contact Matthew Forster at 619 347-2269 or findforster@yahoo.com.

April 27, Sunday **BIRDS & TREES WALK AT CSUC BUTTE CREEK ECOLOGICAL PRESERVE**

Trip leader: Joseph O'Neil, Certified Arborist

We will explore the freshly leafed out native trees, shrubs and the spring birds of Butte Creek. This is a 3 to 4 mile intermediate hike along the creek (and over some logs) down to the pond. Violet Green Swallows, Wood Ducks, Yellow-breasted Chats, and Coopers Hawks have been some of the many species seen here in late April. Beavers and Otters may also be seen. Bring sturdy shoes/boots, water, and snacks for this 3 hour hike. Meet at the parking lot of the preserve at 8 am. The preserve is on Honey Run Road about 3 miles off the Skyway, just past 1182. For information contact Joseph O'Neil at josephoneil@earthlink.net

May 10, Saturday
SECOND SATURDAY
CHICO OXIDATION PONDS WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Trip Leader: Matt Forester

We will close up the *Second Saturday* season with the Oxidation Ponds Wildlife Sanctuary at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, west of Chico. Spring migration will be well underway and most of the waterfowl will be gone. It will be interesting to see what has taken its place, Yellow-headed blackbirds, Great-tailed Grackle, migrating warblers, rails. The walk is under 2 miles and about 3 hours. For shorter, you can walk out to the viewing blind. The walk is flat and pretty easy going.

Meet at the Oxidation Pond parking area at 3 pm. Afternoon keeps the sun at our back and warmer. We should be back to the lot by 6 pm. To get to the Oxidation Ponds, go west on W 5th St from Hwy 32 in Chico. Follow W 5th St, which becomes Chico River Rd, for 3.9 miles. The wildlife viewing parking area is 300 yards past the main entrance to the water treatment plant, on the left.

Bring binoculars, spotting scopes, water, walking shoes and proper clothing for the expected weather conditions. There is a chemical toilet on the way out to the viewing area. Rain cancels. Contact: Steve King at 530 566-6136.

May 11, Sunday
MOTHER'S DAY BIRD WALK
PINE CREEK UNIT, SACRAMENTO RIVER
NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE COMPLEX

Trip Leader: Jennifer Patten

What better way to start Mother's Day than a bird walk to see and hear Spring migrants at one of our local hot birding spots, the Pine Creek Unit of the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex. These migrants will be in and in good numbers: beautiful Bullock's Orioles, Black-headed Grosbeaks, Western Kingbirds, Ash-throated Flycatchers and House Finches. We will also be on the look out for Blue Grosbeak, Lazuli Bunting, Western Wood-Pewee, Lawrence's Goldfinches, and Lark Sparrows. This site is located directly east of Hamilton City and just south off Highway 32 before the Sacramento River and is owned by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The property has 31 acres of fallow, 228 acres of restored native grass and 33 acres of existing riparian habitat - mostly cottonwood forest, with some riparian scrub and herbland cover. An easy 2 mile walk along flat gravel roads. Bring binoculars, bird field guide, snack and water. Rain cancels. Meet at Chico Park & Ride (lot nearest Hwy 99/32) at 9 am. We will be back around 12:30 p.m. Contact Jennifer Patten 530 345-9356.



Audubon California Bobcat Ranch

May 17, Saturday,
AUDUBON CALIFORNIA BOBCAT RANCH
WINTERS

Trip Leader: Karen Velas

Karen Velas, Bird Conservation Project Manager of Audubon California, will lead a birding hike of Bobcat Ranch, a 6800 acre working cattle ranch. We will spend some time at Bray Canyon where there are chances to observe Mountain Quail, Wrentit, Northern Pygmy Owl, and Pileated Woodpecker. We will make a second stop at an area of Blue Oak Woodland where there could be Golden Eagle, Yellow-billed Magpie, Rufous-crowned Sparrow, Rock Wren, Phainopepla, Lark Sparrow.
ca.audubon.org/bobcat-ranch

Meet on the deck in front of Steady Eddys Coffee House (5 E Main St Winters, CA 95694) in downtown Winters at 8 am. We'll carpool to the site, approximately 15 minutes northwest of Winters. Please bring binoculars, sturdy hiking shoes, drinking water, and a snack. This trip involves moderate hiking on uneven ground. Contact Karen Velas for information. kvelas@audubon.org.

Altacal Audubon will need to know the number of people going. Contact Jennifer Patten, jpchico@sbcglobal.net, or 530-345-9356 to reserve your spot and for further details. Arrangements also can be made for carpooling when you sign up. It takes 2 hours to drive to Winter, so be prepared for an all day trip. Some Altacalers will be camping Friday/Saturday at Lake Solano Park, located along beautiful Putah Creek near Winters. Make your own reservation at www.co.solano.ca.us/depts/rm/coun-typark/lakesolano.asp. Park contact 530 795-2990.

Bird Walk and *Birding Trip* REPORTS

March 1, 2014

BOBELAINE AUDUBON SANCTUARY

Trip Leaders: Joseph O'Neil and Kathy Trevino

Eleven of us braved the potential showers to make the hour plus trip to Bobelaine Audubon Sanctuary. Those attending were Joseph O'Neil and me, the trip leaders, as well as Ann Yager, Greg Lavin, Robin Rodgers, Larry Crisman, Mary Wrynski, Victor & Ruth Paz, Margaret Rader and Dave Fundakowski. We were only barely sprinkled on a few times, and although overcast, most of us were shedding layers within our first hour of birding.

Joseph led us up to the levee where we had a great view of Lake Crandall. From this vantage point, we were immediately seeing birds. On the lake we found **Mallard, Canada Goose, American Wigeon, and Double-crested Cormorant**. There was much discussion about and examination through Victor's scope of a swan found here, but in the end, it was determined to be a **Tundra Swan**. More than likely, it is the same swan I saw when I visited here in September. It was good to compare the two possibilities, Tundra and Trumpeter, even though Tundra was the most likely. We all learned more about the differences between the two species.

In this same area, we discovered **Northern Flicker, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Nuttall's Woodpecker, Belted Kingfisher, and House Finch**. We also saw the first of many **Yellow-rumped Warblers and Tree Swallows** that we would see throughout our walk. Joseph spotted a flock of **Greater White-fronted Geese** flying overhead, and we all had good looks at the large number of **Western Pond Turtles** resting along the shore in several places. Later we found two **Red-eared Sliders** resting on a log wearing pond scum like camouflage.

As we headed toward the north end of the lake, someone noticed a pair of **Wood Ducks** on the far side of the lake. Ann had mentioned to me that she was really hoping to see them here as she has never seen them before. Thanks to Victor's scope, she had great looks at them. Other birds seen were **Mourning Dove, Turkey Vulture, Western Scrub-Jay, European Starling, and a Yellow-billed Magpie** in the orchard area west of the levee.

Once we were past the lake, we made our way down to the "foot of the levee trail." That is the name given to it on the trail map available from this website - http://www.sacramentoaudubon.org/images/BobElaine_Map_Oct2013.pdf



Bobelaine Audubon Sanctuary by Marc Hoshovsky

We continued on this trail to the North Boundary Trail. Along the way, we found **Great Blue Heron, Spotted Towhee, Lesser Goldfinch, California Towhee, Downey Woodpecker, American Robin, White-crowned and Golden-crowned Sparrows, Bushtit, Northern Harrier, Western Bluebird, Red-shouldered and Red-tailed Hawks, Hermit Thrush, Wrentit, and Oak Titmouse**. A **Cooper's Hawk** flew over us, and we spotted a squadron of **American White Pelicans** to the west.

As we turned south onto the Grassland Trail, I spotted a **Fox Sparrow** in the undergrowth. Not far up this trail, a **Great Horned Owl** was flushed from its roost, and an **Anna's Hummingbird** took a trailside perch. This trail eventually takes you along the Feather River, and we took a side trail over to the bank. There we discovered a flock of **California Gulls** and a male **Common Merganser** as well as several females. A little farther down the main trail, we saw a **Spotted Sandpiper**, several **Great Egrets**, a **Northern Shoveler**, and one oddly marked bird that we felt might be a hybrid Mallard, but that was just a guess. We also heard a **Black Phoebe**.

On the way back to the cars via the Center Trail, we found **White-breasted Nuthatch** and **American Crow**. Once in the parking area, several **Eurasian Collared-Doves** were spotted. At that point, those who brought lunch ate at the two picnic tables provided. Others opted to grab something to eat on the way home. It had been fun exploring this area that most had not visited before. Joseph kept telling us that this sanctuary was not known for being really birdy, but you wouldn't know it by our experience with a **total species count for the day of 49**.

Get to know YOUR NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES!

PART 8 - APRIL / MAY



by LORA HALLER, Visitor Services Manager

This spring, volunteers and refuge staff have installed a new native plant garden outside the visitor center at the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge. We specifically targeted native wildflowers and insect attracting plants such as California fuchsia, showy and foothill penstemon, coral bell, honeysuckle, buckwheat, and milkweed.



Why attract bugs and pollinators? Pollinators include bees, hummingbirds, butterflies, moths, flies, and many other invertebrates and they have the very important role of pollinating (or fertilizing) plants to create many of the fruits and nuts that we (and animals) eat. Pollinators support biodiversity of ecosystems and many of them are in decline from pesticides, parasites, habitat loss, degradation, and fragmentation.

By creating gardens and planting native plants, we all take steps to help pollinators. If you are looking for additional challenges, try photographing and identifying your pollinators or creating pollinator condos (look online for fun ideas). Remember a “buggy” garden is a healthy garden!

The garden was paid for by donations from visitors. Thank you!

left - Volunteers from CSU, Chico

A farewell to ALTACAL supporter **HOWARD WURLITZER**

December 1923 - January 2014

by DAWN GARCIA

Words cannot express the sadness in saying goodbye to a friend, so generous to our cause and an intelligent, witty and kind soul. Our memories are happy when we think of Howard Wurlitzer (yes, of Wurlitzer pianos and jukeboxes!), his mischievous laugh and smile and LOVE of field biologists, their stories and research. I had the great opportunity to meet Howard in 2009 at our owl banding site at BCCER during a Candles in the Canyon fundraiser. After meeting his first Saw-whet, we became fast friends and Howard became a big supporter of Altacal’s NSW migration project.

To show our appreciation, our crew of banders set up an annual NSW migration dinner at Howard’s house in N. Chico. Each year’s group of banders came with nets, poles and banding equipment and set up a few nets on Pine Creek that ran past Howard’s home. We brought pasta or chili, salads and breads, and bottles of wine and engaged in a yummy feast around Howard’s big table. Most years we captured the resident Western Screech Owls, but in 2012 we captured our first Saw-whet, which confirmed that at least one was wintering in the oak woodland habitat that is dominant on the property.

There are so many stories to share but one most memorable happened when we were all chatting at the table and Dorothy, Howard’s good friend, said excitedly “there’s a ringtail at the window!” And there at the porch slider was a



ringtail peering at us-as though it was asking for a handout. We truly had a National Geographic moment on that well-lit porch, when this normally elusive mammal climbed up an overhanging oak tree and picked off a sleeping songbird, plucked its’ small meal, and then scampered away. What a sighting for us!

Howard had a knack for engaging you in a great story, usually biological but also about art, regional history, good wine and local legends. We are so honored to have met this man and called him our friend. We will miss you Howard!

A TIME TO FLY AND FLOWER

by REX BURRESS

After weeks of winter drought along the Feather River, and then a couple rainy days in February, the birds finally rejoiced in uncovered seeds and worms!

The land eagerly soaked up much of the runoff, leaving little for the reservoir basins, but the hopes for a good flowering season was given some liquid promise. Table Mountain fields are perking up, even though the human population will still be contending with water deficiencies and water conservation. Wise use of our natural resources is a good habit anytime. If soil is the foundation of life, water is the elixir of growth.

How reviving to think flower lovers may be able to see the spread of March goldfield blossoms, the blue and white lupine, and the meadow-foam again. Mushroom fanciers were rather blocked out this season with the November dry-down after the earth-stars had a little early autumn rain-lift.

The waterfowl of the marshlands are not going to hang around to see where the water went, but are pulling out for nesting and feeding grounds in the far north as soon as the tundra snows recede. The snow geese masses start feeling the DNA instinct in February and shuffle away from their winter hideaways flock by flock.

The birds have an advantage over the root-bound plants in having wings to carry them over and away from drought adversity. How did the migrations commence? Was it the need for more water and food that becomes scarce in southern marshes? Was it the repetitive pattern of the ice ages? However the time-mechanism in their psyche came to be, they will heed that inner instruction and be off with the breezes, unerringly guided over the mountains... over the wilderness...to the objective of their destination.

Anna's Hummingbird on Cleveland Sage (*Salvia clevelandii*) seedhead
by John Whittlesey



It will be the same at the Lake Merritt Wildlife Refuge in Oakland, CA. The diving duck bunch came from the north as autumn storms drove them to the traditional sanctuary, even though city high-rise buildings encircle the lake, guided by that unseen power leading them to water that never knows drought, even though it is saltwater. The city habitat provided for their needs in spite of the mechanical clatter of the community.

Those wild waterfowl that had traveled over vast wilderness spaces and escaped untold dangers from aerial predators and unpredictable weather, would be lured near the shore by seeds and scraps to actually take food from the human hand! Those independent wild things recognize a port of safety and lose some of that fear from

human hunters.

Then one winter day along in March, they vanish, just as do bufflehead and goldeneye on the Feather River, and the valley refuges, probably lifting off in the dark to wind their way to summer retreats! Their migration leaves the bird-lover longing for the time when they return, which happens each year we hope. In the 32 years that I worked at Lake Merritt, the pattern never changed. The dozen species and maybe some strays, slipped onto the surface of safety.

In the come-and-go of the bird world, some species migrate farther on south in the fall, especially the swallows, and we look forward to those insect catcher's return. It is somewhat like an old song I just heard. "Supper time." As if the winds of the wild are calling "Come home, come home, it's supper time..." Much like the mother calling her son home to supper, it is also 'safe arrival home' for those who make it over the ridges and across the chasms to their summer home.

*Thou'rt gone! The abyss of heaven
Hath swallowed up thy form; yet in my heart
Deeply hath sunk the lesson thou hast given,
And shall not soon depart.* - William Cullen Bryant

Local Chapter Membership Application

Please join us!

YOUR MEMBERSHIP WILL HELP
ALTACAL AUDUBON SOCIETY
CONTINUE ITS IMPORTANT WORK.

Altacal Audubon Society (AAS) is a chapter of the National Audubon Society. AAS is a separately incorporated non-profit organization with a local chapter membership. 100% of membership dues goes to support local projects and activities. AAS is an all-volunteer organization that conducts all of its programs with unpaid staff.

We offer regularly scheduled **field trips** that focus on birds and bird habitats; membership **programs** with media presentations on birds and related topics; a bi-monthly **newsletter**, the White-tailed Kite; **website** www.altacal.org/; and **advocacy** to protect and conserve local habitats as well as special projects and programs.

Submission of Articles to the *White-tailed Kite*

Articles for publication should be sent to Denise Devine by email to dsrdevine@hotmail.com on the first of the month, prior to the next issue.

THANKS to all of you who contribute regularly by sending in reports, articles and photos for the White-tailed Kite – Denise, Editor.



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For updated information check the Altacal website
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Mission: To promote the awareness, appreciation and protection of native birds and their habitats through education, research and environmental activities.